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GUISELEY, YEADON & DIST. C.B.S.

Annual fir t feather show, held in the Guiseley Liberal Club, on July 4, 67 birds being staged in nine classes. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Thompson; 2, Myers; 3, vhc, Hardaker; hc, Jeffrey, c, Wheatley. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Frankland; 2, Bearpark; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Wheatley; c, Sunderland. TICK. YELL. (11): 1, Thompson; 2, Wheatley; 3, c, Frankland; vhc, hc, Bearpark. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Frankland; 2, Thompson; 3, Bearpark; hc, Thornton; c, Dixon. UNEVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Bearpark; 2, Wheatley; 3, hc, Frankland; vhc, Iveson; c, Muschamp. CINN. MKD. YELLOW (8): 1, 3, Myers; 2, vhc, Frankland; hc, Bearpark; c, Wheatley. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Frankland; 2, Myers; 3, Hardaker; hc, Wheatley; c, Thornton. FOUL MKD. (more dark than light) (3): 1, Bearpark; 2, Myers; 3, Wheatley. SELL. (6): 1, 3, hc, Hardaker; 2, vhc, Bearpark; c, Iveson.—W. S. THOMPSON, sec.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual F.F. Show was held in the Textile Hall, Bury, on July 4. The total number of entries in all classes was about sixty, and many very fine birds were exhibited. The judges were the Rev. R. P. Hudson, M.A., and G. Austin, Esq., the latter taking charge of the Roller classes.

LANCS. COPPY: 1, Gorton. P.H.: 1, Fallows. NOR. YELL. CL.: 1, spl, Fallows; 2, Holden. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Fletcher; 4, Holden. TICK. ETC.: 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Armstead; 4, Brough. YORKS. YELL. CL.: 1, spl, 2, Fortman; 3, Blomeley. BUFF: 1, Blomeley; 2, Bramley; 3, Clark. TICK. ETC.: 1, Pickup; 2, hc, Fraser; 3, Garnett; 4, Bramley; vhc, Clark. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Clark. CREST: 1, Armstead. C.B.: 1, 2, Jameson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gorton; 2, Brough. A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 2, 4, Brough; 3, Jameson. ROLLERS, ANY AGE: 1, spl, Ramsbottom; 2, c, Lord; 3, hc, Burton; 4, vhc, Waring; specials were given by Messrs. J. R. Greenwood, for best Yorks. bird; J. Ramsbottom, for best bird (excepting Nor., Yorks. and Rollers); J. Ramsbottom, for best Roller; W. P. Turton, for best Norwich.—T. E. HOLDEN and T. L. CLARK, secs.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A First Feather Show was held in the St. Matthew's Parochial Hall, Bootle, on July 4, and contained an entry of about 125 birds. The members have had a very good breeding season, and thu came forward in good numbers. Competition ran very keen in most classes, although some dozen or so of them had to be cancelled. The secretary is Mr. James Foster, who had everything in capital form, and the arrangements well forward. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Chorley; 2, Tullock; 3, McDermitt; vhc, McNulty; hc, Williamson; c, Potter. BUFF: 1, c, Foster; 2, Lobb; 3, Brown; vhc, Alges; hc, Chorley. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, McNulty; 2, Tullock; 3, Chorley; vhc, Grayson; hc, Foster; c, Worrall. BUFF: 1, Worrall; 2, Lobb; 3, Larkin; vhc, hc, Wilkinson; c, McNulty. CINN. SELF. ETC. YELL.: 1, Lobb; 2, McLean; 3, vhc, Worrall; hc, Tullock. BUFF: 1, McDermitt; 2, hc, Worrall; 3, vhc, Lobb; c, Tullock. GREEN YELL SELF: 1, McNulty; 2, McLean; 3, Larkin; vhc, Brown; hc, Alges; c, Calderbanks. BUFF 1, Alges; 2, Lobb; 3, Canderland; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, McNulty; c, Tullock. YELL. FOUL: 1, Larkin; 2, Lobb; 3, Alges; vhc, Worrall; hc, McNulty; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Tullock; 2, Alges; 3, Grayson, and hc; vhc, Brown; c, Larkin. Classes 11 to 17 cancelled. MULES, DARK: 1, Larkin; 2, Roscoe. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Brown; vhc, Worrall. SOFT: Cancelled. NOVICE YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, 2, Lockley; 3, vhc, hc, Harding; c, Smith. Classes 23 to 26 cancelled.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First Feather Show, held July 4th, in the St. Mary's School, Liscard, Cheshire. There was a good classification, and about 50 birds were staged. These were not so numerous as those of last year, owing to several members having had a poor breeding season, for which they were at a loss to account. However, those which did turn up made a nice display. The Yorkshire Greens were well represented in four classes, and the Borders were very nice. A gem of a young buff won special for best bird in the show. A good list of special prizes was a tempting offer. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and Mr. Mallinson, the indefatigable secretary, had things in apple-pie order.

CL. ETC. YORKS. AMALGAMATED: 1, vhc, Goode; 1, clear, medium size, well up, nicely rounded up, in tight feather and condition; 2, hc, Holford, long drawn clear; 3, Benson, marked eyes, wings, and cheeks, yellow, full of feather. YELL. GREEN YORKS.: 1, Hodgkins, junr., fine type, rare colour all through, good markings, tight in condition; 2, hc, Hughes, long and large, level in colour; 3, vhc, Benson, good pair, former larger and better drawn, good bright colour, well spangled in nice feather; c, Holford. BUFF: 1, 3, Hughes, good sound pair, former excelling in size, type, colour, and all round quality; 3, not far behind; 2, Hodgkins, junr., carries nice colour, feather and condition; vhc, Holford; hc, Carlile; c, Benson. FOUL AND YELL.: 1, Hughes, variegd., slightly on body, grand colour and type, very tight feathered, smart and showy; 2, Benson, smaller, shows good colour and quality; 3, Carlile; big, good colour; vhc, Holford. BUFFS: 1, 3, Benson; foul right wing, A1 feather and condition; nice tone of colour, good beak and legs; 3, lovely colour and feather; 2, Hodgkins, long-drawn, fine colour; vhc, Holford. NOR. TICK. AMALGAMATED: 1, Hodgkins, junr., medium-sized variegd. yell, rare colour and type, in good condition; 2, Hadwin, marked eye and round neck, bull, nice type, sound feather and condition; 3, Hodgkins, junr., clear bull, nice tight condition. GREENS: 1, 3, vhc, Hadwin, big self buff green, rare head colour, said to be last week's Liverpool winner; 3, smart yellow self, rare colour; vhc, small, neat buff; 2, Hodgkins, variegd., grand colour and type, sound feather and condition. CLEAR, ETC. BUFF BORDER: 1, vhc, hc, Hadwin; 1, grand little buff, took special for best bird in show and won after a hard fight with Mr. Hughes' Yorks. Greens.; 2, Woodman, eye ticked, finer and longer in tail, very good feather and condition; 3, same owner, ticked right wing, similar type to 2nd, good feather, etc. No. 5 absent. MKD. ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Woodman; 1, smart variegd.; 2, dark tail, nice quality; 3, Hadwin, variegd. yell, well up in type, feather and condition. BORD. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Hadwin, good pair of Greens, just long enough, nice body, type and leather; 2, vhc, hc, c, Woodman, two greens and two cinnamons respectively, former have the best of it in feather and condition. SELL. (12 6): 1, vhc, Hadwin; 2, Hodgkins; 3, Goode.

HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.F.A.

A First Feather Show was held recently. Owing to the bad breeding season experienced by our members the entries were small; but the quality notwithstanding was good. Mr. Mitchell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, and cup, Harrison. BUFF: 1, E. King; 2, Jeffery; 3, vhc, Simpson and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, Simpson and Son; 2, S. B. King; 3, E. King; vhc, Harrison; hc, Jeffery. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, E. King; 3, vhc, S. B. King. CINN. MKD.: 1, E. King. VARIEG.: 1, 2, E. King. NOR. YELL.: 1, Jeffery. SELL.: 1, E. King.—WM. SIMPSON, sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

A very successful Members' Show was held on July 4, at Victoria Hotel, when about 60 birds were staged in seven classes. Mr. P. Mason judged and gave great satisfaction. Messrs. Tate and Day secured special for best bird in show. CL. YELL.: 1, Tate and Day; 2, Tidswell; 3, Goodwin; 4, hc, Dykes; vhc, Firth; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, 3, Tidswell; 4, hc, Dykes; vhc, Goodwin; c, Cooper. TICKED YELL.: 1, 3, Firth; 2, 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Tidswell; c, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, Shepherd; 3, 4, c, Dykes; vhc, Skirrow; hc, Taylor. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 3, Firth. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Cooper; 2, Dykes.—E. SHEPHERD, hon. sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

The society held a First Feather Show on July 4th, when 36 young birds were staged. The show was held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton. Mr. William Cruise (West Bowling) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Liley and Rothery; 2, Wharton; 3, Wood; 4, hc, Wright and Son; vhc, Jessop; c, Mellor. BUFF: 1, Jessop; 2, 3, Fielding; 4, c, Wright and Son; hc, Liley and Rothery; vhc, Wood. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Wharton; 2, Smith; 3, Wright and Son; 4, vhc, Grayshon; hc, Liley and Rothery; c, Mellor. BUFF: 1, Grayshon; 2, Fielding; 3, Liley and Rothery; 4, Wood. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, 4, Wright and Son; 3, Jessop; vhc, Liley and Rothery. BUFF: 1, Jessop. SELL.: 1, Smith. BRIT.: 1, Wright and Son.—R. BENNETT, Hon. Secretary.

LEWISHAM & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first annual Young Stock Show was held on July 7th, at the Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, when Mr. J. Robson judged. It proved a great success, and was gratifying to all. CHAMPION: YORKS. CL. ETC. (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Pilcher and Faux; hc, Edwards. VARIEG. (4): 1, Edwards; 2, Fisher; 3, vhc, Lucas. NOR. CL. ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bellinger. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Bellinger; 3, Lugg. NOVICE: YORKS. CL. ETC. (9): 1, 2, Wraight; 3, c, Wall; vhc, hc, Pallett. VARIEG. (3): 1, 3, Wall; 2, Pallett. NOR. CL. ETC. (4): 1, 2, Wraight; 3, vhc, Wbite. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Pallett. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Fisher; 2, Lugg; 3, Wall. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Lugg; 2, hc, Austin; 3, c, Fisher; vhc, Anderton. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (2): 1, Austin; 2, Fisher. FOR. (3): 1, Pallett; 2, 3, Anderton. SELL. (15s.): 1, Wall.—Mr. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Secretary

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

The First Feather Show was held at 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on July 4th. It proved a great success in quality and numbers. The Clear or Ticked Buff class was exceptionally strong; and the Yellow a good second. The medal for best bird was won by Mr. Paterson (Ayr), with a Clear Yellow, Mr. Penman running him very close with a Clear Buff. Other specials were won by Messrs. Penman (most points), Fortune (second), Webster (third), McRobbie (for marked Buff), and Fraser (best fourth).

CL. ETC., YELL. (14): 1, spl, Paterson; 2, Penman; 3, Webster; 4, spl, Fraser; vhc, Hendry; hc, Martin; c, Baird. BUFF (18): 1, Penman; 2, 4, vhc, Fortune; hc, Cardwell; c, Marr. VAR., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 4, Penman; 2, Webster; 3, Paterson; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Baird; c, McRobbie. BUFF (6): 1, spl, McRobbie; 2, 3, Penman; 4, hc, Jamieson; vhc, Paterson.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

The society held their first annual members' young show at the Talbot Hotel Assembly Rooms, on July 4, which proved very successful. Mr. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) officiated as judge and gave every satisfaction. Entries totalled 91. Mr. A. Mann secured special for best young bird in show, also one for best bird shown by a novice. Mr. J. Mottram won special for best bird shown by a champion. CL. YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, Townsend; 2, Lord; 3, Sykes. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Crindall; 2, Maude Bros. TICK. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Walsh; 2, Ellis Bros.; 3, Rigg. BUFF (6): 1, Ellis Bros.; 2, Walsh; 3, Simpson. CINN. TICK. YEL. (5): 1, Mann; 2, Tinkler; 3, Sykes. BUFF (8): 1, Burdikin; 2, Savile and Hargreaves; 3, Tinkler. CL. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Mottram; 2, Ball; 3, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Sutcliffe. TICK. YELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Mottram. BUFF: 1, Mottram; 2, Greenwood. YORKS. GREENS (10): 1, 3, Fielden; 2, Dunn. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: Mottram; 2, Haigh; 3, Ball.—J. F. THACKRAY and H. WHITAKER, secretaries.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The 27th annual First Feather Show was held on July 4th, in the spacious club-room, when close on 100 birds were staged. There were also six section specials, which were deservedly won by Messrs. Entwistle, 5/-, and Lord's medal (Lancashires); Butterworth, who divided points for medal (Lizards), J. Wild, 5/-, and extra special most points in Show, (Yorkshires); H. F. Hardy, fancy vest, Crests and crestbreds); W. Pratt, most points in Mules and foreign, another fancy vest, Mr. J. Naden placed the birds, and gave general satisfaction.

LANCS. C.V. COPPY: Ratcliffe. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, Whitworth; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Beattie, BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Entwistle; 3, Hardy; vhc, Walton. TICK. YELL. COPPY: 1, 2, 3, Lord; 4, Entwistle; vhc, Whitworth; hc, Adam; c, Entwistle. BUFF: 1, 2, Adams, 3, 4, West; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Whitworth; c, Entwistle. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, Lord; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, Adams; 2, Entwistle; 3, Whitworth. LIZARDS C.C. GOLD: 1, Martin; 2, Butterworth. SILVER: 1, Martin; 2, 4, McKim; 3, Butterworth. BROKEN—GOLD: 1, Butterworth. SILVER: 1, Butterworth; 2, 3, Martin. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Whitworth; 2, 3, Wild; 4, vhc, Parker. BUFF: 1, 3, Wild; 2, Ashworth; 4, Parker; vhc, Whitworth. TICK. YELL.: 1, 3, Ashworth; 2, Whitworth; 4, vhc, Wild; hc, c, Parker. BUFF: 1, Ashworth; 2, Parker. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, Hardy. CREST: 1, 2, Hurdy. YELL. NOR.: 1, Woodall; 2, Pratt; 3, McKim. BUFF: 1, McKim. MULES: 1, Wild; 2, vhc, c, Ratcliffe; 3, hc, Walton; 4, Pratt. YOUNG FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Pratt. Mr. T. Ashworth won the cup with a team of four birds (nominated).—J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

FROME AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The First Feather Show was held on July 4, at the Auction Mart, Frome. There were 66 young birds staged, all in fine form and condition, and some very promising youngsters could be seen amongst them. The Mart was nicely decorated and the exhibits well attended to by the Committee. Mr. A. A. Pool (Bristol) judged, and gave every satisfaction. The show proved a great success.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 4, Miss Walker; 3, hc, Tottle; vhc, Dodge. CREST: 1, 2, Tottle. C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Tottle; vhc, c, Stock. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Miss Walker. LANCS. COPPY: 1, spl, Tottle; 2, 3, 4, Minty. PLAINHEAD: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Minty. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Dodge; 2, 3, Coombs. NOVICE: 1, spl 2, 3, vhc, Wheeler; 4, hc, c, Dodge. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, Welsh; 3, 4, Pickford. BRIT.: 1, spl, hc, c, Pickford; 2, 3, 4, Palmer; vhc, Minty.—W. MINTY, sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A meeting was held at the Hall of Science, on 30th June. A sub-committee was elected to draft out schedules for open show in October next at the Corn Exchange. Result of Table Show:—Class 1: 1, spl for best bird in show, Moore, sen.; 2, Stubbs; 4, Robinson. Class 2: 1, 4, Moore, sen.; 2, 3, Stubbs; vhc, hc, Robinson. NOVICE YELL.: 1, 2, Metcalfe; 3, vhc, Crowston; r, c, Moore, jun.; hc, Pett. BUFFS: 1, Crowston; 2, Metcalf; 3, Cotterill; 4, Petty; hc, Moore, jun. NOVICES (not having previously won a first): 1, 3, 4, Franklin; 2, Way; vhc, Anliss; hc, Good; c, Cotteril. BRIT.: 1, 2, Way; 3, Saddler; 4, Crowston. BRIT.: 1, Crowston; 2, 4, Saddler; 3, Way. Mr. Metcalf staged a nice team, his winning Yellow being a very promising youngster. A new member was elected, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Calam, of Hull (who took the place of Mr. Hope at the last moment through illness) brought the proceedings to a close. Mr. Moore, sen., has very kindly promised two specials for the next month's table show.—MOORE and CROWSTON, Hon. Secs.

CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A table show was held on July 4th at the "Horse Shoe." There were 52 entries in all and some promising youngsters amongst them. Mr. J. Dawson won first in Nest Feather Norwich and two specials for first and second best in show. Messrs. J. Atess and Wm. Rutherford judged.

NOR. OLD: 1, Toward and Atess, well-known 4-pointed buff in pink of condition; 2, Gregor, very good variegated buff; 3, Rutherford, buff marked wings and head, well staged. NEST FEATHER: 1, Dawson, clear buff, a monster of a youngster; 2, vhc, hc, Campbell, yellow, marked wings and head, bulky bird; 3, Gregor, clear buff, very good one. YORKS. OLD: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright, clear yellow, and ticked on eye, well known. NEST FEATHER: 1, Rutherford and Bright, buff, marked. CREST OR C.B. OLD: 1, Rutherford and Bright, C.B. buff variegated, well lashed over eyes; 2, 3, Toward and Atess, former variegated Plainhead, good bird; 3, clear body, dark crest. NEST FEATHER: 1, Dawson, clear body dark crest, well staged; 2, 3, Campbell, very nice birds. CAN. A.V. NOVICE OLD: 1, Hutchinson, yellow ticked Crestbred, well staged, monster of a hen; 2, Rutherford, marked each wings, and dark crest, in grand trim; 3, Campbell, clear yellow Crestbred; vhc, Hemmingway, Norwich; hc, Gregor, Norwich. NEST FEATHER: 1, 2, Dawson, clear body, dark crest; 2, clear buff Norwich; 3, 4, hc, c, Campbell, clear yellow Crestbred, big, bouncing bird, very little between; vhc, Gregor; MULE OR HYB. NEST FEATHER: 1, Hutchinson, Greenfinch Mule, well staged, do well when moulted; 2, 3, brown Linnet mules, good birds. BRIT. OLD: 1, 3, vhc, Rutherford and Bright, 1st Greenfinch in A1 conditon; 2, 3, Campbell, Goldfinch, and Linnet, in good condition; 4, Hutchinson, Goldfinch; hc, Brown. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, Hemmingway, pair of Budgerigars, in the best of condition; 2, Brown.—WM. RUTHERFORD, sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual members' and open show held at the Peckham Public Hall on July 2nd. The entries totalled 113, and brought together some grand birds. Norwich and Yorkshires were a splendid show, and would be hard to beat. A splendid class of the Border Fancy was also a pleasing feature. Mr. R. Brownlie, the pioneer of the Border in the South, was well to the front. The British bird classes also contained many fine specimens, worthy of the very keenest competition. Crests and crest-bred were rather disappointing owing to the bad season experienced by breeders of that variety. The show was favoured by a large attendance of visitors and fanciers, over 200 passing the gate during the evening. The society's splendid new staging was used for the first time, and was much appreciated, being of a nice height, the birds being easy for everyone to see. It reflects great credit on Messrs. Cranfield and Meredith, their time and labour being entirely voluntary. The arrangements for show were perfect, being excellently carried out by the hon. sec., W. Hodson, ably assisted by the hon. assistant-sec., Mr. F. Cole, the chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham, and a hard-working committee. Dr. J. E. Sidgwick won the cup for the best Canary in the show with a very fine youngster. This was a most popular win, the Doctor receiving a great ovation upon the president handing the cup to him. Mr. L. J. Richardson won special for most points in members' Champion Norwich, Mr. J. Cole in Novice Norwich, Mr. J. A. Simpson in Novice Yorkshire, Mr. R. Carter in British, and for most entries in show. Mr. J. Robson judged.

OPEN NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Lee and Kearney; 3, 4, Dr. Sidgwick; vhc, Cranfield. BUFF: 1, spl, Dr. Sidgwick; 2, vhc, hc, Lee and Kearney; 3, Males; c, Cranfield. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Broome; 3, 4, Mrs. Gill. MEMBERS' CHAMPION NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Boydon. MKD., ETC.: 1, Richardson; 2, Males; 3, 4, Boydon. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Baker; 4, Fisher. MKD., ETC.: 1, Fisher; 2, 3, Biss; 4, Baker. BORD. FCY.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Brownlie; c, Cunningham. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Johnson. NOVICE NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, Hanier; 2, 3, Cole; 4, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, hc, Cracknell. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Cole; 3, Mrs. Litchfield. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Stacey; 3, Simpson; 4, vhc, Goodwin; hc, Putner; c, Meredith. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Simpson; 2, Meredith. CRESTED: 1, spl, Mrs. Litchfield. C.B.: 1, Mrs. Litchfield. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Botting; 3, vhc, Johnson; 4, Lugg; hc, Gleadgoning. BULLFINCH: 1, Fisher; 2, Johnson. LINNET: 1, 4, Bolting; 2, Austin; 3, Lugg; vhc, Grahame; hc, Carter; c, Fisher. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, Carter, Siskin; 2, Botting, Redpoll. GREENFINCH ETC.: 1, spl, 2, c, Carter, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch; 3, Fisher, Greenfinch; 4, Austin, Chaffinch; vhc, Harry, Greenfinch; hc, Johnson, Greenfinch. A.O.S. SEED EATING: 1, Carter; 2, Botting. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, Carter. LARGE: 1, spl, Carter. SMALL FOR.: 1, spl, Brownlie, A'arlo Finch; 2, Lugg, Rose Linnet. SELL.: 1, 2, Richardson.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' Show of Canaries, held in the Assembly Rooms, Bingley, on July 4. Mr. J. Hartley (Bradford) placed the cards and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Webb; 2, M. Walton; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Livesey; vhc, Lownley; hc, A. Walton; c, Barker. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Livesey; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Lownley; vhc, Barker; hc, Dean; c, Denley. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, 4, Smith and Son; 2, Wilkinson; 3, vhc, Dean; hc, Livesey; c, M. Walton. BUFF (10): 1, 3, vhc, Smith and Son; 2, Livesey; 4, Denley; hc, Dean; c, Townley.—A. LIVESLY.

CLITHEROE AND DISTRICT C.B.S

We held our first members' show on July 4th, 60 birds being staged in 10 classes. Mr. Trengove (Rishton) judged, and his awards gave great satisfaction to all.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, Pinder. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Pinder; 3, Lambert; hc, Barnes. TICK. YELL.: 1, Barnes; 2, Turner; 3, Demain and Briggs; vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, 3, Turner; vhc, Barnes. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Bell. C.B. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Winckley; 2, Demain and Briggs. YELL.: 1, Pinder; 2, Turner; 3, Lambert, sen. BRIT.: 1, Winckley; 2, Lambert, sen. Special prize for best bird in show went to Mr. G. Bell.—RD. LAMBERT, Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual members' First Feather Show was held on July 4th, at headquarters, Royal Hotel, Dewsbury. The entries, which numbered 41, were below the usual number, the members generally having had but a moderately good breeding season. Mr. T. Bentley judged and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Charlesworth; 2, vhc, Fawcett; 3, c, Taylor; hc, Hall. BUFF (7): 1, Fawcett; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Rayner; vhc, hc, c, Pollard. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Blamires; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Pickering. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Pickering; vhc, Clennett; hc, Stafford; c, Blackburn. HEAVILY VAR. YELL. (1): 1, Charlesworth. BUFF (3): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Blackburn; 3, Rayner. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: (1): 1, Ibbetson. SELL. (10/6) (4): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Hall; 3, Clennett; vhc, Taylor.—W. CHARLESWORTH.

WATH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held on July 11th, at the Crosskeys Hotel. Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. A. Watson, the Hon. Sec., did his work exceedingly well, considering, too, it was his first attempt. Mr. Walker staged some very good Yorkshire, and won the medal for the best bird in the show with a young Buff. Mr. B. Lockwood also staged some good Norwich, which were close on heels of medal winner; he also staged some grand British birds. Messrs. W. Humphreys, A. Whaby, Kirby, W. Tose, and others also did well.

NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Lockwood; 2, Walker. TKD. ETC.: 1, Lockwood. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, hc, Humphries; vhc, Lockwood. TKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Lockwood. YORKS. OLD BIRD: 1, 2, vhc, Humphries; 3, Whaley. NOR: 1, Walker. LINNET: 1, 2, Lockwood; 3, Humphries; vhc, Kirby. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Lockwood; 2, Walker; vbc, Kirby; hc, Humphreys. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Lockwood; 3, vbc, Walker; hc, Humphries. SOFTBILLS: 1, Humphreys. OLD MULES: 1, Humphries; 2, Kirby; 3, Tose.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The second annual First Feather Show was held on July 4th in St. Peter's Hall, Green-street, in an ideal room for the purpose. Entries came up very well, and between 90 and 100 birds were staged. Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders were well represented, and some grand specimens of these varieties were exhibited. Mr. T. Taylor, of Gateshead, exhibted two beautiful crested birds which were very much admired, as was also Mr. C. Water's young Siskin-Canary Mule, a really grand specimen. The judge had a difficult task in deciding between Dr. O'Neal's winning Buff Border Fancy and Mr. W. Reid's winning Buff Norwich, for the special for best young bird in show; he eventually decided in favour of the Border Fancy. The quality of the exhibits was very good. There was only a moderate attendance. Mr. J. Miller judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 3, hc, Snowball; 2, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, c, Gordon. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Reid; 3, Fenwick; vhc, c, Snowball; hc, Smith. CREST (2): 1, 2, Taylor. C.B. (3): 1, Taylor. CINN. YELL. 1, 2, Fenwick. BUFF (5): 1, Clark; 2, vhc, Riseborough; 3, hc, Fenwick. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Reid; c, Bell. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, hc, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, Smith; c, Taylor. LIZARD GOLD (2): 1, Gordon; 2, Reid. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Reid. BORD. FCY. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Swan; vhc, Copeland; hc, Riseborough. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Bell; vhc, c, Copeland; hc, Swan. MULE: 1, 2, Waters. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Clark; 2, Waters; 3, Jackson; vhc, O'Cain; hc, Riseborough; c, Morrison. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, Smith; 2, Walker; 3, Clark; vhc, Swan; hc, Elliot; c, Waters. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Elliott.—REID and MADDISON, Secs.

FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.I.S.

A members' First Feather Show was held in the St. Andrew's Hall, on July 4th. Mr. D. A. Craig (Arbroath), judged, and gave general satisfaction. The entries numbered 64 in 12 classes—not a bad turn-out for a six-months' old society, and considering the bad start made in breeding operations, owing to bad weather. Among the birds were some of excellent quality and type, and a few of them will be heard of again, with a good moult. Some grand foreign birds were on exhibition for the day, being lent by the Hon. Presidents of the society, Messrs. Ernest Grant and William Nicol, and were the envy of the visitors. Special for champion Norwich was won by Mr. J. Cable with a good yellow hen. The novice special was won by Mr. D. Kydd. Special for champion Border was won by Mr. D. Lawson, who also captured all four firsts in Borders. Novice special was won by Mr. C. Kennedy. Special for champion in the Mule and wild bird section was won by Mr. E. Grant, the novice special being won by Mr. W. Doggrel, with a Goldie-Canary Mule.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, hc, Sable; 2, W. Grewar; 4, vhc, J. Grewar; c, spl, Kydd. BUFF: 1, 4, Bowman; 2, 3, vhc, c, W. Grewar; hc, Cable. YELL. BEN: 1, spl, 2, Cable; 3, Bowman; 4, vhc, Kydd. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Bowman; 2, 3, W. Grewar; 4, vhc, Cable. BORDERS, YELL. CK.: 1, Lawson; 2, Falconer; 3, Campbell. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Falconer; 4, hc, Campbell; vhc, Irvine; c, Stevenson. YELL. BEN: 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Stirling; 4, spl, Kennedy; vhc, Falconer; hc, Robertson. BUFF: 1, spl, Lawson; 2, vhc, Stevenson; 3, Robertson; 4, hc, Irvine; c, Kennedy. MULE: 1, spl, Doggrel, 2, 3, 4, Laird. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Robertson. WILD BIRD: 1, spl, 2, 3, Grant. W. GREWAR, Sec.

MIDDLETON O.S.

The eighth annual Young Bird Show was held on July 11th, at headquarters, "Old Bear's Head." Mr A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, and awards gave great satisfaction. Messrs. H. Thomas and W. Adams tied for most points for the silver challenge cup.

LANC COPPY 1, 2, vhc, Adams; 2, 1, Oldham. PLAINHEAD: 1, Adams; 2, 3, Oldham. LIZ. GOLD: 1, Taylor SHADE: 1, Taylor. YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, Thomas; 2, Wardle. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, Wardle. TKD. YELL: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Beesley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Beesley; 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Wagstaff. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Craighill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Craighill. TKD. YELL: 1, 2, 3, Craighill. A.O.V. CAN. 1, Bilton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Wagstaffe; 3, Craighill, 4, Williamson. H. Thomas, Hon. Secretary.

POTTERIES & CREWE SOCIETIES

The second annual inter-club First Feather Show of the Potteries and District C.B.A., and the Crewe O.S., took place on July 11th, at the headquarters of the Potteries Society. Although not so many birds were shown as last year, the quality was grand, and showed a great improvement. Some splendid Norwich and Yorkshires were shown. Some beautiful Foreigners, too, were shown by Mr. W. Stocker, and proved a great attraction to visitors. British birds were also very good, the Goldfinch shown by Mr. Pitchford being a real beauty, one of the best seen in this district for some time. Mr. F. Bate placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Yates; 2, Cooper; 3, Roberts, vhc, Heaton; hc, Rathbone. YELL (6): 1, hc, Crimes; 2, Roberts; 3, Heaton; vhc, Yates; c, Carter. TKD. ETC BUFF (6): 1, Cooper, 2, 3, Rathbone; vhc, Crimes; hc, Roberts. YELL. (4): 1, Cooper; 2, Crimes; 3, Yates; vhc, Rathbone. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Potts. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Potts. TKD. ETC. BUFF: 1, Goodall. YELL.: 1, Goodall. MULE OR HYB.: (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pitchford; hc, Potts. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Pitchford; 2, Latham; 3, Carter. LINNET (4): 1, Bettley; 2, Pitchford; 3, Potts; vhc, Carter. GREENFINCH (2: 1, Bowker; 2, Bettley. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Bowker. THRUSH, ETC.: Pitchford. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Stocker. SELL (10s. 6d.): 1, Goodall; 2, Rathbone; 3, Roberts; vhc, Crimes.—J. SIMCOCK, Hon. Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM PERMANENT O.S.

Annual First Feather Show held on July 11th at new headquarters, "The Grapes Inn," Platt-street. Mr. Geo. Clay makes an up-to-date secretary, backed up by a hard-working committee of real fanciers. The show was a good one, and a success in every way. Seventy-five birds were staged, and some real toppers were among them. Mr. T. Barker placed the cards, and everything went off well.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Bertie, former real clinker, good size, splendid type, rare head and neck; 2, another good one; 3, vhc, Sharp, 3rd nice quality, neat head. BUFF: 1, 2, Sharp, former large bird, lot of substance; 2nd, another good one; 3, Bertie, nice Norwich all over, splendid type; vhc, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL.: A good class; 1, hc, c, Bertie, splendid youngster, feather like boxwood, rare type, splendid carriage of wings and tail; 2, Hill, another good one, similarly marked to winner; 3, vhc, Birch, 3rd grand typical little bird, good head, well filled in neck. BUFF: Another good class; 1, Sharp, very neat, in nice condition; 2, Birch, nice typical youngster, short stout body, nice head and splendid quality; 3, vhc, hc, Bertie, 3rd another good one, short and stout. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Sharp, 1st rare good exhibit, fine substance and shape; 2, Bertie, another good bird, a yellow, rare substance, deep, broad chest, splendid head and neck; vhc, Hill. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, Beal, nice neat crest, good quality; 2, Bowers, similar, not much to choose between them. BUFF: 1, Bent, best Crest in show, nice all round, should make a very good one; 2, Holmes, good crest, nice size body; 3rd, good; vhc, Bowers. LIGHT CREST: 1, Holmes, very fine Crest. YELL. C.B.: 1, Bowers, grand bird, good substance; 2, Good; 3, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Davis, rare good one, lots of substance, well lashed head, nice rise on front; 2, Bent, another good bird, grand substance, excellent head properties; 3, Holmes; vhc, Bowers. SELL. CREST (20/-): 1, 3, Pick; 2, c, Birch; vhc, Holmes; hc, Good. C.B.'s (15/-) Davis; 2, Holmes; 3, Good; vhc, Pick.—J. BERTIE.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The First Feather Show was held on July 9th in the large Bowling Saloon at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor. The room was nicely decorated, and the exhibits well attended to by the committee. The entries totalled 65, and their quality was excellent. Mr. J. Summerhill exhibited a beautiful team of Scotch Fancies, and the winner also secured first special prize for best bird in the show. Mr. E. Edwards staged a grand team of Border Fancies, which were greatly admired. The Yorkshires were quite a little show by themselves, the class having an entry of 33. Two sets of winners could have easily been found in this class. Mr. E. C. Hughes officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. The show proved a great success, and all prize-money was paid out to exhibitors on the same day.

NOR. (3): 1, and spl for fourth best in the show, and 2, T. Guest, both clears of beautiful shape, winner excels in size, condition and quality; 2, very promising; 3, Osborne, nice variegated bird. YORKS. (33): 1, spl., second best bird in the show, 3, 4, res., vhc, hc, Bishop; winner long slashing yellow variegated, teeming with quality, takes perch well, stands like a soldier; 3, clear yellow, beautiful shape and feather; 2 and spl., fourth best bird in the show, Tipping, clear, of good shape and quality of feather finely drawn; hc, Johnson; c, Trinman. SCOTCH FANCIES (6): 1, spl., best bird in the show, 2, 3, 4, Summerhill, winner splendid drive, gets tail well under perch, shown to perfection. BORDER (8): 1, spl., third best in the show, 2, 3, 4, Edwards, wiuner gem of a yell., good colour, feather like wax; 2, vargt., rare shape; 3, buff, will make up well after moult. ROLLERS (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Philpotts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Richards, gem of nice size, bold, brilliant face, well shown; 2, Roberts, excellent body colour; 3, Truman, attractive, nice face, richly tanned body; 4, Bishop, nice size, good blaze, exceellent cap and moonings; vhc, Dyson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 3, Bishop, winner good shape, nice rich breast, colour dense, shapely cap, in good feather, a topper; 3, similar merit; 2, Richards, very fine Bullfinch, good colour and cap.—A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

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LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held on July 11th, at the Railway Hotel. Mr F. Sell judged, and gave satisfaction in his award.

YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Casey; 3, Pownall. BUFF: 1, Casey, 2, 3, Coates. TKD. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Casey. CINN. MKD.: 1, Richmond, 2, Parker; 3, Swaine. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bottomley; 2, Swaine, 3, Richmond. NOVICE CL. YELL. 1, 2, 3, Hiles. BUFF 1, Broadbent; 2, Oddy; 3, Shoesmith. TKD. YELL.: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Oddy; 3, Hiles. BUFF: 1, Broadbent, 2, 3, Taylor. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, Oddy; 2, Hiles. Special for best bird in open won by L. Casey, who also won special for best bird in the Novice section.—A. BOTTOMLEY, Secretary.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held in the Dalton Road Schools on July 11. There was a good entry and quality was well up to the standard of previous years, although we should have liked to have seen more Norwich staged. Mr. J. H. Winn (Lancaster) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Henderson; 3, Graves. BUFF: 1, 2, Henderson; 3, Plumb. BORD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Large; 2, Morrall; 3, Willison. BUFF: 1, Large; 2, 3, Morrell. NOVICE BORD: 1, Eason; 2, 3, Brockbank; NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Cherry; 3, Anderson. BUFF: 1, Anderson; 2, Cherry. CINN.: YELL.: 1, Plumb; 2, Wagstaff. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Willison; 2, Plumb. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Anderson; 2, Metcalf; 3, Fleming. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: (house-moulted): 1, Wagstaff; 2, Higgin. LINNET ETC. (house-moulted): 1, Fleming; 2, Cherry; 3, Metcalfe. A.O.S. BRIT. (house-moulted): 1, Cherry; 2, Wagstaff. BRIT. (not house-moulted): 1, Hudson; 2, Higgins; 3, Wagstaff. The Association Challenge Cup was won by Mr. Henderson with a beautiful young Yorkshire buff of great promise. The Border Cup was won by Mr. Large with a lovely young buff.—GEO. LARGE, secretary.

LEEDS C.B.S.

The annual Young Bird Show was held on July 11th in St Luke's Schoolroom, North Street, when 120 birds were staged in 20 classes. The awards were made by Mr. W. B. Cobb. Competition was keen in the Norwich classes, as the Leeds' and President's cups were both competed for here. Mr. Woof scored 24 points for the former, being followed by Messrs. Mennard and Triffitt with 20 points each. Messrs. Mennard and Triffit tied with 30 points each for the President's cup, closely followed by Mr. Woof with 29 points. Norwich turned up well, especially in the Novice classes. Yorkshires were only a poor show; they seem to be falling off a great deal in this district, as good birds seem to be very few. Novice Yorkshires were a moderate show. British birds were rather poor in number, considering we have a fair muster of British fanciers. Linnets were chiefly on view. Mr. Thomson staged a grand Yellowhammer, which would have won in better company.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Chew and Stokoe. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Farrar. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Ireland; 4, vhc, Farrar. TKD. (6): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, 3, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, Ireland; hc, Smith. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Woof; 4, Johnson; vhc, Hallett; hc, Hornby. TKD. (7): 1, Woof; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Triffit; 4, Hallett; hc, Chambers. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Ireland; 2, Woof; 3, Hallett; 4, Mennard; vhc, Triffitt. TKD. (10): 1, 2, Woof; 3, Mennard; 4, vhc, c, Johnson; hc, Hallett. CINN. (8): 1, 3, 4, hc, Mennard; 2, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, c, Fowler. A.O.V. (3): 1, Smith; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Medley. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hallett. LINNET (8): 1, Fox; 2, hc, Thomson; 3, Smith; 4, Wilkins; vhc, Pearson; c, Owen. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Fox; 2, Thomson. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Hornby; 3, Medley; 4, vhc, Owen. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, Thomson; 2, 3, 4, Owen. YORKS. YELL. NOVICE (6): 1, Greaves; 2, 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Fowler; vhc, Pearson. BUFF (8): 1, Triffitt; 2, Greaves; 3, 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Pearson; c, Fowler. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, 3, Triffitt; 2, vhc, c, Tose; 4, Benge; hc, Wain. BUFF (15): 1, c, Tose; 2, 3, vhc, Triffitt; 4, Benge; hc, Wilson. Classes 9, 15, 19, 24, and 25 were cancelled.—A. WILKINS, Hon. Secretary.

WATFORD C.B.S.

The fourth annual Young Bird Show was held on July 11th, at the Conservative Hall, Watford, a room very suitable for such a fixture. Entries numbered 160, Canaries being well represented by Norwich and Yorkshires. The Novice sections were exceptionally strong, and some meritorious birds were staged. Hybrids were quite an eye-opener, there being 16 1908 birds, both Linnet and Goldfinch-Canary crosses, 7 of them being light and variegated. The special was taken by a very fine specimen bred by Mr. J. Goodall; it was a four-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary. British birds were, as usual, strong, and were of exceptional merit. Foreigners again were a most excellent section, and were a source of great attraction. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Quantrell, carried out his duties in a most business-like manner, being well supported by several members of the committee, Messrs. Watts, Swain, Tucker, Sear, etc. The birds in all cases were well staged, reflecting great credit upon the exhibitors. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CHAMPION (6): 1, sp., 2, hc, Pigg; 3, vhc, Ball; c, Freeman. AMATEUR (3): 1, Freeman; 2, 3, Ball. NOVICE (16): 1, spl., 3, Quantrell; 2, Withers Bros.; vhc, hc, Temple. YORKS. CHAMPION (4): 1, Goodall; 2, 3, vhc, Pigg. NOVICE (15): 1, spl., Willis; 2, 3, c, Sear; vhc, Cov. CRESTS NOVICE (5): 1, spl, Youens; 2, 3, Miss Hewat; C.B. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, Campling; 3, Frost. HYB. (1908) DK. GOLDFINCH ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Quantrell; vhc, c, Darvill. LIGHT, ETC. (6): 1, spl., 3, vhc, Goodall; 2, hc, Hedgerman; c, Pigg. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN. DARK (3): 1, spl., 2, Quantrell; 3, Withers Bros. LIGHT, ETC: 1, Withers Bros. ANY AGE (1): Darvill. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl., vhc, Quantrell; 2, Buckingham; 3, hc, Goodall; c, Sear. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Withers Bros.; 2, Buckingham; 3, Master Lee. LINNET (6): 1, spl., 3, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; vhc, Sear; hc, Dawes; c, Anthony. GREENFINCH (5): 1, vhc, Quantrell; 2, Tucker; 3, Goodall. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Quantrell, Twite; 2, Frost, Siskin; 3, Buckingham, Twite; vhc, c, Goodall, Redpoll. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, spl., 3, Quantrell, Bramble and Chaffinch respectively; 2, Withers Bros., Chaffinch; vhc, Sear; hc, Goodall A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Withers Bros.; 2, Quantrell. INSECTIV (7): 1, spl., Quantrell, Pipit; 2, vhc, Shirley, Whinchat and Pipit; 3, c, Goodall, Nightingale. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Tucker; 2, Swain. FOR. SEED-EATING (3): 1, 2, 3, Watts. PAIRS SEED-EATING (3): 1, spl., Watts; 2, Mrs. Quantrell; 3, Goodall. INSECTIV (5): 1, 2, 3, Watts, Archbishop Tanager, Shama, and Superb Tanager respectively; vhc, Quantrell. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (10): 1, spl., 3, Watts; 2, Swain; hc, Tucker; c, Frost; (20s.) (4): 1, Shirley; 2, Swain; 3, Sparrow.

SOUTH SALFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The first annual First Feather Show was held on July 11th, in the Orddall Old Hall, Taylor-son Street, Salford. We had over 90 entries, and close upon 200 visitors, which speaks well for us. Mr. A. E. Clowe (Eccles) judged.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Clifford; 2, Ridgeway, vhc, Unworth; hc, Hawksworth, c, Steed. BUFF: 1, 3, Clifford, 2, hc, Ridgard; vhc, c, Stead. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, spl., best bird, Dawson, 3, vhc, Kinley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Dawson; vhc, Kinley. YORKS. GREEN: 1, Dawson. MULE, YOUNG: 1, Hawksworth. CUP: 1, Dawson. MULE, ADULT: 1, Hawksworth. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Clifford, 2, Hawksworth; SOFT: 1, 2, 3, Hawksworth. COTTAGERS: 1, Mrs. Clifford; 2, 3, Eyre; vhc, Lee; hc, Whitelling; c, Cook. YORKS. STOCK BIRDS: 1, spl., Hawksworth; 2, 3, c, Frankland; vhc, Southall; hc, Pilling. NOR: 1, Frankland, 2, Hawksworth; 3, Shaw; vhc, Ridgard.—GEO. HAWKSWORTH, Hon. Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Annual First Feather Show held on July 4th in Muirs' Show Room, Glasgow. Mr. Adams (Glasgow) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. There were about 60 birds staged, and some of them will be heard of again. Mr. Anderson won medal for best bird in hall, Mr. Hutchison for best second, Mr. Montgomery for best third, and Mr. J. McFarlane for best 4th. The medal for most points was won by Mr. Lappin, and the special for most entries by Mr. J. McNicol.

CRESTS (7): 1, Anderson; 2, Duncan; 3, McFarlane; 4, Montgomery. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lappin. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Hutchison; 2, 4, McFarlane. BUFF (6): 1, Hutchison; 2, 3, 4, McNicol. VARGT. BUFF: (10): 1, McNicol; 2, Hutchison; 3, 4, McFarlane. YELL. (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Hutchison; 4, Muir. BORD. CL. YELL. ETC. (4): 1, Lappin, 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, Hutchison. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Hutchison; 2, Lappin; 4, Montgomery. VARGT. YELL.: 1, Lappin; 2, 3 4, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, Lappin; 2, Hutchison; 3, McNicol; 4, Montgomery.—GEO. SMART, Secretary.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

The first annual Young Stock Show was held on July 11th, at the headquarters, the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street. It had every appearance of having been a success. The show arrangements were carried out by the following officers: Messrs. J. Busby, president; J. Blackshaw, chairman; A. Wright, vice-chairman; J. Symonds, R. Symonds, T. Bray; J. A. Eburne, J. A. Cooke, J. Bent, A. Symonds, and W. H. Bray, the Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. G. Poole officiated as judge, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Busby; 2, J. Symonds, jun.; hc, A. Symonds. BUFF: 1, 3, Cooke; 2, Wright; vhc, Bent; hc, A. Symonds; c, J. Busby. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bent; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wright. BUFF: 1, c, Bent; 2, 3, Cooke; vhc, A. Symonds; hc, Wright. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Wright; vhc, hc, J. Symonds. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Cooke; 2, vhc, hc, Wright. OLD BIRD SELL.: 1, Cooke; 2, hc, c, Bray and Blackshaw; 3, Busby. GOLDFINCH; 1, Busby; 2, Bray; 3, hc, Bray and Blackshaw; vhc, Wright; c, Bent. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Wright; 2, Bray; vhc, hc, Bray and Blackshaw; c, Eburne. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Eburne; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Bray and Blackshaw. MULE: 1, 2, J. Symonds, jun.; 3, Bray and Blackshaw.—W. H. BRAY, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual Nest Feather Show held in the Co-operative Hall on July 11th. The room is an ideal one, both as regards light and the absence of draughts. The entry totalled 94, and brought together many grand birds. Yorkshires, both Clears and Greens, were a splendid show, and for quality and merit would be hard to beat. The Crests and Crestbreds were a show in themselves. Mr. Abbott (Farnworth) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Harris; 2, Morton; 3, Corbett; vhc, Porter; hc, Morris; c, Greatrex. BUFF: 1, Harris; 2, Jones; 3, Isted; vhc, Corbett; hc, Morton; c, Greatrex. TKD. YELL.: 1, Morris, 2, Harris; 3, Isted; vhc, hc, Morton; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, vhc, Morton; 2, Jones; 3, Harris; hc, Dalziel. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Porter; 2, Dalziel; 3, Morton. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Hughes; 2, 3, Corbett; vhc, hc, Richardson; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, Hughes; 2, Corbett; 3, Jones; vhc, Richardson; hc, Hughes; c Greatrex. GREEN FOUL YELL.: 1, Corbett; 2, 3, Hughes; vhc, Gardner. BUFF: 1, Greatrex; 2, Shaw; 3, Jones; vhc, Corbett; hc, Richardson. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Porter; 2, Dalziel; 3, Tweedle. TKD. BUFF: 1, Dalziel; 2, Porter; 3, Tweedie; vhc, Hadwin. GREEN SELF, ETC.: 1, 3, Hadwin; 2, Porter. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Cory. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Cory. A.O.V.: 1, Hadwin; 2, Corbett; 3, Greatrex. MULE AND HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, McKinley; 3, Tweedie. SELL.: 1, Nash; 2, Porter; 3, hc, Hadwin; vhc, Corbett; c, Tweedle. GOLDFINCH: 1, Richardson; 2, Tweedie; 3, Greatrex. LINNET: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Whittington; vhc, Greatrex. CHAFFINCH: 1, Richardson; 2, Morton.—J. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

The summer show of Nest Feather birds held at Half Moon Hotel on July 11th. There was a good muster of birds considering the poor season experienced by most of the members. The show was composed of 12 classes, the entries numbering 55. The exhibits were of the best quality. The principal prize-winners were Messrs. Rutherford and Bright in the Yorkshires, Mr. W. Crosling in the Norwich, Mr. P. C. Foster in the British, and Messrs. P. Todd and Son in the A.O.V. Classes. Mr. Brown, of Gateshead, kindly consented to judge, and placed the awards to the satisfaction of all.

NEST FEATHER: YORKS. YELL.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Pattison; 3, Carrol. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, hc, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Pattison; vhc, Carter. NOR. YELL.: 1, Crosling; 2, Allan and Richmond; 3, Carrol; 4, Brownless. BUFF: 1, 3, Crosling; 2, vhc, Holland and Grainger; 4, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Carter; c, Allan and Richmond. A.O.V. Can. 1908: 1, Todd and Son, Cinnamon; 2, Rutherford and Bright, Crest. MULE OR HYB. 1908: 1, Todd and Son, Goldie-Mule. GOLDFINCH ETC. BRIT. 1, Foster; 2, c, Moss. GREENFINCH: 1, Foster; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Todd and Son; 4, C, and A. Moss. LINNET: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Holland and Grainger; 4, Foster. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Carter, Chaffie; 2, C. and A. Moss, Bramble, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Todd and Son, 1 Redpoll, 2 Siskin, hc Redpoll; 3, Carter, Redpoll; vhc, Gregory, Redpoll. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, 4, Foster, 1 Wheatear, 4 Yellowhammer, 2, Rutherford and Bright, Hawfinch; 3, vhc, hc, Todd and Son, 3 Greenfinch Mule, vhc, Linnet Mule, hc, Yellowhammer; c, Heslehine, Linnet Mule.—P. M. CARTER, Assistant Secretary.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

At the Young Bird Show held on July 9th, the entries, though small in number, were excellent in quality, and some splendid birds. Their mark at the autumn show. There was no competition in the Champion classes, but Mr. Hodgson and Peter exhibited some nice Norwich and Yorkshires respectively by Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOVICE SECTION: NOR YELL. (2): 1, 2, Harper, 3, Abson, vhc, hc, Cowery. BUFF (2): 1, Harper; 2, Pawley, 3, hc, Hadley, vhc, Conrad, c, Gregory. MULE OR HYB.: Very fine Greenfinch Canary, shown by L. Simants. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Abson; 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, Simants. LINNET (4): 1, Simants, 2, vhc, Collard; 3, Abson. FED POLL (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Collard. BRIT. BIRDS (1): Simants, (3): 1, Simants, fine Chaffinch; 2, Abson, Greenfinch; 3, Conrad, Greenfinch.—F. W. HARER, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

The Members' Show was held on July 11, at the Butchers' Arms. A good number of first-class birds were staged. Mr J. Holroyd awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction.

Open Section:—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bentley; BUFF: 1, 3, Hiller; 2, Self; 4, Waterworth, vhc, Bentley; hc, Hartley. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Self; 2, Bentley; 4, vhc, Lister; hc, c, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, Waterworth; 2, hc, Hartley; 3, 4, vhc, Young. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Bentley. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, 3, Young. Novice Section.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Gibson. BUFF 1, Kitchen; 2, 3, Whitaker; 4, hc, Gibson; vhc, c, Dobson. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Whitaker; 2, Oliver; 4, hc, Dobson; vhc, Gibson; c, Rawnsley. BUFF: 1 hc, Gibson; 2, Dobson; 3, Kitchen; 4, vhc, Oliver. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Snead; 2, Kay; 3, Dobson. BUFF: 1, Kay; 2, Snead.—J. HOLROYD, sec.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual First Feather Show was held on July 11th. The show was opened by Councillor A. Barrett, supported by Mr. H. Turner, both vice-presidents, Mr. James Perry, president, in the chair. An entry of 74 birds had been received, and these were ably judged by Messrs. F. W. Nelson (Canaries) and Mr. James Law (Britisb Birds and Mules). Specials for best bird in show and most points were won by Mr. R. Schofield.

YORKS. CL. YELL (7): 1, Howarth, 2, 3, Schofield; 4, Meadowcroft. BUFF (11): 1, Howarth; 2, Taylor; 3, Pregnell; 4, Schofield. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Howarth; 2, Taylor; 3, Ridings; 4, McNabb. BUFF (9): 1, Pregnell, 2, Howarth; 3, Schofield; 4, Meadowcroft. CINN. TKD. ETC. BUFF (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, Ogden. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Howarth. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Schofield; 3, Howarth. LIZARD OR MULE (4): 1, 2, Schofield, 3, 4, Lee. EXHIBITION (7): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Ridings. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (4): 1, 4, Ogden; 2, Taylor; 3, Howarth. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 4, McMurdo; 3, Schofield. LINNET (7): 1, 4, McMurdo; 2, 3, Perry. A.O.S. (5): 1, Mooney; 2, 3, McMurdo; 4, Waddington.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

A very successful First Feather Show was held at 55, High-street, Dover, on July 8th. An excellent and promising lot of young birds were staged, all of which reflected great credit upon their owners. Upwards of 70 birds were on view, all the property of the Dover members of the Association, the County members evidently not caring to run the risks of a railway journey for youngsters. The management was in the hands of the local committee, Messrs. Campanny and E. C. Rayner being the chairman and vice-chairman respectively. The weather turned out wet in the afternoon, which, no doubt, affected the "gate," but a goodly number of admission tickets had been previously sold by the members.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Eade; 3, Sanderson. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Eade; 2, Rayner. YORKS. CL.: 1, Reeve; 2, 3, 4, Johnson. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Johnson. BORD.: 1, 2, Lockett. LIZARDS: 1, Heritage; 2, Austen. HYBRIDS: 1, Ward. GOLDFINCHES: 1, Ward; 2, Stokes; 3, Austen; 4, Eade. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Rayner; 2, Stokes; 3, Ward; 4, Langley. CANARIES, ANY AGE: NOR: 1, 3, Eade; 2, Sanderson; 4, Reeve. YORKS. 1, 3, Campanny; 2, Reeve; 4, Rayner. CRESTS AND C.B.: 1, 2, Campanny.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

The First Feather show was held in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook, on July 11th. There was a very good entry, 151 in all. The hall was nice and comfortable, and well lighted. The staging was arranged along each side of the hall, and was covered with green baize, making the place attractive, besides setting the birds off to the best advantage. Mr. Thomas Robson judged the Canary section, and Mr. James Maddison the British and Foreign bird sections. There were a lot of promising young Canaries. The society gave a Challenge Cup for the best bird in the show, and Mr. Robson selected a clear buff Norwich, owned by J. M. Macdonald, while Mr. Maddison selected a red-headed Gouldian Finch for his best exhibit. As the judges failed to agree, it was decided to leave the matter over for the present. For the Crest and Crest-bred sections there were also some good youngsters. The Yorkshire section will have to make progress to reach the Southern standard. Borders are making great strides in this district. In the British bird section there were some real good ones, and the Foreign bird section proved a great attraction, the exhibits reflecting great credit on their respective owners. Mr. A. J. Haggie, president, was present, and took a great interest in the show.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, McGinn; 2, hc, Lowery; 3, Ryles; vhc, hc, Fletcher. BUFF (24): 1, Macdonald; 2, hc, McKay; 3, McGinn; vhc, Holden and Todd; c, Smith. CREST (10): 1, 3, Currah and Son; 2, M. Peel; vhc, Scott; hc, Macdonald; c, Crawhall. C.B. (9): 1, Hutchinson; 2, hc, Currah and Son; 3, Heslop; vhc, Macdonald; c, Allison. YELL. CINN: 1, Kirkpatrick. BUFF (2): 1, Roy; 2, Kirkpatrick. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Anderson; 2, Grieve; 3, hc, Allison; vhc, Crawhall, c, Tomlinson. BUFF (11): 1, Tindale; 2, hc, Grieve; 3, vhc, Allison; c, Tomlinson. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Currah and Son; 2, Young; vhc, hc, c, Hawkins. BUFF (13): 1, 2, vhc, Currah and Son, 3, Macdonald; hc, c, Hawkins. SCOT. FCY. BUFF (2): 1, Harvey. hc, c, Hawkins. SCOT. FCY. BUFF (2): 1, Ronald; 2, Slack. GOLD-MULE DARK (2): 1, Ronald; 2, Slack. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Shepherd and Son, Bullfinch; 2, Bertram, Goldfinch; 3, Storey, Goldfinch; vhc, c, Slack; hc, Appleby; GREENFINCH (4): 1, Storey; 2, Irving; 3, Bertram; vhc, Slack. LINNET (6): 1, Curry; 2, Irving; 3, Kent; vhc, Bertram; hc, Robson; c, Birkett. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Hutchinson, 1 Bramblefinch, 2 Chaffinch; 3, Slack; vhc, Storey. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Taylor, 1 Redpoll, 3 Twite; 2, Slack; vhc, Shepherd and Son; hc, Hutchinson; c, Heslop. GOLDFINCH, ETC. FOR. (3): 1, Slack; 2, Taylor; 3, Robson. FOR. (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Mackenzie; 3, c, Petterson.—J. G. HUTCHINSON.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, 12, Launder Terrace, Grantham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons, Lizards, Speciality. Life practical experience.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 30 years experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, 8, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30, years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

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W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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CAMBRIDGE MAMMOTH SHOW.

Bank Holiday, August 3, 1908.

Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Judge: John Robson, Esq. Good Classification. Challenge Cups and Specials. State section required. W. DRIVER, Hon. Sec., 17, Sussex Street, Cambridge.

DOWNEND SHOW, 25th An. Aug. 4, 1908. P., P., R., C., C., M. & C. B. Judge, T. J. Ambrose. C.B.U. Rules. Schds. Secs. Institute, Staple Hill, Bristol.

DAWLEY Horticultural, Fur and Feather Show. August 5th, 1908. Open Classes for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage-Birds. Numerous Specials. Judge, A. J. Gladwin, Nottingham. Entries close July 25th, 1908. Schedules from DAVID BOWEN, Chapel Street, Dawley, Salop.

HORFIELD 19th Annual Show, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, AUGUST 5. Popular Judges; good specials; schedules from C. SHIPP, Hon. Sec., 85, Berkeley Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

GLYNLLIVON Fan. Show, Aug. 8th, 1908. Nor. P.H.; Bdr. Fan.; Can. A O.V.; Brit. or For. A.V.; York.; Brit. Gold.; Mule or Hyd.; Ent. Fee 1/-. Prizes, 1st. 5/6, 2nd., 3/6, 3rd., 1/-. Cups & Spec. Judge, E. D. Owen, Esq. W. Winnard, Hon. Sec., Glynllivon Park, Carnarvon.

TROON & LOANS (Ayrshire) Ann. show of P'lty, Pgs., & C.B. on Aug. 20. Ent. close, P. & Pg. Aug. 22. C. B. Aug. 26. Sch. ready. J. FERGUSSON, Sec., Titchfield Cotg., Troon.

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Epworth.—July 25. W. E. Burrows.
Dawley.—July 25. David Bowen, Chapel Street.
Crook. (Original), July 21. A. Bowes, 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Co. Durham.

TWITTERINGS.

I received the memorandum forms safely, writes Mr. J. Hayes (Blackburn). I think they are very neat in appearance and reasonable in price.

The Dudley and Dis. C.B.S. have engaged Mr. J. Robson to judge at their grand open show on January 20th, 1909, writes Mr. J. J. Mullett, the sec.

A table show will be held on July 25th, at 6 p.m., when the judge will be Mr. Doolan, writes Mr. C. Irvine, sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S. Fanciers and friends are invited

The Avonbridge O.S. will hold their fifth annual show, writes Mr. Peter Gentleman, the sec., on October 31st, and the committee have appointed Mr. Golan Hislop (Stirling), to judge cage birds.

Mr. F. Vose has resigned the secretaryship of the St. Helen's O.S., writes Mr. R. Gebbie, the assistant sec., and Mr. A. Goodall, of 73, Corporation Street, St. Helen's, has been appointed in his stead.

We have received a catalogue of goods supplied by Mr. J. Hayes, of 170, Wensley Street, Blackburn. Those wishing for bird-cages and other items of bird-room furniture will do well to write for a price-list.

The meeting of the Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. called for July 18th, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, the hon. sec., has been postponed until July 25th, owing to the Durham Miners' meeting being held on the former date.

OBITUARY.

Mr. D. HOPE (Hull).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley (Hull), that I have to inform you of the sudden death of that well-known Hull fancier, Mr. D. Hope, at the early age of 42. The sad event occurred on July 9th, after a brief illness from pneumonia extending over some nine days. He leaves a widow and eight children. Mr. Hope had held every office possible in the City of Hull C.B.S., being chairman at the time of his death. He was also one of the founders of that society. The members will miss his genial face and his helping hand, and he was always ready to give a fancier a lift both with stock and with advice. He was a well-known exhibitor at all the Northern and Midland shows, the Crests and Norwich Canaries staged by him being very popular winners. The funeral took place on July 13th, and was largely attended. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths were those from the Hull C.B.S., the Grimsby O.S., the Grimsby and Dis. C.B.S., and the York C.B.S.

An inclusive fine of 2s. 10d. each was imposed at the Ware Sessions on July 3rd on three lads for unlawfully having in their possession a Kingfisher, and for killing young birds which they had previously taken from the nest.

The address of our Preston member, writes Mr. S. Hadwin, sec. of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Canary Club, is given in our official report as 69, Lewis Street. This is wrong; it should be 69, Newton Street, Deepdale, Preston.

Customers please note that Ramsden's premises will be closed next week-end, July 24th, Friday to Tuesday. All wanting Ramsden's Pure Peppers for delivery next week are respectfully requested to send their orders at once.—(ADVT.)

Fanciers will kindly note that entries for the Crook Original C.B.S. Open Young Stock Show close on July 21st, writes Mr. A. Bowes, the hon. sec. Fifteen classes for cage birds are provided, and Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby), will judge. The show is to be held under C.B.U. rules.

We are holding a table show of young birds for novices only, at headquarters, White Swan, on July 18th, writes Mr. Chas. Draper, sec. of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Mr. E. Noakes will judge. Birds are to be staged by 3 o'clock.

The Gt. Horton O.S. and the Wibsey O.S. have arranged to play a cricket match this Saturday, July 18th, in Wibsey Park, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the sec. of the former society. We commence at 3 p.m. After the match there will be a pie supper at the "Horse and Groom."

Owing to the death of our chairman, Mr. Hope, writes Mr. F. F. Potter, hon. sec. of the City and Hull C.B.S., our annual half-day Nest Feather show, fixed for July 11th, had to be postponed until this Saturday, July 18th. Messrs. W. Clews (Grimsby), and F. Medley (Hull), are the judges.

Mr. James T. Dewar has, we hear, been again asked to judge at the annual show of the "De Arend" Society at Antwerp, and also to preside and distribute the prizes. This society is now in its 57th year, and is one of the two now remaining in the country of which Mr. Dewar is President d'honour.

The Inverness O.A. have decided to hold their annual First Feather show, writes Mr. E. Todd, jun., at the Mission Hall, Washington Court, on July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Two handsome medals, presented by the president, are up for competition. The judge will be Mr. J. Young. Admission to the show is free.

The judges for our annual show, to be held on December 10th, 11th, and 12th, writes Mr. R. Gebbie, the assistant sec. of the St. Helen's O.S., are Messrs. J. F. Hills and H. W. Battye.

Mr. J. North, writes Mr. W. J. Jones, hon. sec. of the Isle of Thanet F.S., will judge the cage bird section at our annual show on Nov. 4th and 5th.

The Crook (original) C.B.S. Young Stock Show will be held on July 25th, in the Mechanics' Hall, Crook, at 1.30. A review of the schedule appears in another column.

In connection with the proposed Federation of London societies, writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the sec. pro. tem. I have circularized 30 London societies. It has been a difficult matter to obtain the necessary particulars of these societies in order that I might write to them on the subject; and even now I am not certain whether I have written to all. So that if any have been inadvertently overlooked and they will kindly communicate with me at 142, Fernhead Road, Maida Hill, W., I shall be pleased to send them particulars of the proposed Federation.

"British Birds," the illustrated monthly magazine devoted to birds on the British list (published by Witherby and Co., price 1s.), has, judging by the July number, achieved a success, and come to stay. It is invaluable to all interested in the wild life of our British birds, and who desire to be informed of the latest facts acquired in the field concerning them. The present number contains articles on the identification of Ducks' eggs, on the more important additions to our knowledge of British birds, and on early British ornithologists. It is adequately illustrated, and the pages devoted to "Notes" are particularly interesting.

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The Biter Bit.

On Monday last Mr. W. Jones, of West Ham, called at this office with a cage containing the body of a favourite Chaffinch of his which had had its head dismembered from it by a mouse and deposited in the drinker. There could no question as to mice having been the cause, not only of this bird's death but of those of several others which have annoyed Mr. Jones, for the mouse in this instance had fallen a victim to its own manœuvres and was stretched full length across the drinker, its tail at the thick end twisted round one of the wires of the cage, and at the tapered end securely wedged in between the cage-front and the drinker. Apparently, having killed the bird, the mouse had made an attempt to get it out of the cage through the drinker-hole, and to enable it to lift the bird, it had purposely twisted its tail round the wire. That of itself, however, would never have fixed the mouse; the mischief lay in the fact that, stepping on to the drinker, it had so shifted it as to wedge the vital end of its tail. And the more the mouse struggled the more securely was its tail wedged. Had it had the sense to go backwards instead of forwards, it would have released its tail and would have got safely away, even at the expense of losing its prize. The mouse when discovered was, we understand, permitted to struggle for several hours before being killed.

Green Canary Association.

A special meeting will be held on July 23rd at 3 o'clock, in the Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. The allotting of patronage for the season will be the principal business. Before this is considered, however, the following notices of motion will be dealt with:—By Mr. Habs. "That we do not give patronage to shows giving less than 4 money prizes." By Mr. Fisher, "That we give patronage to Dulwich and Peckham and a few other Southern shows." By Mr. Isaac. "That only those guaranteeing to show at at least 3 shows shall vote on the question of patronage." Note: In the event of Mr. Isaac's motion being carried, those members who reside at a distance and who intend showing at not less than 3 shows may send their votes to me in writing before July 23rd, and such votes will be counted for the various shows. By Mr. Bretherton, "That instead of Norwich Green show cages being flat in colour, they shall have a little brightness in them." The following shows have applied for patronage and are grouped in weeks. Note: only one show in each week can receive patronage. Shows: Oct. 11th and 12th, Great Harwood; Oct. 23rd and 24th, Accrington, Derby, Newcastle, and Rochdale; Oct. 30th and 31st, Manchester; Nov. 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, Morecambe, Dulwich and Peckham, and Liverpool; Nov. 13th and 14th, Preston and Warrington; Nov. 20th and 21st, Wigan, Whitehaven, and Bradford West; Nov. 28th, Sale; Dec. 4th and 5th, Harrogate and Altrincham; Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th Welsh National, Pendleton, Gateshead, and St. Helens; Dec. 18th and 19th, Widnes; Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, 1909, Scottish National; and Feb. 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th, 1909, Palace. —S. HADWIN, sec.

THE SENSATIONAL DISQUALIFICATION AT A LONDON SHOW.

Exhibitors Disqualified and Expelled.

Last week we published a report of a sensational happening at the City and Suburban Young Bird Show, on July 4th, when a firm of noted London exhibitors of Norwich Plainheads had two birds disqualified for alleged staining. To consider this matter a meeting of the Council of the society was called for Friday last, July 10th, at which Messrs Cooper Bros., the exhibitors implicated, were requested to attend, to offer an explanation of the incident. The judge, Mr. J. Robson, was also present; likewise the two birds, which had been in the custody of the secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, since the day of the show.

Mr. P. G. Cooper came on behalf of the firm, and, as was foreshadowed by us last week, did not deny that the birds were stained. He pleaded strongly for leniency to be extended to his brother, Mr. B. J. Cooper (the other partner in the firm), averring that he knew nothing whatever of the staining, for which he himself (Mr. P. G. Cooper) accepted full responsibility. He said that his brother had left for the show-room with a case containing the four exhibits for the Clear class; that he himself then went into their bird-room to get the four entered for the Marked class, but could not find satisfactory birds to compete therein; that he then yielded to sudden temptation, and "marked" two birds with a pen dipped in ink. He regretted doing so very strongly. It was not, he said, done with any intention to defraud, but to keep a promise made to the secretary to enter a certain number of birds for competition. Mr. Cooper was asked by a member of the Council why, in that case, the birds were not entered in the Clear class, in which they were entitled to compete?

In the end the Council decided that the judge's decision must, of course, be accepted, and they could draw no distinction in guilt as between the two partners; therefore, in accordance with the rules of the association, Messrs. P. G. and B. J. Cooper must be expelled from the society, and all prizes won by their birds at the show in question be forfeited. The decision of the Council was confirmed at a meeting of the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B., held on Monday evening, July 13th. As the association is affiliated with the Cage Bird Union, the case, we understand, will also go before that body.

A peculiar feature of this unfortunate business was the statement made by Mr. P. G. Cooper before the Council that it "was known in the showroom the night before the show that we were exhibiting two birds which had been artificially marked." This statement was denied. We heard that the following incident actually occurred, however.

When Mr. Cooper brought in the birds, and they were being unpacked, an official of the society remarked to him: "Have you been newly painting your cages? There seems to be some dirt or something on this bird"—the observation having reference to the mark on the side of the head (cheek) seen on one of the birds afterwards disqualified. Mr. Cooper at once took this bird out of its cage, showed it to the afore-mentioned official, and, as he ruffled the plumage near the mark with a lead pencil, said something to the effect that he (the official) could now see that it was a mark on the bird's plumage. The official, of course, thought that he had been mistaken in assuming it at first glance to be "dirt" of some kind (the hall being but dimly lighted at the time).

And so the matter naturally ended. Next morning, however, after the judge's fateful decision had been made known, the incident recurred to him vividly enough.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held at the Prince Albert Inn on July 12th, when there were 10 Linnets to compete. Result: 1 Sellers, 2 Stead, 3 Bryan. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Jackson.—W. BEAN, Secretary.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet S.A. held an All England Contest on July 11th, at Vauxhall Inn, when Mr. F. Howson gave four good prizes: 1 and 4, Pickering, 2 Topping, and 3 Marsden.

WIGAN.

The Wigan L.C. held their first club match on July 11th, when 28 birds rang for six valuable prizes, three for quality and three for time. Judges for quality, Messrs. Jump and Jones. Thackeray, Moores, Wilkin and Strotham. Quality winners: 1 Jones, 2 Willingan, 3 Howard. Time: 1 Neil, 2 Brimelow, 3 Bradshaw. A. PARKIN, Secretary.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

In this list the secretaries' names and addresses are given.

* Under the rules of the C.P. Union.

Aug. 1.—**Runcorn and Dis. O.S.** C. Hardy, 10, Arthur-st.)

*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Rowe, 9, Ranelagh-rd.), R.J.H.

*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham & Dis. C.B.A.** (S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser-rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.). J.H., and A.S.

*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Watson, 6, Kirkgate). J.H.R.

*Oct. 3.—**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.** (E. Tams, Church-st.).

*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** (H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln-rd.). J.R., J.W.S., and W.J.B.

*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Quantrell, 47, Market-st.) C.A.H., and J.P.

*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd.). W.V., and W.M.

Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place). T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P. McQ.

*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S.** (Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas). T.H.

Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** (F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-rd., Fulham-rd.). A. Pitt, and J.R.

*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Hayle and Dis. F.A.** (W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows). G.G. and C.F.

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** (J. Stringer, 27, James-st.). J.H.R. and C.H.

Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.** (A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.)

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard** (H. Marshall, 41, Truman-st.). W.V., M.N.

Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B. F.A.** (R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace). W.M.

Oct. 17.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.** (J. Ford, Normand-place). D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.

*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottages). W.P.B., A.B.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.). C.A.H., J.R., H.N.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Crowston, 9, Chantrey-lane). J.H.R., and F.My.

Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables).

Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley). J.C.B.

*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.).

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpett, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.). T.McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 29, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.

*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B., and J.R.

*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.

Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.

*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B.

Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., F.A.L.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whitby-rd., Fallowfield).

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.). J.R.

Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J.Hn., J.McL., and P.P.

Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Hy., J.Mn.

*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R.R., W.V., and C.H.

*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W.H.S.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.).

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idaho, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent). J.N.

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhouse, 123, High-st.)

*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 143, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., T.T., A.G., and L.J.A.

*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Craven, 37, Whingate-avenue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.

*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.), C.H. and A.W.

*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.

*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.). T.D. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (C. Draper, 1a, Wilton-st.).

*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.

*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Bodmin).

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown).

*Dec. 1 and 2. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.H.

*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.

*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**

Dec. 4 and 5. **Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**

*Dec. 5. **Altrincham C.B.S.**

*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.

*Dec. 9. **Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.

Dec. 9. **Cupar and Dis. O.S.**

Dec. 9.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.

*Dec. 10.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.**

*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**

*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S,** J.R., G.B.W., & J.B.E.

Dec. 10, 11, 12. **St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.

Dec. 10. **Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12. **Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.

Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**

Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**

Dec. 12. **Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.

Dec. 12.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wm., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.

Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**

*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.**

Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.

*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**

*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9. **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)

(For Secretaries' addresses see last week's list.)

CLUB REPORTS.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A meeting took place at headquarters, the Church Institut, 60, Paddington-street, July 13th, Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Mr. R. Stevens was elected a member, and the following were nominated:—Messrs. R. B. King, Willesden Junction; H. W. Walker, Battersea; and R. Horsey, East Sheen. Letters were read from Mrs. Clark, Messrs. Horsey, Prior, Matthes, Spratts, Francis, and the secretary of the C.B.U. A vote of sympathy was instructed to be conveyed to Mr. Prior on his illness. The payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes won at the recent young bird show took place. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Page, Messrs. A. W. Curtis, A. Head, J. Hawes, W. Sanders, W. Shepherd, and G. Morrison for assistance at the show was passed. By a unanimous vote it was decided that the essay competition upon "Birds I Have Kept," to take place on September 14th, shall be decided by a vote of the members present, the prizes for same being a gold, silver, and bronze medal respectively. The chairman reported the result of the Council meeting, called in consequence of the judge (Mr. J. Robson) disqualifying two Canarics at the recent young bird show for stanling, stating that there was a full meeting, and that Mr. P. G. Cooper was present. The meeting was of 2½ hours' duration, and they heard statements from Mr. Cooper (who admitted the staining) and Mr. J. Robson. The chairman then read Show Rule 1 and General Rule 17. He afterwards went on to say that Mr. P. G. Cooper made a strong appeal on behalf of his brother, but the Council could see no reason to separate the two, and had no option but to expel. The vote was unanimous, and the decision of the Council is final. The revised rules for the proposed Federation of Societies for London and District were then considered, and with the exception of the addition of "All pair and young bird shows excluded." in the definition of a novice, was confirmed as read. It was carried that we join the Federation. A vote of thanks to the delegates (Messrs. R. L. Crisp and A. C. Burn, coupled with the name of Mr. P. Adamthwaite, who is also a member of the Association) was heartily accorded. Messrs. A. C. Burn and P. Adamthwaite replied, and spoke of the scheme, how it originated, and to what dimensions it had grown.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

WESTWICK WARD (NORWICH).

Under the presidency of Mr. J. Baldwin (says *The Eastern News*), the members of the Westwick Ward B.B.S. met at their club house, the Prince of Wales' Feathers, St. Benedict's, to hear an address from Mr. Frank Schulen, who at a previous meeting promised to give them his experience of colour-feeding, so successfully carried out by him for the past 20 years. He stated that with every pound of cool food he used with it a quarter pound of hot Natal, mixing a quarter pound of best brown sugar. This, with bread crumbs and egg he always made up over night, rubbing the preparation well together. He believed in starting feeding young birds at the age of eight weeks, by carefully giving them the feed, as by this method they ate it much better; then, gradually increase the colouring. Old birds could be commenced with much stronger food. Mr. Schulen said that he believed in small portions of mixed seeds being given the birds, especially linseed, as it promoted a glossiness in the feather. Maw seed might also be given with the colour-food occasionally, but not scalded rape seed, as it had a tendency towards making the preparation sour. He did not believe in removing the Canary seed from the birds as, if the preparation was made up well with egg, there was not occasion for it. The frequent use of a little of Parrish's Chemical Food in the water was another good thing, and also a small portion of sulphate of iron in the water at the latter period of taking the colour feed. He strongly advocated Norwich Canaries, which were in a great measure bred from specimens with a good percentage of green blood in them, and he had no hesitation in urging this principle, as a better result was always obtained by so doing, the birds coming out in much brighter colour. He quoted an instance that happened years ago, in which a specimen came out well that had been so bred. Mr. J. Marrison fed a clear yellow cock, with others, on sweet broken biscuits, mixed with Ramsden's Feed, which he always preferred. The bird in question was sent to the Crystal Palace show of that year and secured Ramsden's gold centre piece medal for the best fed bird in the show. It had been bred in the green, and hence the result.

Owing to the pressure of First Feather Show Reports a number of Club Reports are unavoidably left over.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

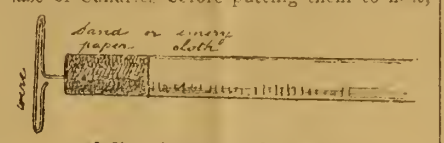
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 223.

A PERCH THAT SERVES A THREE-FOLD PURPOSE.

Sent by J. H. Denton, 40, Granville Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Here is a sketch of a perch which I find to be of great use. I have used one now for two years for my Goldfinch. The bird had a crossed beak, and I have found that the perch saves cutting and handling in such cases; the beak gets worn back to its proper shape in a few day. The perch is also useful in the case of Canaries before putting them to nest,



A Novel and Useful Perch.

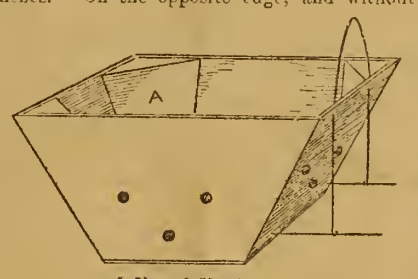
as it saves a lot of eggs, when the hen is "turning" them. Lastly, the perch makes a good red-mite trap. To make the perch, get a piece of wire 5 inches long and bend it to the required shape. Then get a piece of wood for perch, and a piece of fine sand-paper or emery-cloth about 2 inches long by 1½ inches wide, and fasten it on the perch close to the wire in front of the cage. The bird will then soon wear his beak back to its proper shape.—J. H. DENTON.

No. 224.

A NOVEL NEST-BOX.

Sent by F. G. Richards, 27, Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Here is an idea for a nest box that I have found very useful, it being much warmer than the earthenware pans; the eggs and the youngsters are not so liable to get chilled. It is better than a square box in that it conforms to the shape of the nest. And there is no harbour for red-mite at the back, when it is hung up. If set out as under, there should be no difficulty in the making of it. First of all get a piece of board 14 inches long, 2¼ inches wide and ¼-inch thick. Then measure along the edge from left to right, 3½ inches, 2 inches, 4 inches, and lastly 2½ inches. On the opposite edge, and without



A Novel Nest Box.

moving the board, measure ¾-inch, 2 inches, 3½ inches, 2½ inches, and lastly 4 inches. Now draw lines between the points measured, and saw off, and you will have four triangular-shaped pieces of wood, which will form the sides of the nest-box. The 4-inch pieces must be nailed to the 3½-inch pieces. The latter will want bevelling slightly on edge, so as to fit nicely. The bottom is nailed on from underneath. Holes for ventilation can be bored or burnt with a red-hot poker. The wire for hanging is passed through the side, letting it come through about ½-inch from the edge, and is carried down and fixed round the straight pieces, which are driven into sides and carried to the back far enough to make the nest hang level. If the points are sharpened, a slight pressure when hanging up will fix the nest as firmly as possible. The angle pieces A can be left out if thought fit.—F. G. RICHARDS.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Crook (Original), July 25th, Mechanics' Hall. Judge, Mr. T. Hill. 11 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1 (all 1908 bred), Mule 1, Brit. 3, Novice '08 Can. 1, and Sell. 1; and 4 members' classes. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., and 1s. Fee 1s. Entries close July 21st, to A. BOWES, 15, Wilson-street, Crook, Co. Durham.

Ackworth. August 13th.—Ackworth House.—Judge, Mr. W. H. Sylvester. 4 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 2. Fee, 6d. Entries close August 8th to C. PICKERING, Mill-lane, High Ackworth.

Waterhouses, August 1. Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 6 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close July 25th to CHAS. SILLETT, 54, Durham-road, Esh Winning, Co Durham.

Epworth, Aug. 3. Judge, Mr. G. Heaton. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.V. (1908) 1, Brit. 1, and For. 1. Prizes 12s., 6s., 3s. Fee 2s. Entries close July 25, to MESSRS. MAW, BURROWS, AND SNOWDEN, Epworth, Doncaster.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—July [illegible] Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street. C. Table Show of Canaries and Birds. C. Irvine.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 21, Temperance Hall, 8. Syllabus for 1908-9. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—July 21, Round House Inn, 8. Revision of rules.—F. Mitchell.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—July 21, New Inn, Longshoot Road, 8. Arrange dates for Tube Show for next half-year.—W. H. Lacy.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 14, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business important; Members' Show July 25. Judge Mr. J. Hartley (Great Horton).—F. Rhodes.

Civil Service F.A.—July 21, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7.30. Young Stock Show, and lecture by Mr. F. Easterling on "Moulting for Exhibition." Admission free. Special committee meeting on July 20, at "Raglan," 8.30.—A. Watson.

Crook Original C.B.S.—July 20, Crown Hotel, 7. Show business, etc.—A. Bowes.

Darlington C.B.S. July 22, Half Moon, 8. Fixtures for Autumn Shows.—E. Brunskill.

Derby C.B.C.—July 27, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 6. Show and other business.—W. Stevens.

Ealing, Hanwell, and Dist. F.S. July 22, Headquarters. Table Show, all sections. Entries by 5 o'clock previous day.—W. Bird.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist. — July 21, Howard Arms, 8.30. Final meeting before F.F. Show.—F. Greig.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 25, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Lecture at 8 on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. G. R. Ingsworth. Fanciers invited.—H. Schofield.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 25, Crown Inn, 7. Instead of July 18, owing to Durham Miners' Meeting.—A. J. Notley.

Ilford F. and F.S.—July 23, Cranbrook Road, 8. Mr. C. A. House will lecture on "Cage Birds."—A. Webb.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—July 22, 7.45, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, Jarrow. South Shields members please attend.—J. T. Carrick.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—July 18, Ye Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester. 6.30. Settling Club Show, and confirming patronage, etc., for Cup Competition.—J. Rukin.

Liverpool O.S.—July 21, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Discussion on Moulting and Colour Feeding; business re Open Show, relative to voting.—Metcalfe and Hillman.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—July 21. The Roebuck Hotel, 8. Federation affiliation.—H. T. Lucas.

London and Counties O.A.—July 21, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, 8.30. "Should Faking be Legalised?" By Mr. R. L. Crisp.—R. J. Pretty.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Committee Meeting at Bird-in-Hand, 7, July 20.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 22, Railway Hotel, 8. Mr. W. Richmond will lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding." Fanciers invited.—A. Bottomley.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 21, White Swan, 8. Lecture by F. J. McCarter, on "The Norwich Canary." All fanciers interested are invited.—C. Draper.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—July 21, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Friends invited.—R. H. Davies.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — July 25, Crown Hotel, 3. F.F. Show. Friends and fanciers invited; admission free.—A. Wake.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 23, "Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Annual show business. Fanciers cordially invited.—A. J. Head.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—July 18, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. F.F. Show. Birds staged at 2.30. Judge Mr. A. Chew.—R. H. Turner.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 25, Co-operative Hall, Dara Crook, 1. Second Annual Nest Feather Show, five classes. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—T. C. Crawhall.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 18, Holy Trinity Schools, 5-9. Young Stock Show, and Entertainment.—W. Pawley.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—July 18, Bull's Head Hotel, 3. F.F. Show. Birds to be staged by 3. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Judge.—A. E. Morton.

St. Helens O.S.—July 20, George Inn, Water Street, 8. Nest Feather Show details, etc.—R. Gibbic.

South Salford and Dist. C.B.S.—July 22, Ordsall Old Hall, Taylorson Street, Salford.—G. Hawksworth.

Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B.S.—July 25, 6. Table Show; 3 classes each of British and Canarics.—J. Govan.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 20, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Lecture by Mr. Walsh.—R. Bennett.

Tong and Dist C.B.S. — July 18, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Nest Feather Show. Judge Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—J. C. Smith.

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—July 30, Camden Hall, 3. Members' Young Stock Show; all sections.—H. G. Whibley.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S. — July 18, Horse and Groom Inn, 2.30. Cricket match with Great Horton O.S.—E. W. Johnson.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—July 21, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Drawing up of classes for Open Show.—T. Duffield.

Walkley and Dist. Amateur C.B.S.—July 18, White Horse Inn, Crookwick Street, 3. Nest Feather Show. Birds to be staged by 2. Judge Mr. W. Oxley.—C. W. Marshall.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES (continued).

Horfield, Bishopston and Ashley Down (C.B.C.). Aug. 5th. Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell. 10 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, A.V. (1908 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, and four local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close July 25th to C. SHIPP, 17, Bridge-street Bristol.

Downend, Aug. 4. Staple Hill. Judge, Mr. T. G. Ambrose. 8 open classes: Nor 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Bred '08 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close July 28, to PRIDE AND RATHBONE, Institute, Staple Hill, Bristol.

Troon and Loans, August 29th.—Unionist Hall, Troon.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 20 classes: Scots 2, Nor. 2, Eng. 4, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 2, Gilt 1 and Sell 1. Fee, 1/6. Entries close August 26th to JOHN FERGUSON, Titchfield Cottage, Troon.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Peculiar Accident.

Ranji.—The only way I can think of to account for such a strange accident is that the nests must be a good deal too shallow, and the claws also probably much overgrown, so that they take a somewhat semi-circular shape. I can quite understand the hens sitting on the young until they die when the claws get into this position, as it would be a difficult matter for the birds to move about or even stand. I cannot tell how you can prevent it save by seeing that they have a fairly deep cup-shaped nest—not a saucer-shaped one—and trimming the claws to a reasonable length if overgrown. If they are not overgrown, I should imagine they are somewhat deformed in shape, and if the hen is a valuable one for breeding I should, as soon as she has done nesting this year, cut the horny part of the claw off fairly close to the toe with a sharp pair of nail scissors. It would cause rather free bleeding, so have a white hot knitting needle ready to touch the tip of the claw and sear it to stop the bleeding. Do one claw first, and the other in a month or so afterwards.

Non-feeding Borders.

No Name.—You have evidently got hold of a pair of obstinate non-feeders, and I fear nothing you can do will have much effect in bringing them to a sense of parental duty. If the birds are well bred ones, your best plan is to look around for a pair of reliable common feeders due to hatch about the same time, so that you can transfer the young to them if the hen that is next due to hatch again fails to perform her duty. To give her a good chance, treat as follows: Feed the same as you did before, but give only a small quantity of egg-food at a time, and mix the egg with equal parts of crushed sponge cake and bread crumbs instead of biscuit. Two days before the hen is due to hatch give twelve drops of glycerine and two of tincture of quinine in the water for one day only; the next two days, which will be the day before and the same day the young are hatched, give as much bi-carbonate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water. The day before the young are hatched give a spray or two of chickweed, and continue giving each day after a little green-food, either groundsel or chickweed. When the young are four or five days old give a little cracked hemp.

The Trials of a Novice.

A. M. Johnson.—I agree that you have had rather an exciting time for a novice, and it is gratifying to learn that by following advice given in our columns you have attained a certain amount of success through it all. It is not a very uncommon experience for a cock to feed and bring up a brood by himself when they get old enough to begin to leave the nest. But when the hen quite deserted the young at this age, you should have left the old birds together and placed the young in a small nursery cage, and hung it on the front of the breeding cage in such a position that the cock could comfortably feed the young between the wires. This he would have done, and at the same time the hen would have gone on nesting again. The nervous cock that makes such frantic rushes into the nest whilst the hen is sitting, and killed two young ones by such misbehaviour should be removed to a cage by himself after the hen has commenced to sit, to let the hen hatch and bring up the young by herself. Yes, you may quite safely give a bath every day at this time of year, providing you do not use water considerably colder than the normal atmospheric temperature. The young may be allowed to bathe as early as they like. Some birds will begin bathing a little in a day or two after they take to the perches entirely. Very sorry, but I do not know how to make a hen return to her duties after deserting the young. Hundreds of fanciers would be grateful for such knowledge. But it is all too often a case of "if she won't, she won't; and there's an end on't."

Question of Colour.

T.S., Bolton.—Am not sure whether I have deciphered initial correctly. I should prefer mixing only sufficient colour food to last through one season, as there is otherwise a risk of its being spoilt by the oil becoming rancid. But if there is any surplus unavoidably left over the best way to keep it is to place it in a wide-mouthed glass jar, or bottle, of such size that when firmly shaken down the feed will almost or quite fill the vessel, and cork it tightly, and seal it, so as to keep it always air-tight. Keep the vessel in a cool dry place, such as a dry cellar. The great majority of fanciers consider the addition of oil essential for obtaining the best results. It is believed to make the colour more easily extracted and distributed through the system. Personally, like the Scot, "I hae ma doots," and have certainly fed birds with excellent results without the addition of a drop of oil. But if you desire to exhibit during the coming season I would not advise you to risk experiments. Follow the ortho dox plan which you best understand. This last remark also applies to the use of hot pepper. To avoid risk use two ounces to a pound of cold.

Yorkshire Going Blind.

E.H.—You have, I fear, been correctly informed that nothing can be done for the bird. The chances of cure or relief are so remote in these cases, as to be almost nil. Try following ointment, and if this does no good, you may cease worrying the bird with any other treatment. Ask your chemist to make you an ointment composed of half an ounce of spermaceti ointment and six grains of red oxide of mercury. Twice a week gently catch the bird and place a tiny morsel, no larger than the head of a pin, or each eye, one after the other, and hold the bird with the eye upwards whilst the ointment melts and works its way under the eyelid, which you may gently help it to do. Keep the bird in the same cage always, and give it food, water, and a bath, in the same position consistently, and even if it becomes quite blind it will, after a time, find these easily enough, and go about the cage almost as well as when its sight was perfect. See that its claws do not become overgrown, or the cage infested with insects. Give a little quassia in its bath twice a week regularly, as blind birds are very apt to be attacked by insects. By-the-way, the ointment is poisonous, so do not get it about the bird's beak.

Hatching and Laying.

F. Yardley.—1. You certainly did quite right to remove the eggs as laid with the object of getting all the young hatched off the same day. But you appear to have replaced the first three eggs on the fourth day after the fourth egg had been laid. This was wrong. You should have replaced the three eggs in the nest on the evening of the third day. The reason one of the eggs hatched a day later than the other three was probably that it was the first laid, and was beginning to get a little stale when set, so that the germ was weaker, and developed more slowly in consequence. 2. Many cases occur where a hen lays an abnormally small egg at the end of a clutch. The fact that one of her normal eggs was found broken on the cage floor the day previously would have no bearing whatever upon the matter. It was a mere coincidence. The broken egg had probably been dragged out of the nest accidentally. The small egg was also probably broken accidentally and crushed in the bottom of the nest: hence the disappearance. If the birds had eaten this they would probably have treated all alike.

Weak on Legs.

A. Parker.—In the absence of all knowledge as to how the bird has been fed I cannot give any definite reason for its being so weak on legs. It may be due simply to an overfed condition. Try following treatment, and if the bird is not better in a fortnight or so write again, and say how you feed and treat it. Every second day for a week give six drops of syrup of buckthorn in its drinking water, and during the second week five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the intervening days four drops of tincture of steel. Feed plainly; give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, and a few sprays of chickweed or tender groundsel tops daily.

Tailing Yorkshire.

"Dickie Sam in Wales."—It is not an uncommon practice to pull the tail feathers of young Yorkshire out to get a little increase of length. A similar practice applicable to flight as well as tail is not unknown for the purpose of getting the new feathers affected by the colour food. The process is known as tailing and flighting, and as I consider it is objectionable from a humane point of view, and of little practical utility, I would not advise you to pursue it. However, if you are determined to do it, the best time from every point of view is about a week or thereabouts after the bird has started to cast its feathers freely. I would say pull two feathers at a time at intervals of three days, each time taking the outermost feather on each side of the tail. Am afraid your fancier friend just a trifle overshot the mark in saying you would get a quarter of an inch extra length. You may rely upon something extra, but do not expect quite so much as that.

Young Birds Dying.

H.W.B.—This is quite an old friend at this season. If you had looked through a few back numbers you would have found quite a number of replies which would have fit your case. I think most of your trouble is in giving too much green food of an unsuitable kind, and an injudicious selection of seed. Adopt following method after the young leave their parents, and you will soon find matters improve. Give an unlimited supply of plain Canary seed uncrushed. In a separate vessel give a little dry rape not crushed, a little crushed Canary, and an equal bulk of cracked hemp. Only lightly crack the hemp; do not crush it. Give this fresh daily and only in small quantities. In another vessel give a little fresh egg food daily. As soon as you notice the birds are eating a little crushed seed, begin to decrease the quantity of egg food, and when you see they are cracking the whole Canary seed, begin to drop off the egg, reducing the quantity to about half a teaspoonful per bird, and then withholding it altogether for a day, ultimately giving a teaspoonful per bird twice a week, or an equal amount of bread and milk as an alternative. Also cease cracking the seed as soon as the birds are cracking Canary quite freely themselves, and give instead a tea-spoonful of dry rape twice a week, and a similar quantity of hemp as often. For green food give a small spray of chickweed, or top of groundsel, or a few plantain stalks daily after the birds have been on seed a short time. But do not give any green food for at least a week after the young are taken from their parents.

Birds Moulting.

A.A., East Ham.—I have not the least doubt your bird's condition is due to one of two common causes—either exposure to draught or chill, or great variations in temperature. You will not do any good at all with them until the cause, whatever it may be, is removed. I would advise you to begin treatment by removing them to another room where the temperature is equable, and where they will be quite free from draught. Then feed them on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, as a staple. Give in addition a pinch of maw seed every second day, and on alternate days first a small piece of bread dipped in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it, and the next time a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a little green food daily. Add to the drinking water for the first week a few shreds of saffron every second day, and on alternate days five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and two of tincture of gentian. After the first week drop this, and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus every second day in the water until the wheezing is removed. Shake this mixture well together. Red mite are certainly very harmful to such birds as yours. Repeat the scalding of the cage several times at intervals of a week, and add a teaspoonful of strong essence of quassia to each pint of water. Also give the birds a tepid bath twice a week, in which a few drops of the essence has been added. Do not attempt to breed any more this year.

Not Fertilising Eggs.

W.H.—You have been rather overfeeding your birds, which may partly account for the cocks not being more vigorous, but the chief cause, I am inclined to think, is that the birds were late hatched ones, and are consequently not so fully matured as they might be. A better staple diet than the one you have been giving would be three parts Canary to one part summer rape, with half a teaspoonful of hemp every second day when preparing for breeding only, discontinuing both the hemp and egg food when the hens were sitting. As you have already had three or four nests off each pair I should strongly advise you not to allow them to nest again, as by so doing you will spoil all your chances of success for next year, whereas by separating them now and feeding them judiciously through the winter they may do well next season, as the cocks will then be fully matured.

Is it an Early Moult?

G. Oxley.—If the bird commenced by dropping its long flight and tail feathers it is undoubtedly its natural moult which has begun early. But in any case you should not try to stop it, as if it moults completely now it will not moult again this year. As it is already dropping feathers it is useless to begin colour feeding now even if you wished to do so. The only treatment is to guard against all draughts and chills, and in addition to its usual seed diet give a pinch of maw seed every second day, a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and a few grains of linseed twice a week. When the bird has nearly done casting feathers begin to give a dose of fifteen drops of chemical food in the water three times a week, and continue giving it until the bird is in fine plumage. Give a little chickweed daily, and a bath as often as it will make use of it.

Bald Crest.

Anxious Novice.—You need have no fear whatever about your Crested cock Canary becoming bare at the back of its head. Many Crested birds, and especially cocks, are apt to become a little bald towards the end of the breeding season, and in most cases the bird's mate is directly responsible for the loss of feathers. This is assuming the bird's headgear was all right in the spring. The moulting season, which will be here very soon, will remedy these little blemishes, and you will find the crest reproduced in its former condition. Sometimes, however, Crests have naturally a bald patch just at the back of the crest, and if yours is one of these birds, and you did not happen to notice the baldness until a few more feathers had been lost to force it upon the attention the amount of natural baldness will still remain after the moult is over. No treatment will remedy this defect. It is a natural defect which breeders would be only too pleased to see the last of.

Whose Charms Grow Less.

"Roller."—Your bird which has been such a lovely singer, but has now begun to ease off, and take forty winks a time or two in the day, is doubtless just going to cease charming you altogether for a time. It is clearly dropping into the moult, and will probably lose its voice altogether for a few weeks. Keep its cage in a nice regular temperature, and where it will be quite free from draughts. In addition to staple diet of Canary and rape give a pinch of maw seed every second day, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a spray of chickweed daily, and if available a few of the blooms of nasturtiums or marigolds may be given regularly, and will help the bird to moult out a nice colour. A few shreds of hay saffron may be steeped in its drinking water three times a week for the first three or four weeks of the moult. Then discontinue this, and give instead fifteen drops of chemical food every second day, and on alternate days a few grains of linseed. Give a bath regularly, but see the bird does not get chilled after it. If you carefully follow this treatment, and avoid any chill, the bird should begin to sing again about October.

Hen Plucking Feathers.

T. B. Kaye.—By all means remove the hen from the young, even though, as you say, she does not pluck very badly, but only a feather now and again. Even these few stray feathers will soon amount to a goodly number if it is allowed to go on unnoticed and as it is evident from what you say that the hen is not very keen on nesting again, it would be a big mistake to leave her with the cock and cage off the young. You will do much better to take away the hen, and turn her into a good large flight until she is going in moult, and leave the cock and the young together a week or two longer, as the extra feeding the young will get from the cock will give them a good start in life.

A Slipped Toe.

A New Reader.—You did quite right to put on the rubber ring as described in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL when you saw the hind toe was permanently projecting forward. But you must also attend to the perches and see they are of a proper size and shape, if you are to make a real cure of these cases. When the ring was removed after being on for a few days you should have put rather thin, and almost round, perches in the cage, which would have gone further towards curing the defect than the rings. In fact, I have found numbers of such cases quite cured by this kind of perch being given without any other aid whatever, and believe that mild cases are peculiarly amenable to this treatment. For an ordinary sized Canary the perch should be just a trifle thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. On such a perch the bird cannot feel comfortably easy until the hind claw is in its proper position behind the perch, and will keep shuffling until it gets its claw over the back of the perch prior to settling down for a rest. In this way it is practically compelled to make its own efforts to place the claw backward, and the muscles, or tendons, whichever it should be, are thus exercised and strengthened to act as Nature intended.

Questions About Colour.

W.H.C.—1. Yes, Yorkshires are certainly colour-fed, and you would stand little chance of scoring against fed birds of equal merit with non-fed specimens. 2. A good feed is made of one pound tasteless red pepper, two ounces natal, and four ounces soft sugar, well mixed and blended together. Two tablespoonfuls of the finest salad oil may be mixed with it, if desired, and the whole again thoroughly blended together. Store ready for use in glass or glazed earthenware jars, and keep airtight in a cool dry place. 3. The way to use it is to mix with the ordinary supply of egg-food. To begin with, add two teaspoonfuls of colour to a small teacupful of egg-food, and gradually increase the proportion of colour to four, or if you want the birds very hot, to six teaspoonfuls to a cupful of egg-food after the birds begin to cast feathers; continue giving it this strength until you see the head and neck of the birds moulting, when you must begin to decrease the strength of the food and finish off with the original strength you began with. If you do not require a teacupful of food for use each day, make up what you require in the above proportions, and always be careful to thoroughly blend the colour with the egg-food before giving it, so that it may be evenly distributed and every bird get an equal share. When the birds have finished dropping feathers give a crystal of sulphate of iron about the size of a split pea two or three times a week in the drinking water until the birds are in fine plumage again.

Birds Restless at Night.

"Nemo."—If you took the trouble to examine one of the cages with a light an hour or two after the birds had settled down to roost you would soon discover the cause of the restlessness. The cages are badly infested with red-mites, and you will do well to draft the birds into perfectly clean cages for the moulting season as soon as you can break up all the breeding pairs. Meantime, overhaul the cages as thoroughly as circumstances will permit, and paint all likely harbours about them two or three times a week with fir tree oil, essence of quassia, or any good insecticide you may favour, and give a bath with a few drops of quassia essence in it twice a week.

Brevities.

An Injured Toe ("Var. Crestbred").—Add a teaspoonful of the solution of wych hazel to a saucerful of warm water, and hold foot in this bath for a few minutes twice a day. After carefully drying the foot, rub on gently a slight smearing of boracic ointment, but do not leave on enough to pick up sand and dirt when the bird goes back to cage. If this does not remove the trouble in a week or so, paint the toe once or twice with tincture of arnica.

Hoarseness in Roller (E., Leeds).—Give about half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops cod liver oil emulsion well mixed every second day for a fortnight; at the same time, give a few sprays of chickweed each day. On alternate days add to each ounce of its drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, twelve drops of glycerine, and six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine. Shake all together. A small piece of fat boiled bacon or pork may be placed between wires occasionally after treatment is finished.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Thrush Ailing.

A. Allen.—I should think myself that your Thrush is suffering badly from "indigestion"; barley meal and bread crumbs are bad enough to give it to him. At any rate, they are not calculated to keep him in health and song. You had better by far give him game meal (without grit) moistened with hot water, and mixed into the other food you name. First of all thoroughly cleanse his mouth, nostrils, and throat with warm water, in each breakfasteupful of which a teaspoonful of Condy's fluid has been stirred. Small feathers, or a tiny camel-hair pencil-brush, will be useful to do this with. It should be repeated daily (even twice daily at first), if necessary. No harm will be caused by the bird swallowing any of the diluted Condy's. In every two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much best Epsom salts as will just cover a shilling. Give this for two days; then another dose after a day's interval on plain water. But, above all, put the bird's food right, and add to it daily a teaspoonful of grated raw carrot, or finely-minced lettuce or watercress. You ought to be able to get mealworms, gentles, and blackbeetles, easily enough, if you try.

A Mixture.

Quaker. If you had perused the rules you won'd have seen that queries for different specialists must not be mixed together. Your first question, relating to foreign birds, you must put on a separate piece of paper, and mark it for our Mr. Page. 2: If you mean that your aviary is 3 ft. long by 3 ft. high by 18 inches front to back (you say 3 ft. square by 1 foot 6 in. deep), it would hold about half-a-dozen small seed eaters. But aviaries such as these are more suited for a collection of small foreign birds than for British birds. 3: It is quite natural for your Cuckoo to have two toes in front and two behind. The foot is not deformed, as you seem to think, this being the normal disposition of the toes with this species.

An Indoor Aviary.

Veritas.—Your aviary is not quite wide enough from front to back for my liking. It is 6 ft. long by 4 ft. wide, it would have been greatly improved. Your place will hold 20 to 24 small birds comfortably enough, but it is not much use putting up twelve pairs expecting they are going to breed successfully. Four or five pairs (including Canaries) would be ample if you have an eye to results from their breeding. It will be a mistake to have paper of any kind (varnished or otherwise) on the walls. Put a good coat or two of Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper on the inside, having previously stripped off the paper now on. Any good make of distemper (obtainable from oil and colourmen) is much superior to whitewash, and quite as easy (even easier) to prepare and apply. There is no objection to a thick layer of sawdust (coarse-cut) on the floor, providing food and water vessels are raised away from it, and an adequate supply of good gritty sand maintained. If the sand from the seashore is gathered with discretion, it is admirable for birds, but much of it is too fine (dusty), and requires some sharp grit adding. Some British Finches (Chaffinch, Bramble-finch, Yellowhammer, etc.) delight in a few mealworms now and again, and same are very good for them. Give your seeds separately, and save money. To give a mixture in a large aviary is very wasteful and expensive. At least, let the Canary, teazle, rape, hemp, and sunflower be supplied in separate dishes.

"Meating Off" Nightingales.

T. H. Skelton.—The best way to "meat off" Nightingales, and other Softbills of about the same size, is by means of mealworms—the latter are widely obtainable, unlike certain other live-foods. I presume you know that usually it is necessary to put the bird's cage in a light spot, and cover the cage front with muslin, or white gauze, or similar material, while he gets used to captivity. Also see that the food and water are easily accessible—right under his nose, as it were. Personally, I commence with a supply of not over large mealworms in the food dish; then give a few biggish ones cut in two; then lightly sprinkle these cut mealworms with a good insectivorous food, prepared with a generous admixture of finely-minced hard-boiled (fresh) egg; then I press the cut mealworms well up amongst the food. These are the stages: at the end the bird has become used to taking up some of the insectivorous food (especially particles of the egg), and I then gradually wean him off the mealworms, giving them occasionally only. I hope this will make the process clear to you. It is troublesome while it lasts (if one counts trouble in such matters), and takes a week to fourteen days, according to the disposition of the bird, before it can be termed "well on food." And they need hundreds of mealworms in that time. A few gentles are good, if obtainable and well scoured, while live ants' eggs are splendid. I give a little of both in addition to the mealworms. The cover over the cage can be gradually raised, as the bird becomes used to its new surroundings.

A Muling Matter.

Lintie.—I should think your nest pan is not of the right pattern, if your hen Canary cannot sit on four eggs and cover them properly. Possibly it is too flat at the bottom, so preventing the hen from properly gathering and keeping the eggs underneath her. The best description I can give you is to say that the nest pan should allow of the nest, when built, being shaped at the bottom like the thick end of a hen's egg, the curving rise of the sides keeping the eggs in the centre. If the eggs are not covered, they can't, of course, hatch. From the account you give of the behaviour of the birds I am afraid I cannot hold out any hopes of the eggs being fertile. A cock Linnet is a very fussy "husband" when he takes to a hen. Your method of feeding reads good enough; I have often given my own lately in these columns. I like my eggbread as plainly made as possible. I do not mix maw seed, etc., with it, except under special circumstances. I make it by boiling a fresh egg 12 to 15 minutes, and mincing this up finely with a thin-pronged steel fork in an enamelled mug—the sort of mug I used to take to the "school treats" in my younger days. To this I add (well mixing) two Osborne biscuits, which I have previously reduced to crumbs by the aid of a rolling pin. For one to three-day-old youngsters I do not use much white of eggs, and, consequently, less biscuit; when they are over a week old I use more biscuit, and add a saltspoonful of Plasmon powder. You can please yourself whether you adopt these last-mentioned ideas of mine.

A Thrush and a Linnet.

A. G. Kent.—1: The lack of feathers is curious, but I fancy will be remedied when the young Thrush moults, which should be very shortly now. It might do good if for a few days you gently rubbed on to the bare part a very little of a mild sulphur ointment, which any chemist will supply. Also, until he is through the moult, on alternate days stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in his drinking water, using a glass or pot vessel only while giving this. Get the Parrish's from a good chemist. There can be but little wrong with the youngster, or he would not "sing" so persistently. 2: As the Linnets are used to outdoor life, there is no need whatever for you to take them indoors while they moult. If you do not give hemp seed regularly, you should supply some during the moulting period; also give all the seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, mouse-ear, knot-grass, and similar wild seeds that you can find time to gather. One day in the fields and lanes should produce sufficient to last a week.

A Quintette.

F. C. B.—1: Personally I think you would spoil your aviary if you divided it into four compartments—two would be enough. This has a direct bearing on your question No. 3, inasmuch as the greater the space the birds have for exercise, the less likely are they to need artificial heat. 2: You could put about three dozen small birds in. If you desire to breed, however, the fewer the pairs the better. 3: No artificial heat will be needed providing the aviary is weather and damp proof, and not too exposed to cold winds. It should have some snug corners for the birds to roost in. Canaries stand the winter quite well if bred from healthy, sound-constitutioned stock, and put outside during the summer. 4: Yes; the birds will sing afright, though when occupied with domestic duties the cocks sing less freely than if they were single, and in a cage. 5: You will find the dates and entrance fees of all the shows given in our "Review of Schedules" column. The dates of all the important shows are already appearing in our "Dates Fixed" column (side the centre pages).

An Aviary Matter.

Boyce. It seems to me you might invest in a copy of CAGE BIRDS handbook on Aviaries, etc., with profit to yourself. 1: Assuming your aviary to be 3 ft. from front to back (you do not make this clear) it would hold about 30 small birds with comfort. 2: I cannot answer this question until you let me know whether you want softbills or seed-eaters for your aviary. If you prefer the latter, then you could try any species of Finch or Bunting, or try and get together a representative group of the different kinds. You would find such a collection of very considerable interest. The matter of song and plumage you would find explained in any handbook of British Birds. 4: It is quite impossible to say definitely whether any given birds will or will not breed in an aviary, as they vary so in disposition. Thus one man may have no difficulty in breeding Goldfinches in his aviary, whereas his next-door neighbour may find it a task he cannot get his birds to undertake. You might reasonably expect Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets and Redpolls to breed, providing you do not overcrowd.

Brevities.

Running a Risk (J. Crawshaw).—I suppose you would be, as your friend suggests, "running a risk" in buying a newly-caught Nightingale, it being an offence in the eye of the law to have such a bird in one's possession. But the risk is one almost solely affecting dealers. I don't think it need cause you a single uneasy night, or even a moment's loss of sleep.

Linnet off Song (F. Yardley).—You say your Linnet "looks nice and well," then go on, "but is very sleepy, and sits on perch with flights down." It is difficult to reconcile these two statements. I should advise you to try a little dandelion juice (taraxacum) from the chemist, in its drinking water for four or five days—half a teaspoonful stirred into two tablespoonfuls, fresh daily. Give plenty of sound teazle seed in the stock mixture; also a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily, while ailing.

A Weed (R.C.).—The seeding weed you send is known as "mouse-ear," and is a kind of chickweed, very plentiful just now, and very much liked by captive British seed-eaters of all kinds, likewise Canaries.

A Peppery Subject (A. McInroy).—The way to distinguish between "red tasteless pepper" and "Natal pepper" is to put a little on your tongue. If nothing happens, it is tasteless (or sweet) pepper; if you spit it out quickly, then hop arouud for a time, with tears in your eyes, you will know it is Natal (or hot) pepper. Many vendors offer both kinds for sale in our advertisement columns.

Goldfinch and Linnet Eggs (W. E. Goodale).—You might get both Goldfinch and Linnet eggs (fresh) if you insert in our columns an advertisement offering to buy them. I don't know anyone who "deals in them." I believe I noticed an advertisement some few weeks ago from someone who had them for sale.

Linnet Mules Lost (No Nom-de-plume).—I don't know whether part of your letter has got mislaid, but you do not seem to ask me any definite question. If the Linnet interfered with the feeding operations, you should have removed him at once, and left the hen Canary to go on alone. It is, I agree, unusual for eggs to hatch on the twelfth day of incubation.

Loss of Feathers (H.H.B.).—You cannot do anything between now and Bank Holiday. It would take five or six weeks at least to put matters right. This slight loss of feathers happens to many birds towards the middle of summer, and without any apparent cause. Your Starling will come all right at the moult, which must now be close at hand. Let him have a goodly supply of ripe fruit, also vegetable ingredients in his stock food.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Necessary Change of Diet.

J.A.—Your diet is altogether wrong. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. Diet: two parts Canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seed—well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also give to vary the diet, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), ripe fruit, little boiled potato (without fat or grease), green-food, such as lettuce, green peas etc., as in season. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in cage. Every third day for the next fortnight put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water—strength, four parts of water to one of the magnesia. If its excreta should become watery loose you must stop the aperient till it becomes normal. If it appears weak, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; for directions see reply to "G.R.S." Unless you diet the bird correctly the drugs will be of but little use. If there is any loss of flesh under the changed diet, then twice a week give a little boiled maize; but note, this only keeps fresh one day, and you must guard against stale scraps being left about; the food vessel, too, should be scalded out for each occasion.

Grey Parrot Pulling Feathers.

G.R.S.—In some cases it certainly is vice, arising from ennui, and the remedy is to turn the bird out into a stoutly built outdoor aviary for a time, and bring it in again when the weather sets in really cold, though with a good shelter shed they are hardy enough to weather the winter out of doors. In your case I certainly think the servants have been giving it table scraps, etc., which has brought about a heated condition of the skin. The bird would be much better kept in your regular living-room, where it would see plenty of company and hear plenty of conversation. It will also be a help to supply it with cotton reels to play with. Some chunks off some non-splintery wood to chew up will be enjoyed. Cure is difficult, and always a lengthy and tiresome affair. Give the bird at intervals a few doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in about five times that quantity of water; and let this be the only liquid it has for the day unless the whole has been consumed. Give this so as to keep the bowels freely moving—not watery loose. On other days, that is, when not giving the magnesia, make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue treatment for some time. A little chastisement when it is plucking itself is also desirable. Feeding the bird almost entirely on sunflower seed is likely to aggravate the trouble. Diet as under: Seed mixture, two parts Canary seed and oats, and one part each of wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seed. Well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also give from time to time a change of diet, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), plain biscuits (dry), bread (not buttered), and green food, lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and also grit. The treatment must be persevered with, and success is more likely to be achieved on your own premises, as there is not likely to be any sudden cessation of the treatment; it would be gradual, and there would be less probability of a recurrence of the trouble afterwards. In any case Grey Parrots must not have messes, it always leads to this sooner or later. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, buttered bread, nor any kind of animal food.

Procuring a Parrot.

T.B.—A Grey Parrot is, as a rule, the best talker, though a Blue-fronted Amazon runs it very close. However, a Grey Parrot—that is, a newly-imported bird—is a very risky purchase. The birds come to hand in a very debilitated condition, and many of them with the germs of disease in their systems. Newly-imported birds are worth about 15s., or a little more, according to number on the market, but it is far cheaper to procure one privately even at a much higher price. Good talkers in fine plumage command quite fancy prices. The Blue-fronted Amazon is a hardier species, and consequently a less risky purchase. You may get a newly-imported bird for 10s., but if you want one that has been over here a little time, and can speak one or two words, then you will have to give at least 30s. You will find the diet given in reply to "G.R.S.," but your bird, when procured, should not need any drugs. An ordinary living-room is the best place to keep it in, so that it is free from draught. The changing temperature of a kitchen is most unsuitable. Note other replies in this issue.

Quassia Solution.

E.W.—This can be bought from our advertisers almost as cheap as you can make it. However, when I do make any I get 2 ozs. of the chips, put it in a pannikin with a quart of water, and let it simmer for a good half-hour. When cold it is ready for use. It will be strong enough for you to add sufficient warm water to just take the chill off. A spray is better than a syringe—something similar to what hairdressers use; one good enough can be procured for about 1s. or 1s. 6d. Hold it fairly close to the bird, and quite a small quantity of the solution will soon impregnate the bird's plumage. This is far better than saturating it.

Grey Parrot Losing Feathers.

W.J.E.—Am afraid you cannot have looked carefully into replies in this column, and yet he giving your bird sops and eggs. No wonder the bird is out of condition, and has an irritated skin. The remedy is to diet correctly. Give one or two doses of Parrish's Chemical Food. You will find full directions as to giving these, and also the correct diet, given in reply to "G.R.S.," to which I must refer you. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food. If you diet as advised there should soon be an improvement in your bird.

Sick Amazon.

T. T.—I fear I cannot give you definite help till you inform me how you have been feeding and treating the bird generally. It is not much use giving drugs to the accompaniment of an improper dietary. However, for one day, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in 4 times its bulk of water, and let the bird have nothing else to drink during the day; at any rate till the magnesia water has been consumed. Follow this by making the drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. On receipt of the particulars asked for will reply per return.

A Parrot which Picks Itself.

V. D. Macpherson.—I must ask you to repeat query next week with full particulars as to how you have been dieting the bird, diet having, as a rule, a large bearing in such cases. If you read other replies in this issue, they should help you. In the meantime give your bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in four times its bulk of water, and for the day let it have nothing else to drink till this is consumed. After an interval of three days, repeat the dose. In between and till you get a further reply make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Get a box of spermaceti ointment and rub a little daily into any raw places, continuing same til the sores are healed.

Cage for King Parrot.

Learner.—A box cage for general purposes is always the safer, as it is a great security against draught. For show purposes I prefer a Parrot cage, and the bird should be in this several weeks before it is sent to the show, or it may be very wild in an open cage amongst strangers, and thus prejudice its chances of being in the money. Two great factors towards success are steadiness and condition. The foods are always best for Parrots given on a level with the perch, except under very exceptional circumstances. While getting the bird accustomed to an open Parrot cage, you must be careful to so place it, that there cannot be a draught through the cage. Draught is responsible for the death of more cage birds than all the other ills put together, owing to the foolish practice of keeping birds in open cages in windows.

Number of Birds for Aviary.

H.H.B.—You have quite a novel, yet practically constructed aviary, though your sketch does not make it clear whether it is one or two, that is, whether the lower portion is quite independent of the upper, or whether there is communication door between the two. Considering the fecundity of Budgerigars, once they start breeding, I consider you already have sufficient for your space, though you could add a pair of Rosella Parrakeets with safety. Your aviary never ought, under any conditions, to contain more than 35 birds the size of a Budgerigar, and with a little luck you should soon exceed this number with your present stock. You have your remedy if a given individual does not treat you fairly; have nothing more to do with him. Such cases, unfortunately, are not uncommon; the marvel to me is that they have not found out the unprofitable character of such trickery long ago.

What Weaver is it?

J.W.H.—Your bird is the Madagascar Weaver. These birds (that is, the males), as do most Weavers, go out of colour during the winter months. The instances of Weavers breeding in captivity are few, and I cannot call to mind any recorded instance of this species having done so. Occasionally, in large aviaries, nests are built, and young even hatched, but instances of the young being reared are rare indeed. However, even in a cage, the males are ready enough to build their interesting nests, for which end with soft grass and hay. The appearance of the nest is not a bad one, but I cannot find out any hope of the eggs between the Madagascar Weaver and a Canary don't think the young would be reared if hatched. In the event of such a mating appearing, they would need a continuous supply of live insects for the young to land any chance of being reared. They do not need the aid of any colour food to enable them to don the bright colours at each succeeding spring. They should have one or two live insects (mealworms, or such other as you can capture) daily to keep them in health.

Treating Parrot During Moult.

E. P.—So long as the bird continues fit and well, no special treatment is necessary, but with all my Parrots I take the precaution of giving Parrish's Chemical Food during the period of the moult. Also keep their bowels moving freely with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. With the exception of the bread and butter and milk, your diet is correct. Stale household bread may be given without the butter, as may also plain biscuits, and a few shelled walnuts. I consider milk little better than poison for a caged Parrot; birds so fed sooner or later develop the vice of feather-eating, if nothing more tragic occurs. I am aware that occasionally there occur instances of birds so fed, and after a long period apparently none the worse, but such cases are the exception, and not the rule. I have had many an instance brought to my notice of such birds breaking hopelessly up and becoming deplorable-looking objects. For a caged Parrot the only safe rule is, no tea, coffee or milk sops, fats, nor any kind of animal food whatever.

Budgerigars and Breeding.

F.W.B.—As your birds are healthy and have now got through the moult, they should soon settle down to breeding. However, it is quite possible you have got young birds; in that case it will be better for them if they do not do so till next season. Keep them supplied with good wholesome food, canary and white millet seed, a few oats, greenfood (such as grass or flower and fresh lettuce), cuttlefish, grit, and clean water. Hang up at least double the number of husks that you have pairs of birds, and as soon as they are thoroughly ready (that is, when in proper breeding condition), they will settle down and breed, but it is by no means uncommon for Budgerigars to do nothing in the breeding way during their first year in new quarters (this is not, however, a hard and fast rule), and it is all the better for the birds in the long run when that is the case.

What Parrots Are They?

P. R. E.—They are Senegal Parrots, and an interesting and beautiful African species, when they are fully mature. They will for the present do best in a cage—at any rate till they are vigorous on the wing—but the cage should be one of the largest Parrot cages made. Later they can be put into a garden aviary sufficiently large to give them space for flight, but it will be better to keep them for a year in a roomy cage before doing so. They are a fairly hardy species when once acclimatised, and only need protection from draught. Diet: Canary and white millet-seed, with a few oats, such ripe fruit as it will eat, little plain biscuit (dry), fresh lettuce as greenfood, grit, and a piece of clean cuttlefish continually hanging in the cage. If the birds are young, as I suspect, a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water every other day for two or three months will be a help. Hope you'll have luck with them; they are a species which becomes very tame and confiding.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

"Bird Notes" (Miss Clark).—Yes, there is a magazine so-called. Particulars of same will be found in our advertisement columns of last week, page 611.

A Suggestion (W. Greenwood).—Thanks; it is a good suggestion. We will see what can be done in the matter.

Washing of Birds (H.E.B.).—You will find all the particulars you need in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which can be sent post free on receipt of 6d.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

TWO of the Yorkshire Union Societies have had a change of secretaries. The Dewsbury C.B.S. have lost Mr. W. Charlesworth, who, on account of business, is shortly to reside in Leeds. He is being succeeded by Mr. N. Rayner, of Granville-street, Dewsbury. The other society is the Laisterdyke Society, who have been fortunate enough to again secure, in place of Mr. J. Pownall, who has retired from the position, the services of Mr. A. Bottomley, who was for many years their secretary, and knows how to engineer a show.

I HEAR a whisper that the Hoyland Society are studying the advisability of their joining the Yorkshire Union. Without doubt, this would be a move in the proper direction, as the Y.U. offer great attractions in the shape of competitions, etc., to its members.

SEVERAL societies were holding members' shows on Saturday last, all of them being well patronised by their members. It is a great pity there is not an open show, as many would have been glad of a chance for an open fight to settle up as to who were the fortunate possessors of the best young birds. In many cases arguments have waxed warm as to the merits, etc., of individual birds.

THE men of Horton and Wibsey are to be pitted against each other to-day (Saturday) in a game of cricket, to be played at Wibsey, and a great treat is expected. A supper is to be provided at the Wibsey headquarters ("Horse and Groom" Inn), and from experience I know this department will be well looked after.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

PAISLEY AND DISTRICT N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Annual First Feather Show held in Painters' Hall, on July 9th, when there was a record turnout of birds. CREST: 1, McCulloch, 2, Adam; 3, Skouce. C.B.: 1, McCulloch, 2, McLeis; 3, Laidlaw. YELL. P.H.: 1, Stevenson; 2, Watt; 3, H. Potts; 4, T. Potts. BUFF: 1, 3, Stevenson; 2, 4, McKellar. HORD YELL.: 1, 3, Briggs; 2, Watt; 4, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, 3, Hutchison; 2, 4, Briggs. MULES: 1, Briggs, 2, Duff; 3, Elliott; 4, Sinclair. WILD BIRDS: 1, 2, 3, Morrison; 4, O'Hare. Mr. A. Stevenson won special for best bird in the hall, and Mr W Briggs for most points over Pairs and First Feather Shows.—R. McLEIS, Secretary.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

The members held their annual young bird show on July 6th at Nash's Royal Stores. Owing to so many of the members having met with very poor breeding results, the entry was not quite up to the usual number, but some choice exhibits were staged, and should do well for their owners at the autumn shows. Norwich were only small in number, but the quality was first-class, and here was undoubtedly the best youngster in the show in Mr. F. Slocombe's clear Buff, a real gem all-round. Yorkshires were also a good lot. The exhibits were nicely staged round the room, and were well attended to by well-known fanciers. Mr. Negus, the newly-appointed Hon. Sec., had his first taste of show work, and right well did he perform his task; in addition, he was most obliging and courteous. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

NOR YELL. (1): 1, 3, G. Slocombe, grand shape, very cobby, lovely colour, short flights and tail; 3, good colour and shape; 2, 4, F. Slocombe, cap marked, rare size, good shape and feather. BUFF (5): 1, sp., 3, vhc, F. Slocombe, leader a clinker, magnificent shape, rare size, full of quality, a credit to the breeder; 3, lovely feather and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, G. Slocombe, nice shape, grand quality, good feather; 4, close up. MKD. (3): 1, 3, G. Slocombe, yell., marked on back, good in shape, nice size, short flights and tail; 3, grizzled tail buff, feathered to perfection; 2, F. Slocombe, nicely shaped variegated buff, fine under-colour. NOVICE CL. (2): 1, 2, Hobbs, nicely shaped buff, good quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, close up. MKD (4): 1, sp., 4, Murray, head, eye, and neck ticked, shapely, neat tail and wings; 2, Kirkup, wings and head marked, lovely feather, good shape; 3, Hobbs, neat and shapely. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, sp., Ball, nice position, well up on leg, good colour and length; 2, 4, Banks, cheek ticked, slim built, good stand, nice head; 4, wing ticked, good stand; 3, James, lovely feather, stands well; vhc, Shearn and Owen; hc, C. Negus. BUFF (9) 1, 2, 3, Banks, grand feather, slim and stylish, nice wings and closely folded tail; 2, neck ticked, good quality and stand; 3, clear, nice quality, stands well; 4, Negus, beautiful feather; vhc, Shearn and Owen; hc, James; c, Penny. MKD. ETC. (3): 1, Banks, nice Clin. marked, grand position and feather, good colour, well-braced wings; 2, James, heavily marked yellow, plenty of length, long flights and tail; 3, wrong class, ticked on neck only. NOVICE (3): 1, sp., James, good position and style, slim built, well up on leg, nice flights and tail, good colour; 2, 3, 4, Wallis, slim built, nice feather; 3, rich colour, good feather, finely drawn; 4, good position and well feathered; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Tonkin. TKD. ETC. (9): 1, Tonkin, buff, head, neck and wing marked, grand length and feather, well up on leg, long flights and tail, stands like a soldier; 2, 3, Wallis, thigh ticked buff, grand quality of feather; 3, wing marked buff, hen, very smart all-round; 4, vhc, Brown, yellow, ticked on head; hc, Ball; c, James. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Jones, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice feather and shape, rare face. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, 2, Kirkup, winner best in feather and steadiness; 2, good blaze and breast tanning; 3, Tonkin. BULLFINCH, ETC. G. (2): 1, Brown, nicely coloured, well-feathered Greenfinch, fine shape; 2, Negus, Greenfinch, good colour and wing bars. LINNÆT, ETC. (2): 1, Jones, Lesser Redpole, splendid feather and lacing, good bib; 2, Negus, Lesser Redpole, nice rose-coloured cap and breast, beautiful feather. FOR. (2): 1, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, rich colour, good feather.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD GOLDFINCH-CANARY MULE.

SIR,—Perhaps some of your readers can tell me if the following constitutes a record: In 1893, an attendant in the County Asylum, Bicton Heath, Nr. Shrewsbury received as a wedding present a Mule (Goldfinch and Canary) which, in the previous year won two prizes as a songster in Bristol. This means that the bird is now over 20 years old. Since its arrival here it has been a source of pleasure to the patients in Male-Ward No. 1, and is still in full and strong song. If changed from the place it has occupied for 20 years, it mopes, and is silent.

R. O'DOWNEY.

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THE C.B.U. AND THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

SIR,—As I have had so very many inquiries as to the progress of the working arrangement with the Cage Bird Union, I should be pleased if you would publish the enclosed copies of the correspondence between the two bodies in reference to same, and thus let the Fancy in general know how the matter stands. The C.B.U. do not seem inclined to allow their members to show at Yorkshire Union shows without drawing their blood money, and the Y.U. have strong objections to paying same, and only ask for an amicable arrangement to acknowledge each other and allow the open door for exhibition between the two bodies. I will leave the Fancy to judge for itself from the correspondence as to which is in the right.

SAMUEL DEAN,
Sec. of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

25, Stamford Street,
Old Trafford,
Manchester,
March 25th, 1908.

MR. FRED HAMMOND,

DEAR SIR,—I am now in a position to submit my Council's suggestions for a working arrangement between the Y.U. and the C.B.U. Please refer to my letter to you of the 22nd Sept. last (published in CAGE BIRDS March 7th), and treat as though now submitted for your Council's consideration, with the exception of that portion of it where I state that in my private opinion the C.B.U. might give way on the point of supremacy of rule. As I stated in my letter of the 6th inst., my Council are practically unanimous in their opinion that the C.B.U. rules should prevail at all shows held under their patronage. However, further to this letter, they now suggest that any of the Y.U. shows which affiliate or to whom licenses are granted, should hold their shows under both sets of rules, and that all exhibitors at these shows who are members of the Y.U. shall be governed by, and when necessary, appeal to that body, other exhibitors being under the rules of the C.B.U. As previously mentioned, the only serious difference between the two sets of rules is in the matter of which shall be supreme, and, I believe, the suggestion now made a practical way of obviating the difficulty. On the matter of recognising each other's suspension, I think we are agreed, and I trust these proposals will meet with the approval of your Council, and that an early announcement can be made to this effect.

Kind regards,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

70, St. Margaret's Road,
Bradford,
March 31st, 1908

DEAR MR. LYTHGOE,—I duly received your communication of the 25th inst., and placed the same before my Council at their meeting on Saturday, the 28th. I cannot, for one moment, believed that you will be in the least surprised to hear that they respectfully and with great regret declined to accept the contents as the basis of a satisfactory working arrangement between the two Unions. Your Council's withdrawal, or, at any rate, their refusal to ratify that portion of your first communication wherein you state that in your private opinion the C.B.U. might give way on the point of supremacy of rules at Yorkshire Union shows, would, if persisted in, almost appear to close the door against any further negotiations in the matter, as my Council are absolutely unanimous that such represents the irreducible minimum acceptable to the Yorkshire Union. I have strong hopes, however, that your Council will recognise the justice and reasonableness of the Y.U.'s demand to govern in their entirety their own shows, without being called upon to delegate any of their authority to a dual management—a position most humiliating if it were possible, but, with the existing rules of both Unions, altogether impracticable. A glance at both sets of rules is quite sufficient to make this obvious, and I do not propose at present to labour the point further, unless you should specially desire me to do so, my sole idea at this moment being to put forth every effort to bring about a satisfactory working arrangement between the two Unions, an arrangement bringing with it no loss of dignity, independence, honour, or self-respect to either party, and at the same time conferring untold benefits upon the whole body of fanciers. To this end I beg most respectfully to submit for your Council's consideration the following proposals, unanimously endorsed by my Council at their meeting on the 28th inst., viz.:—

> That the members of both Unions be allowed to exhibit at each other's shows without fee or license.
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> That the shows be governed entirely by, and under the rules of, the Union to which the society holding the show is affiliated, or, in the case of a licensed show, the Union granting such license.
>
> That in the case of a person found guilty of malpractices of any nature whatsoever, in connection with any show held under the rules of either Union, such person shall be dealt with by the Union of which he (or she) is a member, and any penalty imposed by said Union to be recognised and enforced by the other Union within its sphere of authority.

I sincerely trust that your Council will recognise in the above suggestions an earnest desire to arrive at a just and equitable solution of a somewhat difficult problem, dictated by a sense of fairness all round, and without any desire to unduly take advantage of the independence and peculiarly strong position which the Yorkshire Union can undoubtedly maintain.

With kind regards, believe me,
Your faithfully,
(Signed) FRED HAMMOND,
Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Union C.B.S.

25, Stamford Street,
Old Trafford,
Manchester.
May 14th, 1908.

DEAR MR. DEAN,

Your P.C. to hand. I am sorry I have not yet been able to submit your Council's proposals, re Y.U. shows, on account of pending election of the C.B.U. Council. This will not be completed for two or three weeks, and meanwhile I should like to be quite clear as to whether I grasp your Council's proposals properly, so that I may place them clearly before the Council. In the first proposal. "That the members of both Unions be allowed to exhibit at each other's shows without fee or license." The word "members" is used. There is already no bar against your members showing at any show whatever, and ours are not asked to pay any fee, only the society desiring their entries is desired to pay a fee of 5s. for license. If it is your Council's proposal that the Y.U. shows should be made exceptions to our rule and licenses granted them free, while all others are charged a fee, I am confident this will need modifying before my Council will agree. This would be altogether unreasonable and contrary to the expression made last season that your societies were being allowed a free hand in applying for our patronage, and contrary also to Mr. Hammond's expression of his view that the right of societies applying for licenses was to pay what ever fee the C.B.U. demanded according to our rules, if they desired the patronage of our members. Subject to this proposal being modified, there does not seem any objection to the other two. I take it that the latter part of clause 2, which reads "That the shows be governed entirely by, and under the rules of the Union to which the society holding the show is affiliated, or in the case of a licensed show, the Union granting such license," that in case of the C.B.U. granting a license to one of your shows, the show is to be entirely governed by the C.B.U. and under their rules. I would be glad to hear if my reading of the proposals is correct, and if so, would be glad if you could submit the first again to your Council with a view to its being modified, so that we may get this matter settled with as little delay as possible.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

6, Ashmount,
Gt. Horton,
Bradford,
May 26th, 1908.

DEAR MR. LYTHGOE.

Many thanks for your letter, but I am sorry you do not seem to grasp our meanings properly. In the first place, according to your own rules, you cannot grant any license to our shows, being cage-bird shows only, and, therefore, must be affiliated. I am perfectly aware that our members can show at your shows without fee or license, and the Council of the Y.U. think you might fall in with a proper spirit and work amicably with them. As to any Y.U. show being held under C.B.U. rules, when all the valuable specials are to be competed for by Y.U. members only, this is absurd and cannot bear the scrutiny of any fair-minded fancier. Personally, I don't think that the entries of the C.B.U. members are worth 1s. 6d. to any of our societies, and don't see why we should pay 5s. to be ruled by another society when we have rules of our own that have stood the test of time and been found satisfactory. To read rule 1 as it stands it is quite clear and does not need any comment. Rule 2, to put it plainer, is that all Y.U. shows must be held under Y.U. rules, and C.B.U. shows under C.B.U. rules, and, of course as C.B.U. grant licenses to other shows (mixed shows), the C.B.U. rules will prevail there. You must thoroughly understand that Y.U. shows must be held under Y.U. rules only, and the allowing of members to show at each other's shows is only a matter of courtesy. In fact, the only thing we ask is for fair and considerate treatment, which from your letter you do not seem inclined to give. In my opinion you have construed the letter to meet your own requirements and have not read them in a reasonable spirit. Hoping your Council will see things in a true and fancierlike spirit,

I am, Yours sincerely,
(Signed) SAMUEL DEAN
Sec. of the Y.U.

25, Stamford Street
Old Trafford,
Manchester.
July 9th 1908.

MR. S. DEAN,

DEAR SIR,

At the Council meeting held last Saturday, your Council's proposals for a working arrangement between the Y.U. and the C.B.U., contained in Mr. Hammond's letter of the 31st March last, were carefully considered. My Council are not prepared to agree to the first proposal, that the members of both Unions be allowed to exhibit at each other's shows without fee or license. A resolution was, however, passed, that we accept your Union's proposals of the 31st March subject to licenses being applied for and approved at a covering fee of £3 3s, to be paid by the Y.U. That is, that your Union shall pay the fee mentioned, and which shall cover all licenses applied for by the societies in your Union, and which will be granted subject to the show not clashing with a C.B.U. show already fixed in the Yorkshire district. I trust that these terms may bring about a settlement.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

A POINT ABOUT EXCHANGING.

Who Should Send on First?

SIR,—Allow me a small space in reply to Mr. Blair. I have only been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for nine months, and I like doing a bit of exchanging. I should say I have answered over 100 advertisements since taking your paper, and I have always sent my goods first until I saw an advertisement in the exchange column on May 1st. A man advertised some Norwich Canaries for sale at 7s. 6d. each, or for exchange. I wrote him offering him 9s. worth of stuff for one. His reply was to the effect that if I sent the stuff on he would send the bird. I did so, but have never heard from him or seen anything of him yet. I wrote him three times in all. How am I to find out if he is still there? He got the stuff, as I have seen the delivery note. And his is not the only case in which I have enjoyed an "exchange." Three months ago a writing desk was advertised for sale at 18s. 6d., or for exchange. I wrote and "bid" him, so that gentleman wrote asking me to send mine on. I did so, and he wrote back highly pleased. I got the desk, and I don't think it was worth more than 6s. I have also a book which was advertised at 15s. 6d., and might have been sold at 7s. So, for my own part, I don't see that the advertiser has any more right to see what he gets first than he who purchases. I should like to know if anyone else has been "taken in." Some folk get you to send yours on first carriage paid, and then you have to pay carriage on theirs. I like exchanging in an honest way, as I always tell them straight what I have got and the quality of it.

H. D. S.

IS IT A RECORD?

Another Curious Experience.

SIR,—I read with interest in CAGE BIRDS the letter from Mr. Chas. Clifford. I would like to tell you of another curious experience—one that has come under my own notice. The Rev. James Fanning, of Liverpool, put up a pair of Green Norwich to nest. The hen laid only three eggs. On July 3rd five young birds were hatched from these three eggs. The one out of the single egg is still living, but the four out of the two other eggs did not live long afterwards. I have the four preserved in spirit, as I thought it was exceptional, and so begged the birds to preserve them as a curiosity.

FRANK EDWARDS.

SIR,—Under the above heading one of your readers asks if seven eggs laid consecutively by a Canary is a record. I should like to inform him that I have a small Norwich Plain-head Canary which laid eight eggs on eight consecutive days, and sat on same. All the eggs were fertile, but only five chicks hatched out; the other three were dead in shell in different stages of incubation. This is a record so far as I am concerned. I should like to add that during the time the eight eggs were being laid there were five young birds in another nest which the hen assisted the cock bird in feeding. It might be interesting to know that the hen is twelve months old and the cock eight years.

W. H.

DRIVING THE ANTS FROM THEIR EGGS.

SIR, Could any one of your numerous readers inform me through your columns the best method of driving the ants from their eggs for collecting? It is a difficult matter, and I should like to know how best to do it.

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EGGS WHICH HATCHED EARLY.

SIR, I have a Linnet and Canary that have paired, but which lost the youngsters through non-feeding. The Linnet will not touch the egg-food, and will not let the hen come off the nest, and is feeding her all day. A most unusual thing happened with me. The hen laid on the 21st, 24th, and 25th of June. I took the eggs away as laid, and on Wednesday morning at eight o'clock I found two young ones hatched out, the hen having sat twelve days. I replaced the eggs on the night of the 25th.

EARLY BIRD.

A ONE-WINGED CANARY.

SIR, I have read of chickens being hatched with four legs, or two heads, or with something else unusual and abnormal. And I have never had a bird with anything worse than a deformed foot or wing, which might have been caused by an accident when the bird was very young. But this season I have had a Canary hatched which has only one wing, instead of two. It is just the same as any other Canary in all respects but this. The place where the wing should have been is quite smooth, and is feathered over now. The other wing is on the side of the bird in quite the usual manner. The Canary is able to get about easily enough, but, of course, is unable to fly. When it makes an attempt to fly, it is not able to balance itself, and consequently rolls over on its side. It was one of a nest of three. There were also two young birds in one egg in the same nest; these were dead in shell having failed to hatch out. They are six weeks old now and are doing for themselves.

J. S.

GOLDFINCHES BECOMING BLIND.

SIR,—As another assurance to your readers, especially the lovers of the Goldfinch, who find themselves about to be disappointed by seeing their favourite Goldie gradually and surely being deprived of his sight, I would relate a case of my own experience. The bird, a splendid singer and two years caged, gradually had his left eye wither away and close up. Then the right eye showed the same signs, and within a fortnight started to look dim and also gradually closed up, leaving the bird totally blind. The song ceased, and with great apparent patience he learnt to find his seed and water; he remained in one position for hours, with the peculiar drooping of the head, and then quickly raising it again the whole of the day, similar to a person nodding in a sleep. It seemed almost cruel to allow him to live in what appeared to be torture, but after one year in that mute state he has now commenced his song again. It seems as though the disease of the eyes temporarily affected the power of song.

F. L. MANTHORP.

DO BLACKBIRDS AND THRUSHES EAT MICE?

SIR,—Who has heard before of a battle between a Blackbird and a shrew mouse? When walking down the road the other night with some friends, we witnessed what we thought an unusual thing—a Blackbird fighting hard with a shrew mouse, amongst the grass on the roadside. They fought for a considerable time, until the Blackbird picked the mouse up and flew away with it, but had to drop it again on the road, and the fight commenced again. This time the Blackbird killed the mouse, and flew away with it. Is it a usual thing for Blackbirds to kill these kinds of mice, with the idea of eating them, or is it something unusual?

Morpeth. W. A. DIXON.

SIR,—Quite recently I came across a letter signed by "A. J. L.," and I am sending it to you in the belief that it will interest others as it has interested me. The writer says: While resting recently under the shade of my garden, I noticed a family of five little mice playing on the smooth surface of the lawn. The tiny creatures were popping in and out of their holes, and gambolling merrily on the smooth grass. Presently a fine Song Thrush came swiftly running out from under some shrubs near by, halted within a foot of one of these little mice, made a sudden dash, struck the mouse with his beak, knocked him over, seized him, threw him once or twice in the air, then picked him up and carried him off to eat. The same Thrush repeated this manœuvre three times more in the course of an hour, till but one only of the five little mice was left. That the Thrush ate them I know, for I saw him take the fourth victim on to a gravel path and peck away at the body till it was consumed. I have never seen Song Thrushes attack mice before, but if it is their usual practice it is an additional reason for wishing to preserve the lives of these delightful songsters.

Newcastle. T. H. LOVEDAY.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Some Practical Observations on Insectivorous Birds.

By S. A. SANDY.

A Paper read before the City and Suburban A.C.B., on June 15th.

(Continued from page 606).

The March of the Ants.

The Nightjar, or "Goat Sucker," as it is called, is another of our regular summer migrants, and one that is rarely seen in captivity, possibly because of the trouble involved in feeding it. I saw a hand-reared specimen a couple of years ago in the possession of Mr. Galloway, of Caversham. It was exceedingly tame and a very curious bird, but I believe required to be hand-fed even when full-grown. It was, from appearances, quite old enough to feed itself when I saw it.

In general colouring, the Nightjar is similar to the Wryneck, but considerably larger, measuring 10 inches or more in length, and 7½ in the wing. It lives entirely upon moths and other insects which it hawks at twilight or when the moon is shining. When reposing, it usually sits lengthways upon a stout bough with the head frequently lower than the tail.

I think Mr. Galloway told me he had reared his bird principally on live ants' eggs, mealworms, etc., and I thought him very fortunate in having a good supply of live ants' eggs at hand during the summer, for the mere trouble of an excursion into the lovely woods that surround him, and, thanks to him, I was able to see some of the sources of his supply. They were large ant hills tenanted by millions of the large, black ants. The day I saw them they were evidently on the march, for we traced a column about 2 feet wide leading to a pine tree, up which some were swarming, whilst others were making the return journey, some 10 or 15 yards, each loaded with a small insect, or, perhaps, several busily engaged dragging a small stick to add to the already large collection which formed the hill.

If one were so situated that he could obtain a constant supply of these live ants' eggs, there would be little cause to worry about getting mealworms or gentles, or to search the coal cellar for a few stray beetles.

The Rarely-caught Wallcreeper.

Another bird I have had the good fortune to see on many occasions during the past year is the Wallcreeper, exhibited during the past show season by Mr. C. T. Maxwell. It was, I feel sure, the first specimen ever exhibited in England, and was shown in a cage fitted up to represent as near as possible its natural surroundings, namely, the face of a stone wall or cliff. I daresay most of your members saw it, so that I scarcely need describe it; but in case any of you did not have the opportunity of seeing it, I will give you a brief description.

The adult male—Mr. Maxwell's was a male—is slate-grey above, but slightly darker on the head and darker still upon the rump; the flights are very dark and tipped with dull white, wing coverts crimson; the tail is black, tipped with white, and the throat and breast are black. The bill is black and long, and is curved like that of the Treecreeper. It is about 6 inches long, but scarcely looks so large, as its bill is a great length for the size of the bird.

It is strictly insectivorous and lives on spiders and other insects which it finds on the face of walls or cliffs. The tail feathers, I should mention, are not stiff at the ends, like the Treecreeper's or Woodpecker's, and the bird somewhat resembles the Nuthatch, except that it has a curved bill.

It inhabits the mountainous regions of Europe, and but few specimens are recorded as having been obtained in England. I think our Continental friends must be very expert bird-catchers to secure a Wallcreeper, and must also be very smart at "meating off," but I daresay whoever was the lucky catcher was well repaid for his trouble, for I understand Wallcreepers are expensive birds. Anyone fortunate enough to secure a specimen of this rare bird should not spare expense in securing the best food obtainable. Here again there can be nothing better than fresh ants' eggs, but failing these the best dried ants' eggs, a little freshly boiled egg, cream cheese passed through a sieve, and just a small quantity of crushed biscuit. All the spiders, flies, etc., you can find should be given, and the bird should be placed in a roomy cage, as it is, like our more familiar Treecreeper, very restless and requires plenty of room for exercise.

The Treecreeper in Captivity.

It might, perhaps, be as well to make a few remarks on the Treecreeper. This species, at any rate the imported specimens which are scarcely distinguishable from the true British variety (except that they are perhaps a trifle lighter in the plumage), is a resident one, and dwells in suitable localities, namely, in most woods. It can usually be seen running up the tree trunks diligently seaching for food, which consists of the many small insects concealed in the crevices of the bark. It usually alights at the lower part of the trunk and works its way upwards, thrusting its long, curved bill between the crevices as it goes.

It is a small bird and delicately constructed, and it can, therefore, be readily seen that it requires a lot of attention to keep the bird in good fettle in captivity. It should be fed as I have already recommended for the Wallcreeper, and the cage—the larger the better—should be lined on all sides with Virginia cork. The cork should be so arranged that the bird can find a hole or crevice it can get into to sleep. The show cage should, I think, be one of good dimensions and lined with dark-red or green baze, so that the bird can easily cling to it.

I remember that a Treecreeper a few years back was an almost certain winner anywhere. The birds were much sought after, but now the case is altered, and one sometimes sees three or four specimens in a class, and one then has an opportunity of comparing them.

I am again indebted to Mr. Galloway for shewing me the largest number of Treecreepers I have ever seen at one time—somewhere about 30 of various ages, and all looking well. The Treecreeper usually builds behind some loose piece of bark, and Mr. Galloway, knowing this, found that by nailing pieces of bark loosely to the tree-trunk in the woods near him, was usually able to go later on and get a few young 'creepers, but, personally, I would rather pay for one which has got over the moult than rise at daybreak for several weeks to tend to the appetites of a dozen or more hungry Treecreepers. I once tried my hand at rearing six, but soon had enough of it, and turned them over to Mr. Turnbor, who reared them until they were able to feed for themselves.

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*Knows a Thing or Two.

A lady had a very tame Parrot which was allowed to walk about while she was entertaining her guests. One day at a garden party, the Parrot was paying its respects as usual to one of the visitors when the lady, sitting next to her exclaimed, "Look the stone has fallen out of your ring." "What! my diamond gone?" screamed the other. Indeed, it was so, and there was no sign of it anywhere, though all the party searched for it. "I am afraid Polly's at the bottom of this," said the bird's mistress. "Only a week ago she picked a stone from my necklace. But I can soon find out." And to the astonishment and amusement of all, she seized the Parrot, which began to scream, and held it by the tail in the air, shaking it violently. And out of its beak forthwith dropped the diamond. Sent by C. T. Wills (age 14), 10, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

*Robin Redbreast & the Children.

Is the story true, Robin,
That you were so good
To the little orphans,
Sleeping in the wood?
That you saw them lying
Pale and cold and still,
And strewed leaves about them,
With your little bill?

Whether true or not, Robin,
We are glad to see
How you trust the children,
Hopping in so free.
Hopping o'er the carpet,
Picking up the crumbs,
Robin knows the children,
Love him when he comes.

Cut out and sent by Leonard Whitaker (age 14), 231, St. Margaret's Road, Legrams Lane, Bradford.

*A Friendly Sparrow.

A friend of mine found a little Sparrow on the grass in the garden, so she took it in and fed it. It was very young, and could hardly fly. The little bird became very tame and would hop about the table at meal-times and sit on my friend's shoulder to be fed. One day he disappeared at dinner time, and could not be found. The following Saturday, my friend was standing on the grass when she heard a twittering noise at her feet; it was the baby Sparrow back again. She coaxed him with some bread crumbs and he flew on her shoulders. She kept him about a week and then let him go, but he returns every day to be fed. Where he went those three days still remains a mystery.—Sent by Mabel Mazzoni (age 13), 4, Rye Villas, St. Aidans Road, E. Dulwich, S.E.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

I am pleased to inform you that I have had a most successful breeding season, both with the Borders and the Norwich, and from what I hear, other Border Fancy breedehs in and around London have done equally well. So we may expect some keen competition in the Border Fancy classes at the forthcoming autumn shows.—R. BROWNLIE (Brockley, S.E.)

I have had over 20 young birds and have only lost one.—J. CRABTREE (Manchester).

We are having some rare good luck about here—plenty of nice young birds.—WM. PINCHIN (Marske-by-the-Sea).

The Fancy is very quiet hereabouts, and so far breeding operations have not been very successful.—THOMAS SMITH (Glasgow).

Aberdeen Mule breeders are doing fairly well at present. One noted fancier has bred some grand Greenfinch, Linnet, and Siskin Mules, amongst which are two clear Siskin-Canary Mules—one yellow, absolutely clear and of good size, the other a buff with only a dark ring round neck. I hope he may be able to bring them through a good moult.—JOHN LYON (Aberdeen).

I have had a most successful breeding season up to the present. In fact it is the best I have ever had, and I have had to get a number of new flight cages to accommodate the youngsters, which number nearly one hundred.—J. BERTIE (Mapperley).

I am having a splendid season. I have 80 young birds, and hope to finish up with a hundred—the same as last year, all of which I then sold through your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS.—A. BROWN (Wood Green, N.)

I have done well with Border Fancies both in breeding and in showing.—W. J. HONEYSETT, chairman of the Battersea C.B.A.

I have had a good season, having reared 27 young birds altogether.—J. SMITH (Warrington)

Kirkintilloch C.B.S.

Our members have done well. Mr. A. Chalmers has 45 young birds, mostly Norwich. Mr. McLay 47, Norwich and Crests, Mr. Martin 25 Norwich, and Mr McAuley 47 Borders. The rest of our members not having put up so many pairs average about a dozen each.—D. CAMPBELL, sec. of the Kirkintilloch C.B.S.

Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

(Continued from page 541.)

Cock's Foot Grass (*Dactylis glomerata*)

This is a valuable agricultural grass, and is abundant in meadows and by waysides throughout the summer. It is a coarse grass about eighteen inches high, with long, broad leaves. The spikelets are thickly clustered, and irregularly arranged. (The plant derives its generic name from the Greek word "daktulos," a finger, from the finger-like clusters of the spikelets). It is a perennial grass, and its flowering season is from June till August.



Cock's-foot Grass.

Field Gentian (*G. Campestris*).

This is a very well-known grass to large numbers of country people, who gather it and lay it about their homes in bundles, for as it dries it gives off the delightful perfume of new-mown hay. Indeed, it is chiefly this grass which imparts that well-known scent to the hay-cocks, so much admired by lovers of the country and wild life.



Field Gentian.

It is an erect, shining plant about a foot high, and has hairy leaves. The flower heads sometimes reach a length of four or even five inches, and have a purplish appearance. It may easily be tested by laying a bunch on one side to dry, when it will give off the odour referred to above.

It blooms during May, June, and July, and is a perennial (i.e., it does not die each year as annuals do). It is an abundant grass throughout the country.

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Couch Grass or Twitch (*Agropyron repens*).

This is one of the most troublesome weeds we have in this country, and yet it is surprising how few know the seed heads of it. I suppose this may be explained by the fact that gardeners generally destroy the weed before it has time to produce flowers and seeds. But if fields and waysides be searched during the summer months, no difficulty will be experienced in securing a good supply.

The roots creep very extensively underground, and the solitary stems, free from hairs, reach a height of about two feet, and are hollow. The flowering spikes somewhat resemble those of rye grass, but the following fact will make them easily distinguishable. The separate spikelets of rye grass are placed with their edges towards the stem, while those of couch grass are arranged with their broad sides towards it.

Knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*).

Common Knotgrass is an exceedingly abundant plant, but one which is almost always overlooked. This is a pity, for although it is sometimes a troublesome weed, it is nevertheless useful for many purposes. It has a branched stem, which usually lies flat upon the ground. The size of the plant varies very much, it being occasionally found only a few inches in length. The more common length, however, is about a foot, and it may even reach two or three feet.

The leaves are "lance-shaped," and have little chaffy or silky membranes at their bases known as "stipules." The flowers are exceedingly small and inconspicuous, and grow between the leaf-stalks and the stems. They vary in colour from pink to a greenish white. The seeds of Knotgrass may be gathered in abundance at the present time, and will form a valuable food for seed-eating birds.

The plant is held in high esteem by large numbers of people in Germany, for it is claimed that it possesses valuable medicinal properties. Herr Bilz, the founder and proprietor of a large sanatorium which bears his name, and which is situated near Dresden in Germany, says (while speaking of the effect of an infusion of Knotgrass on the kidneys): "The action of this simple tea is often so marked that all pain will disappear."

Common Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*).

Autumn is pre-eminently a season for berries, and at the present time large numbers of our native birds are living almost entirely upon them. The Privet is a well-known and widely distributed shrub, being often planted to form a hedge round gardens, etc. The leaves are somewhat oval in shape, and are placed opposite to one another on the stems. They are very smooth, and are what might be called "semi-evergreen," for they do not fall till quite late in the season, and the Privet is oft-times seen almost in its full beauty when the surrounding shrubs have not a vestige of green left upon them.

The flowers are white, and appear in dense clusters in June and July. They have a well-known, rather sickly scent. After the flowers, come shiny, globular berries, which turn black as they ripen, and are then greedily devoured by hungry "berry-eaters." Large supplies of these useful fruits can be easily gathered throughout almost the whole Autumn.

Barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*).

This shrub is not at all uncommon in hedgerows and woods, where it may be found in bloom during May and June. The flowers are of a pretty yellow colour, and hang in pendent clusters. The wood of the shrub is of a yellowish colour, and the whole is covered generally with three-forked spines.

The fruits, or berries, change to a pretty orange-red when ripe, and are much elongated. They have a very pleasant acid taste, and are often gathered and preserved for Winter use. The somewhat slightly spinous leaves have also a similar acid taste, and are often eaten by children.

(To be continued).

My Experiences with the Parrot Family.

By EDWARD LIGHTON.

Having kept all kinds of birds during the past forty years, I am in a position to speak of the larger species of foreigners I have owned during that period. The first I ever purchased was a young Lemon-crested Cockatoo, which should have been white, but I fancy his domicile had been in or somewhere near the chimney corner.

What the Moult Did.

This purchase was made in April. To wash it was quite out of the question, so I waited patiently for the completion of the moult, which ended in October. She came out such a beauty, that I determined to show her in the following month at Norwich. I did so, and she won 1st prize against large foreigners. She afterwards won prizes at the Palace, etc., in all thirteen at twelve shows.

I kept her on a stand. I feel confident that all large birds kept thus maintain themselves in better plumage than when kept in a cage, be it ever so large. Some will say that a bath or spraying adds to the sheen of the plumage of such birds, but I have found that Nature provides them with a powder, and the only precaution I took before sending her to a show, was to give her a dusting from the puff box, and then only if her plumage was soiled. But it was seldom that Nature required any assistance. The bird's diet consisted of maize, dari, hemp seed, fruit, and pieces from the table, meat excluded. I had her for about five years. During her last summer she laid thirteen eggs. She died in good plumage, and through the breaking of a blood-vessel. I had her stuffed, and she is now in a glass case.

Big, Sullen and Artful Birds.

I next bought a Giant Leadbeater in a large cage. He was the biggest I ever saw. After keeping him a few weeks, I sold him "at a big figure" to a lady who, within a month, won a first prize with him. We had other Leadbeaters, but none as large as this one. Next I had a Corella, which seemed of a more sullen disposition. One day, however, when in the garden, I opened the cage door, and the bird proved himself much too lively for me. He escaped, and soaring up like a Lark, he never saw the cage again.

After that, I had another Lemon-Crested Cockatoo on a stand. This one had a most peculiar habit when in the garden of making a hole in the ground, starting it with his beak, and when it was large enough for him to get in, scratching out the mould with his feet, exactly as a mole does. He persevered in this until the hole was large enough for him to hide in from view.

Cockatoos and a Military Macaw.

Next, I bought a Salmon-crested Cockatoo—a very small bird, but the best talking Cockatoo I ever heard. For, although they are often advertised as being good talkers, I have never with this exception, heard one which could get much farther than "Pretty Cockatoo." But, of course, there are exceptions to the rule. I have had other Cockatoos, but to give details of all would take up too much space and time. I have found their habits very similar. They are exceedingly hardy, providing they are not pampered with, or kept in draughts; they will stand the most severe weather, without any danger whatever.

To leave the Cockatoo and pass to other species; I think I now possess the largest Scarlet or "Military" Macaw in England. He is five years old, and a splendid talker. But, having been kept in a cage, he is not in such fine plumage as he otherwise would have been if kept on a stand. He keeps in perfect health, being fed and treated like the Cockatoos. For "Extras" he has all kinds of nuts and such fruits as are in season.

"An Old Blackguard."

A word about Parrots will not, I think, be out of place. I have had about a score of them at one time or another. Some of them have come to me freshly imported. Their stay with me was generally for about six weeks, after which they went over to the "great majority" dying from the same complaint that about 90 per cent. of these birds die from. One day I was asked to purchase a Grey of some thirty summers, which I did for the nominal sum of £2, the deal including a brass cage.

I was aware of the fact that her vocabulary was large, but not select. Her first speech in her new home was, like her last, not fit for children to hear. And being a parent, I at once, and with the aid of a very small twig, commenced to try and break her of her foul sentences. In two months, I had fairly succeeded with my task, using the rod of chastisement on her back directly I heard her commence. Just at this time I was asked for a Parrot such as she had previously been, and giving her a few lessons, strange to say, she re-learned in a week what it had taken me two months to break her of. I sold her at a big figure, and she gave great satisfaction. If she is still living, she might certainly be truthfully called "An old blackguard."

I have had Blue and Yellow-fronted Amazons, all good talkers; but I have never had such a distinct talker, as the South Coast Grey. I once possessed a Grand Eclectus, but found him a somewhat delicate and mopish bird. Although it is gorgeous in plumage, I should not care for this species of bird. I have found its habits similar to those of the Cockatoo, but it is a more delicate species.

The Prevention of Feather-plucking.

I may say that I have never had a feather-plucker. I always keep a cotton-reel in the cage for them to nibble, and also a piece of old mortar, which I think with proper feeding, is a sure preventive of the trouble.

One word about water for these birds; some contend that the Parrot family of birds require no water at all, but I am an advocate for giving them water two or three times a day. I do not, however, let it remain in the cage with them. I knew of an instance of a Red-Crested Cockatoo being kept for five years, without a drop of water, yet he was in perfect health and plumage. But what is one man's medicine is another man's poison, and so with birds. The exception does not make the rule perfect.

As regards the sexing of these birds, different persons have their different ideas, such as judging from the hand the bird takes its food with, etc. But my experience teaches me that the male bird will invariably take to, and be the best of friends with a woman, whilst the hen bird, takes equally well to a man.

I might say, in conclusion, that I have kept other species of Parrots, such as Parrakeets, Peach-faced and Red-faced Love-birds, Cockatiels and Budgerigars, but none afford me so much pleasure as the larger kind.

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The Use of Cinnamon Blood in the Norwich Plainhead.

By W. SHEPHERD.

Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. on May 19.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the meeting, at which Mr. Gibbons presided, Mr. Shepherd delivered the following lecture, which was listened to with keen interest:—

There is no subject connected with cage birds that I feel I could not do fuller justice to and with which I could not deal more confidently than this one. My experience, covering a number of years, teaches me that the more one meddles with cinnamon blood the more perplexing and intricate the problem becomes. Through ill-luck in inbreeding, I have not been able to carry out my experiments with this cross as far as I could have liked; still I have seen enough to justify my saying that with judicious mating there is something to be gained by it.

I know I am treading on very debatable ground. Some fanciers I have mentioned the matter to simply ridicule the idea. I do not wish to dogmatise, but give credit to every one for having his own opinion; I can tell you, however, that it would take a lot to shake my own convictions on the matter.

How the "Dun" was Produced.

I will deal with the subject as briefly and as concisely as possible so as to allow plenty of time for discussion. Many here have probably carried their investigations further than I have. When and where the cinnamon feathers are likely to turn up in your stock are sides of the matter which I do not intend to touch upon any more than is absolutely necessary. It is the blood you require without the feather; and the latter you can bring back at any time, should you so desire. That old and esteemed fancier and judge, Mr. Bexson, was the first, I believe, to introduce the cinnamon Canary, or "Dun," as it was then called, to the Fancy. It was bred, as we are led to understand, from a cross with the now nearly extinct London Fancy and the Lizard.

Those of you who remember the beautiful quality of the London Fancy of 20 years ago can readily understand why the advice to use the "dun" blood became at that time a tip for getting quality. Whether the modern cinnamon is as good for crossing purposes remains an open question. Personally, I think it is better. It is close on 20 years now since I first heard of this cross. I well remember an old and esteemed fancier who, slightly elevated in his own opinions and consequently tongue-looseued, wished to put me on the royal road for breeding winners.

Much of the information imparted for my benefit I afterwards found to be, in the main, reliable. To him it was a panacea for every fault in a Norwich Plainhead.

Pairing for Cinnamon Norwich.

I cannot go so far as to say that, gentlemen. In the first place the fancier about to introduce this cross naturally wishes to know what he will lose and what he will gain. Before I make an attempt to answer these questions it may, perhaps, be as well if I give you my description of an ideal pair of birds for the cross. I will deal with the hen first. Unhesitatingly I say, use the cross on this side. You should do this for the simple reason that you will not then turn up the feather which you do not require, as you are likely to do by using the cock. Purchase the best yellow Cinnamon hen you can lay your hands on. It need not necessarily be a solid one; in fact, I prefer a broken one, especially if bred from solid Cinnamons, as they breed more colour than solids. Let the bird be large with plenty of front. There need be no objection to a bit of body feather, but see that the bird carries no superfluous feather about the head. You must watch this latter above all things. In the eagerness to secure size in the modern Cinnamon a lot of Crest blood has been introduced, and the birds of to-day are not nearly so clean on the head as they might be. I need hardly tell you, in this connection, that nothing looks worse in a Norwich Plainhead than a horned head or one badly guttered behind the eyes. See that your hen has plenty of colour and is cobby.

You will probably have to pay dearly for a hen of this description, although if you use a fine-feathered one you should be able to get it for about half the price you would have to pay for a solid bird. But in any case, don't think any hen will do for the purpose, or you will become disgusted with the whole thing, and put the matter down as a perfect farce. You must apply the same rule as you would if purchasing a Norwich hen—get the best and biggest possible. You will then have something good to work from.

The cock bird should be a variegated buff, again as large as possible. You cannot get too much size. By "size" I mean a big frame (not a mere bundle of feathers), plenty of colour and good, deep markings. Such a bird you will find easier to procure than you will the hen.

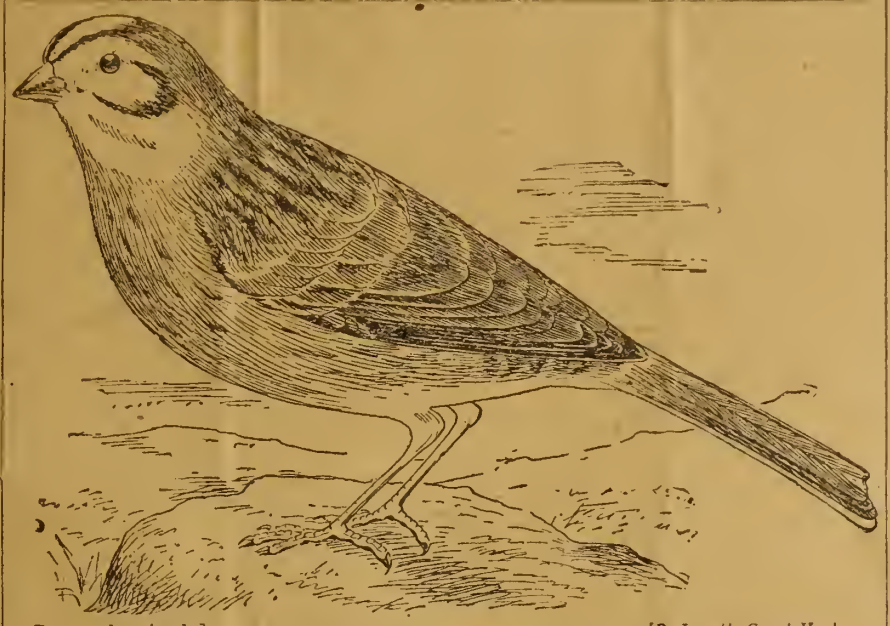
The Fountain of Colour.

From this pair you should produce some valuable birds for stock purposes, and if they do not come up exactly as you expected or hoped they would, do not discard them, as it is usually two or three seasons before one usually sees the benefit of this cross. I am speaking now, generally, of course. I have known winners to come from the first cross, but this is the exception rather than the rule. The first birds are usually too heavily variegated, however good they may be elsewhere, to be of much value to anyone on the show bench.

I should not advise you to run these birds into the whole of your stock, but take two or three of the finest, and to the best of your ability pair them with suitable birds from your own stock. Whatever you do, keep a pedigree book, by which you will be able to see to what extent the blood has been of value (if any) to you. Don't be afraid of using the green blood in your stock, fearing to get too much variegation. Remember that green is the fountain of colour. I have usually found the greens of this cross, when bred for good colour, far better in colour than the offspring of the true Norwich Greens. The two bloods seem to blend and bring out that beautiful bronze, glossy green which we so much admire. At the same time the body marks will leave the feathers sooner than in the case of pure Norwich birds, or rather birds that are free from cinnamon blood.

Where cinnamon blood runs in the veins of a bird, there is a tendency to throw clearer than in the case of pure Norwich Canaries. That, I presume, is the reason why our light-mule-breeders play on this blood, to the extent they do. You should therefore breed in a couple of seasons, or rather from your second cross, more clear and lightly-variegated birds than by starting with green or heavily variegated Norwich, at the same time holding well to your colour.

I remember once seeing two yellow, variegated hens, second cross from the cinnamon, and for colour and quality, I think I have never seen their equals. They belonged to one of your own members, but, unfortunately, and owing to a sad mishap, they were lost. I can, therefore, claim colour for the cross without there being too much variegation,



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Wrens Singing at Night.

The common Wrens have been known to sing at night. When they roost in a shrubbery and the light from an open window falls suddenly upon the bush where they roost, they will generally burst out into song.

Heron and Trout.

It is recorded that a Heron has been seen to swallow a trout weighing two pounds. Considering the dimensions of the fish and of the bird this appears almost incredible, but we are frequently noticing smaller birds disposing of objects almost as large in proportion, so that such a feat as that recorded is not impossible to so powerful a bird as a Heron, which disposes of its prey in a wholesale manner.

The Shrike's Victims.

The Redbacked Shrike is strong enough to kill and impale young Thrushes, which fact is constantly being attested.

Diving Birds.

Most diving birds, or birds which live upon fish, catch their prey by means of the beak; but the Osprey is an exception. It plunges into the water from a height clutching the fish with its feet. These birds are exceptionally powerful, and are armed with great talons.

The Extinction of Rare Birds.

Mr. E. K. Robinson, writing in the "Country-Side," tells that he had been looking through the catalogue of a collection of birds' eggs formed by a Mr. W. H. Hurle, and he says:—"Judging by his collection, I should say that he has contributed largely towards the answer to one question of great interest—namely, Why are rare British birds becoming extinct? The Chough, for instance, is one of the most interesting of our disappearing birds; and Mr. Turle's collection contained at least forty-three clutches—over 190 specimens—of the eggs of the Chough, all taken, apparently, within a period of five years in one county! . . . Mr. Turle's collection also contained as many as seventeen eggs of British Peregrine Falcons." That any British collector should have been allowed to possess nearly two hundred eggs of a vanishing British bird, all taken in a few years from one of its last strongholds, is, Mr. Robinson thinks, absurd.

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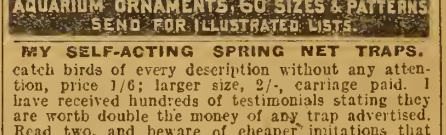
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THE SHOWS.

STONEHOUSE (N.B.) O.B.S.

A meeting was held on July 4th, when Mr. J. Whitelaw presided over a large number of members. After the business, a grand Table Show was held. The judges were Messrs. Burns and Melvin, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

COMMON CAN.: 1, Alston; 2, Blackley; 3, Paterson; 4, Cunninghinm. YOUNG: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, 3, J. Whitelaw; 4, Paterson. This brought an enjoyable evening to a close. J. GOVAN, Secretary.

SAXMUNDHAM & DISTRICT C.B.A.

The first annual Nest Feather Show was held on July 4th, in the Lodge Room of the Queen's Head Hotel. The silver cup for most points, presented by Mr. E. H. A. Underwood, was won by Mr. H. Lay. Other specials were won by Messrs. Lay, Gostling, Gadd, and Tay'or. Mr. George Vale judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, 3, Lay. BUFF: 1, Lay; 2, Cooper. VARIEG.: 1, Lay; 2, 3, Gostling. CREST: 1, 3, Gadd; 2, Botwright. C.B. 1, Taylor; 2, Botwright; 3, Gadd. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. A.O.V. cancelled.—E. GOSTLING, Hon. Secretary.

EXETER AND DEVON C.B.S.

The first young bird show took place on July 11th, in the Market Hall. There were twelve classes, and these attracted near 80 entries. The show was quite as good as expected. Yorkshires formed the strongest section, but Norwich buffs and Crest-bred and the Goldfinch classes came out exceedingly well. The Hon. Secretaries, who discharged their duties well, were Messrs. W. A. Cornish and M. S. Adams. The Mayor (Mr. A. Gadd), who is President of the Society, and the Mayoress visited the show during the afternoon, and there was a moderate attendance. The judges, Messrs. J. W. Jackson (Yorkshires) and Mr. J. Rushmere (remainder), made their awards satisfactorily.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, Hutchings; 3, vhc, Pomeroy. BUFF: 1, Hutchings; 2, Parker; 3, Denham; vhc, Mitchell. CREST: 1, 2, Evius Bros.; 3, Denham. C.B.: 1, 2, Evins Bros.; 3, vhc, Denham; hc, Adams. YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, Miller; 2, 3, Stiling. BUFF: 1, c, Miller; 2, Elston; 3, Churchward; vhc, Sercombe; hc, Stiling. MKD. ETC.: 1, 3, Miller; 2, vhc, Churchward; hc, Sercombe; c, Slone. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Burrough; 2, Denham; vhc, Stone. MULE: 1, Adams; 2, Commins, jun.; 3, Hutching. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Farley; 2, Commins, jun.; 3, Evins Bros.; vhc, Chudley and Pennington. BRIT.: 1, Martin; 2, Perkins; 3, Chudley; vhc, Smith. FOR.: 1, Sloman; 2, 3, Linford Brown; vhc, Smith. Specials: Nor. Parker; Crest and C.B., Evins Bros.; Yorks., Miller; A.O.V., Burrough; Mule, Adams; Goldfinch, Farley; Brit., Martin; For., Sloman.

GRIMSBY.

In connection with the Charity Gala Show held in the People's Park, Grimsby, on July 9, a few classes were provided for Cage Birds, and considering the unsuitable period of the year, these were well supported. The exhibits were carefully staged and well looked after. They made a very pleasing group. Unfortunately it rained in torrents all the morning, but at mid-day it cleared up, and during the afternoon thousands of people attended. A large number of the visitors paid the extra charge to enter the marquee to see the livestock. Quality was good, the Britishers being excellent. Mr. Sam Lee, the secretary, is a very able organiser, and the gala committee are extremely fortunate in having such a capable official. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (13): 1, c, Townsend, huff, ticked on wing, nice shape, good head, close feathers, carries himself well; 2, vhc, Stubbs, clinking good clear buff, nice type; 3, Robinson, yellow, hot colour, nice feather; res., vhc, Clews; vhc (2), hc, Axe. BRED 1908 (7): 1, res., Stuhhs, wing marked, chubby, thick-set baby in nice feather; 2, Axe, nice feather and head; 3, Harland, good bird; vhc, Crowston; hc, c, Emmerson. SELL. (10/-) (6): 1, Axe; 2, Barnes; 3, Townsend. SINGING CAN: Five in all. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Barnes, big hold bird, grand blaze, breast and back, in lovely bloom; 2, Harris, nice shape, good hlaze, and wbites; 3, Axe, well-known; res., Harris; hc, c, Dix. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Axe, Yellow Bunting, excellent colour, size, markings, feather and steadiness; 2, 3, Robinson, Linnet and Bullfinch, in order named, former well marked and nice colour; res., and vhc (no name). PARROT, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Markham; 2, Lowery; 3, Davis, two real good Greys leading; res., Mrs. Stockbill; vbc, Mrs. Pick, Davis; hc, Mrs. Partington.

ORMSKIRK O.S.

The Nest Feather Sbow was held in the spacious club room of the "Buck-i'th'-Vine" Hotel, on July 11th, when about 80 birds were staged. It was a very nice sbow, considering that it was a members' show, and tbat the society is comparatively young. Messrs. Tiffin and Mose, the hon. sec. and the treasurer respectively, bad arrangements well in hand, and all the birds were in full view facing the light. The quality of several of tbe Norwich was A1, and tbe leaders in both yellows and huffs were grand lor botb size and type. The Yorkshires were very good, and the yellows particularly stylish and racy. The Buffs were led hy a real beauty, which captured special for second best Canary in show, the special for best going to a varieg. Yellow Norwich plainhead. A very pretty Norwich Green won in the A.O.V. Canary class, and a good-sized young dark Linnet-Canary in the Mule or Hybrid class. There was a fine show of Britishers. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and his decisions were well received.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1 and sp. for best Can., Hesketh, clinking varieg. bird, grand size and type, full of colour and quality; 2, T. Johnson, similarly marked, fine colour and good leather; 3, hc, c, Tasker, nice lot for quality; vhc, Foster. BUFF (1): 1, 2, T. Johnson, grand pair of typical Nor.; first has it in size and in head properties, both neat in feather, full of bloom and condition; 8, c, Tasker, grand head, sound in feather; vhc, Foster. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, G. H. Johnson; first ticked on cheek, fine long-drawn, racy bird, very tight feather, stands well up, graceful carriage; second, varieg., lovely quality of feather; 3, c, Lewis, very fine, clear, splendid type and build, very promising; vhc, Foster; hc, Walker. BUFF (8): 1 and sp. for second best Canary, vhc, Foster, eye and wing marked, rare good type, well filled, nicely drawn, good contour, sound feather and condition; 2, 3, G. H. Johnson, clear, in A1 condition, runs hard on winner in most points; third varieg. on saddle and root of tail, good shape, nice carriage; hc, Lewis; c, Williams. GREEN (1): Foster, foul tail yell green, nice type and colour, on the small side. A.O.V. CAN (3): 1, 3, T. Johnson, foul tail buff Nor. Green, good size and shape; third, loul tail buff Cinn, Nor. type; 2, Tiffen, neat buff Border. HYB. (3): 1, Davenport, capital young dark Linnet-Canary, only five weeks old, very large and cobby, shou'd make very fine bird; 2, 3, Lewis, pair of variog. buff Goldfinch Canary hybrids. BRIT. BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, T. Johnson, big bird, stout shape, good body colour, spangle too dense; 2, Pair, nice colour all over; 3, vhc, T. Johnson, jun., both have nice spangle, pale in body colours; hc, Moss; c, Parr. BULLFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Tiffen, very cobby Bullfinch, rare cap, back, wings and tail, nice breast colour and steady; 2, Moss, very fine hen, in pink of condition; 3, Hesketh, very good cock Bullfc; vhc, Lewis. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Walker, very fine yell. Greenfinch, grand colour, shape and condition; 2, Parr, well-marked Chaffinch, nice shape, medium size; 3, Birch, fine buff Greenfinch, in nice feather, good shape; vhc, T. Johnson BUNTING (4): 1, Parr, well-marked yell. Bunting, nice body colour, rare gloss and condition; 2, T. Johnson, jun., a very fine Reed Bunting, well marked; 3, Moss, good yell. Bunting; vhc, Lewis. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Moss; first, grand shape, colour and condition; second best markings. A.O.S. (1): Walker, slim Nightingale, in tight feather and condition. FOR. (3)): 1, 2, 3, Moss, fine pair of yell. Budgerigars leading; second, pair of Silverbills; third, pair of Green Budgerigars. Special for best British went to Mr. Walker; for best hardbill, Mr. J. Parr. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (7): 1, W. Lewis; 2, Birch; 3, T. Johnson; vhc, hc, Walker.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Members' First Feather Show held on July 11, at Mackworth Assembly Rooms. The entries numhered upwards of 100, the Borders and Norwich heing particularly strong in numbers. The cards were placed by Messrs. D. S. A. Longdon and W. H. Love, both of whom gave the highest satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Mabbett; 2, Vyse. BUFF (16): 1, spl, 2, Kirby; 3, Mahbett; 4, Gooding. YORKS. YELL (4): 1, 2, spl, Taylor; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, 8, Taylor; 2, 4, Hyatt. BORD: FCY. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 8, Evans; 2, Hammacott; 4, Stein. BUFF (0): 1, spl, Hammacott; 2, 3, Evans; 4, Jenkins. A.O.V. BORD. (12): 1, spl, 3, 4, Hockings; 2, George. MULES (5): 1, Hamnacott; 2, spl, George; 3,4,Jenkins. OLD BIRD NOR. (4): 1, Jeremy; 2, Kirby; 3, Hitchins. YORKS.: 1, Taylor. MULE: 1, Hitchings; 2, 3, Hockings. BORD. FCY. (11): 1 ,spl, Hammacott; 2, 4, Hockings; 3, Richards. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Rohbins. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Williams; 2, Ford; 3, Richards; 4, Neiner. GREENFINCH: 1, Richards. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Donnell and Saunders; 2, Jeremy; 3, Ford; 4, Williams. BRIT.: 1, Ford.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual members' First Feather Show was held at the Central Conservative Club, on July 11th. It was not a large show, owing chiefly to many of our members having a poor breeding season. The exhihits totalled 38, many of which will, no douht, he heard of again. The Norwich were the most numerous, and show a great improvement in quality. In the Britisb bird class there were some good exhibits. Where, however, are the Yorkshires, of Charter-street fame? Mr. R. Haworth (Blackhurn) placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction.

CREST (1): 1, Moorhouse. C.B. (1): 1, Moorhouse. YELL. NOR (4): 1, 2, Trengove; 3, Rooney; vhc, Crawshaw. BUFF (10): 1, Trengove; 2, vhc, Hirst; 3, hc, Wade; c, Rooney. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Moorhouse; 2, 3, Haworth. BUFF (2): 1, Haydock; 2, Haworth. BUFF CINN. MKD (1): 1, Rooney. YELL. CINN. MKD. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Wilson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Philpott. BRIT HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, 3, Hirst; vbc, h.c., c., Almond. GIFT (1): 1, Philpott. Mr. J. Trengove won the Righy Challenge Cup and medal for best team of three nominated hirds, and Mr. J. Wilson, the Leeds Cup for second best team.—J. W. PHILPOTT, Secretary.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual young hird show of the Clapham and District C.B.S., was held on July 11th, in the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, S.W., and proved a gratifying success, 102 exbihits being staged, which shows great progress compared with the society's initial venture last season. The excellent display of birds was nicely arranged in the convenient and well-lighted room at headquarters, and a goodly number of visitors patronised tbe fixture. In the unavoidab'e absence of the popular hon. secretary, Mr. Baker, the duties of show manager devolved upon Mr. A. C. Lucas, who discharged the task with credit. He received valuable help from Mr. W. H. Vale, and the hardworking stewards, Messrs. Askew, Cutting, Gooch, Hathaway, Sandy, Thorpe, and Yeoman. Competition in the Canary section was very keen, the "Champion" Norwich of Miss Turner, and Messrs. Vale, Woolhouse, and Eames, and the Yorkshires of Mr. Hathaway being excellent specimens for botb type and quality. The "Novice," Norwich and Yorkshires were a very warm lot, Messrs. Baker and Gooch, Rogers, Tutty, and Cutting putting down some smart youngsters in the former section, and Messrs. Thorpe, Yeoman, and Wall some Yorkies of excellent length, style and quality. Border Fancies were very strongly in evidence in the A.O.V. class. The hest young Hybrid, a Greenfinch-Canary, shown by Mr. Askew, is a hird of considerable promise. The British hirds were a good and interesting lot. Messrs. Francis, Sandy, Vale, Cutting, Hathaway, Saxton, Askew, and others making a close fight of it for the prizes, with very nice specimens, conspicuously well staged. The special for best Canary shown by a local member fell to Mr. Thorpe, with a grand wing-marked Yorkie, a lengthy finely drawn, neat, and altogetber promising "hahy"—a good one for a first-year novice. Other winners of specials were Messrs. Woolhouse, Hathaway, Baker and Gooch, Thorpe, Askew and Francis. Mr. G. E. Weston judged.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. (4): 1, vhc, Vale; 2, Eames; 3, Miss Turner. MKD. (6): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Eames; 3, hc, Vale; vhc, Miss Turner; c, Woolhouse; we failed to find any legitimate tick. YORKS. CL.: 1, Hathaway. MKD.: 1, Hathaway. CREST (5): 1, 3, Miss Smith; 2, vhc, hc, Askew. A.O.V. CAN (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Honeysett; hc, Miss Smith. CAN. HYB. (6): 1, Askew; 2, hc, Vale; 3, vhc, c, Brightly. NOVICE NOR. CL. (6): 1, hc, Baker and Gooch; 2, Tutty; 3, hc, Cutting; c Wall. MKD. (7): 1, 2, Rogers; 3, hc, Baker and Gooch, vhc, Tutty; c, Askew. YORKS. CL. (11): 1, 3, Thorpe; 2, Yeoman; vhc, c, Wall; hc, Cutting. MKD. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Thorpe; 3, hc, Wall; c, Cutting. BRIT GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Francis; 2, Vale; 3, hc, Cutting; vhc, Wall; c, Hathaway. LINNET (6): 1, Vale; 2, Hathaway; 3, Sexton; vbc, Francis; hc, Askew; c, Tutty. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, c, Francis; 2, 3, Cutting; vhc, Eames; hc, Vale. A.O.V. FINCH (11): 1, 2, Francis; 3, c, Vale; vhc, Sandy; hc, Tutty. BUNTING (4): 1, 3, Sandy; 2, Francis; vhc, Cutting. INSECTIV SMALL (2): 1, Hathaway; 2, Askew. LARGE: 1, Askew. FOR: 1, Hathaway; 2, Vale.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Second members' show held on July 11th in the Baptist Schools. Mr. J. Hartley judged, and gave general satisfaction. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Jowett; 2, Grundy; 3, Fowler; 4, Stott. BUFF: 1, W. Jagger; 2, Jowett; 3, Hartley; 4, Pratt Bros. UN. MKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Heath; 2, Scott; 3, Fowle; 4, Stott. BUFF: 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, Fowle; 3, Jowett; 4, W. Jagger. A.O.V.: 1, Swaine; 2, Fowle; 3, H. Jagger. S. JAGGER, Secretary.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The third table show was held on July 8th at Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-street, Newcastle. There was a good muster of fanciers present, and the hirds were much better than on the two previous occasions both as regards numbers and quality. The walking-stick given by the secretary for most points over the three shows was won by Mr. Ellwood with 34 points, whilst Mr. Davison closely followed with 33, and Mr. Grieve with 26. Our chairman, Mr. J. Slack, judged, and everyone was pleased with bis awards.

CL.: 1, 2, Grieve; 3, Davison; vhc, hc, Ellwood; c, Crawhall. TKD., ETC.: 1, hc, Davison; 2, c, Grieve; 3, Mather; vhc, Ellwood. During judging a meeting was held to allot patronage for autumn shows; challenge cup for best young hird bred by a member; Gateshead judge, Mr. H. W. Battye; novice competition (classes guaranteed by members or club); medal for best bird (no member can win more than one medal in one season), and 10s. for most points, 5s. second, 2s. 6d. third, and 2s. 6d. fourth. South Shields, Newcastle, Blaydon, Wallsend, Jarrow, and Gateshead. Open competition: gold medal most points, gold centre silver medal second, with three nominated birds at the following shows: Newcastle, South Shields, Blaydon, Wallsend, and Sunderland. The secretary was instructed to write Carlisle, and enquire who is their judge and what their classification, and if their reply is satisfactory Carlisle will he the other selected.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

The annual First Feather Show was held on July 11th, in the rooms of the Preston Scientific Society. The entries were not as numerous as in the previous year, there heing 86 on that occasion and only 66 on this. But the exhibits on the whole were of exceptionally high quality. Mr. T. Edwards (Burnley) officiated as judge, and the Rev. S. E. Collinson as steward.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Issott, 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Issott, vhc, Curwen. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Cleminson and Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor; vhc, hc, Curwen. Classes 5 to 13 were cancelled. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, 2, Marsh. LINNET (3): 1, Issott; 2, Marsh; 3, Brade. FIELD-MOULTED (3): 1, Issott; 2, Gabbott; 3, Hopkins. GREENFINCH: 1, Gregson. Classes 18 to 24 were cancelled. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, Howarth. NOVICE: NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Marsh; 2, 3, Knowles; vbc, Taylor and Atkinson; hc, Gregson and Anderton. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Marsh; 2, Leeming Bros.; vbc, Anderson; hc, Hopkins; c, Gregson. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Knowles; 2, Anderton; 3, Leeming Bros.; vhc, Gregson. BUFF (5): 1, Marsh, 2, Leeming Bros.; 3, Curwen; vhc, Anderton; hc, Knowles. YORKS CL. YELL. (3): 1, Lyon; 2, Parkinson; 3, Taylor; 4, Atkinson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Lyon; 3, Gahbott. TKD. ETC. YELL (2): 1, Parkinson; 2, Lyon. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Lyon; 3, c, Parkinson; vhc, Gahbott; hc, Taylor and Atkinson. Classes 34 and 35 were cancelled. BORD. FCY. BUFF: 1, Gregson.—W. H. HEATHCOTE, Secretary.

POPLAR C.B.S.

A very nice little show indeed was the first venture of the Poplar C.B.S., which was held in the Newby Place Schoolroom, on July 11th. The entries totalled 122, and the quality was considerably above the average of initial attempts. The room had heen tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage hy some of the members' wives, and presented a very pleasing appearance. Of the Norwich the Yellows were much the hest, and to them le'l both the specials, that for the hest being taken hy a sweet-bodied yellow of Mr. Cowles, which was put down in the pink of condition, and that for the second hest by another yellow, owned hy Mr. P. Hunt, a better headed hird, hut lacking the hloom of the first named. Yorkshires were a very strong lot, especially the Variegateds, which the committee decided at the last moment to divide into two classes. The special winners of Messrs. T. G. Hunt and A. Plumb were especially good, and other very typical hirds were staged by Messrs. Cook, Lowrie, Hammond, Depradines, and Dearing. Mr. J. Hunt held a strong hand in Crests and Crest-hreds, and annexed both the specials in this section. Linnets made a nice show, and had Mr. Priseman's bird been more steady, it would doubtless have secured the special over Mr. Kidman's; the latter had it in shape and steadiness, whilst Mr. Priseman's was the hest in markings and co'our. A very finely grown, well plumaged young Jay won first in the A.O.S. class. The result of this show should encourage our Poplar friends to still greater efforts, as the show was a distinct success, and spoke volumes as to the keenness and enthusiasm of the members. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CL. (12): 1, sp., Cowles, a little gem, fails slightly in head; 2, P. Hunt, grand shape, hut past his best in feather, should moult out well; 3, c, Ash, shapely, nice feathered huff; vhc, Hammond; hc, Boyson. VARIEG. (11): 1, 2, Ash, two fine hig birds of capital shape; 3, vhc, P. Hunt; hc, c, Barher. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, 2, sp., Plumh, very erect in carriage, nice slim body, fine head, capital quality, 2nd, good shape, heaten in wing carriage; 3, c, Cook, very shapely, and nice style, beaten in feather; vhc, hc, T. Hunt. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Hunt, two little beauties, very slim and neat in body, splendid carriage, nice heads, in good feather; 3, Lowrie, grand shape and style, loses in wing carriage; vhc, hc, Cook, c Depradines. VARIEG. YELL. (13): 1, sp., best Yorkshire, T. Hunt, long, slim, well tapered body, beautiful feather, very stylish, ticked eyes and neck; 2, Plumb, heavily marked, splendid colour and feather, rather stouter; 3, Depradines, long, shapely hird of nice style, hut softer in feather; vhc, Dearing; hc, Thompson; c, Thomason. BUFF (10): 1, Lowrie, marked wings and thigh, capital shape and style, in nice form; 2, Hammond, grizzled tail and rump, capital shape, very tapered away, nice feather and rare style; 3, T. Hunt, both eyes and cheek, long, stylish bird, not so tight in leather; vhc, Plumb, Thomason; hc, Depradines; c, Hammond. CREST (5): 1, 2, sp., J. Hunt, winner very neat dark, nice shaped body; 3, Cook, clear body, very long crest, had been plucked; vhc, Cowles; hc, Depradines. C.B. (13): 1, 3, vhc, sp., J. Hunt; 1st, ticked neck, grand width and shape, nice leather; 3rd, heavy marked, smaller, beautiful shape; 2, Cowles, full of quality, grand shape, not so massive in skull; hc, c, Cook. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE (6): 1, sp., Heaven, nice dark Goldfinch mule; 2, 8, vhc, hc., Barher, fair Borders. LINNET (6): 1, sp., and sp. best British, Kidman, capital shape, good colour and marking, very steady, and grand feather; 2, Priseman, splendid co'our and marking, not steady; 3, Braithwaite, nice shape and marking loses in colour; vhc, hc, c, Cole. A.O.S. (7): 1, sp., vhc, hc, Deming, very smart young Jay, good colour and marking; 2, Braithwaite, good headed Goldie; 3, Priseman, neat shaped Bullie hen.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

A young bird show was held on July 11, when, along with the British Bird classes, about 100 birds were judged hy Mr. Harrison (St. Ives). Both in numbers and quality, the show surpassed any previously held by the society at this time of the year. The medal for best young bird was awarded to Mr. Ison with a clear yellow Norwich, while the special for best Britisher fell to Mr. Williams, with a good Goldfinch. The show was excellently arranged by Mr. Moore (the hon. sec.), and his assistant (Mr. Gifford). During the afternoon a large number of fanciers spent an enjoyable time inspecting the birds. The awards were as follows:—

NOR. YELL.: 1, medal, vhc, Ison; 2, Dean; 3, hc, Hanley and Son. BUFF: 1, hc, Brooks; 2, 3, Hanley and Son; vhc, Ison. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Linsey; 2, 3, Gifford. BUFF: 1, vhc, Linsey; 2, c, Gifford; 3, hc, Casey. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Linsey. HYB.: 1, hc, Hearne; 2, 3, hc, Lambert; c, Nixon. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, King; 3, hc, Papworth; vhc, c, Hard. YORKS: 1, 3, Ebitt; 2, Casey. A.O.V. 1, Hard, 2, Cartwright. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Williams; 2, King; 3, Hinson; vhc, Rogers; hc, Edwards; c, Gifford. BULLFINCH: 1, King; 2, Williams; 3, Lambert; vbc, McQuassie; hc, Gifford. GREENFINCH: 1, vhc, Linsey; 2, Hearne; 3, Manning; hc, Rogers; c, Williams. LINNET, ETC: 1, Hinson; 2, Weston; 3, Edwards; vhc, hc, Lambert; c, G. Linsey. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Linsey; vhc, c, Lamhert; hc, Bainbridge. HYB. OLD: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Hinson; vhc, Lambert: hc, McQuassie; c Lunn.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Our First Feather Show was held at Glasgow on July 11th, and although many of our members are shopkeepers, and not a few are on holiday, the show was an advance on any previously held, both in quality and quantity. The judges, Messrs. G. McPhaill and J. L. Burnett, expressed pleasure at the quality of the birds, and experienced no little difficulty in arriving at their awards, the competition being so keen. There were in all 17 classes.

CL. YELL.—NOR. CK. (12): 1, Henderson, 2, Donachy; 3, vhc, Tannock; 4, Dowell, hc, Taylor; c, Jarvie. BUFF (11): 1, Crawford; 2, Barrie; 3, Graham; 4, Watt; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Griffiths; c, Dowell. VARIEG. ETC. CK. (18): 1, Crawford; 2, Henderson; 3, Jarvie, 4, Sloan; vhc, Hunter; hc, and vhc, Gamble. CL. YELL. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Donachy; 2, Henderson; 3, Sloan; 4, Thomson; hc, c, Jarvie. BUFF (7): 1, Henderson; 2, Hunter, 3, Watt; 4, vhc, Crawford; hc, c, Jarvie. VARIEG. ETC. HEN (10): 1, and hc, Sloan; 2, McNicol; 3, Donachy; 4, c, Crawford; hc, Martin. CL. BORD. CK: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Henderson. HEN: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Henderson. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Whitelaw. CREST: 1, Griffiths; 2, Thomson; 3, Sanderson. C.B. (12): 1, 4, Sanderson; 2, 3, Griffiths; vhc, Thomson; hc, c, Hunter. CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Martin; 2, Penman; 8, vhc, Webster; 4, Jamieson; hc, McDonald; c, Hendry. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, McDonald; 3, Penman; 4, Hendry; vhc, Webster; c, Jamieson. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, 4, McDonald; 2, Webster; 3, vhc, Jamieson; hc, vhc, Penman. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Penman; 3, McDonald; 4, 5, Jamieson. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 3, Fyfe; 2, Barrie; 4, Henderson. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, hc, McNicol; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Jamieson; 5, McCallum; 7, Sanderson.—R. A. BROWN, Secretary.

NORWICH AMATEUR C.B.A.

The annual First Feather Show was held on June 27th at St. Peter's Hall. Taking into consideration the bad season that has been experienced there was a fair number of entries, and some of the birds showed promising qualities. In the clear yellows the prize winner was considered the best specimen in the show. The huffs were present in large numbers, and there was a fair display of evenly-marked; among the ticked yellows and buffs, too, were many good birds. There was a very large number of entries for the variegated buff class in which were to be seen many useful and good stock birds. Mr. W. Thompson won the prize for the best Plainhead, and Mr. A. Thompson for the best Crest. Mr. J. Carlton was the most successful exhibitor, and was awarded the silver medal. The judges were Messrs. S. Roberts and A. Woollard. The secretary, Mr. E. Fox, had the arrangements well in hand, and is deserving of much praise.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, W. Thompson; 4, Lock; vhc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Butler; 3, Brundell; 4, Clarke; vhc, W. Thompson. EVENLY-MARKED: 1, Chapman; 2, Steward; 3, Green; 4, Harcourt; vhc, Thompson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chapman; 2, Ong; 3, Green; 4, Laccohee; vhc, Paternoster. BUFF: 1, Kahler; 2, Turner; 3, Potter; 4, Reeve; vhc, Paternoster. UNEVENLY MARKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Butler; 2, Austin; 3, R. Thompson; 4, Alpe; vhc, Nichols. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Long; 3, Laccohee; 4, Skipper; vhc, Piggin. TWO PLAIN-HEADS: 1, Pattingale; 2, 4, Harcourt; 3, Nichols; vhc, Butler. YELL. CREST: 1, Carlton; 2, 4, A. E. Thompson; 3, Whitlock. BUFF: 1, 2, Pill; 3, Able; 4, Baker. VARIEG. CREST BUFF: 1, A. Thompson; 2, Curl; 3, W. Thompson; 4, Carlton; vhc, Whitlock. CREST-BRED YELL.: R. Thompson. BUFF: 1, Able; 2, R. Thompson; 3, Carlton; 4, Whitlock; vhc, A. Thompson. TWO CRESTS: 1, Whitlock; 2, Carlton. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, 3, Dunham; 4, Chaloner; vhc, Dayton. HYB. (15/-): 1, Carlton; 2, vhc, Dunham; 3, Daynes, 4, Skipper.

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TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The society held its second nest feather show on July 18th, when 40 birds were staged in six classes. Mr F Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Gledhill; 2, O Atkinson; 3, Clegg; 4, Crowther; vhc, Firth; hc, B. and F. Worsman; c, Bedforth. BUFFS: 1, Gledhill; 2, Firth; 3, Clarke; 4, Crowther; vhc, hc, c, Fawcett. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Clegg; 2, Fawcett; 3, Crowther; 4, vhc, Clarke. BUFFS: 1, 2, Crowther; 3, vhc, Clarke; 4, Gledhill; hc, B and F Worsman; c, Firth. CINN. YELL: 1, 4, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 3, Clegg; vhc, B and F. Worsman; hc, Bedforth; c, Firth. BUFFS: 1, Bedforth; 2, Atkinson; 3, B and F. Worsman.—J. Smith, Secretary.

MANSFIELD AND WOODHOUSE.

This annual fixture took place on July 14th. The entries were smaller than we are in the habit of seeing, owing in some measure to the fact that hereabouts the moulting season has commenced very early, and birds were not therefore in condition for competition. Mr. Money, the courteous secretary, was in his usual place, doing all in his power to make the show a success. Catalogues were got out and cards put up in his usual smart way. The judge was Mr. W. Vardy, and his awards gave satisfaction. Mr. W. Roslyn represented the C.B.U.

YELL. NOR (5): 1, spl, and silver medal, Hare; 2, Barwise; vhc, Barwise, Gibson. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Fensome and Slater; 2, Hobbs; vhc, Hare, Barwise. CAN. (1908): 1, 2, Barwise; 3, Swain; vhc, Hare; hc, Morris; c, Swain. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, Chaffinch and Linnet; vhc, Lowe, Goldie; hc, Chadbourne, Linnet.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The First Feather Show was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on July 18th. The entries totalled 46 which was considerably less than formerly, owing no doubt to some of the members being on holiday. Mr. J. Jeans judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. PLAINHEAD (5): 1, Marshall; 2, Veitch; 3, Hunter; 4, Dunn. BUFF (10): 1, McFarlane; 2, Hamilton and Wallace; 3, Dickson; 4, Veitch. CREST (1): 1, Moreland. C.B. (2): 1, McFarlane; 2, Moreland. YELL. BOR. (2): 1, Marshall; 2, Hamilton and Wallace. BUFF (2): 1, Marshall; 2, Hamilton and Wallace. MULES (1): 1, Dunn. FINCH (7): 1, Miller and Eadie; 2, Clubb; 3, Parker; 4, Miller and Eadie. BRIT. (13): 1, Taylor; 2, Parker; 3, Rennie; 4, Kirkwood. SOFTBILL BRIT. (2): 1, Dunn; 2, Miller and Eadie. FOR. (1): Miller and Eadie.—William Clubb, Secretary.

KETTERING.

The third annual show of young stock was held on July 18th and 19th at the Kettering Ride Band Club. The cage bird section made a fine show, and Mr. F. Martin (Wellingborough) judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. The show was visited by a large number, and proved a great success.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Goodwin; 3, Turner. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, 3, Turner. MEMBERS' BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Goodwin; 3, Turner. YORKS. (Members): 1, Marlow. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (Members): 1, Turner; 2, Marlow. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (Members): 1, Martin; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Fairey. BRIT., LARGE (Members): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Martin. SMALL SOFTBILL (Members): 1, Martin. A.O.S. BRIT. (Members): 1, 2, hc, Fairey; 3, vhc, Martin; c, Sharpe. FOR. LARGE (Members and affiliated Members): 1, 2, 3, hc, Sharpe; vhc, Kilborn. SMALL (Members and Affiliated members): 1, 2, 3, Sharpe.—A. J. West, Secretary.

CHESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Our annual nest feather show was held on July 1st at The Boot Inn, Eastgate-row, N. There were about 40 birds staged; this was not quite so many as last year, but the quality of the exhibits was good, notably the Norwich shown by Mr. Braeegirdle, his clear Yellow being considered the best bird in show. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Braeegirdle. BUFF (2): 1, Braeegirdle; 2, Wright. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Lloyd; 2, Wright; 3, Braeegirdle. BUFF (5): 1, Braeegirdle; 2, 3, Woodcock; vhc, he, Lanceley. YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Dutton; 2, Wright; 3, Lloyd; vhc, E. Morris; hc, R. J. Morris. BUFF (2): 1, Dutton; 2, Lloyd. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Dutton; 3, Williams; vhc, E. Morris; hc, R. J. Morris. BUFF (3): 1, Dutton; 2, Williams; 3, Wright. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Dutton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Stovin. SELL.: 1, 2, Gardner. MULE: 1, Whitlow; 2, Lloyd; 3, Stovin. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Lloyd; 2, Hennessey. BULLFINCH: 1, Lanceley. LINNET (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Red; 3, Dolphin; vhc, Stovin.—Alfred J. Red, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual Nest Feather Show was held on July 4th in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall. Owing to the very poor season most of our members have had there were only about one hundred birds staged, but these were of the highest quality. The judges were Messrs. H. Taylor and F. Gregory, and their awards were well received.

CL. NOR.: 1, 2, he, Richinson; 3, vhc, c, Highly. MULE: 1, Wadsworth; 2, 3, Johnson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Welbon; 2, Justice; 3, hc, Grainger; vhc, Highly, c, Richards. LINNET: 1, res, Johnson; 2, Cocking; 3, Wadsworth; vhc, hc, Welbon. REDPOLL: 1, Welbon; 2, Richards; 3, Justice; res, Johnson. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORK., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Bright; vhc, hc, Richards; res, c, Havenhand. NOR., CL YELL.: 1, E. Johnson; 2, vhc, res, Fisher; 3, Havenhand; hc, c, Skells. TKD.: 1, Grainger; 2, Fisher; 3, Skells; res, vhc, Welbon. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, res, vhc, Johnson; 3, Welbon; hc, Grainger; c, Cocking. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, res, Wadsworth. Special winners were Messrs. W. Richinson, Bright, E. Johnson, Justice, Richards, Fisher, and B. Welbon.—W. Richinson, Secretary.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual show of Canaries and Mules in their nest feather held at the Adelphi Inn, Harrogate-street, on July 11th. The entries were not so good as usual, as some of the members have had a very poor breeding season. Mr. S. Andrews (Widnes) judged, and gave every satisfaction. About 40 birds were staged, the best of which were to be found among the Norwich. Mr. Dyer won special for best bird in open classes, and Mr. H. Young for best in novice classes. The show was visited by quite a large number of local fanciers, and all passed off well.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Dyer; 2, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, 3, Dyer; 2, Crabtree. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, Bennett. SELL.: 1, Crabtree; 2, Rheid; 3, Vickers. GIFT: 1, Young; 2, Dyer; 3, Vickers. BROWN LINNET: 1, Young; 2, Large; 3, Ridge. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, Young; 2, Rheid; 3, Holden. BUFF: 1, 2, Young; 3, Roberts. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Vickers. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, Large.—Wm. Ridge, Sec.



THE BLACKCAP WARBLER.

Sketched from the Bird Exhibited by Mr. J. Frostick (Balham), at the last Crystal Palace Show.

GWENNAP.

In connection with the Gwennap Horticultural Society the annual show of cage birds (under C.B.U. Rules) was held on July 16th at Trevinee, where nearly 100 birds were staged. Considering the time of the year, the quality of the exhibits was good throughout. Mr. F. Collins made the greatest number of points, 56, but having won the points special two years in succession, he was not allowed to receive it this year, so it passed to Mr. J. Davies, with 25 points. The weather was very bad all day, which affected the gate considerably. The stewards did their work well, and are deserving of much credit. Mr. W. Medlyn (Falmouth) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Tippett, good head and neck, nice colour and wing carriage, Redruth winner in new hands; 2, Rickard, good colour and wing carriage, shapely; 3, Trevena, non-flighted, good wing carriage, lovely colour; vhc, Lawry; he, Climas. TKD. YELL.: 1, Trevena, neck and eye marked, grand colour, full of quality; 2, Tippett (we missed); 3, Ferrell, tick thigh, good shape and wing carriage. CL. BUFF: 1, Trevena, good shape and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Rickard, nice shape; 3, Ferrell, very shapely, good head and neck. BUFF TICK.: 1, spl, 3, Rickard, tick right eye and wing, good bird, moulting on neck, 3 tick left wing; 2, vhc, Ferrill, grizzle head, good shape and carriage. CREST and C.B.: 1, spl, Collins, variegd. Crest, good centre, nice and feathery; 2, vhc, Davies, yellow C.B., plenty of feather, nice skull; 3, Bennetts, variegd. Crest, nice body. CINN.; 1, 2, vhc, he, Burton, all young birds, 1 good shape and colour, fine skull, 2 buff, good size and shape; 3, c, Johnson, will improve yet. GROUP (bred 1908): 1, Keup, good Nowich, grand shape and colour; 2, Symons, Yorks., lengthy, fine wing carriage; 3, Ferrill, Norwich, good shape and quality. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Webb, full of colour, lengthy and nice wings and tail; 2, 3, Oatey, tick wing, good colour; vhc, Hosking. BUFF: 1, Symons, beautiful feather, good length, nice wings and tail, stands well; 2, 3, Oatey, typical, good head and neck, nice tail; vhc, Webb. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Best, yellow Scots, good head and shoulders, nice drive, tail well under perch, 2 buff Scots, fine shoulders and tail; 3, hc, Rickards, yellow Scots, grand shoulders, nice head; vhc, c, Davies. LIGHT MULE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Collins, four-point, lovely eye and wing markings, 2 light Linnet mule, good colour and size, 3 variegated, splendid blaze. DARK: 1, 2, 3, Collins, Goldie-Greenie, grand wing and blaze, 2 Greenie, beautiful colour and feather, 3 sweet Siskin, good colour and markings. GOLDFINCH: 1, Allen, nice blaze, good buttons and moons; 2, Legassick, good whites and blaze, grand buttons; 3, Webb, fine blaze and wing bars; vhc, Collins; he, Harris. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Foster, Bullie, good cap and markings, nice colour, steady; 2, Harris, yellow Wagtail, lovely colour; 3, vhc, Rowe and Hancock, Yellowhammer, nice size and markings; hc, Dale; c, Collins. LARGE: 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, well-known Hawfinch, in grand form; 2, Collins, Blackbird (Jack), looking well; 3, Harris, Thrush, nice moons, good spots; vhc, Clift. FOR.: 1, spl, Woolcock, Gouldian, nice colours; 2, 3, Peters, 2 pair Javas, good shape and colours, 3 Budgerigars, in nice condition; vhc, Chapple. SELL. (10/-): 1, 3, Davies; 2, Collins.

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WEST BROMWICH & DIST. C.B.S.

The nest feather first annual show was held on July 4th at the Dartmouth Hotel. The birds were nicely staged in good time, the indefatigable secretary, Mr. T. Duffield, and the officials having matters well in hand. Mr. Duffield is the right man in the right place. For a first attempt the members deserve much praise, about 60 specimens being tabled for competition. Some of the classes contained very typical birds. Mr. A. Paddock, King's Heath, judged, and his awards met with universal satisfaction. He also gave a silver medal which was won by a Norwich bred by Mr. Russell.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Russell, typical specimen, lovely quality, good head and neck, well across perch. BUFF: 1, Russell, good size and quality feather, very typical. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Cooper, marked bird, nice type and quality; 2, Green, good quality of feather; 3, Viles, typical; vhc, Carter. BUFF: 1, spl, Russell, very typical bird, marked on head, lovely shape and feather, wins special for best in show; 2, 3, Cooper, both good birds, nice type and quality; vhc, Capewell; he, Viles; c, Green. CREST AND C.B.: Viles, wins in each class, nice specimens. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Beek, leader taking bird, good length, and shape; 2nd, smart action; 3, Palmer, another fine bird; vhc, Collier, typical but too small, looks like a hen. BUFF: 1, spl, Collier, lovely quality feather, nice head and neck, a good one; 2, Beek, nice bird, fails only in quality to leader; 3, vhc, he, Palmer; c, Bayliss. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Palmer, wins well, grand position; 2, Collier, another good winner; 3, Beek, also fine exhibit; vhc, Bayliss. BUFF: 1, 3, Beek, both good birds, will further improve in quality, leader wins easily; 2, Collier, good length, nice position; vhc, Palmer. MULES: 1, Green, nice Greenfinch-Canary, good size, beautifully laced, grand plumage; 2, Carter, nice Goldfinch-Canary. SELL. (20/-).—1, Green; 2, Capewell; 3, Russell. NOVICE: 1, spl, 2, Dowler.

FALMOUTH AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A first feather show (including British and Foreign birds) was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Falmouth, on July 8th. Mr. J. T. Trerise judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. The show was well patronised by fanciers. A framed oil painting, presented by Mr. Thos. Burton, was won by Mr. W. J. Medlin, with twelve entries, scoring 61 points. The judge expressed a high opinion of the exhibits, of which there were 63 in all. They were pronounced to be far in advance in quality of those of former shows. The Fancy is therefore making rapid strides in the "Cornish Riviera." Altogether the show was a great success.

NOR. CL. YELL.—1, Cooper, beautiful shape, nice wing carriage, good head, and chest, wins easily; 2 and 3, Medlin, really fine birds, shapely, and full of quality and colour. BUFF: 1 and 2, Medlin, both clinkers, well up in quality, full of colour; 3, vhc, Cooper, 3, shapely and stylish; hc, Barnicoat. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Medlin, trio of the best three birds in show, beautifully staged, full of quality and substance, very shapely, should be heard of again; vhc, Cooper; hc, Barnicoat. c, Gosling. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Tiddy and Son, three good Yorkies, well up on leg, nice quality; hc, Gosling. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Tiddy and Son, same quality as Yellows, Buffs slightly better heads, will improve after moult; vhc, Webb; he, Gosling. TKD., ETC.: 1, Webb, beautiful Cinnamon marked buff, ought to be heard of later; 2, Gosling, another fine Yorkie. CINN. YELL.: 1 and 3, Medlin, winner possesses good head and wing carriage; 3, very nice bird; 2, Burton, lovely feather and quality, splendid colour. BUFF: 1 and 2, Medlin, winner deserves place, good quality throughout; 2, another good one; 3, vhc and he, Burton, full of quality. A.O.V.: 1, Medlin; 2, Barnicoat; 3, Richards. GOLDFINCH: 1, Legassick, magnificent bird, beautiful feather, nice square blaze, wins easily; 2, Cox, nice bars and buttons; 3, Cooper, grand bird, good colour. SMALL BRIT.: 1 and vhc, Burton, really nice Bullfinch, fine dense-coloured cap, grand wing bars, shapely and very steady; 2, Barnicoat, a good Bramb'finch, ought to improve after moult. FOR.; 1, 3, vhc, he and c, Cox; 2, Opie.—Thos. Burton.

DEAL, WALMER & DISTRICT F.A.

An open radius show was held on July 15th and 16th; the quality of the cage birds entered was excellent. The secretaries, Messrs. M M Avis and W. B Thompson, did their work well, and carried out the arrangements to a successful issue. Mr G. H. Billett (attending, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 2, 3, Mrs. Wood; 4, vhc, hc, Thompson. YORKS. (5): 2, hc, Chapman; 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, Franklin. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 2, Sharpe, 4, Franklin. FOR. (3): 2, Franklin; 3, Thompson, 4, Prescott. LOCAL MEMBERS' CLASS (8): 2, 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, vhc, Mrs. Wood. Canaries 60, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 74 were examined.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

A members' Nest Feather Show was held at Crown Hotel, Station-street, on July 15th. Mr J H. Roe judged. Unfortunately the exhibits of Messrs. Burke and Coton were delivered into the wrong room, and were not found until the evening. Had these birds faced the judge, it is probable the awards would have been placed differently in the Yorkshire section. Mr. A. J. Smith won special for best bird in show, with a grand Crest.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Eckersley; 3, vhc, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, 3, Broadhurst; 2, vhc, Eckersley, he, Marlow. TKD., ETC., YELL.; 1, spl, 2, Eckersley; 3, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Eckersley, 3, Broadhurst. CREST: 1, two spl, Smith; 2, 3, vhc, Griggs. C.B.: 1, 2, Griggs. YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, spl, Allen; 2, Richardson; 3, Uzzell. BUFF: 1, spl, Paddock; 2, Collier; 3, Uzzell; vhc, Allen. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Uzzell; vhc, Paddick. BUFF: 1, Collier; 2, Allen; 3, vhc, Uzzell; hc, Richardson; c, Marlow. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Marlow. SELL.: Two firsts, Dipple.—J. H de Maillet, Hon. Sec.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

The first feather show of the Walthamstow F.A., which was held in the Workmen's Hall, on July 11th, was not the success which had been expected, owing to several of the most prominent members being from home, and unable to send their birds. Still, if entries were poor the quality was quite the best we have seen at a Walthamstow fixture. Mr. Marley put down an exceptionally strong team, and won the special for best Norwich and best bird in the show with a most charming yellow. The second special fell to a very handsome crest, shown by Mr. Farmer, a rare headed bird, but unfortunately he has a stiff back claw. The arrangements were well carried out by Messrs. Handscombe, Voss, Andrews, Smith, Jack, Marley, Beresford, and Rolph. Messrs. Forse and Stone, the secretaries, were unfortunately not able to assist owing to absence from home. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL.: (4), 1, 2, and two specials, Marley, magnificent colour and quality, nice shape; 3, sp., Williamson, nice colour and quality, not so chubby; vhc, Handscombe. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Marley, neat and chubby, nice feather and colour; 3, he, Williamson, good shape and feather, bad lost a few feathers over beak; he, Williamson. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Billingsley, neck ticked, and eye marked, two gems for shape and quality, winner the tightest in feather; 3, Marley, ticked head, capital shape, beaten in feather; vhc, sp., Williamson; hc, Handscombe. BUFF (5): 7, Billingsley, eye ticked, beautiful shape, nice quality; 2, 3, Williamson, rump ticked, nice body shape, beaten in head; 3rd lovely eye ticked, set down in tail, very promising; vhc, Marley; he, Handscombe. YORKS (4): 1, vhc, Bennett, grand shaped buff, good head, nice style and feather; 2, 3, Burbidge, shapely yellows, hardly so good in head. CREST (3): 1, 3, sp., Farmer, grand length and droop, beautiful centre, radiates well all-round; 2, Watchem, very neat wing marked, nice quality. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Farmer, lovely yellow green, rare shape and quality; 3, variegated, more feather, but hardly the quality or shape; 3, Watchem, another nice green. GOLD, or BULL. (4): 1, vhc, Handscombe, very neat Bullie hen, capital shape, and well marked; 2, Burbidge, nice coloured Bullie, fails shape; 3, Marley GREENFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, sp., Marley; 1st, Greenfinch, a wonderfully fine bird for quality and colour, grand shape, 2nd, charming linnet 3rd, very sweet Siskin.

HAMPSTEAD, HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members held their first show of young stock and British and foreign birds at Headquarters, Spencer Hall, on July 11. The entry was an excellent one, about 140 exhibits being staged. Mr. W. Reynolds, the hon. secretary, with his assistant, Mr. Neal, had made every arrangement for the comfort of the exhibits, and the convenience of exhibitors. The cages were staged at a convenient height to view comfortably, and the staging was prettily draped, the liberal supply of flowers and pot plants lending much charm and colour to the whole. About 30 special prizes were awarded, and the competition was generally keen. Norwich and Yorkshires held pride of numbers, and some excellent specimens were on view. The British birds, too, were of high merit. In the Champion classes, Yorkshires were conspicuous by their absence, but the Novices came up well. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. In the evening the special prizes were presented by Mr. Coun. Solomon (St. Pancras).

CHAMPION SECTION:—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Bell; 2, 3, vhc, Reyno'ds. BUFF: 1, Bell; 2, 3, Reynolds. VAR. YELL.: 1, Bell; 2, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, 3 spls, 2, Bell; 3, Reynolds. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Shakespeare. BORD.: 1, 2, Shakespeare. LIZARD: 1, Shakespeare. MULES: 1, spl, Shakespeare. A.O.V.: 1, 2, spl, Shakespeare. AMATEUR SECTION (Cancelled). NOVICE SECTION:—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, spl, Hyde; 3, spl, Hastings; vhc, A. Knight; hc, Geen; c, Mrs. Wood. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Johnson. VGTD. YELL.: 1, W. Knight; 2, spl, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Avery; vhc, Hyde; he, Johnson; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, W. Knight; 2, Walmsley; 3, Hyde; vhc, Avery; he, c, Mrs. Giddy. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2 spls, Bush; 2, spl, Ward; 3, spl, Street; vhc, Rawlinson; he, c, spl, W. Knight. BUFF: 1, Bush; 2, 3, vhc, W. Knight; he, Rawlinson; c, Winter. VGTD. YELL.: 1, 2, Fisher; 3, Winter; vhc, Hastings; he, c, Yardley. BUFF: 1, Bush; 2, W. Knight; 3, A. Knight; vhc, Harrow; he, Hastings. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, Penny; 3, vhc Ward; he, Gill. MULES AND HYB.: 1, Pile; 2, 3, Jones. OLD: 1, Mrs. Giddy. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Pile; 2, Hyde; 3, c, Street; vhc, Smeeton; he, Neal. BULLFINCH: 1, Street; 2, Smeeton. GREENFINCH: 1, 2 spls, Pile; 2, Neal; 3, Smeeton; vhc, Smeeton; he, Mrs. Giddy. LINNET: 1, spl, Smeeton; 2, vhc, Pile; 3, Ward; he, Hastings; c, Neal. SISKIN, ETC: 1, he, Pile; 2, Ward; 3, Andrews; vhc, Smeeton. BUNTING: 1, spl, Pile. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, 2, Pile. A.S. HENS: 1, Pile. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Smeeton FOR. FINCHES: 1, spl Pile. A.O.S.: 1, Pile; 2, Andrews. SELL.: 1, Fisher; 2, A Knight; 3, vhc, he, Dickson; c, Walmsley. GIFT: 1, W. Reynolds.

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TWITTERINGS.

The advice you gave me anent my Canaries answered very well indeed, writes Mrs. A. M. Collins (Thornton Heath).

I have had a splendid year, writes Mr. G. B. Leclair (Leytonstone), and I may say that CAGE BIRDS is the only journal I advertised in.

We are having a "question and reply" night on August 12th, write Messrs. Williams and Easby, the hon. secs. of the Hartlepools C.B.S.

I am very pleased with the CAGE BIRDS CHART (No. 8, Norwich Canary) which you sent me a short time ago, writes Mr. F. G. Lester (Chelsea, S.W.)

Allow me to say how very interesting, writes Mrs. M. J. Bright (Bideford), CAGE BIRDS is to us each week. We look forward to its delivery each Friday.

My advertisement in your paper, writes Mr. F. Miles (Watergate, Wight), proved all that could be desired. CAGE BIRDS is before any other paper for advertising in.

At the close of the judging at our Nest Feather show, held on July 18th, writes Mr. Ed. Carlisle, hon. sec. of the Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S., we made two new members.

A pair of pure white Sparrows, it is reported, have made their appearance in the Willesden Infirmary grounds, and have been subjected to a good deal of ill-treatment by other Sparrows.

Mr. A. E. Bishop, of Worcester, writes Mr. P. Philpot (Guildford), has bought up the whole of my breeding stock, including the winners at Reading, Weybridge, Reigate, and Guildford.

I should like to thank the Rev. C. D. Farrar, writes Mr. John Hocking (Swansea), for his very original and breezy articles, entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," now appearing in the columns of CAGE BIRDS.

We are advised by the sec. of the Eagle Cage Bird Society that a show of Belgian Canaries is to be held on August 9th, at the headquarters of that society, "La Maison Blance," 34, Pelican Street, Antwerp. A capital exhibition is anticipated.

The Nest Feather show of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. will be held on Saturday, July 25th, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the hon. sec., in the Co-operative Hall, Newgate Street (entrance, Darn Crook). The judge is Mr. J. Shepherd. We anticipate a record entry.

We have not fixed our date for the open show yet, writes Mr. C. J. Robinson, hon. sec. of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. We are thinking of trying a radius show for one season to see if we can get a bit of ready money, as all our open shows have resulted in financial loss.

Through pressure of business I have been compelled, writes Mr. W. R. Murrell, to resign the secretaryship of the Spalding F.A. All correspondence in connection with the society should now be addressed to Messrs. Elviss and Mouncey, Station House, Spalding.

We hold our First Feather show on July 25th, writes Mr. D. Campbell, sec. of the Kirkintilloch C.B.S., when we expect to see some good birds exhibited. We invite the Glasgow fanciers to come and have a look round. Mr. Hugh Morcland (Falkirk), judges.

Please stop my advertisement of bird nests, writes Mr. James F. Dewar (Edinburgh), as season is finished. I have sold 47 gross, which I consider very satisfactory, and fully a third more than in any previous season. CAGE BIRDS, I may say, was the only paper I advertised in.

The following gentlemen have agreed to judge at the annual show on September 19th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, sec. of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.: Messrs. A. Clark (Rutherglen), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), J. Kean (Edinburgh), and J. Watson (Glasgow).

The local fanciers of Buckhaven and district have decided to hold an open show on November 21st, writes Mr. Lamrie, the show sec. Mr. A. Leslie (Thornton), will judge the Scotch Fancy, and Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), the Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, and the British and Foreign Birds.

Messrs. A. J. Slade, W. Povey, A. Atteridge, T. A. Norris, and W. Edmonds have been elected members of the Dulwich O.S., writes Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon secretaries. Six silver rose bowls have been kindly given for best birds in the various sections at our forthcoming open show. Mr. Wilmot has contributed three of them, and Messrs. Woolhouse, Rogers, and a friend, the other three. Mr. Butler has promised a two-guinea casket of scent for best bird exhibited by a lady.

It looks as though the House Sparrows were beginning to seek fresh quarters, out of the reach of Sparrow Clubs and the like, for two Sparrows, it is said, have begun to build their nests in a tug-boat at Rye Harbour. During last week the tug was absent from the harbour for two days, but when it returned the birds resumed their nest-building.

The following gentlemen have consented, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, sec. of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S., to judge at our second annual show, to be held on October 10th. For Scotch Fancies, Mr. Adam Melrose (Galashiels), for Border Fancies, Messrs. Bennet and Hardie, and for Norwich, Mules and British, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh). The cup is for the Scotch Fancy section.

We intend holding our Young Bird Show on July 29th, in the "Eureka Hotel," Frederick Street, when Mr. John Gilhespy will place the cards, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, hon. sec. of the Shields C.B.S. We have three specials, viz., for most entries, for most points in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and for best bird in the last five classes. We have 17 classes in all—Canaries, 1 Mule or Hybrid, and 4 British and Foreign bird classes.

At our last meeting we decided to have two members' shows, writes Mr. Hy. Dobson, hon. sec. of the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.A., one on November 14th and the other on November 28th. For the convenience of those of our members who reside at Ryhope, we shall hold the latter show at that place. We have secured the services of Mr. R. S. Bewick (Durham), as judge at one of the shows, and are hoping Mr. E. Tunkard (Seaham), will judge at the other.

At a meeting recently convened by the Kent Fruit Growers' Association for the purpose of discussing the caterpillar pest, it was unanimously agreed that a serious mistake is made by those who destroy birds so ruthlessly. The good done by insectivorous birds of all species was freely acknowledged. It was stated, too, that fruit growers in some districts were paying a heavy toll to-day in the shape of crops which had been attacked and destroyed by the caterpillar.

I had a copy of CAGE BIRDS sent to me this week (the first one for eighteen months), writes Lance-Corpl. T. Smith, The Buffs, O.R.C., South Africa. I always took it in civil life (never was without it), and it won't be my fault if I am without it now. It is so very interesting. It reminds one when abroad of many pleasant rambles taken at home, and which I live in hope of enjoying again. I consider CAGE BIRDS by far the best paper published at the present time about birds, and it is invaluable to fanciers and novices.

[We regret that owing to the pressure of First Feather Show Reports, a deal of interesting matter has had to be held over until next week.]

We notice that Mr. W. H. Gill, the hon. sec. of the Douglas and Isle of Man C.B.S., has published a letter in a local contemporary which he has headed "A plea for our local wild British birds." He deplores the decrease in the number of Goldfinches, which at one time were so plentiful on the Island, and regrets the possibility of their becoming extinct, like the Bullfinch. The host of soft-bills and rare birds, too, have their enemies in the way of egg-collectors, nest-raiding being a hobby which he can never understand. The writer's dominant plea is for the safeguarding of birds at certain times of the year, and the establishment of a definite time for the catching of wild birds.

In the notice which appeared in our columns last week of the death of Mr. D. Hope, chairman of the City of Hull C.B.S., we omitted to give the names of those who attended the funeral. These included among others, Mr. and Mrs. Calam, Mr. Foster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Raglan, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cresby, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, sen., Mr. and Mrs. Moore, jun. (of the Grimsby and Dis. O.S.), Mr. and Mrs. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Oliff, Messrs. Stubbs, Harland, Perkins, Oliver, Pepper, E. R. Ridley, Longhorn, Clews, Barwick, Kling, Crossley, Castle, Whitehead, and Walker. We have also received obituary notices from Messrs. F. F. Potter, hon. sec. of the City of Hull C.B.S., and E. W. Oliver.

We have seen many sizes and various colours of eggs produced from Norwich Canaries this breeding season, writes "J.E.N." in the "Eastern Evening News," some of which have been extraordinarily large, whilst others have been exceptionally small. Complaints have been rife as to the exceedingly small nest of eggs. Now it is my pleasure to record a beautiful nest of eggs—nine in number. A popular Norwich City football player, not being able to resist the fascination of Canary breeding, started this season with a few birds from a noted Crest-breeder, and he has "scored" well—seven youngsters in one round. The hen laid eggs on nine successive mornings, but the anxious footballer unfortunately broke two. However, luck is with him, for it is stated they are young birds that he may well be proud of. I may add they have been made up into two nests—a three and a four, two pairs bringing them up.

Winners of Many Prizes.

I hear, writes a local correspondent, that Mr. J. B. Tasker (Skelmersdale), who is so well known locally as a breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, and who figured recently as a successful vocalist, has been adding two more prizes to the silver cup he won several weeks ago—a silver tea-pot and a case of silver fish knives and forks. It was not a case of only one, two, or three competitors in the class, but the full "birdie" number sang on each occasion. When the open season commences with birds, I hope to see Mr. Tasker's birds adding to his numerous prizes. That successful "Yorkie" breeder and exhibitor, Mr. R. Gardner (Ormskirk), is also to the front in the way of prizes, other than in the "birdie" line, his prowess in the literary line having won him a substantial money prize in a leading periodical. Owing to the satisfaction given on previous occasions, Mr. Richard Hunter (Ormskirk), has again been appointed judge of the cage bird section of the Anghton and Dis. H.S. This show is always looked forward to with keen interest by local fanciers around Ormskirk and District.

Wandering Budgerigars.

Mr. Dunston, of 29, St. John's Road, Weston, Bath, had the misfortune to lose a pair of green Budgerigars from their cage last week. They were last seen flying about St. Michael's cemetery. Observers, please don't shoot in mistake for a *rara avis*.

To Preserve Humming Birds.

Speaking recently before the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Importation of Plumage Prohibition Bill, Lord Stanmore stated that he had heard of an order coming to Trinidad from New York for 10,000 Humming Birds. In order to stop that sort of traffic he suggested a duty on the skins of rare and beautiful birds, believing that would have an immediate effect in preserving the various species.

Numerical Strength of Sparrows

A census of birds within an area covering a narrow strip of country 428 miles long, was recently taken in Illinois, America. The number of birds found totalled 7,740, being 645 to the square mile. No less than 85 species were represented, and of the whole number 18 per cent. were English Sparrows. On this basis the bird population of the State is computed to be 30 millions, of which the Sparrows would account for 5½ millions, or about the same as the human population of London.

Southern Yorkshire Canary Club.

The patronage of the above club has been allotted to the following shows, Cardiff and Bournemouth being subject to the appointment of judges:—Champion Section: Cup Competition, Cambridge, Oct. 22nd and 23rd, judge, Mr. J. Robson; Dulwich and Peckham, Nov. 5th and 6th, judge, Mr. H. Broadley; Worcester, Nov. 19th, judge, Mr. J. H. Payne; Cardiff, Nov. 25th and 26th; National Palace, Feb. 5th to 9th. Trophy Competition: Battersea, Oct. 14th and 15th, judge, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Southend, Nov. 3rd, judge, Mr. W. Mundell; Wimbledon, Nov. 17th and 18th, judge, Mr. J Robson; Cardiff, Nov. 25th and 26th; Welsh National (Swansea), Dec. 10th and 11th, judge, Mr. J. Robson. Novice Section: Battersea, Oct. 14th and 15th, judge, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Southend, Nov. 3rd, judge, Mr. W. Mundell; Bournemouth, Nov. 25th and 26th; Welsh National, Dec. 10th and 11th, judge, Mr. J. Robson; National Palace, Feb. 5th to 9th.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. sec.

Spreading Birdie Education.

It has been suggested to the London County Council that pictorial representations and printed descriptions of the various species of birds in the aviaries and other parts of the London parks would not come amiss to many who are not well-versed in bird-law. The suggestion is still under their consideration.

Scottish Norwich Plainhead C.C.

Will members please note that subscriptions for 1908 are now due, and should be forwarded to me without delay, to ensure their names being included in the membership list. Breeders of the Norwich Plainhead in Scotland should join, and assist in further popularising the bird of colour. A number of valuable prizes will be competed for during the coming show season, and the International Contest with the Plainhead Club of England will take place at Glasgow this year. All particulars may be had from me.—J. BROWN, sec., 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

A Favourite Yellow Bunting.

I beg to thank you, writes Mr. T. H. Inman (Bradford), for so kindly reproducing in last week's issue of your interesting and instructive journal the picture of my Yellow Bunting. I may say he was the steadiest Bunting I have ever had or even seen. Out of the eight or nine times shown in open classes, he did very well. I could do almost anything with him—he was so tame. I sent him away in the country a short time since to have a good moult, but I am sorry to say he is dead. Still, I have another one which I think will moult out better with good luck. I might say I have gone in this time for a few Hybrids (British and Canary). My Bullfinch hens have laid well, but have produced no good eggs as yet. I have had eggs (two and three nests each) from Greenie-Bullie, Redpoll-Bullie, Goldie-Bullie, and Chaffinch-Canary. I have also had two Linnets, that have run three very large Yorkshire hens, and I have three Mules already taken away from, and four still in the nest. Another nest is due this week. I have had altogether a dozen Linnet Mules hatched. So I don't think I have done very badly. I have had a Bullie hen, which paired to a Goldfinch, and I shall know this week-end whether there are any good ones, or not. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. I have been a reader of it almost from its commencement, and have been a fancier for practically all my life.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Aug. 1—**Runcorn & Dis. O.S.**
Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. **Wellingboro' & Dis. C.B.S.** R.J.H.
*Oct. 1 and 2. **Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.** J.R. and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 7 and 8. **Peterboro' C.B.A.** J.R., J.Wk., and W.L.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.F.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.** W.V. and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** T.A., H.H.M., A.C., J.P., and P.McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** A. Pik. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City and Glasgow O.A.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and D. B.F.A.** W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** W.P.B., A.H.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.**
*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent.** J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** J.C.B.
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.**
*Oct. 21 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** W.M.S., J.Hn., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Bulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Boness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. McK., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
*Nov. 21.—**Selby.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 3 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5. **Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.**
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10. **Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 335.)

(For Secretaries' addresses see last week's list.)

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The result of the recent voting is as follows: Chairman, Mr. T. L. Castree; vice-chairman, Mr. T. H. Melhuish; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Jones; secretary, Mr. D. H. Tedstone, 4, George Street, Brecon; auditors, Messrs. H. Thomas (Tallylyn), D. S. A. Longden (Swansea); committee: Messrs. B. Davies (Merthyr Tydfil), F. P. Dymond (Cardiff), F. J. Eynon (Aberdare), G. L. Harber (Merthyr Tydfil), T. Oriel (Abertillery), J. Pritchard (Mountain Ash), G. T. Jones (Brecon), and D. S. A. Longden (Swansea); judges, Messrs. T. L. Castree, D. H. Tedstone, T. H. Melhuish, D. S. A. Longden J. Pritchard, and F. J. Eynon.

English & Welsh Border Fancy C.C.

The result of the recent voting is as follows: President, Mr. P. Rohinson, 16 votes; secretary, Mr. S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool, 13 votes; auditors, Messrs. J. Wilson (Workington), 13 votes, and J. Rohson and R. Brownlie (London), 5 votes each; committee, Messrs. J. S. Clinch (Liverpool), and C. C. Blackshaw (Altrincham), 4 votes each, P. Drinkwater (Altrincham), J. A. Lewthwaite (Workington), J. Wagstaff (Barrow), and J. S. Wilson (Workington), 2 votes each; W. Hughes, (Liverpool), F. W. Hawkins (Gateshead), R. Brownlie (London), J. Thomson (Wigton), J. Ellwood (Whitehaven), W. J. Jenkins (Swansea), A. Cherry (Barrow), C. Cuhhy (Carlisle), and W. Poole (Workington), 1 vote each.

Back to Town.

Mr. R. A. Mills, a member of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, has left Brecon for London, his native town, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone. Mr. Mills has only heen in the Fancy about two years. This season he has taken up the Border Fancy and left Brecon with a few pairs of very good stock. I hope that now he has come to town a few good brother fanciers will look him up. I have not the least doubt but that he will join one of the clubs in the district. His address is 42, Longmead Road, Upper Tooting, S.W. Personally, I have lost a friend whom I respect, and I feel sure that we have lost a very promising member; hut our loss will be London's gain, and we wish him every success in the future. Mrs. Mills, too, is a keen fancier.

The Farmer's Friend.

The gentle Turtle Doves are friends to the farmer. We constantly notice them now settling among the growing corn. There is no corn there yet for them to eat, so it is only reasonable to suppose they are seeking the seeds of wild plants. At this time of the year if the crop of a Dove is opened it will generally be found full of tiny hlack seeds somewhat resembling rape. This is the seed of a straggling plant with small purple blossoms. In some districts it grows so thickly among the corn, taking away all the moisture from the roots, that the half-starved stalks fail to grow good ears of corn, and thus a thin crop is the result. Turtle Doves are always interesting birds. They have a very graceful gliding flight, and when settling they expand the feathers of the tail, showing a considerahle portion of white. They are now generally seen in pairs, or the parents with one or two of their young. They only rear one brood in the year.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bynea.—Aug. 8th, Council Schools.—4 open classes: Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, and 1 local Can. class. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Aug. 1st to W. O. JONES, Belle Vue, Bynea, Llanelly.

Kenilworth, August 13th.—Kenilworth Castle Grounds.—Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert. 4 open classes: Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close August 1st to E. H. THORNETT, Waverley-road, Kenilworth.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

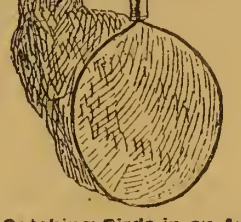
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, birdroom or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 225.

A NET FOR CATCHING BIRDS IN AN AVIARY.

Sent by Harry Midgley, Newmillerdam, Nr. Wakefield.

I enclose a sketch of a net which is very useful for catching birds in an aviary. It is made as follows. First obtain a cane stick about 9 ins. long, and make a hole about 3 ins. down it. Then get a piece of cago wire 28½ ins. long, bend this into a 7½-in. circle. Start bending at about 3 ins. from the end of wire. After bending it you will find that there will be about another 3 ins. left. Twist



For Catching Birds in an Aviary.

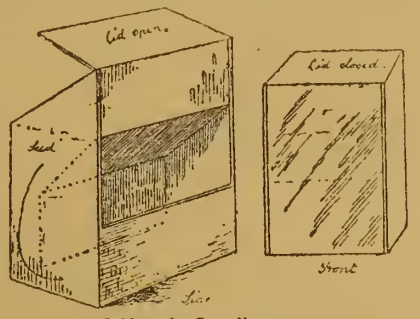
these two ends together, and push them down the hole in the stick. All that is required now is some fine netting. This can be fastened on the wire ring with cotton, and when complete forms the net. To finish, lap some small wire round the top end of the stick. This keeps the wire from pulling out of the stick, and also helps to keep the stick from splitting. When caught in the net birds are not as frightened as when caught in the hand.—HARRY MIDGLEY.

No. 226.

A HANDY SEED HOPPER.

Sent by F. W. Carver, 1, Bloomfield Place, Holborn Street, Woodhouse Street, Leeds.

I enclose sketch of a seed hopper, which I am using. When filled, it will last two birds for four days, without any fear of their going



A Handy Seedhopper.

short of food. The side view shows the partition of the shoot, the drop, and the slanting bottom to throw the seed to the cage front. The front of the hopper is a piece of glass slotted in, to be taken out when one wishes to clean the hopper. It can be made of tin or wood.—F. W. CARVER.

SINGING CONTESTS.

SKINNINGROVE.

Open competition held at Marsk on July 11, when twelve birds competed for silver-plated teapot and copper kettle. 1, Havelock: 291 changes; 2, Jackson and Hodge; Havelock's bird put in some splendid breaks and won bands down. Judge, Mr. F. Canby. —M. DOBSON, secretary.

LEEDS.

Linnet Contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on July 11, when the judge, Mr. T. Summers, made the following awards:—1, Hollingworth; 2, 3, Stead. Twenty birds sang. Another contest on July 12, when 25 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Cooper and Hardcastle:—1, Hollingworth; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on July 18th, when 21 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers and Clark. 1st, Hollingworth; 2nd and 3rd, Stead. Also on July 19th when 25 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Cooper. 1st and 3rd, Stead; 2nd, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held July 19th, when 16 birds were hung up. Result: 1st, Towers; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Jackson, Jennings, and Allen.—W. DEAN, Sec.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 1, F.B.A. Rooms, 8. Selection of judge for back-end show, etc.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 28, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open show business.—B. Head.

Acoringfon and Dist. C.B.S.—August 6, Central Conservative Club, 8. Business important. J. W. Philpott.

Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.—August 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30.—G. Harvey.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—July 25., Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Voting on the advisability of starting a fund for a visit to next Crystal Palace Show.—E. Carlisle.

Bradford East O.S.—July 25. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods). Birds to be staged by 2.30.—B. Hill.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—July 28, Burton Hotel, 8. —J. C. Heaton.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 25, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 2. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Great Horton).—F. Rhodes.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—July 25, Horse Shoe, 7.30. Judge and schedule for Open Show.—W. Rutherford.

Cinnamon-Marked Y.C.C.—July 25, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. To allot patronage, complete special prize list, state date of show, and name of judge; application for November, December and January wanted.—R. Garnett.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—August 12, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. Payment of prize money; "question night."—J. H. de Maillet.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—August 1.—Ship Inn, 7. General business.—J. Ewing.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—July 29, George Hotel, 8. Open show and other business.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—July 25, Barley Mow Hotel, 3. Fourth competition show for the members; Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) will judge special for most points gained by a member in one class.—J. E. Hudson.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—August 1, Market Hall, 3. Second Nest Feather Show; prizes distributed at close of show.—R. H. Folley.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 25, Fountain Inn, 8. Members' show, etc.—W. Ashworth.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—July 27, Headquarters, Town Gate, 8. Balance-sheet for F.B. Show.—G. Waddington.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—July 28, Hall of Science, Grimsby. Nest Feather and Table Show for British Birds; judge, Mr. Pepper (Hull).—Moore and Crowston.

Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.—July 31, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Lecture, "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. C. A. House; fanciers invited.—W. Reynolds.

Hyson Green (Nottingham).—July 24, Headquarters, 8. Nest Show.—A. E. Garton.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—July 28, Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.30. Payment of prize money for F.F. Show; members please bring ticket money.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.—July 25, Abbey Inn. Members' Young Bird Show. Birds to be staged by 2.30; judge, Mr. Bottomley (Laisterdyke). July 28, meeting at Abbey Inn, 8.30; fanciers invited.—J. Bracken.

Lancashire C.A.—August 1, Rochdale O.C., York Place, 7. Confirming show patronage; impression of club medal, etc.—W. Adams.

Larkhall C.B.A.—August 1, Miner's Hall, 5.30. Table show of British, mule and hybrid; judge, Mr. Hamilton; entries close at 6 p.m.—J. Pollock.

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—July 30, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Mr. T. Broadhead will give a paper on "Colour Feeding." Friends invited.—F. Broadhurst.

National B.B. and M.C.—July 30, The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Allotting of medals.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 28, Headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.

Northern Y.C.C.—July 25, Co-operative Hall, Dam Crook, 1. Nest Feather Show, 5 classes; judge, Mr. J. Shepherd. Resignation of secretary.—T. C. Crawhall.

Otley and Dist. O.S.—July 28, Queen's Head, 8. —W. Dawson.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—August 1, Dan Tem-Bar, Hannah Street, Perth, 7.30. Distribution of prize money, etc.—R. G. Challenger.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—July 30, 147, East India Dock Road. Distribution of special prizes won at the show.—H. W. Cook.

Pelton Fell and Dist. C.B.S.—August 1, Colliery Inn, 7.30. To fix date of annual show, etc.—L. Hall.

Partick and Dist. C.B.C.—August 1, Trades Hall, Partick. Annual Young Bird Show, 15 classes; Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen), judge. Birds to be staged 3.30 p.m.—J. Henderson.

Rochdale O.C.—July 27, Club Room, 8. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 25, St. George Hall, 8. —J. C. Hayes.

Stockport S.F.A.—July 30, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Half-yearly report.—W. Stafford.

Sale Open O.S.—July 27, Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8. Accounts of show; members to bring in unsold tickets and money received.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Sunderland C.B.A.—August 1, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—Reid and Maddison.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—July 25, Bull's Head Hotel, 9.30.—A. E. Morton.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—July 25, Station Hotel, 7. Members' Shows, etc.—H. Dobson.

Shipley O.S.—August 4, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. —H. Dobson.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—July 28, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on management and colour feeding, by Mr. Cowgill (Bradford), fanciers and friends invited.—J. Smith.

West of Scotland.—August 1, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Show of young mules and hybrids; revision of schedule for annual show.—G. Smart.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—August 1, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Warrington and Dist. C.B.S.—July 30, Blue Bell, 8.—J. Emmett.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—July 30, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. General business, intending members invited.—J. Johnston.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Insects and a Poser.

"AVIS."—The very best thing under the circumstances is to dissolve one ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit, and paint with it two or three times a week about the joints, corners and any crack or crevice about the cage, and on the end of perches. Use a small camel hair brush for the purpose. You will find this extremely fatal to both mites and lice, but it spoils the varnish on cages, if they happen to be done with a spirit varnish. This, however, is easily remedied by revarnishing after the pest is thoroughly eradicated. My own opinion of the fluid you mention is that it is several streets behind the above solution for effectiveness. For baths you may add a small teaspoonful of essence of quassia to a quart of water, or infuse a dessertspoonful of chips in a pint of boiling water; allow it to stand until cold, strain off the clear liquid, add an equal quantity of water, and use for the bath. It is quite possible the growing baldness on the youngster's head is due to insects. Add fifteen drops of chemical food to the water for a week or two. As to whether green or marked birds are really stronger than clears, it is too large a question to tackle here. Many people appear to think they are, and some evidence certainly seems to point in that direction, but it may, after all, be simply a coincidence. Clear birds being small in numbers compared with green and marked ones, every death or illness amongst them is more noticeable. Glad to hear of your great success by following advice given in CAGE BIRDS.

Hind Claw Coming Forward.

No Name.—If the claw has been forward some time you will have to put on a rubber band for a time. Make this by cutting off about an eighth of an inch of the tube of a feeding bottle. Bathe foot for a minute or two in warm water, and allow the bands to lie in the water meanwhile. Then dry them, and, holding the three front claws altogether, place the band over them, and roll it up on to the shank of the leg along the back of which you will be holding the hind claw. When you have the band nearly as far up the leg as the end of the claw, and the hind claw enclosed with it, leave it there, and serve the other foot the same. Put in cage small, round perches, about as thick as a lead pencil. In about a week you may remove the bands, but leave in the thin perches a few weeks longer. If the claws have only just begun to come forward, you will probably find the thin perches sufficient to cure, and may dispense with the bands, which are certainly a great trouble for a novice to put on.

Roller Making Wheezy Noise.

Janet.—Am afraid the bird is in a bad way, otherwise it must be in a very unsuitable position. Is its cage kept in such a position that it is exposed to a draught from a window that is perhaps only opened during warm weather? If so, this must be remedied, and the bird placed where it will be quite free from draughts at all times. After attending to this point give the bird a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days add to its drinking water twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus. Shake well together when giving it. Give a spray or two of chickweed daily.

What Birds are They?

Miller.—(1). This is evidently the Violet-eared Waxbill, a beautiful African species. This makes a good exhibition bird, and likely to be in the money if in condition. (2) The description is not sufficiently complete, but I am of the opinion it is a Quail Finch. If you will describe the bird a little more minutely, I will give you a definite reply in next issue.

About Colour-feeding.

K G C.—1. I really could not tell you how long a pound of colour-food would last four birds. I have no time to acquire statistics of this kind. Besides, all birds are not given the pepper in the same strength. At a modest estimate, four British birds would dispose of one large teaspoonful of sweet pepper (blended, of course, with soft-food) in a day. If you find out, therefore, how many full teaspoonfuls of pepper there are to the pound, and allow one extra per week, for waste, you will get somewhere near its lasting power. 2. I should use red-feed, not very strongly mixed, for a Yellow-hammer. 3. I don't like colour-fed Chaffinches, as they are lacking in colour contrasts—the red-feed brings them out too much the same tone of colour all over. Given a Jonque bird to commence with, all he needs is a quick and early moult, and a good supply of privet, black and other berries, etc., rich in natural colouring matters.

Out of Condition.

Norwich.—The bird is probably a little run down with the season's work. As the young will be quite able to do for themselves now you should cage him off separately in a large cage or flight where he can get plenty of exercise. Feed on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part rape, and three times a week give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it. Remove at night all that is not eaten. Give a good supply of green-food daily. In the drinking water give one day four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and three drops of tincture of gentian, and the next day twelve drops of chemical food. Continue giving these on alternate days for a fortnight.

The Old, Old Story.

Mrs. C. Grayshott.—The young bird clearly succumbed to bowel troubles, which I am inclined to think are due to some fault in the diet, though I cannot gather from your letter just what is wrong with it. Therefore, you had better adopt the following general treatment for the young from the time they leave their parents. Let them stay with the parents now as long as they will feed them, if the hen does not ill-treat them. If she begins to pluck them after they leave the nest take her away, and leave the cock to finish off the young alone. When he ceases feeding them, put them in a separate cage, and give a pan of egg food, a little canary and rape seed, and a little slightly cracked hemp seed. Give no green food for first week or so after taking them away. As soon as you see by the empty husks that they are cracking seeds, begin to drop off the egg food, and when you see they are eating Canary freely, drop soft food for a whole day at a time, and in a few more days get them on to a staple diet of Canary seed, with a teaspoonful of dry rape twice a week; ditto of egg food; and the same of hemp seed, slightly cracking the latter until birds can manage it themselves. Give each of the extras alternately, so that the birds get something different each day. When they are five or six weeks old you may give plantain stalks, seedy heads of shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel, more freely, but do not overdo it. Make your egg food with hard-boiled egg, minced finely, and twice the bulk of crushed sponge cake added, or you may use equal parts of egg, sponge cake, and stale bread crumbs. Place the young birds now ill on the treatment at once. For one day only give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and fifteen drops of whisky in each ounce of drinking water. After this give instead three drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and two of tincture of gentian in the water each day for four or five days.

A Bald Patch.

"Baldhead."—It is not very uncommon for birds, especially when they get a little aged, to become bald at the back of the head at this season. As the bird seems quite healthy and has filled eggs well this season, it will probably moult out all right, unless age is against it. To give it the best possible chance of recovering the feather on this spot, keep it in a rather warm, moist temperature, which is equable, and quite free from draughts. Give it twelve drops of chemical food in its water every second day, and twice a week, choosing bright warm days, give a dose of sulphur and potash. To do this take as much flour of sulphur as will cover a threepenny piece, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and twice the quantity of fine powdered sugar. Mix all well together, divide into four equal parts, and give one of these portions well mixed in the egg food for a dose.

More Crest Matters.

"White City."—1. The bare places on the back of the necks of your young Crests are natural defects, which will certainly tell against the birds. I doubt whether you can do anything to remove them or cause feathers to grow there, as nature has not provided for any. All you can do is to get as much length and substance as possible into the adult plumage, when the natural result will be to cover over and hide the blemish to some extent. The best way to do this is to adopt the treatment recommended to "Baldhead." You might also do something by patient and careful training of the crest at the close of the moult. When the crest is getting fine, catch the bird daily and spend some little time gently stroking the crest feathers, so as to make them droop naturally in the required direction, to give a nice circular shape to the crest without breaks. At the same time, cover any thin or bare patch that may exist at the back of the head. 2. Young Crests seem to continue making up for some months after first moult, and will gain substance after second moult, but little rapid growth is noticeable after the first two or three months. 3. Feed on a staple of Canary three parts, rape one part; and add a little egg food, hemp, split groats, rolled oats, and bread and milk occasionally—not altogether, but ringing the changes on these items. Let them have access to a piece of cuttlefish regularly. 4. Certainly young show birds should have some size in them, and be soundly built, like a Bullfinch. 5. This depends solely upon the bird and the quality of crest it possesses. A bird with a good large, nice-shaped, and heavily-feathered Crest will always have a fair chance of winning, irrespective of colour or marking. Crest is of prime importance; markings are quite a secondary consideration, and would only tell when crest and typical points were otherwise equal.

Getting a German into Song.

Nelson and Buller M.C.—It is doubtful whether the young German will gain much in song now until it has moulted, unless it is already over the moult. The best way to get it on song is to feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, as a staple, and give in addition a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week. Give a little green-food daily, and let it hear a good singing bird for a few weeks to incite it to emulation.

An Avine Flirt.

Fanny, N.C.—If properly treated from now until next spring there is no reason why the hen should not breed successfully next year. Keep her in a good large flight where she can have plenty of vigorous exercise. Feed plainly, and chiefly on a diet of Canary seed only, with a half teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week. When the weather gets very cold give a pinch of hemp twice a week as well. Give green-food daily as long as it lasts, and afterwards a piece of sweet apple or raw carrot two or three times a week. Give a little Epsom salts as an aperient about twice a week until the fat condition is reduced.

Brevities.

Canary Seed Sample (T. S.).—The seed is a very fair sample in most respects, but has a slight foreign flavour, which I imagine has been acquired in storage. It is not musty, and whether the flavour would be detrimental I cannot say. I should not care to risk feeding valuable birds upon it if I could get other without such flavour.

A Young Squeaker ("Squeaker").—Am inclined to thing the bird is simply so full of energy that it goes about constantly uttering a subdued twitter, which you mistake for a squeaking noise. Observe well, and see if this is not the case. You may add a few drops of glycerine to the water, and give a scrap of fat, boiled bacon between wires for it to peck at. Also give it a small spray of chickweed every second day. The bird, however, seems bright and healthy.

The Passing of a Monarch (F.E., Miles Platting).—Am sorry to hear the bird died after holding out so long. It was evidently in a very bad way physically, and would be quite incurable from the first. Such a bird would have been an interesting subject for post-mortem, and it is a pity you did not send it on to our post-mortem expert to make one.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In an Aviary.

Beginner.—To enable you to fit your place up to the best advantage, you would do well to buy a copy of the book on Aviaries, published by CAGE BIRDS. Box, privet, holly, and fir bushes are all suitable, while an old ivy-covered stump or two (or wall) provide excellent shelter. Then you could arrange a kind of weedy jungle by sowing seeds of tall grasses, and such cereals as wheat and oats; and do not overlook ordinary Canary and rape seeds. As regards the birds to put in, you appear to hug the belief, like many other new beginners, that it is only necessary to turn in a good number of mixed species of birds to breed hybrids by the dozen. Experience, I am afraid, will soon disillusion you. The best way, however, and probably the only in-any-way certain one, is to turn each would-be hybrid couple into an aviary by themselves; or, at least, to give them but few companions. In a big, well-filled aviary, something generally happens to the nests, or eggs, or young of those couples which set up housekeeping; it is not often that young attain maturity under such conditions. If you are keen on breeding, then I should advise you to turn in a few of the better-known Finches, all males, and a dozen or so hardy hen Canaries. Such a combination would be the likeliest to bring success. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch (one), Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, and Siskin, all or any would do. Afterwards you could add other species if you thought fit.

Linnets and Larks.

Red Flag.—One of the best possible seed mixtures for Linnets is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. During the moult add one part of hemp, and towards the finish of the moult increase the proportion of linseed to one part. Also give a little maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished. Seeding green-food, such as shepherd's-purse, chickweed, knotgrass, etc., is very good for them. Game, or partridge, or chicken meal (without grit) makes an excellent stock food for Larks, if moistened with hot (or cold) water, or cold boiled potato (mashed) or finely-grated carrot, or minced lettuce or watercress; vary these latter things as much as possible. But it may be much improved if to six parts of the game meal (by measure) are added one part each of ground silkworm pupæ, dried flies and ants' eggs. A few mealworms should be given daily, and other suitable live foods should be provided in season. During the moult a Lark requires a free supply of live food, and half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced, should frequently be mixed amongst its daily food portion. It should also, at all times, have a good deep dust bath to "roll" in, and so keep itself free from lice, its great enemy when in a cage. A turf of clover grass is also much appreciated by the Lark; or a little chopped fresh clover given amongst the food.

Goldfinch Ailing, etc.

Trap Cage.—I will answer your second question by saying that a Robin which was colour-fed would be sure to look a better colour after the moult than one which had not been given colour food. As regards the ailing Goldfinch, you should give him a change of food at once. Mix two parts of niger seed with one of maw, and let him have it ad. libitum daily. A little thistle seed would also, no doubt, do him good if you could get it. It is late in the season though, now. Still, if you can get out into the country lanes, in sunny, sheltered places you will find hardheads and small thistle heads ripe enough to gather, and these would be certain to prove acceptable to the Goldie, and perhaps put him to rights again. The medicine most likely to do him good would be citrate or iron crystals. Get one ounce from a chemist, and in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much as will lie on a sixpence. This has a binding effect on the bowels, and is a good "pick-me-up" at the same time. The strength can be increased, if it seems necessary, after it has been given for two or three days, and of this you can judge by looking at the bird's excreta. Don't overdo it.

Colour-feeding a Thrush.

M. Hussey.—There is no need to give a Thrush, or any other British bird, hot pepper. Sweet (tasteless) pepper is quite sufficient. It is a moot point whether the use of hot pepper is of advantage with any bird; some Canary fanciers hold that it "fixes" the colour to a certain extent, i.e., that the artificial colour produced by the admixture of sweet and hot pepper is less liable to fade than that produced by sweet pepper alone. Some fanciers of my acquaintance deny there is any ground for this belief. I never knew a softbill bird yet that would not eat colour-food (sweet). Of course, it is necessary to begin with a very tiny quantity, as the change in the colour of the food makes them shy of it unless very gradually brought about. The bird should be kept in a fairly well-lighted spot, but out of direct rays of light, especially the rays of the sun. How strong the colour-food should be given depends on the natural colour of the bird. To give a Jonque Thrush, naturally a deep brown, the colour-food extra strong, would be to make him unsightly. Such a bird only needs sufficient to slightly enhance its natural colour, and put a gloss on its plumage. With certain birds (Mules, chiefly) I have used the colour-food one in two—perhaps even stronger, though I don't think it had any good effect. One in four (one teaspoonful of pepper to four of food) is strong, and sufficient for most purposes. Perhaps one in six may be quite enough for your Thrush. It must be continued until the moult is right over; for about a fortnight (to be safe) after you cease to find cast feathers in the cage. The last part to finish is generally the head, and the pepper should be given for some little while after pen feathers (or quills) cease to be noticeable thereabouts.

Brevities.

What Bird? (Whittemite).—Yes; the description you give fits the Snow Bunting quite accurately, and there can be no doubt the bird you have is of this species.

Hardheads, etc. (Tucker).—You should send to the manager of CAGE BIRDS for the two numbers containing descriptions and illustrations of chickweed and hardheads. They appeared in the article dealing with wild seeds and plants. Then you ought to be able to easily identify them.

Broken Beak (E. Taylor).—You can't do anything for the bird, and as it can crack its seed all right, I don't think you need worry over the occurrence. The beak will almost certainly grow again to the normal, though it is very slow to do so, usually. Whether you give the bird its liberty is a matter, of course, about which you must please yourself.

Identity of Bird (Aln Wilf).—Your description is rather puzzling, but answers fairly accurately to the Twite, which I should say is what your three birds are. I should hardly call the Twite, however, "about the size of a Greenfinch"; I should consider it decidedly smaller. It might, in fact, well be termed a slim kind of Linnet, for in colouring, markings, and action these two birds are much alike. The Twite, though, has a more or less yellow-coloured beak.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

An Amazon with a Cold.

E.M.B.—You give no details as to how you are dieting the bird. However, you will find full directions in recent issues of CAGE BIRDS. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into four times its bulk of water, and let the bird have nothing else to drink for one day, at any rate, till this is consumed. Give three other similar doses with a two day's interval between each. Spray or cleanse (with a camel's hair brush) the bird's nostrils two or three times daily till the discharge ceases. Wipe its mouth out with honey and borax twice daily. Keep the bird strictly out of draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. You had better report progress in a fortnight's time with full details. It will be advisable to isolate the bird from any others you may have, as it is quite possible the throat trouble may be contagious.

A Feather-eating Grey.

S.S.—Your diet is not at fault, and yet the bird is evidently in a heated condition. Try putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every third day, and continue so long as its excrement does not become watery. Spray daily with quassia solution. Whatever the weather conditions the bird should be kept indoors and out of draught till it is dry. On such days as you are not giving the magnesia make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue to supply it with cotton reels, etc., and keep it where it will always have others around it, providing their movements are not so sudden and abrupt as to scare it. When indoors, the best place is the general living-room. I have always found it best with a timid bird to have others with me when attending to it, talking quietly to it the while; and so it gradually becomes accustomed to others besides the one that supplies it with food, etc. Note anything it is specially fond of, and only offer it such, with your fingers. It will thus recognise that those it fears are its friends. Till such takes place, any time the bird appears very scared at the appearance of a stranger, place a screen of some kind in front of its cage, but only partially screening it. Let me know how matters are progressing a month hence.

Grey Parrot Indisposed.

Liscard.—The difficulty has been to give you from your meagre reports definite advice, and even now you do not describe the character of the growths at side of beak. If they are hard, touch them lightly with tincture of iodine, but if they are soft and contain humour, then as soon as ripe they must be lanced and emptied by gentle pressure, and then well cleansed with warm water. Continue the honey and borax, but stop the chlorate of potassium in the drinking water. While the breathing remains heavy put one teaspoonful of the following mixture into four times its bulk of water; do not give anything else to drink each day till this has been consumed. Mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. In all other respects continue treatment as per previous reply. You had better report progress again in about a week or ten days hence. Such cases cannot be cured immediately; they are often let go too far before advice is asked for, and consequently the remedies merely check the trouble temporarily, while in the end the bird succumbs. However, I hope this will not be the case with your bird. When writing again try and give me fuller details

Treatment for an Amazon.

T T—I presume you have given the Dimsdale's Magnesia; if not, do so, but instead of giving it in the drinking water, soak it into a piece of plain biscuit or Madeira cake, or something similar which the bird will eat. Give any future doses necessary as above. The magnesia must be given sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely, but not to allow them to become watery loose. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, and give one teaspoonful of the mixture in four times its bulk of water, letting this be its only liquid till breathing is easier. Of course, you will supply a fresh portion daily. As soon as breathing is relieved put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food as already directed. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food.

Aviary for Budgerigars, etc.

A.A.P. (1): I consider two pairs sufficient for this aviary for breeding purposes, and do not consider that at any time there should be more than twelve in it. If you overcrowd, not only are breeding results interfered with, but the birds encroach so upon one another that tragedies result, and disease comes or later appears. (2) All you name I have wintered out of doors without difficulty, but please understand they will not do so in cages, and the aviary they are kept in must have a shelter shed attached, to which they can retire at nights, and also during the day if they so desire; the flight, too, must be large enough to allow for wing exercise. (3) The Sugar Birds are known as creepers in the tropics, and more than one writer so describes them. It is a skin of the Blue Sugar Bird.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

T.A.L.—A nice selection for your aviary would be two pairs Budgerigars, one pair Cockatiels, and one pair Rosella Parrakeets. These will all thrive on the same diet, make a pleasing variety, and should ultimately breed when they have settled down and got accustomed to their surroundings and owner. None of them are unduly noisy or wild. You must fix up a nest box (concave bottoms) for each of the Cockatiels and Roselias, and four logs for the Budgerigars. With these birds you cannot give too much grass in flower so long as you can procure it free from frost. Tender lettuce and a little fruit are also very wholesome for all of them.

What Bird is it?

Dido.—It is a Sulphur-breasted Toucan. Give it as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also mealworms, cockroaches, beetles, any small mice you can capture for it, table scraps, and some good soft food mixture, into which put a few (scalded) grocer's currants. When grapes are plentiful and cheap it can have as many as you like to give it. It will do out of doors up to the end of September, providing you have a shelter shed to which the bird can retire at nights. The moult is irregular when they first come over, but afterwards usually takes place in the autumn or late summer. I should want a full description of your aviary before I could say if you could leave them out during the winter.

Budgerigars Egg-bound.

T A.B.—I should say the hen is in a weak state; possibly constitutionally so. If you can get any old mortar rubbish or lime plaster from some old building, do so, and pound it up to the size of millet, and keep a pan of it in the aviary. One or two large pieces may be left about the cage and aviary. Supply the birds with as much grass in flower as you can get at this season, and make their drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month or more. Also give a few oats every other day. The bird will be better in the aviary, but for a few weeks I should keep her in the cage by herself and do not give her a husk. A month's rest or so should make her materially stronger. I should not atempt to breed with such a bird this season.

Breeding Budgerigars in Cages.

R.T.—While I have witnessed cases of these birds breeding in quite a small cage, such events are by no means common. I consider their cage ought not to be less than 2 ft. by 1½ ft. by 1½ ft., and if you can induce them to nest, they will undoubtedly rear all the young they hatch out. They will do well enough in an ordinary room, but should have the coolest position that is, at the same time, free from draught. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, also a few oats twice a week, and a regular supply of grass in flower, lettuce, etc., cuttlefish, crushed egg-shell, and old mortar rubbish. There is no way to induce them to breed other than keeping them fit, and to keep a husk hung up at either end of the cage.

A Grey Out of Condition.

"Redfaced Cuckoo."—Get a proper Parrot cage for the poor creature in the first instance. Don't keep the bird within the cramped compass of a Canary cage. The poor thing cannot possibly keep a tail in such quarters, and its wings must also get terribly frayed. Instead of the salad oil, etc., give the bird half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the mouth, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels gently moving, but not watery loose. Get the following mixture from your chemist, and put one teaspoonful of it into four times its bulk of water, and do not give anything else to drink each day till this has been consumed. Mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine. When the breathing is easier, stop the mixture, and make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: A seed mixture three parts each of Canary and millet, and one part each of wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Also give, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and do not give tea, coffee, and milk sops, table scraps, nor yet any kind of animal food.

Amazon Parrot Unwell.

Inexperienced.—It will be better for the bird when it will take the dry seed mixture, but most Amazons are the better for a little boiled maize, say, twice a week. Keep the boiled maize up for the present, but underneath it put some of the dry mixture, and I think you will ultimately find it eating the seed mixture. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize; that is, soak it into same before putting into cage. Several doses can be given, but there should be a couple of days between each, and if the excrement becomes watery loose stop for a time. For the next month make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. You can give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little green food (lettuce, green peas, etc.) for variety. If there should be any discharge from the nostrils bathe same with diluted glyco-thymoline. The muscle won't disturb or injure the bird in any way; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and have folk continually about it. This will keep it lively, and it will soon begin to talk and mimic. Do not give it any table scraps or other messes.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

H.C.H.—There is no obligation upon you to take the rent to the landlord. Write and tell him he can have it whenever he likes to call, and the onus is then thrown upon him of collecting it.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cutting (Mrs. M. J. Bright).—Thanks; the case, however, had already been reported for us, although, owing to pressure on our space, the account had to stand over.

Photo (H. Foden).—Accept our thanks for the photograph, which we have pleasure in reproducing in this issue.

Article (G. A. W.)—The article which you sent we perused with much interest, for which kindly accept our best thanks.

Young Bird Show (Tomtit).—While always ready to ventilate the grievances of our readers when these are well-founded, as the show concerned in this instance is confined to members, it seems to us that you will gain your ends by lodging a protest with the secretary or committee.

Emu's Eggs (J. Titterington).—You could dispose of such easily enough, we imagine, to a London taxidermist, but at not more than two or three shillings each.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A ONE-WINGED BUDGERIGAR.

SIR,—With reference to the letter of "J.S." in your last number, about a one-winged Canary; it may interest him to hear that I have had a young Budgerigar hatched lately exactly as he describes—i.e., perfectly smooth plumage where the left side wing should have been. The bird was perfect in every other respect, but I put an end to its existence. All my birds are doing well this season. Some pairs of Moustache Parrakeets are very interesting, and I am hoping for a nest. B.C.

AN OLD FANCIER'S APPEAL.

SIR,—I am an old fancier, and have had a lot of bad luck with my birds this season. I started this spring with four pairs and have lost them all through fever. I have been out of employment for a considerable time, and cannot afford to buy any more birds. I should, therefore, be very grateful to any brother fancier who would spare me a bird, old or young, mismarked or otherwise; it does not matter. It is the first time for over 20 years that I have been without a bird. F. BRETT.

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WINDSOR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

SIR,—A very successful meeting was held at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, Windsor, on July 16th, when it was decided to form a Cage Bird Association in the Windsor District. It was unanimously agreed that the new Society be called "The Windsor and District Cage Bird Association." Mr. John Simms was appointed chairman and Mr. P. S. Robinson, of Albany Villa, Old Windsor, honorary secretary. The meeting was adjourned till July 30th, at 8 p.m., at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, and in the meantime the secretary was asked to communicate with influential gentlemen with a view to securing a president, and vice-presidents. It was agreed that the entrance fee be 1s., and the yearly subscription 2s. 6d. And any lady or gentleman residing within a radius of 10 miles of Windsor, who is desirous of joining the Association, should communicate with the hon. secretary. P. S. ROBINSON.

CUCKOO'S STRANGE NESTING PLACE.

SIR,—I clipped the following from a local newspaper, and have no doubt it will be of interest to your numerous readers:—A curious discovery was recently made in the works yard at Wolverton, a bird's nest being found in a barrel. It appears that several barrels containing broken glass were lying in the yard, one of them having a hole broken in its side. Two Wagtails have been observed on these barrels frequently with food in their mouths, but no nest could be seen. One of the staves was prized open, and at the other end, amongst the broken glass, the nest was discovered. Instead of young Wagtails, the nest was found to contain a young Cuckoo, nearly fledged, which fiercely attacked all who attempted to touch it. Apart from the very curious selection made by the Cuckoo in depositing the egg amongst the glass, the wonder is how the parent bird managed to put it in such a place, the entrance being very small and necessitating the bird creeping amongst the broken edges of the glass. R. REYNOLDS.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second mat feather show held July 11th, when 39 birds were staged in four classes. Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill) placed the cards to the full satisfaction of all.

CL. YELL. YORK.: 1, 3, Ba tow; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 4, Crowther; vhc, Thornton; hc, Humphries; c, Musson. BUFF: 1, Beaumont, 2, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Humphries; 4, Bastow; hc, Hindle; c, Crowther. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Crowther, 2, Beaumont; 3, Humphries; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Hinchliffe; c, Hindle. BUFF: 1, 2, Crowther, 3, Chapman and Bateman, 4, Musson; vhc, Hillas; hc, Bastow; c, Birbeck. Mr. J. Crowther won special for most points, Messrs. Chapman and Bateman and C. Bastow being second and third respectively.—E. W. JONSSON, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

The members held their First Feather Show at the George Hotel, on July 18th, when about 40 birds were staged. There was a good attendance of visitors during the afternoon, and some very promising young birds were shown. Two special prizes were given by Mr. Brownless (vice president) for the best Canary and best British bird shown. The special prize for best Canary was won by Mrs. Cuthbertson with a fine young Yorkshire, and for best British bird by Messrs. Wildsmith and Hawkins with their winning Goldfinch. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 3, etc., Cuthbertson; 2, Stallard; vhc, hc, Oliver. YORKS.: 1, spl, vhc, Mrs. Cuthbertson; 2, 3, Ridley; hc, Siddle; c, Stallard. A.O.V. CAN.: Siddle. MULE: 1, Lawson; 2, Siddle. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 1st Goldfinch, 3rd Linnet, vhc Starling; 2, hc, Robinson, 2nd Bullfinch; hc, Cooper, Hoopoe.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DIST. C.B.S.

A table show of Canaries in nest feather, together with British and Mules any age, was held at the Swan and Peacock Hotel on July 14th. The number of exhibits staged was not large, owing chiefly to a thunderstorm that unfortunately prevented many of the members turning up with their birds. But what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. The medal for best Canary was won in the Norwich section, Mr. Willoughby's bird being a grand clear Buff—a good all-round youngster that will doubtless be heard of again. The medal for second best Canary went to Mr. Howes, who staged a clear Buff Yorkshire of grand type and quality. The medal for best British bird or Mule went to Mr. Osborne with a Goldfinch, a real beauty, as pretty as paint. Mr. Crundle placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL.: 1, vhc, hc, Willoughby; 2, 3, c, Weaver. TICKED, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, Willoughby; 2, 3, Weaver. HEAVILY-MARKED. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Willoughby; vhc, Weaver. YORKS., CL.: 1, spl, 2; 3, Howes; vhc, hc, Millincamp. TICKED, ETC.: 1 Howes; 2, Millincamp. A.O.V. CAN. OR YOUNG MULE: 2, Osborne. MULE OR HYB.: 2, Weaver. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Osborne; 3, Weaver. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Osborne: 2, Weaver.—F. HOWES.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

A very successful show of Canaries and Mules in nest feather and also of British birds was held at headquarters on July 15th, when good entries were obtained in the Yorkshire section. Norwich did not come up to our expectation, and the classes had to be amalgamated. A few very choice birds, however, were staged. Mr. H. J. L. Williams gave two specials, and Mr. Mustard one. Mr. Ben Evans judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, spl for best young bird, Woodhead, winner grand Yorkie, good quality and length, fine position; 3, Easby; vhc, Williams. BUFF (6): 1, spl for 3rd best young bird, Woodhead, grand quality and style, showing nice bit of breed; 2, 3, Williams, two very nice Yorks., 2nd grand length and quality; vhc, Easby; hc, c, Ratel. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Woodhead, nice length and position; 2, Williams, very good bird, but moulting. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Woodhead, grand trio, not much to choose between them; vhc, hc, Easby; c, Ratel. NOR., CL., ETC (5): 1, spl for 2nd best in show, Papple, clear Buff, good size, very nice head, lovely quality; 2, Williams, cl. yellow, grand size and shape; 3, Robinson and Booth, another cl. yellow, nice size and quality; vhc, Williams; hc, Papple. MULES: 1, Hillier, variegated. LINNETS (2): 1, 2, Robinson and Booth, two very nice Linnets. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Hillier, 1st Goldfinch, very steady, good blaze and colour; 2nd, nice Bullie of sound colour and size; 2, Robinson and Booth, Bullie. A vote of thanks to the judge for his services ended one of the best table shows of the season; quite a number of friends came to the discussion and were delighted.—WILLIAMS and EASBY, Hon. Secs.

COVENTRY O.S.

The twenty-eighth annual First Feather Show was held at headquarters on July 18th. The room, as is well known by Midland fanciers, as being one of the best possible for a cage bird show. The entries came in well, and exceeded last year's total. Competition was very keen in the Norwich section, and some very fine specimens turned up. Mr. C. H. Walton (Leicester) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. G. Peters made an admirable secretary, and had the arrangements well in hand.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Gilbert, good shape and quality; 2, 3, vhc, Barratt, nice quality, fine size; hc, Rowley; c, Lawrance. BUFF: Very strong class, 17 in all; 1, Barratt, good size, nice feather, full of bloom; 2, Lawrance, nice type and quality; 3, Calcott, grand quality; vhc, Gilbert; hc, c, Corrall. TICKED YELL.: 1, Swift, variegated, nice type and quality; 2, hc, Gilbert, typical bird; 3, vhc, W. Lucas, nice quality; c, Barratt. BUFF: 1, Barratt, unevenly marked, grand type and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Lawrance, grand quality; 3, W. Lucas, close up; vhc, Swift; hc, Corrall; c, A. J. Lucas. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Treadwell: BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Treadwell, very nice exhibits. Mr. Treadwell had the classes to himself. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Peters, three good birds, leader nice neat Crest, very promising youngster. C.B.: 1, 3, vhc, Peters: 2, Gilbert, A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Aston. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Chillingsworth, variegated Goldfinch-Canary, Siskin-Canary, and Goldfinch-Canary respectively; vhc, c, Dickenson; hc, Barratt. BRIT.: 1, Gilbert, nice Blackbird; 2, Lucas, another nice Blackbird; 3, Chillingsworth; vhc, Shaddock. A.V. (open to members who have never won a prize): 1, Lissaman. ANY AGE NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Gilbert; 3, hc, Corrall; vhc, Lucas; c, Darby. HEN: 1, Gilbert. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Lucas; 2, Edwards; 3, Bray and Blackshaw; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Lissaman; c, Dickenson. LARGE: 1, Gilbert. SELL (10/-): 1, Gilbert.

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STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual First Feather Show held on July 16, at the Leeds Hotel, when 40 young birds faced the judge, Mr Beaumont (Darlington), whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Wake and Carr; 3, Lowe. BUFF: 1, 4, Wake and Carr; 2 hc, Ingram; 3, Lowe; vhc Grigg; c, Barnes. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Johnson. CREST or C B: 1, 3, Metcalf; 2, Yeates. A.O.V.: 1, Johnson, 2, 3, Dunn and Angel. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Dunn and Angel. BRIT. SKEDLATER: 1, vhc, Freeman, 2, Wake and Carr; 3, 4, Marwood, hc, Yeates. G. W. Lowis, Hon. Secretary.

YORK C.B.S.

Members' Annual First Feather and British Bird Show was held at headquarters, on July 13. The entry was not a large one, but the quality was very fair. The British class was an exceptionally good one. Mr. D. Hunter scored first with a beautiful Greenfinch in capital condition. Messrs. Richardson and Campling officiated as judges, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Hunter; 3, Boyle. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, vhc, Hunter; 3, Boyle. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bardy. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Hunter; 2, c, Boyle, 3, Wright; vhc, Thompson; hc, Wand.—A. WAND, Hon. Secretary.

COCKERMOUTH AND DIST. F.S.

A Nest Feather Show was held on July 18th in the Public Hall Lodge Room. The entries totalled 66, which number was considered very good. The judge was Mr. A. Strong (Wigton), who gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Allison; 2, Thompson. BUFF: 1, 2, Simon; 3, Thompson. BORD. FANCY CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Henderson; 3, Lothian. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Hopper Bros.; 2, Rea. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, Ellwood; 2, spl, 3, Rea. NOR.: 1, Long. OLD BIRDS, COCK, A.V.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Thompson; 3, Hopper Bros. HEN: 1, Ellwood; 2, 3, Walker. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Deacon. A.O.S. SEED-EATER: 1, Oglethorpe; 2, 3 Ellwood. FOR.: 1, Walker; 2, Ellwood; 3, Oglethorpe. SELL. (10/-): 1, Simon; 2, Ellwood; 3, Walker. (5/-): 1, 2, Rea; 3, Simon.—J. SIMON, Sec.

KEIGHLEY.

A Members' Show was held in the Club Rooms at the King's Head Hotel, on July 11. Eleven classes were provided, and the entries totalled 70. Mr. T. Slater won special for most points in show, staging a fine team of young birds. Mr. Wright, the Hon. Secretary, had the birds staged in good time, and well looked after. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Slater; 2, Waller; 3, Leach and Son; hc, Judson; c, Morris and Shackleton. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Slater; 3, Judson; vhc, Middleton Bros.; hc, Hamsworth; c, Wright. TICK. YELL. (7): 1, Slater; 2, Leach and Son; 3, Morris and Shackleton; vhc, Addy; hc, Birkett; c, Hamsworth. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Leach and Son; 2, Slater; vhc, hc, Middleton Bros.; c, Judson. UNEVENLY MARKED YELL. (4): 1, Judson; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Bancroft and Dean; vhc, Wright. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Addy; 2, hc, Middleton Bros.; vhc, Wright; c, Proctor. FOUL (6): 1, Sharp; 2, 3, Middleton Bros.; vhc, Slater; hc, Judson; c, Waller. A.O.V., CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, Addy; 2, 3, Wright; vhc, Binns. YELL. (12/6) (13): 1, vhc, Middleton Bros.; 2, Judson; 3, Wright; hc, Morris and Shackleton; c, Leach and Son. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Trevener; 3, Proctor; vhc, Binns; hc, Burkett. BUFF: 1, Addy; 2, hc, Foster; 3, Jeffrey; vhc, Trevener; c, Burkett.

ALTRINCHAM C.B.S.

The members held their Annual Nest Feather Show, on July 11, at the White Star Restaurant, Church-street, when about 120 birds were staged. Among them were some very promising youngsters, which, with luck, will be heard of again. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged, and gave general satisfaction. The Border Section was very strong, as were also the Norwich and Yorkshire Sections.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Fildes; 2, Davies; 3, Bowen. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, 4, Critchley; 3, Fildes. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Fildes; 2, Irlam; 3, Bowen; 4, Unwin. BUFF: 1, Bowen; 2, Douglas; 3, Critchley; 4, Unwin. GREENS: 1, 2, 3, Harrison. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Lindsay; 2, Critchley; 3, Buskey; 4, Bayley. BUFF: 1, Lindsay; 2, Hickson; 3, Bayley; 4, Buskey. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Brennan; 2, Hickson; 3, 4, Bayley. BUFF: 1, Hickson; 2, Brennan; 3, 4, Miss Worrall. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Bayley; 3, 4, Buskey. BUFF: 1, Blackshaw; 2, Bayley; 3, 4, Wardleworth. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 3, Bayley; 4, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, Wardleworth; 2, 3, Blackshaw; 4, Bayley. GREENS, YELL., SELF, ETC.: 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Blackshaw; 4, Bayley. BUFF: 1, Bayley; 2, Blackshaw. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Birchley. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Birchley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, 4, Irlam. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Birchley. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Birchley; 2, Wilkinson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Birchley. ROSS CHALLENGE CUP: 1, Unwin; 2, Hickson; 3, Lindsay; 4, Bowen. Winners of Specials for most points.—Norwich, Fildes; Yorks., Hickson; Borders, Bayley; Brit., Birchley.—TOM HARRISON.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

The annual half-day Nest Feather Show was held on July 18th, at headquarters, Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte-street. The room is an ideal one both as regards light and absence of draughts. There was a very good entry considering that most of the members have had such bad results from their earlier rounds. Many of the Yorkshires, though young, were not only good in shape, but showed plenty of style, and there were some very good Norwich, especially in the novice classes. Some of the birds with a good moult should give a very good account of themselves at the shows later on. In the A.O.V. class were some very good Cinnamons. The British bird section was good, and the birds were in exceptionally good feather and condition considering the lateness in the year. Mr. W. Clews judged Canaries, and Mr. F. Medley the British birds, and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Calam; 2, Harland. BUFF (3): 1, Harland; 2, 3, Calam. YORKS. BUFF: 1, Perkins. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Mason; 2, Frith; 3, Oliff; hc, Calvard; c, Mackay. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Mason; 3, c, Oliff; vhc, hc, McKay. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Kling; 3, Potter, sen.; vhc, Precious; hc, Parks; c, Oliver. BUFF (22): 1, Precious; 2, hc, Briggs; 3, Lightfoot; vhc, Frith; c, Parke. MULE OR HYBRID (Bred 1908) (11): 1, 3, vhc, c, Perkins; 2, H. Sowden; hc, Burton. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Perkins; 2, Burton; 3, Riley; vhc, hc, Frith; c, Calam. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Potter, sen.; 3, Perkins; vhc, Riley; hc, Burton; c, Frith. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, vhc, Whitesides; 2, Riley; 3, Frith; hc, Perkins; c, Burton.—F. F. POTTER, Hon. Sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CUCKOO FED BY ROBINS.

SIR,—Can any of your readers say if it is a common practice of the Cuckoo to deposit its egg in the nest of a Robin? A young Cuckoo, almost full-grown, can be seen, fed daily by its foster parents, the Robins, in the grounds of this establishment.

Fox Inn, Hevingham. R. RICHES.

A POINT ABOUT EXCHANGING.

Who Should Send on First?

SIR,—Your correspondent H.D.S. would like to know if anyone else has been "taken in" in exchanging birds. I would like to say how I was nearly "had" and how I got out of it. I saw an advert (not in CAGE BIRDS, I am glad to say), to the effect that a trio of Bantams was wanted in exchange for Yorkshire Canaries. I thought, here was my chance, as I wanted to start in the cage bird Fancy, and I had a real, good trio of Bantams that I was willing to exchange. I expect our friend, the Rev. C. D. Farrar, will laugh should he read this, as I purchased them from him and gave £2 5s. for the trio, so that there is no question as to their being good ones. What is more, they were not a bad lot to look at. Accordingly I corresponded with this "exchanger," and in reply he sent me a billhead that astounded me. He was a breeder of nearly every variety of fowl, etc., and the bait caught on. He would let me have two pairs of Canaries. My eye! how I saw the youngsters coming out over the nest. I caught the fever at once, and sent my Bantams on. I waited, but got no reply for a bit; so I had to wake him up a little. Yes, he had received them, but such a lot of "wasters" he had never seen. He could not possibly give me more than a beautiful Yorkshire cock for them. Well, I thought I had better have it, as I could get a hen for him. I told him to send it on. He did; but what a weed!—a common German hen. I at once sent it back, demanding my birds back. But, alas, they never came. A friend of mine was going up that way, so I asked him to call and see the place where this great poultry breeder lived. He did, and it was a house with a bit of a yard and a poultry run, with a big, black dog, which sniffed suspiciously at his legs. I at once wrote to the chief constable of that place, and that gentleman very kindly took my case up, and told me that if I did not receive my birds back at once to let him know. They came almost as soon as his letter, after six weeks. But in what a condition! They were literally half-starved, and I think after that and other cases, I have learnt a lesson, and I don't think I shall be the first to send on first in any future exchange I may enter into. JOHN HOCKING.

THE TWITE FOR MULING AND HYBRID-BREEDING.

SIR,—The Mountain Linnet, or to use its common name, the Twite, is a bird much used in Mule and Hybrid-breeding. It is sometimes known as the grey Linnet. It is some 20 years ago since I had my first pair of these birds. A man who had been out catching, caught some in the early winter in a clap net. They came with the Linnets in a flock to a call-bird (Linnet). As he did not know what they were he brought them to me for identification. This I did, and found they were a pair. He then gave them to me. These birds I kept for nearly two years, and I shall never forget it. Do what I might, I could never tame them or get them used to cage life. At last I gave them back again, and asked him to catch me some more, which he did. Whether the first pair were old birds or not, I cannot say. They were certainly in grand plumage and were fine birds; in fact, I have not seen any so good since. As regards the colours I only wish I could get hold of a few of their equals. My next birds, I should say, were younger ones, the plumage not being nearly so good, nor the markings so distinct. I had three which were all males. I at once placed each with an old hen Canary. As they were caught in December I soon got these birds steady, and by the time the breeding season came round, they had become quite tame. One of these I put up with a Canary and had two good young birds from this cross; but as show specimens they would not have been thought much of. Both of them being cocks, I kept them for some 18 months and expected to get some kind of song from them, but I was not rewarded. So in the end I gave them away. The other two I let some friends have. Since then I have had several of them, and when once I can get them tame, I am a great admirer of them. Although the first pair I had I could not tame down, it does not follow that they can not be easily tamed. They can, if one will only use a little common sense. They should be put with old steady birds, and where they can be seen, handled and approached. Feed them with titbits, etc., but I should always advise anyone who thinks of going in for Mule-breeding to get their British birds as early in the autumn and winter as they can. Another advantage is that they can get them cheap then, and the birds are, besides, full of vigour. After you have obtained your birds let your maxim be: "Follow nature," for no one can improve upon it. And, if you are going to keep birds, keep them properly, and get in a stock of nature's foods for them before the winter sets in. All kinds of natural food can be easily got, especially to those who live in the country. Those who do not live in the country, can now, thanks to our enterprising specialists, obtain the foods even in penny packets. All these foods not only help to keep the birds in health and full vigour, but aid in giving them the natural colouring, particularly if they can be moulted out of doors. I hope the day is not far distant when our most excellent club, the N.B.B. and M.C., will put down their foot and stop the colour-feeding of British birds, which, in my humble opinion, spoils them, besides keeping back from becoming good show birds. The classes which are supported for natural or field plumage should open this Society's eyes and get them to lead the way in the boycotting of colour-fed birds. I shall, with your permission, have something further to say at a future date on the subject of the Twite, meantime permit me to wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves.

W. H. ARMITAGE.

VARIEGATED SPARROWS.

SIR,—When reading CAGE BIRDS of July 11, I noticed in your correspondence columns an account of another variegated Sparrow. These and others appear to be quite common now, as I saw quite recently a White Robin with a red breast, in the vicinity of Upleatham. He was a little gem. I have in my possession a cock Blackbird, which has white wings and a few white feathers in the breast. He is a very large bird, and has a wound on his back, probably through being shot at. Variegated Birds are evidently gradually increasing each year. Whether it is due to in-breeding or not, or to the season, I cannot tell. Perhaps some more enlightened person will be good enough to enlighten us on this subject through your valuable columns. WM. PINCHIN.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in CAGE BIRDS in answer to the three gentlemen on the quality of the Linnet's song. Mr. T. Jump and "Lover of the Linnet" have described what they know of the Linnet very well. But I don't think much of Mr. Fred Allen's version. He says that jowing is a bad note. He also says that Linnets should not commence with scraping. I say that jowing is a good note—one of the best notes a Linnet does—and that a good Linnet can start off with any good note. If he pieces it up well with good work, I call him an excellent bird. I am getting on towards 70 years of age, and I am induced by these young Linnet fanciers to give a bit of my experience on the Linnet. I have kept Linnets ever since I could get seed for them. An old friend of mine gave £11 for one in Manchester, and an enormous number of people came to hear this bird sing. They used to call it "Jenny Lind," after the great singer. The best Linnets that ever I heard had similar songs. He started off: "Tolie, tolie, tolie, weet, weet, weet, weet, weet, weet, qui, qui, qui, qui." That "quiying" is scraping in four and five voices; it goes down to mad quacking like a duck. Another song is that which begins: "Tit, tit, tit, tot, tot, tot, pee, pee, po, po, peo, peo," and with "iggling," "widdling," skittleing," "winnying" running "dins" and "urrs," the bird changing them in different voices. Then there is the lock note in different voices and ricking in four or five different ways, and piecing them up without a break. Then there is the bell note in three and four ways. It is wonderful to hear such as "till, till, tong, tong," and "twang, twang," driven three and four times longer than others. I have heard Linnets scraping in so many voices that they have been exhausted and could not go to another place until they have had a rest. And I have had Linnets that could "jow" in four and five voices, and piece it up until they have done forty and fifty strokes of it. I don't care whom I meet in talking on the song of the Linnet. This is the first letter I have written on this grand songster. My advice is, if you want to get a good bird hand-rear a nest or two and buy two or three of the best you can afford and teach the young ones under them. Your young ones will then beat the old ones the following spring. I have got a good bird now which is not half as good as those I have had in years gone by. As to learning the song of the Linnet, nobody can teach you like a real good Linnet. Of course, you must go to the contests. I would rather have a really good Linnet than a couple of other sorts of birds. A. HOLT.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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ARE BIRD-CATCHERS A "ROUGH" SET?

SIR,—My attention was directed to a lengthy article, appearing in a certain daily newspaper. The article was written against bird-catchers, and was so construed as to make it misleading to many. I should, therefore, be pleased if you would allow me space for the statement of the facts. I may say that I am myself a bird-catcher; that is, I spend my spare time bird-catching just as anyone might in shooting or fishing—not for any money it may bring, but for the hobby it affords. I also go in for bird-keeping and Canary-breeding. I am also a keen naturalist. Now the time I spent on my holidays was chiefly among these "gangs" of bird-catchers. But as for their being "rough, I did not find it so; in fact, I was very well received and nicely treated by them. Anything I wanted to see was shown me, and I also went out with them and saw them at their work; and I must say as regards the way these men treated their fresh-caught birds, it was a case of birds first and men second. Out of the hundreds of store cages and cages used for sending birds away in, I did not see one that was only 4 ins. high, and since reading the paper in question, I have had a look, and find that they are between 6 and 7 ins. high (inside measurement), and not one under 6 ins. I found that the men fed their young birds on the different kinds of bird rape which had been soaked, and one man was feeding his birds on soaked summer rape, a very expensive seed as compared with the others. I never saw a single dirty cage; some were soiled, but the majority were new ones. The bulk of last season's cages had been broken up for firewood. As to any act of cruelty, I only saw one, and in this case it was a youth who only did a bit of catching now and again, and after I had spoken to him about it, I was able to secure the release of the two birds in question. I also found many nests of Linnets and Finches, but in no case did I find a deserted one or one with dead or starving young, and I am quite sure that the inspector who said he found scores of such cases did not even find a score of Linnets' or Finches' nests in the time he stated. The reason is that you do not catch at this time of the year one old one to one hundred young ones, and when you do you will get the whole family, that is the cock and hen and three or four young ones. I am speaking now of the use of the clap-nets. As to why the farmers so readily give permission, it is because around here there is a quantity of seed grown, the fen land being good ground for this purpose, and when it is a forward season, the young birds, chiefly Linnets and Greenfinches, visit it in large flocks, doing great damage, not by what they eat, but by what they waste. I watched them crack a pod of sprout seed open, and by the time they had shelled and eaten one seed the rest had fallen, and then they tried another pod, thereby wasting twenty times as much as they ate. Another point I should like to mention is, that the birds being sent away in the evening, i.e., at roosting time, do not want food or water then, so that the omission of food is not a form of cruelty. There is always a certain amount of seed sent with each cage, and upon arrival all there is to do is to hang on the drinker, and when daylight comes there is the food and water sooner than they would perhaps find it in the fields if they were wild. I may mention that I have several written permissions for bird catching, and one from a J.P. From what I have seen during these last few seasons, I find that Linnets, and especially Greenfinches, are steadily on the increase, and my opinion is backed up by the leading seed growers in the district. I heard from a catcher that there is a great gathering of Goldfinches in a certain district near here (Cambridge), estimated at more than a hundred dozen.

DODO.

WHERE TO GET PEACOCKS' FEATHERS.

SIR,—I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and I would be very thankful to know if any of your readers can tell me where I can buy some Peacocks' feathers, as I want about three or four hundred of them. J. P.

ON KEEPING FOREIGN BIRDS.

SIR,—Our old friend the Canary has its admirers, myself among them. Britishers there are too, of kinds most charming. But the foreign species of birds combine all the best qualities of both the other classes, and have many more to commend them. Hundreds of different sorts of our feathered friends are imported to these isles, all with peculiarities which make them well worth our study. They are sufficiently diversified to suit all tastes, both in colour, shape and size. There are kinds which breed as freely as Canaries, and more which breed so rarely in captivity that when success does happen to come, it is all the more welcome. Many species inter-breed, forming fresh and strange combinations in their offspring; and several by their tricks and power of mimicry of voices and sounds endear themselves to their owners. Many are so hardy as to live out of doors in our climate the year round, while others are like delicate exotic plants—beauties which require the utmost attention and a fair share of heat to bring them through the unaccustomed phases of our fickle climate. I would advise those who wish to keep a number of species to dismiss the idea of having them in cages, and get a spare room or outdoor aviary prepared as advised so often in CAGE BIRDS. The main point is to have plenty of room, and to avoid overcrowding. There is nothing like plenty of exercise and fresh air for keeping birds in the pink of condition. The more common foreign kinds can be divided roughly into Finch-like birds and Parrakeets, which should be kept apart, as the latter are apt to bully their smaller companions. The kinds most frequently imported like a simple seed diet, which makes them very easy to cater for, and there is very little more trouble feeding an aviary-full of birds than one Canary in a cage. Green food is always acceptable, and although many birds when first obtained partake sparingly of it, yet, after a time, when they learn from their companions, they eat of it greedily and to their benefit. The Budgerigar or Grass Parrakeet is a very popular kind, and I consider it the bird *par excellence* for the busy man, as they give so little bother. They generally breed freely, rearing their young without fuss and requiring no egg or soft food at any time. It is said sometimes that they require no water for washing or drinking purposes, but I find mine the same as other birds in these respects. When about to bathe, they perch on one end of the water tray for a while, then take a sudden run through the water, and out at the other side, never splashing and spluttering like the Finches. I suppose this is because in their wild state they bathe by running through wet grass. They can be readily tamed and taught tricks, and are very handsome and novel-looking birds. There are many classes of Finch-like birds which are a perpetual source of pleasure to their owners, requiring only seed, green food and water. Among them are Javas, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Saffrons and Bengalese, all fairly free breeders in the aviary; many kinds of Mannikins and Waxbills, not breeders, but interesting and lively birds; singers, such as Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario, and Serin Finches, and birds interesting because of their beautiful nuptial plumage, such as Combassons, Weavers, Bishops, etc. All of these are to be had for a few shillings per pair. But for preference buy acclimatised birds; though somewhat dearer they are more satisfactory in the end. Then if longing for a wider scope one can have some of the rarer Finches from Australia; for instance, the many kinds of Part-Softbills, such as Pekin Robins, gorgeous Tanagers of all hues, Nonpareils, Cardinals. And there are also those which live entirely on soft food and ripe fruit, and such as the Bulbuls, Mynahs, etc. All these require rather more attention and a liberal menu. We can also have specimens of the Parrot tribe, from the little Budgerigar, to Cockatoos, Parrakeets, Cockatoos, Grey and Amazon Parrots and the resplendent Macaws all of which make very companionable birds. In conclusion, let me say that even the commonest and cheapest species are handsome and interesting. By starting with such, we can gain experience, which is the best teacher. I do not doubt that those who begin with these will gradually add other and better sorts according to the means and space at their disposal.

S. OLIVER WILLIAMSON

(Correspondence continued on page 32.)

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BEDFORD.

A Nest Feather Show was held on July 17th. Several of the old hands not exhibiting this year, the novices had a chance which they appreciated. There were a number of choice young birds. The awards, which were well received, were made by Mr. J. C. Wilmot.

CL. YELL.: 1, Goodman, rare body properties, fine size for a yellow, as smooth as a bottle; 2, 3, Mortimer, 2nd rare type, full of quality, lovely colour; vhc, Goodman, Osborne; hc, Beanland, Millard. BUFF: 1, Mortimer, rare quality bird, well made; 2, Parrott, well formed bird, not far behind winner; 3, Osborne, another very nice youngster; vhc, Wiggins; hc, Goodman; c, Millard. VARGT. YELL.: 1, Osborne, excellent type and quality; 2, Finding, heavily marked, correct type; 3, Corrie, close up, not much between the three. BUFF: 1, Mortimer, lightly marked buff, of excellent quality; 2, Parrott, heavily marked bird, correct type; 3, Wiggins, smart, nice quality.

REIGATE F.A.

Second annual young bird show, held on July 13th, at Mutton's Hotel, Redhill. The judging was entrusted to Mr. F. J. Green, who gave satisfaction in his awards. The silver challenge cup for best Canary was won again by Mr. A. J. Kilby, and the medal for best British bird given by Mr. F. J. Green, by Messrs. Cosier and Crisp. There were 61 entries, including some very good birds. The Yorkshires were especially strong in number and quality.

YORKS: 1, 3, Tillet, very nice buff, grand position; 2, spl, Weller, lovely bird, good feather and wings. NOR.: 1, spl, cup, Kilby, grand bird, will be heard of again; 3, Cosier and Crisp. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Bacon, Border Fancy, grand yellow, good feather and steady; 2, Dean, Lizard nice broken cap. YOUNG MULES: 1, spl, Lawrence, Linnet-mule, good size; 2, Penfold; 3, ——, Go'dfinch-mule. OLD: 1, Whitmore, the only one shown. SELL.: 1, spl, 2, Bacon; 3, Terry. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Terry, nice size and steady good, deep blaze; 2, Bacon; 3, Cosier and Crisp. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Terry, grand Redpoll, full of colour; 2, Lawrence, Linnet; 3, Ashby, Twite. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl., and medal, Cosier and Crisp, Bullie, nice bird, good size and colour; 2, 3, Bacon, 2 Bullie, 3 Chaffinch. FOR.: 1, spl, Whitmore, Parrot, Indian Rock; 2, Bacon, tricoloured Nuns.—A. W. BACON Hon. Sec.

PELTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The third young bird show was held at the Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, on July 11th. Mr. T. Dixon, of Bedlington, judged, and gave general satisfaction. The entries numbered 72, in 14 classes. The hon. secretary, Mr. L. Hall, carried out his duties in a most businesslike manner, being well supported by a hard-working committee of real fanciers. The show was a success in every way. Mr. S. Elliott won Mr. A. Brown's special for best young bird in novice classes. All prize money was paid on the same day.

NOR. CL. YELL. 7): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Elliott; 3, Mason; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Hall; c, Davidson. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Brown; 2, Boyd; 3, Mason; vhc, Herdman; hc, Elliott; c, Davidson. CREST (5): 1, 2, spl, Hodgson; 3, Bewick; vhc, Herdman; hc, Elliott. C.B. (3): 1, 3, spl, Hodgson; 2, Herdman. YORKS. CL. YELL. (1): 1, spl, Stanger. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Herdman. BORD. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 3, spl, Snell; vhc, Herring; hc, c, T. Elliott. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Stanger; 2, c, J. Elliott; 3, hc, T. Elliott; vhc, Snell. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, Bewick; 2, Mason; 3, Boyd; vhc, Herring. LINNET (12): 1, spl, Davidson; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Boyd; hc, Herring; c, Crosby. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, spl, Brown; 2, 3, Davidson; vhc, Boyd; hc, Herring; c, Bewick. FOR. (4): 1, spl, McDowell; 2, Davidson; 3, Boyd. NOVICES (10): 1, spl, spl best bird, Elliott; 2, Foster; 3, vhc, Snell; hc, Mason; c, Young. CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Hall; 3, Foster; vhc, Elliott.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

The third combined Nest Feather show of the Hanley, Leek and Longton Societies was held at the Albion Hotel on July 18th, at Hanwell, when without doubt the cream of the district were on view. Both Norwich and Yorkshires were the best ever seen at a nest feather show in the district. Mr. F. Bate judged, and gave every satisfaction. This Federation is a fine means of helping one another, and brings the fanciers more into touch with each other. We are in hopes that the Potteries and Dis. C.B.S. and the Crewe and Dis. C.B.S., being close neighbours, will join this combination. Each society guarantees a given number at each show, which number will be settled by the representatives of each society who constitute the committee of the Federation. The shows, of which this was the last, have, without exception, been great successes.

NOR. CL. YELL.—1, Birks, grand shape and quality; 2, Hall, grand size and shape, splendid colour; 3, Bickerton, nice shape and size. BUFF: 1, Bowyer, shapely and full of colour and grand quality; 2, Hall, fine size; 3, Birks, full of quality and shape. YELL. TKD.: 1, Bowyer, lovely shape all round, beautiful bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Birks, head ticked, grand size, good head; 2, Bowyer, lovely shape. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Hall, lightly variegated, nice, clean-cut bird; 2, Bowyer, heavily variegated, with good head and broad chest. BUFF: 1, 2, Hall, heavily variegated, splendid shape and size, 2nd shapely; 3, Whetstone, another variegated, grand size, head and colour. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Robinson, good, long bird, with grand stand and colour; 2, Pygott, another good bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Peake, nice bird, well drawn, third very nice quality; 2, Robinson, full of quality. MKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson, beautifully ticked, good length; 2, Peake, another good bird, with excellent stand and colour, not quite so typical as winner; 3, Hayes, a good bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Pygott, nice cap, marked bird, with good position and quality, third heavily variegated; 2, Robinson, wing marked, very big bird, will make grand stock bird. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Dowler, very nice Yellowhammer, good colour and size; 2, Tams, Siskin, very fine one, in splendid condition. BROWN LINNET: 1, Tams, good size, nicely pencilled, in grand condition; 2, Hayes, runs first very close. GOLDFINCH: 1, Tams, good bird, with grand blaze and body colour. A.O.V. OR MULE: 1, Hallam, nice light Goldfinch-mule; 2, Tams, good-sized Siskin-mule. 10/6 SELL.: 1, Popliss; 2, Birks. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL.: 1, Oliver, good bird, well balanced, with fine, deep chest, and nice head; 2, Williamson, another fine bird, a bit too long. BUFF: 1, Williamson, splendid clear, rare size and shape, deep chest, grand quality, a real good one; 2, Popliss, another good bird, well-balanced; 3, Williamson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Rowley, well-drawn; 2, Maitland. BUFF: 1, Rowley; 2, Hayes; 3, Maitland.—C. J. ROBINSON, Sec. of the Hanley and Dist. C.B.S.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

The second First Feather Show was held on July 18th, when some very fine birds were on view, especially those in the Novice Classes. Competition was keen in this latter section, no doubt being due to the handsome rose bowl given by the President, H. Milling, Esq., J.P., for the novice member gaining most points with young birds at the two shows (June 20th and July 18th), who had never won a first prize. The winner was Mr. H. Robinson, who put down at each show a very strong team. Great credit is due to him for the manner in which he staged his exhibits. The runner-up in the rose bowl contest was Mr. A. Mason. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Duncan; 3, hc, Fergusson; 4, vhc, Barnwell. BUFF: 1, 3, Duncan; 2, Barnwell; 4, vhc, Hewson. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Hewson; 3, Pullan. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Robinson; 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, 3, Gill; 2, hc, Robinson; 4, Pullan; vhc, Mason. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, 4, hc, Robinson; 2, vhc, Mason; c, Pullan. NOVICE NOR.: 1 2, Mason; 3, Moveley. SELL.: 1, 2, Duncan; BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Duncan.—G. H. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec.

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*A Hen Who Wouldn't.

A week ago my dad had a Canary which had four young ones, but she was what is called a "sweater." She would not get off the young even to feed them—she was so lazy. Her mate had to feed her before she would feed them at all, and then she would only stand up and supply their wants. Two of the little ones died. Then I said, tie a piece of cord over the top of the nest-box so that she cannot get in on them. My father tried it, and the others are doing fine.—Sent by L. Davey (age 9), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

**Sparrow's Nest in a Coat Pocket.

"Jim" is the name of a Sparrow which is the pet of the engine drivers and firemen at one of the railway centres in the north of Scotland. It is stated that he was hatched within the noisy precincts of a busy locomotive stable, but falling out of the nest before being fully fledged, he was placed in a cage and tenderly cared for in the railway office. He quickly became so tame, that one day when his owner (the local railway engineer) was writing, he flew on to that official's hand and quickly fell asleep. The bird chooses very queer places for his nests, the oddest and most awkward so far being the inside breast coat pocket of his owner, whom he would follow wherever he went. He stuffed the selected pocket with miscellaneous material. Jim is now six years of age.—Sent by Doris Lycett, (age 12), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffordshire.

*Where the Threads went to.

A gentleman who was very fond of birds told me the following story. He was once out in some foreign land, and his wife being an invalid, used to sit at the open window doing fancywork. She was constantly losing or mislaying pieces of coloured silk. One day on entering the room suddenly she observed a little bird flying through the open window with a piece of silk thread in its beak. She called her husband, and together they followed the little robber. It flew straight to a tree overhanging a brook, and there the gentleman found a most peculiar nest, shaped like a bottle, and intertwined amongst the long grasses of which the nest was composed. The gentleman had found his wife's missing pieces of silk.—Sent by Sissie Cornwall (age 10), 38, Princes Street, North Shields.

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The second ramble took place on July 4th, to Chew Valley. It was a grand day for the occasion, and a fairly good number of members put in an appearance. The car left Ashton at 2.45, proceeding through Mossley to the Roaches. We then made our way through Freezeland to the Chew Valley, which was a treat for all present. It is a splendid place for scenery and wild bird life. There were plenty of birds to be seen, especially Blackbirds. We reached the Chew House at about six o'clock. We afterwards proceeded homewards, arriving in good time. Everyone who joined us had a very pleasant time.—H. FODEN, hon. sec.

IN THE COURTS.

NIGHTINGALES IN CAPTIVITY.

William Atkins was summoned for a breach of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, by having in his possession four Nightingales at Raunds on June 6th.—Defendant pleaded not guilty. William Hooker, Northampton, inspector R.S.P.C.A., prosecuted.—P.C. Smith, Raunds, deposed that on June 6th, he received a complaint that someone was catching Nightingales. He made inquiries, and afterwards visited defendant's premises, where he saw four Nightingales in separate cages. In answer to witness, defendant said he had not caught any Nightingales, but that the four were those he had in a deal last February. Defendant did not choose to say anything further, and witness told him the birds appeared to have been recently caught, and that he should report the matter. The birds appeared to be in a wild state.—Inspector Hooker said he spoke to defendant, and told him they had received numerous complaints from influential persons in Raunds of the loss of Nightingales which had made their homes in the neighbourhood for a great number of years, and that defendant was suspected. Defendant then said he had them from a man named Howe, who had gone to New Zealand. Witness afterwards inspected the birds, which were in a wild state, and there was every indication of their having been recently caught. Defendant, in his statement, said that at the end of January or the beginning of February he made a deal with Howe, from whom he had the cages and birds. He fetched the birds himself.—The Chairman said the Bench were unanimously of opinion that defendant was guilty of taking these birds recently, and convicted him of the charge. He would be fined 10s. per bird, and the birds must be handed over to the police and liberated. It was a very great offence, in the opinion of the Bench, that defendant should be taking Nightingales, which were a source of so much pleasure to the community at large, and they felt that they must mark their sense of it by inflicting this penalty.—Prisoner said he was sorry to say he could not hand over all the birds because he had given one to a friend of his.—The Clerk: The friend will have to hand it over, or he is liable to be summoned for having a bird in his control. The sooner he gets rid of it the better.—Money paid

PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

At Braunton Petty Sessions, on July 8th, John Symons, head keeper on the Fremington estate, was charged under the Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1904, with permitting to be placed on a pole a trap calculated to cause bodily injury to any wild bird coming in contact therewith.—Mr. R. Hendy, who prosecuted on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., said on June 22nd the inspector found in a pole trap in a wood at Fremington, a Blackbird caught by its legs. In a bush near he found the body of an owl which had evidently been caught in the trap.—In reply to the inspector, defendant said he knew the traps were there, but had not set them. Defendant was the head keeper for the coverts where the traps were found, and admitted having the traps about, knowing they were illegal. This brought Symons under the section.—Inspector Roberts, R.S.P.C.A., said the trap was fixed on a pole three feet from the ground.—The Defendant said he told the inspector the owl had been shot. There was a public path near, and he suggested that someone put the bird in the trap out of spite. His man told him he had not been near the spot. The trap had been there for years, and he had not set it.—The Chairman (Mr. G. C. Davie), said it was the first case of the kind that had come before the Bench.—Mr. Hendy said the Society had determined to put a stop to the use of these traps, and meant to prosecute in every case.—As it was the first case, the Bench imposed a fine of only 1s. and costs.

THE POWERS OF THE R.S.P.C.A.

Sequel to a Bird-catching Case.

At Soham County Court on June 12th, an interesting case came before His Honour Judge Milligan. This was a claim for £1 17s. 6d. for the alleged wrongful liberation of three Goldfinches and a Yellowhammer. The plaintiff, George Fenn (32), of Isleham, describes himself as a birdcatcher, and the defendant, Herbert George Reade, is an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A.

On the evening of Friday, May 1st, the defendant was at Isleham, and saw a lad taking a box of birds to Isleham Railway Station. The box was labelled for Newcastle. He examined the box and found that three of the birds were Goldfinches, which are protected in Cambridgeshire all the year round under the bye-laws of the Cambs. County Council. As the birds were fluttering against the bars of the cage, defendant acting as inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., concluded that they were "recently taken," and caused the lad to take the birds back to his home. Defendant told the lad's father, the plaintiff in the present action, that he had no right to take Goldfinches in Cambridgeshire. According to the defendant, plaintiff, replied, "I know all about it. It's hard enough for me to catch them without such as you interfering." Plaintiff, however, denied making such a statement. Defendant then said, "If you will not release them, I will." He took the birds to the house of P.C. Rawlinson, and in that officer's presence set them free.

The inspector then prosecuted Fenn at the Newmarket (Cambs.) Police Court. Fenn was represented by Mr. T. P. Bendall, and the defence was that the birds were caught in the parish of West Row (a couple of miles away), in Suffolk, in January. The county of Suffolk has no bye-laws for the protection of wild birds, and the prosecution relied on the Wild Birds Protection Act, which prohibits the taking of Goldfinches from March to August. Fenn and his witnesses swore that the birds were caught at West Row in January, in which case the Act would not have been infringed. The prosecution relied on their evidence as to the wildness of the birds as an indication of their being recently caught. Mr. Bendall argued that the birds were frightened by the inspector. The magistrates consulted with the clerk, in retirement,, and on returning to court the chairman said: "The Bench will give the defendant (Fenn) the benefit of the doubt. The case will be dismissed, but each side will pay its own costs." Subsequently Fenn entered his plaint in the County Court for £1 17s. 6d., the value of the birds, relying on the magistrates' decision to prove that they were wrongfully liberated. The plaintiff (Fenn) was not represented by a solicitor at the County Court. Mr. Polhill, solicitor from the head office of the R.S.P.C.A., defended Inspector Reade.

The evidence given and the conflict of it was practically the same as that given in the police court, except that his Honour did not think P.C. Rawlinson's evidence necessary, and he was not called. Inspector Reade again stated that when he told Fenn he should liberate the birds Fenn said, "You can do as you like." Fenn denied this, as he did at the police court. Mr. Polhill pointed out that the magistrates had refused to give Fenn his costs, so that the decision in the police court was not a justification for him. He was simply given the benefit of the doubt.

His Honour gave no indication of his opinion, but said that he would give judgment at the next court in Soham.—"Cambridge Daily Express."

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 622).

My White Crested Jay Thrushes—*continued.*

I am in great hopes some day they will enable me to win another medal, but at present they are recuperating. They are most amusing birds to watch and are great bathers. I have written this paper to let my fellow members of the Fancy know that I am once more on the war path and very much alive, and I make no sort of doubt but that I shall find that before very long I shall be able to say of bird-keeping what Napoleon once said of war—"Eh, bien c'est un grand je—better occupation."

Jay Thrushes, like all rare things, are rather expensive, but then, in bird-keeping, expense, like silver in the days of Solomon, is nothing accounted of. They are not suitable birds for a cage, no matter how large, as they are soft-billed birds, and like all soft-bills, their excreta is very strong and offensive in a room, and their feet soon get sore.

Give them a good, big aviary, to themselves, if possible, if at any rate you regard those with whom you put them; otherwise, like the celebrated lady who went for a ride on a tiger, your Thrushes will some day return, as did the tiger, with the birdies inside them, as he did with the lady.

In breeding all these big Thrushes, it is best, if you possibly can, to give them an aviary to themselves. It is difficult, I grant you, but then, one has to overcome difficulties. It is better to have only two or three breeding pairs, each in a separate aviary, than to have a big, mixed collection that are always fighting and devouring each other. Then, in a mixed lot, the food question is always a difficulty. You can't supply unlimited mealworms, unless you have the purse of a Rothschild, and you can't prevent the biggest and strongest bird from getting the lion's share. I know, by experience, how difficult it is to say "No," when a pair of rare birds is offered you, but there are times when it must be done, for expediency, if for no other reason. I don't always practise what I preach mind, but it is right for all that!

"Video meliora, proboque
Deteriora sequor."

CHAPTER XV.—Breeding of the Many-Colour Parrakeets.

I hardly like to remember how many years it is since I possessed my first Many Colours. I recall distinctly the first time I ever saw one alive. It was at a shop in the West End, and by their sick and sorry look they reminded me at once of the chant of the Roman gladiators, "Ave, Cæsar, morituri le salutant." "Hail, Cæsar, those about to die salute thee!" As, I believe, the price asked was £10, I did not invest in them, but I fell desperately in love with them. It was a genuine case of love at first sight, and I made up my mind, if I could ever afford it, to get a pair.

Many Colours are very hard to get, and still harder to keep. Only a very few come over every year, and these are eagerly snapped up by rich people at prohibitive prices.

The first time I had a chance of any was about five years since. A friend who used to go to Sydney wrote to me from Port Said that he was bringing over six Many Colours—four hens and two cocks. (This was rather wonderful, as the males generally far exceed the females in foreign birds that come over). Would I like them? I wrote a big "Yes," and anxiously awaited the result. Alas, it was sad when it came. The cock Many Colours had all died in the Red Sea, he said; would I have the hens? I said I would.

One morning they arrived quite safely. For weeks I kept them indoors, and as the weather got warm (it was Christmas when they landed) I put them out of doors. How I used to watch them! How I hoped against hope that one might develop into a cock! I thought that one had rather a masculine head and a rather brighter shoulder patch. I wanted it to be a cock so badly; but it was no good; they all remained of the feminine gender.

Of the four, two, alas, died. Some disease of the throat carried them off. If you see Many Colours with an apparent difficulty in swallowing, make up your mind that you are going to lose them.

Where was I to get a cock bird from? I wrote to my friend Mr. Savage at Rouen, but he could not help me. "Many Colours are," he wrote, "as scarce here as in England; I have not seen any offered for sale for years." Then I wrote to Mr. Peckholtz. Could he help me? No. But he gave me the address of a German dealer who sometimes had Many Colours. I wrote off, and after a time got the offer of a cock bird at a very great price. They say "a fool and his money are soon parted"; they were in this case. I sent off the money and the Many Colour arrived. He "had been" a good one, but was so no longer. Moreover, he had that horrid difficulty in swallowing I knew so well. I tried to think he was healthy, but in my heart of hearts I knew better, and I felt that the days of mourning were at hand. They were. He lingered a fortnight and "many a time" like Tom Hood.

"I watched his breathing through the night," and then one fine morning I had a lonely corpse. Many months have passed away, and there was nary a sight of a Many Colour anywhere, as poor Artemus Ward would say.

Then one morning I got a postcard from a dealer, saying he was sending me two cock Many Colours. How my heart went pit-a-pat. Alas, when they came, and I opened the cage, one was quite dead. He was such a beauty, too. They had arrived by the last train at night, and were not delivered till the following morning. The other, I was delighted to see, was equally good as his dead brother, and seemed alright after a rest and some needful refreshment.

For a long time I kept him in a cage, as I did not dare trust his precious life out of doors in our abominable climate. The two hens remained out of doors, in separate compartments, as they did not seem very amicably disposed towards one another. Ladies do sometimes quarrel when confined together too closely. As the spring advanced, I suddenly missed the younger hen. I feared she was dead or had got out of the aviary somehow. What was my delight and astonishment, after a long and careful search, to find her sitting hard on four eggs. She was sitting so close that she even allowed me to pull her off the eggs. She sat steadily, but, of course, with no result. Just as she had finished sitting, I got the cock. Too late, of course, and a season gone. Any intelligent man will understand that it was a situation calculated to amuse the ungodly; but without any real fun in it. I own I felt as melancholy as if I had been editing a comic paper; but there are limits even to depression, and after the most awful fit there suddenly comes the rebound, as certainly as day follows night.

As the season advanced I put the cock in with the older hen, as she had not nested, thinking she was the more likely to do so of the two. With the perversity of the male creature, the cock did not approve of my selection. You remember that once, Alcides, having gone through all the fatigues of life, took a bride in Olympus, he ought to have selected Minerva, the staid and sober, whereas he chose the merry Hebe. He evidently, like Jacob, preferred Rachel to Leah.

The cock Many Colour was always seductingly whistling through the wires and making violent love to the younger and fairer lady, and so, at last, I had to let Nature have her way, and transferred Leah from his side and substituted Rachel. Leah would not take at all kindly to the arrangement, and, but for the dividing wires, I would not have been answerable for the consequences, as the police say.

(To be continued.)

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE cricket match between the Gt. Horton O.S. and the Wibsey O.S. ended in favour of the boys from Horton, who won by a margin of 23 runs. Mr. H. Simonett proved to be the mainstay of Gt. Horton's batting, scoring 26 of the 84 runs secured by vigorous hitting, whilst Mr. Oliver surprised many by his clever use of the ball. For the Wibsey side, Messrs. Ogden Bros. went in first and made a great stand, many of the Hortonians quaking in their shoes in fear of a defeat, before they were parted. After the match all adjourned to the headquarters of the Wibsey O.S., there to partake of a grand pie supper. To add that justice was done to this particular department, would be superfluous.

TO-DAY (Saturday) the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S. are to listen to a lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr G. R. Rushworth, and as this is now the predominant thought of every fancier, it will be wise for as many as can to attend this meeting and see what wrinkles can be picked up. An interchange of thoughts and methods is always interesting, especially when the subject is one that is of such vital interest as the present one, at the time of the discussion.

THE Harrogate Society held the second of their First Feather shows on Saturday last. The entry did not come anywhere near the total of their last show, but some good birds were staged in all classes, upon which the society is to be congratulated.

THAT pushing young Bradford East O.S. are trying to secure two "rose bowls" for competition at their first open show next winter, which trophies, I understand, are to be open to all exhibitors in the unflighted Yorkshire classes. Their value is to be at least £2 10s. each, and they will probably have to be won three times before becoming the property of any one winner.

THE Yorkshire Union novice medals, etc., which have been back to have the bird in centrepiece improved, are now being returned. Part of them have already been sent to their owners, and the remainder are expected this week end

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PRAZE.

The Praze fanciers held their third annual show in a marquee in the Recreation Grounds on July 16th, in very bad weather, which told greatly on the "gate." The quality of the exhibits was good. Mr. W. E. Benney judged. The staff of stewards are to be congratulated on their able management.

CAN. 1, spl, 3, Hosking, both good Yorks, nice colour. 2 Res. Strout, yellow Norwich, grand head, and neck, good type and colour. Res. Buff Yorks. gem for quality, grand wing carriage. GOLDFINCH, 1, spl, Polkinghorn, foreigner, grand size and blaze, good moons and buttons, fine chestnut, steady; 2, Hosken, a Britisher, sweet bird, good bars and buttons, nice blaze, in grand condition; Allen, another Britisher, good body and blaze. A.O.S.: 1, spl, vhc, Arthur, two yellow Buntings, good markings, size and colour, well defined, V on head, steady; 2, Strout, nice coloured Gouldian, in good condition; 3, res., Hosken, dark Goldfinch-mule, nice size and markings,, rich Siskin, good colour and condition.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

About 220 birds were exhibited at the Nest Feather Show, held in the Montgomery Hall, on July 18th. There was close competition in most of the classes, but the work of the judges—Messrs. W. Oxley, T. Tow, T. Hemmings, and E. E. Smith—was carried out with satisfaction and ability. Messrs. F. Pearce, J. Memmott, A. Bradshaw, and T. Bishop acted as stewards, while the work of organising the event was executed by Messrs. H. Lindsay and W. Bingham, the hon. secretaries. Throughout the afternoon and evening the show was patronised by a large number of bird fanciers and of the general public.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Champion; 2, Emery. BUFF: 1, Elshaw; 2, 3, Champion. TKD. YELL.: 1, Champion; 2, Spencer; 3, Lindsay. BUFF.: 1, Bradwell; 2, Spencer; 3, Lindsay. CINN. TKD. YORKS.: 1, Elshaw; 2, 3, Champion. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Elshaw; 2, 3, Lindsay. CL. YELL. 1, Thorpe; 2, Holt; 3, Porter. BUFF.: 1, Moore; 2, Parkinson; 3, Porter. TKD. YELL.: 1, Peck; 2, Thorpe; 3, Holt. BUFF: 1, Porter; 2, Booth; 3, Somerfield. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Porter; 2, Thorpe; 3, Booth. CREST BUFF (light or dark): 1, Hodkin; 2, Moore; 3, Peace. C.B.: 1, 2, Moore; 3, Memmott. MULE: 1, 2, Somerfield; 3, Ellis. SELL. (12/6): 1, Cowley; 2, Jennett, 3, Furniss. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Somerfield; 2, Ellis; 3, Walsh. LINNET: 1, Bishop; 2, Walsh; 3, Savory. GREENFINCH: 1, Rodgers; 2, Walsh; 3, Somerfield. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Somerfield, 3, Savory. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Bishop; 3, Walsh. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Walsh. NOVICE CLASSES. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Judge; 2, Porter; 3, Crapper. BUFF: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Bishop, 3, Cowley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bishop; 2, Bower; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Bower 3, Woolhouse CINN TKD.: 1 Bower; 2 Jepson; 3, Porter. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Makin; 2, 3 Coates. CL. YELL. NOR. 1 Woolhouse; 2, Allison, 3, Rickard. BUFF: 1, Walsh; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Rickards. TKD. YELL.: 1, Challinghon; 2, Godfrew; 3, Woolhouse BUFF 1, Walsh, 2 Johnson; 3, Allison. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, Woolhouse, 3, Johnson. SPECIAL PRIZES.—Best head shown: Walsh (Waxtail); best in York class: Champion; best in Yorks and Nor class, Judge; best in novice Nor., Woolhouse; best in Nor, Potter; best Mule, Somerfield, and best Crest, Moore.

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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page 605.*)

Mild and hot weather have their dangers in the way of contaminating food and water, and every care should be taken to keep the cages, nests, and dishes scrupulously clean, and to remove everything that will infuse impurity into either food or water.

Red Mites and other Pests.

If the sensible precaution has not been taken (when putting up the pairs) to paint the outsides of the nests with Jeyes' or other strong disinfectant, red mites, small Canary bugs, and large lice, with the advent of the warm weather, will come into evidence, and if permitted to multiply will work sad havoc. The red mite is not an agreeable companion, but is not nearly so bad as the bugs and lice. It betakes itself to the crevices of the cage during the daytime, and can be kept down by painting its haunts with paraffin or disinfectants; but the vicious bugs and lice keep crawling over its victims, the birds.

I recollect my first introduction to the large lice. I purchased a buff hen, and I noticed that she was always picking herself and shaking her feathers. I caught her for examination, and in a few moments my hand was literally covered with the pests, which created a very disagreeable feeling.

They are unbearable, and where the three pests appear together everything possible should be done to exterminate them. That course is absolutely necessary if breeding operations are to be a success. The various disinfectants are more powerful and effective than the many kinds of powders. Quassia is a very good thing for the bath, or for putting into the spray water.

Breeding should be at its height in early June. Usually the weather is mild then, and the day long. Green food, too, is plentiful. In short, the conditions all round, are of the most favourable nature. The sittings in May should, as far as possible, be so arranged that as many eggs as possible shall hatch out in the first week in June. It is an immense advantage to have four or five birds in each nest under reliable feeders. Then the young thrive, and, in short, everything favours the making of hay while the sun shines—in June.

Preparing for the Exhibitions.

The question is often put: Will Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries hatched in June be ready for the opening shows? From practical experience I have found no difficulty in getting young ones that were hatched within the first ten days in June to moult and be ready for the show-bench by about the end of September. May and June hatchings are strong and healthy, and they pass through the moult quicker than the earlier or later hatched birds. Hence the necessity of making the most of the sunshine.

Early young birds will, by now, have betaken themselves to the perch, and care should be taken to see that there are no vacancies in the wire work to admit of their escaping. Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries are so finely constructed that they are easily maimed for life, and readers know what that may mean at the close of the year.

It is a great benefit, as soon as the young get on to seed, to put one bird in each cage. This prevents plucking and waste of feathers; and if there are style and position in the bird it will help to maintain and develop these qualities.

An extra-promising bird I have always put into a large cage with, say, three perches. This gives it every opportunity for exercise, with the least risk of doing itself injury. A really good bird is usually steady and well-balanced. A show bird should, of course, be steady and well-behaved, and the time for training is in early youth.

First Feathers.

First-feathered Scotch Fancies are frequently most deceptive in appearance. A Scotch Fancy Canary which, in the first feather, may give every indication of being an undisputed first prize and cup winner, may, after it has passed through the moult, prove quite unworthy of a "commended" ticket. And on the other hand, what gives little promise at first may moult into the premier winner of the season.

Treat all young Scotch Fancies alike until they are complete and declare, with no uncertainty whatever to the fancier, what they can do in competition. They can be weeded out after the moult; but until then be careful in expressing an opinion. Fanciers like to see a Scotch Fancy Canary looking well at all times, but it is not wise to build up hopes, or form low opinions of birds while in their first feather. Patience should be exercised.

Feathers should be preserved. The long feathers cast in the first moult, so that if they become deformed or wasted, it involves plucking out, which many hold is hurtful to the birds.

To keep the tail of a Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary in form, a very good thing is to have a small glass inside the cage, so placed, near and slightly under the perch, that when the inmate moves about the tail will go into the water to the extent of not exceeding a quarter of an inch.

At this time of the year, when dirty glasses have a bad effect upon the water, the drinking glass should be thoroughly cleaned every morning, and pure, clean water supplied. A great deal depends on clean dishes, food, and water, especially in the summer, when the least thing may taint food and water.

Young Birds in Nest.

In case young birds should be pulled out of the nest, an occasional glance at the nest platform and at the bottom of the cage should be given. This is a means of saving life that should always be kept in mind. Every bird saved increases the chance of your having a cup winner among the number. Looking after the young means making the most of the present opportunities.

Having bad feeders is one of the greatest disappointments in Canary breeding. Every fancier knows what this means when there is not another pair available. It means that there is no alternative but to resort to hand-feeding. Hand-feeding may be commenced at any time irrespective of the bird's age, and it is surprising how the young take to it when compelled.

The food to give is the ordinary hard-boiled egg mixture, moistened with the fancier's own saliva. If the young are only a few days old, and the hen continues to sit upon them let her do so, and when you are ready to hand-feed them put her off the nest and touch them with your fingers; if they are not too far gone and hungry they will freely gape, and partake of the food.

A convenient way of conveying the food is by a piece of wood reduced and rounded off so that it will hold on the tip just sufficient to pass into the bill. Care should be taken not to gorge the young birds; rather, give food frequently, say every two hours. As the young advance and gain in strength they will worry the hen for food. In some cases she yields and sets to the feeding, in which case stop the hand-feeding, and give her every opportunity of rearing them.

Hand-feeding should only be adopted as a last resource. Hand-reared birds are not easily weaned, and are seldom equal in strength to those birds which are brought up by parents or foster parents. Should it be necessary to keep on the hand-feeding till the young can do for themselves, all droppings ought to be daily removed from the nest.

Some Nest Matters.

It often happens that the vent gets blocked up with droppings, and if not removed it will prevent further passage, and probably lead to inflammation of the bowels or to some other disorders.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Blackbirds and their Bath.

The Vicar of Haywards Heath, having received numerous complaints of flowers having been removed from graves in the parish churchyard, gave instructions for a watch to be kept. After remaining in hiding for some time the verger was about to retire, when he saw a number of Blackbirds upon the graves. They plucked the flowers and scattered them about the churchyard, afterwards returning to the graves to bathe themselves in the water in which the flowers had stood.

The Bird's Third Eyelid.

In addition to the true lids, says Dr. Casey Wood, President of the American Academy of Opthalmology, birds possess a third eyelid such as is found in reptiles. A lid which acts as a scraper for cleansing purposes, and which is also used as a partial screen from blinding sunshine. With this third eyelid a bird protects its sight when fighting or seeking food.

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I was walking with a friend across Warren Hill a week or so ago about 8.30, says a writer in a contemporary, when suddenly I was struck a heavy blow on the back of the head, as I thought, with some instrument, which knocked me almost to the ground. My friend, on looking round, discovered a large owl sitting on a low bough close by. I at once went to throw at it, when I was struck in the face by another, causing a scratch on the nose, the birds swooping round screeching. They have a nest close by, and it appears have been in the habit of swooping down on passers-by.

Blackbird Suspended by a Thread

Mr. H. Gould, of Morton, when in his garden, it is reported, noticed a Blackbird suspended in the air immediately beneath its nest in a tree. Not being able to see what was the cause of its being held in this position, he secured the bird and found that it had somehow managed to hang itself with a length of fine thread, one end of which was woven into the nest and the other end had been left hanging outside. The bird was quite dead when discovered in this strange position.

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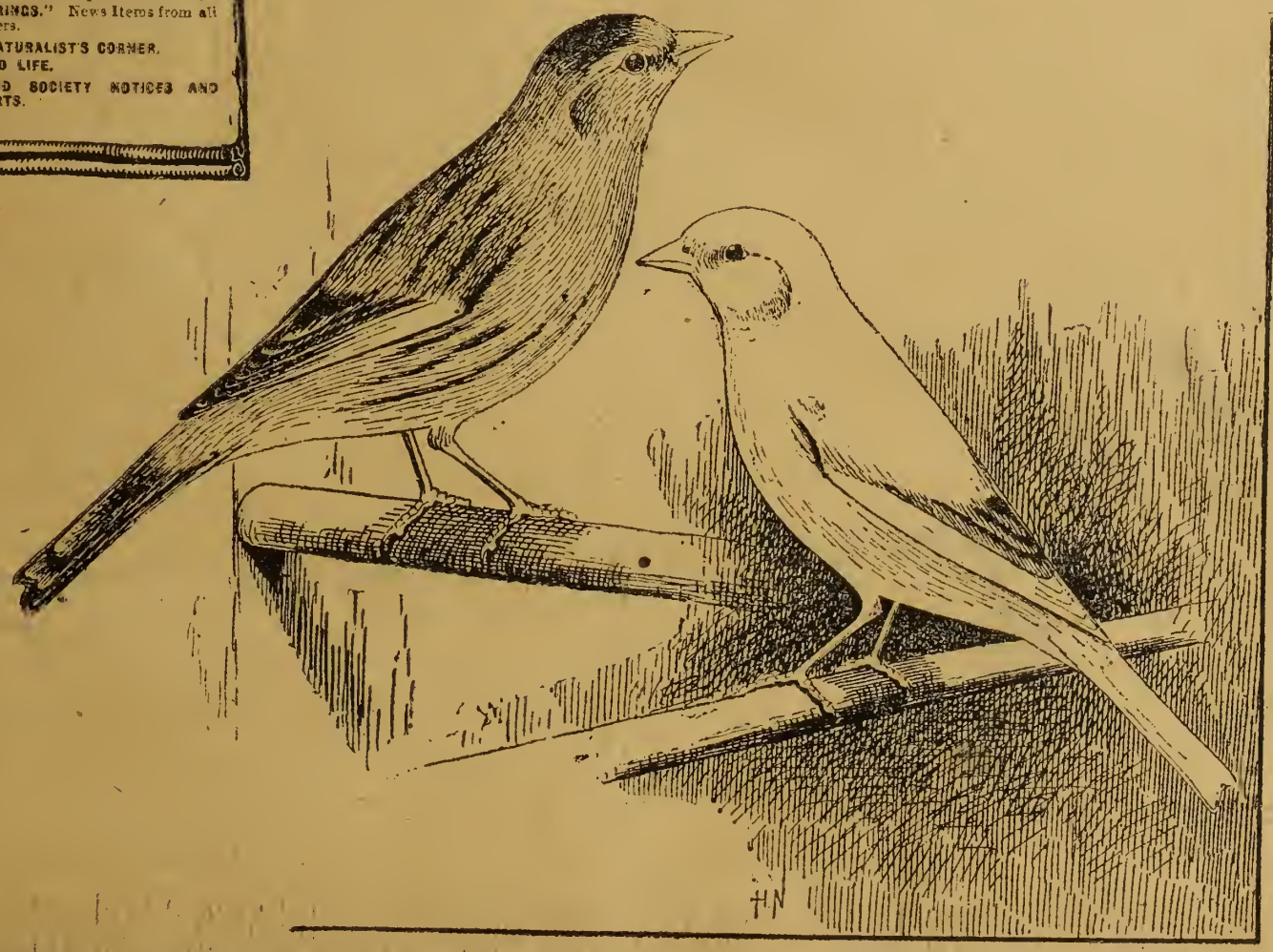
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Usual week-end contest held at Prince Albert Inn on July 26th, when 12 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Jackson. Result: 1st and 3rd, Towers; 2nd, Thompson.—W. DEAN, Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

During the week several handicaps took place at the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road. On July 18, a match for Chaffinches was decided between "Nelson," and "Darkie." After a close race Nelson's bird won. Other events were won by Messrs. Weston, Dave, and Baldwin.—F. WESTMORE, Timekeeper.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cannock.—August 18th, Athletic Grounds.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 3 open classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1, and Mule 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close August 10th to JOHN BIRD, Market-square, Cannock.

Swanley.—August 19th, Recreation Ground, Swanley Junction.—2 open classes: Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close August 12th to W. COLYER, Station-road, Swanley Junction.

CLUB REPORTS.

PRESTON O.S.

The July meeting was held on July 6th, when 22 members were present. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (who, however, turned up later), Mr. Lewis was voted to the chair. The following were elected members: Messrs. R. Bannister, J. Taylor, G. Atkinson, and C. Cliff, all of Preston. This brings the number on the roll to 56. —W. HY. HEATHCOTE, Secretary.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Bakes Rooms on July 1, Mr. Carmyllie presiding. The secretary reported the arrangements for the annual show were progressing favourably. After the usual business a friendly discussion ensued on the best food with which to rear young birds. The verdict was in favour of the long standing mixture of egg biscuit. The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.—R. WHITTON, secretary.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

At the special meeting held in Liverpool, on July 25, Mr. Handley in the chair, patronage was allotted to the following shows:—Oct. 23, 24, Rochdale; Nov. 6, 7, Liverpool; Nov. 13, 14, Warrington; Nov. 21, Bradford West; Nov. 27, 28, Leeds; Dec. 5, Altrincham; Dec. 10, 11, Welsh National; Dec. 18, 19, Widnes; Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 1909, Scottish National; Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9, Palace. The motion to alter colour of Norwich show cage was lost. It was decided not to give patronage to any more shows this season.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

ST. ANDREW'S O.S.

The annual meeting was held in the Court-room of the Town Hall on July 5th, Mr. P. Whettet presiding. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a balance which was considered very satisfactory. Mr. Auchterlonie, who has been secretary for six years, asked to be relieved of the secretarial work, and while assuring the members of his support in the future, thought that Mr. Alex. McIntyre would prove a very suitable man for the post. This being seconded, was unanimously agreed to. Mr. P. Whittet was again appointed president, and Mr. C. Moss vice-president. A working committee was then elected, consisting of Messrs. J. Brown, J. Mackie, C. Moss, jun., A. Robertson, and T. Auchterlonie. The date of the show was then fixed for October 4th.—A. B. MCINTYRE, Secretary, 31, South Street, St. Andrews.

GREAT HORTON v. WISBEY O.S.

A cricket match was played at Wibsey Park on July 18, between the members of the Great Horton and Wibsey Societies. It resulted in a win for the Hortonians. The men from Horton went in first, and piled up a score of 84. The Wibsey men followed with 61. The following is a list of the scores: —Great Horton O.S.: Mann, 3, Simonett 26, Hammond 3, Cruise 11, Stansfield and Hodgson 4 each, Oliver 7, Kellett (not out) 14, Waterworth, and Self, 1 each, and extras 10. Total, 84. Wibsey O.S.: L. Ogden 19, T. Ogden 12, Johnson 4, Thornton and Hinchcliffe 2 each, Myers 14, Bretherick 5, and Broadbent 3; total, 61. After the match they sat down to a meat tea at the headquarters of the Wibsey O.S., and a real good one it was. Then followed an evening of amusement, which everyone seemed to enjoy.—J. HOLROYD, Hon. Sec., Great Horton, O.S.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A meeting was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on July 18th, Mr. John Garner in the chair. Some very important business was gone through, the chief items being the selection of societies for club show and patronage. The club show will be held in connection with the Rochdale O.S. The Lancashire and Lizard fanciers will have a treat, seeing we have secured the services of such experts as Mr. R. Barrass, of Lancashire fame, and Mr. L. Butterworth, one of our oldest Lizard breeders and exhibitors, who will judge our two varieties. We trust our members and fanciers in general will show their appreciation of the society's enterprise by sending some bumping entries. Challenge cup and medals were also allotted to Manchester, Nottingham, Littleborough, and Crystal Palace, for both Lancashire's and Lizards, and the Rochdale Good Intent for Lizard Challenge Cup and medal only. Two or three more societies will most likely be added to above at our next meeting, which will be held at Glossop on August 16th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Fanciers are invited to join the society.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A special meeting was called at the show held by the club on July 25th for the purpose of considering the resignation of the secretary. Mr. J. R. Slack, chairman, who presided, explained that he had received a letter from the secretary in which it was stated that having been suspended by the No. 1 District Committee of the C.B.U. for showing two birds at his native place at a mixed show on Whit Monday, he (the secretary) felt he could not retain his position as secretary unless he had the full confidence of all the members, and therefore placed his resignation in their hands. He (Mr. Slack) expressed his opinion that the action of the C.B.U. Committee was too oppressive altogether, and appeared to be the result of malice, and he hoped the members would not accept Mr. Crawhall's resignation. Mr. Shepherd moved "That Mr. Crawhall be requested to withdraw his resignation, and that the members present thank him heartily for the honourable way he has acted in the case, and express their full confidence in him." Mr. Crawhall, he said, had been the founder of the club, and they could not afford to lose him as their secretary. He also expressed regret that the local committee should have been so harsh as to deprive their secretary from showing at more than half of the shows to which their club gave their patronage. Mr. Tindale seconded, and expressed the hope that Mr. Crawhall would long continue to hold the position of secretary. The motion was carried with acclamation. The secretary replied that it would have grieved him very much to give up the position after the two pleasant years he had spent with them, but he felt that his honour was at stake, and that so long as a reflection like that severe sentence of debarring him of showing at five out of the seven local shows was upon him he could only appeal to his brother fanciers by resigning. But as the chairman, Mr. Shepherd, and others had so kindly expressed their sympathy and their confidence, he would continue to do his best for them as their secretary, and hoped that if the same enthusiasm was displayed in the future as in the past we would soon not be afraid to meet the members of the S.Y.C.C. in competition, though they had a few years' start in the race for honours. He thanked the members for their kindly confidence in him, and hoped he would always earn it.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BELFAST N.C. & Y.C.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held in the Avenue Hall on July 6. In the absence of president and vice-president, Mr. A. South, was asked to preside. It was proposed that we adjourn the matter re Rule 13 which was to have been discussed at this meeting until next meeting, owing to the small attendance, and that the secretary be instructed to summon every member under a penalty, as per Rule 20. Members will please note this, as the rule will be strictly enforced.—A. SOUTH, assistant secretary.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S

There was a moderate turn-up of members and friends on July 25th to hear Mr. G. E. Rushworth lecture on colour feeding. The hints and information that he gave showed that he is not a novice. His methods were questioned by many present, which he explained satisfactorily to all, and many exchanges of views on the subject delighted those present. After the usual vote of thanks an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B. M. AND F.B.C.

At our last meeting, the patronage of this club was granted to the following societies: Newcastle, Wallsend, South Shields and Gateshead. There were other applications from several societies, which were left over until next meeting, to see if any more applied from a distance, our members being anxious to give their support to any societies which meet with their approval. There are three silver cups to be competed for (one for each section) for three nominated birds, gaining most points over all shows under our patronage, and also three silver medals for most points at each show. There are over fifty members on the books, and anyone wishing to join may do so by sending subscriptions of 2/6 per annum, together with their names and addresses to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. SLACK, 115, Stanhope-street, Newcastle.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

The committee appointed at the general meeting, met at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on July 11th. Those present were Mr. Richardson, president, Messrs. Watson, Hamilton, Smart, Arnot and Brown. Applications for club patronage were considered, and it was decided that in cases where club members had accepted more than two judging engagements, the first two applications received by secretary should get patronage only. A motion that instead of six novice medals this year there should be eight, was passed. Nearly 50 societies were granted the club's support. Those societies which have been granted patronage will be advised by secretary in the course of a few days. The secretary was instructed to use his own discretion regarding any application coming in for club patronage after date of meeting.—M. JAMIESON, Hon. Secretary, Green Terrace, Hawick.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on July 18, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. The correspondence included letters from the secretary of the C.B.U., and secretaries of the various specialist clubs. The secretary of the Border Fancy C.C., having notified us that seven classes for Borders would entitle us to receive their patronage, it was carried that we allot the seven classes, providing we obtain the B.F.C.C. patronage. The secretaries were instructed to inform the United Kingdom Lizard Society that four open classes for Lizards would be given at our Open Show, November 20 and 21, providing we received their patronage. Much satisfaction was expressed by the members when the secretaries intimated that we had been granted the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club. Mr. J. Riseborough, the C.B.U. delegate, gave his report of the C.B.U. District No. 1 meeting, on July 15, at Newcastle, and his report was adopted. The secretaries then proceeded to pay out the prize money won at the First Feather Show. —REID and MADDISON, Secretaries.

CAGE BIRD UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

Meeting of District Committee, held in Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 15. Present:— Messrs. T. Robson (Northern Crest Club), A. Grey (Morpeth), J. McDonald (Wallsend), H. Maughan (Jarrow), J. Brown (Derwent Valley), W. Thompson (South Shields), J. Davidson (Blaydon), J. Riseborough (Sunderland), G. McPartling (Newcastle), and A. Brown (Gateshead). Mr. Robson was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A charge of having exhibiting borrowed birds against J. Thompson was not considered proved, and he was exonerated. A claim made by Mr. A. Lister, Gateshead, against the Newcastle Society for a special prize awarded to him according to the judge's slip, but subsequently handed over to another exhibitor on the grounds that a clerical error had been made by the judge was referred to the Council. For exhibiting at an unlicensed and non-affiliated show, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, of Newcastle, was suspended for one month commencing October 17, and ending November 17, 1908. The secretary having tendered his resignation, was requested by the Committee to reconsider same.—A. BROWN, Sec Dist. No. 1.

CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

A committee meeting was held on July 25, to allot patronage for next season. Mr. Gledhill, president, in the chair. The following societies applied for our patronage:—Pendleton and Salford, Accrington, Newcastle, Queensbury, Manchester, Morecambe, Shipley, Laisterdyke, Bradford West, Huddersfield, Harrogate, Eccleshill, Brighouse, Bradford City, Gt. Horton, Windhill, Halifax, Bradford East, and the Palace. Several of these shows are to be held on the same date, or have selected the same judge, and it was unfortunate that the best shows clashed in this way, for as we have a rule of "one judge, one show," and "one show, one week," there were some which were bound to fall out. All those with clear dates and judges were submitted to ballot by hat and the following are our patronage shows for next season:—Queensbury, Shipley, Laisterdyke, Huddersfield, Eccleshill, Brighouse, Windhill, Shipley, Halifax, Bradford East, and Palace. Our financial position was considered, and it was felt we had been too generous with the value of the competition prizes; but before going back on our previous promises we would try and see what we could raise in a social way (whist drives, etc.), during the coming winter season. We hope, therefore, that all fanciers, whether members or not, will help us when the time comes. Intending members should send on their subs., with their names and addresses, to me as early as possible, as I intend having our handbook out shortly.—R. GARNETT, Secretary, 17, Woodside Terrace, Windhill, Shipley.

CIVIL SERVICE F.A.

The Quarterly Meeting and Young Stock Show was held on July 21, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, Mr. B. G. Ager presiding. After the judge (Mr F. Easterling) had made the awards the annual show business was then proceeded with. For the benefit of those not present at the last meeting, the secretary gave an outline of the report of the sub-committees of the "South Metropolitan F.A.," and the "C.S.F.A.," appointed to consider the combination of the two societies for the purpose of holding a grand Annual Show. The show is to be held on Dec. 3 and 4, at the Avondale Hotel, Landor Road, Clapham, S.W. It was agreed to accept "The Grand United Metropolitan Show," as the title. Judges were nominated and their names submitted to the sub-committee for selection. The following resolution was carried:—"That the preliminary expenses in connection with the show be advanced by either or both of the combining societies, as may be convenient. Such amounts to be repaid to the respective societies before determining the profit or loss accruing to such show." Mr. Easterling then clearly defined the objects of the Federation of Cage Bird Societies for London and District, and said it would be to the advantage of every society catering for cage birds to become affiliated. In the end it was agreed that the matter be left over for a future meeting. At the conclusion of the general business Mr. Easterling gave his promised lecture on "Moulting for Exhibition." The lecturer gave us his experience in colour-feeding, so successfully carried out by him. Some very useful information was given and at the conclusion questions were asked and were most ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Easterling, and to the chairman, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Awards:—Nor. Crest or C.B.: 1, 2, Thursby. Yorks: 1, 2, Forster; 3, he, Russell; vhc, c, Harding. Mule or Goldfinch: 1, spl, for best Can. or Mule, he, Talbot; 2, spl best British, Thursby.—A. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH O.S.

Presentation to Mr. G. F. Woolhouse.

Usual monthly meeting held on July 23rd, when there was a good attendance to hear Mr. W. T. Butt relate his experience. The "birds he had kept" proved to be very varied. He had also been successful with Norwich, Yorkshire and London Fancy Canaries, but his chief success had been in Mule-breeding. He deprecated the Sib.-bred theory, and recommended what he termed a washed-out Buff hen in colour—almost white. This kind of hen he had found always threw the lightest Mules; especially so in the third round when paired to the Goldfinch. The lecturer stated that in his opinion the best Goldfinch came from Wales. He became very interesting when telling us of the various species of birds to be found in the Western counties—Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall. He did not believe in colour food for British birds. He had a weakness for rarities and freaks, and had kept many Albinos. At the conclusion of the lecture an interesting discussion took place. A vote of thanks to Mr. Butt was given. Messrs. F. Putner and W. Munday were elected members. Mesars. Underhill, Butt, and Rees have offered special prizes for the annual show. An interesting event then took place. Mr. A. E. Rogers said that on behalf of the many friends and admirers of Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, their esteemed chairman, it gave him great pleasure to ask that gentleman to accept, as a token of appreciation of his services not only to the Dulwich O.S., but to the Fancy generally, a handsome case of meat carvers, and a set of knives and forks. It was but a slight way of doing him honour. It would be fresh in everyone's mind, how herculean were the efforts he made in connection with the last show at Peckham, as show manager. He made that show a success, there being a record entry. He was the first to propose a cage bird society for Dulwich, and as one of its founders they all knew with what untiring energy he had worked to make it one of the best. And now he had thrown in his lot with the Dulwich O.S., and had the satisfaction of seeing close upon a 100 members join that organisation. Mr. Woolhouse said he could not find words to express his gratitude for their unlooked-for kindness. It had come quite unawares. He would always value their gift not only for its intrinsic value, but for the kind thoughts that had prompted it. As an official of the old society he had only tried to do his duty, and if his humble efforts could be of any service to the Dulwich O.S. he was only too pleased and ready to help them. After various speeches the health of Mr. Woolhouse was drunk with musical honours, and amid great enthusiasm. This concluded one of the most pleasant evenings in the annals of the D.O.S. —ROGERS and MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIST. O.S.

Members' show, held on July 11. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Firth; 2, Towers; 3, vhc, Smith; he, Drake. BUFF: 1 ,Frankland; 2, Towers; 3, Walton; vhc, Firth; hc, Garnett; c, Pemberton and Bullock. TICKED YELL.: 1, Frankland; 2, Firth; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, he, Exley; c, Towers. BUFF: 1, 2, Frankland; 3, Exley; vhc, he, Drake; c, Battersby. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, 3, Frankland. BUFF.: 1, Frankland. SELL. (12/6): 1, Towers; 2, Smith; 3, hc, Broadley and Son; vhc, Garnett; c, Exley.—E. BROADLEY.

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THE SHOWS.

PUDSEY AND STANNINGLEY O.S.

This society held their First Feather Show on July 25th. Mr. W. Mann, of Wibsey, placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction

CL. YELL.: 1, Allott; 2, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, C. Butler; 2, 4, J. Butler; 3, B. Davey; vhc, he, J. Bracewell. MKD. YELLOW: 1, E. Allott; 2, 4, Bracewell; 3, J. Butler. BUFF: 1, J. Butler; 2, B. Davey; 3, Bracewell. Mr. C. Butler won the special for best bird in show with a lovely clear Buff.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

SANDY LANE & DISTRICT C.B.A.

Second Members' Show, held on July 25. Mr. T. Mountain (Baildon) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, Wilson. UNEVENLY MKD. GREEN: 1, Wilson. TICKED, ETC., CINN.: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Wilson. NOVICE CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, 3, Whitwham. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Whitwham; 3, Ratcliffe. TKD. ETC. CINN.: 1, Coates; 2, Buckle.—B. BUCKLE, Sec.

GOOLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A Members' First Feather Show was held on July 25. The entry was not a large one, but some very good quality birds were shown, especially amongst the Yorkshires. Mr. J. H. Wheldrake won special for best in show with a grand, stylish buff Yorkshire. Mr. J. Calam (Hull) placed the awards, which gave entire satisfaction. The showroom was placed at the society's disposal by Mr. Peters. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, he, Wheldrake; 3, c, Coult; vhc, Palmer. NOR.: 1, Coult. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Palmer; 2, vhc, he, Sutton. BRIT.: 1, Brooks.—W. COULT, Sec.

(Will Mr. Coult kindly send us his address?—Ed.)

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

A table show was held at the usual monthly meeting on July 25. The turnout of exhibits, though not large, was of very high quality. Mr. N. Doolan judged, and gave satisfaction.

GOLDFINCHES: 1, McCulloch, shown in wonderful condition, grand size and type; 2, Wason, excellent shape, grand wing bars, face of right colour; 3, Burns, good Finch. LINNET: 1, 3, Conkie, 1, of grand style, fine broad chest and full of pencilling, nice nutty brown shade; 3, very typical bird, nicely padded tail, and fine solid chest; 2, Wason, another nice stylish bird, nicely finished, shows wing bars distinctly.—C. IRVINE, Sec.

SEVEN SISTERS B.B.A. (King's Lynn).

A Members' First Feather Show was held on July 20. Mr. C. Grenfield judged, and gave every satisfaction. The entries numbered fifty in six classes—not a bad turn-out for a four-months'-old society. Amongst the birds were some of excellent quality and type, which,—with a good moult, will be heard of again. Some grand light Linnet Mules were on exhibition, lent by Mr. Simpson, one of our committee men.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Edmunds; 2, Bocking; 3, Cole. BUFF: 1, Cole; 2, Hateby; 3, Richardson. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, and 3, Bocking; 2, Edmunds. BUFF: 1, Hateby; 2, Edmunds; 3, Richardson. TICKED ETC. CK.: 1, spl, Hateby; 2, Cole; 3, Davis. HEN: 1, Hateby; 2, Richardson; 3, Edmunds.—R. EDMUNDS, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The second members' First Feather Show of Canaries was held at the Flying Dutchman Hotel on July 25. Mr. J. Hartley (Lidget Green) officiated as judge. The entries came up very well, 90 birds being staged in ten classes.

OPEN SECTION. — CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (Green or Cinnamon) (8): 1, vhc, Lingley; 2, 3, c, Wharton Bros.; 4, he, Ludbrook. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, he, Lingley; 4, c, Fortnam; vhc, Holmes. UN. OR FOUL YELL. (6): 1, 3, Lingley; 2, he, Stansfield; 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Moreement. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lingley; 3, Ludbrook; 4, Wharton Bros.; vhc, Morement. Novice.—CL. ETC. YELL. (Green or Cinnamon) (13): 1, Plowright; 2, vhc, Hellewell; 3, hc, East; 4, Bateman; c, Fawcett; BUFF (16): 1, 2, Hellewell; 3, Packer; 4, East; vhc, he, J. Horsfield; c, Bateman. UN. OR FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Plowright; 2, 4, Slater; 3, Packer; vhc, Brown; hc, West. BUFF (10): 1, Hellewell; 2, J. Horsfield; 3, Edmondson; 4, Brown; vhc, Bateman; hc, S. Horsfield; c, Packer. NOR. P.H: (10): 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, he, Brown; 4, Denison; vhc, S. Horsfield; c, Holmes. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Inman; c, S. Horsfield.—F. RHODES, Sec.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.R. AND P.S.

First open young stock Show under C.B.U. rules was held in the Mechanics' Hall on July 25th, when some excellent specimens came before the judge, Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby-on-Tees), whose awards all through gave general satisfaction. One notable feature of the show was the exhibits of Mr. J. Cuthbertson, a member from Darlington, who, in the open and members' classes claimed five 1sts and one 2nd with six entries. Considering the inclement weather the attendance was very satisfactory, several visitors leaving their names with officials to be nominated as members at the next meeting. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. A. Bowes and J. Siddle, secretary and assistant-secretary respectively. Mr. J. Cuthbertson won the silver medal given by the society to members for most points with six entries in open and members' classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Johnson; 3, Campbell; 4, Boyd; vhc, W. Brown. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Crossling; 4, F. Brown; vhc, Siddle; hc, W. Brown. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Elliott; 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Siddle; vhc, Cooper; hc, F. Brown; c, Dawson. BUFF (11): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Siddle; 3, Dawson; 4, vhc, F. Brown; hc, Boyd. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, 4, Todd and Routledge; vhc, hc, Heavisides; c, F. Brown. MULES OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Crossling; 2, vhc, Hutchinson; 4, Lawson. BRIT. SMALL (11): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Robinson; 3, c, Foster; 4, Todd and Routledge; vhc, Davidson; hc, Rutherford and Bright. LARGE (2): 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Cooper. LINNET (11): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Handley; 3, Robinson; 4, Mogle; vhc, Davidson; c, Siddle. NOVICE OPEN A.V. (7): 1, 2, Sanders and Son; 3, Campbell; 4, Young; vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Rand Bros. SELL. (5): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Dawson; 3, Todd and Routledge; 4, Cooper; vhc, Wood. MEMBERS' CLASSES. —NOR. (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, c, F. Brown; 3, 4, W. Brown; vhc, he, Siddle. YORKS. (12): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Elliott; 4, hc, Siddle; vhc, F. Brown; c, W. Brown. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD (3): 1, F. Brown; 2, 3, Dawson. NOVICE A.V.: 1, Mason; 2, Nelson.

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MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members held their First Feather Show on July 18th at the Sycamore Hotel, when there was a good number of birds present. Mr. Chew (Kirkstall) judged, and gave every satisfaction. There were nine classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl for best in novice class, 2, Booth. BUFF: 1, Kinder; 2, vhc, Ramsden; 3, Pyrah; hc, c, Turner. TICK., ETC., YELL. GREEN: 1, spl, Pyrah; 2, Kinder; 3, vhc, Ramsden; hc, Sykes. BUFF: 1, spl, Ramsden; 2, Pyrah; 3, Kinder; vhc, Smith. YELL. CINN.: 1, Pyrah; 2, Booth. BUFF: 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, Smith. SELL.: 1, 2, Pyrah; A.O.V.: 1, 2, Armitage. BRIT.: 1, Carter.—R. H. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

The members held their Second First Feather Show, on July 18, at headquarters. We had a good show. About 50 birds were entered, and some good birds were among them. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Halifax) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. After judging, there was a good attendance of members and friends.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Robertshaw; 2, Townsend; 3, Priestley; 4, Taylor and Haigh; vhc, he, E. and G. Crossley; c, Jeffries. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor and Haigh; 3, Priestley; 4, H. Crossley; vhc, he, Robertshaw; c, Townsend. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Pickles; 2, Wild; 3, White; 4, he, Sutcliffe; vhc, Tasker. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 4, Fawcett; 3, he, Pickles; vhc, Tasker; c, Greenwood.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES SIDE C.B.S.

Annual Members' First Feather Show, held at Crown Hotel on July 25. The entries numbered 60. The attendance was very good. Mr. E. Brunskill (Darlington) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL.: 1, 4, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, Oliver. MKD.: 1, vhc, Metcalfe; 2, 3, 4, Barnes; he, Rev. B. Wilton; c, Embleton. NOR. CL.: 1, 4, vhc, Wake and Carr; 3, Wells; he, c, Rev. B. Wilton. MKD.: 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2,3, Wake and Carr: 4, Greenfield. BORD. FCY.: 1, 4, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, he, c, Oliver. A.O.V.: 1, he, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Gibson; c, Oliver. MULES: 1, Wells; 2, 3, Rev. B. Wilton. BRIT.: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Mallory; 3, vhc, Salmon; 4, he, Hughes; c, Rev. B. Wilton. Mr. J. Carr's cup was won by the Rev. B. Wilton, for most points gained in the year.—ARTHUR WAKE, Secretary.

PORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

Annual Show of Canaries in their Nest Feather, and of British Birds (any age), held on July 18, at headquarters, Hannah Street, Porth. Entries did not come up to expectations, owing probably to some of the members having had such a bad breeding season. Mr. T. L. Castree judged, and gave every satisfaction. Forty-five birds were staged.

YORKS.: 1, vhc, Pratt, clear buff, lovely texture of feather, good position and length, sweetly moulded shoulders; 2, 3, Jones; 2nd, clear yellow—good length and style; 3rd, nice style; 4, Thomas; he, c, Challenger. NOR.: 1, vhc, Llewellyn, buff ticked on head, beautiful quality, good type; 2, Evans, good size; 3, 4 Challenger clear yellow, good quality feather. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Pratt, ticked yellow Border, sweet for a youngster. MULE: 1, 2, Howells, two promising greenies, should moult into a pair of nice birds. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, 4, Norton, very nice team, a credit to their owner; 1st, lovely texture of feather, good cap and bars, bright coloured breast; 2nd, nice cap and quality of feather; 3rd, lovely colour; vhc, Llewellyn. GOLDFINCH: 1, Legg, nice quality, good tanning and buttons; 2, Howells, very steady, good buttons; 3, Arnold, nice size and colour. LINNET: 1, Thomas, plenty of size, nut brown back, well laced up; 2, Gilbert, similar to 1st; 3, Nash; vhc, Thomas. BRIT. HEN: 1, Arnold, Greenie, nice size and quality; 2, Sheppard, good Bramble; 3, Williams, fine Bullie. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Arnold, Yellow Bunting, good size, quality, and lacing; 2, Sheppard, Green e nice type and quality, very steady; 3, Williams, Greenie.—R. G. CHALLENGER, Sec.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAKS O.S.

The second annual open show of young birds was held on July 25, in the Royal Hotel Billiard Room, New Cross, Hamilton. This is the only Open Show of Young Birds held in Scotland, but in view of the success attained on this occasion, others are likely to follow. Nearly 200 birds were staged, which for quality and type were superb. The society would be well advised to secure more commodious premises for their next show, as they may require a building next year as large as the Town Hall. So many visitors were present, we had some trouble to get near to take notes. Everything passed off without a hitch, and all credit is due to the secretary and treasurer, Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, A.P.C., and Sgt. Smith, A.P.C., respectively. They had first, second, third, and other prizes made up and sealed in paper bags, and immediately after the judges had handed in their slips the successful exhibitors received their prize money in full. Mr. Wm. Haddow, President, of Border Fancy fame, also assisted in the management. The late secretary, Mr. R. Gudsden, presided at the smoking concert which followed. The musical programme included songs, comical readings, and flute and gramaphone selections, and the evening passed quickly away. Mr. Andrew Malcolmson judged Norwich, Mules, and Hybrids, and Mr. Thomas Ritchie the Border Fancies. Both gentlemen gave every satisfaction. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, W. Johnstone, in best of order; 2, 3, McFarlane, grand bird, rare stamp; 3, D. Johnstone, presses winners hard; 4, Clarkson, very good exhibit, will be heard of after moult; 6, Cant; 7, Arnott. BUFF: 1, Martin, gem for type and quality; 2, McFarlane, better size, grand head, fine thick neck, regular topper; 3, Shearer, must have been hard to separate; 4, 5, Wilson, good size, nice quality of feather; 6, Nisbit; 7, Cant. A.O.V. YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, McFarlane, beauty, and no mistake, lovely round head and neck, rare full round chest, short and chubby; 2, D. Johnstone, nice size, rare colour, grand quality; 3, Murrey, almost a green, another grand bird, demon for size; 5, Riley; 6, Shearer; 7, W. Johnstone. BUFF: 1, 2, McFarlane, grand size, rare full chest, nice head, shows to perfection; 2, not quite the size of winner, but built on same lines; 3, 4, Cant; 3, presses winners hard; 5, Wilson; 7, Murrey. CL. ETC. YELL. BORD.: 1, Scobbie, regular little swell, fine jaunty style, grandly tapered, well put down; 2, 3, 6, Walker, very nice trio, and shown in spanking form; 4, Brownlee, little bit wild; 5, Somerville; 7, Graham. BUFF: 1, 4, Walker, 1st, regular model, will take some stopping; 2, Somerville, grand stamp, well filled in at back, A1 carriage; 3, 5, 6, Brownlee, presses hard on winners; 7, Shearer. A.O.V. YELL. BORD.: 1, Brownlee, nicely tapered, grand style, shown to perfection; 2, Haddow, close up; 3, 5, Walker, two sweet little chaps; 4, Somerville. BUFF: 1, Walker, one of the best we have seen for some time, well marked, true mould, should do well after moult; 2, Turnhull, presses hard on winner; 3, Haddow; 4, spl, Wallace; 5, Somerville; 6, Pollock Bros. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, McGhee, rare stamp, grand quality of feather, wins; 2, Walker; 3, Scobbie; 4, 6, 7, Hamilton; 5, Graham. MULE: 1, Martin, Greenfinch-Canary, a monster, rare brassy colour, romps home an easy winner; 2, D. Johnstone, beautifully coloured, rare size; 3, Scobbie, nice dark yellow Goldie-Canary; 4, 5, McFarlane, Greenie-Canary; 6, Wallace; 7, Whitelaw. HYBRID: 1, Swann, Greenie-Bullie, fair size, nice colour; 2, Somerville, another nice one of same cross.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

The second members' First Feather Show was held at Park Chapel Schools, on July 25th, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) officiating as judge. The entries came up very well, 66 birds being staged in eight classes. The quality was of a very high order, and many of the exhibits, with a good moult, will give a fine account of themselves at the winter shows. Competition was very keen throughout, and in many of the classes a rare struggle was witnessed for the coveted points. Many of the competitors are running a close neck-to-neck race in this year's competition, and this has kept the interest in the shows at full height. The winners of most points at this show were Messrs. Cruise, Farrar, Crowther, Stables, Rushworth, and White; and all points gained count towards the Society's specials. The points gained so far by the first half-dozen in either section are as follows:—Champion Section:—Messrs. Farrar and Stables, 55; White, 47; Cruise, 30; Gelder, 35; Hill and Rushworth, 30 each. Novice Section:—Messrs. Northrop, 41; Crowther, 40; Laycock, 30; Priestley, 19; Wilkinson Bros., 15; and Greenwood, 13.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (18): 1, Cruise; 2, vhc, Stables; 3, Farrar; 4, Rushworth; hc, Hill; c, Greenwood. BUFF (15): 1, Cruise; 2, Greenwood; 3, Farrar; 4, White; vhc, Stables; hc, c, Crowther. TICKED YELL. (10): 1, Farrar; 2, Rushworth; 3, Cruise; 4, c, Gelder; vhc, Crowther; hc, White. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Crowther; 3, Briggs; 4, Stables; vhc, hc, c, Northrop. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Peacock. BUFF (2): 1, Rushworth. CINN. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Northrop; 2, Gelder; 3, Farrar; 4, White. BUFF (3): 1, White; 2, Gelder; 3, Northrop.—H. HILL, Secretary.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD & DIST. C.B.S

The members held their first annual First Feather Show at headquarters, Howard Arms, Glossop, on July 25th. There was an excellent entry of 76 birds in 15 classes, and the members have every reason to be proud not only on account of the success of the show, but also because of the quality of the birds shown. The hon. secretary is Mr. Fred. Grieg, who is deserving of great credit for his able management of affairs. Mr. S. Constance (Macclesfield) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

LANCS. COPPY: 1, Fuller, nice promising young Yellow; 2, Fisher, grand Buff; 3, Fuller, showing signs of moult. P.B.: 1, Fuller, stormer. Buff: 2, Wrigley, nice ticked Yellow; 3, 4, Waters, two promising young birds. LIZARD, C.C. GOLD: 1, Ollernshaw; 2, Fuller. SILVER: 1, Ollernshaw; 2, Dewsnap; 3, Fuller; 4, Wrigley. B.C. GOLD: 1, Wrigley, good one; 2, 3, Ollernshaw, near thing; 4, he, Wrigley; vhc, J. Ollernshaw. SILVER: 1, J. Ollernshaw; 2, vhc, Fisher; 3, Dewsnap; 4, Fuller. LIZARDENS: 1, 2, Wrigley; 3, vhc, Fisher; 4, Harrison; he, Mellor; c, Greig. NOR. YELL.: 1, E. Ollernshaw; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, 4, Senior; he, Fuller; c, Mellor. BUFFS (13): 1, J. Ollernshaw; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Hulme; vhc, he, c, Senior. YORKS.: YELL.: 1, spl; silver medal for best bird in show, 2, 3, Smith; 4, Waters. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Dewsnap; 4, Waters. CAN., ANY AGE: 1, Wrigley, nice Lancs. coppy; 2, Harrison, good Nor.; 3, Fisher, capital Lizard; 4, Fuller, another Lancs. coppy. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Fuller. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, Thompson, Bullfinch, grand colour; 2, Senior, Goldfinch, good one; 3, vhc, c, Greig, Yellowhammer, beautiful bird; 4, Hulme, Linnet; he Mellor LARGE: 1, Greig, Woodpecker, an ideal bird; 2, Fuller, Magpie, a beauty; 3, C. Thompson.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Good Templar Hall, on July 25. (Owing to our President having resigned, Mr. R. McKay, vice-president, was appointed president, and Mr. R. Cummings vice-president. Mr. John Steel (Whitletha), has been appointed on committee in place of Mr. Cummings. The motion to abolish Saturday meetings was put, but it was decided to continue them till May, next year. It was proposed to have a table show at next meeting, on Aug. 24, Mr. Allan Cassidy (New Prestwick) to judge. The classes arranged were: 1, Mule or Hybrid; 2, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 3, A.S. Softbill; 4, Greenfinch; 5, A.V. Canary Cock (Old); 6, A.V. do. (Young); 7, A.V. Canary Hen (Old); and 8, A.V. do. (Young). We were pleased to see a few Glasgow fanciers present. C. IRVINE, Sec.

KNOWLE (Bristol).

This show was held on July 24th and 25th in glorious weather. Again the committee were responsible for a very fine display of cage birds. So even in quality were some of the exhibits that in many instances the judge, Mr. G. W. Billett, had great difficulty in separating them. The birds were very nicely arranged and the visitors were many, the tent being crowded each day by well-known fanciers and interested friends. Norwich were a grand lot, and some very nice Yorkies were also staged. The condition all round was most admirable. The management was again in the hands of the secretary, Mr. F. Bucklaud, and the great success achieved again evidenced his fitness for the task. Mr. C. E. Brown won special for best Canary in show, with a fine Norwich. Mr. Brimble also obtained specials for best British with a grandly conditioned, nicely marked young Thrush.

CAGE OF FOUR: 1, spl, Tristem and Taylor; 2, Buckland; 3, Quarman; 4, Hurst; vhc, Stratford; hc, Newman. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Buckland; 2, Locke; 3, Manley. BULLFINCH ETC. (3): 2, spl, Fellows; 3, Lovell; 4, Tristem and Taylor; vhc, Pool; hc, Bird. LINNET ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lovell; 4, McCarthy. THRUSH ETC.: 2, spl, Brimble; 3, Barry Bros.; 4, Murvin; vhc, Postance. BRIT. A.O.S.: 2, spl, 4, Barry Bros.; 3, Brown. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, 4, vhc, Tristem and Taylor; hc, Fellows. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, hc, Brown; 2, 4, vhc, Tristem and Taylor. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Brown; 2, Tristem and Taylor; 3, Pool; 4, vhc, Quarman. YORKS. YELL.: 2, spl, vhc, Martin; 4, Lovell. BUFF: 2, Martin; 3, 4, Lovell. NAT. COL.: 2, spl, hc, Lovell; 3, Newman; 4, Martin; vhc, Harris. SELL.: 2, Leslie; 3, Tristem and Taylor; 4, Buckland; hc, Lovell; c, Murvin. MULE: 1, spl, Locke; 2, Caines; 4, Taylor; hc, Fry; c, Fellows.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The third and final First Feather Show was held on July 22nd at the Boro' Restaurant, Plymouth, when 83 birds were staged. In connection with these shows challenge cups were competed for for the second year, the winner being the member making most points in three shows, viz., those in May, June, and July, the cups to be won twice before becoming the property of the holders. Throughout the three shows Yorkshires have had 54 entries, Mr. W. H. Olver winning the cup with 59 points, Mr. C. Harries gaining second prize with 41 points. The Norwich section obtained 66 entries, and in very keen competition. Mr. W. Spillman and Mr. S. C. Tucker each scored 39 points, and it was decided that each hold the cup for six months. Crests and Crest-breds produced an entry of 49 birds, Mr. J. Ryder winning cup for the second time with 61 points. Mr. A. Richards came second with 41 points. The A.O.V. class had but six entries, Mr. Pope winning cup with 27 points for the second year, Mr. C. Harries being runner-up with 14 points. Mules had an entry of 17, Mr. F. Wills winning cup with 51 points, Mr. Pope being second with 14 points. British and Foreign birds mustered 60 entries, Mr. F. Snell again winning cup with 83 points. Mr. Pridham was second with 65 points. Messrs. Ryder, Pope, and Snell thus become absolute owners of cups. The total entry in the three shows was 252, or an average of 84 per show—a result which we cannot but feel proud of. Mr. W. Spillman offered a special prize for the member making most points in July show only, which was won by Mr. W. H. Olver with 31 points, Mr. F. Wills running him close with one point less. The awards were placed by Mr. Cheney (Yorkshire, Mules, British, and Foreign birds), Mr. T. Weetle (Norwich), and Mr. C. Hoar (Crest and Crest-bred). Their awards were received with satisfaction. The attendance for a first feather show in Plymouth created a record. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Olver; 3, 4, hc, c, Harries. BUFF (11): 1, 3, vhc, Olver; 2, c, Harries; 4, hc, Large. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Tucker; 2, hc, Cheshire; 4, c, Baker; vhc, Ruse. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Tucker; 2, vhc, Baker; hc, c, Yates. CREST (3): 1, 2, 4, Ryder; 3, c, Richards; vhc, Haskell; hc, Parsons. C.-B. (11): 1, hc, Ryder; 2, Richards; 3, vhc, Haskell; c, Parsons. CINN: 1, Pope. *A.O.V.: 1, Harries. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, Wills. DARK (5): 1, 2, 4, Wills; 3, vhc, Pope. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Pridham; 2, Harries; 3, 4, Wills. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Wills; 2, 4, Pridham; 3, Snell; vhc, Garland. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (3): 1, 2, Snell; 3, Pridham. FOR.: 1, 2, Snell.—T. POPE, Hon. Sec.

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FROME F.A.

A very successful members' show was held on July 20, when Mr C. J. Young judged. A large number of people visited the show. The special for best bird in show went to Mr. Edwards for a beautiful Greenfinch-Canary Mule of good size and quality, and in splendid condition.

NOR., bred in 1908: 1, 3, and spl. for best Nor. in show (given by Mr. C. E. Brown, of Shirehampton), Dodge; 2, vhc, hc, Pickford. YORKS.: 1 and spl. for best Yorks. (given by Mr. C. E. Brown), Jeffreys; 2, 3, Rollinson; vhc, Bird. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Dodge; 2, Robins. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Pickford; 3, vhc, Edwards. CAN., OLD BIRD: 1, Pickford; 2, Jeffreys; 3, Edwards; vhc, Sheppard; hc, Beaven. MULE: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, Bird; vhc, Jeffreys. BRIT: 1, Pickford; 2, Bird; 3, Williams; vhc, Edwards. FOR.: 1, Snelgrove; 2, Edwards; 3, Wright; vhc, Griffin.—C. J. YOUNG, Secretary.

STOKE NEWINGTON F.A.

The young stock show was held at Devons' Hire-square Church on July 21st. The arrangements were excellently carried out by the committee, under the guidance of Mr. Dowden, the genial secretary. Mr. G. Gardner judged.

NOR. (5): 1, two spls, 2, res., vhc, Langridge, yellow, good size, nice quality, good head, 2 eye-ticked buff, res. yellow, looks like making good one. YORKS. (13), strong class, full of quality: 1, two spls, 2, hc, Lacey, good buff, nicely drawn, and cut away, should make good one, 2 wing-marked yellow; 3, Bennett, nice shaped buff hen, good feather, lovely head, Walthamstow winner. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, 2, Pile, nice Goldfinch, in A1 trim, lovely blaze, very steady, 2 Greenfinch, good size, nice condition; 3, Hudson, good colour. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Pile, well-known winner, in fine fettle; 3, Longridge, Redpoll, nicely marked; 2, Hudson, Lesser Redpoll, large and good.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held at the Clarence Hotel on July 18th. The entries totalled 45. Many fine birds were staged. The Yorkshires were better, taken all round, than has been seen in Barnsley for some years. Norwich were excellent, Mr. Thorpe winning silver medal for best. Mr. W. H. Lindley (Wombwell) judged Norwich and British birds, and Mr. Rapson the Yorkshires.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Jackson; 2, c, Carlisle; 3, Simmons; vhc, Taylor; hc, Simmons. BUFF: 1, Simmons; 2, Barnes; 3, Carlisle. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Carlisle; 2, Taylor; 3, Barnes; vhc, Race. BUFF: 1, Race; 2, Jackson; 3, Race; vhc, Green; hc, Atherton. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Taylor; 2, Thorpe. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Thorpe; 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Taylor. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Jackson; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Ellis. LINNET: 1, Race; 2, Thorpe; 3, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Thorpe.—E. CARLISLE, Hon. Sec.

MORRISTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held on July 25th at headquarters, the club-room of the Woodfield Coffee Tavern. This was an open show, and fanciers from Llanelly and Gorseinon and elsewhere took advantage of the occasion and supported the society well. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, some crack exhibits being staged. Mr. W. S. Kirby was well to the fore with his Norwich, taking special for best bird in show with a rare exhibit. Messrs. D. A. S. Longdon, T. Hopkins (treasurer), and H. Lewis, and the secretaries, Messrs. Jeremy and East, worked very hard, and had everything in good working order; the arrangements were got well in hand and in good time. Close on a hundred exhibits were staged. Mr. Phil Jenkins (Swansea) judged, and his awards met with general approval.

YOUNG BIRDS.—NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, J. Jenkins; 3, Kirby; 4, Jeremy. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, 3, Kirby; 2, Balch; 4, Hitchings; vhc, Heal. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Browne; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, John; 3, hc, Stamp; vhc, Taylor; c, Browne. BORDER YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Evans; 4, Stock. BUFF: 1, 2, Evans; 3, Williams; 4, Stock. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Hocking; 3, 4, hc, Richards; c, Donald and Saunders. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bowen; 2, 3, Palmer. MULE OR HYB.: 1, W. J. Jenkins; 2, 3, Jones; 4, vhc, c, Crocker. OLD BIRDS.—NOR.: 1, Kirby; 2, Hitchings. YORKS.: 1, Morgan. BORD.: 1, Hocking; 2, Richards; 3, hc, Cronin; 4, Donald and Saunders; vhc, Evans. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Longdon; 2, Hitchings; 3, Shadrack; 4, Mathews. GOLDFINCH: 1, Longdon; 2, Jeffreys; 3, vhc, Williams; 4, Morgan. LINNET: 1, Jeffreys; 2, Morgan. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Heal; 2, Jeffreys; 3, W. J. Jenkins. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, H. Jenkins; 2, Donald and Saunders; 3, Williams; 4, Jeremy. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Jeffreys.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The second annual Nest Feather Show was held in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook, Newcastle, on July 25th. There was a good array of young birds, and though the numbers fell short of last year's total, there is not the slightest doubt the general quality surpassed that of former years. The clear yellow class gave the judge some difficulty in separating. The clear buffs were also a good class, and some of the birds, if they get a good moult, should do well for their breeders, especially those belonging to the novices. The ticked Yellows filled well, and contained birds of exceptional merit. Ticked Buffs, thought not so numerous, were of a very high order of merit, and it was no disgrace in this class to be out of the tickets. The A.O.V. class contained only two entries. Where are those Greens and Cinnamon marks that this class was put on especially for? Mr. J. Shepherd (Newcastle) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, best bird in show, etc., Cockburn, large, good head, back and wings; 2, Parker, fine position, nice back and wings; 3, Mather, nice back, well-rounded shoulders; vhc, hc, Carr. CLASS 2: 1, c, Grieve, first splendid Yorks., looks like a hen if so a good one, stands well, excellent feather; 2nd, best in show; 2, Hutler, another hen, good feather, excellent position and type; 3, vhc, Carr, big bird, excellent shape; hc, Heddon. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Mather, nicely drawn; 2, Cockburn, very big bird; 3, Cockburn, similar in type to 2nd; vhc, Crawhall; c, Slack. BUFF: 1, Mather, ticked on head, good bird, long drawn, splendid flights, good position; 2, hc, Hutter, neck ticked, grand quality; 3, Grieve, wing and head marked, big, long drawn bird; vhc, Carr; hc, Hutter. A.O.V.: 1, Crawhall, foul green, well pencilled, nicely drawn; 2, Slack, cinnamon wing marked.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

The Bedford fanciers have had a good season as regards Norwich Canaries. Messrs. Gentle, Keech, Wiggins, Osborne, Markham, Mortimer, Millard, Corrie, and Smith, have each from 30 to 70 on the sticks, while several others have from 10 to 30 each, all doing well.—A LOCAL CORRESPONDENT.

GAERWEN, ANGLESEY.

This show was held on July 15th. Considering the time of the year there was a very nice display of cage birds. In the seven classes provided there was an entry of 41. The old-hand secretary, Mr. J. Thomas, is an excellent official, and, assisted by a good working committee, he had had the arrangements well carried out. Mr. E. D. Owen judged.

YORKS.: 1, spl, W. H. Williams, Yellow, neat head, capital length and carriage, stands well on legs; 2, Owens Brothers, ticked wing, Yellow, nice feather and quality; 3, Jones, another long Yellow, stands on a pair of good legs; res, vhc, H. H. Williams, Yellow; hc, Evans; c, Roberts. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Winnard, 1st nice-shaped Yellow, good colour and quality, short wings and tail; 2nd, Yellow, well up in shape and quality; 3, J. O. Williams, Crest-bred, good size; res, J. Williams; vhc, W. H. Williams; hc, Rev. R. T. Jones; c, O. Jones. MULES: 1, spl, E. J. Jones, dark Yellow Goldfinch-Canary, good size and colour, nice blaze; 2, R. Thomas, variegated, nice quality; 3, res, Humphreys, variegated, nice quality; 4, Winnard, down in condition; vhc, Brothers; hc, Aitken. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Owens Brothers, 1st a gem for shape and colour, good head and blaze, lovely face, nice back, good bars and buttons; 2nd, another good Finch, nice shape and colour; 3, Hughes, well up in shape. BLACK LEGS: 1, Brothers good size, nice shape and colour; 2, Parry, grand size and shape; 3, Winnard, nice Finch; 4, R. Thomas. A.O.V. BIRD: 1, Owens Brothers, good all-round Greenfinch, well shaped, very rich body colour, good bars and tail; 2, Winnard, Bullfinch, nice shape and colour; 3, H. H. Williams, Lark, in splendid trim. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (Local): 1, Jones, good head and blaze, nice bars and buttons; 2, 3, Parry, two nice Goldies.

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TWITTERINGS.

My address is now 20, College Road, Harrogate, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, hon. sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S.

Mr. Wm. Moss (Halsall Lane), has been appointed hon. treasurer of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, the hon. sec.

We made two new members at our First Feather Show, held on July 18th, writes Mr. H. H. Turner, hon. sec. of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S.

Will Miss G. Pennell (of Balham, S.W.), who sent us a letter respecting an advertisement, kindly forward her address, which seems to have been omitted?

The show of the Sudbury and Dis. C.B., etc., Society, "The Premier Show of Suffolk," has been fixed for November 10th next, writes Mr. Charles H. Row, the hon. sec.

Kindly state that in future the monthly meetings of the Dulwich O.S. will be held on the fourth Thursday in the month, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secs.

Please thank all who answered my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. N. W. Duggins (Matlock), as they were too numerous for me to answer individually.

The 17th annual cage bird show in connection with the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. sec., will be held on December 1st and 2nd, in the Winter Gardens.

Will "J.P." who wrote us last week on the subject of peacocks' feathers kindly communicate his address, which seems to have been mislaid, as we have received a letter requiring to be forwarded to him.

The Battersea and Dis. C.B.S. would like to hear of any fancier wishing to join this go-ahead society. Annual open show, October 14th to 15th. Information from F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road.—(ADVT.)

Mr. J. W. Levitt, the aviculturist in charge of the splendid collection of birds owned by the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P. (Monk Fryston Hall, Yorks), writes that the King Parrakeets there are rearing three young ones, which were hatched on June 22nd last.

We hear that Mr. J. Dobson, of London, has accepted the following judging engagements for the coming show season:—Bermondsey, Sept. 19th; Bromley, Oct. 28th; Manchester, Oct. 30th; Portsmouth, Nov. 4th; Brighton, Nov. 24th; Norwich, Nov. 28th; Palace, Feb. 5th, 1909.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the August Bank Holiday, the office of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Saturday to Monday next, inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, August 4th.

We are holding a special meeting on August 1st, at our club house, Fawcett Street, write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, hon. secs of the Sunderland C.B.A., to consider the proposal of one of the leading specialist clubs to hold their club show in conjunction with ours on November 20th and 21st. It is hoped all members will attend.

We have received copies of the latest leaflets issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. These deal with the utilization of peat-lands, the management of cider orchards, and treatments for the various diseases, and blights, etc. Readers interested in these subjects should write to the secretary of the Board, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W., from whom copies may be had free on application.

The July issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is full of interesting matter. Mr. H. Wormald's article is both informative and readable, and is accompanied by two excellent plates reproduced from the author's own drawings. Mr. Douglas Dewar, I.C.S., writes on "Indian Paroquets," Mr. W. E. Teschemaker contributes some Nesting Notes, and Mr. W. T. Page continues his observations on "Some Recent Acquisitions." The Ribbon Finch," by "Aviculturist," and other notes complete the number.

The usual monthly meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will not take place in August, owing to the date fixed coming on the Thursday after Bank-holiday, and to so many of our members being away on holiday, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec. The series of lectures arranged will be continued at our September meeting. A committee meeting will shortly be held to make preliminary arrangements and classification for our annual show. Suggestions from members will be welcomed, and will receive every consideration.

It was a great pleasure to me, on returning from a fortnight's holiday, to find you had honoured me by reproducing the picture of my Crystal Palace winning clear Yellow Norwich Plainhead on the front of our ever popular journal, CAGE BIRDS. I may say he has been exhibited at a great many of our principal shows, over 20 in all, and only three times was he out of the money, never being lower than v.h.c.—really a good reputation. I may say I have had a fairly good season with my Norwich, having between 40 and 50 doing for themselves. I have also five Goldfinch-Canary Mules all variegated, which is rather exceptional. I may say the hen was bred from the mother of my well-known 6-pointed Goldfinch-Canary Mule. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves. I always look forward to receiving it on Fridays.—A. E. WALLEY (Gloucester).

The Brighton F. and F.S. First Feather show is to be held on August 6th, writes Mr. C. Pearson, when Mr. W. Swaysland will judge.

We are informed that Messrs. Bailey and Swanger have removed to larger premises at 8, South View Terrace, Sandy Lane, Allerton, Bradford.

Kindly thank for me, through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Clark (Portsmouth), all those who replied to my advertisement, as I have had so many applications that I cannot write to all.

On behalf of the members of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. T. H. Tiffin, the hon. sec., allow me to thank you for the excellent descriptive report which you gave of their young bird show. Needless to say it was much appreciated.

I received CAGE BIRDS in due course from home, writes Lance-Corpl. T. Smith (The Buffs, Orange River Colony), and I appreciated the last instalment of Mr. J. Jeffrey's article, "Experiences with the Nightingale," very much. I thought that particular number of CAGE BIRDS was very interesting, especially for wild-bird lovers.

A remarkable story concerning a bird's nest comes from Redditch way. Mr. Hemming, of Proctor Farm, situate about a mile and a half from Redditch, is accustomed to drive daily to the town with a consignment of milk. The vehicle, a milk float of the usual type, is provided with a box-seat, and the owner has not had occasion to use the receptacle for some months past. Recently, however, he lifted up the seat, and to his amazement discovered a "Tom Collics's" (Blue Tit's) nest with six eggs. The bird was calmly sitting, and although Mr. Hemming has since used the float morning and evening, neither the jolting of the vehicle nor the roar of town traffic appears to disturb it in the least.

Paying the Penalty.

From the report of the Cage Bird Union District Committee No. 1, we learn that a well-known northern fancier (Mr. T. C. Crawball), has been suspended for one month during the height of the next show season, for exhibiting at a non-affiliated and non-licensed fixture.

The Artful Rook Again.

It is said that in a certain part of North Wales there is a rookery where in the breeding season the ground beneath the nests is strewn with small potatoes of about equal sizes. The explanation given is that the Rooks use these potatoes for measuring the nests with in order to ensure correct dimensions for the accommodation of the eggs.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

The following societies have applied for the patronage and support of the Y.C.C., and will come before the committee for allotment on August 1st, viz.:—Skelmanthorpe, Oct. 3rd; Great Harwood, Oct. 9th; Darlington, Oct. 17th, Cambridge, Rochdale, Accrington, Newcastle, and Derby, Oct. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th; Dulwich O.S. and Gloucester, Oct. 28th; North Shields, York, Manchester, and Bradford City, Oct. 30th and 31st,; Southend-on-Sea, Nov. 3rd; Morecambe, Dulwich and Peckham, Blackburn, Liverpool, Rochdale G.I., and Shipley, Nov. 4th to 7th; Bristol, Nov. 11th; Wallsend, Laisterdyke, and Preston, Nov. 13th and 14th; Wimbledon, Nov. 17th; Worcester, Nov. 19th; Sunderland and Crook, Nov. 20th and 21st; Jarrow, Littleborough, Huddersfield, and Long Eaton, Nov. 27th to 31st; Harrogate and Cockermouth, Dec. 4th and 5th; St. Helen's, Gateshead, and Pendleton and Salford, Dec. 10th to 12th; Scottish National and Great Horton, Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1909; Keighley, Jan. 9th; Windhill, Jan. 16th; Halifax, Jan. 22nd; Bradford East, Jan. 30th; and Crystal Palace, Feb. 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. sec.

London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.

We have received from Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the sec. pro tem of the proposed Federation of London societies, a copy of the rules of same, as revised and passed at the last meeting of delegates, held on June 16th. The object of the Federation is a three-fold one—the maintenance of the standard points of Canaries and other cage birds, the suppression of fraud and dishonourable conduct in connection therewith, and the advancement and protection of the interests of breeders and exhibitors. Rule 10 provides for the payment of an entry fee of 2s. 6d. by each society wishing to join the Federation, in addition to the annual levy per member. In relation to shows held under the rules of the Federation, judges are to be instructed to disqualify and mark any specimen whose plumage is found to have been drawn, trimmed, painted, or artificially coloured, or in whose case fraudulent practices have been resorted to. In the event of anyone wishing to lodge a protest against an exhibitor, from whatsoever cause, he may do so on payment of a deposit of 5s. to the show secretary, which deposit will be returned if the protest is sustained, and forfeited if it is not sustained. It is further provided that either party to a dispute shall have the right to appeal to the Council of the Federation. Rule 21 states that entries for winter shows held under the Federation rules must close at least three days before the date of such shows; otherwise they will be returned to the sender. There are in all 35 rules, 7 of which are to be included in the schedules of all shows held under the Federation rules. Definitions of the terms "Novice," "Amateur," and "Champion," as adopted by the delegates, are given with the rules.

Torturing a Parrot.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was recently passed on a tile layer, for torturing a Parrot. It appears that the defendant visited a Vauxhall beer-house, took the Parrot from its cage, and plucked several feathers from the tail and wings, causing blood to flow.

Rising to Hear the Nightingale.

A Nightingale, it is said, strayed into the Wigan mining district, and was heard singing in the night time at Haigh. The bird's song delighted the people in the neighbourhood, who have gone so far as to set the alarmm for 2 o'clock in the morning, so that they might rise before the sun to listen to it.

Public Aviaries.

Public aviaries seem to be very popular at present, and deservedly so. In the Lancashire and Cheshire districts this applies with special force, and we notice that Macclesfield and Heywood are the latest to move in the matter. It is pleasing to see cage-bird fanciers taking the initiative; in the case of Macclesfield, that well-known fancier, Mr. S. R. Compston, offered to guarantee a stock of Canaries and British birds if only the public authorities would provide the aviary.

Where Larks Fall Dead!

There is an Irish legend relating to the banning of the Lark in the Valley of Glendalough. When the Seven Churches of that famous valley were being built, the holy St. Kevin commanded the workmen to take an oath that they would "rise with the Lark and lie down with the lamb," but the song-bird rose so early that the workmen, aroused from their slumbers before they were sufficiently rested, died from exhaustion. St. Kevin released the men from their oath by praying that henceforth no Lark should sing in the valley. So completely was the saint's prayer answered that, according to the legend, the song of the Lark has never since enlivened the weird and gloomy Vale of Glendalough. Certain guides improve the story by telling visitors that people yearly come to Glendalough bringing Larks in cages, and that when the birds are released they fall dead into the waters of the lake at the head of the valley before they have been able to utter a note.

Australia at the Zoo.

We have already referred to Mr. Seth-Smith's recent successful visit to Australia, on behalf of the London Zoo, in search of birds, beasts, etc., for the Regents Park collection. Although the duck-billed Platypus—that strange beast which, on account of its inexplicable conjunction of a beast's fur and duck-like bill, some early Nineteenth Century naturalists refused to believe in—and the Lyre-Bird, which it is hoped to save from extinction by Lord Avebury's Plumage Bill, are not included, the collection seems to be generally acknowledged as the largest and best assemblage of representatives of the Australian fauna ever brought together. Many examples of Parrots will be a delight to the aviculturist. The Keas, which attack and kill sheep for the sake of the kidney fat, the great Black Cockatoos, and some of the brush-tongued Parrots will be sure to attract considerable attention. Mr. Seth-Smith has also two of the fine Australian Bustards, which are strictly protected; a number of Brush Turkeys, which get rid of the duties of incubation by depositing their eggs in a mound of earth and decaying vegetation; Black Swans, Geese, Ducks, Herons, Ibises, Birds of Prey, and Owls, Cassowaries, Emus, Pelicans, Kiwis, and Weka Rails, which have lost the power of flight; Laughing Kingfishers, including the rare fawn-breasted species; Piping-Crows, Pigeons, Whip-Bird (the first imported), so called because its note sounds like the crack of a whip-thong; Frog-Mouths, an exaggerated form of Nightjar, and cages full of insectivorous birds and exquisitely-coloured Finches.

A Tale of a Cuckoo.

A pair of Robins once built in the ivy in my garden wall. One morning, when they were away on a worm-hunting tour next door, a Cuckoo called and left a great, fat egg in their snug little bed. They returned soon after the fell deed had been accomplished, and I never in my life saw two such surprised birds. It was really laughable to watch their antics. First, the hen went in by the front door. She returned immediately, and joined her mate with her feathers all a'swell like an angry tom cat's tail. "Did you ever!!!" she shrilled in her tiny, high treble. "What do you think has happened? Just go in and have a look at them eggs, Cockie!" Cockie obeyed, and presently he emerged and said, as plain as bird ever said, "Well, I'm d— d!" Then they both disappeared in the ivy, to gaze at the interloping egg, and to chatter over this most remarkable happening. In the end they decided to make the best of a bad job, and sat hard in turn, until one fine morning the giant oval like the roc's egg in the Eastern tale) fell to pieces, and a great, ugly, ravenous thing was hatched—a monstrosity all mouth and tummy, and everlastingly screaming for food. It would take anything: I don't believe tin tacks would have come amiss to the terror. As soon as the pin-feathers began to arrive, I took pity on Mr. and Mrs. Robin, and put Master Cuckoo in a cage with a wide-meshed wire covering, and fed it myself with anything that came handy—oatmeal, potatoes, cheese-rind, hard-boiled eggs, chops, steaks, cutlets, and so on.—H. ASHTON, in the "Morning Leader."

SHOW DATES FIXED,

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

Aug. 1.—**Runcorn and Dis. O.S.** (C. Hardy, 10, Arthur-st.)

*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Howe, 9, Fairclough-rd.), R.J.H.

*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham & Dis. C.B.A.** (S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser-rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.), J.R., and A.S.

*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Watson, 6, Kirkgate). J.H.R.

*Oct. 3.—**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.** (E. Tams, Church-st.).

*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** (H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln-rd.). J.R., J.Wk., and W.L.n.

*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Quantrell, 47, Market-st.). C.A.H., and J.F.

*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd.). W.V., and W.M.

Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (R. Whitton, 2, Churchhill-place). T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P. McG.

*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S.** (Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas). T.H.

*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** (F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-rd., Fulham-rd.). A. Ptk. and J.R.

*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Hayle and Dis. F.A.** (W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows). G.H. and C.T.

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** (J. Stringer, 27, James-st.). J.H.R. and C.H.

Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.** (A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.)

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard** (H. Marshall, 41, Truman-st.). W.V., M.N

Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B. F.A.** (R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace). W.M.

Oct. 17.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.** (J. Ford, Normand-place). D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.

*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage). W.P.B., A.B.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.). C.A.H., J.R., H.N.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Crowston, 9, Chantrey-lane). J.H.R., and F.My.

Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables).

*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent** (G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro'-rd.). J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley). J.C.B.

*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.). J.R. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.). T.McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.

*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B., and J.R.

*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.

Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., and W.H.V.

*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B.

Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., F.A.L.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whitby-rd, Fallowfield).

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.). J.R.

Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J.Hn., J.McL., and P.P.

Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Hy., J.Mo.

*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R.R., W.V., and C.H.

*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W.H.S.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.).

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent). J.N.

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B.; W.J.P., C.H.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhouse, 123, High-st.)

*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., F.T, A.G, and L.J.A.

*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Craven, 37, Whingate-avenue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.

*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.). C.H. and A.W.

*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.

*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Lowes. 17, Cauning-st.). T.D. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (O. Draper, 18, Wilton-st.).

*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.

*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Bodmin).

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Magge, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown).

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. H. Wright, 35, London-rd.). J.Hr., W.V., and W.L.

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.** (A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-rd, Landore, near Swansea). J.H.E. and E.H.

Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge and Dis. F.S.** (H. E. Parrott, Grove-place).

Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.

*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon). J.R.

*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** (J. Hibbert, Jun., Milton-rd.). C.A.H.

Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow and West of Scotland** (R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive).

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Heathcote, 1194, Fishergate).

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 69, Neptune-rd.). W.P.B., J.F.D. and W.A.C.

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Emmett, 39, Dorsey-lane). H.W.H. and A.W.

*Nov. 14.—**Consett** (W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21, Park-rd. Durham).

Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-st.) D.B., P.Mck., A.C. and P.P.

*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** (A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell). J.H.R.

*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham** (G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside). W.E.G., W.V. and G.E.W.

*Nov. 19.—**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.

*Nov. 19.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.). W.M.

*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 9, Barrow-st.). J.H.P.

*Nov 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickering, Hill-street). J.R.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Pallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** (J. Ferguson, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Poolstock). H.T. and A.W.

Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (H. Clegg, 200, Hollings-road.) A.A.

Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.

Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.).

Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.C., A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.

Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** (Alex. Urquhart, 86, Telford-road). P.P., W.S., and J.G.

*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).

Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (B. Kirke, Sidlesham Villa, Chichester-rd.).

*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 43, Dixon-st.). J.R., J.F.

Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. C. Sholedice, 117, Strand-rd., Sandymount, Dublin). R.H.

*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.

Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.McL., A.McF., H.B., and P.P.

*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.

Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Daneshury-terrace), W.A.C. and J.Mn.

Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).

*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (Turner & Barker, 7, Bonsall-cottages). J.R. and J.H.R.

*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham). J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk, and A.Wd.

*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (G. F. Hardcastle, 63, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer).

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H.R.

*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.

*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).

Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdock, 9, Burnside-st.)

*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane).

*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station-st.). J.B. and R.J.H.

*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.). J.H.P.

Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr., 57, Bonnygate).

Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 6, Providence-terrace). J.C.B.

*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd).

*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).

Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.

*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., G.E.W., and J.B.E.

*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (T. Vose, 120, Morley-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.

Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).

Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).

Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.

Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.).

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G, A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.

Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Tompkinson, 61, Maitland-st.).

*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.)

Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.

*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Simon, 12, Tyrfran).

*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.).

(For Key to Judges' Initials see page 39.)

Nesting of the Wryneck.

One may occasionally catch a glimpse of the mottled plumage of the Wryneck among the thick branches of the old trees. This bird selects a hole in one of the limbs or trunk, and deposits the eggs on the powdered wood at the bottom, building no nest whatever. In localities where Starlings and Jackdaws are numerous, the Wryneck must have some difficulty in finding a suitable site, and it is just possible that in time the bird will be crowded out and be obliged to move to less inhabited districts. Although to our eyes one hole is quite as suitable as another for nesting purposes, birds evidently do not think so.

Gulls in Norfolk.

The extensive tract of marsh land around Wells, in Norfolk, where many rare birds are strictly preserved, has added one more to its list, in the Black-headed Gull. These have not nested here for years. A writer in a contemporary says: "For seventy years the place knew them not, except as passing visitors throwing a hasty and dubious glance over their shoulders as they flew inland for a meal and out again to sea. But such fleeting visits seem to have shown them one thing—that this wide tract of saltings is singularly quiet and remote, that it is sheltered behind the great sand barrier, and that there is plenty to be found in the way of food both in pools left by the receding tide and in the neighbouring fields."

Colouration in Birds.

The colouration and marking of birds arises from such a complication of causes that it can only as yet be explained partially. One of the reasons assigned is that the greater magnificence in the male serves to attract the notice and compliance of the female. This has been contested by some writers, but it still remains a valid theory. The most important explanation, however, yet advanced for the colour or markings of the majority of birds is that their appearance is thereby adapted to their surroundings, and enables them either as pursuer or pursued to escape observation. It would seem that in the main few persons who have studied wild bird life can refuse to believe in the existence and practical value of protective or assimilative colouration. Who, for example, that has seen a Bittern amongst reeds and tree stumps can refuse to believe that for some purpose best known to itself the creature is posing in such a way that its marking, colouring, and attitude deceive the eye of everything that is not a Bittern? Even the magnificent crimson and blue-green Bee-eaters of tropical Africa have a way of perching on bare bushes so that they exactly resemble large crimson flowers. The precise purpose in this deception is no doubt to attract insects on which they pounce.

A Splendid Collection.

We gather from a Blackburn contemporary that Mr. J. Walsh, the Blackburn bird specialist, recently paid a visit to the open-air aviaries at Stonyhurst College, on the invitation of the Rev. Francis Irwin, who has charge of the birds. The large aviary is about 100 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 12 feet high. It is made of open wire, but there is a shelter at one end to which the occupants can resort in stormy weather. In this place Mr. Walsh found a nest of a Californian Quail containing ten eggs, three Bullfinch nests (also with eggs), Canary and Linnet, with three young birds; Redpoll, with young; two Chaffinch nests, with eggs; Greenfinch nest, with young; two Blackbird nests, with eggs; one Thrush nest, with young; yellow and green Budgerigars, nesting; and a pair of Cockatoels, with eggs. He also noticed the following birds in the large aviary:—Silky Cowbird, Pekin Robins, Virginian Nightingale, Brambie-finches, Reed Bantings, Nuthatches, Knots, Brown Linnets, Twites, Longtail Grassfinches, Goldfinches, Hedge Sparrow, Skylark, Woodlarks, Redwings, Hawfinch, White Blackbird, Red-crested Cardinals, Weavers, Java Doves, Picqui Dove, Cape Dove, and Zebra Dove. An interesting point in regard to the nesting place was that though there were plenty of ordinary nest pans and boxes, a Canary preferred to build its nest among the grass on the floor. Father Irwin has a special pet in the aviary in the shape of a young Cockatoel, which was born on St. Patrick's day. This bird he has named "Patsy." It will instantly come to him when called, and will perch on his head or shoulders whilst he is walking about. Another smaller aviary contains Barn, Tawny, and Long-eared Owls, Rough-legged Buzzard, and a perfect specimen of the rare Eagle Owl, which is in splendid feather and exceedingly tame. There were also a pair of young Herons, four weeks old, in another part of the grounds, and a nest of young Sparrow Hawks, which were being hand-reared. Two Tawny Owls, which had been incubated a fortnight before, and a nest of five young Magpies, were also to be seen. Everything about the aviaries is kept perfectly clean and in good condition, and the birds themselves are perfection. In return for the hospitality extended to him by his host, Mr. Walsh presented Father Irwin with an English cock Nightingale and a cock Crimson Bishop.

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Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 3, Iorners' Arms Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show and other important items concerning show. J. Swinger.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for July Show. Arranging syllabus for Winter Session, etc.—H. Hill.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—Aug. 5, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Nomination of new members, receive schedule for Annual Show, etc.—F. Easterling.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Aug. 18, New Inn, Loughton Road, 8. General business, election of Table Shows, also committee meeting, same time and place, on Aug. 11.—W. H. Riley.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Victoria Hotel Members' Show. Birds to be staged not later than 2.30. Judge, Mr. Wisdom (Haworth).—E. Shepherd.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 4, New Inn, Station Street, 8.—S. A. Dicken.

Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Plough Hotel, 8.—F. King.

Coventry O.S.—Aug. 5, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Payment of prize-money won at F.F. Show, etc.—G. Peters.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Aug. 5, Crown Hotel, 7. Classification for Open Show, etc.—A. Bowes.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Bennett's Rooms, Moor Lane, 8. Payment of prize money won at F.F. Show.—R. Lambert.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Aug. 3, City Cafe, N. Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 1, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. To arrange date for proposed cricket match with Manningham C.B.A.—F. Rhodes.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Bull's Head, 8. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. W. Cruise.—F. W. Tomsett.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 1st, Store Hall, Low Westwood, 7. Report of C.B.U. meeting, etc.—J. Brown.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Royal Hotel, Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke). Birds staged at 3 o'clock.—N. Rayner.

Goole and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 14, 8.—W. Coult.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 1, White Lion, 7.30. Selecting judge for Annual Show, etc.—H. Fenwick.

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Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Rorback Hotel, Lewisham, 8.—H. T. Lucas.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Aug. 1, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30.—T. Carter.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 5, Railway Hotel, 8. General, and chat on moulting and colour feeding.—A. Bottomley.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Members of committee to attend.—D. John.

Middleton O.S.—Aug. 3, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance sheet for late Y.B. Show.—H. Thomas.

Manningham C.B.A.—Aug. 1, Mowbray Arms, 8. Arrangements for cricket, etc.—F. Western.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open Show business.—A. Wake.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Turner.

Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Vases' Rooms, 7.30. Important business in connection with forthcoming show.—E. Cowling.

Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, 8. To fix date for next show, and to nominate judges.—J. England.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Northern Y.C.C. — Aug. 5, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, 8. Further consideration of patronage.—T. C. Crawhall

Neath and Dist. F.A.—Aug. 4, Drill Hall, 8. Members' Monthly Show, and to fix date of Open Show.—C. H. Drury.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Headquarters, 8. Prizes won at Y.B. Show, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 6, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Temperance Club, 8. Re-consideration of F.F. cup rule, etc.—S. M. Clayton.

Shields C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Special business.—W. Duke.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Councillor F. Hemmings' lecture on Colour Feeding. Members please bring ticket money for N.F. Show.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Stirling and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 5, Douglas Hotel, 8.—G. Bislop.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Aug. 4, Headquarters, 8. Payment of prize money won at Y.B. Show. Annual Show business. No meeting on 11th.—G. Dowden.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Northern Federation. Mr. Brunskill will attend.—J. W. Lowes.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 1, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Very important; proposal for Specialist Club Show.—Reid and Maddison.

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Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8.—E. W. Johnson.

West London F.A.—Aug. 6, Bush Hotel, 8. Discussion on the Breeding Season, and consideration of proposed federation rules.—J. Dewhurst.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Recurrence of Colds.

"Colds, etc."—I have not the least doubt that the open window is the indirect cause of your trouble, and I think the solution of the difficulty lies in altering the position of the cages, which are probably so arranged that when the wind blows in a certain direction the draught from the window finds its way into the cage. As you are away from home so long at a time you must use discretion in opening the windows before you leave in the morning. During quite settled weather at this time of the year you might put up the bottom sash about one foot, and pull down the top one about the same distance, and as the weather gets colder decrease this distance; but always open top and bottom, as this alone will help to prevent draughts going about the room. Then you should see if you cannot discover a suitable place for the cages where they will get no direct draught even with a wide open window. If you cannot do this then you should arrange a curtain of light muslin between the cages and the window in such a position that it will turn or break up any direct current of air. Certainly this trouble is not what every fancier has to contend with, but it is what everyone must seek to avoid. Obliterate all draughts without cutting off efficient ventilation and the trouble will soon disappear. The mixture you have given is as good as anything you could give, but it is useless giving medicine unless the cause of the trouble is removed.

A Moss Gatherer.

S.M.W.D.—Your bird is evidently not a Roller in the sense one could wish it to be. I fancy its condition is due to its being in an overfed condition, and its age is a little against its throwing it off. For the next fortnight feed him on plain Canary seed only, with a free supply of green-food—chickweed, lettuce, or groundsel—every day, and every second day for the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water. Twice during the second week give a similar dose. After this you may add to the diet half a teaspoonful of rape and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, giving each on a separate day for variety; and in the water give one day four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and on the next twelve drops of chemical food. Continue giving these alternately for another fortnight, if necessary. Of course, you must see it is not exposed to draught, and also that it is free from red mites.

Not "Catching."

F. Sparrow.—I hardly think the complaint is "catching" unless other birds come into actual contact with it or any of its evacuations. It would, however, be wise to move it to a room by itself and thus avoid all risk. Am afraid it is already beyond the reach of any remedy, but you may try following treatment: First, if its bowels are constipated give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for one day only; if the bowels already move freely you may omit this and give twelve drops of glycerine, three of oil of eucalyptus, and as much chlorate of potash in the water daily for a week as will cover a sixpence, and every second day for another week after that. Shake bottle vigorously when using in order to well break up the oil. For a few days paint the mouth and throat inside with a saturated solution of boric acid. Get a flight or tail feather of a bird, wash it clean, dip it in the solution and just brush with it round the inside of the bird's mouth and into its throat. Feed on plain Canary seed, with a small piece of bread and milk with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it daily until an improvement has taken place. Shall be glad to hear result in a fortnight's time.

Is it Shepherd's Purse?

T.G.—No, the specimens you sent are in no respect even similar to shepherd's-purse. The seeds are those of the Yellow Rattle. I have never tried it for bird's food, but as it contains a fairly large seed doubtless some varieties would appreciate it. The seeds of the shepherd's purse are, in the shape of the seed pods, much more similar to "quaking grass" than to those you sent, and the seed pods grow up a stalk after the manner of the plantain, but much more sparsely and are wider apart.

The Correct Colour Food.

A. P.—You are using far more Natal pepper than you need, and I do not approve of any unnecessary use of the hot pepper. As you seem to be vacillating between so many different opinions as to the proper food to use, you cannot do better than throw them all overboard, and adopt the following mixture, which is generally approved by experienced breeders, and which I know to be excellent. Get a pound of tasteless red pepper, two ounces of Natal, and four ounces of soft sugar. Place all in a basin or dish large enough to give ample space for stirring about, and thoroughly mix and blend all together with the back of a spoon. If you prefer adding oil to it, you may now add one ounce of the best salad oil, pouring in a few drops at a time, and continuing the blending between each addition until all is used, and then go on stirring a little longer, until none of the oil can be detected by sight, being all thoroughly and evenly distributed throughout the bulk. Now store the mixture in glass or earthenware air-tight jars, with wide mouths. For use add two teaspoonfuls of the colour mixture to each small teacupful of egg food when ready to give the birds, and well mix all together. This is for the beginning of the moult. When it gets in full swing, increase the quantity of colour mixture to four teaspoonfuls to each cupful of food, and when it is nearly over again, decrease the quantity to the original amount to finish off with. You will find this method much more constant and reliable than mixing the food up piecemeal, as it were, by adding the different ingredients to the egg food each day as required for use.

Youngsters Sleepy and Ruffled.

T.A.H., York.—It seems there is nothing more serious the matter with your birds than that the moult is coming on them. Your feeding is not much amiss, but you should give a small spray of green-food daily, either chickweed or the tender flower heads of groundsel, and twice a week give a pinch of hemp and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg-food, or a small piece of bread and milk—not altogether, but one at a time on different days, so as to form a variety. If this does not at once make the bowels more free, give in an ounce of drinking water for one day only a saline aperient in the shape of as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence.

Preparing for Next Season.

Eroom, B.—Certainly, it would be a good plan to fix up the room as you suggest, and allow the birds to fly about at liberty until next spring. The exercise thus obtained would go far towards making them strong and robust for a good successful season next year. Next spring, just before it is time to commence breeding, you will have to cage the birds up separately if you wish to keep the different varieties pure, or to exercise any control over their breeding. If you do not desire to do this you might leave them flying loose and allow six hens to run with two vigorous active young cocks. In this case you would put up at least a dozen nests in different places, and arrange perches and bushes about the room, as described in our "Novices' Notebook" during last February, which numbers you would do well to look up. CAGE BIRDS' special handbook on "Bird-rooms, Aviaries, etc.," would also doubtless be of much service to you. As to whether you should dispense with artificial heat would depend solely upon the way in which your birds have been reared, and, to a less degree, upon the position and construction of the room. If they had been accustomed to a heated room I would scarcely advise you to dispense with it entirely the first winter. Much better get a hardy class of bird to begin with.

Sore Under Beak.

W. J. H.—The sore will not be likely to heal much as long as the bird continues rubbing it. Give it rather thin perches for the present, and keep it very clean by scraping or washing it daily to keep the sore as free as possible from contact with dirt. Catch the bird each morning and night, and paint over the sore place with a camel hair pencil dipped in extract of wych hazel, which you will be able to get from almost any chemist. This should soon put matters all right, but if it does not appear to heal quickly enough, omit the painting with the extract three nights a week, and anoint it slightly with boric ointment instead.

Young Birds Moping.

H. L. H., Leicester.—The bird is evidently a weakly specimen, and may have been hatched a day or so after the others, and thus got a poor start in life, which it has not yet outgrown. Feed it on a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape seed, and give a pinch of hemp, and ditto of maw, twice a week, not both together, but each on a different day. For the first week give also half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food daily, and mix with it every second day three drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and on the alternate days five drops of Chemical Food. In each ounce of drinking water add two drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Give no green food until better, unless it is a half-ripened plantain seed stalk, about every second day. If the bird is not considerably better after a week of this treatment, move it indoors to a room without a fire, but see that it is free from draughts, and continue the same treatment for another week or so. If not well by that time write again.

A Clean Moult.

"Moult."—Your bird is simply going through an early moult quite naturally, and will not recommence singing until it has quite finished casting all its small feathers, and they are practically full-grown again. This will probably not be for another month yet, but you need not worry if the bird does not begin to sing for several weeks longer, as some birds are much longer in recommencing their song than others. It is a mistake to call it a clean moult when only the long wing and tail feathers are shed. These feathers are cast first in adult birds, but afterwards all the small feathers on the body have to be shed and reproduced before a bird can be called clean-moulted. In young birds of the year the wing and tail feathers are not shed at all. Keep the bird free from chills and draughts; allow it to bathe when it likes, and give a pinch of maw seed every second day, and a teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, in addition to the usual plain seed diet and green food daily. And, when nearly all the small feathers are cast, give five drops of tincture of steel in the water twice a week, for a week or two, and nothing else will be required.

A Botanical Specimen.

A. A. (East Ham).—The specimen you send is a seed stalk of the broad-leaved plantain. Canaries, and most of the Finch tribe are exceptionally fond of them, and the green seed stalks may be given quite freely. Both the size of the plant and the length of the seed stalks vary considerably, according to the conditions under which they grow. Yes, they are what are popularly termed

Something in the Throat.

Mrs. R. E. Smith.—The bird is rapidly going wheezy, as the trouble is aptly termed. See that it is kept quite free from all draught, and from any great variations in temperature, but at the same time do not keep it where it will get overheated. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple diet. In addition to this give a pinch of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, to which add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion each time until the bird is well, but not afterwards; and every day give a spray of chickweed, or a bit of groundsel. This diet will be quite sufficient for it. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus every day for a week. After that give it every second day for another week, or until the bird is well, and on the intervening days give twelve drops of Chemical Food in the water. Shake the vessel vigorously when giving the first mixture in order to break up the oil into minute globules. See that the bird is not troubled with insects at night, and give gritty sand regularly. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird is in a fortnight, and to advise further if necessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Thrushes and Thrush Food.

Turdus Musicus.—1. You should begin to give the colour-food right away to your Thrushes. Many of my own Softbills are now well on in the moult, some quite half way through, and one needs to start well in time to give pepper to those it is intended shall be colour-fed. 2. Three feet by two feet is a nice size for a Thrush's stock cage, but 14 inches from back to front is, to my mind, not sufficient. I like the house-cage to be 14 inches wide at least, and 16 or 18 is better still. I do not advise you to turn the two Thrushes into the empty outdoor aviary to moult. It would almost certainly result in their getting very wild, and before you afterwards got them steadied down sufficiently for show purposes, they would be quite likely to break or fray tail and flight feathers. 3. The food looks to be very fair value for the price named. But it contains too much biscuit in proportion to other ingredients to meet my own liking. If you added ground silkworm pupæ (or even meat meal) in the proportion of one to four, it would be brought nearer the mark. You could (and should) now and again mix in a finely-minced hard-boiled egg.

Blackbirds and Siskins.

Stock.—1. It is not exactly easy for anybody unacquainted with the species to sex Blackbirds when in nestling plumage. An old fancier can do it, however, with almost certainty. The young males have the wing (flight) and tail feathers a shade darker in colour than the young hens. Thus, if you select out of the nest the youngster with the blackest-looking wings, you are pretty certain to hit on a cock bird. 2. The bills of the males turn golden the spring after they are born, though often not becoming quite clear until the second spring. A male seldom exhibits the perfection of "crocus" bill and cere colour until three years old. Still, colour feeding does much to put a younger male on a par with his elder kith and kin in this respect. 3. It is nonsense for anyone to say that the Blackbird will sing for but three months of the year. It is true they do not sing for quite the same length of time as the Song Thrush, but, under favourable conditions, you might venture to multiply the three by three and arrive at a more correct answer. 4. The hen Siskin may be described as looking like a cock bird which has had all the yellows and greens washed out of his plumage, leaving only the markings and an ashy-greyness (with faint indications of yellow and green) behind. She is, too, more heavily streaked with black on sides and flanks, as a rule, and all the black markings are dingier than in the male. A cock Siskin, unless a very bad-coloured specimen indeed, has always an appreciable amount of yellow and green in his colour-scheme. 5. I believe this has been discontinued.

Song of Thrushes & Blackbird.

Boss Bee.—I don't think it is at all difficult to account for the "loss of voice" of your two Thrushes and the Blackbird. To put it bluntly, I consider it is due to the wretched food you supply them with. "Crushed hemp and soaked bread"—poor things. As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should have thought you would have seen references in this column to the utter inadequacy and unsuitability of such a diet, for such references have been frequently made by me. It often happens that a newly obtained bird will sing for a season on such food as you say you have been giving yours. But this diet gradually affects its constitution, then comes along the moult, and the bird has not sufficient vitality to throw off its effects (possibly not even to reproduce its plumage properly), the consequence of this—or one consequence—being absence of song. Is the Blackbird, by the bye, troubled at all with red-mite? I have often outlined the way in which Thrushes and the like ought to be fed, and repeat the information here in brief. You really cannot expect success unless you treat the birds properly. This stock mixture any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good mule eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game (or other) meat without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard boiled egg, finely minced up, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Black beetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up), are much relished.

A Muling Failure.

Avis.—It is really difficult to see what advice I can give you. From your letter it seems clear that you yourself see that the failure was due to the attachment formed by the hen Canary for a cock Canary which was in the same room as herself and her Goldie partner. Obviously, then, the thing to do next season is to avoid the possibility of her wayward ladyship falling in love with anyone other than the duly appointed and accredited husband. If you take a nest of Canaries from her first, immediately she begins to sit her then partner must be removed right out of earshot. If you can't manage this, you will be compelled (that is, if you want any Mules) to give up the first round of Canaries. It is a wonder she did not turn on the Goldie and "savage" him—in other words, mark her disapproval of him by lugging out his feathers. If she cannot remove him wholly, such a hen generally does her best to remove him in bits. It certainly might have been worth while, however, trying the dodge recommended a correspondent in our issue of July 11th, viz., to take out the cock Canary and put him in a nursery, or other suitable cage, and then hang him in front of the breeding cage containing the Goldfinch and the refractory hen. The hen will most likely at once "call" to him (especially if he "sings at" her), when the Goldfinch will probably immediately seize the opportunity to oblige her. In this way you may get her next clutch of eggs duly fertilised. It is best to try this plan when the hen is showing signs of building, and it is only necessary to repeat it (assuming it proves effective on each occasion) three or four times, though I have heard of once being quite sufficient. Judging from your letter, the Siberian Goldfinch was not exactly the "kind," steady bird so desirable for Mule breeding purposes. He may come out of the moult all right in this respect, however, and prove a greater success next season. If he had been a little more masterful and insistent on his rights as a husband (instead of being so shy) you might have had a few fertile eggs.

Brevities.

What Weeds? (W.J.H.).—Yes; the weed you send is shepherd's-purse. This sample is not in a ripe condition (the seed pods are then a rich golden-brown), and you should be able to get plenty thoroughly ripe now.

Mating a Chaffinch (Ernest Hartley).—You say you are "only a boy," still I have no doubt you would like to have some young birds to show as a return for your trouble and labour, and, this being so, I certainly cannot recommend you to start breeding operations with a cock Chaffinch, especially in a cage. It has not been satisfactorily proved that the Chaffinch has bred with any bird other than a Bramblefinch, and then in large aviaries only, I believe. Take my advice; buy a young cock Linnet (1908 bird) and mate him next year with a good yellow hen Canary. You will get more satisfaction this way.

Mule with Light Feathers (A Bird lover).—It is regrettable the bird should have light feathers at the neck and in the tail, as these, as you surmise, completely disqualify it from competing in "dark" classes. At the same time the variegation is not sufficient to make the bird a good exhibit in the "light" or "variegated" classes; to stand much chance therein it would need to be exceptionally large, well marked, and rich in colour. Colour-feeding is absolutely necessary for present-day competition.

Saffron (C. Earwicker).—I have never made a practice of giving my birds saffron during the moult, so I am unable to answer your query. I will see if it can be inserted in the correspondence column, when no doubt some kind reader will oblige with the information you desire.

Knapweed (J. Campion).—I think you will find the information you seek, in the reply given this week to a similar query sent by "Seed-eater," to which kindly refer.

"Casting Shin Bones" (J. H. Phillips).—I was away on a holiday when the corpse of your Thrush arrived at the office, so was denied the pleasure of inspecting it. A friend of mine who is expert in birdy matters saw the body, however, and tells me that in his opinion the bird died through sheer old age. The age of the bird (eleven years) confirms me, by the way, in the opinion that there is no such thing as "casting the shin-bones." It is always these very old birds which develop such unsightly and extraordinary-looking scales on the legs, which is what the "shin-bones" really are.

Song of the Nightingale (Regular Subscriber).—Most certainly Nightingales will sing when in cages indoors. It may interest you to know that I have one tootling away to me as I write this answer. The naughty boy ought to be moulting, however. When do captive birds sing best? Well, no doubt during the early Spring, but they sing well even at Christmas, and a "kind" bird will warble off and on all the year round, barring only when moulting, of course. I say "off and on" because even the most free singing Wales have strangely sudden lapses into silence, then come into song again with equal suddenness.

British with Foreign (Canuk).—I do not pretend to any great knowledge as to the behaviour of British birds when mixed with Foreign birds in an aviary. Many long years have passed since the time I kept a few Foreign seed-eaters with my own Britishers. In your place, however, I feel sure you could safely put a pair each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites. As regards Doves, I would advise a pair of Diamond or Zebra Doves, which, of course, are Foreign, and not British Doves—the latter are too large.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Paradise Whydah.

J.L.B.—Whydahs and Weavers are a bit erratic as to plumage changes during their first year in this country, quite a moderate change of weather being sufficient to throw them out of colour at times. They usually moult quite late in the year. I am doubtful if this bird will be of any use to you for exhibition this season. If the changing

colour on the back is due to its going out of colour as it is popularly termed, then I do not expect it will resume nuptial plumage (and it is no use for exhibition purposes except in full dress) till next spring. Your details are so meagre that I am compelled to reply largely on supposition. Is it losing the long tail plumes, and what is their length and condition? Does the brown plumage of which you speak extend right down the back, or is it confined to the back of the neck? If you repeat query with this information I can give you a definite reply. Give it a liberal diet, two or three mealworms daily, ripe fruit, and fresh lettuce, in addition to the usual seed diet.

A Grey out of Condition.

F. J. H.—After so long a period, however unwholesome the diet, it must not be suddenly withdrawn, but I should most certainly wean the bird as early as possible from the milk diet. For a time—say a couple of months—make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food; only let it have two or three sips a day at the milk and gradually discontinue it; leave the mixture of chemical food and water continually in the cage. If the bird readily drinks this, I should advise not giving any milk at all, and if the bird eats heartily of its other food there should not be any ill effects even from a sudden stoppage of the milk diet. Its present condition is the result of this. The condition of the bowels will improve with the cessation of the milk diet. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage and keep the bird as quiet as possible for a time. If it will eat biscuit or a piece of Madeira cake, give it on, say, three occasions, a piece of either into which you have soaked one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, letting it all but dry in before giving to the bird. Try the above treatment for a clear week or ten days and then report progress.

Grey Parrot with Cold.

Mrs. A. M.—It is impossible for me to say what will be the outcome of your bird's illness. It is most unsafe to purchase a bird so. The present stage may be but the beginning of some infectious septic malady, to which newly-imported Grey Parrots are very subject; but we must hope for the best. Still continue to give the ipecacuanha mixture, and if the bird will permit you to handle it, get a zinc eye lotion from the chemist and bathe its eyes with this. Also get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia, and for one day put a teaspoonful into its drinking water. Repeat several times at intervals of two or three days, so long as its bowels do not become watery loose; of course, you must omit the ipecacuanha mixture on such occasions. Diet: Seed mixture, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and ripe fruit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage and sprinkle some eucalyptus over the sand tray. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. You had better report progress a fortnight hence.

A Confirmed Feather-Eater.

S. T. P.—A bird that has become a confirmed feather eater is seldom entirely cured of the habit, but there is no doubt, judging from the details you supply, that it is the unwholesome diet alone that has brought about such a condition of affairs. The correct diet is: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and a little green-food, such as fresh lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season. Every third day, so long as its bowels do not become watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and in between, that is when not giving the magnesia, make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also while the summer lasts spray the bare parts every other day with quassia solution. It will only be necessary to keep the bird out of draught till dry. You will have to persevere with above treatment, as recovery, after such a period of nakedness, cannot be rapid. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish regularly in cage.

A Sick Budgerigar.

H. E. F.—Pneumonia has been very rife among birds recently; and if this is the trouble with your bird I fear you can do nothing for it, save keep it quiet and warm, yet in some sheltered, airy position. I should most certainly isolate it till it is in fair condition again, so as to guard against possible contagion for your healthy stock. However, I am of the opinion that it has picked up something unsound and thus caused the trouble. As it is tame, you should have no difficulty in administering six drops of Dinneford's Magnesia from a quill; give several doses, with a three days' interval between each. For the next month or longer well colour its drinking water with Parish's Chemical Food. Your diet is very satisfactory, but as just now seeding grass (grass in flower) is very plentiful, and as this is its natural food, let it have as much of this as it will eat; it will certainly help it into condition. A little exercise out of the cage will also help matters. If you have occasion to write again, please give me an idea of its age, if possible, and also as to whether it is an imported or aviary-bred bird.

What Bird is it?

"Hainault."—If your bird has a long tail it is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. The hen Ringnecks have no ring round the neck. If it is short-tailed bird it is some species of Amazon. This curing of shrieking is rather a difficult matter, and I fear the best of Ringnecks and Alexandrines do shriek more or less. The methods to be adopted depend largely upon the individual bird. Parrots are knowing creatures, and soon learn to recognise slight chastisement. There are the two methods, viz., covering up for a time and slightly chastising with a light stick. As already stated, whichever you persevere with must depend for its effect upon the individual bird. Try both, and be guided by circumstances. At the same time I am afraid that whenever the bird gets unduly excited; it will shriek; but with patience this trying defect in an otherwise intelligent bird should be much mitigated. A Parrot should never be teased.

Treatment for Rock Mynah.

"Ignoramus."—The Nothern Hill Mynah is usually the more talented bird, and is a handsome bird also, being a rich glossy purplish-black. The sheeny hues of its plumage, however, vary from steely-blue to purplish according to the way the light strikes it. Diet: Any good soft food mixture (several are advertised in our columns), ripe fruit *ad. lib.*, a few scraps of raw meat occasionally, any insects you can capture, spiders, beetles, cockroaches, grasshoppers, etc., supplementing these with a few mealworms. Its plumage is purplish-black, with a white patch on each wing; the bill is orange, the wattles below each eye, and the legs and feet deep yellow. It is a good mimic, and a well-trained bird makes a very sociable and interesting pet. It will do well enough out of doors during the summer months, but I should not care to subject it to our cold, wet, raw east winds, at any rate, during its first winter in this country. The early spring would, I expect, try it more than winter's cold. It is a Crow-like bird, and about that size; so if you keep it with others they must be of similar size and strength. I cannot recommend any particular dealer, but if you study our advert. columns, or write the principal dealers in Foreign birds advertising in CAGE BIRDS, you will soon get what you want. Value varies anything from 25s. to 40s.

Budgerigars in Cages.

"Sirac." (1) Hardly; a Budgerigar is a larger bird than a Canary, and a cocoanut husk occupies more space than a Canary's nest-box. Budgerigars will breed in cages, but such should be not less than 2½ by 1½ by 1½ ft., and I prefer the semi-box type to any other. One pair of birds should be in each cage, and a husk should be hung at either end. As regards treatment, this is less troublesome than in the case of Canaries, viz., canary and white millet seed, greenfood, a few oats, grit, water and cuttlefish will suffice to keep them fit, and also be all they require for the rearing of their young. They are free breeders from early spring till checked by the moult, but often take a few months to settle down before commencing. (2) Green Budgerigars 6/6 to 8/6 a pair. Yellows, 8/6 to 10/6. (3) The present is as good a time as any, providing you have cages ready to hand. I certainly advise you to get the Booklet on Budgerigars and Cockatiels, published at CAGE BIRDS Office, price 6d. The outdoor aviary is the place for Budgerigars, and being gregarious, any number, according to size of aviary, may be kept together.

Budgerigars Not Incubating.

J. and S. D.—There is some disturbing influence, such as mice or insects; these birds are far better in a roomy aviary out of doors. I can quite understand a certain amount of restlessness during the present hot weather, and I feel sure that the husks are infested with small lice of some description. Immerse the husks in boiling water and leave them there till they are thoroughly soaked; leave in open air to dry. They should then be in useable condition again. Your dietary and treatment are very satisfactory. Are your birds unrelated pairs? Very frequently brothers and sisters, though possessing the breeding instinct, pair, nest, and lay fertile eggs, yet do not properly incubate, but act in precisely the same manner as your birds are doing. Have you any odd unmated birds in your aviary? If so, this would quite account for your present trouble. If you suspect you have related pairs, and there is no improvement in the course of a few weeks, dispose of either the males or females, and get others from totally different source to your present stock. Get "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," price 6d., from this office; you will find it very helpful.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Dead Bird (G. A. Perrin).—Owing to inadequate packing the body of your Canary reached this office in a hopelessly squashed condition, this rendering examination impossible. In future kindly send dead bodies to the proper quarter, vide rule under "Post Mortems," given on the query pages, and not to this office. The "colour-food" you send is quite unlike anything we have previously seen, and we should think it quite useless to give to birds (it is not "red" at all). It may not be harmful, though appearances are not in its favour. Get a sample of red food (tasteless pepper) from one of the recognised vendors advertising in our columns, and the difference 'twixt this and your own will at once be borne in upon you. Give all the ailing birds a dose of saline medicine for one day, and follow this with two or three days on milk sop.

A Norwich Show (——).—We could not possibly print the report and critique prepared for and published by another journal, even though it be a lay contemporary. For one thing, to do so would be contrary to the etiquette of the Press.

Payment of Affiliation Fee (W. Hurdman).—We are not in any way whatever connected with the Cage Bird Union, the secretary of which is Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, with whom you must communicate. Therefore it follows that we cannot accept your affiliation fee, though it is always painful to refuse money. By-the-way, we suspect it is the license fee you really need to pay.

A Point about Exchanging (Sufferer).—We regret to hear of your experience. The danger of sending on any bird at the request of an unknown person, an absolute stranger, is obvious.

Two Photos (S. C. Rhodes).—We have to thank you for sending two very interesting photographs, which, however, we are afraid are hardly sharp (clear) enough to reproduce satisfactorily.

Sunlight Clothes Pegs (A. E. Wilkins).—We could not possibly use the above in our illustrated ideas column (if so intended).

Photo (A. Rowles).—Thanks for the photograph, safely received, and for which we will try to find a corner in the near future.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Keeping Tortoises.

F. S. Passey.—I am rather astonished you find any difficulty in keeping tortoises, which are usually easy subjects. They only need water to drink; the pan containing this should be sunk level with the ground. The food to be given depends on whether you get a land or water tortoise. The land tortoise is a vegetable feeder, and needs green food; if you offer it a nice clovery turf, and some salad and dandelion leaves, it ought soon to begin to feed. Or you might turn it out into your garden, if you have one, being careful to provide a pan of drinking water; then it will probably soon begin to forage for itself. The water tortoise is carnivorous, and will only take its food in water; so you must provide a pan for it, deep enough to hold water which will cover the animal's back when immersed. Of course, the more water space you can give the better, but the creature will live well on land if it has enough water to bathe and feed in. For food give earth worms, small fish and frogs, and raw meat or fish; best begin with the live food. Tortoises like a moderate amount of sun, but should always have access to shade; they are torpid in winter. The land tortoise has a high humped shell, very short tail, and club feet, with blunt claws. The water tortoise's shell is low and flattish, its tail long and narrow, and its feet webbed with the claws sharp.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Pope Cardinal (Maurice Amsler).—Chronic enlargement and softening of liver, recent acute inflammation involving lungs and bowels. It is a state that may popularly be described as "bilious chill." More salad or fruit is suggested.

Linnet (A Simkins).—Moulting feverishness, leading to inflammation of the lungs. The bird should have had soft food, scalded seed and salad.

Canary (Mrs. Gott).—Chronic liver disease, inflammation involving the lungs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CUCKOO FED BY ROBINS.

SIR,—I see in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that Mr. Riches would like to know if it is a common practice of the Cuckoo to deposit its eggs in the nest of a Robin? I might say that on June 21 I had a young Cuckoo brought to me that had been taken from a Robin's nest.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

WHAT IS A TICK?

SIR,—In your report of the Clapham Society's young bird show, in last week's issue, I note the remark with reference to my bird (which the judge wrong classed) that "we failed to find any legitimate tick." Will you kindly allow me to ask the judge, Mr. G. E. Weston, what he terms a legitimate tick? If he had blown the bird in question he would have found it black with underflue. Most judges would have wrong classed it in the Clear Class. Perhaps he will also be good enough to inform me the consequences if I had entered him as a Clear, just for my future guidance. It is time for exhibitors generally to learn the definition of a tick, which could be drawn up by the powers that be.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

ARE BIRD-CATCHERS A "ROUGH" SET?

SIR,—I have never yet come in contact with a bird-catcher that was a "rough," but among them you will find some of the most intelligent men in nature study one could ever wish to meet. I would far rather spend my time among rough, intelligent fellows than among refined ignorant ones. Those that are writing against bird-catchers put me in mind of the old lady who met a little boy who had taken a bird's nest with eggs in. The old lady said, "You cruel boy! Just fancy how the mother bird will be grieving over the loss of its nest and eggs." The little boy replied, "Oh no it won't, mum, 'cos it's in your hat." I am not a bird-catcher but a bird fancier, and I take my birds when they are in the nest and hand-rear them. I have hand-reared a nest of five young Bullfinches this summer, and am at present rearing two young Yellowhammers. If anyone says anything to me about its being cruel, it is like pouring water on a duck's back, and I hope the article that appeared in a certain daily newspaper will have the same effect on bird-catchers who are readers of CAGE BIRDS.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE LINNET AS A SONGSTER.

SIR,—I am penning the following remarks in the hope of stimulating the younger fanciers to greater interest in the Brown Linnet. Among all our British hardbills, there is, in my opinion, none that will better repay a little care and attention. It has this to recommend it, besides being inexpensive, that it is easily catered for, and can be made as tame as any bird. The song is far superior to that of any other British hardbill. The bird will sing for the greater part of the year, and, if properly provided for, will live many years in captivity. No wonder he is such a great favourite with the working man! The Brown Linnet is not a gay plumaged fellow, but his admirers are innumerable. Who has not noticed the working man's favourite hanging in rows down his front room windows? And many happy hours are spent by the owner, who listens with pleasure to his birds' sweet notes. Of course, there are good and bad songsters. I have spent and enjoyed many an hour among the furze bushes, where the Linnets make their nest, and have listened to their enchanting melody. He is, as most Linnet fanciers know, a mocking bird. It is very difficult to explain the song of the bird on paper; but before doing so, I wish it to be understood that I am perfectly well aware that in different parts of England the Linnets have different notes and also different ways of singing. Therefore, I don't expect everyone to agree with my version of the song. It consists of the following notes:—Chattering, chowing, reeing, peeing, whinnying, and scraping. All Linnets sing one or two of these notes and also turn them. Some Linnets are longer, some are deeper, and some will get more turns together than others. The lightest note is tittering, taken from the Titlark, viz., tit, tit, tit (run and turned heavier or deeper), whinny titter and jingle titter (which is done with a jingling sound). Next I will endeavour to give the various ways of chattering. They are: Running chatter, rolling chatter, cater chatter, stammering chatter, chattering ree, and locking chatter. Reeing cannot be written, but it is a kind of tremulous note, and consists of the following:—Fine reeing, rolling ree, trumpet reeing (very seldom heard), hollow reeing, curling ree, and blubbering ree. Next comes peeing, taken from the Bullfinch, pee pee, pi pi, fees fees, po po. But to be correct I must give the names of the various ways of peeing; they are: Plain peeing, whistling pee, feeing pee, pieing pee, bell peeing (which is a very nice note), and pooing pee. Whinnying is a nice note and very hard to sing. The Linnet takes this note from the Cuckoo, the Nightingale, Waterhen, Snipe, and Blackbirds. The various forms of it are: Filly whinnying, blackbird whinnying, huffing whinny, and laughing whinny, he he, ha ha, ho ho, all right from the stomach. Scraping is taken from Cornerakes, Skylarks, Rooks and ducks—wiff, wiff, wyke, wyke, car, car, eow, cow, quack, quack. It is impossible to make anyone understand from a written description the correct sounds, but here are the names of the different ways of scraping: Sharp, broad, kind, cowing, barking, draker and quaking scrape. Next I come to chowing, the worst of the classical notes. This note is taken from several kinds of birds, and has various forms of expression—viz., chict, chict, chey, chey, chi, chi, chow, the last being the best. The Linnet has yet some more classical notes, but not so often sung as some of the above-mentioned notes. First comes bell pether, taken from the Canary indoors; then the Cuckoo pether, the Woodlark woodle, and last, but not least, the Nightingale jugging. I don't say the Linnet sings all these notes when singing his song. If he did he would be the marvel of all marvels. Some Linnets are very good in singing the notes, chattering, reeing, and scraping; while others are good at peeing, whinnyiug, etc. Thus we get to hear all the notes. Now the Linnet has bad notes as well as good ones. So, to make these notes more complete, I must mention the bad notes as well as the good ones. Like the classical notes, the Linnet takes the bad notes from other birds—viz., spinking from the Yellowhammer, and pink, pink, pink, from the Chaffinch, and tweeting from the Titlark. Joeing most Linnets can do; it is taken from several kinds of birds. Then comes clicks, jars, shouts, whin topping, or old cock bits. There are several ways of spinking—viz., Bull spinking, youlding spinking, gigging spink, clinking spink, ox isle spinking, and last, bell spinking, which tingles like a bell. Spinking is more of a struck note, and sounds very bad with the exception of that known as bell spinking. This is a note that most fanciers like to hear, and is put down by many qualified judges as a classical note. Some fanciers may ask, after reading the above, how is it the Linnet is said to be such a great songster, when he gets his notes from other birds? The answer is, he gets one note here and one note there, puts them together and improves on them in such a fashion that he easily claims the title, "King of all hardbill songsters." To lovers of birdy music it possesses a charm all its own—a charm for which there is no substitute. I hope the above observations may help to interest many in this charming little feathered musical box, and should they meet the eye of an amateur who has hitherto been disappointed he may be encouraged to persevere.

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DRIVING THE ANTS FROM THEIR EGGS.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent who asks how ants can be driven from their eggs, I have read somewhere that if a sheet or large newspaper is spread on the ground (the corners having been doubled over) and kept in position with stones, the ants will, when disturbed, take their eggs off to the nearest cover—under the corners of the sheet. They will continue doing this until all the cocoons are concealed. These can be collected quite clean. I have never tried this plan, and so cannot say if it will work. I give it, however, for what it is worth.

W. J. HUGHES.

IS IT A RECORD?

SIR,—Having taken a deep interest in the various accounts of egg laying records in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, we should not be doing our duty to the Fancy by withholding the following, which we think constitutes a record up to date:—Pedigree of bird: Clear Buff Yorkshire hen paired to clear yellow cock on March 24th. First egg hatched March 31st, the hen laying seven eggs for the first nest. In the second round, the first egg was laid on May 4th. This nest contained nine eggs. The third round (first egg June 11th) resulted in one better, the hen this time laying ten eggs. In the fourth round, the first egg was laid on July 9th. This time the nest caused great disappointment, only six eggs being laid. The birds can be seen at any time by anyone so interested. WALKER & WINKS.

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SHOULD THERE BE SEPARATE CLASSES FOR MULES & HYBRIDS?

SIR,—It has occurred to me that it would be a good thing if there were an exchange of views in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, on the subject of the classes in which Mules and Hybrids should be shown, and I should be glad if you would be good enough to publish my views on the question. Some few years ago whenever a class was provided for Mules, it was understood that the Canary should be one of the parents of each cross exhibited, but of late years, all crosses between British birds have been shown in "Mule" classes, whether there was a special class provided for them or not. No doubt some will say that crosses between two British birds are in their right class when entered with Mules, seeing there are (sometimes) no other classes for them. That may be so, or it may not; but is it right that all the prize money should be taken by them while the Canary-Mules are left simply with cards to their credit? According to the reports, Canary-Mules are far better birds than some of the so-called Hybrids. For my own part, I think all schedules should provide for at least three classes—one for light Canary Mules, one for dark Canary Mules, and one for crosses between two British birds. If something is not done, the only thing is for exhibitors of Canary Mules to keep their birds at home and let Hybrid exhibitors have the given class to themselves. H. R. LOVER.

A RAMBLE ALONG THE BANKS OF THE WILGE RIVER, ORANGE RIVER COLONY, SOUTH AFRICA.

SIR,—It being a general holiday I made up my mind to go down to the river for a stroll. Arriving there I was surprised to find the river lower than I had ever seen it before. In consequence of this a few islets were to be seen here and there. The first sign of bird life to be seen was a flock of birds flying over my head towards the mealie fields. I could not distinguish them, as they flew so high. On turning my head the next I saw was a group of Sparrows sitting on a barbed wire fence chirping merrily and pluming themselves. I expect they had been busy in the field close by. They looked very bright and gay, especially the cocks, the black patch around the head and throat showing very conspicuously against the grey feathers. The clouds began to cover up the sun, and the breeze was blowing quite cold, so I pulled up my collar and strolled farther down the river. Not looking where I was going, I stumbled over a tuft of grass and disturbed two very pretty birds that were feeding close to the water's edge. They closely resembled the Blackcap Warbler in colour, and were of about the same size. Being more careful, I got close to a small group of Cape Canaries, that were enjoying themselves washing. As they flew off, their greyish green coats of feathers showed up plainly against the dark bank on the other side. These birds are very like Greenfinches, and are grand songsters. A lot of them are kept in the camp, and almost every bungalow can be seen having two or more cages of these birds hanging outside. They are quite favourites with the men here. On my making another move a host of very small birds were startled. They were about the size of a Wren. I have been trying to find out what they are called, but nobody seems to know. There is a millet field about a mile from here, and there are flocks of these birds always there. Hawks are plentiful in this district; they are the ordinary brown species. There were two of them circling overhead in a field on my left. On a windy day I have seen as many as eight or nine circling round at one time. Starlings were not showing themselves much then, but a couple had just flown across the river. They differ from the English Starling in having a big, white patch low down under the body and tail. Half the river seemed to be deserted by the birds, I expected through the sun not being out. I climbed on to the top of the bank to see what there was to be seen. A mealie field I passed had already been harvested, but no birds were to be seen in the stubbles. It looked as if it were going to rain, and to be caught in an African shower is not very nice. Anyhow, I kept going on. I pulled out my pencil again when I noticed a bird that we call a Kaffir King. In the summer it has a remarkably long tail, and it looks very handsome; but in the winter it loses it all with the exception of about a couple of inches of it. The bird is jet black at times, but seems to change colour with the seasons. In summer, if it is not following, it is followed by two or three of those small birds I spoke of before. Whilst walking along I disturbed a bird; it was all black with the exception of the body under the wings, which was red. The red feathers do not show unless the bird is flying. A couple of minutes later it was followed by two or three more birds of the same species. At this point I passed some low bushes that were bare, at the same time putting to flight scores of birds—Linnets, Sparrows, Starlings, and others that I could not identify. This was the most interesting part of the ramble. I have only been out here a year and nine months, so that I am not familiar with all the birds' names. As I got up to walk away a Wagtail flew from the reeds almost at my feet; it was like the ordinary Water Wagtail one sees at home by the rivers and streams. It began to get late so I turned my back to the river and made for the camp—a distance of about three miles. As I walked along the edge of a deep "donga" a few Starlings were put to flight, and for the first time I saw a Robin. These birds differ from the Robin at home in having the red low down under the body. Seeing nothing more of any interest to note in the way of birds, I took out a copy of CAGE BIRDS to read while walking along. T. SMITH.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—At the monthly general meeting of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth), held on July 20 some surprise was expressed by the members (particularly the Yorkshire fanciers) that the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club had left our society out in allotting its patronage. We give 22s. prize-money and a special in every class for a 1s. 6d. entry fee, and I think we can claim to be the most important society in the West of England. But the West seems to be entirely ignored, whilst the London District gets their patronage at five shows. This hardly seems to be a fair distribution of favours. I have always understood that specialist clubs endeavour to get as many different judges to officiate as possible, but I see Mr. Robson's name occurs twice. But I am of opinion that this is the cause of our society being left out—viz., that we have Mr. C. A. House judging. In making an application for patronage some two months ago I added a query as to how the fact of Mr House's judging at our show would affect our chance of obtaining same, in the light of his having passed two birds as over length at our last year's show and the controversy that followed? Mr. Rennie, the secretary, replied, that he thought that as Mr. House was down to judge we should be debarred, and such is the case. The committee of the S.Y.C.C. are showing a mean and unfancier-like spirit in thus boycotting a judge who has the courage of his opinion, which does no good to the Fancy at large. In coming to this conclusion I have the bulk of our members with me, and it is at their request I am writing this letter. If it could be said that we had an incompetent judge, the matter might appear in a different light, but Mr. House's engagements in Yorkshire in this and past years are sufficient proof that he is fully competent to judge a Yorkshire with the best.

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A POINT ABOUT EXCHANGING.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, in reply to H.D.S. in your issue of July 18. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for about 12 months. I am fond of a bit of exchanging myself, and have answered a good few advertisements, but I, along with H.D.S., have always sent stuff on first. I think the same as he does—the advertiser has a perfect right to expect the other to send on first as well as the purchaser, and should also pay his share of the carriage. Not long ago, I answered an advertisement for a bit of exchanging, but of course, had to send mine first; and I paid carriage on it. But when I received the article back in exchange, I was trapped by having to pay carriage on his. I think if advertisers would study this and pay their share of carriage, more trade would be done and more satisfaction given. I like exchanging in an honest way, and tell the advertiser straight what I have got to give in exchange, and the quality of it.

A. CONSTANT READER.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to congratulate one of our Lancashire veterans on his definition of "quality" Linnet singing. He puts a good song down on paper, only I don't like that starting note tolie, tolie, tolie. This is a double note, and we Blackburn fanciers don't like such in the song at all. We call that a run to the mark. The quality song of this wonderful bird is divided into two sections, namely, dinns and notes. The former means rolling of every description—pattering, tittering, winnying, urring, chattering, ricking, heavy blubbering, etc. Now the notes are struck slow, and anyone can count them, that is the only difference between the two sections. I will give you a few notes, put together in what I call a classical song:—T ttttttttttP P P P P P P P P P Po Po Po Po Po Po Po Po Po Po Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Quo Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh. This last note which is the deepest is gradually turned into the heavy blubber. A song like this is very seldom heard. I could put a song like this in scraping. Wake Wake Wake Quee Quee Quee Quy Quy Quy; and the bird would keep turning its voice until it had turned about five voices. I do not like a bird always to sing the same song. If he breaks off four times I like a fresh song, or the same work will do, only placed differently. I have never known any fancier to tire of listening to a good bird. That is the reason the birds are so difficult to buy. GEORGE ROSTRON.

THRUSHES BREEDING IN A CAGE.

SIR,—The breeding of Thrushes in a breeding cage has, I am sorry to say, ended in disappointment. The hen sat splendidly all through, and the eggs were fertile, sure enough. I was so anxious for them to hatch out that I allowed her to sit on the eggs for three weeks; but all was in vain. I took the eggs down to show some of our members and also Mr. S. Hadwin, of Liverpool. Mr. Hadwin lifted up the broken parts of one of the eggs (I had accidentally broken one), and showed us the embryo of the bird inside, evidently only a day or two from being perfect. This set me thinking as to what had caused the stoppage. First I thought it might have been caused by the barking of our two fox terriers, whose kennel is immediately under the double breeding cage, where the Thrushes were housed, the bottom of the cage being only 3 ft. 8 ins. from the floors. The cage is perfectly open in front excepting for the ordinary Canary cage front, and is directly opposite the kitchen door, which is used very much. The Thrushes have been in this position and under these conditions winter and summer since 1905, and have kept in perfect health (the dogs look after the cats) in ordinary-sized Thrush cages. When I returned home, I broke an egg from a clutch of Canary and Greenfinch eggs that ought to have hatched at about the same time as the Thrushes, and I found that the embryo had stopped growing at the same time as the Thrushes, and this again prompted my inquiries. We had also in the back yard and on the same level as the other two pairs of birds, a very fine first-year Cinnamon-marked buff cock that I was running over for the season, to give him a chance to develop ready for the show season. I saw him safe and fed him early in the evening, and again inspected the cages before going to bed; but I am sorry to say that when I went into the yard first thing in the morning the cage door was open and the bird gone. At the time we thought he might possibly have opened the cage door and flown away, but when I thought of the time when the eggs were spoiled, I found it tallied with the midnight flight of my beauty, that I am afraid went not by wing but by hand. And I am afraid that the same hand also lifted up the hens on the nest to see what they were sitting on, and so caused them to leave the nest. In that case they would have become cold and useless. What about the dogs? Well, I think it would be a very easy matter to unfasten the back garden gate, and the yard door being always left unfastened, the dogs would go to investigate, and finding the door open would go for a run. The job would then be done. Of course, this is theory, but I don't think I am far out in my reckoning. The Thrush again laid two eggs, but refused to sit, and this last day or two has been busy again carrying old hay about the cage. Recently, I found her at roosting time on the nest, so she looks like doing business again. The Greenfinch hen has also laid another clutch of eggs; but I have removed these to the bird-room and have given the hen some clear Canary eggs to sit on, not forgetting to make secure the yard door. W. DOWNING.

A WAGTAIL'S NEST IN A WAGGON OF COALS.

SIR,—It seems characteristic of the Wagtails to build in unique places. Repeatedly it displays a propensity to hatch its young near a habitation, and the popular belief among naturalists that it does so because it reposes confidence in man's protection, is confirmed to a singular degree by the following authentic occurrence. The other day a contractor was busy emptying a waggon of coals at East Wemyss Station, when he observed a Wagtail sitting in a nest neatly deposited between two pieces of "black diamonds." While he diligently pursued his work it kept sitting quite unconcerned, and only after he practically frightened it off did it fly away a few yards, fluttering to and fro as if in disagreement. Three pale eggs interspersed with black spots were in the nest. The waggon having to be dispatched the same evening, there was no alternative but to shift the nest; so the station porter instinctively placed it on the top of the coals in the next waggon. Five minutes afterwards the Wagtail was discerned embracing the eggs. The waggon was emptied the next day, and this time the porter transported the nest to a crevice in an adjoining brick wall. There, in close proximity and in full observation of passing pedestrians, amidst the hundred and one noises inseparable from a railway station, the brave bird persistently sits, evidently quite oblivious of all environing elements.

THOMAS NICOL.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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Some Practical Observations on Insectivorous Birds.

By S. A. SANDY.

A Paper read before the City and Suburban A.C.B., on June 15th.

(Continued from page 13).

Some Small Warblers.

Among the small Warblers I think the most confiding are the little Sedge Warblers. If caught when they have left the nest and can feed themselves, they are easily "meated off," and if you have a supply of gentles to use for the first three or four days, they give very little trouble and soon get on to ants' eggs, egg, etc. But I have found that hard-boiled egg is disastrous in their case, for they develop fits in a very few days, and if the supply of hard-boiled egg is not discontinued, very soon die.

The same remarks apply equally to the Reed Warbler, which I think is best described as a miniature Nightingale, so far as plumage goes, but with a longer head and bill—for its size, of course. The Reed Warbler is passionately fond of mealworms, which I recommend being broken in halves. It is astonishing what a long way this small bird can reach without leaving the perch, and if an unwary fly alights on the cage wire, it is snapped up by the bird in an instant.

The Willow Warbler and Chiff Chaff are also very common throughout this country during the summer, and the Chiff Chaff stays quite late, some even being stated to winter with us in the milder parts. But no doubt they almost all migrate from these dreary shores in winter and return again as early as February or the beginning of March. The latter is a very hardy bird, but I have found the Willow Warbler, or Willow Wren, as it is usually called, decidedly delicate and susceptible to cold. If kept it should be placed in an outdoor aviary during the summer, where it can get plenty of exercise; but even with that advantage it gets very fat, and also usually manages to break its tail.

The Reed and Sedge Warblers are also very adverse to having tails in captivity, and a few weeks either in cage or captivity usually suffices to knock the tail to pieces. The Reeds are very pugnacious, but the others I have found to agree fairly well, although in the open they can often be seen "going for" each other in a very spirited way.

They are easily caught with a pair of clap-nets if the nets are placed over a little pool where the birds go for water. I remember on one occasion catching upwards of twenty on a September morning. The only other way of catching them that I know of is to walk where they are in the habit of frequenting and lime the small twigs or set a few limed bristles along the bough on the off chance of getting them. I used to get a large number of the Willow Wrens from the neighbourhood of Derby, and they were invariably limed, although, personally, I think that is the worst possible way of taking any bird. I have brought one of the net traps that I use to show you how they work, in case anyone may feel inclined to try his hand. [Mr. Sandy produced and explained the working of a small net trap]. I have found them very effective and convenient, as three or four can be made up into a small parcel, and the wire pegs can be carried in one's pocket.

How to make and use Traps.

The trap I use is a very simple contrivance, and any one who is so disposed and can use a soldering iron a little can easily make it. It consists of two semi-circular pieces of ordinary cage wire, about the thickness used for the front of a Thrush's cage, a couple of small steel wire springs, three straight pieces of wire, and a piece of wood. The last-mentioned is an ordinary twig of about the thickness of a penholder and forms what I call the "Trigger." The whole is covered with ½-in. tanned netting. A few minutes' study of Fig. 1 will show how these parts are put together. When not in use the trap forms a semi-circle.

To set the trap, take each of the circles and double them half way back, so that the trap looks like a circle of wire covered with net, as shown by Fig. 1. The trap is pegged down with a piece of stout wire (see Fig. 2). When pegged firmly to the ground take circle A, shown in Fig. 1, and double it back flat with circle B. Then take the piece of wire C which is attached to circle B by a ring at one end, and place it over circle A, fixing it into the notch made for the purpose in the "Trigger."

The trap is then set, and should be carefully covered over with short grass or leaves to make it look as near as possible like the surrounding ground.

The bait should be two or three mealworms tied with silk or fine cotton, the cotton being tied into a joint of the mealworm just sufficiently tight to prevent the worm from escaping. If this way of baiting is adopted, the worms can be tied on overnight, or, at any rate, before the trap is required for setting, and the worms will in fact live for two or three weeks if properly secured.

Fig. 3 shows the trap set, and it should be so arranged that the bird will be more likely to take the bait when standing on the ground that is clear of the net.

Fig. 4 shows the trap with a bird in it. Some people use a cork instead of a piece of twig for the "Trigger," but I have found that the twig—about 2 inches long—is much better, as it stands well above the grass, and with the mealworms continually on the move is more likely to catch the eye of the bird, which is perched on an adjacent bush. A trap on the principle described can be made sufficiently strong to hold anything from a Robin to a Jay or Rook, if it got caught.

I was asked for something about "Insectivorous" birds, and I propose to bring this short paper to a close with a few remarks upon some of the commoner foreign insectivorous birds. Mr. Sandy here gave a few notes (acknowledging his indebtedness to several expert friends for some of the hints), on Tanagers, Sugar Birds, Bulbuls, Shamas, etc., and then brought his paper to a conclusion.

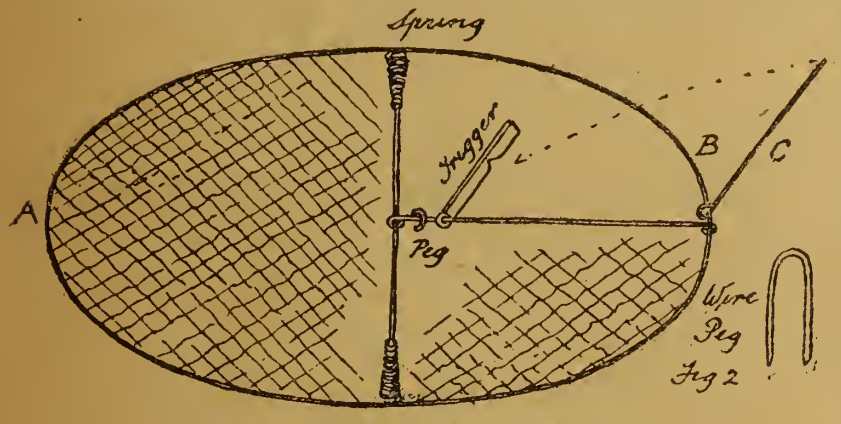


Fig. 1. Trap laid on the ground ready for setting.
Fig. 2. The wire peg used to secure the trap to the ground.

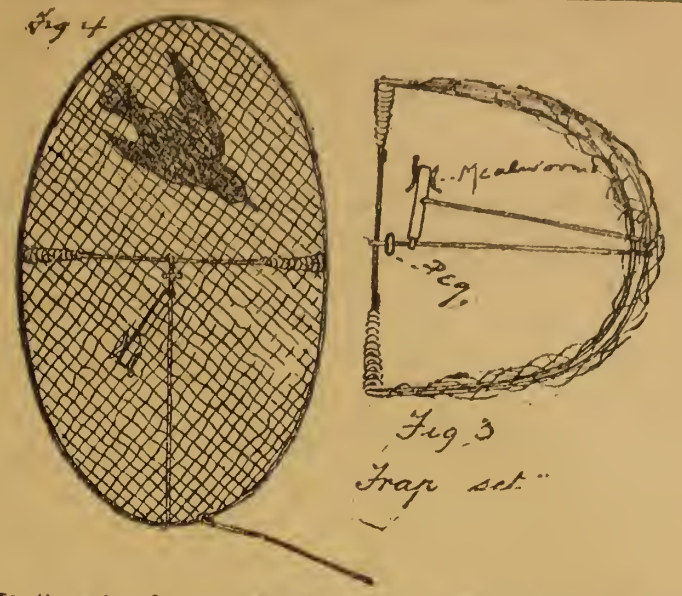


Fig. 3. For the sake of clearness the "trigger" is shown sideways, instead of upright as it would be when in actual use.
Fig. 4. A capture.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

We are doing very well with our Canaries. We have more than forty young ones, and have yet about a dozen to hatch. We have not, however, got one Mule as yet.—W. Downing, (Manchester).

South Shields and District C.B.S.

The fanciers around here seem to have had a very fair amount of luck. I find our sec., Mr. Duke, has 82 young birds on the sticks, notwithstanding his having lost nearly 20 stock pairs. He has Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, and Crests. Our old member, Mr. Winter, I hear, has about 50 Crests and Norwich, all doing well, and Mr. Carrick has a room full, of which some have shown their good quality already. Mr. Wm. Thompson, of Yorkshire fame, has about 40 of the straight 'uns doing for themselves. Mr. Richardson (Simonside), has done well with his Norwich; he has over 40 and some beauties among them. Mr. Gordon has 13 Norwich from 2 hens. Mr. Baker has 30 young, and some Mules among them, and light ones, too, while Mr. Bullock has 7 young, but owing to a late start has many eggs due to hatch. Mr. R. Thompson has 12 young Borders and Lizards, Mr. Tight 8 young, having lost 2 hens during the sitting, and Mr. Hutler, I hear, has over 20 young ones. Mr. Murrell has 20, all Norwich, but Mr. M. Woodhouse has had very bad luck with his Crests, having only a few at present. Mr. C. W. Alty, unfortunately, has lost the whole of his stock of 25 pairs through some disease. He is, however, going to make another start next year.—James Barrass, assistant sec. of the South Shields and Dis. C.B.S.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.

Being on holiday I thought I could not do better than have a trot round and see how dame fortune had been treating our members this breeding season. My first call was on the "father" of the club, Mr. J. M. McDonald. "Mac" was slow at getting a start, but is making up fast now, having close on fifty young birds. He has had quite a busy time lately hand-feeding, having no less than four nests under his care at one time. He is colour-feeding a nest of Norwich as well. He has been fortunate to get some nice Crest and Crest-bred young, and has been dreaming a lot lately about "howl" winning. He also has some nice young Norwich and Border Fancies on the sticks. He is hand-rearing some young Yellowhammers, and will stick at nothing. Mr. McQuillen has five pairs of Borders, two of Norwich, two Muling pairs (Goldfinch-Canary and Linnet-Canary), and one Hybrid pair (Goldfinch-Redpoll). He has between 30 and 40 young ones doing well; they comprise Borders, Norwich, Goldfinch-Mules, and one Linnet-Mule. He has had four fertile eggs from his Hybrid pair, but unfortunately they did not hatch out. Mr. Greenwell, who is another novice, has four pairs of Borders and two for Muling (Linnet-Canary and Greenfinch-Canary). Unfortunately he had to remove at the beginning of the breeding season, which threw some of his birds into the soft moult. But he is, nevertheless, doing fairly well, having close on twenty young Borders and Linnet-Mules. Mr. Thomas Haikney has only had eight young from four pairs. He is also trying for the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross, but up to the present there is nothing to report from this pair. Mr. W. Richardson is doing fairly well, having about twenty young from two pairs of Norwich and one pair of Border Fancies. He is also a British bird fancier, winning two firsts in this section at the Nest Feather show. Mr. J. Cox is another victim of fate. Jack only got three young birds out of the first round of eleven nests, and had to hand-feed them at that. He is not doing very much better yet, only having 16 young, but he has got three nice youngsters that are likely to cheer him up a bit when the shows come on. Mr. W. Ronald we found having some practice with an air-gun in his back yard. He has 14 pairs up, including one Hybrid pair (Goldfinch-Greenfinch). He has only 30 young—25 Canaries and 5 Goldfinch-Mules, with 6 hens sitting on good eggs. He had the misfortune to lose 25 young in one week. A Border hen has only reared 3 young out of 18 eggs, all of which were fertile. Mr. W. McGinn is having a bit better luck, and has 41 young (30 Norwich and 11 Borders) from 11 pairs. He also is having a try for Hybrids and has two pairs up (Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Linnet-Bullfinch). Mr. T. Hopkinson has only 17 young ones (9 Borders and 8 Norwich) from 7 pairs, and his third round at that. But he has the making of two or three good ones amongst his lot. Mr. J. Davidson made a poor start, but I am pleased to say he is beginning to pull up a bit now; he has 7 pairs up, and seven nice young ones, and the most of his hens are sitting on good eggs. Mr. W. Affleck, a new starter (this being his first year), is doing famously, having 18 young (10 Borders and eight Goldfinch Mules) from 4 pairs. Some of them are very promising birds. Mr. J. Roy is having the worst luck of all, and only has 5 young from 15 pairs. He has six pairs of Cinnamons, 6 pairs Norwich and 3 pairs for Crest breeding. One often reads in Cage Birds of records being put up, but the fancier who can smash this one has my deepest sympathy. Mr. Hermiston (of Heaton), has 13 pairs up, and up to date he has close on one hundred young. And this from only two rounds; he is overstocked, and does not intend letting his hens go for a third round. In fact, he has a lot of them in a dark flight for moulting. He was the winner of our members' cup at the last annual show, and, judging by what we have seen, he will be likely to do the trick again. Mr. W. Cockburn is doing fairly well with his Yorkshires, having close on 40 young from 7 pairs, and there are some beauties amongst them. He is strong in Yellows, and also has a few nice Linnet-Mules. I have personally had all kinds of luck; some are doing well, and some only "half well." Others are doing absolutely nothing. Up to date from four pairs of Norwich, four pairs of Borders, and three Muling pairs, I have forty youngsters, four of them being Mules. Two of these are from a Siberian-Goldfinch and two from a Greenfinch. I have been trying for the Siskin cross, but, unfortunately, just when my hopes were brightest, the Siskin was taken very suddenly ill, and died within a few hours.—Jas. Johnston, hon. sec. of the Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

The fanciers round here will finish up the breeding season with a fair amount of success. Calling on President Carmyllie, I was pleased to learn that he was better off than for some years; he has got some promising Scotch Fancies on the sticks, but one buff green hen stands far away from the rest having great size. It will be hard to beat after a good moult. I had a look of Mr. W. Keill's stock, and found that his usual luck has deserted him this season. He has only 11 youngsters. The one that caught my eye was a tiny Piebald hen, which would be a beauty if a little bigger. Mr. Keill has been unfortunate to lose three of his best hens. Mr. Merrilees has over 20 Fancies, some of them looking well. Mr. Chas. Muir has six, and Mr. A. Curtis has had fair success, having thirteen on the sticks and a few to hatch. Messrs. Campbell and Wilson have a dozen Fancies and also a good dark Mule. Mr. D. Ross has some nice Border Fancies, while Mr. C. Low has seven Crests and Crestbreds all looking well. Mr. R. Whitton has had fair success, with 24 Crests and Crosthreds, some of them looking well. He has also a few Border Fancies in a large flight. Mr. S. Duncan has some nice dark Mules. He had the misfortune to lose a nest of Linnet Mules, some of them being very lightly marked.—R. Whitton, sec.

Some Pleasures of Foreign Bird Keeping.

By FRANK E. BYGRAVE.

When I first started in the interesting hobby of the keeping of foreign birds (now five or six years ago), like a number of others, I was under the impression that such birds could only be kept satisfactorily in a room having an even temperature; so my first trial was with a pair of Budgerigars in a small "Crystal Palace" aviary, which I kept in the warmest room in the house. Although I found them charming pets and was able to keep them in good health by giving them an occasional opportunity of flying about in the room, I nevertheless was delighted to read an article in an early number of CAGE BIRDS, which described how these birds could be successfully kept and bred out of doors.

Building an Outdoor Aviary.

I immediately set to work, and providing myself with a quantity of wood, and also some 1½-in. quartering for the uprights, I soon had the framework of an aviary securely fixed up against a wall facing south-west. I made it six ft. high and nine ft. long; but owing unfortunately to the smallness of the yard, I could only get the aviary to a width of three ft., tapering to two ft. This was not a big place, but it was the best I could do with the space at my disposal.

One end of the aviary I boarded up, and at the other end I put a door (covered with ½-in. wire netting), making it large enough to allow anyone to get inside, if necessary. The roof I boarded over and covered with tarred felt. For perches, I fixed a number of pea sticks to the wall. Over the front of the aviary I stretched some ½-in. wire netting, leaving a small square door at the boarded end of the aviary, through which I might place the food, etc. On a shelf inside, I hung up a number of cokernut husks, and procuring some more Budgerigars from a well-known breeder, I put them into the aviary together with the pair I already had; and within a fortnight I had two nests of eggs, which in due course were hatched, the young being successfully reared.

Since then I have had many young Budgerigars reared, but I shall never forget the pleasure those two first nests gave my friends and myself. For young Budgerigars are as full of fun and frolic as kittens are, and it is one of the prettiest sights to watch them rolling and gambolling in the growing Canary grass that I keep at one end of the aviary.

Breeding and Rearing Zebra Finches.

Having been so successful with Budgerigars, I next turned my attention to Finches. I enlarged the aviary, which I boarded up at both ends, the roof being felted as before, and fitted it up with plenty of pea sticks. I also provided boxes and small German Canary cages, as well as husks for nesting places. Then I put in two pairs of Zebra Finches. Within a few days these had both selected a nesting place, and commenced building, and in a wonderfully short space of time both pairs were sitting. I was astonished at this, but even more so when, within three weeks of the time I purchased them, I heard the young in the nests. This, I should think, was nearly, if not quite, record time. At any rate, I considered it showed appreciation of my arrangements for their comfort.

I tried to get the parent birds to take soft food of various kinds to help them in feeding the young, but they refused to even look at it, and the only thing I could get them to eat in addition to their ordinary food (Canary and white and spray millet) was just an occasional peck at a cracknel biscuit. I gave them flowering grass, but they seemed to think that was best for nest making, and only occasionally did I see them eating it.

But although reared principally on seed, the young were perfectly strong and healthy, and were very delightful little creatures. To see them dart after the parent birds, put their heads down sideways and their beaks up, and literally yell for food (a noise out of all proportion to their size)—is a sight worth seeing. It is worth seeing if only for the opportunity of noticing the absolute impartiality of the old birds, for each of the young ones is fed in turn.

Experiences with Cutthroats, etc.

My next venture was to purchase a pair of Cutthroats, and although I did not buy them until late in August, in a few weeks they had lined a cokernut husk with hay and feathers, and were sitting on four eggs. Only three of this clutch hatched out. One of the birds was thrown out of the nest when but a few days old, the other two (a cock and hen) being successfully reared. I found the Cutthroats took readily to soft food, which I made of powdered Osborne biscuit and ants' eggs mixed, and made crumbly moist. They also ate dried ants' eggs when these were scattered on the ground.

The next nest this pair reared came out of the nest in the middle of January, and although the weather was bitterly cold at the time, neither the old birds nor the young seemed in the least affected on that account.

Quite recently, having a fine young cock Cutthroat without a mate, I procured a hen red-headed Finch, thinking perhaps they would pair and produce some interesting Hybrids; but although the hen evidently wanted to nest, she would have nothing to do with him. So after a week or two I procured a proper mate for her, and before the day was over they had paired and had taken possession of a husk nest. The next day they began nest-making. One egg was laid, but this was broken, and the nest was then abandoned.

A few days later they commenced another nest. This was on the 26th August last, and by the 31st they had settled down again, and I heard young in the nest on the 14th September. I tried several kinds of soft food for them, but they did not appear to touch it, although I found that the hen would eat some dried ants' eggs. I continued to supply it in the hope that the young would take to it as they grew older.

I also had a most interesting "pair" consisting of a cock Nutmeg and a hen Masked Finch. These soon became on perfectly friendly terms always perching together and preening each other's plumage, but I had them too late to expect any result last season. I found my birds to be so well placed that they seemed regardless of the weather, and I have quite ceased to be surprised at any arrangements they may make for adding to their number.

Two very pretty inmates, a pair of White-headed Nuns, have made no attempts at breeding. They are quiet, inoffensive birds, and appear to be perfectly hardy. The cock bird is continually singing, but although, looking at the open beak and throbbing throat, one would expect great things, the result is almost ludicrous, reminding one of the noise of a child's toy bladder with a tiny little trill at the end.

Mates for the Budgerigars.

Seeing it stated somewhere that Thrushes might be kept with Budgerigars, and having a very tame young Blackbird which I had reared from the nest, I thought I would turn him in with my Budgies. Things went splendidly for some little time, but one day I found "Jack," as he was called, very busy trying to extract nutriment out of one of the large green caterpillars, the larvæ of the privet hawk-moth; he was evidently enjoying his meal. But he was no longer a safe companion for the Parrakeets, for shortly after, on hearing a tremendous racket in the aviary, I found him making cruel little dabs at them with his powerful beak. Possibly he regarded them as "larger editions" of the same insect off of which he had just dined. Of course, I quickly caught him and caged him separately. Bullfinches, I find, get on well with Budgerigars, and a pair that I kept with them successfully reared a couple of nests of young. I never once found the Budgerigars interfered with them.

There is one thing the aviary keeper must avoid if he wants good results in the way of breeding, and that is overcrowding. The second season I had my Budgerigars I had six pairs, which were quite two pairs too many. I also unfortunately put the nests too close together, but the birds seemed to agree so well that I thought it would be alright. And so it was until the young were about a week old, when the old birds seemed to get jealous of one another, and there was incessant quarrelling. So much so, that the young got neglected and the whole number died. Many of them crawled out of the nest and fell to the ground.

In conclusion, I must say that I have found foreign bird keeping to be a most fascinating hobby, and one which is well worth the little trouble and care required in its management. It also affords a deal of pleasure to one's friends, for there are few people who are not interested in seeing birds kept under what are, as nearly as possible, natural conditions. I have also found that foreign birds more than pay their way, and one has an occasional surplus which is very useful in procuring fresh specimens.

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CITY of Bradford O.S. held another of their series of members' shows on Saturday afternoon last, when about 60 or 70 birds were staged. These were judged by Mr. James Hartley, who had a nice afternoon's work sorting out the winners.

BRADFORD (East) O.S. also held a members' show, at which Mr. H. J. Chittenden officiated as judge. In all 66 birds were put down, some of them being real gems, and many of these the property of the novice members, and will probably give a good account of themselves when they get into the open shows—in fact, I look forward to seeing a good few new exhibitors from this society.

THE Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. held their meeting to allot patronage on July 25, a good round number of members putting in an appearance for this important part of the society's business. The discussions were very lively and interesting. Details of the allotment will no doubt be found in the secretary's report in another column.

MR. G. Boucher, of Lincoln, had a day's outing amongst the Bradford birdy men on Saturday last, and he considers them jolly fellows, who do not take their disappointments sadly. He came expecting to see some grand Yorkshires, and I think he was not disappointed.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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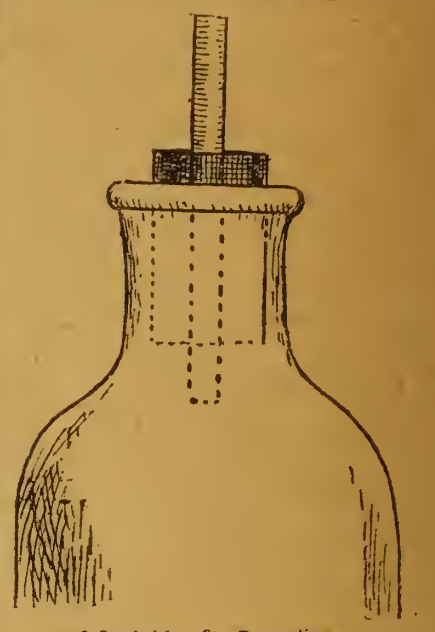
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A RED-MITE EXTERMINATOR.

Sent by Hy. Pettit.

I have for many years used benzoline, and I find it "dead" on the mites. And it is quite harmless to the Canaries. I enclose a sketch of the bottle to show how I use it. Make a hole through the cork of the bottle and put a quill through it. After using some of



A Sprinkler for Benzoline.

the benzoline put a sound cork into the bottle or the spirit will evaporate. I run the bird into another cage and then turn the cage upside down and well soak it with the benzoline. I find it a good plan to use it before I begin breeding, so that when the birds have eggs or young I can use it, and they will not forsake their nests, as they are then used to the smell.—HY. PETTIT.

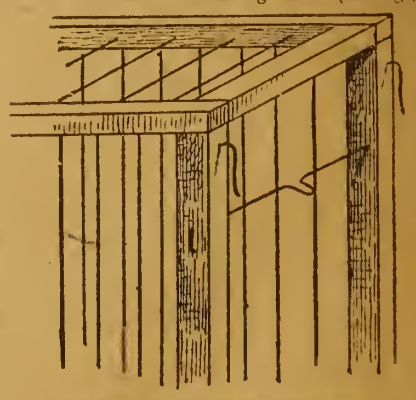
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AN ATTACHMENT FOR BATH CAGES.

Sent by J. W. Dolzell, 40, Campbell Street, Oldham.

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An Attachment for Bath Cages.

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A Jackdaw in Bad Company.

Down in Essex there lived a farmer who had a Jackdaw which was allowed to fly about the house. One day it noticed that some Rooks were eating the corn which had been sown, and it went and joined in the feast. When the farmer saw them he fired at them with a gun, and afterwards found that he had shot his pet Jackdaw. It has been lame ever since. And now, when it sees any Rooks feeding, it calls out, "Bad company, bad company."—Sent by Arthur Rider (age 13), 30, Terminus Road, Brighton.

A Playful Chaffinch.

When my father goes away at all, I feed his birds for him. My favourite is a pretty Chaffinch. The Canaries require egg food for their young. One day I thought my favourite would like a little egg, and on my opening his cage-door to give him some, he dashed out and flew about the room for nearly an hour. I tried in vain to catch him. Judge of my pleasant surprise, however, when he flew straight into his cage with a merry "Pink, pink." He seemed as pleased as I was. And my father, instead of scolding me, only laughed when I told him.—Sent by Tommy Boxson (age 9), Old Cross Keys, Mary Gate, Nottingham.

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A Last Round.

It may appear a belated reference to go back to any question of nesting now. There is, however, still a last chance of mating up for a nest of Mules this season. It is generally well known that the Goldfinch, more so, perhaps, than any other Finch, is a late breeder, and that there are specimens which it is utterly useless to mate up for breeding purposes before the end of June or sometimes even in July.

Such specimens are to be met with every year, and if it so happens that such a bird has been running occasionally with a hen Canary which has in consequence been—kept from breeding save for a nest of "Sibs" in the spring, and is now in good, hard condition with no sign of approaching moult upon her, she may safely be mated to the Finch at once upon his becoming suddenly fresh and ready for breeding in July.

But one must not procrastinate. As soon as the Finch is keen and fresh let the birds be mated, so that they may get to work without loss of time. Then you will secure a fair chance of the young being out of nest before the hen drops into moult. In these cases the seasons are likely to overlap a little and the hen to begin to cast off stray feathers before the young are quite able to do with but little help from her in feeding. But as a rule she finishes them off alright, and then the moult progresses very rapidly, which is a distinct advantage rather than the reverse.

The Goldfinch also will usually drop into moult as soon as the hen has gone to nest. Indeed, the freshness of his condition is as one might say just a flicker before the onset of the moult; hence the necessity for availing oneself of the opportunity that has failed to present itself earlier in the year.

Preparing for the Future.

Writing of Muling recalls a useful hint which is most opportune just now for the Mule-breeder whose aim is to produce the long-sought-after light-Mule. Now that the bulk of the season's breeding may be passed under review, one should make a careful note of all the young birds bred by each hen.

If a few light feathers are to be found consistently running through the young bred from any particular hen, with an occasional splash of light colour, that hen should certainly be reserved for next year, and a nest of young taken from her with a closely-related cock bird. These should form the nucleus of a strain of light-Muling hens, to be bred from and tested in the same practical manner each season until one has a strain that can with some measure of reliability be depended upon to come as near the desired object as can reasonably be expected.

Discarding and Keeping.

When the offspring of any particular hen are found to be dark all through, with perhaps only an occasionally light feather or two on a single bird, that hen may be discarded for any future use without any qualms. True, if she breed good, large birds, of nice shape, and rich blaze and wings, she may be a very useful specimen for a breeder of dark-Mules, but to a would-be light-Mule breeder she is worse than useless. Worse, because there is practically no chance whatever of his ever reaching his goal with her, nor yet, probably, with any of her daughters. The time, too, that is wasted in trying to get a light-Mule from her might be far more profitably employed upon more promising material.

Each year at the end of the breeding season this same crucial test should be applied to each hen that has been used for Mule-breeding, even after one has been working at making a strain of light-Muling hens for some time. It is the only really scientific way of ultimately attaining the object one has in view, as it is absolutely impossible to look at a hen and make a tolerable guess at what she is likely to do in this line of breeding.

In Readiness for Moulting.

One hears so much just now of the inconvenience caused to some stocks from the ravages of insects that it will be well to point out to the young fancier whose stock may be suffering from these pests that the interval between the breeding and moulting seasons should be filled in with drastic efforts to eradicate the pest as thoroughly as circumstances permit.

It may not be convenient or desirable to turn out the room as one would do for a spring clean, but much may be done of lasting benefit to the birds without going so far as this, and there is a real necessity for some effort to be made. If the matter is allowed to slide now it will be discovered when too late to remedy it that it will have a decidedly detrimental effect upon the birds whilst moulting, and in some cases the double strain will be too much for them.

Thus, as soon as all the pairs are broken up, one should supply a bath with a little essence of quassia in it three or four times in a week, and at the end of that time remove the birds to clean cages; and having removed the dirty cages from the room; and having well cleaned and disinfected the staging or the place where the cages have stood, and the adjoining wall, fix up the clean cages for the birds to moult in. Of course all fanciers do not own a double stock of cages, but where this is the case or where one has a special set of moulting cages, the work is greatly simplified, as the moulting cages can then be cleaned and got ready for use at convenient intervals; and when all are ready the exchange can be carried out at once, as it will only be necessary to remove the dirty cages so as to avoid bringing them in contact with the clean ones. Transfer the birds to the clean cages, and scrub down the staging with hot soap suds, into each gallon of which a couple of tablespoonfuls of turpentine should be stirred. Finally, clean down the walls, etc., and as soon as the staging is dry fix up the clean cages.

Other Methods.

Where a sufficient number of cages is not available for this method to be carried out, a little scheming will still allow the exchange to be made at intervals, even though not a single spare cage is at hand. In the latter case it will be necessary to transfer the birds from two or three cages into a single large flight. Clean the empty cages, staging, etc., and then replace them in position and draft the birds from the same number of cages into them whilst another batch are being cleaned.

Needless to say the whole stock should be gone through as quickly as possible in order to avoid an extensive migration of inhabitants from the dirty cages into the clean ones whilst the work is in progress. To avoid this as far as possible, it is a good plan to leave a small space between the clean cages and the dirty ones, and lay along it a piece of twisted rag well moistened with paraffin or turpentine, which will go far to prevent any mites crossing the boundary.

Still, it must not be supposed that this plan will be entirely effectual in preventing invaders getting into the clean cages, as it will not, but it will be sufficiently effectual in making a very great improvement in the stock and in enabling the birds to come through the moult better and stronger for the extra comfort enjoyed during the process.

(To be continued).

One of the Rarer Ducks.

The Scaup duck derives its name from its habit of feeding among broken shells, which are called scaup. It also frequents the oyster and mussel beds. It is a winter visitor to these shores, and some years the number of them is greater than in others. It is a late arrival, seldom making its appearance until the end of October or the beginning of November. In rough weather in the spring, small flocks of these Ducks arrive on the coast, and may frequently be seen at mouths of rivers. It is common in Iceland, where it breeds among the aquatic herbage and stones near the edge of the water.

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Destroyers of Insects.

Where the smaller Warblers such as Chiff Chaffs, Willow Wrens, and Whitethroats, can get at the rose trees, they keep them quite clear from insects. These birds have a habit of peering underneath the leaves, and, no doubt, it is the tiny caterpillars that they mostly find. When the old birds are feeding young ones, we see them time after time hunt through the trees and underwood, returning to the nest with food, without once touching the ground. They keep at this all day long, and must, during the time of rearing a brood, destroy some thousands of insects. When passing along a hedgerow or by the margin of a wood, one can often hear the noise made by the young ones whilst they are being fed. If these sounds are followed and a sharp lookout is kept on the old birds, the brood can frequently be located. When the young have so far advanced that in a few days they will be ready to leave the nest, the old birds in many cases are not so careful as they might be. It is just possible they are beginning to get tired of their tasks, and, having reared the young so far, imagine them to be perfectly safe. I have seen a Warbler bring food to the young when I and others have been standing within a few feet of the nest; and, what is more, she must have known we were watching her every action. Unfortunately such trustfulness is not always repaid as it should be.

A Graceful Shorebird.

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Golden Orioles' Nesting.

The Golden Oriole has again been seen in the south, and a pair or two have nested with us. Although shy and very wary birds, their brilliant dresses of bright yellow and black are much against their ever becoming common. Such birds fraternizing with our Thrushes and Blackbirds in the gardens and woods, would give a glow of colour to wild life, and add another object of beauty to the country side.

In the Hayfield.

The Warblers and Finches are busy among the rows of new-mown hay. Insects love heat, and the hot sun shining upon the somewhat moist hay causes an atmosphere in which small insects of all kinds revel. The wild birds are quite aware of this, and almost every row and haycock has its feathered searcher after trifles. The nesting birds may be seen making frequent journeys to the hedgerow, and back again to the field. No doubt the Finches find seeds in plenty. In this beautiful summer weather it is good to sit in the shade and watch the doings of the birds.

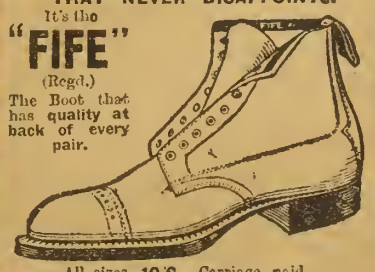
The Crimson-Breasted Linnet.

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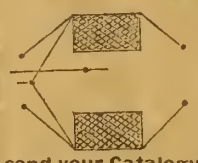
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CLUB REPORTS.

HEYWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Half yearly meeting held at Central Dining Rooms on July 28th, Mr. James Perry (President) in the chair. The balance-sheet for the First Feather Show was read and accepted, and the prize money was paid. The election of four committeemen for the next twelve months took place, and resulted in Messrs. W. Ridings, James Booth, J. Waddington, and C. Pregnall being elected. It was afterwards decided to hold a question night at the next meeting, questions to be asked and answered by the members.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. O.S.

At the last meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the wife and family of the late Mr. Dan Hope, of Hull, who was so well known to local fanciers, and who has rendered valuable services to our society. The schedule for our open show was duly passed, and consists of 30 open classes and ten members', the latter being made up of four Canary classes, four British bird classes, one mule, and one for foreign birds. Special prizes are coming in well, and these should be the means of securing a very large entry. The society are already making preparations for a big turn out, and have many willing workers. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Pepper for his services as judge in connection with the table show held prior to this meeting.—MOORE AND CROWSTON, Hon. Secs.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held on August 1st at Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. There was a good attendance. The special business of the meeting was the consideration of a letter from one of the leading specialist clubs, asking whether or not we would care to take on their club show this year, in conjunction with our annual open show, November 20th and 21st. The matter having been thoroughly discussed, it was unanimously decided that we intimate our willingness to accept the club show and the secretaries were instructed to write to them to that effect. The scale of prize money for the open show was then gone into, and it was decided that we again give four money prizes in each class, as follows:—1st, 10s.; 2nd, 5s.; 3rd, 3s.; 4th, 2s.; with a special prize of 2s. 6d. for most points in each class. A discussion on the various disinfectants used when washing cages was then opened, and was taken part in by Messrs. Farrar, Swan, J. M. Walker, Copeland, and A. Walker, who imparted much useful information to the other members present.—REID and MADDISON, Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

At the meeting held on August 1st a fairly large number of members attended, the president, Mr. J. Naden, being in the chair. We decided to give our patronage to the following shows: Rochdale O.C., Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, Littleborough, and Crystal Palace. These were the shows at which our members will compete for points medals. Only four birds are to be nominated for the L.C.A. specials, as this will give all an equal chance. Novices must put "L.C.A.N." behind their nominations. We think this next show season we shall see a revival of Lancashire's on the show bench. With such a well-known authority on Lancashires as Mr. Barrass as judge at Rochdale Town Hall Show, and with good judges at the other shows, there should be some bumping entries. It must rest solely with the exhibitors whether the Lancashires get good entries. Other societies will give us classes in future years. We also decided to have a die made for medal, as the impression on it is a very good one, and will make up well. We decided to hold our next meeting at the Boar's Head, Stockport, on September 12th as we have a few members about here.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in Station Hotel on July 30th. Mr. Wm. Ronald in the chair. The secretary read a lot of correspondence from specialist clubs, etc. One of them was from Mr. T. C. Crawhall resigning his membership of our association as a protest against the severe penalty inflicted on him by district No. 1 Committee of the Cage Bird Union for showing two birds at a non-licensed show. This caused a bit of discussion. After hearing the report of our C.B.U. delegate, Mr. J. M. MacDonald, who was present at the district meeting, the members unanimously refused to accept Mr. Crawhall's resignation, and are of the opinion that the district committee might have taken a more lenient view of the case, seeing that it was a first offence. It was intimated that we had been successful in securing the patronage of the following specialist clubs:—The Northern Norwich F.C., the Northern Crest Club, the Northern Y.C.C., and the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. We have added a Yorkshire class for novices (open) to meet the requirements of the N.Y.C.C. novices. This makes seven classes in all. We are still progressing, and made four new members at this meeting; Messrs. John Dobbie (Byker), C. B. Wilson (Tynemouth), and John Swan and Thos. Sowerby (Wallsend). Fanciers will receive a hearty welcome to any of our meetings. If by chance the gentleman who wrote me wishing to join our club should see this announcement, would he kindly send me his name and address which he omitted in his letter. His letter bore the North Shields post-mark, July 1st. There is a treat in store for us at our next meeting when Mr. Jas. Shepherd (Newcastle) will lecture on something seasonable, the subject to be announced in CAGE BIRDS later on. The secretary moved a vote of thanks to our district delegate, Mr. MacDonald, for his lucid report on the No. 1 District Committee meeting.—JAS. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

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THE SHOWS.

DEWSBURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second young bird show of the season was held on August 1st at headquarters, Royal Hotel. Five classes were provided, all of them Yorkshires. Though the entry was not large the quality on the whole was excellent, several birds of superlative merit being benched. Mr. A. Bottomley (Leasterdyke) judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Pickering. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Pollard; 3, Hall. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Ibbotson. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, Ibbotson; 2, Taylor.—N. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

The members held a very successful table show on August 1. Three classes were provided and 31 birds were entered. There was a grand turn out of visitors. Mr. Swan was first and third in Mule or Hybrid class with his two Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids of his own breeding. They are both very nice birds, and look like turning out toppers. Mr. W. Hamilton judged, and gave every satisfaction. BORD.: 1, spl, 2, McKinley; 3, Murray. BRIT.: 1, Clarkson; 2, Pollock Bros.; 3, Sinclair; 4, spl, Thomson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 3, Swan; 2, Clarkson.—J. POLLOCK, Sec.

BINGLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Members' show held in the Assembly Rooms on August 1st, when 45 birds were staged in four classes. Mr. R. Halliday placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. For the members' cup (with three highest birds to count) Messrs. Smith and Son were easily top scorers, scoring 56 points out of a possible 63; 2nd, A. Livesey, 40; 3rd, W. Walton, 34.

CL. YELL. (12): 1, Booth; 2, 3, Wade; 4, Smith and Son; vhc, Walton; hc, Oddy; c, Denby. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Holmes; 2, hc, Oddy; 3, Walton; vhc, Smith and Son; c, Holt. TICKED, ETC., YELL., GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, Smith and Son; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Holmes; 4, Walton; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Wade; c, Barker. BUFF (11): 1, Townley; 2, 4, Smith and Son; 3, Livesey; vhc, Holt; hc, Hardacre; c, Wilkinson.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting, held at the Hall of Science, when there was a table show. Mr. Pepper (Hull) placed the cards very satisfactorily. Mr. H. E. Stubbs presided.

NOR. YELL. (Champions): 1, Moore, sen. BUFFS: 1, 3, Moore, sen.; 2, Stubbs; vhc, hc, Robinson. NOR. YELL. (Novices): 1, Metcalf; 2, Moore, jun. BUFFS: 1, 2, Metcalf; 3, vhc, hc, Moore, jun. NOR. (Novices never having previously won a first prize): 1, Good; 2, Cotterill; 3, vhc, Anglins. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Saddler; vhc, Moore, jun. FOR.: 1, Moore, jun. Special for best Canary given by Mr. Moore, sen., was won by Mr. Metcalf. Mr. Moore's birds did not compete. Special for most points in Brit. last two shows, a copper kettle, was won by Mr. Saddler; he also won special for best Brit. Special for the most points at last three shows was won by Mr. Moore, sen. This was given by Mr. Harness. It is worthy of special mention that he has taken all the eight first prizes at recent shows, under three different judges, and must be congratulated on his success.—MOORE AND CROWSTON, Hon. Secs.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

This show was held in the Assembly Room, Oldham-street, Renshaw-street, Liverpool, on July 25th. The usual classification was given, and there were about 70 odd entries. The quality in the Yorkshire Greens was very good, and there were some birds of extra fine colour and type. There were also a few eye-openers in the Norwich Greens, which will with luck make a name for themselves and their owners later on. A few real tip-top clear and ticked Yorkshires were benched. A small sprinkling of typical Borders were shown, and here and there one could be seen with a slight tendency towards either diminutive Yorkshires or Norwich. These Borders possessed fine quality of feather. Owing to the earlier youngsters having gone into moult, and the second round not being so prolific as usual, or the third round birds old enough, the members were handicapped from turning out in force as they could have wished. Several classes were amalgamated, and some were cancelled with one entry. They have the birds, but these circumstances prevented their being on view at the show. Close on 20 valuable specials were offered, part for the champions and part for the novices. There was a general good fellowship among the members, and the Altrinchm members of the G.C.A. were made heartily welcome. The secretary is Mr. Hadwin, who, with his official staff, are deserving of much credit for their able management of affairs. It speaks well for the life and energy being put into the G.C.A. to know that this association has "buried the hatchet" with all parties, so that the Greens will again be seen all over the country in turn. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and we heard no serious grumbling after the results came out.

YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (10): Clinking good lot, and not a bad one in them. 1, Hunt, wonderful bird for size, length of leg, upstanding type, and grand deep sound colour right through; 2, Davie, smaller, more breedy and stylish, full of colour, well up and clean through, good dark markings; 3, Ryno, lovely body, type, and deep sound colour, not too big; vhc, Atherton; hc, Hughes; c, Hadwin. BUFFS (10): Very level lot all through; 1, Davie, marvel for size, colour, and type, very sound level colour all over it, the stamp to build up stock with; 2, hc, Weston, smaller, fine type, dense colour, nice style, good legs and markings; 3, vhc, c, R. Atherton, fine pair of useful birds, nice, level, sound coloured birds. YELL. WING OR TAIL (5): 1, Hughes, foul tail, fowing with real grass-green all over it, capital quality of feather and condition; 2, Isaac, lively type, in very tight condition, and stylish; 3, Fox, good colour and type, nice feather, good legs; vhc, H. Atherton. BUFFS (2): 1, Gore, foul wing, well up in size and colour, good type, in fine feather; 2, Hadwin, on the small side, but a good bird. YELL. (Green to Predominate) (5): 1, Hughes, capital colour, well drawn, clean in type, very tight in condition, good one; 2, Ryno, also very smart; 3, Walker, grand stamp for type; vhc, R. Atherton, fine colour, clear breast and part of saddle. BUFF: (3): 1, 2, Fox, 1 best colour and type, in grand condition; 3, Davie. NOR. GREEN, SELF YELL. (5): 1, hc, Walker, large, fine head, shoulder and chest, deep sound colour, fine condition, promising useful youngster; 2, Ryno, very cobby type, nice colour, full of quality; 3, vhc, Hadwin, fine bird, 3rd just beaten to-day in condition, will improve, good level colour. BUFF (4): 1, Walker, full standard size, rare good type and colour, in fine plumage; 2, Ryno, thicker type, nice level colour, a real Nor. Green; 3, vhc, Hadwin, right stamp, beginning to show for the moult, handicapping the young bird a little. YORKS. GL. YELL. (3): 1, R. Atherton, large, long, and well drawn out, fine style and carriage, well up; 2, Hunt, very fine quality of feather and condition, neat head, good contour right through; 3, Eccleston, grand type, quality, and condition. BUFF (3): 1, 2 Atherton, neat pair, first has it in all-round condition; 3, Eccleston, stylish and close up. TICKED, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Atherton, 1st very slim and stylish, full of breed, clean cut away, tight as a Java, in condition; 2nd, cinn., tick., grand type, very neat in feather and carriage, fine quality; 3, Hunt, breedy beaten only in quality and condition a little; vhc Eccleston; hc, Gore. BORD., CL., ETC. (3): 1, 3 Hadwin, clear, clean out away, rare wings and tail a fine bird throughout; 3rd, well-known ticked wing, young, winner recently, looking fit as any, real typical Border; 2, Gore, tick on head. BORD. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hadwin, 1st foul tail; 2nd a self, both real gems, in splendid condition, 2nd lovely wing and tail carriage; 3, Isaac, nice feather and condition; vhc, Gore; hc, Walker. BUFFS (3): 1, 2, Hadwin, leader real little gem of a Cinnamon Border, in very perfect feather and condition; 2nd, neat Green bird; 3, Isaac, nice type and condition. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hughes; 2, Hadwin. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Weston, grand blaze, good body colour, moderate moonings, nice size; 2, Hadwin, real cobby Britisher, nice shape, blaze, grand wings, well mooned, broad yellow bars. Special prizes: Best champion Nor. Green, Walker; Novice Yorks. Green, Davie. Most points, champions: 1, Hadwin; 2, Ryno; 3, Hughes; 4, Walker; 5, Hunt; 6, Gore; and 7, Isaac. Novices: 1, Atherton; 2, Davie; 3, Weston; 4, Fox; and 5, Eccleston.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

A very successful Members' Show was held on August 1, when over 40 birds were staged in six classes. M. F. Widdop (Howarth) judged, and gave great satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, vhc, Tidswell; 3, 4, Goodwin; hc, Cooper; c, Firth. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, 4, Dykes; 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Tidswell; c, Cooper. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, spl for best bird in show, 3, hc, Dykes; 2, c, Taylor; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Firth. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Dykes; 4, Taylor; vhc, c, Goodwin; hc, Tate and Day. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Taylor. HEAVILY VARIEGATED: 1, Cooper; 2, Taylor.—E. SHEPHERD, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Second members' First Feather Show of Canaries, etc., was held at the Talbot Hotel Assembly Rooms, Halifax, on August 1st. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, giving satisfaction. The entries came up well, reaching just 100. Mr. Cundall won special for best young bird in show with a ticked Buff Yorkshire.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Dunn; 2, Saville and Hargreaves; 3, vhc, Garside; hc, Priestley; c, Whitaker. BUFF (11): 1, Cundall; 2, Sykes; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Womersley; hc, Hirst; c, Townsend. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Haigh; 2, Ellis Bros.; 3, Walsh; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Hanson; c, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, 3, Cundall; 2, Walsh; vhc, Hanson; hc, Ellis Bros.; c, Lloyd. CINN. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hirst; 2, Simpson; 3, Ellis Bros. BUFF: 1, Burdekin; 2, Tidswell and Greenwood; 3, Mann. CL. YELL. NORWICH: 1, 3, Mottram; 2, Ball; vhc, hc, Murgatroyd. BUFF: 1, Greenwood. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, 2, Mottram; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Helliwell. YORKS. GREEN (10): 1, 2, Fielden; 3, Murgatroyd; vhc, c, Townsend; hc, Sykes. VARIETY (Darker than Light) (15): 1, Burdekin; 2, Tidswell and Greenwood; 3, c, Haigh; vhc, Ellis Bros.; hc, Ball. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Mottram; 3, Simpson.—J. F. THACKRAY and H. WHITAKER, Secretaries.

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DEVIZES.

A show was held on July 22nd under the auspices of the R.S.P.C.A. Cage birds made a fine and attractive section. Mr. G. F. Billett (Reading) judged. Mr. W. King had charge of the arrangement of this section, and right well he carried out his duties.

CANARIES: 1, Spratt's spl for best Canary in show, Underwood, an excellent bird, deserving of honour conferred on it; 2, 4, Bolland, 2nd a good all-round specimen; 3, Miss Billingham, another nice exhibit; vhc, Brown; hc, Beaven; c, Mrs. Trinnell and Portch. PARROT, ETCs: 1, Gundry; 2, Nott; 3, Brown; hc, Mrs. Rose and Miss Thomas. A.O.S. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, hc, Mrs. Mackay.

NEWABBEY.

This annual show of cage birds was held in connection with the Horticultural Society in the Oddfellows' Hall, Newabbey, on August 1st. The secretary, Mr. W. McDonald, was the right man in the right place, and did his best to please all concerned. The entries in this department were very small, but the quality was excellent. Mr. J. Hannay (Maxwelltown) made the awards.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (any colour): No entries. BEN: No entries. BORD. FCY. CK., CL., ETC. (3): 1, McCredie; 2, Calderwood; 3, Marchbank. BEN: 1, McCredie. CK., ANY OTHER COL. (3): 1, Marchbank; 2, McCredie; 3, Calderwood. BEN (3): 1, Calderwood; 2, McCredie; 3, Marchbank. NOlt. (2): 1, Rome. MULE (4): 1, 3, Crosbie; 2, 4, Rome. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, McNellie; 2, 3, 4, Rome. BRIT. SONG BIRD (3): 1, McNellie; 2, 3, Rome. SELL: 1, Rome.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual Young Bird Show held in the Crown Mission Hall, July 29. All the classes were well filled, and the quality of the exhibits was excellent. The tit-bit of the show was an extremely handsome medal for best bird, which caused some friendly strife, and was ultimately carried off by Mr. A. Smith (Lochiel Arms) with a promising dark Crest, possessing good size and density of feather. The hall is an ideal one for a small show, being well lighted from top and very lofty. The staging was admirably arranged, and through the untiring efforts of the Secretary, Mr. A. Urquhart, and his assistant, Mr. J. Batchen, everything was in spick and span order in good time. Mr. J. Young judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CREST (6): 1, 4, A. Smith, former yellow, dark crest, good size and type, fair skull, nice texture feather, shou'd improve; latter dark C.B. of good quality and size, good head and length of feather; 2, Tibb, buff, C.B. of good size, but shade narrow in front; 3, Stanford, yell. variog., C.B., fair size and head. PLAINHEAD (10): 1, 2, Stanford, 1st model for type, nice colour, in rare bloom; 2nd, yellow, close up; 3, Mackenzie, yellow varieg., best bird in class for size and colour, but minus a claw, or would have been further up. BORDERS (2): 1, 2, W. and R. Duncan, former yellow, very fair type and colour, should improve; 2, beaten in wing carriage only. YORKS (6): 1, Todd, correct type, slim and straight as a pencil, good colour and stands well up; 2, 4, Smith, 2nd, another well-shaped one, about right size, should greatly improve with a little handling; 4th, fair, looks like a very young one; 3, Mackenzie, colour fed, good size and type. HYBRID (3): 1, Tibb, dark Goldie-Canary, well up in size, and fair colour, pity has a few light feathers; 2, Duncan Greenie-Canary, good-sized yellow, very promising bird, colour food would work wonders here; 3, Dorward, Lintie-Canary, small, but neat.

CAMBRIDGE.

On Bank Holiday, August 3rd, a really fine show of cage birds was held in connection with the Mammoth Exhibition, usually held on Midsummer Common on that date. The day was an exceedingly brilliant one, and the result was that a vast assemblage of holiday makers visited the grounds and passed through the tent set apart for cage birds. This section is usually very attractive, and at Cambridge it proved no exception to the general rule. The show was held under the rules of the C.B.U., and, considering the time of year, the birds shown were generally in commendable trim. Mr. W. Driver is the hon. secretary, and to him is due a large measure of the credit for the able management of affairs. The heat of the tent at one time was very oppressive, but the steward of the department, Mr. A. E. Brooks, was both thoughtful and energetic, and as soon as judging was over did his level best to alleviate matters by judiciously opening the tent sides and admitting air. Considering the enormous throng of sightseers who passed through the tent, its capacity was not large enough by half. What would many London societies not give to obtain such a "gate" as must have passed the turnstiles to obtain admission to the grounds on which this show was held. Mr. J. Robson judged under circumstances which bespoke for him deep and general sympathy.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Howe, very smart bird, rare shape, good colour, full of quality; 2, Handley, bonny bird of pleasing tone of colour, close-fitting jacket for time of year; 3, Cooper, a bird of quality; vhc, hc, c, Brooks. BUFF (8): 1, three spls, 2, hc, Brocks, winner a Buff, marked wings and one eye, rare chubby body, nice head, a rare good bird; 2nd, another chubby chap, filled position well; 3, Victor-Williams, variegated, bird of type and character, fine shape Norwich; vhc, Handley; c, Cooper. NOR. 1908 (13): 1, Prudon, sweet youngster, possessing fine silky tone of feather, good shape, very promising; 2, Handley, also fine quality, failed only in being a trifle pinched in head; 3, Handley, very similar; vhc, Ison; hc, Allen; c, Cooper. CREST OR C.B. 1908 (5): 1, two spls, 3, Brooks, leader clear bodied youngster with dark veiny-feathered crest of good formation; 3rd, grizzle, not so massive but neat; 2, vhc, Mayhew, former smart nearly green Crest-bred that handles well; hc, Mitchell. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, two spls, Gifford, neat, stylish, and well shown; 2, Handley, hotter colour, just a trifle less stylish, but very nice; 3, Mitchell, nice bird; vhc, hc, Linsey. BUFF (6): 1, cup, vhc, c, Livsey, winner full of character, rare quality of feather, well deserving of honours; 2, Bishop, full of go, gets up well, nice formation; 3, Mrs. Brooks, well placed; hc, Moore. YORKS. 1908 (6): 1, Wall, stands well, nice shape and quality; 2, spl, vhc, hc, Linsey, nice quality, fine style; 3, Bishop, close up, bird of nice tone of feather; c, Gifford. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, Mitchell, clear body, dark crest, wins nicely, smart bird; 2, Brooks, nice specimen of Dutch Frill, well posted; 3, Brooks, cinnamon, of merit; vhc, Linsey; hc, Brooks; c, Wall. SELL. (15/-) (11): 1, spl, Handley; 2, Brooks; 3, Barnes; vhc, Blank; hc, Bishop; c, Rowles. HYBRID (9): Mr. Ward sent two and scored 1st and 2nd and spl, leader well-known Redpoll-Bully, still holding well together in jacket; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, also well known; 3, Brooks, light Goldie-Canary, showing full signs of the "happenings of the season"; vhc, White; hc, Handey; c, Brooks. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, Barnes, face chestnut, bars and buttons, a treat; 2, Rowles, also rich flush face, very uniform, and nice in colours; 3, Hinson, we missed; vhc, Cousins; hc, Blank; c, Brooks. BRIT. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Mitchell, beautiful breast colour, rich glossy poll; 2, Wilmot, Finch, wo much admired; 3, Bishop, yet another; vhc, c, Howe; hc, Williams, a nice class. BRIT. LINNET (6): Better in quality than in numbers; 1, spl, Howe, very rich and very sweet; 2, Cocks; 3, Westrope; vhc, Lambert; hc, Hinson; c, Linsey. GREENFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, Howe, well known, and well posted, a clean sweep, much admired trio; vhc, spl, Brooks; hc, Cocks; c, Linsey. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, Howe, need no comment; 3, Frost; vhc, Chapman. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (11): 1, Fowell, very small specimen of the Snow Bunting; 2, spl, Linsey, Lapland Bunting; 3, Cocks, we missed; vhc, Lambert; hc, Smith; c, Howe. MACAWS, ETC. (7): A grand class; 1, spl, Daw, magnificent specimen of the Blue and Yellow Macaw, well shown; 2, Miss Jones, splendid African Grey Parrot, in beautiful feather; 3, Stubbings; vhc, Millsom; hc, Timacus; c, Moore. A.O.S. FOR. (9): 1, Howe; 2, 3, c, Timaeus; vhc, Millsom; hc, Davies. It was practically impossible to get near this class, so great was the crush. BRIT. A.S. MEMBERS (6): 1, Mitchell, rattling Goldfinch; 2, 3, vhc, Linsey, a smart Chaffinch and a nice Hawfinch respectively; hc, McQuanie; c, Williams.

SOUTH SHIELDS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' First Feather Show (including British and Foreign birds) was held at the Eureka Hotel, Frederick-street on July 29th. Fifteen classes received 80 entries, which was not quite as many as expected, owing to the most prominent members' birds having gone into moult. Still, if entries were not so good the quality was quite the best seen at this fixture. Mr. Jos. Richardson put down a strong team of Norwich, and won special for most points in classes 1, 2, 3, 4. The second special was won by Mr. Wm. Duke for most entries, and third special went to Mr. Walter Smith with a fine Parrot for best bird in last five classes. Some fine exhibits were staged by Mr. M. Woodhouse, including a Great Grey Shrike, Waxwing, and Indian Shama. Many local fanciers paid a visit to the show, and everything went well. The arrangements were well carried out by Messrs. Thompson, Howden, Baker, Telford, Alty, Bennett, Bullock, Carrick, and others. Messrs. Duke and Barass, the secretaries, were there doing all they could to bring the show to a successful issue. Mr. John Gilhespy judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Richardson; 2, Carrick; 3, Murrell; hc, Newton; c, Duke. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, Thompson; hc, Murrell; c, Duke. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Carrick; 2, Hutler; 3, vhc, hc, c, Duke. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Hutler; 2, Carrick; hc, Thompson; c, Duke. CINN. YEL.: 1, 2, 3, Duke. BUFF: 1, Duke. CREST: 1, Duke; 2, Newton. CREST BRED: 1, Newton; 2, 3, Duke. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Duke. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Steele. LINNET: 1, Hutler; 2, Carrick; 3, Murrell; vhc, hc, Howden; c, Mackey. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Murrell; vhc, Baker. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Telford; 2, Mackey. SOFT-BILLED: 1, 2, Woodhouse, 1st Waxwing; 2nd, Great Grey Shrike; 3, Carrick, Thrush; vhc, Telford, Wagtail. FOR.: 1, W. Smith, Parrot; 2, Woodhouse, Indian Shama; 3, Gilroy, Saffron Finches; vhc, Howden, Weaver.

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ROYSTON.

This show was held on August 3, in connection with the Horticultural Society, in a field, on the Newmarket Road. It proved a great success. Entries came up well, competition being keen, and the quality of the exhibits good. The winning Norwich is a good bird, having fine type and colour. Also the winning Goldie, though showing a little guttering in blaze, was of good size and colour. Mr. Billett judged.

NOR. (13): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Moss, winner clear yellow, nice type and quality; 2nd variegated yellow, rare type and full of colour; 3, Pedder, Buff, nice size and colour; extra 3rd, Ison, buff, good head, nice blocky type; vhc, Atlee; 2, hc, Coote, Hoig; vhc, Pedder; a real good o'ass. CAN. OR MULE (10): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Moss; winner light Goldie-Canary, but moulting; 3, big bouncing Greenie-Canary; 2, Muncey, Goldie-Canary; hc, Pigment; hc, Day. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Muncey, real good Finch, shows a little guttering in blaze, but a fine bird nevertheless; 2, 3, vhc, Moss, three good Finches, close up; hc, Smith; hc, Muncey. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, 2, Moss, winner sweet little Siskin; 2nd, good Missel Thrush; 3rd, Stamford, Greenfinch; hc, Wilkin, Muncey. FOR. (4): 1, spl, 3, Day, 1st Australian Magpie, fluent talker, very interesting, and in fine condition; 3rd, good Amazon; 2, Falaher, splendid African grey in tip-top condition, talking all day. LOCAL CLASSES, A.V. CAN.: 1, two spls, 2, 3, Atlie, winner clear yellow, nice type; 2nd, good buff; 3rd, variegated buff. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD (10): 1, spl, Barnard, Goldfinch; 2, Smith, Bullie; 3, Muncey, Greenfinch, vhc, Riddle; hc, Rayment, Dillar.

NORTH SUBURBAN SOCIETY (Australia.)

The thirteenth annual show of the North Suburban Canary Improvement Society was held in the Town Hall, Brunswick, on the 18th June, and remained open till the 20th. The hall was prettily decorated with plants, festoons of green leaves, and flags. The Mayoress of Brunswick (Mrs. A. Dick) opened the show in the presence of a large number of ladies, as well as many fanciers of the sterner sex. The Mayor and Mayoress were introduced by the president (Mr. C. Meaker). The president of the Crest Club presented the Mayor and Mayoress on behalf of the N. Suburban Society, with a Canary and cage, nicely decorated with tartan ribbon, and made an eloquent speech on the strides the society had taken of late, also saying it gave him pleasure to speak to such a large assemblage of ladies and fanciers. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. G. Whaley and Mr. G. Ward. The secretary, Mr. C. F. C. Rose, and his energetic committee were worthy of praise for the way the show was carried out. The show embraces close on 600 exhibits of Canaries, and cage birds, and among the latter are many talkers, including a Rosella Parrot, over 21 years of age, belonging to Mr. W. Stevens. The North Suburban Society is a progressive association, embracing most of the leading "feather" fanciers of the State, and its annual fixture is an important event. In the Crests the Roberts Cup (an English donation) was won by Mr. J. White, while the challenge cup was won by Mr. W. H. Stevens. The chief honours in the open classes fell to Messrs. G. Whaley, W. H. Stevens, J. Wales, S. Chambers, H. Hagg, A. B. Mason, and P. Very. The Crestbred Challenge Cup was won by Mr. G. Whaley. In the Plainhead division, Mr. T. H. Co'e won the challenge cup, while Messrs. J. White, Warner and Rose, G. Whaley, C. Schifferdecker, O. Ward, and T. Cole, were on top in the classes. In the Cinnamons there was a good display, and the challenge cup was won by W. Thompson, the other principal prize takers being Messrs. S. Davis, A. Windsor, H. Kilner. The Yorkshire Cup was won by Mr. W. J. Myring, while in the open classes chief honours fell to Messrs. Windsor, C. Boston, W. T. Linton. In the Lizard classes, P. Very and W. T. Linton were conspicuous. There was a beautiful show of foreign and Australian Finches.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Frazer; 2, Miss Knight; 3, Windsor. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Boardman. AUSTRALIAN FINCHES (Pairs): 1, 2, 3, Boardman; 1st with a pair of masks; 2nd, Bichenos; 3rd, Parsons. FOREIGN: 1, spl, Boardman, green Singing Finches; 2nd, Parrot Finches; 3, R. McKenzie, pair of Parrot Finches. COLLECTION: 1, spl, 2, Boardman; 3, Dukes. DIAMOND FINCHES: 1, Alford; 2, 3, Boardman. STAREFINCHES: 1, Boardman. CARDINAL: 1, Boardman. WEAVERS: 1, 2, 3, Boardman, 1st Golden, 2nd Orange Bishop, 3rd, Whydah. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Alford; 2, Williamson. A.O.V. SINGLEFINCH: 1, 2, Boardman, 1st Pope, 2nd Cuckbroat; 3, Alford, Bloodfinch. COCKATOO: 1, Hull; 2, Mrs. Coy; 3, Rose. ROSELLA: 1, spl, Mrs. Shergold; 2, Windsor; 3, Drayton. AUSTRALIAN PARROTS A.V.: 1, Cambie; 2, Mitchell; 3, Mrs. Shergold.

CATERHAM.

Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of the hon. secretary of the Caterham F.S., Mr. A. J. Kilby, the members have commenced to hold young stock shows as a means of increasing the interest of the members and the public. The first was held on July 27th in the large room at the Railway Hotel. The response in entries was by no means disheartening for a first attempt, some excellent quality Norwich being staged. This might have been expected, as Mr. A. J. Kilby holds a strong hand in this variety. He put down a fine team, and secured all four premier honours and the special. The leader was a slashing yellow with rare body, fine head, and rich quality; 2nd, sweet bird, that should, with luck in the moult, stand well at the autumn shows, said to be the Reigate winner. Messrs. Botell and F. Topp also sent some very nice Norwich, and staged them well into the bargain. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and at the close made a few comments on the specimens to the large and interested audience.

MACCLESFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The fourth annual First Feather Show was held on July 11th in the Assembly Rooms, Chestergate, when it was opened by the Mayoress, Mrs. Oldfield. There was an excellent entry, the quality of the birds being all that could be desired. The judge was Mr. A. G. Davis, who placed the cards to the satisfaction of all.

YELL. COPPY, TKD., ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Lee. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Lee; 2, vhc, Riseley. YELL. P.H. (3) 1, 3, Lee; 2, Riseley. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Lee; 3, Bracegirdle. GOLD LIZARD C.C. (3): 1, spl, 2, Holland; 3, Hall. SILVER (3): 1, 2, 3, Holland. SILVER B.C. (3): 1, Hall; 2, 3, Holland. NOlt. CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Broadhurst; 2, Lee; 3, Freeman; hc, Hall; c, Barber. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Barber; 2, Snape; 3, Oliver; vhc, c, Lee; hc, Freeman. TKD., ETC., YELL (4): 1, Lee; 2, Barber; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Hall. BUFF (9): 1, c, Lee; 2, Barber; 3, Broadhurst; vbc, Oliver; hc, Hall. YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Clarke; 2, D. Bradley; 3, Lunt. BUFF (3): 1, D. Bradley; 2, A. Bradley; 3, Clarke. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Wright; 2, A. Bradley; 3, D. Bradley; vhc, Clarke. BUFF (4): 1, Clarke; 2, D. Bradley; 3, Wright; vbc, A. Bradley. GREENFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Lunt; 2, vhc, Cross; 3, Broadhurst. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, Cross; vbc, Broadhurst. MULE OR A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Cross. Novice Section.—NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, c, Wallworth; 2, Collis; 3, vhc, hc, Bracegirdle. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Bracegirdle; 3, Howard; vhc, Herbert Hall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Herbert Hall; 2, Collis; 3, Badham; vhc, Howard. BUFF (9): 1, Howard; 2, Badham; 3, Herbert Hall; vhc, hc, Bracegirdle; c, Wall worth.—F. BROADHURST, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Young Bird Show was held in the King's Head Hotel, Stanley, on July 25th, when Mr. W. J. Taylor (Newcastle-on-Tyne) judged, giving every satisfaction. There was a splendid entry, there being close on one hundred. Although it was rather late in the season for showing birds in their first feather, the quality of the exhibits was exceptionally good, especially in the Norwich, Borders, and Yorkshires. The show throughout was a great success, the exhibits being of a good quality. The judge, although his task was a hard one, gave great satisfaction to all concerned, and a good feeling reigned amongst members. During the afternoon the show was crowded by fanciers. The worthy secretary is Mr. Matt. Mason, who, together with the committee, worked with zeal and energy from beginning to end.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Atkinson Bros., four nice birds, well staged, and of rare quality. BUFF: 1, 2, Mason, two nice birds in good in feather; 3, Crosby, another good one; vhc, Murray, splendid bird. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Fletcher, two clinkers of rare size and nicely shown; 3, vhc, Potts. BUFF: 1, 3, Bentick, winner real nice bird of exceptional feather; 2, W. Fletcher (Shield Row), failed in size; vhc, Blyth. CREST: 1, spl, Elliott. BORD., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, S. Elliott, very neat, hard up, easy winner; 2, vhc, J. H. Elliott, nice quality, good type; 3, Lewins. BUFF: 1, vhc, J. H. Elliott, grand once, real model; 2, S. Elliott, lovely bird of right stamp; 3, Lewins, ran second closely. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Crosby, two nice birds of grand quality; 2, Mason, clinker, nicely shown; vhc Boyd. MULE: 1, 3, Fletcher, two nice ones, will improve; 2, Mason, splendid size, good colour; vhc, Boyd. LINNET: 1, Crosby, real good one, nice size and markings; 2, W. Elliott, ran winner close; 3, Fletcher; vhc, J. H. Elliott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Humphrey, lovely bird, rare blaze and colour; 2, Fish, very steady, nice shape; 3, Fletcher, grand one; vhc, Boyd, real nice one. BULLFINCH: 1, Murray, real model all over; 2, J. H. Elliott, clinker, splendid size, failed only in condition; 3, Fletcher, nice bird; vhc, Boyd. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Mason, two real nice ones of grand stamp; 3, Hunter, ran second bird close; vhc, Boyd. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, W. Elliott, three lovely birds of grand quality; vhc, Slater, nice one, good condition. Mr. W. Fletcher won special for most points in show.

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BEAUMARIS AND DISTRICT A.S.

The fifth annual show was held on August 3rd. The weather was grand for the occasion, and there were many visitors. Mr. T. P. Jones, the indefatigable secretary, is to be congratulated on his able management of affairs, and the society itself on the success of the show. The awards in all sections were made by the Rev. O. K. Williams.

YORKS. (4): 1, 2, W. H. Williams; r, T. Owen. NOR. (7): 1, 2, W. H. Williams; r, R. Williams; hc, T. Owen. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jones; 2, Lewis; r, R. Owen. BRIT. A.O.S. (1): Nolan, good Greenfinch.

TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held on July 25th in the Town Hall, when about 100 birds were shown. Mr. Wells (Erdington) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Brown and Colloby, 1st lovely colour, fine size, full of quality; 2nd, nice quality, not quite so good in colour; 3, Lawton; 4, Barber. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Allsopp, nice bird with plenty of substance and good wing carriage; 2, 3, Brown and Colloby. BUFF NOR.: 1, Kitchin, rare quality, good wing carriage, nice head, plenty of substance; 2, 3, Brown and Colloby; 2nd, short cobby bird, good head; 4, Clempson. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, Hatton, splendid head, nice colour, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Kitchin, 2nd nice cobby bird. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Steventon, lovely marked bird, splendid quality; 2, 3, Spencer, 2nd cinnamon marked, of good quality. BUFF: 1, 2, Steventon, beautiful bird, splendid quality; 3, Clempson. ROLLERS: 1, Machin; 2, 3, Brown and Colloby. MULE: 1, Hatton; 2, Clempson. BRIT.: 1, spl, Kitchin, splendid Goldfinch, good blaze, well mooned and buttoned; 2, Clempson, fine Greenfinch; 3, Hatton; 4, Betteridge.—G. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

WATERHOUSES AND ESH.

Held August 1st. The cage bird classes were not very well filled, but contained some nice exhibits, and were a great attraction. The show was well managed, the secretary, Mr. Sillett, being an excellent official. Mr. B. Walker judged.

NOR.: 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd good shape and quality, feathered like wax, might have a first card; 3rd, not quite so tight in feather, but fine head; r, Davidson and Boyd. YORKS.: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright, yellow ticked, a gem, well known winner, needs no comment; 2nd, a yellow, nice length, well known winner, both grand birds; 3, r, Wilcock; 3rd nice feather; r, on same lines. BRIT.: 1, 2, Foster, good Wheatear, in splendid condition, steady as clock-work; 2nd, Bunting, nice markings and steady; 3, Wilson, nice Goldfinch, fine face, bars and buttons; r, Davidson and Boyd. BROWN LINNETS: 1, Davidson and Boyd, nicely pencilled, grand brown back, wins well; 2, Heslop, very steady; 3, Wilson, another good bird, fine breast markings, well worth its place. FOR.: 1, Brunskill, nice blue Tanager, very steady and in grand condition; 2, Wilson, nice Budgerigars in fine form; 3, Davidson and Boyd, very good Siberian Goldfinch, well-known winner, pressed hard for a higher place.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

SKINNINGROVE.

Contest held on August 1st, when some fine time singing was done, eight birds out of the 12 singing nearly the full five minutes. 1st and 2nd, Hodge; 3rd, Rawson; 4th, Jackson; 5th, Porritt; 6th, C. Canby; 7th, Havelock; 8th, Fox. On July 25th: 1st, Garner; 2nd, Havelock; 3rd, Jackson. On July 18th: 1st, Havelock; 2nd, Whelford; 3rd, Burnett. On July 11th: 1st, Havelock; 2nd and 3rd, Hodge. July 12th: 1st, Havelock; 2nd, Hodge; 3rd, Jackson. —M. DOBSON, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Usual week-end contest held on August 2nd, when 32 birds sang for three good prizes. 1st and 2nd, Towers; 3rd, Sellers. Judges, Messrs. Allen, Jackson, and Jennings.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on August 1st, when the judge was Mr. Summers. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, Stead. 32 birds sang. Also a contest on August 2nd, when 41 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers and Cooper; 1st, Stead; 2nd and 3rd, Hardcastle.—J. E. HEPTON, Assistant Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kingswood.—August 26th.—Judge, Mr. W. H. Manley. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close August 19th to W. R. S. HILL, 2, Downend-road, Kingswood.

Bird Mimicry.

A curious case of mimicry in birds is recorded from a place near Rio Janeiro. It is that of a species of Sparrow Hawk, which upon migration into another district assumes the plumage of another species of insectivorous habits. It is suggested that this is done with the object of deluding small birds into the belief that it is harmless in character.

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It is not advisable to encourage the old birds to nest after the month of July. When backward, some pairs are tardy in commencing, and in that case naturally continue beyond the ordinary stopping stage.

Late breeding is a severe strain on the old birds, if they commence nesting in March, but cases arise in every bird-room where a start is not made till the beginning of June. In such cases it would not be wise to separate the pair at the usual time, say at the end of July, as the hen would go on laying even though alone.

Rearing and Moulting.

Rearing should be comparatively easy in July. Chickweed in certain districts is then very plentiful, and both the old and young thrive well on it. As to the breaking up of the pairs, no hard and fast rule can be laid down. Each breeder knows his own stock, and should be guided by his good sense.

Moulting generally commences in the middle of July, and it is then that the weaknesses in both the young and old birds are discovered. The birds hitherto regarded as being strong and healthy, often break down with some ailment. Hence the absolute necessity for keeping a watch on the condition of every bird. Wherever there is the slightest appearance of a decline in health, apply one of the various remedies recorded each week in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. It is at this stage that the importance of keeping both old and young birds healthy is most felt.

A bird in full health will shower off feathers, and in a very short time will appear in new garments. Most young birds start moulting at the age of eight weeks, and the quicker they pass through it the better. Every care should be exercised during the moult. They should not be kept in a draughty place, but in a cosy (not too warm) quarter. A promising bird which is likely to distinguish itself on the show bench should be kept alone in a fair-sized cage.

A moderate use of the bath assists the moult, and bathing utensils should be placed at the disposal of the birds in the early part of the day. A bright day should be selected for this, so as to enable the birds to dry themselves and avoid sitting down with wet feathers.

A little egg and biscuit mixture should be given daily, but the staple food at this stage should be Canary seed, and a little German rape of the very best quality. On Tuesdays and Fridays a little saffron should be given in the water; it helps to give lustre to the feathers, and is very beneficial. A moderate supply of ripe chickweed can be given. This is very acceptable, but care should be taken not to bring on diarrhœa.

On Covering Cages.

In July, August, and September the cages should be covered with fine, white muslin to keep the birds clean and tidy. A capital idea is to have a double set; one set can, while the other is in use, be taken off and plunged into hot water for the purpose of destroying the red mite that have taken refuge in the cloth. Birds that are protected by muslin moult cleaner and come out with a better finish, which is a great consideration in a show Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary. A bird intended for exhibition should occupy a clean cage, and special attention should be bestowed upon it, always having tidy perches and seed boxes. Train a Scotch Fancy Canary to be cleanly, and it will keep in a good condition.

A slovenly bird, no matter how excellent its quality, has not the same chance of success in competition as the tidy, smart bird, with every feather clean, and in its proper place.

A piece of sulphate of iron, the size of a split pea, should be put into the drinking water three times a week for the purpose of toning the birds up. It will otherwise be found to be beneficial. When using this sulphate the glasses should be kept scrupulously clean, or they will become tarnished, and never have the same clean appearance which they had at first.

When the birds are breaking into the moult, condition is of far greater importance than is generally supposed. If birds are to pass through that trying ordeal successfully they must be in a vigorous state of health, otherwise the moult will be tardy, and every fancier knows what that means. The birds must be well kept and well fed. Should any appear to be disposed to be light, I think nothing picks them up better than egg and biscuit mixture one day, with say five drops of best olive oil, and the next day bread soaked in milk which has been boiled. Continue this alternately for say two or three weeks. There is a life-giving power in sterilized milk.

Young birds can, as a rule, forage for themselves at four weeks old, and so soon as they can they should be left to their own resources. The egg should be gradually reduced and the biscuit correspondingly increased. Crushed hemp should also form a part of ordinary diet, as it helps to get the birds on to Canary seed.

The bath is, in my opinion, given too soon as a rule, resulting in chest and other troubles. I have entered bird-rooms late in the afternoon and have seen young birds literally soaked, and seemingly overpowered by the drenching they have had. It has been quite impossible for them to get sufficiently dry in feather to admit of their roosting comfortably. Needless to say, such a condition of things incurs the risk of the contraction of dangerous troubles. Young birds as well as old ones should only have the use of the bath in the morning or early forenoon, when the weather is bright.

Should a bird's feathers be slow in drying and clinging together, it should be caught and the feathers gently rubbed with a piece of silk, finishing up by grooming the feathers in the direction in which they grow. On being released it will shake itself, and in a very few minutes will be alright. The bath is beneficial, but caution has to be exercised in its use.

An Important Point.

A debatable point is, should the owner or his friends spend much time in the breeding-room? I think it is wise to let the birds have a little company, but care should be taken not to let your company interfere with the breeding operations. Some birds are very shy and will not feed when a person is in the room.

In some rooms fanciers congregate on a given occasion and smoke and talk, forgetting the mischief they are doing in depriving the young of their life-giving food. Whenever a bird is seen to stop feeding when a person enters the room, it should not be disturbed, but ought to be left alone, to attend to its duties. Some hens will, however, feed when a person is standing looking at them; they are not all shy.

Drinking glasses should be kept scrupulously clean, and fresh water supplied every morning. It is most important that they should have the best of water that can be procured for drinking purposes.

(*To be continued*).

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TWITTERINGS.

On Barton Broad a white Swallow has been seen disporting himself recently with others of the usual dark blue and white fraternity.

From a lawn in an Ealing garden, on July 28, a resident there watched a large Hawk sailing and hovering among the high-flying Swallows.

Kindly note my change of address from 1, Musk Court, Whites Grounds, London, S.E., to 102, Abbey Street, S.E., writes Mr. W. Burring.

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B. reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. Wynn, and shows a cash balance of £31 16s. 1d

Our meeting which should have taken place on August 3, writes Mr. Stephen H. W. Baker, Hon. Sec. of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., has been postponed till August 10.

Members will please note that owing to the annual holidays, there will be no meetings held during August, writes Mr. F. E. Holden, Hon. Sec. of the Bury and District C.B.S.

The tenth annual young stock show of the Enfield F.A. is to be held on August 26th in in the Cecil Road Schools, Enfield Town, when Mr. R. G. Lewis will judge. Thirteen classes are provided for cage birds.

In your notice of Australian Birds at the Zoo, writes Mr. Wesley T. Page, I note you say that the Whip bird is the first imported. This is an error, as Mr. R. Phillips, of Shepherds Bush, possessed this species several years ago.

Members of the British Roller Canary Club, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, the Hon. Sec., will please note that, owing to the holidays, there will be no meeting this month. The club is hoping for something good at the next meeting, in September.

The committee intend holding a young stock show on August 26th (writes Mr. Thos. Mills, Hon. Sec. of the Enfield F.A.), and they invite all young fanciers and novices to join, as we have no deck sweepers to take all the prizes. Membership is open to a 15 miles' radius, the annual subscription being 2s. 6d.; there is no entry fee. For particulars and schedule fanciers should apply to me at 83, Gordon Hill, Enfield.

OBITUARY.

J. JUDSEN (St. Helen's).

I regret to have to inform you of the death of our highly esteemed chairman, Mr. J. Judsen, which took place on Saturday last, August 1st, after a short but painful illness, writes Mr. J. Shufflebotham, hon. secretary of the St. Helen's Recreation F.A. The funeral took place on August 4th in Eccleston Churchyard, amid much sorrow and regret. There was a large attendance of workpeople and gentlemen of the town and district. Representing our Association were Dr. Siddall (vice-chairman), Messrs. J. Grice, J. Leather (treasurer), R. Little (assistant secretary), and myself.

It is interesting to look at the very good illustrations of exhibition birds, with their faults, etc., which have recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and to see the way they are judged in England, writes Mr. A. G. Broadman (North Fitzroy, Australia.) The Goldfinch plate was very useful out here for the judge of our show, as I know the article was very judiciously read, and he went by all the points, which has never been done before.

The success of the recent Marathon race in connection with the Olympic Games was largely due to the assistance rendered by the helpers, who were mounted on Rudge-Whitworth bicycles, 17 of which were kindly lent by Messrs. Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd. Many of the riders in the cycling events rode Rudge-Whitworth mounts, and the same makers' machines came in first in the 1,000 metre and the 2,000 metre tandem races.

The pair of Thrushes that for two seasons built a nest in an old hat which had been put up to scare away the birds in the garden of Archdeacon Edmondes's residence at Bridgend, returned to build in the same spot this year, but found that for the ecclesiastical head covering of the Archdeacon had been substituted a soft felt hat belonging to the gardener. Being no respector of persons—or hats—the pair built their nest in it quite contentedly.

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Mr. J. Robson, who judged at the Cambridge Mammoth Show held on August Bank Holiday, did so under circumstances which bespoke for him deep and general sympathy. On his arrival at the show a telegram was handed to him, telling him that within half-an-hour of his leaving home his son, a bright, promising lad of 15 years, had passed away. Death came only after a long and painful illness.

The South European large-billed Reed Bunting (*Emberiza pyrrhuloides palustris*) was shot on Romney Marsh, in Kent, between Rye and Lydd, on May 26, and is a new addition to the British Bird list. This bird resembles our common Reed Bunting, but may readily be distinguished therefrom by its vastly greater beak. There can be no doubt about the authenticity of this specimen, since it was exhibited at the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club by Mr. J. S. Nicoll, who saw the bird soon after it had been killed. This is the first occurrence of the Buntingin the British Islands, and it must have wandered from Southern Spain or Italy, where it is a common species.

Pity Dick.

Teacher: "Johnnie, give me the name of a bird that is now extinct?"

Johnnie: "Dick."

Teacher: "Dick?" What sort of a bird is that?"

Johnnie: "Our Canary. The cat extincted him."

New Secretary at Llanelly.

Our esteemed secretary Mr. J. Simon, with the regret of all the members, has resigned the position of secretary, writes Mr. Daniel John. At the same time he willingly agreed to take office as assistant secretary to me, I having undertaken, at the unanimous wish of the society, to act as secretary for the next show.

Cinnamon Canary Club.

The following shows have received our patronage:—Great Harwood, October 9 and 10; Accrington, October 23 and 24; Manchester, October 30 and 31; Blackburn, November 6 and 7; Nottingham, November 14 and 16; Sunderland, Novembed 20 and 21; National (Crystal Palace), February 5-9. Messrs. G. Beck, Blackburn, and J. E. Davies, Stockport, have been elected members. All cages are to be painted inside with Aspinall's Hedge Sparrow Egg Tint.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec., Cinnamon C.C.

The Hooter Hooted.

A ludicrous incident recently occurred in the Cranes' paddock, near the old bridge in the North Garden of the Zoological Gardens, it is said. A string of barges was being towed down the Regent's Canal, and the men in the towboat found that the signals from their hooter were answered by the loud trumpet-like notes of a Common Crane. This amused them greatly and they continued the performance till they passed out of sight and hearing. The bird became excited, and throwing its head back emitted its loud, shrill cry as if in response to the challenge of a rival. Its behaviour attracted the attention of the visitors, many of whom watched the singular performance.

Swallows Defeat a Squirrel.

The wife of Mr. J. Bamford, of Oldfields Hall, Uttoxeter, reports having seen a fight between two Swallows and a squirrel. Inside the summer-house in the hall grounds a pair of Swallows have built a nest. Mrs. Bamford has encouraged the squirrels to frequent the summer-house by scattering nuts on the ground. A day of two ago she saw a squirrel trying to oust a Swallow from the nest, which now contains young. The bird fought pluckily, and her mate assisted. The squirrel, however, was winning when both birds suddenly flew away, and, returning immediately with large reinforcements, attacked the squirrel again, eventually driving it off.

Crested Canary Club.

As the support to be accorded to Societies will be decided this month, I beg to invite, through the medium of your valued journal, all applications to be made forthwith. As the two ten-guinea bowls have during the past four years been competed for in the West, South, Midlands, and East, it becomes the opportunity of the North, and although a quantity of applications are already to hand, I am anxious to submit an increased list from which the committee may select. To obtain the Club's support, no less than two classes must be provided for Crests and two for Crestbreds, and the club recommend an addition of current year classes. Novice classes, one for Crests and one for Crestbreds, have also proved remunerative in the past.—JOHN TYSON, Hon. Sec., 169, Sloane-street, London.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

At a special meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on August 1, the club's patronage and support was granted to the following shows, viz.: Challenge Cup Competition to Great Harwood, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Gateshead, Scottish National, Bradford City, Shipley, Laisterdyke, Bradford (West), Huddersfield and Crystal Palace. No. 2 Competition, Ramsden Cup and Money Specials, Dulwich and Peckham, Rochdale, Eccleshill, Harrogate, Keighley, Great Horton, Windhill, Halifax, Bradford (East), and Crystal Palace. No. 3 Competition, Sandiford Cup, for members outside Yorkshire, Accrington, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Worcester, Plumstead and Woolwich, Long Eaton, Cockermouth, Darlington, and Crystal Palace. Will members please notify any change of address, also fanciers desirous of becoming members please forward names and addresses for inclusion in the club's year book (in course of preparation.—JOHN GREAVES, Hon. Sec.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

I cannot say that I am doing well with my Norwich Canaries (two cocks and three hens), having only nine young ones to date. Two of the hens, however, are sitting again. I have six pairs up for Hybrids—Bullfinch-Greenfinch, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, Redpoll-Greenfinch, two pairs Linnet-Bullies, and Yellowhammer-Canary. But I have had no young from them so far, the young from quite a number of eggs having died in the shell. I am, however, hoping for better luck from the next round. Mr. Samuel Dean, my partner in British birds, has also five or six pairs up, but so far has had no luck—plenty of eggs, but no young. Except, I should mention, from the Goldfinch-Canary pair, but these have also died.—P. JOWETT (St. Horton).

City of Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C.

Our members' breeding results are poor as regards numbers, but I hear a whisper that there are a few good Norwich on the east side of the city. I hope this is a correct report.—A. SOUTH, assistant secretary.

Bo'ness and District O.A.

I stated a few weeks ago that Messrs. Grant and Sneddon had bred a Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. It is now on the sticks and doing well—a nice, large, bold bird. Since then they have been fortunate enough to breed another one from the same pair, which will be on the sticks in a few days, it also being a nice, large bird. With care in moulting, these two ought to do something on the show bench later on. Messrs. Grant and Sneddon have also some very good young Plainheads which are now well on the colour-feed. Messrs. McGregor and Boyd have been fortunate enough to breed two Hybrids from the Greenfinch-Bullfinch, although the first nest contained 5 eggs, 4 of them fertile; but these failed to hatch. This time she again laid 5 eggs, 3 being fertile, and 2 of them hatching. I think this is a record, 7 eggs being fertile out of 10 laid. The Bullfinch is nesting again; let us hope the whole clutch is fertile this time. The 2 Hybrids at the time of writing are over a week old, and are doing well, being exceptionally large for their age. If they only have the good fortune to rear them right, these breeders ought to do something startling later on. They have also some very fine Linnet and Goldfinch Mules on the sticks. Mr. T. Scotland has also done well in Mule breeding, having bred some fine Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, and Redpoll Mules. Mr. J. Meikle has bred a few good Plainheads, which are now well on the colour-feed. The rest of the fanciers in this district have only done fairly well.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY, hon. sec. of the Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.

Loanhead, Dalkeith and District.

I have now visited most of the members of the Loanhead and Dalkeith District Society, and find that their results vary a good deal. Some I find have done very well, and others quite the opposite. But I am pleased to see that Scotch Fancies are gaining ground in our district, as we have four new breeders of this variety this year, and they have all managed to rear two or three for our club shows. Taking this variety for the year as numbers go, there should be close on 70 youngsters ready to do battle for their owners. The Norwich compare very favourably with those of last year, having a total of 92 youngsters. Borders still have a very firm hold, and I have no doubt that many a great winner will be seen both at Dalkeith and Loanhead shows out of a total of 455. Mules are more plentiful this year, and at the time of writing I have 20 Mules reported to me, so I think we may look forward to a hard fight in all sections in October. The following is a list of members' results:—Wm. McAdam and Wm. Masterton (Lasswade), 4 Norwich and 18 Borders, and 13 Borders respectively; A. Sinclair (Rosewell), 10 Norwich, 10 Borders, and 2 Mules; G. Harper (Bonnyrigg), 30 Borders; R. Fisher (Bonnyrigg), 2 Scotch Fancies and 12 Borders; J. Noble and D. Noble (Bonnyrigg), 12 Scotch Fancies and 13 Borders, and 6 Scotch Fancies and 6 Borders respectively; A. and J. Thompson (Newton Grange), 104 Borders; H. Beveridge (Newton Grange), 3 Mules; A. M. Gardner (Newton Grange), 6 Norwich; J. Carson (Easthouses), 15 Scotch Fancies and 19 Borders; J. Sinclair, J. Steel, A. Rowe, and J. Ewing (Dalkeith), 16 Borders; 34 Borders and 3 Mules; 2 Scotch Fancies and 20 Borders; and 14 Borders respectively; J. Pearson, R. Johnston, Bros. Nisbet, J. Bolton, and J. Kerr (Musselburgh), 41 Borders, 31 Norwich and 2 Mules; 12 Scotch Fancies; 8 Borders and 3 Norwich; 2 Borders and 13 Norwich; and 6 Norwich respectively; J. King (Deantown), 3 Scotch Fancies; A. Jardine and J. Allan (Polton), 2 Scotch Fancies; and 1 Scotch Fancy and 2 Mules respectively; J. and D. Yule (Loanhead), 5 Scotch Fancies, 2 Norwich, and 24 Borders; D. Small (Loanhead), 2 Scotch Fancies and 12 Borders; Wm. Nelson (Loanhead), 43 Borders; and W. B. Smart (Loanhead), 2 Scotch Fancies, 12 Norwich 4 Borders, and 7 Mules.—P. SINCLAIR (Loanhead).

The Rare Tree Sparrow.

The pretty Tree Sparrow is somewhat rare in the British Islands. It mostly frequents old trees, a favourite haunt being the pollard-willows by the banks of streams and small rivers. In some eastern countries it takes the place of our House Sparrow, and may be seen in the streets, and about the house-tops

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*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage). W.P.B., A.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embaukment-rd.). C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Crowston, 9, Chantrey-lane). J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables).
*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent** (G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro'-rd.). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley). J.C.B.
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.). J.R. and R J H.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns). T.McC., O.H. W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B , and J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.
Oct. 28 and 29.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzeni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). O.G., W.M., and W.H.V.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.
*Oct 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whitby-rd , Fallowfield).
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Wand, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.) J.R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J. McA., J.McL., and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B S.** (R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W H S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.).
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idalioe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent). J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhouse, 123, High-st.)
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthenshire** (Fred King, Friar's Cottage).
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., T.T , A.G , and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Craven, 37, Whingate-avenue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.), C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.). T.D. and R J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9. **Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (C. Draper, 1a, Wilton-st.).
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Bodmin).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown).
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. H Wright, 35, London-rd.). J.Hr., W.V., and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.** (A. Hitchings, 69, Mynydd-rd., Landore, near Swansea). J.B.E. and C.H.
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Woybridge and Dis. F.S.** (H. E. Parrott, Grove-place).
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs) J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon). J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** (J. Hibbert, jun., Milton-rd.). C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow and West of Scotland** (R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive).
*Nov 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Heathcote, 199a, Fishergate). P.R., W.M., and DrH.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 60, Neptune-rd.). W.P.B., J.F.D. and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Emmett, 39, Gorsey-lane). H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett** (W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21, Park-rd. Durham).
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-st.) D.H., P.Mck., A.C. and P.P
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** (A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell). J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham** (G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside). W.E.G., W.V. and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 9, Barrow-st.). J.H.P.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickering, Hill-street). J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Fallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitchaven C.B.S.** (J. Ferguson, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Pool-fold). H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (H. Clegg, 200, Hollings-road.) A.A.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.)
Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.C., A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
*Nov. 21.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.). W.M.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** (Alex. Urquhart, 86, Telford-road). P.P., W.S., and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (B. Kirke, Sidlesham Villa, Chichester-rd.).
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 43, Dixon-st.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. C. Sholedice, 117, Strand-rd., Sandymount, Dublin). R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.Mc.L., A.Mc.F., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J Mn.
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (Turner & Barker, 7, Bonsall-cottages). J.R. and J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham). J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk , and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (G. F. Hardcastle, 63, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer).
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdock, 9, Burnside-st.)
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane).
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station-st.). J.B and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.). J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr , 57, Bonnygate).
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 6, Providence-terrace). J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd).
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. P.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., G.E.W., and J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (T. Vose, 120, Morley-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.), T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Bromburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.).
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh). J.T., J McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G , A.H., Ax.C., F A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Tompkinson, 61, Maitland-st.).
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Milom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.)
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Simon, 12, Tyrfran).
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.).

(For Key to Judges' Initials see page 53.)

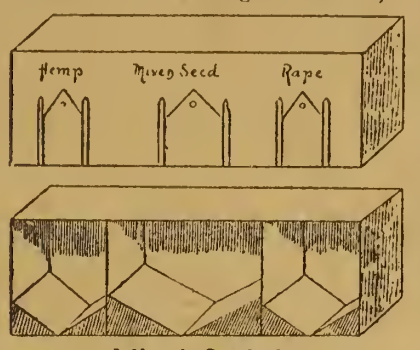
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 229.
A HANDY SEED BIN.

Sent by T. H. Davies, 12ta, Walton Brook Road, Liverpool.

I send you a sketch of a box that I keep my bird-seed in. Almost any box from the grocer (cost, a penny) can be converted into such with very little trouble. It can be hung on the wall, or

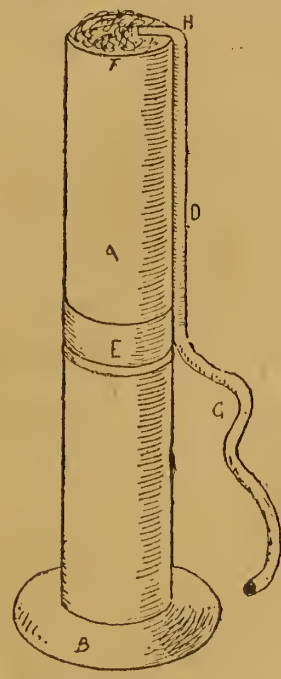


A Handy Seed Bin.

put on a shelf, and keeps the seed free from dust, mice, etc. My own has three partitions, one for rape, one for hemp and one for mixed seed. The seed is taken out by lifting either of the slides in front. The inside of the box is sloped, as seen in the second sketch, to allow the seed to fall to mouth of slide.—T. H. Davies.

No. 230.
A USEFUL SOLDERING LAMP.

I noticed recently a request for information how to tin a soldering iron. This I have always thought rather a tedious process, as also soldering with the iron. I herewith enclose a rough sketch of a lamp I have for a long time used for soldering, and with it I have made several



A Blow Lamp.

all-wire cages. "A" is a piece of an old bicycle pump; the end is soldered to a box lid, or any other flat piece of metal that will make a stand. "C" is a moveable band, fitting pretty tight to "A"; to this is soldered at "E" the feeder of an oil-can with a bend at "H." The hollow end of the tube "F" is filled with asbestos, or any other substance that will absorb methylated spirit. "G" is a piece of indiarubber tubing attached to "D," for putting in the mouth. When ready to work, pour a little methylated spirit on "F," light it, and then blow through "G." This causes the flame to shoot out in a pointed jet, with which you heat the parts to be soldered. "C" can be moved up or down, thus raising the jet "H," and adjusting the flame.

[*This contributor's name and address appear to have been mislaid by our printers; will he kindly forward same to us.—Editor.*]

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. Bancroft (Bale)—B. Head.

Altrincliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Questions and Answers for members, and distribution of prize-money now at Nest Feather Show.—W. Richinson.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 11, Co-op. Rooms, 8. To arrange a series of lectures, etc., for winter.—A. Livesey.

Burnley and Dist C.B.S.—Aug. 11, The Club, 7.30. Committee Meeting.—G. Watson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Arrange schedule of Annual Show.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 8, Turf Tavern, 2.45. Cricket match with Manningham C.B.A. — F. Rhodes.

City of Dundee and Dist. C.B.S. (A).—Aug. 12, Doig's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Aug. 8, Crown and Anchor, 7. F.F. Show; meeting after show.—Parker and Atkinson.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 10, usual place, 8. Show business, important.—S. H. Baker.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Headquarters, 8.30. Annual business meeting preparations, etc. —J. J. Mullett.

Dysart C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Normand Hall, 8. Enrolment of new members.—J. Logan.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Aug. 8, Barley Mow Hotel, 7. Business, classification for August show.—J. E. Hudson.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30.—T. Taylor.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 8, Butchers' Arms, 8. Palace trip.—J. Holroyd.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Aug. 13, "Two Brewers," Church Street, Greenwich, 8.30. Lecture on "How to become a successful exhibitor," by Mr. F. Easterling; fanciers and friends welcome.—F. W. Hamer.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 8, Griffin Hotel, 8. Prize-money and balance sheet for Young Bird Show.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Y.M.C.A., Whitby Street, 8. Questions and Replies. Bring questions; friends and fanciers are invited.—Williams and Easby.

Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 10, White Hart Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show.—S. Lodge.

Ilford P. and F.S.—Aug. 13, 4, Cranbrook Road, Ilford, 8. Mr. C. A. House will give a lecture on Cage Birds; fanciers invited.—A. Webb.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. O.S F.S.—Aug 12, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, Jarrow, 7.45. Resignation of secretary.—J. T. Carrick.

Kent County C.B.A.—Aug. 12, 67, High Street, Dover, 8.30.—G. Sanderson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 8, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' Show; judge, Mr. W. Mann.—A. Bottomley.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 15, Miners' Hall, 5. Table Show, classes, Norwich, Common, and A.O.V., Young Canaries. Birds to be entered 5 p.m. night of show.—J. Pollock.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Aug. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. Raynes, sec., N.P.C Fanciers invited.—A. Thompson.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Bird-in-Hand, 7. To prepare schedule for next show, and other business.—D. John.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 10, "Fox and Hounds," London Road, 8.30.—W Lang, junr.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Adjourned business re Annual Open Show.—A. J. Head.

Motherwell Norwich Club.—Aug. 8, Y.M.I., 8.—J. Male.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Classification of Members' Classes for Rack End Show.—F. Steeple.

Potteries Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 12, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Classification for Open Show, etc.—J. Simcock.

Preston O.S.—Aug. 17, Headquarters, 8. Nov. Show, and other important business.—W. H. Heathcote.

Rochdale O.C.—Aug. 10, Club, 8. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Aug. 8, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Councillor T. Hemmings' lecture on Colour Feeding. Members please bring or send ticket-money for Nest Feather Show.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Shipley O.S.—Aug. 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, 2. Members' Show. Mr. R. Garnett, judge.—H. Dobson.

South Salford and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Ordsall Old Hall, 8. Selection of judge, also date of our Old Bird Show.—G. Hawksworth.

South-West London C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Plough Hotel, 8.30.—Lilley.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 13, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. —W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 15, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—Reid and Maddison.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.45.—A. Hitchings.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—J. Smith.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—Aug. 10, Newman's Room, 8. Draw up classes for Annual Open Show. J. N. Jeffery.

Wandsworth and Dist.—Aug. 13, "Ye Old Swan," High Street, 8. Schedule of Young Stock Show, to be held Sept. 17; also allotment of specials.—W. Summers.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' Show; judge, Mr. J. Greaves; special meeting during judging.—E. W. Johnson.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8 Lecture on Colour Feeding.—F. Howes.

York C.B.S.—Aug. 10, All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, 8. Business concerning Open Show, etc.—A. Wand.

Blind Birds.

It is stated that the practice of destroying the sight of captive birds to get more song out of them is still prevalent in Belgium.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

One Ray of Hope.

White City.—1. What you now tell me about these young Crests not having the bald patches when first caged off, and neither of the parents having such faults, rather alters the complexion of the case. It is quite possible that one or more of the young birds have plucked out the feathers and made these bald places. Some young birds are much addicted to this mischievous habit. If this is the case with your birds the feathers will be reproduced all right at the moult, if not before, so there is, after all, just a ray of hope. But it will be necessary for you to discover which bird or birds pluck the others and cage them off separately for moulting. Otherwise you will probably find the places plucked bare again as soon as the moult is over. 2. For obvious reasons I cannot answer this question. It would be unfair to others; besides, I know nothing at all about the one you mention. You can always safeguard your own interests by insisting upon buying on the Editor's deposit system. 3. Yes, your birds should agree now in the flight. But it would have been as well to have kept the sexes separate.

Young and Colour Feeding.

"New Beginner."—1. The young birds that are puffy and ruffled in feathers are probably only starting to moult. Give them a pinch of maw seed every second day, and on the intervening days a small piece of bread and milk for a few days, and drop giving green food for a week. 2. Most decidedly it is not too early to begin giving young Canaries colour-food at eleven weeks old, and especially when they begin to look puffy as yours do. On the contrary you should lose no time in getting them on the feed, or you may find them casting feathers before you begin, and will get the birds patchy at the end of the moult in consequence. If you prepare your colour food as frequently advised in this column there should be no necessity whatever to take away the seed. I always find the birds quite ready to consume as much colour as I wish whilst having free access to an unlimited supply of Canary and rape seed.

Swelling under Eye.

A Rice.—Gently pluck the feathers off the swelling, one at a time to avoid risk of breaking the skin, to make the top of it bare, then prick the "head" of the swelling in the thinnest part with a clean needle, press out the contents, and bathe the part with the solution you have been using, touching it afterwards with a smear of boric ointment. Of course, all this must be done gently, and requires a steady hand and a light touch. A lady friend would probably be the best operator. If you do not care to do this, bare the place as above, and paint the swelling with a camel hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine. Be careful not to go near the eye with this. Give the bird a saline aperient for a few days.

Removing Cock Bird, etc.

A. M. Johnson.—1. It was too late to remove the cock when the eggs were so near hatching, and some hens will not sit at all when he is removed, so that it is always advisable to keep a watch on a hen when the cock is taken away for a few hours, and if she comes off the nest and stays off the cock must be returned, when she will generally go back to the nest at once. Lukewarm water from a fancy point of view, these whimsical hens are scarcely worth troubling about, especially when they also prove non feeders. I certainly would not advise you to keep her for another year. 2. As a rule, two or three broods a year are sufficient for a hen to have. Only in quite exceptional cases should four broods be allowed. In your case I would not advise you to mate the hen again this year. It is too late to expect many fertile eggs, and when you have such a hen as this one to deal with the game is not worth the candle.

Young Birds Going Wrong.

Auld Reekie.—I expect the feeding is at the root of the trouble, but you say nothing about this. Feed them on a staple of plain Canary seed only, and give separately a pinch of hemp per bird, half a teaspoonful of rape seed, and ditto of egg-food, each twice a week on different days, and alternating them so that a different item is given each day. Give no green-food for a week or so after their leaving the parents, and then give the green half-ripe seed stalks of plantain. You may give the birds that are puffy a drop or two of cod liver oil emulsion in the egg-food for once or twice. You must also keep a watch on these birds to see if the change from one room to another is throwing the birds into moult. It would be safest, if you wish to colour-feed them, to begin to add a little to the egg-food when you give it.

Gathering Wild Seeds.

C. M. P.—The series of articles on this subject published in our columns a year or two back would be very helpful to you if you could refer to back volumes. Gather the seeds that are ripe during a spell of fine dry weather. Never gather any in damp wet weather for keeping. Thistles are best cut off close to the head and the heads hung up in a dry place in paper bags about three-fourths full. An occasional shaking up of the bag after the heads are quite dry will displace the major portion of the seed and precipitate it to the bottom, when it may be collected almost free from floss. Plantain, docks, and similar things should be gathered in stalks or sprays, tied together in moderate-sized bunches, a paper drawn over the heads and tied round the stalks, the bunch being hung up heads downwards. These two methods may be used for practically all kinds of wild seeds. If the seeds are gathered in dry weather when quite ripe, no further drying is necessary, providing they are hung in a dry airy place. If not quite dry when gathered, they should be spread out on a tray or on sheets of paper in the sun for a day or so before being packed away.

Taking Canaries Outdoors.

Novice.—Certainly, it would be perfectly safe to remove your ordinary Canaries from a cold loft into an outdoor aviary at this time of year, and in such a place as you describe, they should thrive excellently, and may be left out quite safely all the winter. You should make the change during a period of dry, settled weather. The conditions generally prevailing at the time of writing this reply are most excellent for such a purpose.

Owing to the Holidays many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until the next issue, in which all will be fully dealt with.—EDITOR.

Swelling at Base of Beak.

Ernest T. Dutton.—When the swelling appears to have a ripe "head" prick it with a clean needle, and gently press out as much as possible of the contents, being careful not to press upon and injure the eye. Press more from the junction of the mandible in a direction towards the nostril, and it will greatly assist matters if you pluck a few feathers off the top of the swollen part, so as to bare it, before pricking. Having cleaned out as much of the contents as you can, bathe it for a few minutes in a warm solution of boric acid. It will not hurt if this gets about the eye. Dry the part, and afterwards anoint it daily with sulphur ointment; but use it sparingly to avoid soiling the feathers. Give the bird saline aperient for a day or two, and after that twelve drops of Chemical Food in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight.

Infantile Mortality.

Young Beginner.—I have not the least doubt but that your treatment is the cause of the young birds dying. Lots of replies have appeared during the last few months about feeding the young birds which would have been quite applicable to your case, and would have saved you many young birds. If you have any more young, put them on a staple diet of two parts Canary seed and one part summer rape, and three times a week about half a teaspoonful of egg food per bird. Give this every alternate day, and on the intervening days a small pinch of maw seed each. Make the egg food by mixing minced hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs in the proportion of part of egg to two parts of bread crumbs, or you may use equal parts of egg, bread, and crushed sponge cake, which makes a food slightly better appreciated by the birds; but do not add any other items to the egg food, except, of course, colour food if you are going to colour feed them. Crushed hemp is best omitted now. A very little, not cracked, may be given as a rare treat, but the moult being so near the maw seed named is intended to supplant hemp for the present. Do not give much green food; a few half ripe plantain stalks will be best for this. You should find the birds thrive all right on this treatment, but if they get dull, give a little bread and milk sop for a week or so instead of the egg food.

Yorkshire Not Fit.

C. K. A.—Your feeding is not sufficiently generous for keeping the bird up to concert pitch for showing. Add a fourth part of summer rape to its staple diet for the next month, and add an equal bulk of egg to the food you mention each time you give it, and instead of giving it a little twice a week, give half a teaspoonful every second day, and each time you give it, and until the bird is in good form, well mix five drops of sherry with it. Give a young leaf of dandelion daily, and in the drinking water twelve drops of Chemical Food every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Discontinue these medicines as soon as the bird gets in good form and tight in feather. I presume you are satisfied that there are no red mites in the cage.

Heat and Colour.

C. W. G.—1. It all depends upon the system under which your birds were reared and their susceptibility to cold whether your loft would require heating during the winter. Given a healthy robust type of bird, I should say they ought to get along very well without heat in such a place as you describe. But you must let the birds decide. If they get thick and puffy and apparently suffer from the cold when it arrives, you should keep up the temperature regularly between forty-five and fifty degrees; aim at keeping it at forty-seven and not allow it to exceed either of the above limits. 2. Yes, the pair of deep orange yellow Yorkshires are practically certain to be colour fed, and, as you surmise, unless they are colour fed during this moult they will lose a good deal of this colour, as the new plumage will come in its natural tint a mere or less washed out colour compared with what they now appear.

Fond Hopes—Yet Fears.

"While there's life, there's hope."—Your feeding is at fault, and is doubtless strikingly different to what the bird had been accustomed to before you had her, and it may be kept in a different temperature, which would accentuate the differences. And again, although you say the bird is not troubled with red mites, I would advise you to search the cage not the bird—well for them. The bareness at the thighs is rather suggestive of their presence, and if it is also accompanied by bareness about the wing butts, and picking at the feathers, this suspicion is very much strengthened. When she commences to moult or shows signs of beginning to do so, you would do well to place her in a comfortably warm room to moult. Discontinue the mixed seed you are giving, and treat the bird as follows for a few weeks. Let your staple diet of Canary and rape remain as at present. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp, and a pinch of maw on two other days, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or the same quantity of egg food, well mixing with it five drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion until bird is well. For green food give a small young leaf of dandelion daily. Let this diet suffice for a few weeks. In the drinking water give as much Epsom Salts for three consecutive days as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for the remainder of the week. After the first week give twelve drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day, and four drops of tincture of steel on the alternate days for another week, when the steel should be dropped, but the Chemical Food may be continued longer if it seems necessary.

Marigolds for Canaries.

C. M. P.—Yes, it is perfectly safe to give the blooms of these flowers to Canaries, but you must not rely upon their colouring properties to colour feed your birds, unless, indeed, you have some variety in which colour plays an unimportant part, or is held to be detrimental, or rather, I should say, is not allowed. The bloom, providing the birds eat them freely, will certainly enhance the natural colour. You may either use the brilliant orange yellow common marigold—which I prefer—or the blooms of the deep red and yellow French marigold. The deep crimson blooms of the dwarf nasturtiums may also be given.

Green Food Whilst Moulting.

A New Hand.—It depends to a certain extent upon the condition of the birds whether green food should be given freely during the moult. For instance, if you are colour feeding the birds, and the soft food with colour appears to have a laxative effect upon the bowels, then green food should be withheld, or only given in strict moderation, and generally when maw seed or a dose of iron, either of which are constipating, as a rule, is being given. It will also be best in such circumstances to give only the half-ripened seed stalks of plantain for green food, as these are decidedly much less laxative than the usual greenstuffs which are used.

Moulting in Covered Cages.

Jay Bee.—If the birds are kept in a room by themselves it is not absolutely essential to cover the cages over. All you want to do is simply to tone down the glaring rays of white light, and, of course, shut out direct sun rays, as it is this which has a damaging effect upon the depth of colour. All this can be quite efficiently carried out by keeping the blinds at the windows drawn down from the time the new plumage begins to make its appearance. It is not necessary to make the room dismally dark, and the full light of day may be admitted until the new feathers begin to show, so that it is unnecessary to limit it as soon as the birds begin to drop feathers. In the case of birds kept in a room which is used for other purposes, and therefore requires the light, it is sufficient to suspend a light muslin curtain before the cages at a distance of three or four inches from the wires, so as to allow free ventilation.

Bare on Wings.

A New Reader.—The cage is practically certain to be infested with red mites, which are the indirect cause of the bareness. Examine the cage and if you find any white dusty deposit sticking about near any of the cracks and joints remove the bird temporarily to another clean cage, give it a bath daily, in which a few quassia chips have been soaked, and thoroughly clean and scrape out all the joints of the other cage. Then give it a liberal dose of the camphor solution frequently advised here, and repeat the dose on each of three successive days. Afterwards fill any open crack with the putty, and re-paint and varnish the cage all over. When thoroughly dry the bird may be returned to it.

Going Almost Naked.

G. H. K.—Under the circumstances keep the bird from getting a chill and there is nothing whatever to fear about its losing its plumage at one fell sweep, as it were. These unusually rapid moultings are invariably the best, and the birds come out in decidedly better form altogether than is the case after a slower moult. They are, of course, more likely to take a chill for a week or two until the new plumage is coming forward, but this is easily avoided when one is warned of it. Give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day.

Brevities.

Sample of Charlock Seed (Hartlepudlian).—The sample is what it professes to be, charlock or wild mustard, and is a very nice clean seed, if the bulk is up to the same standard as the sample. It would do well for birds in large aviaries, or for British birds, especially those of the finnet tribe; but I do not at all care about it for Canaries, particularly if they are kept in cages.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch "Off His Feed."

Hardbill.—It is not an unusual happening for a Goldfinch (or any other Finch) to go "off his feed" as you put it, at some time or other—that is to appear to find a difficulty in getting anything worth eating out of the seed-hopper, wasting most of the contents of the latter. If the seed is not at fault—this is the first thing one should look to, especially if a fresh supply has just been obtained—then a dose of a gentle saline medicine usually suffices to set things right, providing the capricious appetite is not a premonitary symptom of some serious trouble. In any case, the saline cannot well do harm, and if the "indigestion" is not treated, the Finch, of course, is likely to turn really queer, and in the end die. To commence treatment at the very beginning is usually the only way to ensure a fair chance of curing any ailing bird, and for all internal upsets a little saline medicine is the finest possible thing, so my experience teaches me, and I have dosed the poor little patients with most kinds of things. I advise you to try the effervescing citrate of magnesia (best quality) to be bought cheaply from any chemist. My own wineglasses hold three tablespoonfuls, and to one of them I put a small teaspoonful of the citrate, hanging same on the cage after the effervescence has subsided. I find birds drink it readily, and in cases of over-fatness, etc., such as when a bird appears a bit dull and off colour, it is a very valuable remedy. Two or three daily doses can be given, watching its effects on the bowels. A change of diet is good, in conjunction.

Keeping Thistle Heads; Feeding Greypate.

Seedeater.—My own method of storing thistle-heads, hardheads (or knapweed), and the like is very simple. I take care to gather all I want to store for winter use during a spell of fine weather, gathered when wet, or damp, the heads are almost sure to turn musty. I choose those which are thoroughly ripe, i.e., are on the point of opening (or "blowing") to let the wind scatter the seeds. I lay the heads on the floor of a dry room, until they themselves become dry; then cut away the "fluff" close down to the seeds; then throw the heads into a coarse (not closely woven) sack. The latter I keep in a dry place (hang it up in a suitable spot, if you like), and take out the heads as wanted. Some seed is sure to fall to the bottom of the sack, and this loose seed should not be overlooked. The "fluff" I burn; it is not necessary to cut it off, but the heads make less litter when in use if this be done. Don't burn it in the fire-grate unless the chimney has been well swept, and the house is well insured. By the way, don't overlook "rotten" heads when out after thistles, etc., for these on being broken open will be found full of maggots, white and red—splendid things for moulting Finches. Greypates are often very hard to keep alive; they are caught far too early, often before their parents have finished feeding them, so late a breeder is the Goldfinch; the close time for them ought to be extended. All Greypates are the better for a little wild seed when being got on to the ordinary seeds. Most will eat the various thistle seeds, ripe grasses (such as knot-grass, rye grass, etc.), cornflower seed, seeding groundsel, sometimes chickweed, and shepherd's-purse. Offer in addition summer rape and charlock seeds, soaked until beginning to burst, and dabbed dry in a cloth; also hemp lightly cracked every morning. Then you must offer water, maw, teazle, and Canary seeds *ad. libitum*.

Sexing Young Birds.

E.F.B.—Apparently you are unaware of the fact that the young of hardly any species of birds exhibit sexual differences in the plumage before the first moult—or, at any rate, so slight that only very experienced fanciers can make more or less reliable guesses at the sex. Young Thrushes I frankly confess, as I have often done before, that I cannot sex, nor have I ever met anyone who could. Nor are old Thrushes to be sexed from their plumage, but only with certainty from their song. The latter is a fair guide with the young, and if you keep the youngster that "records" (that is, tries over its song) with the greatest persistency, and with the greatest "bubbling" or "working" of the throat, then you are pretty certain to keep a cock. As regards the Skylarks, you should keep the biggest, best developed, boldest youngster, as the likeliest to turn out a cock; the smallest invariably turn out hens.

Identity of Young Birds.

Novice.—It so happened that I was away holiday-making when the dead body of your young Mule reached the office. It followed me about the country, and as the weather was "powerful warm," you can imagine the corpse created a sensation when it did finally come under my notice. It took a half-quartern of the best to pull me together, and help face the suspicious look of my landlady. Whether the bird would have created such a commotion had it lived to see the show bench is more than a little doubtful. Examination was not easy, but the glance I had of the body helped me to the opinion that it was that of an ordinary dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, and not that of the rare (ought I to say unique?) Chaffinch-Canary Mule. The blaze seemed just showing, and the buttons of the wings were quite distinct. That the Chaffinch should have fed the young is curious and interesting; but the fact of one bird feeding the young of another is far from unknown. You say you have still three youngsters left from the same nest. Take care of them, and when they are moulted their parentage should be easy to decide. The fact of the cock Goldfinch being in the aviary seems to uphold my opinion, though necessarily hastily formed.

Light Linnet Mules.

Brum.—You certainly are lucky—wonderfully lucky—if you have bred during your first season's mating two clear yellow Linnet Canary Mules, and several very lightly marked. It sounds almost too good to be true. I hope your swans do not turn out to be geese; in other words, that the Mules do not turn out to be pure-bred Canaries. It is easy to make mistakes, even in a well-regulated breeding-room. And "yellow" Linnet Mules, above all things, are most difficult to get. As regards colour-feeding, this process with mules is carried out on much the same lines as with Canaries. But the usual light buff Linnet made is hardly worth while colour feeding; it does not "take the colour" in other words, the pepper has no effect on the plumage, or very, very little. Still, I think the use of colour-food adds to the gloss on the surface of the plumage, even if it does not materially enhance the colour. Your light yellow mules, however, ought to "take" the colour finely, and come out a beautiful tone. I am not (I say it sadly) speaking from experience, for I have never yet been the happy possessor of a light yellow Linnet Mule. The simplest effective way to colour feed that I know of is to well mix a finely minced hard-boiled (10 minutes) fresh egg with 4 lbs. (according to quantity required) finely crushed or bruised biscuits, adding to half a breakfast-cupful

of this one heaping teaspoonful of tasteless pepper, getting a brand with a first-class reputation (a bad pepper spoils everything). Blackbird should eat a good teaspoonful of this shade colour food, daily (prepare it fresh every day). There is no real need to use any red pepper, and there is enough sugar in the biscuit, while oil I only give in the form of linseed to eat. I have some birds coming through a lovely colour, fed on the above lines. Keep the birds which are being colour fed out of direct rays of sunlight; it is best to shade the window, during a portion of the day, at least. Dissolve a piece of citrate of iron, the size of a small pea, in the drinking water borne biscuits, adding to half a breakfast-cupful twice weekly. Any point I may have failed to explain I shall be pleased to do if you will write again.

Brevities.

Chaffinch's Sudden Death (Pink Pink).—The case is a complete mystery to me, and I am afraid only a post-mortem could possibly have enlightened you as to the cause of the bird's death. A cold would not have ended so very suddenly. Possibly there was a rupture of some organ, or an internal stoppage of some kind—something beyond the power of medicine.

"Squats on the Perch" (E.M.H.).—The "squatting on the perch" is quite usual with a bird that is moulting, and is by no means necessarily a symptom to feel uneasy over. When reproducing its plumage a bird's vitality is always lowered more or less seriously, and this feeling of weakness is responsible for birds undergoing that process resting during the day, often with closed eyes, quite close down on the perches. These intervals of rest (the older the bird the more he is likely to take) need cause no alarm, so long as the bird is bright at other times, and eats well. The Parrish's Chemical Food should do good.

An Ailing Linnet (J. Gawthorpe).—I don't understand what you mean when you say you "want the firm to send an answer through their advertisements." What firm? Perhaps your bird has gone off song because it is about to moult. Your feeding seems all right. But as you describe no symptoms—whether it is mopy, with feathers puffed out, has very watery excreta, etc.—I cannot even guess at what is troubling the bird. You say "it is always sitting in the cage all day when in the house." Really, I can't follow your meaning, though anxious to help, if possible. Couldn't you make matters more clear?

Wild Plants (Gallinule).—The wild plants you sent were quite unknown to me as food for birds in captivity, except No. 4, the Plantain, so they were submitted to Mr. R. Morse, who writes concerning them:—"The plants sent on to me by the Editor were in a withered condition, and I cannot therefore determine the exact species in one or two cases. No. 1. Yellow Melilot (Melilotus officinalis). No. 2. Much crushed and withered, but most likely Bladder Campion (Silene Cucubolus). No. 3. Probably Smooth Hawk's-head (Crepis virens). No. 4. The seed-head of a Plantain (Plantago). No. 5. One of the Willow-herbs. Probably the Great W.-H. (Epilobium hirsutum). No. 6. Weld (Reseda Luteola)."

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Sick Budgerigar.

Knowles.—Your treatment has certainly helped to keep the malady in check; at the same time, I much fear the bird will have died before the reply reaches you. Budgerigars drink so little that but little can be done that way. Give three drops of tasteless castor oil, and if this does not take effect, repeat the dose; also get from your chemist this mixture—ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. Take a portion of the mixture, add three times the quantity of water and let the bird have only this to drink for the next few days. Drop six to eight drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on to a piece of sponge cake and let it have this daily. It must be kept quite free from draught, yet should get plenty of fresh air. Its bowels must be kept freely moving, but not watery loose. Do not give the castor oil more than twice. If an aperient is again necessary, soak a piece of sponge cake in Dinneford's Magnesia; let it become all but dry before offering it to the bird. Flowering or seeding grass is very plentiful at present; give it as much of this as it will eat. Put a little eucalyptus under the sand tray, or even drop a little over the sand.

Number of Budgerigars.

R. S.—While it is quite possible that two pairs would agree and breed in a cage 2 by 1½ by 1½ ft., yet such procedure would not be wise, for if they breed at all, it is very likely you would get a brood from each simultaneously, and when they left the nest they would be simply on the top of one another. Again, I do not quite see how you are going to get 4 husks in such a cage, and if, as frequently happens, when there is not a surplus of nesting places, both choose the same husk, there would be nothing but continual bickerings. While I will not say it is impossible, I must certainly advise you to keep only one pair of birds in your cage.

Moustache Parrakeets.

J. C.—I have invariably found the beak the safest guide as to sex with nearly all species of Parrakeets, where the plumages are practically alike; but in nearly every instance the hues of the female plumage are neither so rich nor so pure as those of the male; the hook of the upper mandible of the male is usually longer than that of the female. It must be noted that all comparisons given can only apply to adult birds. I presume he did not know *engatrius* from *javanicus*, and such folk would call it nesting, if the two birds sat in a box or log together. From what you say, they were evidently immature, and not likely to nest for 18 months or longer. Most species of Parrots and Parrakeets mature slowly, and do not breed till they are two or three years (or more) old.

Grey Parrots with Parasites.

Thomson.—Give your bird a dose of jalap, as much as will lie on a sixpence; you can mingle this with a small portion of its boiled maize, and do not give any more till this is eaten; follow this by giving two or three doses of powdered areca nut, same quality, and by the same method. If, after a few days the parasites are still in evidence, repeat the treatment. As regards getting your bird on to a seed diet, limit the quantity of the boiled maize and thus force it to supplement its diet by the dry seed mixture; by this means you will obviate any chance of the bird being on short commons. Also give the dry seed mixture (canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds), with a thin layer of boiled maize on top of same, and I think before a very lengthy period has passed you will find it preferring the seed mixture. Ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts (shelled walnuts are best), should also be given. While the tremble lasts, its vending should be at once removed, and if possible burned. Parrish's Chemical Food is a splendid tonic, and I should advise its being given regularly in the drinking water, it will materially assist in keeping up the bird's strength.

An Aged Parrot.

F. J. H.—I fear I can render you but little assistance, as with a bird of such age and so fed, and for so long a period, it is largely immune from the evil effects of its unwholesome diet. You must continue to give it the milk under the circumstances, but I fear the fits will continue, and that it will go off in one of them. Apart from this, treat as in my previous reply. Give it a little Madeira cake two or three times a day, drop on same about 6 drops of the Chemical Food. Much of the present trouble is due to old age, for which alas, there is no cure; though undoubtedly the break-up has been hastened by its diet. Yes. I should certainly put straw, or something soft, such as peat moss litter, on cage bottom, to prevent the bird bursting itself when it falls from the perch. Ripe fruit, such as banana, orange, grapes, etc., will be very helpful; but I much fear any recovery of the bird will be but temporary.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Report (E. T.).—Many thanks.

Spring Net Trap (No Name, Peterborough).—The specimen spring net trap you mention as being sent to us has not yet come to hand.

Silkworm Pupæ (Oriole, Australia).—Up to the time of going to press with this issue, no sample of silkworm pupæ has reached us.

Missel Thrush Breeding (J. Law).—Thanks for an interesting letter, which we hope to deal with next week.

Copy of Will (No Nom-de-plume).—A copy of a will can be personally inspected at the Will Office, Somerset House, Strand, London, W.C., the fee payable being one shilling. The year in which the testator died should be given wherever possible, with full name, and county, etc., wherein he resided. If a copy is desired to be made, the charge varies according to the length of the will, but under ordinary circumstances is only a very few shillings.

IN THE COURTS.

IS A BLACKBIRD A NUISANCE?

A man asked Sir Francis Cory-Wright, at Highgate Police Court the other day: "Am I liable to lose my singing Blackbird?" After a painful pause, Sir Francis said, "Of course you are, if you leave the cage-door open."

Explanations followed, and it was ascertained that the man had been served with a notice under the Hornsey by-laws to abate the nuisance caused by the singing of his Blackbird.

Sir Francis Cory-Wright said he never heard a more ridiculous thing than to call a singing Blackbird a nuisance. He had a good many himself, and he wished he had hundreds.

Inspector Thomas said the police had no option. The complaint was signed by two residents, who said the bird sang at five o'clock in the morning and they could not sleep for it.

Sir Francis told the applicant to go home. He need not take any notice until he was summoned. If what he said was true, he would dismiss the summons

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Encourage the Titmice.

At this time of the year we should encourage the Tits to visit our gardens and orchards as much as possible. Green fly and caterpillars are still numerous and are relished by these. The little Titmice are most interesting birds to watch. They will hunt for hours among the bushes and branches, peering under the leaves and into the crevices of the bark, without once setting on the ground. Their activity is marvellous, and in this there is little to choose between them. The whole of the family is constantly on the move, but perhaps the most interesting of them all is the Long-tailed species. A family party of these, working from bush to bush, keeping up a constant twittering note, affords a charming sight. Invariably one is able to get within a few feet of them, and watch their every movement.

The Solitary Heron.

By the seashore and wide stretches of marshland, one may occasionally see a large bird lazily flapping across the landscape or standing like a sentinel beside some reed-fringed pool. By his long, dagger-like beak and thin legs, and also by his grey mantle, we recognise him as the Heron. He is a "solitary" bird, being seldom seen in company, and solitude appears to suit his habits. He is wary and shy, and it is most difficult to approach him. Young birds of the year quickly acquire this habit, and are just as keen to get away from the intruder as is the old bird. Stalking them is rare sport, especially when one has no murderous designs, but wishes to get near them only to watch their habits; and one feels an indescribable joy and pleasure in being near to such large birds unobserved.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

BLACKBIRD SUSPENDED BY A THREAD.

SIR,—Two years ago one of my children came running into the house saying there was a bird fast up in a tree. I at once went out to inspect, and saw that it was a Pied Blackbird. With anxious haste I fetched a ladder, and getting up, grabbed the bird. It was fast by one of its legs, to which was attached a long piece of white cotton thread, but, unlike Mr. Gould's, was very much alive, and is so to-day. Pied Blackbirds are quite common. My bird has a white head, and I have seen two others marked in a like manner. Dr. Butler says pied hens are rare. Well, I know my bird is of this sex, for she had two nests of eggs last year, and has nested again this year; but I have not seen any eggs. I tried to get a cock as a mate for her, and did get one, but it soon died, and I have been unable to obtain another. Of course, I mean a pied bird. We had a beautiful cock bird about here for two or three years, and I suspect he was the father of my bird. I have never seen a hen bird with such a bright yellow beak as mine has, and this made me think it was a cock until she laid. The black feathers are, however, true hen colour. It would be interesting to breed from a pair of pied birds to see if they threw like.

JAMES COOPER.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—In reference to this question, I should think "Constant Reader" has had by now a good lesson on the Linnet song. Now, I quite agree with Mr. Rostron's song of the Linnet, but I doubt if he could get one to do it in that form with blubbering. I am also afraid the bird would need no more seed or water, as the notes are very hard to do. In regard to Mr. Allen's letter, he says there are many ways of whinneying. If he were amongst the Lancashire fanciers they would tell him there are only two ways of whinneying—the light way and the heavy way. Hoofing is heavy noting, and not "hoofing whinney". The note is like this: Hoof hoof hoof hoof yoth yoth yoth haw. Now, Mr. Allen gave us some bad notes, but the notes he mentions are single struck notes, the note "spinking" is the quilting note, the "youlering" note is the Yellowhammer note, and is a good note, as I was taught when a lad. And I am sure there were no better bird men than the old Wigan bird men. I was secretary of the Wigan Linnet Club, having over forty members, but these, I am sorry to say, have all departed this life. Mr. Holt gives the Linnet song in the good old form. Now I will mention a few bad notes, and your readers will see how they differ from Mr. Allen's: Tojow tojow tochay tochay toflip toflip tutagit tutagit chet chet chet recpa recpa cree cra, with a lill lill ha haw ehev haw. There is other bad singing.

T. JUMP.

THE TWITE FOR MULING AND HYBRID-BREEDING.

SIR,—To follow up my remarks on this subject in a previous issue, the headway which British birds have made is really surprising, and having for the past 25 years been an ardent admirer of them, I am glad to notice the pains taken by the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, and its Artist-in-chief, Mr. Norman, in pointing out to beginners and others the merits and faults of our British birds in the CAGE BIRDS "Charts." By these charts any young fancier can soon have a good knowledge of his pets, without necessarily seeing the birds in their natural surroundings or at shows. The Twite does not breed in England (although I have heard that a nest was found some years ago), but it breeds a great deal on the Continent, and as a rule comes over here quite early. Some of the species I know have been taken during the last week in September while feeding with Linnets. They are, I believe, more closely related to the Bramblefinch than to the Linnet, but the Bramblefinch also feeds with the Linnets. Twites are not so shy as Linnets, and are therefore more easily caught. A good Twite is a very pretty bird. Its name is, I believe, derived from its call-note, which greatly resembles the word "twite." A description of the bird is as follows:—The length of a male is five inches from the tip of bill to end of tail. The bill is short and pointed shape and is of a greenish white colour. The top of the head is pale cinnamon-brown, spotted and striped with dark brown; the neck is greyer in colour and more densely speckled with brown than the head. The back is of a brighter brown with a tinge of red, and the stripes are larger and not so numerous. The wings are dark brown with narrow grey margins on the outer edges of the larger pen feathers and on the inner edges of the secondaries. The wing coverts are brown, the larger being bordered by greyish brown. The tail is dark brown, shaded with lighter brown on the margins of the feathers. The face and throat, and the upper part of the breast are a pretty warm cinnamon brown, the lower parts of the breast, abdomen, and vent being greyish white, tinged with pale brown. The sides of the breast and abdomen are light brown, striped with a darker brown. The legs and feet are very dark brown and the claws jet black. The bird's natural food consists of seeds and berries. They are fond of charlock, linseed, plantain, teazle, poppy, etc., and when in a cage a Twite can be fed the same as a Linnet. The male bird is much brighter in colour than the female, the latter never having the purple red rump which the male has. The sexes can easily be distinguished if one has the two together. I think that anyone who wishes to have the bird for use as a cross with other species should be able to obtain one in the autumn as easily as possible. Twites are then, under proper treatment, ready for use in the spring in whatever way one may desire them. If any are thinking of going in for this hobby of Muling, they should get their British birds as soon as possible in the early winter, or better, perhaps, in the autumn, when they stand a much better chance than by leaving it till late in the spring. I know of several catchers who take a lot of these birds, and Linnets and Redpolls, in the autumn and winter, turn them into a large barn or shed, which is wire-fronted, and feed them on the screenings from threshing machines, together with cole, mustard, and other seeds, and with no Canary or hemp. They of course lose some, but old hands don't lose many. The birds are kept until March and April, when they are sent off to the dealers. By that time they have become steadier, and consequently fetch more money.

W. H. ARMITAGE.

THE SONG AND PLUMAGE OF THE LINNET.

SIR,—Anent the recent letters from Linnet kings and queens describing the flute-like song of this modest brown-clad songster, which I suppose derives its name from its fondness for linseed, I was interested in that which aptly describes him as a mocking bird. There is, no doubt, much variety to an experienced observer both in the general pencilling and in the song of the Linnet, but nearly all have the power of imitation, and I have one in my possession which has copied and correctly repeats every note of my Goldfinch, and even seems to take a delight in singing the Goldfinch's song instead of his own. Much has been written in CAGE BIRDS respecting the brown songster which, like its prototypes in colour, the Nightingale, Thrush, and Robin, although of modest appearance, has much beauty of plumage as well as of song. To those who take the trouble to study the variations and gradations of a Linnet's markings, commencing with the throat, then round the eyes and over the crown, down the wings and the white marks on the sides of the wings, with the white edges of the tail feathers, and lastly the distinct spots more or less long or round on the sides of the chest, tinged with red in the older birds, and the whole a rich brown colour—to those who study these things the Linnet will be found to be very charming. It is these which make the Linnet's plumage so beautiful to a fancier. I am not a Linnet king, so cannot attempt to describe the song, beyond saying that it is most cheerful, musical, and rich in tone, reminding one of happy country walks; it is also a song which is soft and pleasant in a room. Being a somewhat successful exhibitor of the Linnet, I thought I would enter the ranks of those who are your correspondents on this variety. The Linnet is rapidly coming to the front, especially since the reproduction of its picture on paper in a manner so true to nature, by Mr. H. Norman. It is a picture fit to be hung in any room, and to occupy a prominent position in anyone's house.

A. H. ROOSMALE COCQ.
President Civil Service Fanciers Association.

Migrating Thrushes.

All over the country young Song Thrushes are plentiful, and their baby cries may be heard along every road and footpath. As the autumn draws near they commence to migrate, and later on many places will be denuded of these fine birds until the following spring. In the southern countries they stay the year round, although considerably reduced in numbers during the winter months.

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THE USE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—Would some reader kindly inform me how to give saffron to Siskins and Yellow hammers for moulting out? In what proportion is it given in the water? I seem to remember having heard of it being mixed with, say, a quartern of brandy (or whisky was it?) In that case I suppose very little would be sufficient to add to their drinking water. Have just sent for threepennyworth from the chemist, and find it is in a powder, about a dessertspoonful; I thought it was in a lump.

G. EARWICKER.

"FREAKS" AT BOGNOR.

SIR, As some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS may be visitors at Bognor, I thought they would perhaps like to know about "The Aviary" there, where they can see, at the present time, several "freaks." There is a Hybrid between a Greenfinch and a Bullfinch. A lady, too, belonging to the neighbourhood, has two Bullfinches, cock and hen, which made a nest, and the female bird laid two eggs. As this lady was going away, and could not look after the birds, she gave the two eggs to Mrs. Homer, of The Aviary, Steyn Street. These eggs were put under a hen Canary, are now hatched, and the young are doing well. Other things of interest can be viewed amongst the birds at Mrs. Homer's, who has several hundred birds, and breeds them.

OBSERVER.

STARLING BREAKS A HOUSE-SPARROW'S NECK.

SIR,—As an eye-witness to rather an unusual incident, I thought you might like to hear of it. Hearing an unusual amount of "war cry" between Sparrows and a Starling, my attention was drawn to a favourite building spot of the Starling in the bows of the old wooden man-of war, the "Pembroke." It was very apparent trouble was brewing as to who should be the possessor, for the other birds were trying to drive the Starling away. He seemed to at once pick his mark, and the Sparrow dashed off, the Starling about a yard behind, flying as straight as a gun shot very swiftly towards me. When within a yard above my head the Starling caught him up and plunged the death blow. The Sparrow spun round and dropped to the ground motionless. On examining the bird I found him quite dead, with the neck broken and a small puncture in the skin just below the ear. There was no sign of blood, and the speed of the blow and the way it was done seemed almost incredible.

F. L. MANTHORP.

WHAT IS A TICK?

SIR,—I am glad Mr. G. F. Woolhouse does not ask *me* to define, What is a tick?—that's too ticklish a problem to tackle (I nearly wrote tickle) during the hot weather. He states: "If he (meaning myself) had blown the bird in question, he would have found it black with underflue." As it happens, I *did* "blow up" the bird, though it went much against the grain to do so, and the dark underflue did not escape me. But I was not looking for dark underflue; I was looking for a "tick" on the surface of the plumage, and as I failed to find one, I "wrong classed" the bird. It is news to me that most judges (as Mr. Woolhouse avers) would "wrong-class" a bird which had no mark whatever on the surface of its plumage, but had dark underflue, if this said bird was entered in the class for Clears. And I must differ from friend Woolhouse on that point, for I have never seen any of our judges examining the birds entered in the Clear class to find out if they chanced to have dark underflue—a lively job they would have! If the dark underflue peeped out at the thighs (the usual place) then the bird showing it no doubt would promptly be "wrong-classed," either with or without handling and blowing up. But Mr. Woolhouse's bird (as I saw it on the show day) exhibited no mark anywhere which could be seen from the outside of the show-cage, the plumage on the surface being quite clear; therefore, with all due respect to other judges and past ruling on the point, I hold its proper place was the Clear class, and not the A.O.V. class. In short, to my own way of thinking, a Clear bird is one with no visible mark on the surface of its plumage: a Ticked or Marked bird one with the surface broken by a mark. That seems to me a commonsense way of looking at the matter, though, of course, I am prepared to hear someone say that it is nonsensical—it is not the first controversy on What is a tick? which I have witnessed, though up to the present I have been fortunate enough to keep personally clear (no joke intended) of them. Mr. Woolhouse asks me what the consequence would have been if he had entered his bird as a Clear; well, so far as memory serves, the consequence would have been the addition of either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize to his little lot, for the bird thrown out was a good specimen. In the first part of my letter I mention that it "went against the grain" to blow this bird up. I think it is quite enough for any young bird to have to stand the day in a show-cage, without the additional discomfort of being mauled about and blown up in the effort to discover a problematical tick. I am minded of a scene I witnessed several years ago at a certain young bird show, where one of our best known judges spent five or six minutes blowing and poking about the feathers of a young bird in the endeavour to find some mark which justified its owner in entering it in the particular class he (the judge) was officiating upon. He then handed this bird over to his steward (a well-known fancier) with the remark: "I'm bothered if I can find any tick; just you have a look." The steward continued the blowing and mauling for another five minutes or so, then announced that he thought he saw a grey feather at one thigh. Then the judge had another good look, and finally admitted that there was a suspicion of a grizzle on one of the feathers thereabouts. So the bird got a prize. And if I had been its owner I should have thought it a very dearly-won prize indeed, for the youngster looked a perfect wreck after this ordeal. I registered a mental vow that, tick or no tick, if I couldn't see it after close scrutiny, I wouldn't risk ruining a bird trying to dig it out—for that is what it amounts to.

G. E. WESTON.

A THRUSH'S PECULIAR NESTING SITE.

SIR,—On a recent Saturday a friend and I left home for a walk before dinner, and on our way had to pass some allotment gardens just below the cemetery on the right hand side of one of Yorkshire's main roads. Seeing some friends in their gardens, we called to look round at the flowers. Here we were shown one of the most interesting sights we had ever seen. Thrown on top of a disused poultry run were some pea rods and an old yeast hamper. In the hamper was a nest of four young Thrushes, and the parent bird stood over them. We put our faces right up to the front of the hamper, and the old bird was not the least alarmed. She allowed us to lift her up out of the nest with a stick without any attempt on her part to leave the nest. In front of the nest in the hamper



A Song Thrush's Nest in an Old Basket.

was a small, round jar, in which the children placed food for the old birds that were sitting. She does not refuse to be an object of curiosity, and will allow anyone to stroke and pet her. We were so struck by this novelty and the bird's great confidence, that we photographed her at once. We had to procure a barrow on which to stand the camera, and got it fixed up in the mouth of the basket. Just as we had got the focus she left the nest for food. So we stirred up the young to make them open their mouths, and then photographed them. The lense of the camera was not more than a yard from the nest when we snapped them. After taking a negative of the young, we waited for about ten minutes for the return of the parent bird. She returned with a beak-ful of worms to the nest. Without being the least alarmed at the tripod camera and black cloth in front of her basket home, she tripped into the basket and commenced to feed, when the second negative was taken. I enclose the two photos. This account will interest many bird lovers, and it may cause a kindly feeling to arise on behalf of wild birds, which are often mercilessly and ignorantly persecuted and destroyed by selfish agriculturists, who cannot bear to see them take their share of tithe for the insects and vermin they have rid them of, which insects and vermin would have done considerably more harm to their crops.

J. THOMAS.

(We have pleasure in reproducing the second photograph referred to, this being the more interesting of the two.—Editor).

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THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Mr. Pope's letter under the above heading in your last issue shows plainly that he and the members of the W.C.O.S. are very much upset owing to the S.Y.C.C. patronage not being allotted to their next open show. Why are they surprised? What claim have they on the S.Y.C.C.? None of the Plymouth men are members of the club. Mr. Pope calls the S.Y.C.C. committee mean and unfancierlike because they respect and uphold the members' wish by giving preference to shows which employ specialist cage-bird judges (as defined at the last annual general meeting of the S.Y.C.C.). Plymouth have engaged one who is also a pigeon and fur judge, to judge Yorkshires at their next open show, and for this reason they are deprived of the S.Y.C.C. patronage. Our members do not desire pigeon men to judge their birds, so long as there are competent men who judge cage birds only. Mr. Pope will do well to look after his own society and not interfere with the management of the S.Y.C.C.

W. G. ELSMORE.

SIR,—I was greatly astonished to read the contents of Mr. Pope's letter in your columns of last week. As Mr. Pope is not a member of the S.Y.C.C. I cannot understand his making any comolaint, and I think he might look after his own club and leave other clubs alone. The committee of the S.Y.C.C. fully know how to deal with the patronage without Mr. Pope's assistance. Also I think the west is well catered for at Cardiff and Swansea.

J. W. RENNIE,
Hon. Sec. of the S.Y.C.C.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Pope, permit me to say on behalf of my committee that they do not complain of the members of the W.C.O.S. appointing Mr. House as judge for their forthcoming show. They realise that the members of the W.C.O.S. have a perfect right to conduct their own affairs, and they claim the same privilege for themselves, without feeling under any obligation to give reasons for their decisions to those outside the club. If in the present instance the reason is given Mr. Pope must accept it as an act of grace. It is much to be deprecated that he should have so far forgotten himself as to be led into the indiscretion of asking. I can only hope he will appreciate his error, and in future confine his zeal to its proper limits. His opprobrious adjectives are better suited to himself and those of his friends who have made him their cat's paw.

R. L. CRISP.

A POINT ABOUT SALES AND EXCHANGING.

Help from the Police.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters that have appeared the last few weeks under the above heading in your valuable journal. I always feel sorry for anyone who has been "had," for I have been through it myself (but not of late years). There are many working men like myself that think if one county courts the offender it is only throwing good money after bad. A few years ago I advertised two cock Thrushes and cages for 15s. each. I got numerous replies, and amongst them a well-written and put together letter from a man in the Midlands, asking me to send both the birds on, on approval. I wrote and told him I was sending one, as the other had been claimed by a lady, by telegram. A day or two afterwards I received a letter saying the bird had arrived safe, and the writer was very pleased with the condition the bird was in, but it had not sung—could I send it some food it had been used to, for it did not seem to care for the food he was giving? I heard no more for a fortnight, so wrote him. A reply came in a day or so to say the bird was singing fine, but he himself was called away to Scotland and would forward me a cheque on his return. I waited for the cheque for a month or more, and then I wrote him again. To this letter I had no answer. I waited on for another month or so, and by then I had given up hopes of having either bird or money, and thought it was no good throwing good money after bad, when an idea struck me. I wrote a letter detailing the case, also forwarded all the correspondence, to the chief police inspector of the town wherein the man resided. Four or five days afterwards I received a visit from our own local police, and they gave me a letter they had received from the county police, stating they had investigated my case and found that the man was a poor old man living with his son under very miserable conditions. The bird, they reported, was still in their possession, but in shocking condition. They advised me to have the bird sent back, for if I prosecuted he would be unable to pay. I wrote and thanked the police for the trouble they had taken, and received my bird in about three days, but in a shocking condition—no tail, and feet all clogged up. I received another letter from the police, saying they had found other birds that these two people had got from persons in different parts of the country, and thanking me for drawing their attention to the case. They said they wished there were many more people who would act as I had done, for then these frauds would soon be put down. Some two years ago I saw a "beautiful, tame, hand-reared cock Bullfinch, a ladies' pet," advertised, and being in want of one to give away, I wrote for it and forwarded postal order. I waited for a fortnight and no answer came, so I wrote saying I was putting the matter in the hands of the police. This worked like magic, for I received a postal order by return (I suppose the "ladies' pet" had not been caught), and a letter that only a blackguard would have written—but that did not hurt me. I advise my brother fanciers if they are ever "had," to follow my example, for it will cost nothing (only a penny stamp) and it will soon put a stop to these frauds and the people who perpetrate them.

J. P. CARR.

FANCIERS & THE CLOSE SEASON.

SIR,—My remarks are intended to suggest an aspiration rather than to criticise. It seems to me that fanciers (who are particularly open to the attacks of faddist legislation) might perhaps do more than they do to further the interests of the British bird-keepers, by not encouraging the dealers and catchers to evade the law regarding the close season. Apart from the R.S.P.C.A. people, there are plenty of genuine ornithologists who love the wild birds wild, and such persons seeing advertisements of traps to catch soft-bills, etc. (advertised as such during the close season), and offers for sale of Linnets with "lovely red heads and breasts" (such are almost necessarily caught in the close time), and articles on bird-catching by "old hands" who make no secret of their dodges to avoid observation by the police—such persons, I contend, are sorry to think the "Fancy" cannot be cleansed of these defects. There is not a shadow of doubt that a great many birds are caught during the close season and sold, and that a great deal of cruelty is still practised. The correction of these things is, I submit, a question of education, and it should be pointed out that their correction may prevent a public outcry and legislation of a drastic character.

A DERBYSHIRE SUBSCRIBER.

THE CAGING OF BIRDS.

The following vigorous letter, which speaks for itself, appeared in the "Northern Daily Mail" on July 28.—EDITOR.

SIR,—On Saturday last, the "Northern Daily Mail" quoted from a contemporary two paragraphs relative to the keeping of cage birds. As late hon. secretary of the Hartlepools Cage Bird Society, I think it is my duty at any rate to justify the position taken up by its members. The outburst referred to was apparently prompted by the unfortunate fire which destroyed a number of Quails, but nothing is suggested or inferred that those birds suffered through neglect previous to the fire. Yet a deliberate statement is made that millions of caged birds perish through neglect. Let us look at the matter from our standpoint, lest we become prejudiced by the unjust statements referred to. We have in our country over 340 societies, controlled by men and women, whose love for a cage bird is a good second to that of a human being, and in the list of rules governing such societies the most important refers to the "proper keeping and exhibition of cage birds," and of various publications, one journal alone—devoted entirely to the management of cage birds—has a circulation of over 40,000 copies weekly. In order that these birds may enter into competition they are most carefully tended from the day they take the perch to the day they are placed before the judge. Not even excitement is allowed, lest a feather becomes misplaced. Scrupulous cleanliness, regular attention, and perfect training must be theirs also, of necessity. And all these are the outcome of what? Surely not "an illusion," but a genuine love and regard for their charges, which "task" seldom becomes "tedious," and never "neglected." And yet it is suggested that the arm of the law should stretch out and make it a criminal offence to keep a cage bird. The statement referring to a bird's song is really too absurd to answer, for the homely Linnet's is the only field bird's song that thousands of our fellow men ever hear. Instances have come under my notice where the tending of birds has brought about the reformation of character when man's eloquence has failed. No, the keeping of cage birds is the result of a desire to have about one things that are beautiful, whose song is music to the ear, and the possession of which brings a ray of sunshine into the lives of the owner.

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*Polly Discovers a Thief.

A lady once had a Parrot which used to say "Here I am." One day Polly found herself at a show, her owner having sent her there for exhibition. And at a moment when no one was looking, a man came along and took her out of her cage and put her in his pocket. When the lady missed Polly she searched everywhere for her, and it was not until some time after, as the secretary of the show was walking past the thief that the bird was discovered. Polly called out "Here I am," and this soon put matters right.—Sent by Emily Carter (age 12), 19, Edward-street, Stoke-on-Trent.

*A Domesticated Sparrow.

One day in Jubilee week, a partly-fledged Sparrow fell from a nest in a roof. It was picked up by a man, who put it in a cage, where it kept up an unceasing chirp. The distressed parents of the Sparrow, in their search for their lost child, heard its well-known voice, and fearlessly flew through the doorway to its call—first the female and then the male bird. They continue to feed their little one, which flutters about the premises uncaged. When the shop door is closed the parent birds pass through the narrow slit of a disused letter-box.—Sent by Rose Poynter (age 14), 217, Munster Road, Fulham.

**A Rook to the Rescue.

When I was out for a walk one day I passed a big field in which there were a number of Rooks, Jackdaws, and some smaller birds, all clustered together and making a dreadful noise. I happened to look up into the sky and there I noticed a Hawk hovering about them. Then all of a sudden the noise stopped, and one of the Rooks flew straight at the Hawk, and started fighting it. The fight lasted for some minutes, till at last the Rook drove the Hawk out of sight. There was quietness all the time the Rook was away. When the Rook came in sight the noise began again as if to welcome the conqueror back.—Sent by Elsie Harbour (age 14), 33, Wexham Road, Slough, Bucks.

Martins Nesting upon Cliffs.

The House Martins, whose nests we see each season under the eaves of our houses, do not build exclusively in these positions, but will occasionally fasten their mud houses to the face of the cliffs along the coast, or to suitable places inland. This was possibly the natural manner of nesting before man built houses with overhanging eaves.

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By A. W. CURTIS.

(*Continued from page 531*).

To make a good joint, one must use the best glue. If you are without a pot, glue can be made in the following way: Break up about half a cake of glue into small pieces; put in an earthenware jar, and then add sufficient water to just cover the glue. Allow it to soak for about twelve hours. The jar can then be placed in a small saucepan, which has been first half-filled with water; allow the water in the saucepan to boil slowly for a couple of



Method of using Cutting Gauge.

hours or so, and stir the glue in jars at intervals with a piece of stick. If the glue should be too thick for your liking, add a little hot water from your saucepan, well stirring it in.

Be careful not to get your glue too thin, or you will not make a very strong joint. A small brush will be required to put on the glue.

Method of Procedure.

Before starting to glue up your cage-back, make sure you have your clamps set to the right width to receive it; also have your hammer and wedges where you can lay your hands on them. With everything in readiness, the two pieces to form the back can now be put face to face, with the two edges that are to be glued uppermost and quite level. Take the brush and put the glue on as quickly as possible. Then put edge to edge and, with one hand holding the wide piece quite firm, move the narrow piece backwards and forwards a few times, so as to rub out as much glue as you can. The back can now be placed in the clamps, and, the folding wedges placed in position and tightened up. If the ends of your two pieces are not quite level when wedged in the clamps, now is your time, before the glue gets set, to knock them level with your hammer.

The back should be left in the clamps for from six to eight hours before being removed to be cleaned off. If removed too soon it may mean your having to do the work over again.

Having got the top, bottom, and ends to exact lengths of rods, and ready for setting out, lay the top and bottom face to face with the front edges towards you; then lay on your rod, making sure to keep it exactly level with ends of board. Now take your 3in. square, and square down the marks on ends of rod to the edges of

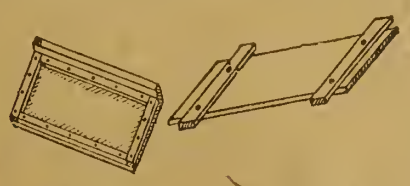


Fig. 40: The sand-tray, or drawer.
Fig. 41: The temporary rails in position.

boards; then remove your rods and square the marks (that you have just put on edges of boards) across the flat, using the 12in. square when marking. These lines are for the purpose of showing you the required position of the ends. Next, get out four pieces of stuff about 12in. long by ½in. wide by ⅜in. thick; shoot the edges straight and square; and then temporarily nail these to the top and bottom pieces, keeping them close to the inside marks (see Fig. 41). There is no need to drive the nails right home, as these pieces will have to come off again later on.

Now, with a fine bradawl pierce in centre between the two lines about five holes, keeping your first and last hole quite half-an-inch from the edges of boards. If screws are to be used, the holes should be countersunk, on the reverse side to that on which the slips of wood are tacked. Readers will find these temporary slips very useful when screwing or nailing cage together.

The next thing is to set out ends from your rods, in the same way as the top and bottom were set out, with the exception that in this instance it is not necessary to square lines across your board, as they are only wanted to denote the required position of the front rail.

The Carcase of the Cage Complete.

You may now nail or screw the carcase together. Keep the back edges of boards towards you, and before driving in your nail make sure the back edge of end is quite flush with the back edge of top or bottom that you happen to be nailing on. Also make sure you have the inside of your end pressed tight against the slip tacked on for that purpose. Don't finish nailing one corner before touching the others, but first put in the two outside nails to all four corners. Having done this, you will find it easier to finish nailing, as you have your carcase self-supporting, as it were.

There being now no further use for the temporary slips, they can be removed, and put aside until wanted for another cage. If in the construction of your cages screws are not being used throughout, one at least should be used in each of the four

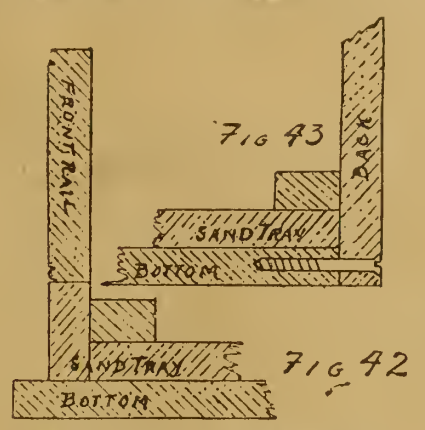


Fig. 42: Section of cage, at front.
Fig. 43: Section of cage, at back.

front corners of the cage. The kind of nails I find most suitable for cage-making are those known as panel pins and oval brads; the handiest sizes being ¾in., 1in., and 1¼in.

Assuming that your cage-back is dry and cleaned off ready to be put on, it will be necessary before starting to nail together, to put a hole in the back, to hang the cage up by. The hole should be about two inches from the top, and of an equal distance from each end. The ⅝in. centre-bit will do very well for this, but be careful when boring not to force the bit through from one side, but as soon as you can feel the point through your cage-back turn the board over and finish the hole from that side, and so do away with ugly splintered-out pieces around the hole.

To fasten on the cage-back, first put in a nail or screw at two bottom corners; then make sure the carcase is quite square before putting in a nail at the two top corners. Now square over the centre of nails holding on top and bottom, and put a straight edge from one point to the other, drawing a line right across. As this line indicates the centre of the end edges, you will have to keep to it when nailing on the backs.

It you have not already got out the front rail, you can now shoot one edge of the piece you had to span from the back. Set your marking gauge to 1¾in., and then run a line along the face-side of the board, ripping off the piece required. Shoot the sawn edge and square one end; then mark the length from cage, square over, and cut off.

The piece wanted for the front of sand tray can be got out in the same way, and the ½in. pieces to go along the back, front and ends of tray can be got ready. Fig. 40 shows how the tray should be made; the ½in. pieces should be put on with ¾in. panel pins, which should be clenched on the back-side. Fig. 42 gives a section view of front rail, and parts of sand tray and cage bottom. Fig. 43 gives section through part of the back, tray, and bottom.

(*To be continued.*)

THE USE OF CINNAMON BLOOD IN THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

By W. Shepherd.

(*Continued from page 15.*)

How to Obtain Quality of Feather.

The next and greatest benefit, in my opinion, accruing from the use of this cross is the quality of feather which the offspring possess. I consider there is nothing at the command of the Norwich Canary breeder like Cinnamon blood for obtaining this. I have noticed this times without number when using this blood on either side. Where the birds come pink-eyed, following the Cinnamon more than the Norwich, they have in 19 cases out of every 20 been the finest and silkiest birds in the nest. They have carried their feathers tightly and compactly, whilst the black-eyed birds, on the other hand, have been much the coarsest birds.

Some of you will argue, no doubt, that seeing the pink-eyed birds come out the best in quality of feathers, the use of this blood on the cock side must therefore be attended by many benefits. Well, as I said previously, one's idea should be to get one's birds as free as possible from Cinnamon feather. Another reason is that you are not breeding for quality alone. As it is on the hen's side most breeders prefer to have quality, it is as a producer of hens where this cross becomes of the greatest value to breeders. The man with good hens breeds the winners. I do not advise you to part with the cocks, but I do advise you to use the best, and use them judiciously.

A Disadvantage.

I have told you now the good points of the cross; we will now turn to the other side. The only thing I think you are likely to lose is size. The more Cinnamon blood you get into your stock the more pronounced you will see this defect.

As I said previously, you will get quality and compactness in your hens, and if you can do this, surely you can afford to give a little away on the cock side. Where you are using Cinnamon blood there always seems to me to be a tendency to breed truer to quality, at the expense of size; and this, I presume, is the reason why the good Cinnamons of to-day are in so comparatively few hands.

A beginner in this branch of the Fancy purchases a pair of birds from a noted breeder, and it is just possible it may turn up a topper at the first attempt—the result of the original breeder's good judgment. But let him keep breeding Cinnamon and Cinnamon for a season or two, and his birds are far more likely to score in Border Fancy classes than in a good Cinnamon class. He will get, maybe, everything—colour, pencilling, and quality—but size, which will be gone; or, at any rate, the bird will not be nearly large enough to compete successfully with the big ones we see to-day.

The race for size has nearly killed the Cinnamon Fancy. I believe that most of the present-day winners in this variety are very closely allied to the Crest-bred. This I tell you merely to show how these birds are likely to make your birds deteriorate, if you don't use the blood judiciously, although it is not shown to such a marked degree, whilst using full-blooded Norwich cocks.

I do not wish to trespass further on your time, except to say, as I said before, that I know by experience that the more one deals with this subject the less one seems to know. Things I have heard old Cinnamon breeders assert were impossible I have to my own satisfaction proved otherwise. It is a very interesting problem, and I hope those who have had greater experience in the matter than I have will give us the benefit of their experience.

Moulting and Colour Feeding the Yorkshire Canary

A Paper read by Mr. G. R. Rushworth before the members and friends of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. on July 25th.

What I am about to read concerns the moulting and colour feeding of the Yorkshire Canary, and will doubtless be of more interest to the beginner or novice than to the older fanciers, and those whose experience has long since taught them all, and may be, more than I can tell them. Much of the ground, therefore, that I shall traverse in the course of my paper, will have been worn threadbare by the trained fancier, from whom I must ask, consequently, a little indulgence. All the older hands have had to make a start, and most of us at one time or another have been delighted and highly interested to listen to different fanciers' views, and after listening to them, we have sometimes been the wiser men.

Symptoms of the Moult.

First of all then, most fanciers present are aware that the moulting of a bird requires no small amount of attention and care. The moult is the most critical period a bird has to go through, and is accountable for a large number of disasters that take place amongst our feathered pets. The time for the commencement of the moult varies in different birds in no small degree. Those of the first round will generally hold out until they are about ten weeks old, and the later nests of youngsters, not quite so long. Adult birds fall into moult at different periods, according to the energy they possess after the work they have got through during the breeding season.

No hard and fast line can be laid down in regard to the age, or the time at which adult birds will begin to cast. You must be on the alert and keep your eye open; watch the condition of your bird, and be on the look out for drooped flight and tail feathers. Birds become drowsy, languid, mopy, and slack in feather and so on, just prior to the moult. When this state of affairs exists, it warns one that danger is ahead. Be cautious and careful then of your charges. When a bird is moulting, it will very soon catch cold, therefore, keep it away from all draughts and keep it fairly warm. Disturb them as little as possible. Colds and chills claim many old and young birds at this time of the year.

Introducing New Blood.

We come now to what many fanciers are anxious about—the best way to colour birds. Without it, one stands but a remote chance on the show bench, especially with Yorkshires and several other varieties I might mention. So colour we must have.

To breed for colour, it is important to have a certain amount of green blood in your birds. Green stock birds are somewhat hard to purchase, but are comparatively easy to breed. In purchasing a green stock bird, you have to rely on the good faith of the seller. But having bred a green stock bird, you know exactly where you are. To obtain an ideal green stock bird, I advise you to pair two heavily-variegated yellows together. Let the two heavily-variegated yellows be birds of good type and quality of feather. A yellow-green bred from two such birds will prove to be of wonderful value in breeding for colour. Having bred your green stock bird, mate him with a clear hen, and the produce of the union will be some rare coloured birds, especially if they are yellow cocks. The young from such birds are always teeming with colour and quality, and when colour fed are what our show reporters like to call "Balls of Fire."

Some fanciers endeavour to improve the colour of their birds by the introduction of cinnamon blood, but my experience has assured me that it is not a satisfactory method. The cinnamon blood more often than not produces a salmon-pink yellow instead of the golden-yellow required.

Mixing the Colour Food.

Fanciers have various ways of preparing their colour foods and each one usually believes his way to be the best. All I can say is this: whatever way proves satisfactory, stick to it. My own method is as follows: For the first few days I make my food weak, gradually getting it to the fullest strength I want it. It is a great mistake to give the food too strong in pepper for a start. Birds, as a rule, fight shy of it at first; so you must humour them somewhat.

To each hard-boiled egg, add about 3ozs. of bread or biscuits, whichever you are accustomed to provide them with; add to this ½-oz. of colour food and mix well together. Then add a little moist sugar, making the mixture fairly sweet and a little more palatable for the birds. By degrees, work the quantity of pepper up to 1½ oz. to the above-mentioned items and the colour of your birds should be very near the mark.

Some prefer to use a little oil for producing sheen on the birds' plumage. Most of the colour food on the market to-day contains plenty of oil, so it is not needful to make any addition. As to the colour food to use, it would not be fair for me to recommend any vendor's food, so I will leave this entirely in your own hands. I will say this, however, that it is most advisable to add to each pound of tasteless, 2 ozs. of hot natal. The latter provides a little warmth and also assists in getting your birds brighter in colour, doing away with that bricky cast one so often sees.

Always make a practice of mixing your colour food over-night, as by so doing, the colour gets absorbed well into the other ingredients before the time for using. By this method the birds are unable to pick out the eggs and leave the pepper, as birds are apt to do if you provide them with the food directly after you have mixed it. This is a hint well worth the taking.

The Giving of Colour Food.

A teaspoonful of the colour-food should be got into each bird if possible each day. This is quite sufficient to answer any purpose. Some birds take more readily to the feed than others. Those which shun the colour food you are bound to refrain from giving seed to for a few hours, until they have eaten up the required quantity. In the majority of instances, you will be compelled to lift off the seed hopper, to ensure your birds eating sufficient colour food to produce the correct colour; from three to four hours per day should suffice for this. I have often heard fanciers say, "Oh, I never take away any seed; my birds will eat pepper alright." It may be so, and their birds may become a decent colour. But are they really deep enough in colour? That is the point. My experience is that no matter what you mix with the colour food, or how palatable you make it, birds will prefer seed more often than not to colour food, and more especially at first. I never yet have been the happy possessor of a strain of birds that have been found clinging on the cage fronts, with beaks wide open and crying for more colour food. I honestly believe that for birds to be moulted out to the desired colour in order to stand the chances in the keen competition of to-day, seed must be denied them over a certain period during the moulting season.

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Some British Birds I have Kept and Exhibited.

By E. MILNE.

Much has appeared from time to time on the above subject, but it has not all been the outcome of practical experience in the keeping of British birds or of the study of the birds in their native haunts. It is my purpose, therefore, to give in as brief a form as possible the result of my experience in the keeping and exhibiting of some of the most popular of our resident birds.

An Excellent Staple Diet.

Before doing so, let me warn my readers, and especially those who are interested in this branch of our hobby, not to follow the advice of those who say that it is a great waste to give Canary seed to most Britishers. Rather, I would say, make it the staple food in the case of those of them that eat it. I have moulted Goldies and Bullies on nothing else, and have only given them in addition plenty of wild seed in season and my Bullies a little linseed during the latter part of the moult, and I have found them always to come out better in colour than those birds fed on various mixtures recommended by some fanciers of wide experience and also by successful exhibitors. In fact, I have found it positively dangerous to give niger, hemp, and sunflower seeds in any quantity to those birds which we know are so passionately fond of them. This does not apply so strongly to birds kept in aviaries, of course, but even there they will thrive longer on a plain diet.

My next point is, don't use anything but sand on the cage bottoms. Keep your birds clean, but do not pamper them, leaving newly-caught birds alone especially until they get gradually used to cage life.

Lastly (and this is perhaps the most important principle) give them the bath every day, summer and winter, taking it off always at about twelve noon. Those birds that won't wash spray regularly for a week, and you will generally find it effects a cure; but give them water. I quite sympathise with those who have fine racks of cages for their pets, as the bathing operations certainly do make a bit of a mess, and help to remove the paint, varnish (or whatever else it is) from the cage fronts more quickly than would otherwise be the case. But one will be amply repaid for the little extra trouble when one knows that his birds are kept in fine fettle and the death-rate (any British bird fancier can tell you what that word means) is very much reduced.

Methods of Keeping Britishers.

Taking first the Magpies; this bird is, I consider, one of the most beautiful as well as one of the most interesting of birds kept in captivity, but if you would keep him in good exhibition form you must have a small aviary or a hutch; 5ft. long by 2ft. broad will do, with wire netting on the front. You will find Mr. Mag. does not much relish the ordinary Thrush or Blackbird food; but if he is given a bit of flesh raw, every day or second day, he will feel himself obliged to take it, and he will live and thrive exceedingly well. Scraps from your butcher are the things, and a Sparrow now and again (as often as you like) is much appreciated; in fact, anything that is tasty.

A few words on the Jay may prove appropriate. The same treatment suits this bird admirably; but he is more partial to a vegetable diet, and is passionately fond of nuts. If, however, one's Jay is not a hand-reared one, my experience is that he is rather desperate.

Some Particular Favourites.

Blackbirds, Thrushes, Fieldfares, etc., are particular favourites of mine, and especially the Blackies. The orange beak and eye cere of the bird contrast most beautifully with the glossy black of his body. I also found him as a rule more easily inured to the loss of liberty than in the case of his companions.

You will observe, therefore, that I do not believe much in hand-rearing these birds, and my reason is simply that you have to wait at least two years before your Blackie is of any use for exhibition purposes. The wild-caught ones are much hardier, and you will find that after all your trouble and expense in connection with the hand-rearing, many of your Thrushes grow as wild as birds only a few months in a cage.

Get your birds in the end or at the beginning of the year, and they should be steady enough to keep their feathers when the moult comes round, and if good specimens do some service for you on the show bench. Of course, some birds would never steady sufficiently for show purposes, and I advise you to give those that sit and stare at you on your approach their freedom.

Any advertised softbill or rather Thrush food will suit the above birds, but I prefer to make up my own, as then one can be sure of its freshness. A good chicken meal is about the best thing I know, with a proportion of crissel and a pinch of ants' eggs or dried flies. Any dainty table scraps will also be relished. By way of a change, I mix these foods with boiled potato or grated raw carrot instead of water.

Show cages for all the above-mentioned birds should be painted black, and the inside should be of a light olive green colour.

The Bunting Family.

I am rather doubtful about the nationality of some of the members of this family now being exhibited, but the Yellowhammers, Snow Buntings, Common and Reed Buntings are all well enough known to us. The only two to my mind worth keeping are the Yellowhammer and the Reed Bunting; but the same treatment applies to them all. Plain Canary seed that is, and as much live food as you care to give them. In fact, my experience tells me that unless supplied with plenty of it they are difficult to moult in a cage, and particularly the Reed and Snow Buntings.

They might be given other seeds crushed. And I had a Yellowhammer quite recently that would crack hemp with any Finch. For exhibition purposes get these birds as large as possible, with the colours clean and bright, and the markings distinct.

The main point in a good Yellowhammer is to have the V. mark on his head clearly cut and going far enough back to allow of there being no lining on the feathers in between. The Reed Bunting's head must be jet black, and the colour round his neck as pure white as is possible. All the Buntings are inclined to be shy in their wild state, and as it is impossible to win with a wild bird, Reed Buntings will require a great deal of careful handling. Once steady, however, the "Yaldie" is a fine fellow, and his song is charming, reminding me always of the simple ways of childhood.

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Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 30).

Breeding of the Many-Colour Parrakeets (continued).

Nothing further happened that year in the way of breeding, but the happy pair passed the winter out of doors in the most perfect health and contentment.

The Many Colour, I may say in passing, is a very frugal bird, and a plain and simple diet suits him admirably. All mine have in the way of food is Indian millet, Canary seed, and an abundance of groundsel and flowering grass. Many Colours may be safely trusted with the tiniest of Finches.

The next year's breeding operations commenced very early. It must have been February that the hen disappeared into a log. I feared for the result—unfertile eggs. It proved I was right, for when she gave over sitting I found five clear eggs in the nest. After a very few days, my experienced eye saw that another batch of eggs was in preparation. Soon Mrs. Many Colour disappeared once more, and hope and expectation ran high once again. Once more she left her lord and master alone in his glory.

How long and weary the weeks of waiting seem'd! At last, one day I fancied I heard the well-known noise that young Parrakeets make, which once heard is never forgotten. It was days before I heard the sound again. You may listen for hours and you will hear nothing. The old birds signal the youngsters to shut up if anyone is about. If you hear them it is by accident. One day I saw the cock slinking out of the nest in a most apologetic way. I wondered what he had been in for, as when the old hen wants feeding she always comes off the nest. I hoped that he had gone to feed his family. Later on I found out that he had. The moment I suspected that youngsters were about, I gave green meat *ad libitum*. During early days the young are fed on little else.

How can you tell when youngsters are about? Some people say, Go and look at the nest. Wisdom says, Do nothing of the sort. Watch for signs. When you see a cock Many Colour, as for that matter any other Parrakeet, eating all day long against time, or as if there was no hereafter, you may be certain of one or two things: either he is going to die, or he has a family to provide for.

As my cock bird looked the picture of health, I took the latter view. This is not intuitive wisdom, but gathered slowly and painfully. My duties now blossomed forth like Aaron's rod, and I became in turn feeder, watcher, and general supervisor.

For weeks I literally lived on thorns. Was all my labour for naught? Should I just take one little peep, like Bluebeard's wife? Curiosity said "Yes"; Prudence whispered "No," and Prudence won the day. One morning in June, as I entered the aviary at 8 a.m., there was a rustling demonstration of surprise, such as you may have observed in a country congregation, when they hear an allusion to their every-day sins from the pulpit. Mr. and Mrs. Many Colour were running about the floor and calling to each other in the most frantic and excited state of mind, and I was not long in perceiving that the cause of all this parental joy and fussiness was the advent of a beautiful young Many Colour. I never saw a youngster that could fly so swiftly and easily from the first.

Many young Parrakeets go back to sleep in the nest for quite a long time. This one never did. The reason may have been that the hen went to nest again about a week before it came out, and she is now sitting steadily on a third batch. In the second batch there were three eggs—two clear and one youngster. The young one is a hen.

When I went into the house and told what I had found, neither Demosthenes nor a Nationalist member at a Cork election could have been listened to with more gratifying attention. Mr. Many Colour is left in sole charge, but the youngster is quite able to do for itself now, and is highly proud of itself as the first Many Colour ever born in the British Islands. As I look at her, I lift my hat reverently and whisper, Laudate. I feel almost like Jeremy Taylor's widow—that I may almost sit in a clean apron, with my hands folded, and my work done.

I hope my readers will all go and endeavour to follow my good example. All they require, as someone has said, is a pair of Many Colours, a small barrel on end, a large garden aviary, and—that is all! I fancy my readers will say that there is something else.

As I have seen several remarks of late to the effect that my success is due to immense aviaries, I should like to say that I have none. The aviary in which the Many Colours bred is about 6ft. square. I have just been looking at the youngster. She is about three-quarters of the size of her parents. Beak, flesh colour; eye, black; the red mark on the head very faint and indistinct at present; the breast, manvish green, verging into yellow below, the breast crossed with tiny lines; flight, dark blue; the shoulder has the pale red patch; under tail, blue. This is only a rough descripiton, as it is difficult to get near the bird and to describe exactly shades of colour in words.

CHAPTER XVI.: My Bicheno Finches.

Bichenos are among the tiniest of the little Finches that come from Australia. I know of nothing so tiny as their little legs and feet; they are more like threads than legs. Where to get them is always a difficult question. As an old school inspector, it reminds me of another difficult question. How much is eleven twelves? said H.M.I., and there was no answer. He put the question in a more searching way. Who knows how much is eleven twelves? And the village idiot answered, "Gawd," that being the generally accepted answer to difficult questions couched in this form.

If you were to ask me at the present time where to get Bichenos, I should be equally puzzled as those poor children. Only a tiny consignment comes over each year, and unless these get into the right hands, they speedily shuffle off this mortal coil. Being very rare, they always command good prices, and when their great delicacy is taken into account on landing, they are literally, when acclimatised, worth their weight in gold. The only way to keep them alive, if they land in February (as they usually do) is to put them at once into one of my little patent "night light cages" and keep them there till the summer is well advanced. You may be of the opinion of the elder Weller as to the trouble. "Whether it's worth while goin' through so much to learn so little," as the charity boy said when he got to the end of the alphabet; for my part I distinctly think it is; the sight of a pair of light-feathered little Bichenos is ample reward, to my mind, for long months of pain and trouble.

I should say that of the few pairs that come over nearly all die within a few days of reaching their new homes, unless their new owners are more than usually skilful in the difficult art of hardening off. A friend of mine this spring bought two pairs, and they were all dead within forty-eight hours.

I cannot, therefore, recommend Bichenos to everyone; they are not strong and hardy annuals. But if a man really loves birds and understands them, I would say, try Bichenos. The nuisance is that Bichenos always come over at the very coldest season of the year, usually in January; so this adds to the risk, as a cold journey of only a few hours will finish off these tender little things.

To buy Bichenos one day and lose them the next is distinctly a hard case. It is the sort of case that an ingenious editor might propound for solution. What should A do? Bichenos are marvellously active, and pop about like little mice, and it is no easy matter to catch an escaped one. I have, at the present moment, quite a little host of them, and they are certainly great favourites of mine. They are very tame and friendly (at least, mine are), and will let me get quite close to them in their big aviary without showing the least fear, and they will feed all round my feet. (The latter I may remark are large, so probably the Bichenos think that there is ample space!)

Oozing from every Pore.

Bichenos are gregarious, and keep together all day, frequently uttering their call note, to keep their mates apprised of their positions. In an aviary they always sleep in a box warmly lined with hay, and when hardened do not mind the cold a bit; but I believe that many a one is lost that need not be, were sleeping places provided. How long would English Wrens live in an aviary if compelled to sleep all night on the bare branches? It isn't everybody that would give away all his secrets, as I am doing. I think sometimes I must be related to that friend of Bishop Wilberforce, of whom he said, "I have often heard of the milk of human kindness, but till I met you, I had never met the cow!"

The cock bird has a pretty little song—diddy dee, diddy dee, diddy—repeated at intervals. Some people might be of the opinion of a certain respectable verger. Asked as to his opinion of the solo singer, he replied: "Oh, you haven't missed nowt to-night, sir; we only 'ad a bee in a bottle." Well, my poor little Bicheno does not make much more noise, perhaps, but still, I like to think he has a pretty song. At any rate, I am sure he thinks so, and so does his dear little wife.

Their favourite food I find to be Indian millet, and sometimes they will take a little Canary seed. They are very fond of crushed cuttlefish bone, and I have seen them eat fresh garden ants' eggs. Bichenos are beautifully marked, especially on the wings, where the black and white pencilling is exquisite. The front of the head is black in the cock, and brownish rusty in the hen; the back snuff colour, the tail black, the breast of the cock and the cheeks dazzling snow white, but the belly and underparts of the hen are buffy white. I can pick out the sexes with tolerable certainty, but I doubt if a beginner could. The surest test is the song, but then I doubt if a newly-come-over cock could sing; but get a good, healthy cock and suddenly introduce into his presence several presumable ladies of his species, and he will speedily let you see that he is a gentleman. He probably feels like that old cottager who, having learned for the first time that Solomon had had all those wives, exclaimed, "Lor' sir, what blessed privileges them early Christians had!" I may be libelling Master Bicheno, but that is my private opinion. I do not think that the double band on the chest is any mark of sex, though it may be, and generally is, of age. The beak is bluish, and the legs and feet slate colour.

The ease and readiness with which Bichenos are said to breed in books is, to put it mildly, remarkable. A dealer in the East End, now dead, used to buttonhole me (so that I couldn't get away), and proceed to tell me that he had bred almost every kind of bird in his own shop. I believed him no more than I do the verger, who tells me that the "squint" seen in some churches was to let the poor lepers see the "Elevation of the Host"; our forefathers knew better than to allow lepers to get into the churchyard.

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WILD BIRD NOTES.

Goldcrests in Surrey.

Fir trees and pines appear to be necessary to the tiny Gold-crested Wren; consequently it is mostly to be met with in the wilder and less-frequented districts. It is the smallest of our British birds. Occasionally one manages to find this charming little bird in some out-of-the-way place. There is much common land throughout Surrey, and some of it is partly covered with firs and pines. Many of these tracts are comparatively wild and undisturbed, and the Goldcrest builds his cradle-like homes in these quiet woods. The chattering of the Tits, the harsh cry of the Woodpeckers, and the cooing of the Doves are more frequently heard here than any other sounds. Young wild birds may often be located by their baby cries, while the parent birds are feeding them. Following these sounds we located a pair of small birds feeding a brood in a nest placed under the branch of a pine tree, some twenty-five feet above the ground. It was quite at the extremity of the branch, and at first could only be located by a thickness of the foliage, and might have been passed as such, but for the frequent journeys of the parent birds to the nest. By careful manœuvring we could manage to get a view of the side of the structure. It was suspended under the branch thickly covered with foliage. The old birds visited it every few minutes. Perching on a branch below it, they flew up and clung to the side of it, fed the brood and dropping, flew straight away in search of more food. This they appeared to find underneath the lancet-shaped leaves, and so quick were their movements that it was a most difficult matter to get a good view of them, even with the glasses. When at the nest, they appeared just as full of animation. They fed the brood and were off again at once. We watched them for quite an hour, but failed to get a good view of the birds' crest. The afternoon sun only occasionally penetrated the thick branches of the firs, and as the nest was overhung with leaves it was impossible to see them here with any degree of plainness. This was unfortunate, as this was the only place one could be certain of seeing them for a few seconds.

Eagle's Solitary Chick.

Eagles, and other raptorial birds, seldom hatch more one young one. The second egg is frequently addled.

Late Brood of Starlings.

The writer saw on July 12 a brood of young Starlings just out of the nest. If these birds are not double brooded, this appears to be a very late date for a first brood.

Nesting Boxes for Starlings.

It is stated that Starlings will not nest in boxes just large enough to hold them. The reason given is that they like a large space to alight upon. To those who prefer to encourage the smaller birds, this knowledge should be invaluable.

Birds of Short Flight.

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Little Owl in Kent.

The Little Owl has bred in an old chalk pit in a remote part of Kent for the last two seasons, and no doubt this interesting species would soon become fairly plentiful if allowed to live, without persecution. One of these birds which recently came into my possession was shot by the gamekeeper on the estate. He had an idea it was after some of his young Pheasants. Now this particular individual will destroy anything at all uncommon, or larger than usual, even such harmless birds as Woodpeckers and Nightjars. This being the case I fear this small colony of Little Owls has not much chance of becoming firmly established. Undoubtedly these birds feed principally upon beetles and other creeping things.

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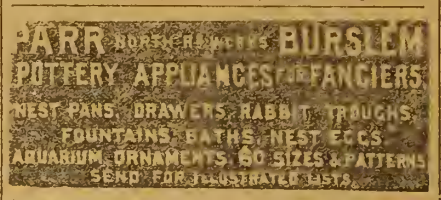
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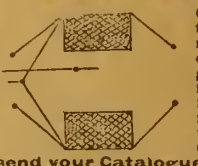
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THE SHOWS.

LLANHARRAN.

This annual fixture was held on August 4th in the cricket grounds, where the cage birds were exhibited in a marquee. The quality of the exhibits was very good considering the time of the year. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and his awards were well received.

CAN. (9): 1, Thomas; 2, Luckey; 3, Smith; res., Thomas; hc, Easte. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, Evans; 2, Easte; 3, Williams.

ALNWICK C.B.S.

The First Nest Feather Table Show of Canaries was held at the Temperance Hotel on July 30th. A capital entry was secured, and Mr. R. F. Rennison judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Millar; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Wake; hc, c, Tate. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Swan; vhc, hc, Landers. BUFF: 1, spl., vhc, Millar; 2, hc, Robinson; 3, Terment; c, Landers. A.O.V.: 1, Baxter; 2, Beswick; 3, Tate. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Swan. Most points throughout the show: W. Millar, 23; J. Robinson, 22; T. Wake, 21.—W. A. Broadley, Secretary.

PENCLAWDD.

The annual show was held on August 4th, the weather being all that could be desired for the occasion. Messrs. Lewis and Evans, the Hon. Secs., are to be congratulated on their successful management of affairs, and it is to be hoped cage bird fanciers will patronise the show in future more than on this occasion or in the past. Mr. Daniel John (Llanelly) made the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

CAN. (10): 1, spl, Williams; 2, Howells; 3, Morris. MULE: 1, Williams. FINCH (3): 1, Roberts; 2, Griffiths; 3, Williams.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

The society held their second Nest Feather Show on August 8th, when 48 birds were staged. Mr. C. Pickup (Great Horton) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Grayshon; 2, vhc, Wood; 4, Liley and Rothery; hc, Smith; c, Wright and Son. BUFF: 1, Liley and Rothery; 2, Wharton; 3, Wood; 4, Thornton; vhc, Whitworth; hc, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Wharton; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Thornton; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, Wharton; 2, Wood; 4, vhc, Wright and Son; hc, Whitworth; c, Liley and Rothery. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Grayshon; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, Graysbon; 2, Smith. SELL.: 1, 2, Smith.—R. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

VICTORIAN CANARY SOCIETY (Australia).

The 23rd annual show of the above society was held in Melbourne on June 5th and 6th. It was a large exhibition, no less than about 350 Canaries and Finches being staged. The medal presented by our own London and Provincial O.S. for the best Crest and the best Norwich in show (both Colonial bred) were won by Messrs. A. B. Mason and F. White respectively. The Crest was the deservedly popular "Eclipse," which also won the five-guinea Gaskell Trophy (for the second time). It was first in its class, and obtained the special for best natural colour Crest. The other special winner is a grand Norwich yellow cock, which everyone admired. It took first in its class and spl for best natural colour Norwich. The Norwich all round were a level lot, typical all over. Yorkshires, too, were good, and that not only in numbers but also in quality, Mr. W. T. Linton winning the trophy in this section. Lizards, while weak in numerical strength, were of excellent quality, the challenge trophy being won by Mr. P. Verey; he also took first and special in every class. Mr. C. L. Greenwood took the special in the British Bird class, he exhibiting a fine Thrush. The Foreign and Australian birds proved a source of much attraction, Mr. Boardman winning with a good specimen of the Pope Cardinal, which was shown in A1 condition. Mr. Dyer won the special in the section devoted to Parrots, his Cockatoo being an admirable specimen and well shown. The show throughout was a marked success, and reflected great credit on the able officials.

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NEWTON ABBOT & DI T. F.A.

A successful show was held on August 8th. The cage bird section proved very interesting to the large number of visitors to the show. The secretary, Mr. H. J. Turner, had everything in apple-pie order, and is deserving of praise for his able management. Mr. F. Redwood (Newton) judged, his awards giving general satisfaction.

YORKS. (prior to 1908): 1, 2, E. Bowden. YORKS. (1908): 1, 2, E. Bowden. NOR.: 1, C. Bowden. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Johnson; 2, Mayne; 3, Hookway. BRIT.: 1, 3, Mayne; 2, Johnson

WESTON (Bath).

The annual show was held on July 30th, in the Manor Park, Weston, Bath, when there were some creditable cage bird entries. The duties of hon. secretary devolved on Mr. F. M. Gray, who did his work well, having all the arrangements well in hand.

CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Foltwell; res., Sanham; hc, Smith. LOCAL: CAN. (6): 1, 3, Crane; 2, res., Coates and Son; hc, Barnett; c, Smith. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Crane; 3, Barnett; res., Coates and Son.

WOOBURN.

The annual show of the Wooburn Horticultural Society was held on August 5. The judge was Mr. H. Jordan (Reading). The cage bird entries get better every year, considering the smallness of the village.

BULLFINCH, BTC.: 1 and 2, Wootton, Goldfinch and Bullfinch respectively; 3, Wood, Goldfinch; 4, Mrs. Denham, Goldfinch. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Mayllu, Thrush; 2, 3, Wootton, Hawfinch and Linnet respectively; 4, Irvin, Blackbird. NOR. OR CRESTED: 1, 3, and 4, Wood, Crested and Norwich respectively; 2, Wootton, Norwich. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3 and 4, Stephens, Yorkshires; 2, Wood, Lanc. coppy.—J. H. Tyler.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The third medal competition was held at the Railway Hotel on August 8th, when some very good birds were staged. Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey) judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, hc, Casey; 2, Swaine; 3, Coates; vhc, c, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Braeewell; 3, Coates; vhc, Padgett; hc, Casey; c, Swaine. YELL. TICKED: 1, Parker; 2, Coates; 3, Padgett; vhc, Bottomley; hc, c, Casey. BUFF: 1, hc, Casey; 2, Swaine; 3, Bottomley; vhc, Coates; c, Parker. CINN. MKD.: 1, Richmond. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Parker; vhc, Richmond; hc, Bracewell. YORKS. GREEN: 1, 2, Richmond. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Hiles; vhc, Danby. BUFF: 1, Hiles; 2, Danby; 3, Shoesmith; vhc, Oddy; hc, c, Shoesmith. YELL. TKD.: 1, vhc, Hiles; 2, Pryah; 3, hc, Oddy; c, Shoesmith. BUFF: 1, 3, Danby; 2, Shoesmith; vhc, Oddy. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Pyrah. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Oddy. BEST BIRD IN OPEN: Casey. Best Bird Novice: A. Hiles.—A. Bottomley, Sec.

HUNWICK AND DISTRICT H.S.

Annual Show held on August 8th. We were favoured with a splendid day, and there was a capital attendance of the public. Cage bird classes have been added to the schedule for the first time, and they proved a centre of great attraction, which proves there was a keen interest taken in them. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. Tennick, A. J. Farrar, who were well backed by the stewards, Messrs. J. Browson and A. T. Dargue. Mr. T. Fogget judged, and gave satisfaction. The principal winners in the Norwich Section were Messrs. Henry Wilson, Hetton, and Wildsmith, and A. Hawkins in the British Bird Section with a good Goldfinch. It will be well perhaps for the society to make a little alteration in these sections another year.

NOR. (3): 1, 2, Wilson, clear yellow, with good size and fine colour; 2, similar in size; 3, Atess well-known; 4-pointed Buff. BRED 1908 (10): 1, 2, Wilson, leader grand bird, good feather; 2, very similar; 3, Boyd, good bird all over. YORKS. OLD (4): 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright, eye ticked yellow in grand condition, smart feather, good colour; 2, clear Yellow, loses only in colour and condition to winner. LINNET (10): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good size and colour, well pencilled, worth its place; 2, Wilson, fine size, nice pencilling and steady; 3, Mogil, grand bird, little light in colour to winner, otherwise good all over; 4, Boyd, nice bird. A.O.S. BRIT FINCH (9): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand Goldfinch, excellent size and colour, well worth its place; 2, Rutherford and Bright, Hawfinch, unfortunately deep in moult; 3, Wilson, Goldfinch, nice bird. WILD (4): 1, 2, Foster, leader Yellowhammer, good size and colour showing markings distinctly; 2, Wheatear, in the pink of condition, steady as a rock; 3, Davidson, Song Thrush, good bird, but rather damaged in tail.—W. Rutherford.

DAWLEY (SALOP).

This show (held in connection with the Horticultural Exhibition), was held on August 5th, in the Vicarage grounds. Cage birds were nicely staged in a roomy tent, and proved an attraction. Entries came up well considering the time of year, and numbered 80 in the eleven classes. Many of them were showing "signs of the times." The open section was not strong numerically, but was certainly not lacking in quality. The "locals" turned up in strong force, making quite a show in themselves. The Fancy in this district appears to have taken root well, many keen fanciers living in the vicinity. We understand a Cage Bird Society has already been formed, and feel sure that if the same amount of interest is taken in it as was displayed at the show, its future is well assured. The Hon. Secs., Messrs. Bowen and Smith, had everything in apple-pie order, and were ably assisted by Mr. Calleas, who looked well after the comforts of the exhibits. Mr. A. J. Gladwin, placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction.

Open Classes: NOR.: 1, 2, Brotherhood, leader heavily variegated Buff, good typo and quality, nice short tail; 2, clear Buff, grand type, good head, well packed wings, true Norwich, bit moulty; 3, vhc, Machin, nice type, good head; vhc, Tranter. YORKS.: 1, 2, Brotherhood, wing ticked Yell. leading, rare shape and length, sweet head, beautiful quality, stands well for a youngster; 2, another young one, clear Yell., nice shape, well drawn, moulty on head, pair of very promising birds; 3, vhc, Johnson, uneven marked Yell., grand length; vhc, Edwards and Poole. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Brotherhood, clinking even marked Buff Goldie-Canary, nice size, lovely colour and quality, markings well balanced, shows nice blend of parentage; 2, Callear, unevenly marked Buff Goldie-Canary, nice flush, loses only a little in size and quality to winner; 3, Potter, variegated Buff Goldie-Canary, nice size, shown in nest feather. BRIT.: 1, Brotherhood, well-known Waxwing in nice order; 2, Tranter, Goldfinch, good size, nice blaze and bars, steady, fine tanning and buttons; 3, Potter, well up in size, pretty equal to winner in colour of bars and blaze, but had knocked a few feathers out of blaze. Local Classes: NOR.: 1, vhc, Miss Thompson, marked Buff, very rich in colour, nice frosting, grand quality, good head; 2, Callear, unevenly marked Yell., very nice shape, gets well across perch, in grand feather for time of year; 3, Bailey, ticked Buff, very fair type; hc, Campbell, Machin, Callear. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Johnson, Yell., ticked on head, nice length and quality, very moulty; 2, Machin, Yell., good colour and length, nice head; 3, Hyde, well drawn Buff, nice build, good quality; vhc, Campbell; hc, Butler; c, Williams. A.V., BRED 1908: 1, vhc, W. Johnson, Buff Yorks., good length and type, strong in beak; 2, Machin, Buff Norwich, nice type and feather, gets well across perch; 3, vhc, Campbell, Buff Yorks., nice quality; vhc, T. Johnson (2); hc, Edwards and Poole; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Clayton. GOLDFINCH: 1, Windsor, little gem, very rich blaze, grand coloured tan, lovely bars, in rare condition, with a bit more size would be a real good one; 2, hc, Butler, nice blaze, well cut whites, loses only in body colour and condition; 3, Downes, nice blaze, but rather rough in feather and unsteady; 4, Westbrook; hc, Bailey, Pugh, Hyde; c, Clarke, Rowe. BULLFINCH: 1, Westbrook, nice size and shape, good cap; 2, Callear, lovely colour on breast; 3, Pugh, another good one, but a little rough in feather—moulty; vhc, Edwards. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Mrs. Green, leader nice song Thrush, grand size, well spotted, in rare feather and condition; 3, Lark, good size, very steady; 2, Callear, medium-sized Hawfinch, in moult; vhc (2), Machin; hc, Davies, Butler; c, Butler. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Callear, leader variegated Buff Goldie Can., very moulty; 3, good-sized dark Coldie Can., again moulty; 2, Machin, variegated Goldie Can., nice size, in nest feather; vhc, Johnson, Downes.

CARMARTHENSHIRE C.B.S.

The Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S. held their first members' show at the Plough Hotel, on August 6th. The number of exhibits came up to expectations and there were some really good birds shown in the several classes. Mr. Thomas officiated as judge of cage birds, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, R. Bevan. A.O.V.: 1, 2, R. Bevan; vhc, E. Howells. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, T. Evans; 3, T. Lloyd.—F. King, Hon. Sec.

RUABON.

Wynnstay Park was the scene of a nice show of cage birds held on August 3rd. The entries were good in number, if the quality (at this time of year) were somewhat below par. The judge was Mr. C. W. Wicks, whose placing of the awards gave entire satisfaction.

CAN. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Jordan; 2, 3, Butler; res., Dudleston. HEN (7): 1, 2, res., Butler; 3, Jordan; vhc, Dudleston. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Williams; 3, Salter; res., Jordan. MULE (7): 1, 3, Butler; 2, W. Williams; res., J. Williams.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

The monthly First Feather Show was held on July 28th at Fountain Inn, when some very nice youngsters were staged. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS I.: 1, Sparks; 2, Clark; 3, Stebbing; 4, Lee; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Mortimer. CLASS II.: 1, vhc, Stebbinge; 2, Clark; 3, Mortimer; 4, c, Elsegood; hc, Lee. CLASS III.: 1, Sparks; 2, Elsegood. CLASS IV.: 1, Mortimer; 2, Sparks; 3, Elsegood; 4, Lee; vhc, Clark. CLASS V.: 1, Mortimer; 2, Elsegood; 3, Clark. CLASS VI.: 1, Clark. CLASS VII.: 1, Stebbings; 2, Clark. CLASS VIII.: 1, 2, Clark. CLASS IX.: 1, 2, Clark. CLASS X.: 1, hc, Clark; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Wilcock. Mr. C. Stebbings gained most points in open classes, and Mr. Tom Elsegood most points in Novice classes.—W. Ashworth, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

The tenth annual show of young birds was held on August 1st in the Trades' Hall, Partick. There was a very good turn out of young birds, over 60 being staged. This was the more gratifying, seeing a good number of our members are on holiday, including our president, Mr. Duncan Graham. The secretary, Mr. J. Henderson, had the arrangements well in hand. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CREST. BRED.: 1, 2, Lappin. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H.: 1, spl, 2, Sheriden. BUFF (0): 1, 2, spl, for best 2nd in hall, Sheriden; 3, vhc, hc, McRobbie; 4, Maxwell; c, Hendry. VARIEC. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Sheriden; 2, Webster; 4, Priest; vhc, Hendry. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Sheriden; 2, 3, Hendry. CL., ETC., YELL. BORDER (7): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Lappin; 4, vhc, hc, Whitelaw. BUFF (6): 1, spl, for best Border, Henderson; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Whitelaw; vhc, Brown. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Lappin. BUFF (5): 1, Lappin; 2, Henderson; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Whitelaw. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl., McRobbie; 2, 3, Webster. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Webster; 3, vhc, McRobbie; 4, Priest; hc, Arthur; c, Webster. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, 3, Brown; 2, Walker. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, McRobbie. DARK: 1, McRobbie; 2, Brown. Winners of Points Specials for Monthly and Young Bird Show: CANARIES: 1, Walker, 10s.; 2, Sheriden, 6s.; and 3, Webster, 4s. BRITISH: 1, Gow, 10s.; 2, Graham, 6s.; and 3, McRobbie, 4s. Gold medal for most points for a Novice was won by Mr. Sheriden.

HORFIELD.

This popular Western fixture was held on August 5th. The entry was not large, but the quality was above the average for the time of year. Mr. O. Shipp had everything in grand order, whilst Messrs. Carnew and Manly made most efficient and obliging stewards. Mr. E. A. Lovell judged.

NOR. (8): 1, 3, hc, c, Brown, very hot yellow and a wing marked buff, two grand birds for type and quality; 2, 4, vhc, Trissem and Taylor, nice shaped, good coloured buff and yellow, not so light in feather. YORKS (7): 1, 3, Martin, yellow and buff, rather stout, but good colour, feather, and style; 2, 4, vhc, hc, strong, yellow and buff, much better shape, but beaten in condition; hc, Ewing. BRED 1908 (8): 1, Tristem and Taylor, nice chubby buff Norwich, close feather, and good style; 2, hc, strong variegated, of nice shape, on the strong side; 3, 4, White, very smart, well drooped, nicely radiated green crest, and a stout, clear buff C.B., Mr. Martin. BRIT. GOLD., ETC. (6): 1, Harris, noted winner, looking well; 2, and two spls, Manley, nice face and back, hardly so rich on breast; 3, Howard, rather dark in blaze, nice shape, and feather; 4, Locke, well marked, rich coloured, falls in feather—all Goldies; vhc, Rowe and Hancock; hc, Barry Bros., A.O.V. SMALL: 1, 2, Barry Bros., very smart, well marked, red-backed Shrike, and a nice soft-coloured Nuthatch, both in good plumage; 3, 4, Rowe and Hancock, very neat, well-marked Siskin, and a well-feathered yellow Bunting. MULE (11): 1, 2, Collins, dark Greenfinch Canary, of beautiful colour and plumage, and a larger, well-marked, rich-coloured dark buff; 3, Carnew, variegated yellow; 4, Locke; vhc, hc, c, Maggs. LOCAL NOR. (3): 1, Carnew; 2, Mrs. Barry; 3, Nelmes. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, Manley; 2, vhc, Ewing; 3, 4, Strong. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, 4, vhc, Barry Bros.; 2, 3, vhc, Manley; hc, Carnew. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Barry Bros. MULE (2): 1, Tadfield; 2, Atwell.

HAWARDEN.

Several classes were provided for cage birds at the third annual show held in the Hawarden Park, on August 3rd. Mr. G. H. Boddar judged, giving general satisfaction. The entries contained birds of excellent merit, and all proved a source of not a little attraction.

NOR. (1): F. Jones. YORKS. (10): 1, W. Jones; 2, 3, res., E. Edwardes; vhc, hc, P. Buckley; c, Farrell BRIT. HARDBILL (4), 1, 3, E. Price; 2, F. Jones; res., Johnson. MULE (1): Edwards. LOCAL CAN. (1): Borrows. A.O.V. (1): 3, Parrish.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' Show held on August 8th, at Prince of Wales Hotel, Saltaire Road. Entries came up very well, so near the moult. Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. H. Long won the Most Points' Special, Mr. H. Dobson second, and Mr. E. Grange the Novice Special.

CL. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Long; 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Long, 2, Batty; 3, Taylor; vhc, Towers. TICK. YELL.: 1, Towers; 2, c, Long; 3, Dobson; vhc, hc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Dobson. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Dobson; 2, 3, Towers. BUFF: 1, Bowden; 2, Batty. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, c, Grange; 2, Towers; vhc, hc, Orange. BUFF: 1, 3, Dobson; 2, Long; vhc, hc, Grange. FOUL MKD.: 1, Towers; 2, Dobson; 3, Stubbs; vhc, Taylor. BRIT.: 1, Bradshaw, 2, Dobson. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Long.—H. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

A First Feather Show was held on August 8th at headquarters, Crown and Anchor Hotel, when a fair number of young birds were staged. The Yorkshire classes did not fill up quite as well as was expected, due to some of the members not having done so well in the last round. The quality, however, of the exhibits showed an improvement on that of the previous show. The Norwich class brought out some good birds. Some grand Britishers were shown, there being little to choose between several of the specimens. Mr. Lindley (Wombwell) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL.: 1, vbc, T. and C. Parkes; 2, 3, Taylor. TKD.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, T. and C. Parkes; 3, Taylor; c, Brown. NOR: 1, hc, c, Atkinson; 2, Netherwood; 3, Taylor. MULES: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Netherwood; vhc, Atkinson. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Isherwood, Linnet, Greeny, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch respectively; hc, Rothwell, Greenfinch; c, C. Parkes, Bully.—P. Parker and Atkinson, Hon. Secs.

STRATTON AND BUDE F.A.

The fifth annual show was held on August 3rd, amid ideal weather conditions. The attendance was good and the cage bird section proved not the least attractive by any means. The Hon. Secs., Messrs. Clampitt and Wilsher, had carried out the arrangements excellently, and the success of the whole show was in no small measure due to their efforts. The assistant Secretary, Mr. Fairchild, and the committee are also to be congratulated on the success achieved. Mr. J. Davies judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Wills; 2, vhc, Bugle; vhc, Sargent. CL. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Wills; 2, 3, vhc, Thomas. NOR.: 1, spl, hc, Tippett; 2, 3, Trevena; res. and vbc, Ferrill. MULES (6): 1, vhc, French; 2, Stapleton; 3, Venner. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (cage-moulted) (4): 1, French; 2, Sargent; 3, Stapleton. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (4): 1, Richards; 2, 3, Wills. LOCAL: BRIT.: 1, Miss Ashton; 2, vhc, Burnard; 3, Hamley; hc, Heard. CAN.: 1, spl, Keats; 2, Box; 3, Beer; vbc, Heard.

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DOWNEND.

The 25th annual show was held on August 4th at Staple Hill, when the classes provided for cage birds were well filled. The exhibits themselves were all of good merit, some of them being from well-known "stables." Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

NOR. P.H (7): 1, hc, Tristem and Taylor, smart unevenly mkd. yellow, good big one, well shaped, and full of quality; 2, vhc, Brown, another very fine marked yellow, splendid carriage, good in size and shape, shown nicely. YORKS.: 1, 3, Martin, birds of good type, standing well up, lengthy, neat, winner best moulded body; res, vhc, hc, Williams, all nice ones for type, leader a well-drawn and stylish yellow. BRED 1908: 1, Tristem and Taylor, promising youngster, which should make up well, it has a good body and head, and stands well across the perch, a Norwich Plainhead; 2, 3, Morgan, Yorkies these, and very good babies, nice ones for type and position; vhc, White; hc, Keegan, Colbourne. MULE: 1, Collins, in the best condition; 2, Tiller; 3, Gornes, all three leaders were nice birds; res, Maggs; hc, Williams. BRIT.: 1, Bond Bros., Chough, real big one, good colour and sheen, fine bill and legs, very steady; 2, Harry; res, hc, c, Locke; vhc, Collins; an interesting class. MEMBERS' (6): 1, Winston; 2, Magg; 3, Barry.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

First Young Stock Show held on July 18th. The entries totalled about 60, the majority of the members having done badly this season. A concert had been arranged, and was well carried out by Mr. Hartland, and this with the show proved a decided success from all standpoints. Mr. Allison won the Cup for most points at this and the pair show, Mr. Putner and Mr. Meades following. Mr. Hawkes took special for best British with a good Bullfinch. Mr Easterling judged, his awards being well received. In the Champion Section Mr. Meades took the prizes.

NOVICE SECTION: YORKS., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Putner; 2, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hawkes; 2, 3, Putner; hc, Miller; c, Newnham. MARKED: 1, Newnham. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Allison; 3, Russell. BUFF: 1, 3, Russell; 2, Mrs. Corden. MARKED: 1, Allison; 2, Pawley; 3, vhc, W. Wood; hc, Newnham. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Smith; vhc, Newnham. GOLDFINCH: 1, Allison; 2, Weaver; 3, Y. Smith; vhc, Mrs. Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, Hawkes; 2, Meades; 3, Mrs. Carden; vhc, Hall; hc, Meades. LINNET: 1, Allison. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Miller. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Allison; 2, Meades. FOR.: 1, Best, Orange Waxbill; 2, Pawley; Serin Finches; 3, Best, another Waxbill. A vote of thanks, proposed by the president to the artistes at the concert, brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Three new members were enrolled during the evening.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

The second annual young stock show was held at headquarters recently, when the entries came up well considering the time of the year, and the poorness generally of the breeding season, about 100 exhibits being staged in all. The quality in most classes was excellent. The cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. C. H. Cooper, with a Yellow Norwich, which also won two water-colour drawings, one for best champion exhibit and the other for best bird in show. Mr. H. W. Burbidge repeated his success of last year in winning the committee's special, this time for the second best Canary in show, with a Yellow Yorkshire. With the same bird he won a silver spoon for the best Yorkshire in the novice section. Mr. A. J. Billingsley was the winner of the special for best Norwich in the novice section, and Mr. J. Bonwick, the winner of special for best amateur exhibit. The special for best Goldfinch went to Mr. C. H. Cooper. There was a good attendance of members and friends, and everything went along swimmingly. The show was a big success, and will be the bigger when outstanding ticket money has been paid in. Special mention should be made of the energy displayed by Mr. H. W. Burbidge (the assistant secretary), Mr. Shnnkley, and the Messrs. Forse. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CHAMPION, YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, A. B. Forse. NOR.: 1, three spls, 4, vhc, C. H. Cooper; 2, 3, hc, s, Carr. A.O.V.: C. H. Cooper. AMATEUR, YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, B. F. Forse. NOR. CL.: 1, Marley; 2, Bonwich; 3, Jackson. MARKED: 1, spl, Bonwick; 2, 3, c, Marley; 4, vhc, hc, Jackson. NOVICE, YORKS. CL.: 1, two spls, 2, Burbidge; 3, 4, vhc, hc, F. A. Forse. MARKED: 1, 2, F. A. Forse; 3, vhc, Burbidge; 4, hc, Colbey. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, Roberts; 4, Billingsley; vhc, Horsnp; hc, May. BUFF: 1, vhc, Ovenden; 2, 3, Williamson; 4, Horsup; hc, May. MARKED YELL.: 1, spl, Billingsley; 2, vhc, Hale; 3, Ovenden; 4, c, Roberts; hc, Williamson. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Williamson; 4 Bartlett; c, Ovenden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, C. H. Cooper; 3, Bartlett; 4, vhc, B. F. Forse; hc, Mills. BULLFINCH: 1, Burbidge; 2, Shankley; 3, B. F. Forse. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, B. F. Forse; 2, Burbidge; 4, Mills; vhc, Shankley. LINNET: 1, vhc, Ovenden; 2, Wood; 3, Morris Bros.; 4, B. F. Forse. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, C. H. Cooper; 2, Bartlett; 3, B. F. Forse. BUNTINGS: 1, B. F. Forse. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, 3, Morris Bros. HEN BRIT.: 3, C. H. Cooper. FOR.: 1, Morris Bros.—A. MORRIS,

OAKHAM.

In connection with the annual show of the Rutland H.S. a cage bird exhibition was held on August 3rd in the Limekilns Field. Entries came up well in most classes, but in others they were poor in number, being probably due to the time of year, the birds having already commenced to moult. There were some fine exhibits amongst the Norwich and Yorkshires. The attendance throughout the day was good, and the staging and comfort of the exhibits were well looked after by the stewards. The secretary, Mr. Munton, is deserving of every praise for his successful management. The judging was in the hands of our old friend, Mr. Josepb Bexson, and be pleased everyone.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Lewin, (leader a very taking yellow, substance and quality A1, chubby and smart in style; 2nd, also a good one for type and quality, both well shown; 3, vhc, Dixon, also a smart exhibit, excellent colour and quality, tight silky feather, good shape, close up. TKD., ETC.: 1, Dixon, also very tightly feathered and good in style, bold front, good wings and tail; 2, Sharp, well built buff, nice frosting, well cut away; 3, vhc, Lewin, two typical specimens, shade finer built, but full of quality. CREST: 1, Winstone, fair conditioned Crest, headpiece of good size, well rounded and nice texture; 2 (withheld); 3, vhc, Gibson, looks a good one, but crest out of form to-day, nice body and quality. YORKS.: 1, 2, Blades, fine lengthy buff, stands like a pencil, very neat and stylish; 2nd, also a good one; 3, Hibbett, wee bit smaller, but all there for type and style. CINN. (1): 2, Lewin, very decent buff (no 1st awarded). MULE: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, Winstone, really promising young Crest-bred; 2, withheld; 3, Hibbett, another good one of same persuasion; vhc, Gibson. CAN. (bred 1908): 1, 2, hc, Winstone, good Crest leading, followed by a chubby typical Norwich, both should make up well; 3, Blades, buff Yorkshire, good stand, fine shape; vhc, Deal; c, Gibson. GROUP OF FOUR (1908): 1, Winstone, real good lot of Norwich, in nice form, and should moult out well; 2, withheld; 3, Harriman, Yorkshires, smart lot all-round. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Smith, two smart Goldies, well tnmed nnd good in blaze, leader very nicely cut; 2, Seal, smart Bullie, good cap, rich breast; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Nicholls; c, Ride. THRUSH, ETC. (1): 1, withheld; 2, Underwood, very fair bird. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Underwood, attractive Waxwing, nice colour and condition; 2, Rhle, very fine Yellowhammer, lovely condition, close race; 3, Seal, Bramblefinch, good head, fine colour and spangling, shows well; vhc, Burrows; hc, Faulks; c, Brown. FOR. LARGE: 1, 3, Martin; 2, withheld. SMALL: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, withheld. SELL. PAIR (20/-) SINGLE (15/-): 1, Lewin; 2, Sharp; 3, Dixon. Local Classes.—CAN. OR MULE: 1, Harriman; 2, 3, Hibbett, jun.; vhc, Nicholls. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, Hibbett, jun.; 2, Nicholls; 3, Carter; vhc, Barnes.

RUNCORN.

In connection with the annual show of the Runcorn H. and O.S., held in the Plantation Pleasure Grounds on August 1st, there was a fine exhibition of cage birds. The weather was lovely for the occasion, and the number of visitors very satisfactory. The entries were both numerous and of good quality. Mr. Cawley secured the cup for best bird in show with his fine Norwich Yellow, which was admired by all. It was a bird full of excellent qualities and typical all over. Mr. Cooke was runner-up with his winner in the Foreign bird section. The cage bird section of the show did not suffer from want of assistance from fanciers, for there was an able body of stewards, with Mr. C. Hardy, the indefatigable hon. sec., at the head of them, and all are deserving of much praise. Mr. Welliugs (Prescot) judged, and as soon as he made his awards (which gave every satisfaction) the stewards had the cards put up. The fixture afforded a very pleasant day's outing.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, c, Cawley, winner a very nice one, all there for length and position, neatly feathered; 3rd, good, with a nicely moulded body; 2, Andrews, smart all round, neat, well shown; vhc, Boote, also typical; hc, Marsn. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Hall, two bonny Yorkies, not over stout, and well finished, good length and stand; 2, hc, Cawley, another lengthy, well-drawn bird, nice and neat; vhc, c, Boote. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, cup for best in show, Cawley, a beauty, well put down, fine chest and head, neat wings, all there for quality, deserves the honour; 2, c, Houghton, good shape and style; 3, Hall, trifle smaller, but typical and good in quality; vhc, Bloor; hc, Boote. BUFF (13): 1, Guy, nice substance, well across perch, neat, well finished off, good mealing; 2, Bloor, close up, excellent quality and type; 3, Hall, well rounded and neat, nice substance; vhc, Murray; hc, Houghton; c, Andrews. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Finney, a very fair, well feathered specimen; 2, 3, Andrews, two smart birds. GREEN YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Foster, bave length and style, leader sonadest colour. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Jenkins, good in type, nice tone of colour. BUFF (7): 1, Guy, bouncing, good coloured birds, well shown; 2, Cawley, nice one; 3, Jenkins, also good, both these two are exhibits above the average; vhc, hc, Fenney; c, Johnson; No. 5 w.c. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, hc, Andrews; 3, vhc, Murray. SELL. (10/6) (5): 1, Hampson; 2, Hall; 3, vhc, bc, Andrews. BRIT. HARDBILL (3): 1, 3, Hampson; 2, Hurstfield. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 3, Price; 2, Cawley. SMALL (7): 1, spl second best in show, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cooke, a splendid team. NOVICE YORKS (6): 1, spl, 3, Ratcliffe, both good, winner extra smart; 2, Frangleton, good shape and position; vhc, hc, c, Lee. NOR. (9): 1, Jones, fine body and head, excellent feather; 2, hc, c, Baxter, chubby one, nice quality; 3, Callard, also a creditable bird for type and feather; vhc, Frodsham.

CLUB REPORTS.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting of committee held on August 8th; chairman, Mr. D. Sunderlnnd. "That patronage of the O.N.P.C. ho granted to Warrington and Dist. C.B.S. (Judge, Mr. A. Wellings)," in addition to those already published, was agreed to, making a total of eight shows. Bye-law passed: "That all amateurs and novices must compete in the open classes for any specials given hy the O.N.P.C., for novices, and will be required to write the word 'novice' or 'amateur' on entry forms." The tender for printing year books was accepted from Messrs. Treweek and Woodhead. Suggestion from sub-committee passed, viz.: "That intending members applying for year and rule books be charged 6d. per copy, which can be deducted from subscription." The following members were appointed to co-operate with other specialist clubs in reference to "railway charges," etc.: Messrs. J. Wilcock, Sunderland, Mitchell, and Simonette. A vole of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on August 1st at the Adelphi Inn, Harrogate Street, Mr. W. Dyer presiding over a very good muster of fanciers. After the usual business, the opportunity was taken of giving a send-off to Mr. D. Simpson, who was going to sail for Canada on August 7th. The Secretary spoke of Mr. Simpson's long and loyal allegiance to to the cage bird Faucy generally, and to the Wigan C.B.S. in particular, and handed to him a pipe and case and pouch filled with tobacco, as a small token of regard from the members. The chairman also spoke in praise of Mr. Simpson as a brother fancier and as an opponent; he always felt, he said, that if he had been able to beat Jack, he had beaten a worthy foe. He wished him every success in his new home. Most of the other members had something to say, the feeling prevailing that in losing Mr. Simpson the society was losing one of its best members. Mr. Simpson suitably and feelingly replied. He said he could never forget his Birdy friends in the Mother country, and that some of his happiest hours had been when he was with the Wigan Bird men.—W. RINGE, Hon. Sec.

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ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters (Buck I' th' Vine Hotel), on August 4th, the chairman (Mr. G. J. Johnson presiding over a numerous attendance. The chief item on the agenda was the presentation of prizes won at the young bird show last month. On account of the satisfaction given at our previous show, Mr. Charles Houlton (St. Helens) was again selected as judge for the old bird show fixed for Nov. 28th. One new member was proposed, and an honorarium was also granted the secretary. Several novel suggestions for the next show were left over for consideration. Other minor items and the usual votes of thanks terminated a pleasant evening.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

A meeting was held in Lockhart's Cafe, Claytonstreet, Newcastle, on August 5th. There was a very fair attendance. Mr. Farrar took the chair in the absence of Mr. Currah. A letter was read from Mr. Taylor, secretary of Gateshead Society, intimating that his society had added two classes to the Crest section at their forthcoming show for novices—one for Crests and one for Crest-breds. So it is to be hoped novices from all parts will show how they appreciate the provision of such classes by sending a humping entry. A letter was read from Mr. Goulden asking to be allowed to give a club medal at the club show. The request was readily granted. The society have also decided to give a silver medal to novices at their club show. Mr. Goulden's medal will he given for the best Crest, and the club medal for the best Crest-bred, bred and exhibited hy a novice member of the club. It was decided that a member of the club who commenced the season as a novice, would remain a novice, so far as competing for club specials was concerned, until the end of the season. Mr. Crawhall tendered his resignation as a protest against the severity of the sentence passed upon him by the committee of District No. 1 of C.B.U. for his exhibiting birds at an unlicensed show. The members were indignant, and thought that the committee had dealt very harshly with Mr. Crawhall, and instructed that the secretary of the C.B.U. be written to and requested to have the case reconsidered as the sentence was far too severe. It was also decided not to accept Mr. Crawhall's resignatiou, as the club could not afford to lose such a valuable member. Mr. Robson gave his report of the C.B.U. meeting. This terminated a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.—J. G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Lecture on Colour Feeding.

A quiet and enjoyable evening was spent on July 30th in the Daybrook-street Schoolroom, where a goodly number of members met to listen to the reading of a paper by Mr. Broadhead, an enthusiastic member of the society. Mr. Chas. Oliver presided, and after the usual business called upon Mr. Broadhead to read his paper on "Colour Feeding." Mr. Broadhead said: The paper I am about to read is simply a straight and plain talk, and in writing it out I have withheld no secrets. I am giving you my idea of colour-feeding—how I feed my birds, and how I prepare my food for them during the moulting season. As you already know, this is a very critical and tryiug period of a Canary's life, and a time when more attention is required. The greater care and patience you exercise the better results you may expect. I often put my young birds on colour food when they are about seven weeks old—when they require a more nourishing and substantial food, the strain upon them being at that time very trying. Therefore extra food is much needed. I give them in their drinking water on alternate days a few drops of the best sherry wine, and also tincture of gentian, once a week, adding a piece of sulphate of iron about the size of a split pea. If I notice that any of my birds have a difficulty to start moulting, twice a week I give flowers of sulphur in their egg-food, and in their drinking water a few drops of essence of Penny Royal. As to mixing my colour food, I just simply take out of the same tin some of that I serve to my customers—the Royal Red Feed—and a little hot pepper, mixing these with egg-food and adding a little sugar to sweeten it. That is all I use as regards food. I should like to say that in colour-feeding I never take the seed-box away. So that it is left to the good fortune of the birds. But I am strongly of opinion that to maintain a nice colour you must breed for colour. That is, you must have plenty of dark blood—birds of rich quality of feather, as some birds will never show colour no matter how much feed they eat. I must say I have been very successful in exhibiting for colour. On one occasion, about five years ago, at Pendleton and Salford, I was second for Mr. Sandiford's cup for best fed birds. Again, I won a cash prize at Glossop, and finally at our own show I gained the medal for hottest fed bird. I will conclude, thanking you for your kind attention, and hoping you will all be successful in moulting and feeding real good toppers. I also wish the best success and continued prosperity to our society and its members, and hope they will always work well together. At the conclusion of the paper numerous questions were asked, which Mr. Broadhead answered very satisfactorily. At the close of the meeting the chairman thanked Mr. Broadhead for his able and interesting paper, which had, he said, given us food for thought. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and to the lecturer, which brought a most interesting evening to a close.—H. WALLWORTH, Assistant Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A meeting was held in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on August 5th, to further consider patronage, as we had two specials offered after our previous meeting to allot patronage. It was decided to give Dr. O'Neal's special in accordance with the donor's wish, viz., for most points gained over the six patronage shows by a member who, previous to the coming show season, has not won more than three first in Yorkshire classes, novice or open. The cup presented by Mr. J. Sandiford, of Preston, it was decided to give at Gateshead, for best young bird other than the Challenge Cup winner, the winner to have been fed on Sandiford's Royal Red Feed. In the event of the two cups being won by birds belonging to the same owner, Sandiford's cup will be given to the reserve bird.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A. v. BRADFORD CITY O.S.

A cricket match took place on August 11th, on the Clock House Estate, between Manningham C.B.A. and Bradford City O.S. The weather was favourable, but owing to its being holiday week very few members of either club turned up, so we had to play ten men aside. The umpires were Messrs. Hill and Halliday. City of Bradford won the toss and batted first. The clubs have met on three occasions, City having won on two of them. I wonder where Mr. J. C—— was, not to have been there to see that nine hit? Oh, that tree! Scores:—CITY OF BRADFORD: Holmes 4, A. Lee 7, S. Horsfield 0, Stansfield 3, J. Horsfield 10, Morement 0, Hellewell 3, Fawcett 0, Broscombe 0, F. Rhodes 0; extras 4; total, 31. MANNINGHAM C.B.A.: Huddleston 2, Armstrong 7, T. Smith 17, H. Grange 2; extras, 6; total, 34.—F. WESTERN, Hon. Sec. Manningham C.B.A.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The following are the arrangements made for the various competitions for the coming season:—

Bolton, Oct. 16th and 17th.—Judge, Mr. Roe.

Accrington, Oct. 23 and 24.—Messrs. Davis and Battye.

Manchester, Oct. 30th and 31st.—Judge, Mr. T. Trengove.

Liverpool, Nov. 6th and 7th.—Judge, Mr. W. Vardy.

The International Contest, England versus Scotland, will be held at Glasgow, on Nov. 13th and 14th. The contest with the Southern N.P. Club is arranged to take pace on their ground, date and judge not yet decided on.

Will the secetaries of the twenty odd societies who have applied for our support and failed to get same kindly note this, that none of the above societies got anything last year, and doubtless they will have to stand down next year, for some of those who are disappointed (if they will apply again next year). The committee would like to extend their patronage, but funds will not allow them.

The following are the prizes offered for competition: Accrington (Club Show), the N.P.C. Challenge Cup, Gold Medal for the best Norwich, 5s. for best first bird, 5s. for best second, 5s. for best third, 5s. for best fourth, 5s. for best sixth in the Champion Section. The Amateurs will compete in classes provided for them, for a Gold Medal for the Best Bird, six money prizes of 5s. each (the same as in the Chnmpion Section), total £3 in cash. At each of the other four shows the club will give 5s. for most points, open to both sections, but any member winning a first prize at that show to be debarred. The Challenge Cup will he competed for at all the five shows, on the same conditions as last year, viz., not more than four birds to compete from the same owner, and which must be marked with the word "Cup" on entry form. The winner and the runner-up are each to receive a Gold Medal each year. The Amateurs will compete for an electro teapot, first prize, an electro coffee-pot, second prize, electro cream jug, third prize, for first, second and third most points gained during the year at shows where the cup is being competed for. All those wishing to become members are requested to send on their application, along with 2s. 6d. for the annual subscription to me at once; and those members who have not paid for this year are reminded that it is overdue, and must be paid before competing for club specials. If forwarded at once it will save my time and expense to the club.—J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec., 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Annual Linnet contest held, when 16 birds sang for three good prizes. Result.—1 and 3, Chippendale, 2, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. Towers, Allan, Jackson.—W. DEAN, Secretary.

LEEDS.

Bank Holiday contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, August 3rd, when some very good singing was heard. Forty-two birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers and Cooper. 1, Hardcastle; 2 and 3, Stead. Also on August 3th, when 20 birds sang 1, 3, 4, Stead; 2, Robinson. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Naylor.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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TWITTERINGS.

All prize money won at our young stock show on July 25th has been paid, writes Mr. A. Bowes, sec. of the Crook Original C.B.R. and T.S.

Will show secretaries and others please note that I have removed, writes Geo. Osborne (Wednesfield), to 537, Dudley Road, Wolverhampton.

The proposed Lancashire and Lizard F.A. meeting at Glossop, on August 16th, is postponed, owing to holidays, writes Mr. John Rukin, the hon. sec.

Is the Hoopoe a British bird? writes Mr. J. H. Verrall (Portslade). I should say, yes. I have seen one flying in Sussex and calling "Hoop-oop." Very many years ago an uncle of mine shot one.

We are informed by Mr. J. C. Heaton, the hon. sec. of the Crewe and Dis. O.S., that Mr. W. Bentley, a hard working official of the Bury C.B.S., having taken up residence at Crewe, has thrown in his lot with the Crewe and Dis. O.S.

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At the 33rd annual Flower Show held at Twerton on August 3rd, there were two classes provided for cage birds—one for Canaries, and one of cages of four Canaries. Messrs. H. G. Pitman, S. Day, H. James, won the first, second and third prizes in each class.

A little bird whispers that during last Saturday's cricket match between the Birmingham C.B.A. and Bradford City O.S., one of the batsmen smote the ball so mightily that nine runs accrued from the hit. Both ball and the fielder, rumour has it, were "up a tree."

For the benefit of those who have overlooked us, writes Mr. B. M. Clark (Foxhills, Radstock), sec. of the Radstock and Dis. H. and F.A., kindly state that I will take entries for our show to be held on August 19th up to first post, August 17th. Mr. W. G. Bull judges cage birds.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen as judges at our annual show, writes Mr. A. Murdoch, sec. of the Airdrie and Coatbridge O.S. (amalgamated): for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. McDougal (Larbert), and J. Hunter (Wishaw), and for Norwich, Mr. Adamson (Kilmarnock).

Our report of the small British class in the recent Cambridge Show should have read:—1st, Fowell, very smart specimen of the Snow Bunting. Our printers unfortunately turned the word smart into "small." This Snow Bunting is, as a matter of fact, an exceptionally large bird, and a winner of several prizes.

Samples of the hemp lines and twine mesh used in the manufacture of the nets he sells, are sent us by Mr. W. Gore, of 131 Gooch Street, Birmingham. They are of the very best quality, and nets made of such materials should give the highest satisfaction to users, and stand a great amount of wear and tear.

We have received from Mr. W. Cornwall, 707, Lincoln Road, Peterboro', a sample spring-net trap, such as he is advertising in our columns. It is very well and strongly made, acts instantly, and is of most convenient size and of the latest pattern. This self-acting trap should prove just the thing for those in need of such an article.

I have to-day, writes Mr. C. E. Silk (Emsworth), had a letter from New York, inviting me to go over and judge their forthcoming show in December. They offer to pay all travelling expenses and give me a fee, also entertainment by the club while in New York. But I must decline, as it means spending Christmas on the voyage, and that is our busiest time here in my trade.

Dr. Forbes, director of the Liverpool City Museum, has just opened at Waterloo a new museum which forms a charming addition to the library buildings, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Within the museum is housed a fine and comprehensive collection of British birds, the gift of Colonel Echalaz. The birds are represented in their natural surroundings, and the effect is interesting, instructive, and picturesque.

We were pleased, write Messrs. Shaw Bros. (Allerton Road, Bradford), to see you favoured us with a picture of our Clear Yellow Yorkshire on the front page of CAGE BIRDS last week. He was rather a late-hatched youngster last year, and did not get into show form until late on in the season, so that we only had the chance of exhibiting him on three occasions. The first time was at Brighouse, where he got v.h.c. in a very strong class. He improved and filled up a bit, and we sent him to St. Horton, where he was awarded third prize. We then decided to keep him at home until the Palace show, as we had shown there the year before for the first time and done very well, so we thought we would have another try. We sent three birds and got first and special for best bird in the eight novice classes with the aforementioned Clear Yellow; also, we got second in unevenly marked Buffs, not so very bad, I think, out of three birds. I may say that the Yellow has turned out a very good stock bird, as we have bred some very promising youngsters from him, paired to a Buff hen we exhibited in the novice section last winter. I think he will be better this coming season after a good moult. We wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success, which it well deserves.

Kindly notify that in consequence of the Larkhall show being held on August 20th, writes Mr. H. Turtle, hon. sec. of the Bath and Dis. F.A., there will be no meeting of this Association on that date.

Whilst wandering through some fields near here, writes Mr. J. K. Bagshaw (Matlock), I saw what I thought to be a Hawk chasing a small bird; but as I got nearer, I found it to be a Cuckoo, which was being fed by a Grey Wagtail.

We gather from the "Yarmouth Mercury" that the Perseverance Bird Breeding Society held a washing exhibition of birds at their club-house, Market-place, on August 5th, when Mr. H. E. Tringham (London), of Yorkshire fame, put several dirty birds through the wash, which showed the members present the vast difference between dirty ones and clean ones for the show bench.

A reliable informant states that he recently saw a specimen of that rare and beautiful bird, the Hoopoe feeding near some cows in the neighbourhood of Parkstone (near Bournemouth), and that he also saw one near the same spot last year. This bird, which may always be recognised by its handsome crest, is an irregular summer visitant to this country, and would be seen much oftener if allowed to remain and breed, instead of being shot. It has several times been seen at Radipole, near Weymouth, and other places in Dorset, and also at Christchurch. It is an insect feeder, and therefore a friend to the farmer.

Kindly announce, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon. secs., that the annual show of the Dulwich O.S. will be held (under the rules of the C.B.U.) on Nov. 24th and 25th, and not the date previously arranged, at the Imperial Hall, which is most easy of access, and lighted by night by electricity, and warmed by hot water pipes. The hall has been booked for three days, so that a clear day may be given to the staging and comfort of the birds. The following gentlemen will judge:—Messrs. J. Robson (Crests, Borders, etc.), G. Gardner (Norwich), W. Mundell (Yorks), and W. H. Vale (British and Foreign). In addition to the six silver bowls for open competition, Mr. W. Goodwin is presenting a perpetual trophy to the Society, a cup for best bird, the winner to have a medal also at the donor's expense. Mr. Foster also presents a dinner service for best Norwich shown by a member.

Lancashire Canary Association.

In my report published last week, I should have stated that all birds competing for L.C.A. specials must be shown in the club's standard cage.—WM. ADAMS, sec.

"Side by Side to the Better Land."

For many years, says M.A. in the "Spectator," a pair of graceful Swans have sailed on the lakes in the grounds of Meldrum House, Aberdeenshire. But the other day the male Swan, who was getting lame, and evidently feeling the infirmities of age, while sailing with his faithful mate seized hold of her neck, and held her head under the water until she died. Shortly after he himself was found dead near the same spot, with his long neck and awry feet trailing in the water.

And then She Died!

A correspondent of the "Field" writes:—The following details of a prolific Canary, for the accuracy of which I can vouch, may be of interest to your readers: In April, 1906, my gardener became the owner of a Canary, then one year old. She was mated, and immediately began to lay eggs. In eighteen months she laid ninety-one eggs, of which six were unfertile. She reared eighty-five young birds. The last brood was hatched October 21st, 1907, after which she laid twenty-nine unfertile eggs up to February 24th, 1908, on which day she died.

Rural Peace.

If one Owl shrieks on an average eight times per minute, writes "Distracted" to a daily contemporary, how many shrieks will you get from three Owls in four hours at the same rate? Answer, 5,760. This is what we are experiencing night after night, from darkness till dawn, just outside the bedroom window. The terrible noise is maddening. It is fast getting on our nerves. We cannot get rest unless we close every window tightly, which we do not wish to do during this hot weather. The Wild Birds' Protection Act was designed for a laudable purpose, no doubt, but this is one of the results. Noisy organ grinders may be removed in the daytime, but at night all the Owls in the kingdom may screech themselves hoarse and there is apparently no remedy.

Serious for Once!

A certain Army captain, on returning home from abroad, brought with him a goodly stock of souvenirs. Among them was a pair of 'Laughing Jackasses," which he entrusted to one of the sailors. Alas! The unaccustomed shipboard life did not agree with the birds, and, in spite of all Jack Tar's care, they pined and finally died. When he discovered the catastrophe, the sailor was in despair.

"I daren't tell the captain!"

"Don't shirk it, mate," said his pal. "Break it to him gently, and you'll find it'll be all right."

The advice seemed sound, and so he sought the gallant captain.

"'Scuse me, sir," he said, "you know them things below—what you call Larfin' Jackasses? Well, sir, they ain't got nuffin to larf at this morning."

An Unfounded Rumour.

It is not true that the Plumage Prohibition Bill now before Parliament prohibits birds from wearing their own feathers.

Marriage Bells at Newcastle.

Fanciers of the Tyneside will be interested to hear of the marriage of Mr. W. J. Shepherd, junior partner in the firm of Shepherd and Son, and son of Mr. James Shepherd, the first chairman of Newcastle C.B.S., to Miss Ethel Long, also of Newcastle. We wish the happy pair long life and prosperity.

N.B.B. and M.C.

At the last meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club, a large number of applications for patronage came before the committee, and as the finances of the club are now in such a satisfactory condition, they were able to grant medals to all the shows applying for them, and complying with the conditions. In all, five gold, seventeen silver, and eleven bronze medals (besides several given privately) were put out in various parts of the country for competition amongst the club members. Fanciers desirous of joining the N.B.B. and M.C. should send their names to the secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, 2, Broad Street Station, London, E.C.

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*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
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*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
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*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent.** J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** J.C.B.
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*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** T.H. and H.N.
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*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
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*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
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*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
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Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
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*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
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Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
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*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.C.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington O.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.B.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.



Swallow.

This bird was exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show by Mr. H. J. Ford (Cardiff) and secured third prize. It attracted considerable attention from visitors to the Exhibition.

*Nov. 28.—**Sale, Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.**, S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.D., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.**
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.B.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.P.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.S., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.**
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 343.)
(For Secretaries' addresses see last week's list.)

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

I am a novice, and this is my first season's breeding experience. I have six cock Canaries and seven hens. I have had 29 young, and all of them are doing for themselves. Eleven, which are still in the nest, are doing well. You will agree this is not bad for a start. All my knowledge was obtained from CAGE BIRDS.—F. BAYLEY (Birkenhead).

Matlock and District.

We have not had a very successful season. One breeder had about 13 nests with the nett result of one young one. Another had eleven nests and only one young, and another had only three young ones from 8 nests, and five Mules, Goldfinch and Canary and Siskin and Canary. One breeder has bred 3 Hybrids, which are doing well. I have had a successful season. I have lost two hens, they being egg-bound in May, but have done well since, as I have reared 22 out of 24 young Norwich. Two of them died when only 6 weeks old. My first nest contained 7 eggs, of which 6 hatched out, 5 of the young being reared, which I think is not very bad. And I have only 3 hens and 2 cocks to breed with. All the young are clear yellow and buff. Another breeder for his first year has had 19 young from 7 hens and 5 cocks, Norwich only; but has lost his 3 last nests of young through the hen sweating them. I recommended him to take CAGE BIRDS in, from which he would get to know how to manage them.—G. K. SHAW, (Matlock).

Airdrie & Coatbridge O.S. (Amalgamated).

The breeding results in this district have been very poor, a number of the members having little or nothing to show for their season's breeding. The following is a list of members' results:—Scotch Fancies, J. Wynes, 25; P. McIver, 20; J. Main, 6; J. Fairley, 8; R. Murdock, 8; Wm. Hutchinson, 6; J. Hamilton, 5; J. Prentice, 5; Wm. Hailstons, 5; A. Russell, 4; R. Brag, 3; Wm. Frame, 3; J. Treddon, 3; J. Young, 3; T. Smith, 2; A. Hamilton, 2; R. Douglas, and A. Harper, one each. Norwich, Wm. Kennedy, 28; R. Boag, 18; D. Clark, 15; F. McTyre, 5; J. Fairley, 9; D. McLauchlan, 4; Wm. Frame, 4; Wm. Simpson, 12; R. Downie, 5; J. Wilson, 8; J. Kirkwood, 3, and a few others that I have not seen—in all over 100 Norwich. Mr. J. Fairley has bred 12 Belgian Canaries.—A. MURDOCH, secretary.

IN THE COURTS.

NIGHTINGALES & A HEAVY FINE.

At Thrapston (Northants) Divisional Petty Sessions, held on August 4, William Aitkin, shoe operative, Raunds, was ordered to pay an inclusive fine of 46s. for disobeying a magistrate's order to give up possession of four Nightingales. The defendant stated that he had handed over three birds. The other one he gave away before proceedings were taken against him.

CURIOUS CASE FROM SCOTLAND.

At Falkirk Sheriff Court on August 3, Alexander Anderson, miner, Crosscroes, Muiravonside, was charged with having, on July 6, had in his control and possession a Teal recently killed, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection Act. It was stated that accused's brother had found the Teal, which had evidently been shot just previously on a moor in the neighbourhood, and he took it to his brother (the accused), and asked him to take it to Falkirk to get it stuffed.

An agent on behalf of the accused argued that the intention of the Legislature in the Act was not to strike at persons who might have found a bird in this manner or acted as a messenger of another party, as accused did in this case but at those who destroyed birds during the close season.—Sheriff Moffatt said that according to the terms of the section there was no doubt that the accused had in his control and possession the Teal, and he (the Sheriff) was not there to interpret the intentions of the Legislature, but to carry out the statute. He imposed a fine of 2s. 6d.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberdeen O.S.—Aug. 15, Trades Hall, Belmont Street, 8. Proposed alteration of rule in Young Bird Section. Appointment of Crest judge. Enrolment of new members.—J. Bryson.

Bramley O.S.—Aug. 15, Headquarters, 7.30. Open show arrangements.—E. Craven.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 18, Temperance Hall, 8. Discussion on Moulting and Colour Feeding, and Stolen Bird business.—J. Richardson.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.A.—Aug. 18, Samson's Castle, Grange Road, S.E., 8.30. Young Stock Show (urgent).—A. Lupton.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 15, Flying Dutchman, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 18, Burton Hotel, 7.45. General debate and questions and replies night.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Aug. 19, Crown Hotel, 7. Classification for Annual Open Show, and other important business.—A. Bowes.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Horse Shoe, 7.30. Final arrangements for Open Show. — W. Rutherford.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Important business in connection with open show, and report of committee meeting.—W. S. Negus.

Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Half Moon, 8. Paper and discussion on Yorkshires.—E. Brunskill.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Store Hall, Low Westwood, 7. Schedule for Open Show. — Jos Brown.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Aug. 22, Barley Mow, Bowling, 3. Judging. Fifth running competition, show classification same as July show. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods).J. E. Hudson.

Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist.—Aug. 18, Howard Arms, 8.30.—F. Greig.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) O.S.—Aug. 15, Room 5, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Annual Show; judges, and classification.—A. Cant.

Hysen Green C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Cricket Players, 8.30. To make arrangements for next show and judges.—A. E. Garton.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Crown Inn, 7. Election of judge for Annual Show, and other important business.—A. J. Notley.

Liverpool O.S.—Aug. 18, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Classification, specials, prize money and other business relative to open show.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Paper on Colour Feeding, by Mr. F. Farrar; fanciers invited.—A. Wilkins.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Castle Inn, 8. Classification of Open Show; fixing specials, etc. E Tams.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Aug. 18, White Swan Hotel, 8.—C. Draper.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 19, Cross Keys Hotel, 8. To arrange for series of Table Shows, etc.—W. P. Foster.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Woodfield Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30. To draw out and complete classes for next show, and other important business.—D. Jeremy.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Aug. 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Half-yearly report and balance sheet, and important show business.—G. F. Lythgoe.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S. — Aug. 15, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for Show.—R. H. Turner.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. Special rules, etc. Open Show business.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Northern B.B.M. and F.C.C.—Aug. 19, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Patronage, etc.—J. R. Slack.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Balance sheet of Young Stock Show, and lecture by Mr. Best, on "Breeding Foreign Birds."—W. G. Pawley.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S. — Aug. 15, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Third Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. Wilman (Shipley).—J. Smith.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Headquarters, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Delegates' meeting; distribution of year-books, and other important business.—S. Dean.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Radstock. Aug. 19th.—Judge, Mr. W. G. Bull. Seven Open Classes: Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, A.O.V 1908 1, Brit. 1, and For. 1. Prizes 5/6, 3/6, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close August 17th (first post), to B. M. CLARK, Foxhills, Radstock

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Aug. 19—Kingswood and St. George—W. R. S. Hill, 2, Downend Road, Kingswood, Bristol.
Aug. 26—Troon—J. Fergusson, Titchfield Cottage.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Radstock, Aug. 17th (first post) (B. M. Clark, Foxhills, Radstock).

The Nestling Cuckoo.

The young of Hawks and Falcons are fierce at almost any age. This we naturally expect from birds which are to live by the killing of smaller birds and animals; but one can hardly understand this ferocity in a bird of insectivorous habits, such as the Cuckoo. These young birds are regular fiends while in the nest; they appear to be the embodiment of bad temper. If you only look at one he will swell with passion, and a finger placed near him will cause him to rise in the nest and "go for it" with all the power he possesses. As nestlings they are most greedy and voracious, and are regular tyrants to their foster parents. A pair of birds that have succeeded in rearing a young Cuckoo need rest for the remainder of the season.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Canary having Fits.

W.M.—I fear you will not be able to do much for the relief of this bird. The chance of a cure being effected in such cases is so remote, that it is almost the kindest thing to chloroform them at once. However, if you wish to treat it, proceed as follows:—First of all, see that the cage is quite free from red-mites, and do not let the bird be fully exposed to the sun. Instead of your present diet, which is not very good, give, as a staple, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape; give a spray of some green food daily, and three times a week a small piece of bread dipped in milk, with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw-seed. Keep the bird supplied regularly with grittty sand, and see that the bowels are always freely moving—if the daily supply of green food is not sufficient to accomplish this, give a few grains of Epsom salts occasionally. For three or four days after the bird has had a fit, give it as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny piece in an ounce of drinking water, and at other times give twelve drops of chemical food in the water every second day.

Is it Judicious?

X.Y.—The wisdom or otherwise of pulling out the tails and flights of young Canaries during the moult is very largely a matter for each individual fancier to decide for himself. Personally, considering all aspects of the question, I should certainly say that, barring exceptional cases, it is a trifle injudicious, and is not exceptionally elevating from a moral or humane standpoint. If it has to be done, in consequence of one's deciding in that direction, the best time to do it is when the birds are getting about half-way through the moult, as at this time the feathers will not be so tightly held in their socket as they are at an earlier stage, and will draw out more easily. I should also prefer to draw half a dozen or so—say, two from each wing, and the tail, every second day—rather than remove a tail or wing all at once. Most certainly tailing and flighting the birds render them ineligible for the "unflighted" classes at shows.

For Future Guidance.

W. Griffin.—If you had given details of your method of feeding and treatment, instead of saying you feed on the usual diet for breeding, which may mean many things, I could have given you a few general rules, for future guidance, with much greater confidence than is possible in the absence of such particulars. The cause of death of your hens was undoubtedly egg-binding, and as it seems to have occurred in a severe form, and to have been rather general, there can be no room for doubt that something in your dietary, or management, was chiefly responsible for it. What green food did you use? I almost suspect it was dandelion, as, given a little weakness in your hens, arising from injudicious management, this herb I know will invariably produce similar troubles to those you experienced. For future work I would not advise you to keep on these hens. They would, in proper hands, probably breed successfully, but might prove disappointing again with you, so that it would be much better to discard them at once, and replace them with strong, healthy, medium-sized birds. Keep them on a plain, wholesome diet throughout the winter, consisting principally of good, sound Canary seed, with a pinch of rape two or three times a week, a teaspoonful of hemp each, twice a week, and once or twice a small teaspoonful of egg food or a scrap of bread soaked in milk as a substitute. Towards the end of winter, begin to give each hen a pinch of inga twice each week, and continue this right up to the time the first nest of eggs is laid. Give a small piece of green food three or four times a week as long as the weather keeps mild, and no frost is about; when this is the case, substitute a piece of sweet fruit of some kind, or a bit of raw carrot until you can again get suitable green food in the spring. Keep them supplied with gritty sand, and give as much space for exercise as possible all through the winter. Finally, do not make up too early next spring. The end of March or the beginning of April is quite early enough. In a general way this should prevent a recurrence of your troubles. If you meet with any special difficulty, or desire information on any particular point, do not hesitate to write us. Shall always be pleased to solve any difficulty for you.

Cause of Death.

J. K. B.—It is not an easy task to guess the cause of death of your young birds from your description of certain post-mortem appearances. A few of the symptoms shown prior to death would have been of much more use. But to hazard a guess, I should imagine that a severe form of constipation—practically stoppage of the bowels—was the predisposing cause. A drop of lukewarm olive oil inserted in the vent with the tip of a bird's wing, or tail feather night and morning until relief was obtained, a drop of a mixture of equal parts syrup of buckthorn and glycerine given in the beak night and morning, and a saline aperient such as Epsom salts in the drinking water for a few days afterwards, would doubtless have saved the birds' lives. At the same time, you should have withheld the hemp and rape seed for a time and given instead a pinch of either inga, linseed, or gold of pleasure, every second day, and a spray of green food on the alternate days. This is the treatment you should adopt if any other bird becomes similarly affected.

All in a Heap.

Park.—Your bird is evidently only feeling the effect of moulting, which is a little more strain on its resources than when it was younger, and consequently had plenty of vitality, and to spare. This is but the natural effect of advancing years with birds, as with every other class of living creatures. Of course your bird cannot be called old for years yet to come, but still there are many who from unskilled management have seen the best of their days after the third moult is over. Your feeding is not of the best. As a staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape, and add just a sprinkling of gold of pleasure. Now and again, as a special treat, give a few grains of hemp, teazle, thistle, or linseed, not altogether, but ringing the changes with these for variety. Every day give a small spray of green food, and during the moult, half a teaspoonful of egg food, or its equivalent in bread and milk every second day. Keep it fairly warm until the moult over, and for a fortnight add twenty drops of Chemical Food to the drinking water every second day, and on alternate days during the first week give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and three of tincture of gentian.

Better and Worse.

A Beginner, Salop.—I have not the least doubt but that the birds are kept in an unsuitable place—one in which they are exposed either to draughts or damp. Until these causes are removed you will not be able to do much for the birds, and from now onwards until next spring you must expect to find them go rapidly from bad to worse. Therefore, you should lose no time in remedying these defects. What you most of all want is to see that your room is perfectly free from damp either in the walls or floor, and that it is not subject to cutting draughts from doors or windows. If only draughts are present, then you may be able to so arrange the cages that the birds will not feel the effects of them, or, failing this, arrange a set of curtains to nullify them. There is no other rational course open to you save removing the birds altogether to a more suitable room. Does the room abut on some building which causes it to be subject to great fluctuations of heat? If so, that would help to bring about the condition of your birds, and would also require to be removed before any cure could be effected. After paying proper attention to these points, feed the birds as frequently advised here and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and three of oil of eucalyptus in each ounce of drinking water every second day for a fortnight. Shake the mixture thoroughly before placing it on the cages. On the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food in the water.

Bowels Getting Blocked.

Aberdour.—No, I do not advise beginning to use medicines in any shape or form at such an early age. For the trouble you experience I never found a proper supply of green-food fail to prove an efficient remedy. Just about the age when you say it occurs you should be commencing to give a little green-food each day, and if there appears any tendency to constipation in the young you should give groundsel. If this is not a sufficient remedy add a little young succulent chickweed, or a piece of crisp young lettuce leaf. But, as a rule, a spray of groundsel daily for each pair is all that is required. Try this next season, and if it fails write us at once and we will be pleased to help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In Variety.

F. Leng.—1. The weed you enclose is not shepherd's-purse. The seed-pods of the latter plant are heart-shaped, and grow up the stem (not in a cluster). 2. The usual grit given British Finches will suit Foreign Finches and Budgerigars. If you keep this grit on their cage bottoms, Blackbird will find amongst it suitable particles to pick—you are quite right in assuming they take up grit occasionally, and Thrushes as well. A top dressing of the coarser grit sold for Parrots (Parrot grit) will make the sand suitable for Magpies, Jays, etc. Personally, I put my own bird grit through a sieve, using the fine sandy grit obtained by this method for the cages of my Softbills, and the bigger gritty particles that remain in the sieve for my Hardbills, large Softbills, Parrot, etc. 3. Grissel is a trade name for dried meat, and the finest grade grissel is practically the same thing as meat meal. You should try powdered silkworm pupæ if you have not already done so. All my own birds, large and small, eat it readily, seem to like it, and they certainly thrive. Pea-meal I have but seldom used, though I often give my bigger Softbills a little "German paste" (mixed among their other soft-food) when I can get it good, and this is largely composed of pea meal. In air-tight glass jars these food-stuffs will keep good a long time.

About a Linnet.

Micky, Castleford.—I quite understand your trouble now—though "trouble" is hardly the word to use, for your Linnet is merely moulting, which is a natural thing to do, and need not necessarily cause you alarm. As a matter of fact, the early start he has made is a most excellent sign, a good portent of a quick conclusion, and an early return to song. It is the birds which commence to moult very late, and drag on right into the wintry weather, that give their owners an anxious time of it. A small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food (obtainable cheaply from any good chemist) stirred into about two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every second day (plain water in between) would no doubt help the bird along. Use either a glass or pot vessel to give it in. I don't quite like your seed mixture. Niger is not a good thing to give regularly. You should use the following during the moult:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, German and English rape one part each, hemp one part, and linseed half a part, increasing the latter to one part towards the conclusion of the moult. Millet seed is no good for Linnets, in my experience. You should also mix maw and niger seeds in equal parts, and give a small teaspoonful of this mixture on the days you are not giving the chemical food. See also reply to "H. H. Wood."

Blackcap or Nightingale?

R.L.—Your question is very difficult to answer, because everything depends on the dispositiou of the two birds. Some caged Blackcaps are very much better songsters than some caged Nightingales, and, on the other hand, some 'Gales are infinitely superior vocalists to any Blackcaps that ever paced perches. If your Nightingale turns out a free singer of its natural notes, then you will want no better "daytime songster," as you phrase it, even assuming you could get such. I will say this, however, that if you are more or less a beginner in the keeping of these species, you will find the Blackcap the best subject to start with. Compared with the 'Gale, it invariably takes more kindly to captivity, is not so susceptible to cold, and is easier to cater for, being very partial to ripe fruit, while it sings freely, and its song is "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." Many Nightingales (adult-caught birds) are disappointments—hard to get on food, and more or less "sulky" afterwards. A "kind" bird, however, when well-fed and treated makes a thoroughly delightful pet. And now you will have to please yourself.

Young Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

L.C.B.—Very pleased to hear of your success; especially so seeing that you followed my advice. To rear three is not at all bad for one season's work. You were unlucky in having five fertile eggs fail to hatch properly, though this is a difficulty most breeders (all, probably) run up against. The hen Bullie is evidently a good 'un, and you should take care of her. You should be careful not to wean the young Hybrids off soft-food too suddenly. A feed of Osborne biscuit soaked in new milk (or prepared condensed milk) is a fine thing to give. But be careful it is always fresh and sweet; give it in a glass or earthenware dish, and cleanse the latter every time a new supply is offered. At first offer Canary seed (the finest quality only), very lightly cracked, as much as they like to eat, with a fair supply of maw seed and cracked hemp seed. All cracked seed, remember, must be freshly prepared every day. In a day or two, as the youngsters get on, give the Canary seed whole, and add a little teazle and genuine summer (sweet) rape seeds. A few crushed sunflower seeds, and crushed groats can also be offered. Stop crushing the hemp as soon as the young Hybrids are old enough to crack it, and don't give too much of it; the same remarks apply to the groats if used. It is as well to let their stock mixture be a fairly plain one, giving the oily, stimulating seeds as "tit-bits." The best possible green-foods are seeding chickweed and shepherd's-purse, giving the ripe heads, and stripping off big, old coarse leaves. These should be freely given. Thistle heads and seeding groundsel tops are also good; while a little young tender lettuce and watercress can be given if the other things are not easily obtainable. On such a dietary the youngsters should thrive apace. When first separated from their parents, do not allow them to "burst" themselves with water. Give this very sparingly, and it is well to just colour it by the addition of a little Parrish's Chemical Food. The milk-sop provides sufficient moisture.

Insects; Also Birds.

Boy.—I do not know exactly what the "animals" are that you sent me, but I have several times found them in meal, and promptly given them to my birds to devour. They are quite harmless to the birds, but I suppose their presence shows that the meal has been prepared some time—in other words, is not quite fresh. Fine puppy meal makes an excellent substitute for game meal in the recipe for Thrush, Lark, etc., food, which I recommend for use. The sample you send looks to be of excellent quality. The behaviour of your two Larks proves the truth of what I so often say about the difference in the disposition of individuals of the same species; one will make a pleasing, tame pet, another proves quite intractable, although kept under similar conditions. As your "shy" bird sings a little at times, I certainly think him worth keeping. If you hang his cage lower down while he is undergoing the moult, he may possibly get very much steadier. You should mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg into their stock food frequently while the moult is in progress.

Sexing a Linnet.

J.W.H.—It would have been much easier to answer your question if you had stated whether the Linnet was a young or an adult bird, and whether house moulted or in field plumage. I can tell you, however, that Linnets are not easy birds for inexperienced bird-lovers to sex, unless they are old birds, and the season is the breeding season, when the males have red breasts (often red polls, too), whereas the females have no red on the breast. In the autumn and winter (just after the moult) both sexes are plain brown (or brownish grey), but whereas the cock is a warm, nutty-brown, especially on the backs and shoulders of the wings, the hen is very grey (or ash coloured) by comparison, and is usually much more heavily streaked with dark markings on the breast, and has not the same amount of white edging to the wing and tail feathers as the cock bird, the white in the flights of the latter going right back to the quill (shaft) in the outer feathers. If you ruffle the breast feathers of the cock, too, you will notice a quarter-moon shaped shading on them (it is very difficult to describe in words), and oft-times a tinge of crimson is to be seen there. A young male, be it noted, is never so deep a brown as a two-year-old male, and a three-year-old male beats both. Young Linnets (in their nest feathers) are too difficult for the beginner to sex, I am afraid. If I had an adult bird, by the way, in good health, and it neither sang nor chirped, I should put it down as a hen. House-moulted hens, as a matter of fact, often sing quite prettily. A male Linnet, if in good health and steady, could not keep from singing. They are one of the freest songsters and nicest pets I know.

Brevities.

Loss of Feathers (Selby).—I don't think you need worry about this, for the feathers will almost certainly be reproduced at the moult, which should now be close at hand. Every second day for a fortnight stir into its soft food as much flowers of sulphur (from the chemist) as will lie on a shilling. Let the young Thrush bathe daily during hot weather; twice a day if it chooses.

Loss of Feathers (G.S.).—Note reply to "Selby" this week. If, however, the bare patches are the result of parasites under the skin, then you will doubtless have to cage the Finches up out of the aviary, and gently anoint the affected parts daily with a little sulphur ointment, or boracic ointment, obtainable from a chemist. Cease the treatment as soon as new quills can be felt coming.

Nightingale Cage (J.H.).—The cage you sketch might house a Nightingale fairly comfortably, though not one I should choose personally for this purpose. The "seed-drawer" is obviously useless. You would require to put food and water inside, in glass or earthenware vessels. A proper Nightingale stock cage has glass vessels which swing in from openings cut in bottom rail of cage. Size of cage, 20 to 24 in. long by 14 high by 11 wide; two perches, resting on bottom rail. See the "British Bird Manual," just published.

Outdoor Aviary (W. H. Wheatley).—Yes; it is always best to have the floor raised from the ground in a place such as you sketch, as it keeps the aviary much drier and obviates rotting of the floor-boards. You could safely winter any of the Finch family in it (I include Buntings, of course), and Canaries, if cold-room bred, and sound of constitution, would take no harm. I am assuming the place to be thoroughly wind and wet-proof. If keeping many birds in it, you would do best by sticking solely to members of the male sex.

Stoving; also a Goldfinch (Enquirer).—If fumes from the room which is to be treated with sulphur and copperas enter your bird-room in appreciable quantity, the result will undoubtedly be serious for the inmates. I should hardly think it likely to happen, though. If there is a window looking on to the staircase, keep this wide open. Your Goldfinch has evidently got into a sad condition, and I feel very doubtful about its recovery. For one day stir a small teaspoonful of citrate of magnesia into its drinking water. Afterwards mix four or five drops of chlorodyne into a small teaspoonful of brandy, and stir this into the water, fresh daily, for five or six days. Quantity of water, a good two tablespoonfuls.

What Weed? (A.P.).—The weed you send is not shepherd's-purse (it has not heart-shaped seed-pods), but "mouse-ear," a kind of chickweed. This is very plentiful now, and the ripe seeds are excellent for both British seed-eaters and Canaries.

Silkworm Pupæ (Oriole).—The sample sent appears to be the ordinary silkworm pupæ, in an unground state. This requires to be very finely powdered before being added to stock insectivorous foods. Personally, I buy it ready reduced to powder; it smells less offensively, and is a saving of trouble. My own birds take to it readily, and the smallest and most delicate get it—Gold Crests, "Jenny" Wrens, Creepers, Cliff-chaffs, etc.

Mealworm Breeding (A. Hume).—I am not acquainted with any method other than that frequently described by me, viz., keeping the mealworms and mealworm beetles in bran or coarse meals in large flat tins (or bins) in a place wherein the temperature consistently stands at a high figure—a bakehouse, for instance. Warmth is the great essential. The "bottoms" of the tins must occasionally be removed, and put through a fine sieve, and

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Senegal and Grey Parrots.

P.R.E.—Yes, if the aviary is large, that is, allowing plenty of space for birds of this size to get out of one another's way, and also for them to have sufficient nesting logs, a reasonable distance apart. I do not know of any instance of their having bred in this country. I am of the opinion you would stand a better chance if you were to give them, say, a 6-feet square enclosure to themselves. If your birds are young, it is quite possible it may be a couple of years before they nest, as Parrots mature slowly. There is so much individualism with Parrots, that you must keep them under close observation till their demeanour has been ascertained, for it is impossible to lay down any hard and fast line, one pair being quite suitable and another pair of the same species just the reverse. If you will kindly inform me how you have been treating your grey Parrot, I can tell you where you have gone wrong; I strongly suspect your diet is at fault somewhere. In the meantime, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food.

Blue-Fronted Amazon.

Rosalie.—Stop giving the bread and milk, and do not give any table scraps, slops or any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture (Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, maize, and sunflower seed), ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, little madeira or sponge cake and green-food (a leaf of tender lettuce is as good as anything). Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and it should do well. It will be better to give your bird also, a little boiled maize twice a week; but this must only be allowed to remain in cage one day, as it soon turns sour, and the utensil containing it should be scalded out for each occasion. Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water for one day, and repeat same in a few days' time. When not giving the magnesia, make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some weeks. If you diet and treat as above, there should soon be an improvement in the bird's condition. The first moult in this country is often a protracted one. Let it have its bath as usual.

Pintail Nonpariel with Disease.

"Thank You."—I have had the Nonpariel Bunting affected in similar fashion, but as I left him at large in an outdoor aviary, and did nothing more than put magnesia in the water, he ultimately became worse; at last a miserable object. Then he shuffled off. At the same time your note leaves me a little in doubt, as to whether your bird is suffering from a scaly skin disease or from actual tumorous growths. If the former, lightly anoint with clean vaseline, and give one teaspoonful of Dumeford's Magnesia in the drinking water sufficiently often to keep its bowels gently moving, but the voidings should not be allowed to become or continue watery loose. Give as much green food as it will eat, particularly grass in flower and fresh lettuce; also of such ripe fruit as it favours. Also give a little crumbled sponge cake, and a few ants' eggs if it will take such, and regularly drop on to same 10 to 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. In addition to Canary, white and spray millet seeds, supply rice in the husk ("Paddy" rice). If the growths are in the nature of tumours, but hard, lightly touch them with tincture of iodine, taking care that none gets into the bird's eyes. Let it have its bath as usual, and all the fresh air possible without draught. I am afraid you will lose the bird, which is the worse, but you should succeed in saving the other with ordinary luck. If they will eat mealworms let them have several daily, and also a little milk sop (this must not be allowed to become sour) if they will take it. This should be prepared by crushing a plain biscuit, adding sufficient milk, and placing over the fire or stove till it boils. If, after perusing this you can give me any further details, do so at once, and I will try and help you further. You give no particulars as to treatment.

Seasonal Plumage of Whydahs.

J.L.B.—These are very erratic during the first year in this country, where climatic changes throw them into winter plumage, or out of colour, as it is popularly termed, at most irregular intervals, and the same applies to Weavers. In my outdoor aviary they usually go into moult between December and February, and begin to come into colour (breeding plumage) by April or May. Most certainly you should be able to get one to last out for exhibition purposes, as such are seen every season; but most of these show indications of going out of colour, and frequently get penalised; therefore, I should say your present bird will duly assume full colour or the nuptial plumage next spring. If you purchase a bird in full plumage now, it will probably so last out the exhibition season—there is a doubt though with a newly-imported specimen. But the prospect is sufficiently reasonable to be worth a trial. A bird that has been moulted in this country would be the better for your purpose. It is just possible your present bird may yet grow its tail this year; if so, it will serve your purpose, as coming into colour so late it should outlast the show season. Give it two or three mealworms daily in addition to the regulation diet.

Sexual Distinctions.

O.H.M.—(1) The simplest way of sexing Java Sparrows, where you have several for comparison, is to view their beaks in profile; that of the female is narrower at the base and more pointed than that of the male. She is also of slightly smaller size Again; she has little more than a chirp, while the male has a pleasant chattering warble which is frequently uttered. Striated Finch: the plumages are similar, but the head of the female is narrower, and her beak shorter and more stubby than that of the male. Orange-cheek Waxbill: I have invariably found the orange cheek patch a little smaller in area and not so rich in colour in the female. The males have the ventral region yellowish; in some females the yellow is lacking, but I cannot say if this is constant or not, as I have possessed one or two old hens that were distinctly yellowish round the vent. Sexing these birds, except the first-named, is not easy to the untrained eye, and for the comparisons to be reliable the birds compared should be adult: there are very few experts that would care to give off-hand the sex of an odd bird. But there is nearly always an effeminate appearance about a hen bird that is soon noticed by the trained eye, so that after observing a given couple of birds for a short period, it is mostly fairly easy to tell from their demeanour whether they are a true pair or not.

Grey Parrot with Growth.

H.C.H.—It is certainly most difficult to treat a case of this kind when the bird will not let you handle it. If the growth is soft, it should be lanced when ripe, and well cleaned out. If hard it should be touched with tincture of iodine; this could be done by means of a long-handled camel hair brush. Try and induce it to suck a little boney and borax from a wooden skewer, or something similar. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dumeford's Magnesia in the drinking water—say, two tablespoonfuls—and let it have only this to drink for the day. Follow this by putting 15 grains of chlorate of potassium, daily, in the drinking water (one ounce) for the next week or ten days. If the growth is soft you had better foment it with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, using a camel hair brush as above—this, of course, would take the place of the tincture of iodine mentioned above. After the growth has disappeared put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. I am, of course, assuming that you are feeding your bird as advised weekly in this column. You must not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

What Bird is it?

H.W.—It is a Military Troupial, probably De Filippi's. It should have a roomy cage, and besides a seed diet of Canary, white millet, hemp, and a few oats, it should have about half a dozen mealworms daily, and a few ants' eggs (cocoons) given as bought. Its value, if in fair condition, should be from 20s. to 30s., according to number on the market. I should also give a leaf of lettuce and garden weeds as green food, and any beetles, earwigs, spiders, smooth caterpillars I could capture in addition to the mealworms mentioned above. My Troupials visit the soft food dish regularly, also the milk sop put in the aviary for Lorikeets.

Treating Grey Parrot.

Mrs. A. M.—Glad to hear the treatment has been effective. I should advise you to let it have Parrish's Chemical Food in its drinking water four days a week for the next month; it is an excellent tonic, and will materially help the bird. The bird should continue well if you feed and treat it correctly, which you should do by keeping strictly to the diet given in our previous reply. To be quite clear, I will repeat the almost weekly caution. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Making an Aviary.

S.S.—(1) If you follow my advice you will not attempt any structural alterations, but will simply add an open wire flight to the shed, 3 or 4 feet wide, along one side of the shed, the side which is nearest south for preference. The only alteration in the shed is that it should have a good sized pane of glass inserted so as to light it up well, and of course a good sized opening for the birds to get in and out by, which should always be open. (2) If you are bound to carry out the proposed conversion, leave the roof as it is, otherwise the details on your rough sketch cannot be very well improved upon. (3) The wire netting should be of ½inch mesh, and see that you don't get ¾inch sold you as ½inch. (4) Yes, the Budgerigars are rather risky, but if you confine them to a single pair, and remove the young as soon as they are able to feed themselves, I do not think the risk is a large one. The others will all agree together. (5) It is not well to over-crowd, and I should advise simply the addition of a pair of Zebra Finches. (6) It is fairly safe to confine your birds to the same number as there are feet in the floor area of aviary; thus in an aviary 6ft. by 4ft. you could accommodate 24 birds not larger than a Norwich Canary, for breeding purposes only include half this number.

Some Aviary Queries.

G.W.S.—The egg you have found in the corner of your aviary on the sand is a Cuttthroat's egg, and if you put up one or two nest boxes they will most probably breed. Any kind of box that is about 6 inches square, closed all round save for an oval hole, in the front and near the top of box, say, 1 by 1½ inch will do. Fix a perch in front of same, supply long hay and grass, and leave them to themselves, and you are almost sure to get a brood of young before the year is out. You had better put up at least three of the nest boxes; this will prevent the other birds from striving for the one box. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds. Green food, ad lib, such as grass in flower, fresh lettuce, and non-poisonous garden and hedge-row weeds. Also give a few ants' eggs (cocoons) as purchased; scatter these on floor of aviary, especially while they are feeding young. I have found this speckes to be good feeders, and to usually rear all they hatch out. Hope you'll have luck with the birds.

Sexing Cockatoos.

A.L.C.B.—(1) Am afraid I can give you but little assistance as regards a single bird, for so far as I am aware the sexes can only be told by the comparison of adult birds; the plumages are practically alike, but the female is slightly smaller than the male. Her beak is narrower and shorter, and the hook at end of same is shorter than that of the male. (2) They have been bred, or have attempted to do so, at the London Zoo. Give suitable accommodation in a stout wire aviary; the framework should be of iron (gas barrel is as good as anything for the purpose), and the sleeping quarters arranged under this. (3) A seed mixture of Canary seed and oats, two parts each, and one part each of hemp, wheat, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds; such ripe fruit and green food as it favours (tastes differ with individual birds), plain biscuit, nuts, cuttlefish, grit, and water *ad lib*, for drinking and bathing. (4) It is found in the Celebes, Buton, and Togian Islands. (5) This should be either a roomy log, or a nest box of suitable size with a concave bottom.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Young Canary (Mrs. T.).—Well-established enlargement of liver, possibly hereditary, recent inflammation, involving the lungs. A Canary six or seven weeks old would be better on plain canary and rape seed, no egg-food, rape seed, or salad.

Lizard Canary (Sick Lizard).—Bird Fever. All this family should be isolated, and their sand trays frequently sterilised with boric acid solution of the strength of one teaspoonful to a pint of hot water.

Bullfinch (E. Balfour).—Chronic softening of liver, recent acute inflammation, involving the lungs.

Canary (Mrs. M. Hodgson).—Well established bird-fever. Although you say other birds from same clutch seem to be in perfect health, it is suggested that they be isolated, or the infection will spread over the lot.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Contribution (R. Rbydderch).—We are extremely obliged to you.

F. J. Drye.—We can only refer you to the reply given "R. W." this week. We do not agree with you when you say that the "amount was not worth the trouble of taking him to the County Court for"; this is just the thing that encourages such people to continue their tactics. In this case there is no doubt you would have got your money.

An Exchange (R. W.).—Evidently you are unaware of the fact that the law of libel prevents the publication of particulars such as you send. If we printed them, both yourself and ourselves would be landed in an action at law, and the weather is too hot to make amusement of that description agreeable.

Photograph (A. Blair).—Thanks for an interesting little snapshot, which we will reproduce if we find we can deal with so small a picture.

Dead Birds (Mrs. M. H.).—We do not remember the details of your case, and we presume same would be given in the letter sent our post-mortem expert. We may say, however, that there is no recognised term of approval amongst fanciers, that being a matter of arrangement between the parties concerned in a deal. If, however, the deal takes place under our deposit system, the approval term is clearly defined in the rules governing same, though even then the period may be varied by arrangement of the buyer and seller. If you made no arrangement, then it would probably lie with the judge to determine whether the other party exceeded a reasonable term, considering the circumstances. You should certainly consult a solicitor before taking action. You would need to be in a position to fully substantiate your allegation that the birds came in contact with other diseased birds whilst away on approval.

Bird Catching (Anonymous).—If you will send us a letter giving your own views, attaching your name and address (not necessarily for publication), we shall be pleased to print it. Our correspondence columns are intended for the airing of both sides of a question, we do not believe in throttling any one's views, and never have done. But please do not fall into the error of assuming that the opinions expressed by every correspondent are our own opinions too.

"Brainy Tips" (H. Cartwright).—We are delighted to know you like our "Brainy Tips." We like yours, too, and shall hope to reveal them to an admiring world in the near future.

Concerning Aviaries (G. Milne).—We thank you for an interesting contribution, with which we will try to deal next week.

Photo (H. Robinson).—We will keep this excellent little photograph in mind for a future issue.

A Recipe (Joker).—Don't you believe it; we could have answered that query all right. We'll fix you up with instructions how to darn socks—if you're single and need 'em.

Address (J. Fletcher).—The address you want is Mr. A. Thomas, 9, College-street, Gloucester.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A FIRST SEASON'S SUCCESS IN MULE-BREEDING.

SIR,—Being a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and a novice in the Fancy, I thought it would interest novices like myself if I related my experience of good luck with a cock Siskin and a hen Canary. I put the hen up with a Canary for the first nest with the result, four eggs from which I got three young ones. Then I introduced the Siskin for the second nest; result, four eggs and four young, which are now seven weeks old. In the third nest there were five eggs and five young ones, which are now about ten days old. They are doing well, and look of a very good colour. I might say the Siskin takes his turn sitting on the eggs and is a good feeder. I had the Siskin all last season, and my only regret is in regard to the time I have lost with him. This is my first season with Mules, but I hope it won't be the last. I should be very pleased to know if any other fancier has a Siskin which takes its turn in helping to incubate. I would sooner have CAGE BIRDS on a Saturday night than I would have my supper. W. AMPHLETT.

A METHOD OF PREVENTING RED-MITE.

SIR,—I know readers of CAGE BIRDS will gladly welcome a method to get rid, or rather, to prevent, red-mite. We all know this little pest takes to himself all the crevices he can possibly find. Now, the thing is to make the crevices as untenantable as possible. The best way to do this is to get some Stockholm tar (obtainable from any chemist, and you can get any quantity from a pennyworth). With a penny brush you put the tar into all the crevices you can possibly find, and you will soon see the result, and be satisfied that the red-mite will not survive this treatment. Also put a little on both ends of the perches; this, you will see, prevents the red-mite getting to the bird either from the wires or from the back of the cage. Then, again, if you are breeding you want to keep the red-mite from the nest pan, or nest box. To do this, you put some Stockholm tar all over the inside of the nest pan, or box, then your nest lining will adhere to the tar and the red-mite be prevented from getting to the birds. I might say that the tar is not injurious to the birds. It has a very pleasant smell.

F. J. CHILD.

SOME PURE WHITE BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—It may be of interest to your many readers to know that a pure white Starling was caught in May last, in Giffnock, a place about a mile from the outskirts of Glasgow. It was caught by Mr. Stewart Luckie at his house, "Camperdown," on the main road between Glasgow and Rouken Glen, where at the least five thousand people and over fifty electric cars pass daily. This white Starling ("Pretty Richard," Mr. Luckie calls him) has no dark feathers whatsoever, but at some places shows a faint shade of Cinnamon. He is very tame, and in splendid condition. He is admired by the many folk who call to see him, many of whom are not at all interested in the Fancy. All are unanimous in saying that Mr. Luckie is lucky (forgive me) to be the owner and catcher of such a rarity. He ("Pretty Richard") was hatched with three others of ordinary colour at the back of Mr. Luckie's house, only about a stone's throw off the road, in a small box (strange to say a chalk box), and was caught by the old-fashioned method—the riddle—when about four weeks old. Mr. Luckie will be pleased to show him to any person interested, and I am sure it is a bird all fanciers should see if possible. Mr. Luckie has also a stuffed, pure white Blackbird, which was caught alive in Inverness-shire and forwarded to him by a friend; but unfortunately it died a few hours after being delivered. This also is a splendid specimen, and is well worth seeing. Mr. Luckie has still another novelty; it is a Thrush that died at the age of 25 years. This was in his possession for close on 23 years, and was two years old when he first had it. It was kept in an ordinary Thrush cage in Mr Luckie's shop in Eglinton-street the whole time he had it. It was quite blind, and had been so for two years before it died. This is also stuffed and can be seen by anyone calling on Mr Luckie. On the way out to his house, on one occasion, I saw an almost white Sparrow.

AND. WILSON.

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SOME POINTS ABOUT SALES AND EXCHANGING.

SIR,—From my experience my advice to one and all about to send on first (unless it is to someone you know) is to demand a deposit with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS. The money will then be quite safe, and he only takes a "tanner" from it—not much for minding, we'll say, one pound. Failing to get a deposit, well, take my tip, have nothing to do with anyone who won't comply with this rule, with the exception, of course, of someone you know to be honest. I believe in giving 20s. for 20s. when exchanging, and if one cannot deal straight, it is not worth the candle. A. J. BROWN.

SIR,—I have read the interesting letters that have appeared in CAGE BIRDS in connection with the above, and would like to give readers my experience in exchanging. I advertised in CAGE BIRDS of May 5, Mule hens and 2s. 6d. cash, for a real good Norwich hen. I had numerous applications, and amongst them was a reply from a lady fancier residing at Southend, offering a real good hen in exchange for the Mules and 3s. cash. So I accepted her offer and sent her the five Mules and cash. She very stupidly sent away the hen on a Saturday and it was detained all Sunday in Edinburgh. When it arrived here on Monday morning, of course, it was dead. I paid the carriage on it and sent it back to the station to be returned; but as far as I understand, the dead bird is still lying at the station, and I have never had a hen to replace it. Nor have I had any word from the lady about it. Such "fanciers" ought, I think, to be exposed.

R. W., JNR.

WHAT BIRD IS THIS?

SIR,—I have a bird which was sent me from Essex by a young man who caught it near his home, and who failed to find out what it is. It is believed to be a Hybrid. I have let some fanciers see it, and some think it is a cross between the Yellowhammer and Stonechat, while one man thought it a spangled Yellowhammer. But I have been advised to write to CAGE BIRDS and give its markings, so that it might be mentioned in your valuable paper, and invite correspondence as to its identity. The bird is rather larger than a Yellowhammer. Head, cocoa colour; top of eyes (which are black) is a white half circle; from base of beak down its throat is white, which extends half-way round the neck, like a ring. The white is broken below the throat by a chain of cocoa colour, which extends across the breast. Underparts to end of tail are white, with only a tinge of cocoa colour on the thighs. Its back is the colour of a hen Yellowhammer, with wings nearly all white excepting towards the tips of the outer flights, four or five of which are black for about one inch from the tips. Its legs are black. An answer from some kind reader will oblige.

R. H. GLAISTER.

THE DECEPTIVE SINGING HEN.

SIR,—I expect that many of your young readers have been deceived in their birds by having singing hens. I have myself this year had a Canary, an excellent songster, and which I quite believed was a cock. It even appeared to pair properly with a hen, and fed her. But as the latter and the "she" I thought was a "he" both persisted in sitting on the nest, I separated them. My cage is a double breeder, and the "he" took to the other nest-box, and laid three eggs and sat three weeks! I just let her sit as long as she liked, as I had no cock Canary. She is a Cinnamon marked, and I and other fanciers have proved that most of these singing hens have Cinnamon coloured feathers on them. Singing hen Canaries are commonly poor layers of eggs, like the common barn-door fowl that "crows" and now and then lays an egg. Some hens amongst British birds are excellent singers. I have known of hen Skylarks, Goldfinches and Linnets which were good singers. I had a hen Linnet which sang the Goldfinch's song to perfection, and varied my experience of singing hen Canaries, as she bred Hybrids with a cock Redpoll one year, and with a cock Goldfinch the second year. She and her mates reared their own young. Many owners of singing hen British birds believe their birds to be cocks until they lay eggs.

J. H. VERRALL

HEN LINNET NESTS IN A CAGE.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to hear that I have had a hen Linnet, mated to a cock Canary, which has built her nest, laid a clutch of five eggs and incubated them, all in an open wire cage. The latter is of fairly large size, and the end where the nest was I screened somewhat by throwing over a cover. The hen Linnet had three fertile eggs out of the five, but the chicks were dead in the shell. Perhaps nesting too late in the season was the cause of the trouble. The Linnet sat closely for 15 days, ending on the 8th of this month. I understand that it is rare for a hen Linnet to nest in a cage. This bird was hatched under a Canary, the egg being sent from the country. This may have been the reason she nested so readily.

(Mrs.) J. J. CLARKE.

THE PRODUCTION OF LIGHT MULING STRAINS.

SIR,—I read in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. J. W. Dickson believes there is no certain method of producing a light-muling strain of hen Canaries. The late Mr. Wallace gave directions in his Canary Book how to breed for such birds, but I have never tested his method. Has Mr. Dickson ever tried my own directions? They are, to pair two clear Yellow Norwich together. I know from my own and many other Mule-breeders' experiences that every buff hen bred from two Yellows will throw Mules variegated with white. The Yellow hens bred from two Yellows will not throw Mules with any light feathers. If a buff brother is paired to the buff hen bred from two Yellows, and their young constantly sib-bred for a few years, always testing the young hens with a Goldfinch and breeding from the hens that throw the lightest Mules, it will not take many years before light Mules good enough for keen competition will be produced.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to say that I was surprised when I read the correspondence under the above heading. I think the judge that Mr. Elsmore refers to is Mr. House, who is engaged by Plymouth for their next open show. Might I say that it is rather strange that such a judge as Mr. House is considered not capable of judging for the S.Y.C.C.; and on the other hand, he is one of the first men chosen in the Yorkshire societies, and I should like to say that there is not one single society in the Yorkshire Union but what is delighted when they know that Mr. House has been drawn for their show. This looks as if he understands Yorkshires as well as pigeons. I think Mr. Elsmore's remarks quite uncalled for.

J. HARTLEY.

SIR,—Mr. W. G. Elsmore states that Plymouth have been deprived of the S.Y.C.C. patronage because they have engaged the services of a judge who is also a pigeon and fur judge. If this is true, why are the S.Y.C.C. so inconsistent? They give to Worcester what they refuse to Plymouth. Messrs. Payne and House are both fur judges, and are in the list of specialist judges for more than one fur club. Why, one may well ask, should this be a bar in the one case and not in the other? Mr. Elsmore is well aware this is not the true reason. The reason why the S.Y.C.C. patronage was not given to Plymouth on this occasion was because last October Mr. House threw out two birds for exceeding the standard length, these same birds belonging to two of the S.Y.C.C. officials. I notice from your last issue that the Yorkshire Canary Club are giving their patronage to Rochdale Show, which Mr. House, according to your "Dates Fixed" column, is judging. Thus the judge who is good enough for the Yorkshire C.C. is not good enough for the S.Y.C.C.! Try again, Mr. Elsmore, your present story contradicts itself. Mr. House was a pigeon and fur judge last year, yet the S.Y.C.C. gave their patronage to Plymouth as they have given it to other shows which have been judged by Mr. House in previous years. But then he had not passed leading officials' birds as over length.

THE THREE TOWNS.

SIR,—The three gentlemen who have answered my letter re the S.Y.C.C. patronage are all of opinion that I am meddling in business that does not concern me. This is a very obvious retort but is scarcely a strong argument. Had I wished to influence the S.Y.C.C. I should hardly wait until after the patronage had been allotted. The stand I take is that of a critic of an accomplished fact and not that of one endeavouring to give advice, which is not welcome. I take it I am quite within my rights as a secretary of a show within the district covered by the S.Y.C.C., to pass comment on their actions when once they have been made public through the Fancy Press. Mr. Rennie says the West is well catered for at Cardiff and Swansea—towns, I may point out, which are within 45 miles of each other, and the nearest (Cardiff) 170 miles from Plymouth and correspondingly farther away from the Cornish towns. This is certainly not a first-class arrangement, considered geographically. My contention is that the Western Counties O.S. was left out of the running in regard to the S.Y.C.C. patronage because the judge at the last show was candid enough to give reasons for passing certain members' birds—viz., their being over length according to their own standard. I also contend that the action of the S.Y.C.C. is not calculated to do the Fancy at large any good. Mr. Crisp suggests that I am used as a cat's paw. May I ask who he thinks is using me to pull the chestnuts out of the fire? For surely a gentleman who objects to what he terms my "opprobrious adjectives" has some ground for making this insinuation.

THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec. W.C.O.S.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little further space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, on this subject. I see that Mr. Jump, a Lancashire fancier, does not agree with me in my version of the note whinnying. He says that if I were amongst the Lancashire fanciers they would tell me there are only two ways of whinnying. I wish Mr. Jump to understand that I know a great many fanciers in Preston, Wigan, Great-Harwood and Blackburn, and in the last-named especially. I have been amongst them many a time, and not once have they told me that there are only two ways of whinnying. I feel Mr. Jump is speaking at random, especially when he says that spinking, from the Yellowhammer, is a good note. If he will read part of my last letter he will see that I say "I am perfectly well aware that in different parts of England the Linnet fanciers' birds have different notes and different ways of singing." I always understood that the Lancashire and Yorkshire styles were very much alike. Mr. Jump says the bad notes of a Linnet are tojaw, tochay, toflip, tutagit, chet, recparecpa, orec, cra. I hope he is not speaking of foreign birds, for here, where I am spending my holidays, there are a few foreign birds shouting out toflip, cree, cra, etc. I should like some Blackburn fancier more qualified than Mr. Jump to say whether I am right or wrong.

F. ALLEN.

IS A BLACKBIRD A NUISANCE?

SIR,—In spite of Sir F. Cory-Wright, when giving his decision in the case published last week, a Blackbird may be a very decided nuisance, as even he would readily acknowledge, I fancy, if, instead of having them "in his grounds," he lived opposite to one in a cage in London as I do. It is a splendid bird, with a tremendous voice, and has begun singing at daylight every day, for the last six weeks, at all events, and the blank wall against which it is hung acts as a sounding board, throwing the voice into the opposite windows, and so making it appear louder even than it is. I am very fond of birds and like their singing, and being a fair sleeper was not kept awake more than one or two mornings; but an invalid or a light sleeper would have had a very bad time, in fact could not have kept their windows open after daylight. Why should it be possible for a person who likes (or does not dislike) noise to hang a bird outside the house in the street, and annoy perhaps fifty people in the houses opposite? I, personally, hate seeing a Blackbird in a small cage in town or elsewhere, but no doubt that is more sentimentalism and beside the point; when they are living in the garden it is easy enough to drive them away from singing too close to your windows, but if the bird is in a cage (like my neighbour's) I can testify that it is a nuisance.

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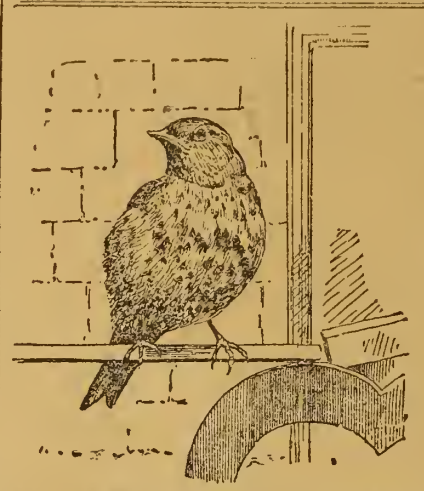
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THRUSHES BREEDING IN A CAGE.

SIR,—I read with much interest the letter by W. Downing with regard to his Thrushes' nesting in a cage. I may say I have had a similar experience. My noted Missel Thrush at the beginning of the breeding season seemed very anxious for a partner, and I was successful in procuring a twice house-moulted hen Song Thrush. They became very chummy with one another and when I saw the hen carrying a little piece of chip that had been thrown into the cage along with the sawdust, and repeatedly pecking the side of the cage, I was under the impression she was wanting to make a nest. So I fixed a hanging Lark cage outside their stock cage, giving her some hay, and was very much surprised to see her set to work at once and make a nest. When the nest had been made with the hay, I got a little cow dung, which she used for lining it, which she did most beautifully, it being, in fact, as round as if one had struck it out with a pair of compasses. On the third or fourth day after its completion she laid her first egg, and another on each morning until she had laid five. But I found that two out of the five eggs had very thin shells, and



Mr. J. Law's tame Missel Thrush, "Billie."
(Drawn from a photograph.)

they soon broke. Then I took out two of the eggs, being afraid the Missel Thrush (Billie) would be too inquisitive and put his bill in them to taste what they were like. I put a couple of pot Canary eggs in their place. You may imagine my surprise when the birds, as soon as they saw them, took one each in their bills, hammering the bottom of the cage at the same time to try to break them. I was also afraid of their swallowing them, so I lost no time in pulling them out of the cage. On the evening of the last egg being laid, I replaced the other two, and the hen started to sit; but she had no eggs the following evening, as "Billie" had sampled them. I was not over anxious to rear young Thrushes, or I should have procured eggs out of a bush; but it was most interesting to watch a Thrush in confinement build her nest—the way she carried the cow dung, and the bonny object she looked being very interesting; one could not see the hen for cow dung. But a bath was provided, and she was soon clean again. I may say I have the nest just as it was finished in the Lark cage, and consider it a smart piece of architecture. No doubt the most surprising thing is that the cage is within a yard from the bench in the workshop, and I was continually, all through the day, passing within a foot of the cage, the hen taking no notice whatever of my movements. Now an interesting question arises—one which some of your readers may be able to answer. Supposing I keep those two birds and try again to breed with them next season, would they be Hybrids? Has there ever been recorded a bird produced from these two birds, viz., Missel Thrush and Song Thrush? I have had my Missel Thrush photographed, but he appears rather rough, having fallen in the moult. The photograph represents him standing on a perch. I intended to hold him, but the photographer said he would not be steady enough, so I rested the perch on a chair back. I might say I showed him during the last two seasons and the lowest award he got was reserve. He was exhibited in all about fifteen times, so he is pretty well known, his wins being at Rochdale, Middleton, Wigan, Wakefield, Oldham and other places.

JAS. LAW.

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WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. G. E. Weston's reply in last week's issue to Mr. G. F. Woolhouse will cause confusion, and as I am one of the judges to officiate at our forthcoming Norwich Alliance All England Cage Bird Show, I wish all intending exhibitors not to be misled. All birds with dark underflue, even if only one feather, are certainly not clear birds, therefore are not eligible in Clear classes, their proper place being the Ticked or Unevenly-marked classes. For a bird with dark underflue to be eligible in Clear classes, the schedule should read: "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification." Even then it would count against the bird should there be two birds of equal merit, as a good Clear bird is harder to get, and much more rare than a bird with dark underflue. I may say there are several thousands of breeders in Norwich, and I don't think any of them would exhibit a bird with dark underflue in a Clear class, not if they knew it. Of course, these feathers are overlooked sometimes by exhibitors, but when pointed out to them, they are satisfied they are showing in the wrong class. Anyway, a judge has no right to make rules to suit himself, but should work according to the schedule, and then no blame can possibly be attached to him. I may say that the thighs are by no means the only places where you find this dark underflue, as I have most frequently found it under the wings, also tail coverts, and at or near the vent. As to a judge blowing and poking the feathers of a bird about for five or six minutes in trying to find a tick, and then handing the bird over to a steward to finish his work for him, that is proof positive this judge is not fit for the job.

A. WOOLLARD.

SIR,—You will remember I wrote CAGE BIRDS last year about this vexed question of what constitutes a ticked bird, and said that I hoped secretaries of shows would make their schedules read: "Clear, or invisible ticks." It seems by the way Mr. Weston has treated Mr. Woolhouse's bird that he believes in my suggestion. At the same time, if it is not law, exhibitors don't know where they are. I am of the same opinion as Mr. Woolhouse, that nine judges out of ten would have disqualified his bird in the Clear class, if they had seen the tick. Mr. W. evidently had himself, and he entered the bird thinking the judge, after selecting the best for the money, would look for the tick. But you can see by Mr. Weston's letter that he does not intend to look for them. I think it is time judges had a conference on the matter, or that societies worded their schedules the same as I have suggested.

Emsworth. C. E. SILK.

SIR,—I felt glad when I read our friend, Mr. Weston's, straight-speaking letter on the above subject, for all through my experience since I began to think of such points (it goes back many years, this) I did not understand why dark underflue should make a bird which was clear on the top into a bird which must compete in the marked class. It seems even sillier than the point that a "tick" (which one at once thinks must be a tiny mark) can be as big as a crown piece, or can be two or three marks. Were the fanciers hard up for words to describe their meaning when they arrived at these definitions, I wonder? Let commonsense and straightforward meanings prevail, say I, and a tick mean a tick, and a clear bird, one that is clear to the eye on the top of its plumage, which would be better for the birds, as Mr. Weston points out. Of course, it is bad for exhibitors for one judge to think and do one thing, and another another thing, so these points ought to be settled by the governing body—why not the C.B.U., who should get each society to discuss and vote on the matter?

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Year Book of the Yorkshire Union is to be issued to-day (Saturday), at the council meeting. It is getting to be rather a bulky volume, containing now 76 pages, this being an increase of 12 over last year. The number of societies affiliated is now twenty-seven, with a total membership of 1,191, this giving an average of 44 members per society. Gt. Horton O.S. lead the way with the largest total, viz., 112, Wibsey being next with 79, closely followed by Bradford City, 73, Bradford West and Halifax 72 each, Bradford East and Huddersfield bringing up the rear of the "3-delegate brigade" with 65 and 64 respectively. Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. Society is the unfortunate holder of the wooden spoon, with 13 members, the remaining societies ranging in membership from 22 to 55. The Year Book also contains the rules of the Union, dates of shows and judges, the name and address of every member of the societies affiliated. Every member should make a point of obtaining his copy as early as possible, and should also read the rules carefully, so as to avoid any errors during the coming show season.

THE various specialist clubs have now held their meetings to allot the patronage covering their various competitions, and all have had a good number of applications, this pointing to a healthy rivalry obtaining during the coming show season, the only drawback being that many societies are disappointed at not being allotted the competitions for which they applied. Many points have to be taken into consideration when this business comes before the club members, the principal being that one judge shall not officiate at more than one show in a competition. This, I believe, is a rule that finds a place with most specialist societies, and is often the cause of a lot of trouble in allocating the patronage. The Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. have had to pass several shows on this account, and they could do with another application inside the Bradford district, and two or three from outside that district, in order to fix up the number of shows to which they wish their patronage to extend.

ON Saturday last there was again quite a crowd of festivities arranged for the edification of the members of the various societies. Bradford City O.S. and Manningham C.B.S. were down to play a cricket match, whilst Wakefield, Laisterdyke, Shipley, Wibsey, and Queensbury had each arranged for members' shows. The time is getting very late for these shows; many birds that were put down on Saturday showed the colour coming through, and ere long will be in the thick of the moult.

AT Queensbury, the Yellow Yorkshire class contained some very smart exhibits, and in the buffs also a few good birds were staged; these, however, were mostly hens, and will probably make smart ladies when through the moult. The Yorkshires at Wakefield were not great in point of numbers, but were an improvement in quality on the last show. The Norwich were a grand lot, as were also the Mules and British, some very good birds being staged.

BRADFORD East Society are already making arrangements for their coming open show, and have ordered the trestles for the staging of the birds. These will be rather higher than is usually the case in the Bradford district, the object being to enable visitors to see the birds at a convenient height without lifting up the cages. This should be an improvement, and the idea will probably be taken up by other societies if it "catches on." The staging used by most societies hereabouts is the property of the schools at which the show is held, and these trestles were made for getting the feet under, and not for the staging of birds.

THE above society at their next members' show provide a gift class, the proceeds from which are to go towards the rose bowls that they intend having for competition in the unflighted classes at their open show. As is usual among the members of this society, the idea is being carried out with much enthusiasm, and a good sum is expected to accrue from it.

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The Canary Hobby and How to Ride it.

By J. W. FISHER.

What fanciers of thirty years ago would ever have expected to see a paper like CAGE BIRDS, and especially its Birthday Numbers, with their lovely plates—a paper devoted entirely to the cage bird hobby. I should say that very few ever thought of such a thing, and even these would hardly have had the courage to give expression to such a thought. At the time I mention we used to think ourselves very lucky if we could get a few lines on our hobby into the pages of some of the all-round Fancy papers. But here we are, and I for one am glad I have lived to see the day, and in this short article I hope to show the fancier of to-day the splendid chance he has now compared with what his brother fancier had in days gone by.

The Good of a Hobby.

Now, firstly, as parsons say, is a hobby of any kind good or bad for the individual and the community? I know some who think it very bad, and it is a matter that is, I suppose, open to debate; I maintain it is good for many reasons to have a hobby of some sort, and I always look very kindly upon anyone who has one, even when it is not my own particular craze. It takes a man away from his many little worries, and if he can spend a few hours daily in pursuit of his hobby he will come back into the arena of life again the better equipped for grappling with its problems and be the more likely to succeed than the man who has been spending his interval in vain broodings or something worse.

Now, one of the most interesting hobbies that we can possibly have is the Canary hobby, and if we go the right way about it we can derive a great amount of pleasure from it, and perhaps a little profit; at any rate we can make it pay for itself.

Some Tips for the Beginner.

Now, to the young fancier or the beginner I would say, having made up your mind to have a try, go in for one variety of Canary, and concentrate your energies on that; pick out the particular variety you intend to keep. Whether it be the Norwich or the Yorkshire, Cinnamons or Crests, makes no difference. But having decided which it is to be, be a perfect glutton for information; get hold of all the printed matter you can lay hands on, and by making the acquaintance of other fanciers and visiting other bird rooms you will be able to pick up here and there such bits of information as may be to you like grains of seed dropped into ground—small in themselves, but when properly and carefully utilised are productive of much good result. Your bits of information will be of such bulk as will enable you to cope with the giants in the Fancy, and surprise both them and yourself by the success you attain.

A Word about Cages.

Now, one of the first things a true fancier begins with is the cage. There has, however, been so much written on the subject, and there are so many varieties to choose from that it may almost be left to the individual's own taste to make a choice. I will, therefore, content myself with saying that as long as the cage is roomy enough it is right enough.

I personally like a cage of 3ft. or 3ft. 6in. long with loose wire fronts that fit into the top bar and bottom rail, and having a wood sliding partition for the centre, so that I can shut off the cock bird from the hen when the latter is sitting, and be able to use them for flight cages when not breeding. I also like the cages to have loose-drawn or false bottoms, and having doors in the front of each compartment, so that I can get easily to the inside of the cage. One can then lift the cage down, and run the bird or birds out from either end without disturbing what may be in the other compartment.

A cage of this description is easily "got at" for the thorough cleaning that ought to and does take place before and just after breeding time in every well-managed bird room. Remember, cleanliness is not everything, but it comes so near to being so that it takes a clever chap to tell what comes next in order of importance.

The depth of the cage may be from 16in. to 18in., according to one's own fancy, and from 9in. to 12in. from back to front. Give length rather than height, as birds don't want to climb upstairs, but rather to be able to have a good fly along from one end of their home to the other.

What Birds to Get.

Now, if you know how to feed and look after your birds, go in for the best breeding pairs you can afford to buy, as good birds don't eat any more seed than common ones, and one pair of good ones that may produce one or two or more good young ones in a season will bring more satisfaction than a lot of duffers.

One reason why I advise fanciers to make one variety their sole study is because that by doing so, they cannot help but learn a lot about other varieties. Yet they will be more likely to succeed in their own breed and will avoid coming on the rock on which many would-be fanciers get shipwrecked, viz., overcrowding, by getting too many birds to look after properly. And instead of the hobby being a pleasure, it becomes very like hard labour.

But there is one thing that I wish to particularly impress upon you, and that is that you want good feeders. When you get among the aristocrats of the cage bird fancy, they very much resemble the general run of aristocrats, and seem to think they have no call to be bothered with the duties of looking after the upbringing of their own offspring. Now, to avoid unnecessary heart-breakings and disappointments, always keep a few common ones for feeding and rearing purposes, and when you do get a good feeder don't part with it, no matter what you may be offered for it, nor what its breed may be.

The best feeder that ever I had, I had given me by a Scotsman, who said I could have it for nothing; but it would be of no use to me, as it was then four years old. I took it, and bred with it for four seasons, and the bird reared for me many a pound's worth of young Canaries. I pensioned her off after that and kept her for another five years.

So keep your feeders. Don't expect to breed as many tip-toppers as you can common ones, nor be afraid of breeding them too big, no matter what variety gone in for. I often hear people say their birds are too big, but you will find that you will get plenty of smaller ones and a big "good 'un" ought to beat a little good one any day. Have and seek quality by all means, but have size as well if you can manage it.

Some Breeding Tips.

I always take the eggs away from the hen till she lays her third, and use a small egg-spoon for the purpose of moving them. I put them into a box divided into partitions and numbered so as to correspond with the number on the cages. By-the-bye, not only should the cages always be numbered, but a book should be kept so that you may have an account of where and when you have set your eggs. I keep the eggs in bran to avoid getting them broken, and set on the morning of the fourth day.

Don't start breeding too soon. More haste and less speed may be found as true a maxim in Bird Breeding as in anything else I know of.

In the northern counties, where I have had most of my experience, I find it best to let March get past, or nearly so, and I never pair up till the last week in March or the first week in April. The only difficulty is in keeping the hens back, and this can be done by feeding them sparingly on plain Canary seed and a little niger now and again. About a week before pairing you can feed them a little better, but be generous with the niger seed, as I never had an egg-bound hen who had had a plentiful supply of that.

The cock birds you can feed up to concert pitch, and if your stock is healthy, all will be laying and going on beautifully in nine or ten days' time at the most.

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*Owls in a School.

There are some Owls' nests in our school ceiling and we often see the old birds flying through the ventilator. They eat mice and small rats and are in the habit of throwing little balls of fir and skins on the floor. At night time they fly round the place, and their flight is a very quick one. They are brown all over except for their breasts, which are of a creamy colour. They will have the building to themselves for a few weeks, as it is closed on account of the midsummer holidays.—Sent by J. Grimshaw (age 11), 23, Westgate, Hale, Cheshire.

*Lost and Found.

I have three Goldfinches which are very tame. I let them out into the room very often, and they will hop in and out of their cages of themselves. One of them will take his food out of my fingers. One evening I went out for a walk and left the birds flying about the room. When I returned and went to see after them, I found two of them; they were alright. But where was the other? It was gone. I looked everywhere, even up the chimney. But when I went to light the gas (for it was beginning to get dark), I saw the lost bird perched on the gas pipe inside the globe. Of course, I was very glad I had found him.—Sent by J. Fogarty (age 14), Ulster Bank, Wexford, Ireland.

**Jim, the Tame Sparrow.

Jim is the name we give to a Sparrow which is the pet of the engine-drivers and the firemen at one of the railway centres in the North of Scotland. It is said that he was hatched within the noisy precincts of a busy locomotive stable, but that he fell out of the nest before he was fully fledged, and was placed in a cage and carefully looked after in a railway office. On the third day he began to be friendly, and in a very short time was flying about in the room. And he allows himself to be petted. He became so tame that when his owner, the local railway engineer, was writing, he flew on to his hand and went to sleep. When the bird was six months old he began to go with his owner on his railway rounds among the engines in the yard, perched on the man's shoulder, or hopping by his side. He chooses queer places for his nests, the oddest and most awkward being the inside coat pocket of its owner.—Sent by J. Shepherd (age 14), 11, Buckley Brook Street, Rochdale.

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page 462.*)

Queen Cardinal (*Gubernatrix cristata*).—This is a large and beautiful species, and is absolutely hardy, for it seems merry and lively amid the vilest of our English winter weather, its health remaining certainly unimpaired thereby. Their one failing is, that though they are very ready to build, lay and incubate closely but a very small proportion (in many aviaries none at all) of those hatched out are reared to maturity.

Adult male:—Upper parts rich olive-green, with regular black striations; tail brilliant yellow, with the two central feathers blackish-olive; crest, chin and throat, rich velvety-black; a broad streak above and a small patch below the eye, also the sides of throat, rich golden yellow; breast greenish yellow, remainder of under surface bright yellow; upper mandible black, lower mandible greyish-black; legs and feet dark grey.

Adult female:—Greyer and browner than the male, and the yellow areas of her plumage smaller and much less vivid in colour; the eye-streak and sides of throat are white, and the breast is brownish-grey.

This species is also known as the Black-Crested Cardinal, and is the most docile and confiding of the Cardinals. Nevertheless, they are not safe company for small Finches. My present pair have been in my possession for 5 or 6 years and have never had a day's illness during the whole period; for three years they were quite amiable and harmed nothing, and in bright weather, as they flashed to and fro, were beautiful objects indeed. But afterwards their demeanour changed, and though not really savage, at odd times they murdered several of their smaller companions, and I then turned them in with the Parrakeets, where they continue to thrive and do well.

This pair usually build 4 or 5 open cup-shaped nests each year, and lay as many clutches (usually 4) of palish green eggs, thickly lined and spotted with blackish-brown. Nearly all the eggs have proved fertile. More than 50 must have been hatched out during the time they have been in my possession, but not a single one reared to maturity. My business engagements do not permit me to be at hand to give them live insects every two or three hours.

The male is gorgeous indeed when displaying to his mate; the golden tail is fully expanded, in fact, all the brilliant golden yellow areas are exposed, and the rich olive areas only enhance the effect, which it is beyond the power of words to describe. It has some pleasing and rich notes, which, frequently uttered (summer only), form its song. Habitat:—Ranges generally over Argentina and extends to N. Patagonia.

Yellow-Billed Cardinal (*Paroaria capitata*).—The Yellow-Bills have been more frequently imported of late and are fast becoming almost as common as the Grey or Red-Crested. They are also known as "Lesser" Cardinals, and Brown and Black-Throated Cardinals; these names are more or less misleading, as they are equally applicable to all.

I only propose to describe the one species viz., *capitata*. The adult male has the upper surface black, with shining carmine head, the red and black of the upper surface being separated by a band of pure white, which is also the colour of the under surface; throat black, tapering to a point on the chest; bill, legs and feet, ochreous-yellow.

This, to my mind, is one of the most beautiful and shapely of the Cardinals, and is quite safe with small species, but I have not found it so long-lived as either the Green, Dominican, or Grey Cardinals.

Dominican Cardinal (*Paroaria larvata*).—This is more commonly known as the Pope Cardinal, and in its native wilds is the commonest of all the Cardinals, though in this country the Grey or Red-Crested is the species which comes to hand in the largest numbers. I may say that I have kept the Yellow-Billed, Pope, and Grey Cardinals, for years, and associated with the smallest Ornamental Finches, and have so far found them quite amiable; but the sexes of the respective species must be equal or they will quarrel with each other.

This species has been bred in this country, but as with the Green and Grey Cardinals, very few of the young hatched out are reared to maturity. This species, to my mind, is far more beautiful than the Grey Cardinal, though it does not possess a crest. The hues of its plumage are so rich, pure, and sharply defined, that when in condition they are brilliant and handsome indeed. It is also known as the Red-Headed Cardinal. Comparatively little has been recorded as to its wild life, but it frequents open and cultivated districts, where it builds an open cup-shaped nest; the eggs are pale green and thickly spotted with brown.

Adult male:—Head, crest, chin, and throat, intense crimson; upper surface dark grey; tail and wing feathers blackish-grey; outer webs of wing feathers white; the whole of the under-surface of body, except the throat, is white, which is also the colour of a broad belt bordering the crimson of the cheeks and throat; bill, horn colour; lower mandible much darker than upper; legs and feet slate colour. Habitat:—Brazil; ranges from Rio Janeiro to the Amazon, along the sea border. The song is variable, somewhat scrappy and gritty at times; at other times the notes are rather rich, flute-like and pleasing.

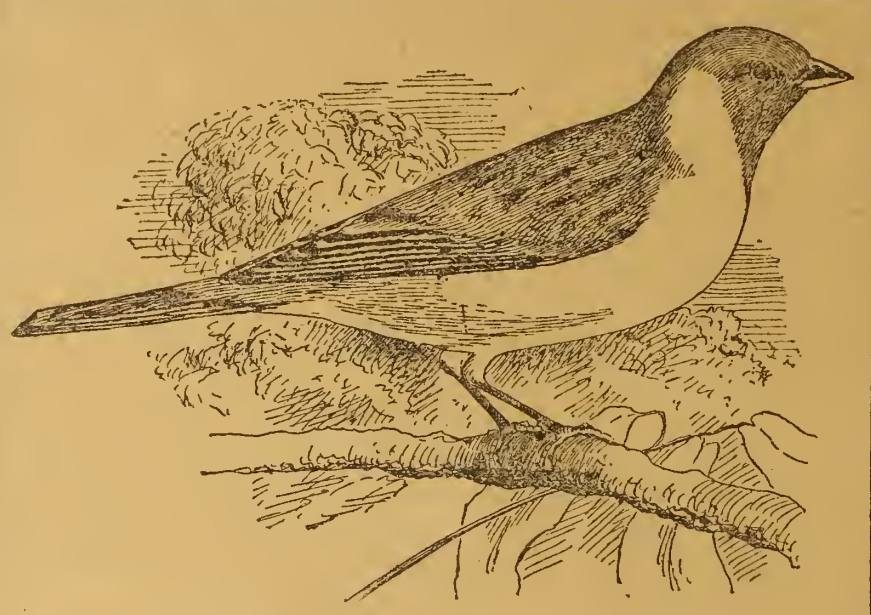
Grey or Red-Crested Cardinal (*Paroaria cucullata*).—This is the commonest of all the Cardinals in the country, and can nearly always be procured, sometimes even as cheaply as 7s. 6d. a pair. It is a general favourite, and rightly so, its bold alert appearance, showy plumage, hardy and robust constitution, having won for it a place both in bird-rooms and aviaries. Providing it has space for exercise and a roof to retire under, it cares nothing for our vilest weather, and will endure for years in any well-arranged out-door aviary.

Some individuals are malicious (I am bound to record the experience of many reliable aviculturists on this point, though the many pairs I have possessed have all proved amiable), and their demeanour must be ascertained before they are put with small Finches. I have found them to succeed well when kept with Parrakeets, such as Rosellas, Cockatools, and Budgerigars. If you can give this species a shrubby garden aviary to disport itself in, plenty of live insects and not too much company, there will be but little difficulty in inducing it to breed, but unless you can *regularly* keep up the supply of live insects but few of those hatched out will be reared.

The adult bird is dark grey above, with the head, crest, chin, and throat, crimson, under surface and region behind the cheeks white; tail and wing feathers blackish-grey; bill horn colour; legs and feet pale brownish-grey. The sexes are similar, but the plumage of the female is not so intense in hue and her bill is narrower at the base and more pointed than that of the male.

The dietary of all the Cardinals is very simple. The seed mixture should range over Canary, white millet, oats, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; fruit, soft food (insectile mixture), green-food (lettuce is greedily eaten), cuttlefish, grit, and some live insects. They are extremely fond of their bath, and should certainly be given the opportunity of taking one daily.

(*To be continued.*)



The Dominican Cardinal (*Parvaria larvata*).

This popular bird is commonly known as the Pope Cardinal and is also sometimes termed the Red-headed.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A CHAT ABOUT GOLDFINCHES & GREYPATES.

By W. H. Thomas.

The Goldfinch is one of the prettiest of the British birds. It possesses many colours; its head is red from the base of the beak to the top of the skull, right round to the far end of the eye, coming to a point in the corner over the eye, the bottom coming from under the beak right round the neck, and near the far end of the eye; the black also comes to join the red at the bottom of the skull as far as the bottom of the neck, reaching three-quarters round the neck. These are joined between with white, reaching from the side of the head threequarters round, then going narrower right round under the red to the other side, and then joined to the black.

Then comes brown on the back, then a lovely chocolate colour running both sides down to the joint of the Goldfinch's legs, and then white under the abdomen right down to the vent. Then come the dark, shiny, top wing feathers, and at the end come the three big white moonings. After this there are the bottom feathers with lovely yellow bars, with five lovely white buttons. The black tail feathers come next, with three white buttons on the middle of the tail tips, the under tail being white. The bird has black legs, but if house-moulted, the legs turn white.

On the Rearing of Young.

The Goldfinches begin to nest in the month of May, and build their nests in sycamore, elder, apple, and other trees, and on the outside branch between the two leaves. The nest is small and round, like a cup in shape, and is one of the prettiest-built nests of all the British birds.

Goldfinches make their nests of the following materials. The outside is composed of long dry grass and moss from the trees; the middle of the nest is composed of horse and cow hair, and is lined inside with dry, white heads of the dandelion flower. The hen lays from four to five small eggs of a whitish tint, spotted with orange brown. The Goldfinch sits from 13 to 14 days on the eggs before they hatch.

After the young are hatched, the parents begin to feed on dandelion, chickweed, and groundsel seeds, and on small insects from the various fruit trees. The young do not leave the nest until about the end of the third week, but the hen has, in the meantime, made another nest and commenced to lay about the second day after the first hatch has left the nest. The parents go together to feed the first hatch for a week after the young have left the nest, then the female bird leaves the cock bird to feed by himself, so that she may sit on the second clutch of eggs. The cock bird continues to feed the young for about 14 days, when he commences to beat them away that he may commence to feed the second batch. When the second brood are about a month old, the parents leave them. It is seldom that the Goldfinches rear more than two broods.

Food of the Goldfinch.

The winter feeding of the Goldfinch is chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, thistle, hard heads and teazle seed, also small insects from the trees, fruit, and small worms from the apple tree, green flies from the stalks of the old thistle and the little white worm from the old tops of the thistles. And when the snow is on the ground they feed on seeds of elder and sycamore trees.

The cage for the Goldfinch ought really to be 16 ins. long, 6 ins. wide, and 13 ins. high, with the back and ends shut up; it should have three perches, one across from end to end and two up about nine bars from each end. The Goldfinch will live for many years if fed the proper way, and this is the right way of feeding. Mix the following seeds together:—One pint of hemp, ½ lb. of inga, ½ lb. of teazle, ½ lb. of thistle, and ¼ lb. of dandelion. Give a piece of apple now and again, and a pinch of sunflower seed every other day, which ought to be lightly cracked by rolling a bottle over them. By following this method of feeding, your birds will be kept in good health and in good breeding condition. To keep the birds up in good colour, store marigold tops and roll a few now and again with a bottle; also give some linseed now and again to keep the gloss on the feathers, which adds so much to the value of one's birds.

A Word about "Greypate" Goldfinches.

I have read the numerous and interesting articles in Cage Birds, on the feeding and keeping of Greypates. In judging a Greypate class, our judges ought not to judge them after the end of September and October. Then there would not be the expressions of discontent that one hears so often at our shows, about the showing of old birds in young-bird classes. As a working man, my hobby has been bird-catching and the keeping of nearly all our British birds, but my favourites are Goldfinches and Bullfinches. So mine has been a practical experience lasting for about 20 years.

I would like, therefore, to give my experience in the feeding of my Greypates. I put the birds in a small aviary, which is out of doors, and boarded on the top and at both ends, the front being covered with two layers of wire netting to prevent damage by cats, etc. When the thistle heads are in season, I gather them some time before giving them to the birds. I open the thistle in two, so that the birds may get to the seed more easily. I gather a lot of heads and store them for future use. For every two birds I give a handful of thistle heads daily. I also give dandelion heads (as much as they will eat daily), also a few hard heads daily, rolled hemp seed, inga seed, and a few cracked sunflower seeds, and also a pinch of teazle seed. Let an old hen Goldfinch run with them, and if fed in this way, your birds will be kept alive and you will not have the disappointment of finding them all dead. I might also mention that I always keep a few bushes of furze in my aviary, so that the young birds may sleep in them if they so desire.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Tailing and Flighting.

Everyone, save the very newest recruit in the hobby of Canary breeding, is aware that the birds of the year do not shed their long tail and wing feathers naturally at the first moult. This phenomenon incidentally gave rise to a practice in the olden days, when the K.N. feeding was so much the rage, known as tailing and flighting the birds, which is often puzzling to the novice of to-day.

The practice consisted of forcibly plucking out the whole of the tail and flight feathers of the young birds when they were put up for moulting in order that the new feathers might be produced, showing the effects of the colour-food. Nowadays this practice is, fortunately, far less popular than it was formerly, and it is no longer essential to tail and flight a bird in order to stand a very fair chance of success on the show bench. As a matter of fact, in many cases the bird's winning chances are materially reduced by carrying out the practice, so that where those considerations of humanity, which should at all times be sufficient to prevent the practice, are not sufficiently well developed in the owner, this may be the bird's salvation from what must be at the very best a most painful experience.

Of course, most breeders are aware that the second crop of feathers—the adult plumage it may be called—are slightly better developed and are a trifle longer than those of the nestling, so that although those breeds in which length of feather is advantageous rather than otherwise, may not stand to lose anything, but rather gain by the process, the great majority of the more hardy and popular breeds would lose by just so much as they gained in length of feather.

Its Disadvantages.

Thus, for example, although a Yorkshire or a Lancashire, would undoubtedly gain by the slightly increased length obtained, a Border Fancy, Lizard, Norwich, or, in fact, any other breed which requires to be cobby and compactly built, with no superfluous length of plumage, would most certainly lose points by being tailed or flighted. In certain cases of individual birds it is quite possible to practically destroy a bird's winning chances simply by carrying out the process of tailing and flighting.

If one has, say, a good specimen of a Norwich which is already bordering on the un-passable in length and slimness, the slight increase in length of feather obtained by tailing and flighting will seem to have a very exaggerated effect, and will put the bird right out of count so far as prize winning is concerned.

The same thing might be said of a Border Fancy or any other variety where length of tail is not altogether desirable. Another case in which the effect would be very detrimental is when one has a specimen in which the tips of the flights meet so closely that one naturally expects that bird to develop the fault of being cross-winged or of having the tips of its flights crossed. Now such a bird might have a fairly successful career on the show bench in its first season, but when its adult flights are fully grown, its career as a show bird is seriously affected if not altogether ruined.

To tail and flight such a bird would be to simply cut off its career in the beginning and throw away the one season which it may have enjoyed. Of course, it is only the rawest novice, acting in ignorance, who would do this, and it is for his benefit these points are drawn attention to.

When it is done.

When tailing and flighting are to be carried out for any special reason, it becomes a question which is the best time to do it. Upon this point breeders, when it was "all the vogue," were divided in opinion, for whilst some believed in extracting the whole of the wings and tails at one time as soon as the moult commenced, and in placing the birds in the moulting cages, with perches low down, and covers over the front so that there was little necessity and less inducement for the birds to move about, others adopted the more rational method of spreading the process over two or three operations, either removing the tail and about a third part of each wing for one operation, and the remainder of the wings, when these were about half-grown. Or for a "three-act tragedy"—not a wrong term, this, for the work—removing the tail first, a fortnight or so later the half of each wing, and the remaining part of each wing about three weeks later.

Needless to say, great care is required to do the work without injury and with the least amount of pain to the bird. Better still, considering the little real advantage it is in any case, and the risks attached to it in unskilled hands, to leave it entirely alone.

Flight or Single Cage Moulting.

Whether it is better to keep the birds for moulting in the flight cage or cage them up separately is often a question with the beginner. It is, in fact, one of those questions which might have with equal justice an affirmative reply to both sides of it.

Each method possesses its own special advantages, and each its own demerits, when viewed from certain standpoints. To take the case of a lot of stock birds about which one is not very anxious, either in wanting them for high-class colour-feeding or for showing; or take the case of a lot of surplus birds of ordinary quality which are to be disposed of as songsters, or the hens for feeders—in either case there can be no doubt that the extra space they will get for exercise will be most beneficial, and will help them to develop into healthy, vigorous birds when moulted in good large flights, and kept in them through the following winter, or at least, as long as they are to be kept before disposal.

But for real high quality colour-feeding this plan is quite useless, as it is impossible to have any real control over the process when a number of birds are being fed together. True, one can always accurately gauge the proper quantity of food or colouring matter to give to a group of birds, no matter how large or how small the number of specimens composing the group may be, but there the control ends.

One cannot control the tastes and appetites of the birds themselves, and these vary so greatly that in any group there is always the probability of some birds getting double or treble as much of the soft food as others will get. Thus in this method of moulting on colour food it is almost invariably found that the birds finish up of a most unequal colour, some of them showing scarcely any effect of colour food at all, and others coming through far too "hot" to suit the tastes of every judge.

The Better Plan.

All this, of course, is naturally avoided by caging up the birds separately, when one has absolute control over the amount of colour each bird has, and can practically suit his own tastes and desires as to what colour they are fed to, by keeping an ordinary outlook over the amount left from each feeding time.

Given good, pure peppers made palatable with sugar, there are very few birds indeed that require any persuasion to eat all that is necessary; therefore, if a bird is found to systematically clear up its dole each time, the food may be increased in quantity to bring out the bird to any desired tint.

But in the cases of the few who seem to reject it, or only eat a small portion of the quantity given, a pinch of maw seed may be mixed amongst it as an extra inducement, or a little more sugar added. As a rule the only inducement a Canary requires to take the food quite freely is a certain amount of sugar—more or less according to the taste of the individual bird. Whenever a bird rejects the colour so far that it is necessary to remove the seed to get it to take the colour, it may almost be taken for granted that there is something wrong with the colour food, or that it contains something more than pure tasteless pepper and sugar, and perhaps a very small proportion of hot pepper and oil.

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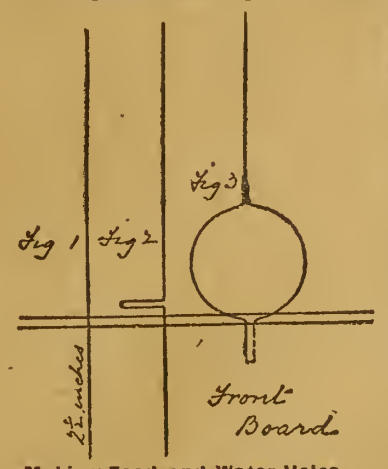
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No. 231.

TO MAKE FOOD AND WATER HOLES.

Sent by F. Whiting, Iketshall St. Andrew's, near Bungay, Suffolk.

I enclose a very simple plan for making feeding and drinking holes on wood and wire cage fronts. I cut a piece of wire 2½ inches longer than the depth of the cage front, then bend this length as seen in Fig. 1. I then put



Making Food and Water Holes.

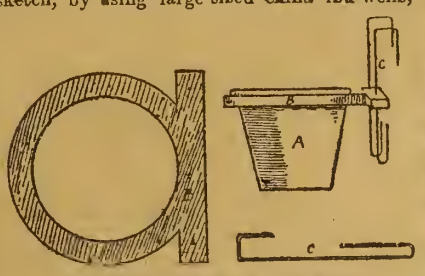
the double end into a vice (or flat pliers) about ¼ inch, and bend each end over, as seen in Fig 2. Then bring the two ends over a piece of wood (or iron) which is ¾ of an inch round, so as to form a nice round hole, afterwards twisting the short end as seen in Fig. 3. I think readers will agree that this simple little plan makes the amateur's work look more finished.—F. Whiting.

No. 232.

EASILY-MADE FOOD OR WATER VESSELS.

Sent by A. F. Taylor, 51, Princes Road, Romford, Essex.

Useful food and water holders for small cages can be easily made, as seen in enclosed sketch, by using large-sized china ink-wells,



Novel Food or Water Vessels.

as found in school desks, supported by wood and wire, as shown. The well hanging below the rail of the cage prevents waste of food through the birds scattering it. "A" is the ink-well; "B" the wooden holder; "C.C." the bent wires or stout hair pins.—A. F. Taylor.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Goldcrests in Surrey *(continued.)*

It was a week before we were able to visit the spot again where we had been so interested in the Gold-crested Wren's nest, and we knew that the young would have left the nest. But we hoped to find them in the vicinity. Nor were we disappointed. We had hardly penetrated the belt of firs before we heard the well-known call of young birds being fed. Some 30ft. up one of these trees, at a spot where several branches crossed each other, we located what appeared to be nothing but a bundle of moss. Presently an old bird came sidling along the branch to it, and we could see it was two young ones huddled together. They broke away from each other, but collected again when the old bird departed. Watching them for some time, we occasionally got a glimpse of the parents. We knew they were coming some time before we saw them, the call of the young and their agitated manner giving us the clue. We could now visit the empty nest. In consequence of the thick growth of the branches from the stem it was not an easy job. The nest was at the extremity, and the branch had to be cut and lowered to the ground. The nest proved to be a beautifully constructed affair. It was suspended like a hammock; some of the drooping twigs being laced into the outer part of the nest. Moss was the chief material used, with a little dried grass and lichen. The interior was warmly lined with feathers. Upon an adjoining tree, within six feet of this nest, was a beautiful example of the home of the Long-tailed Titmouse. The young had flown, so that the nest, which was in good preservation, was added to our collection.

Heron Hawking.

An old book on sports says:—"Heron Hawking was formerly a diversion in this kingdom, and a penalty of 20s. was incurred by any person taking the eggs of this bird. Its flesh was also in former times much esteemed, being valued at an equal rate with that of the peacock."

A British Albatross.

The strong-winged Albatross is a bird of the open seas, and does not frequent our shores, although it is recorded that a specimen in an exhausted condition was picked up on a farm near Linton, in Cambridgeshire, in 1897. It is just possible that in the remote past, the bird was an inhabitant of these regions, for fossil remains of them have been unearthed in Suffolk. A peep into the past is at all times interesting, for there can be no doubt that many changes have taken place in the wild bird life of our Islands.

Home of the Reed Warbler.

All our wild birds' nests are more or less beautiful. Some we admire for their almost geometrical construction, others for the selection of materials, and some, such as the Reed Warbler's, for their beauty of construction and position. The Reed Warbler's is a neatly constructed affair, the edges being woven round three or four reed stems. It is principally composed of dry sedge grass and reed leaves, with an inner lining of softer material, such as the flowering tops of the reeds. It needs to be deep, for, suspended between the reeds which are constantly in motion with the breeze, a shallow nest would be useless. One can only guess how the builders commence such a nest. It may be they start from one reed stem, but it must be a difficult task, with the swaying of the ever-moving reeds.

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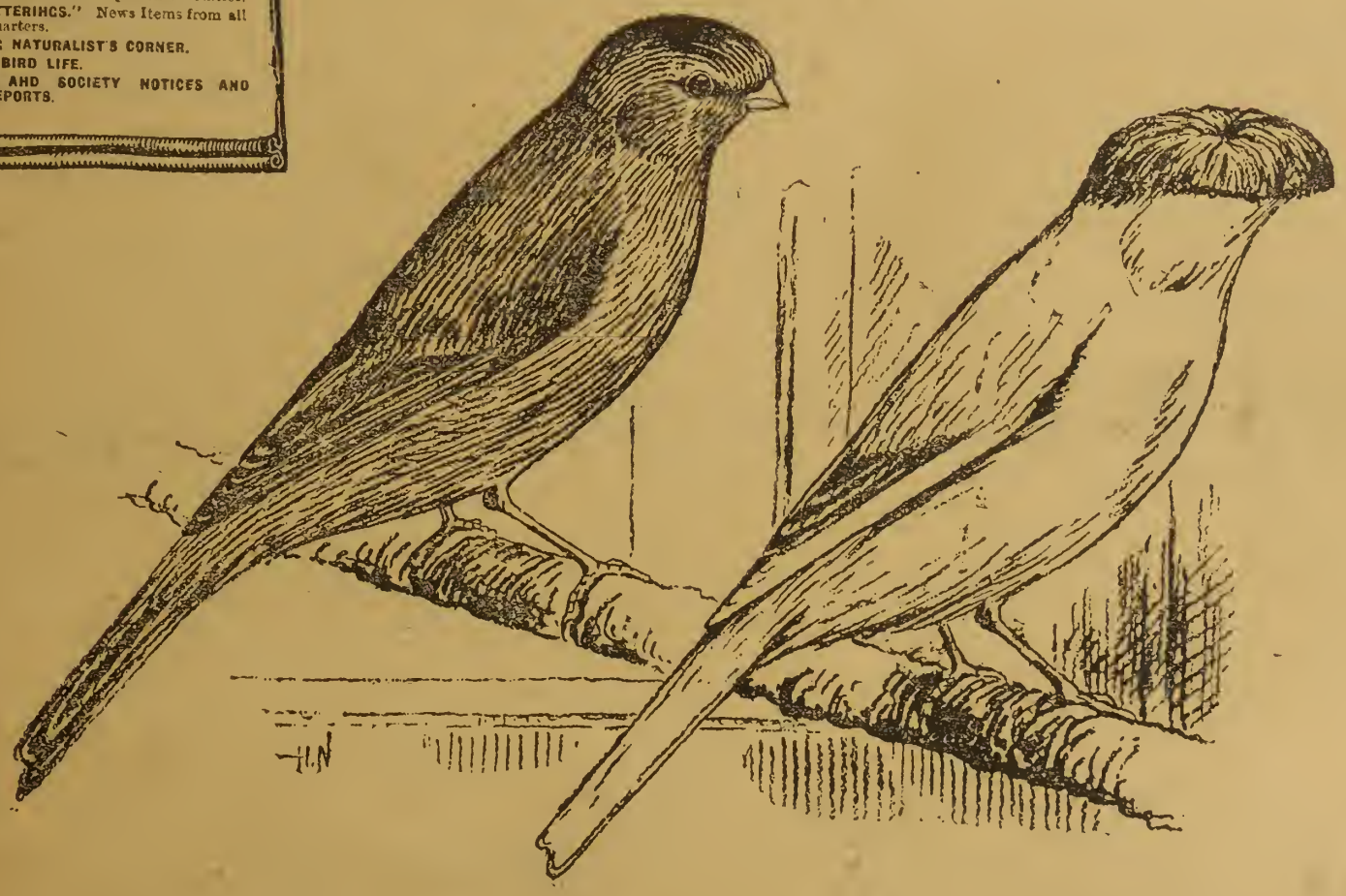
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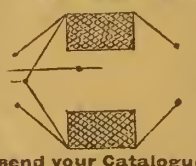
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THE SHOWS.

TORQUAY.

The cage bird classes in connection with the summer show held by the Torquay F. and F.S. proved very interesting, and contained some fine birds.

CREST-BRED: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Priston. CREST.: 1, 2, 3, Williams. NOR.: 1, Fox; 2, 3, Hosken. A.O.V.: 1, Hosken. FOR.: 1, Bearne; 2, Hosken. SELL. (10/-): 1, 2, 3, Hosken.

THORNBURY.

Several classes were provided for cage birds in the recent show held under the auspices of the Thornbury and Dist. H. and P.S. The entry was good, and the quality of the exhibits excellent. Mr. E. J. Underhill, the hon. sec., had the arrangements well in hand.

CAN. CK.: 1, Miss K. Jennings; 2, Chambers; 3, Misses F. M. and B. Cross. HEN: 1, Symes; 2, Thurston; 3, Davies. BRIT.: 1, spl, Williams; 2, Kingscott; 3, Roach.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last nest feather show was held at headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn, on August 8th, Mr. J. Greaves placed the cards, and the winners of most points were J. Crowther, 23; Chapman and Bateman, 18; and D. Thornton, 9. Mr. J. Crowther won the special for most points scored.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Crowther; 3, Hillas; he, Thornton; c, Bastow. BUFF: 1, 3, Crowther; 2, Bairstow and Chapman; 4, vhc, Thornton; he, c, Humphries. TICKED, ETC. (GREEN), YELL.: 1, Humphries; 2, Crowther; 3, Hinchliffe; vhc, Bastow. BUFF: 1, hc, Chapman and Bateman; 2, 3, Crowther; 4, Hillas; vhc, c, Bastow. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Ellerton. BUFF: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, W. W. Ellerton.—E. W. JOHNSON.

BO'NESS AND DISTRICT O.A.

This society's First Feather Show was held on August 15th at the Coffee House Hall. In addition to the Canary classes, others had been provided for British birds and Mules, and these proved a source of attraction. Over 60 birds in all competed, and some really good specimens were to be found amongst them, especially in the British bird and Mule classes. During the day a large number of the interested public took advantage of the show to inspect the birds, which provided a very satisfactory exhibition. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Findlay McGillivray, the capable secretary, and everything passed off satisfactorily.

CREST: 1, 2, Whyttock; 3, 4, Masson. CREST-BRED: 1, Whyttock. PLAINHEAD, YELL.: 1, Sloan; 2, McGillivray Bros.; 3, Meikle. BUFF: 1, Sloan; 2, Snedden; 3, McGillivray Bros. YORKS.: 1, 2, Meikle. A.O.V.: 1, M'Gregor and Boyd; 2, 3, Hamilton. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, McGillivray Bros.; 3, Hamilton. SISKIN: 1, M'Gregor and Boyd; 2, Scotland. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, M'Gregor and Boyd; 3, 4, McGillivray Bros. GREENFINCH: 1, M'Gregor and Boyd; 2, Hamilton; 3, Scotland. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, McGillivray Bros. HEN, BRIT.: 1, 3, McGillivray Bros.; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd. OLD MULES: 1, 2, M'Gregor and Boyd; 3, Scotland. YOUNG: 1, Meikle; 2, Scotland. EXHIBITION CLASS: 1, 2, McGillivray Bros.; 3, Grant. Messrs. McGillivray Bros. won most points over the show, with Messrs. McGregor and Boyd second.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

A table show was held on August 15th. The A.O.V. class was cancelled, but there was a grand entry of Norwich and Common Canaries. Mr. Johnstone (Kirkmuirhill) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, spl, Clarkson; 2, Pollock Bros.; 3, Thackery. COMMON CAN.: 1, spl, Swann; 2, Clark; 3, Pollock Bros.—JAS. POLLOCK, Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

There was a good entry at our show held on August 15th considering the lateness of the season. Mr. Wilman (Shipley) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, hc, c, Clarke; 2, 3, Fawcett; 4, vhc, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Fawcett; 2, hc, B. and F. Worsman; 3, c, Clarke; 4, vhc, Gledhill. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Clegg; 2, Gledhill; 3, Clarke; 4, B. and F. Worsman. BUFF: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Clegg; 4, B. and F. Worsman. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, B. and F. Worsman; 3, 4, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 2, Fawcett; 3, 4, Clarke. Mr. H. H. Clarke gained special for most points in show.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

ANTWERP.

The 62nd annual free show was held at Antwerp, Belgium, on August 9th. Entries were confined to young Belgian birds, and the show was patronised by the Honorary President, Mr. James Dewar (Edinburgh). It is always a difficult time for these young birds during the show. They are not moulted at all, and only the first nest of young could be considered able to risk a debut. The prize of honour went to Mr. Jos. Coenen (Antwerp) with a Buff cock with broad massive shoulders, small head, and plenty of droop, and very good in shape and action.

YELL. COCK: 1, Vanderonvera; 2, 3, Mm. Verhees; 4, Ed. Petsyns; 5, Eug. Vankoctsem. BUFF: 1, Jos. Coenen; 2, Mm. Verhees; 3, M. Voyckaert; 4, Ed. Petsyns; 5, Vanderonvera. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Jos. Coenen; 3, Mm. Verhees; 5, B. Wyckaert. BUFF: 1, Mm. Verhees; 2, Vanderauvera; 3, Eug. Vankoctsem; 4, 5, Jos. Coenen.—Hon. Secretary, EUG. VAN. KOETSEM, 40, Kerkstreet, Antwerp.

BIGGAR.

In connection with the Biggar Farmers' Show, held on August 13th, the society provided four classes for cage birds. They were all nicely staged in a large tent in the show grounds. Mr. R. B. Forrest (Coulter) secured the centenary gold medal for best Canary in show, with a grand Scotch Fancy, which has won a nice few medals in different parts of the country. Some tip-top Britishers were also on view. The judging was in the hands of Mr. D. Martin (Rutherglen), whose awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY (10): 1, 2, Forrest. 1st noted winner in new hands; 2nd, another good one; 3, 4, Wilson, 3rd just lacks the quality of winner. COMMON CAN. (17): 1, Johnston, good green bird, in grand condition; 2, Walker, grand wing marked Border, much admired; 3, Aitken, nice yellow Border; 4, Dickson. NOR. (12): 1, 2, Sharp, 1st grand typical Norwich, barely ready yet; 2nd, another good one, with grand head and neat wings; 3, 4, Johnston, 3rd different type to winners. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 4, Mason, 1st beautiful Redstart, in the pink of condition, much admired; 2nd, Wagtail, another nice exhibit; 4th, Goldie, grand blaze; 3, Sharp, Bramblefinch, a right good one in grand condition.—WM. SHARP.

LARGS O.S.

The 29th annual show was held in the Artillery Hall, on August 15th. There was a fair entry, but numbers were not as good in the Scotch Fancy Classes as this old show deserves. Mr. Hendry, who has so ably carried on the work in the secretarial department for many years, again officiated, ably assisted by Mr. Tappin, and under their management everything went smoothly along. Mr. Thomas Thomson (Glasgow) judged all classes, and his awards generally gave satisfaction. In the afternoon the show was well patronised.

YELL. CK. 1, Baird, nice exhibit. BUFF: 1, Neil O'Donnell, good, outstanding bird; 2, Reid, good size and colour; 3, Bowes. BUFF HEN: 1, Reid, good bird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Smith, good size and shoulder, nice head and neck; 2, Pearson, same style as first, pressed very hard; 3, Muir, good length and style. BUFF: 1, Paton, grand bird, heavy back, good neck and head, nice body, fine action, best in show; 2, Pearson, nice hird all over; 3, O'Donnell, very erect, good back, nice neck and head, just a little unsteady. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Muir, nice bird. BUFF: 1, Muir, another nice one; 2, Bowes. FOUL, ETC., CK.: 1, Reid, foul Buff; 2, Paton, same as first, but little smaller; 3, Smith, nice green. HEN: 1, Baird, very neat yellow Green; 2, Mackie, nice yellow Foul. NOR. PH.: 1, McFarlane; 2, Johnston; 3, Livingston, all well placed. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Young; 2, Munro; 3, Johnston BORD. CK.: 1, Tappin; 2, Murdoch; 3, Mcssie. HEN: 1, Findlay; 2, Young; 3, Mossie. SELL. CLASS: 1, Henderson; 2, Muir; 3, Pearson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Begg, nice dark one, an easy win; 2, McFarlane. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Johnstone, an outstanding exhibit, this was second at the last Palace Show, and first at Paisley, wins easy here; 2, Sanderson; 3, McCulloch. LINNET: 1, Dunsmure, extraordinary colour; 2, Johnstone. HOME OR FOREIGN: 1, 3, Tait; 2, Morrison.—A. M. BAIRD.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Annual Linnet contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, on August 16th, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper, 1st and 2nd shared between T. Stead and S. Hardcastle; 3rd, T. Johnson.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Usual week-end contest held on August 16th, when 16 birds sang. Result: 1st, Lauriman; 2nd, Atkinson; 3rd, Myers. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen, ft. Jackson, and G. Towers.—W. DEAN, Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on August 13th, at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor. Mr. Truman took the chair. It was proposed by Mr. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. Summerhill, "That we engage the Corn Exchange for our open cage bird show in November," having been successful in securing the patronage of the Y.C.C. and the S.Y.C.C. The report of our first feather show, held on July 9th, was read, and was considered most satisfactory. It showed a balance of £1 7s. 10d. clear profit after paying all necessary expenses. Mr. G. Phillpott was proposed and accepted as a member of the committee. This being all of the most important business a hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman brought a successful evening to a close.—A. L. Bisitor, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting held on August 13th at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. Chambers presiding, there was a very fair attendance of members. After the usual business had been got through, Mr. Farrar gave us his paper on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," which was attentively listened to by all. He first dealt with the various ages at which young birds break into the moult. Then with the mixing of the colour food, and the methods adopted by him to ensure a quick and successful moult. He next spoke of the difficulty of getting some birds to break into the moult at the proper time, and the remedies for same. Mr. Farrar dwelt strongly on the subject of breeding for colour, giving us particulars of the way in which he paired his birds to get the desired effect. At the conclusion of his paper numerous questions were asked which Mr. Farrar answered to the satisfaction of all. At the close a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Farrar for his excellent paper. This brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—A. Wilkins, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A meeting took place on August 10th at headquarters, the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, and was well attended. Mr. A. C. Burn took the chair. Messrs. R. B. King, B. W. Walker, and K. Horsey were elected members. Letters were read from Messrs. J. Simpson, A. W. Hart, K. Horsey, F. J. Martin, and the Executive of District 11 C.B.U. (J. W. Ramsden). Arising out of the letters from Mr. Martin in respect to the forfeiture of Messrs. Cooper Bros.' prize money, a discussion took place, with the result that the previous decision of the members is to be upheld, viz., that the same revert to the Association. A schedule consisting of 62 classes was drawn up for the annual show, taking place on November 20th and 21st. The following members gave in their names as promising to take part in a cricket match between the "Early Birds" C.C. and the Association, to be held on September 5th (Saturday) at 3 p.m., at the Paddington Recreation Ground, viz.:—Messrs. W. Knight, J. Simpson, J. Pooley, A. W. Hart, J. Ashby, W. E. Cobb, A. C. Burn, and V. Wynn. The chairman then rose to move a vote of condolence to Mr. J. Robson at the loss sustained by the death of his son. The vote was passed in reverent silence. Proceeding, the chairman said that on their behalf, and anticipating their wishes, the secretary had purchased a lovely wreath and sent it as a token of their sympathy.—Victor Wynn, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, "The Feathers," Westminster, on July 30th. Present: Messrs. Fulljames (in the chair), Silver, Weston, Goodchild, Vale, Dewhurst, Best, Trower, Maxwell, Cooper, Robson, Plumbridge, and Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A letter was read in reference to supplying a block of the club's standard show cage, and it was proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the secretaries be instructed to state that the block could be supplied under the conditions that the user acknowledge in his advertisement, that it was by permission of the N.B.B. and M.C. Similar applicants were to be given the same privilege. A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Howe respecting the club supplying a form for exhibitors to forward to the secretaries with the entries they nominated for the "Cups." It was proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Trower, that the secretaries write to Mr. Howe and state that the committee had given his letter the greatest consideration, and had come to the decision that it would involve a lot of work and expense, and that it was the duty of the exhibitor to look after his own interests. When the word "Cup" did not appear in the catalogue opposite the bird they had nominated, it was the duty of the exhibitor to write to the secretary of that show, drawing his attention to the fact, and ask him to rectify the mistake by communicating with the secretaries of the N.B.B. and M.C. A great number of applications for the club's patronage were read, and the committee granted four gold, 17 silver, and 11 bronze medals to the following shows: Manchester, Clapham, Gateshead, Preston, Derby, Wallsend, Wellingborough, Newcastle, Cambridge, Crystal Palace, Scottish National, Dulwich and Peckham, Morecambe, Blackburn, Dulwich O.S., Nottingham, St. Helens, Welsh National, and Plymouth. It was decided not to hold a meeting in August unless the secretaries had any important business. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

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WESTERN F.S.

A special general meeting was held in the New Market Hotel, Cornwall-street, Plymouth. Mr. E. R. Norman presided over a very good muster of fanciers, met to consider the reorganisation of the society. After an animated discussion it was carried unanimously that the yearly subscription be reduced to 3s. 6d. It is hoped the reduction will induce fanciers to join the society. Mr. W. E. Chapple was elected secretary for the cage bird section, and a vote of thanks to the chairman ended a pleasant evening.—W. J. Sloman, Hon. Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Usual monthly meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on August 1st, President T. A. Boyd in the chair. The date of the annual club show was fixed for November 28th in the Templars' Hall, Glasgow. The schedule was revised, and is as follows:—Six classes for Norwich Plainheads, six for Crests and C.B.'s, seven for Border Fancies, four for amateurs who have never won a first prize, two for Yorkshires, and one for A.O.V. not classed, five for Mules and Hybrids, eight for British Birds, three for Foreign Birds, and a 10s. 6d. selling class A.V. Five silver cups and medals will be given for the best young birds bred by members, and a handsome trophy will be given for best young bird in Hall. Entry money is 3d. per bird, which also entitles fanciers to compete for prize money and 60 other special prizes. The members' list will close on September 5th, and all old fanciers or beginners should take this opportunity of being enrolled in Scotland's first and oldest club. The annual subscription is 5s., and a copy of the rules and any further information can be had from Geo. Smart, Hon. Sec., Carmyle-by-Glasgow.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held on August 12th, Mr. Almond in the chair. It was carried that the secretary be instructed to write Mr. Lowery and ask him to reconsider his resignation. Letters were read from the secretaries of the Foreign Bird Club, the National B.B. and M.C., the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., the Y.C.C., the Cinnamon C.C., the Green C.A. and the Northern Y.C.C. The members were highly gratified at having obtained the patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., Y.C.C., and Northern Y.C.C. (Cup Show), N.C.C. (Club Show), for our forthcoming show in December, with the prospect of others to follow. Mr. Crawhall's resignation having been read to members re the decision of the District No. 1 Committee of the C.B.U., some discussion ensued, and the following resolution was carried: "That Mr. Crawhall's resignation be not accepted, and that Mr. Crawhall has the full confidence of the members of this society." It was also carried "that the secretary be instructed to write to the Executive Council of the C.B.U. protesting against the severity of Mr. Crawhall's sentence, reported to us by our District No. 1. A lecture or washing exhibition will be arranged, later for the next meeting.—T. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held at the Fawcett Street Cafe on August 15. There was another splendid attendance of members presided over by the chairman, Mr. J. Farrar. The usual correspondence was placed before the members. The only business of any importance was a notification from the Border Fancy Canary Club to the effect that we had been granted their patronage, and that they were giving a club medal for the best Border shown by a member of the B.F.C.C. We have now the support of four specialist clubs for our annual open show, November 20th and 21st, and we are hoping for the patronage of three or four more before we finally draw up our schedule. The ordinary business having been concluded, the usual discussion took place, the subject for the evening being the "Extermination of Red Mite." Several methods adopted by the members for the extermination of the pest were fully described, hollow perches, red-mite traps, insect powder, painting the cages with turpentine, paraffin, etc., all having their supporters. But the most popular method seemed to be the use of paraffin. The grey lice also came under discussion, and it was pointed out that these must not be confounded with the ordinary wood lice, which are sometimes seen running about the cage fronts, etc. The discussion was taken up by Messrs. J. Farrar, G. Clark, J. M. Walker, W. F. Swan, A. Elliot, J. Copeland, C. Waters, J. Riseborough, and W. Reid, and proved highly interesting, especially to the novice members present. — Reid and Maddison, secretaries.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

A general and committee meeting were held at Merthyr on August Bank Holiday, Mr. T. Castree presiding. Although the meeting started at 1.45, it was not brought to a close until after 7 p.m. Several new members were added to the list of membership, and several were reinstated. After going through the list of applications for the patronage, and after comparing dates, it was found that on account of the dates clashing several shows would be left out. After the vote was taken the lucky ones turned out to be as follows:—Merthyr and Dowlais, November 11th and 12th, judge Mr. J. Robson; Cardiff, November 25 and 26, judges Messrs. Payne and Roe; Porth and Dist., December 2nd, judges Messrs. Robson and Castree; Swansea (Welsh National), December 10th, judges Messrs. Robson, Weston and Evans; and Tredegar F.F., January. It was also decided to give the patronage to a show in the North of Wales. After receiving Mr. D. L. Eynon's report re club show, it was decided to hold it at Brecon if arrangements could be made for a suitable hall. Mr. G. T. Jones will act as show secretary, Mr. D. H. Tedstone as show manager, and Mr. J. H. Jones as treasurer. Mr. Castree was elected judge for club show. The classification is as last year. Special prizes, etc., will be thankfully received by the above-named and also by the chairman. The specials were withheld from Aberdare, as that show did not comply with the requirements of the club, which prevented the majority of the members exhibiting at that show. The secretary read some correspondence which Mr. D. L. Eynon had received. The secretary was instructed to send a copy to the Fancy Press, together with a letter on behalf of the committee. Two cases were gone into, but after consideration it was decided that the committee go into them fully at a later date. Mr. Longden was elected by ballot papers on committee, and as auditor, but as the rules will not permit them to hold both, he gave preference to be on the committee. Mr. E. J. Bevan came next as auditor, which post he has accepted. I must remind the members that the annual subscriptions are now due, and should be sent on without delay.—D. H. Tedstone, Hon. Sec., 4, George-street, Brecon.

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IN THE COURTS.

A SHERIFF'S SENSIBLE COMMENT

At Falkirk Sheriff Court, Robert Strange, miner, Reddingmuir, near Falkirk, recently admitted having contravened the Wild Birds' Protection Act by having had in his possession a brood of Larks. Respondent remarked that he lifted the birds to protect them from the children, as the nest was lying close to the road. He intended to let them away when they were able to fly. Sheriff Moffat remarked that he was willing to accept respondent's statement, seeing that the birds were not killed. His Lordship did not understand why people should be prohibited from taking wild birds and trying to tame them, but the Legislature had so enacted, and the law must be obeyed. He would impose a nominal fine of 1s.

ISLEHAM BIRD-CATCHING CASE.

Judgment Against the R.S.P.C.A.

Suggestion as to Society's Policy.

At the Soham County Court on August 14 his Honour Judge Mulligan gave his decision in the case of Fenn v. Reid, reserved from the last court, the previous part of this case being published in our issue of July 25.

His Honour said: The plaintiff, George Fenn, is a birdcatcher, and the defendant is an inspector of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In the middle of January last the plaintiff caught 12 Goldfinches on the farm of a Mr. Watson, in the Reach, West Row, in the county of Suffolk. There was no close time in that county. The plaintiff took the birds to his house in Isleham, in Cambridgeshire, and kept them in the kitchen. In March he gave one of them to a Mr. Staples. By May, owing presumably to confinement and fright, three only of the remaining eleven survived. On the 1st of May the plaintiff sent his son to the railway station with a box containing his three surviving Goldfinches and a Yellowhammer. The box was labelled "Birds with care," and was addressed to "W. Coote, Elswick." The defendant, seeing the lad with the box, and hearing the noise of birds, seized the box and took it to the plaintiff's house. The plaintiff was very abusive and threatening. The defendant carried the box away, and subsequently (with P.C. Rowlinson) set the birds free. An information charging the plaintiff with an offence under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, was dismissed, after hearing all the evidence, but without costs. The plaintiff now claims £1 17s. 6d. for the loss of the birds. The defendant contends that the plaintiff in fact consented to his freeing them, and that he (defendant) is not liable in law. In that he is in error. Compulsion is not consent; vituperation is not agreement. With regard to the nature of the claim, Goldfinches are the prettiest of singing birds, and, singularly, birds are the only beings that share with men and angels that two-fold gift, the power of moving and the capacity of being moved by sweet song. Now it may be very desirable for the Society, if it can, to obtain an Act of Parliament declaring that Goldfinches, Skylarks, and some other British singing birds should be deemed to be the property of the Crown, and making it a misdemeanour to capture or injure or sell them without a licence. No doubt the Press will assist in bringing about such a change, for, as I have said elsewhere, journalism is the handmaid of justice. But at present singing birds, like bees, belong to the class of animals—*ferae naturae*. I had to consider the law relating to this class in 1907. The beekeeper has a qualified property in bees which have been hived, and the law permits a birdcatcher to have a similar property in his unfortunate captives. In 1907 I held that a plaintiff beekeeper was entitled to damages for such loss, if any, as he had sustained by reason of a defendant having driven a cluster of his bees from the defendant's tree with unnecessary violence and barbarism. In the present case, although this defendant's action was well meant, and resulted in setting the captives free, I must, as the law stands, hold that it was wrongful, that it deprived the plaintiff of property, and that the plaintiff is entitled to damages. I assess the damages at £1 10s. There will be judgment for that amount and for the costs.

Inspector Reid: Will your Honour kindly allow me to communicate with the chief office before paying the amount?—The Registrar: You will have 14 days to pay.—*Cambridge Daily News.*

The Ancients and Cuckoos.

Pliny wrote of the feelings of the foster parent of the young Cuckoo:—"She joyeth to see so goodly a young bird, and wondereth at herself that she hath hatched and reared so trim a chick." Perhaps he was right, for observation shows that the Titlark is as anxious for the safety of the young alien as she is for her own chick.

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Parental Sagacity.

Mr. Jesse mentions that a gentleman who was looking at a ploughman saw a Partridge run from her nest and almost crushed by the horses' hoofs. Being certain that the next furrow of the plough would bury both the eggs and nest, he watched for the return of the plough, when to his great astonishment the nest, previously containing twenty-one eggs, he found was vacant. After a search he found the bird sitting upon the eggs under a hedge near forty yards from the vacant one, to which place she and her mate had removed the whole number of eggs in less than twenty minutes.—Sent by Cecil Hobart (aged 11), 22, Paddock Street, Heigham Street, Norwich.

**A Raven's Artful Scheme.

A Yorkshire man had a raven which, he says, is beginning to show its sense. He had an iron "scoop" in the bird's run for bathing and drinking purposes. Frequently, of course, he had to change the water. One day he watched the bird repeatedly duck its head in and try to shake the water over its back. It was not a success, however, and the weather was hot. It did its best, but the dish was too small for a plunge. At last its sense showed itself. The bird hopped round the dish, seized the handle, and springing on it, upset all the contents. Then with a chuckling croak he shouted "Eureka," or a word something to that effect, and rolled over in the spilt water.—Sent by Harry M. Best (age 14), 11, Park View, New Farnley, near Leeds, Yorks.

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TWITTERINGS.

Will secretaries of shows and fanciers generally please note, writes Mr. H. J. Ford, that my address is Garth View, Llanishen Street, Cardiff?

Mr. A. Brown has been appointed to judge the Houghton-le-Spring and District Cage Bird Society's annual show, to be held on December 19th, writes H. Fenwick, the hon. secretary.

As the meeting called for August 29th is a special and important one, writes Mr. J. Turner, secretary of the Long Eaton and District C.B.S., all members will please make an effort to attend.

Kindly note our change of address from 9, Chantry Lane to 39, Lord Street, where in future all communications should be addressed write Messrs. Moore and Crowston, hon. secs. of the Grimsby and District O.S.

Kindly permit me to say how much I appreciate CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. H. Harris (Bedford Square, London, W.C.). Friday is *the* day in the week to me. I have to cycle 14 miles when on holiday to get it. Still, that's a small matter. I send best wishes for the continued success of CAGE BIRDS.

Fanciers in and around Wallsend, writes Mr. Jas. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., should not miss hearing Mr. Jas. Shepherd's lecture at the next meeting of the Association, to be held at the Station Hotel, Wallsend, on August 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All are heartily invited to attend.

Owing to the date of our next meeting falling on the night of the Glasgow trades holiday, writes Mr. J. H. Adam, the secretary of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Club, we have postponed it till September 5th, when we shall consider the classification for the annual club show.

We have now the support of four specialist clubs for our annual open show to be held on November 20th and 21st, write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, hon. secretaries of the Sunderland C.B.A., and we are hoping for the patronage of three or four more before finally drawing up our schedule.

Mr. F. Easterling has been engaged to judge cage birds at the Grand United Metropolitan Show, to be held under the auspices of the South Metropolitan F.A. and the Civil Service F.A., on December 3rd and 4th, at the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham, S.W., writes Mr. A. Watson, the show secretary and treasurer.

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

We regret to learn that Mr. Walter Reynolds, the hon. secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead, and District C.B.S., has had the misfortune to lose his father, Mr. William Reynolds. The funeral took place on August 8th, at three o'clock, in the churchyard of the little country village of Ashby Magna, near Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Deceased was 78 years of age, and leaves a widow of 83 years of age. He was a lover of birds, and Mr. Walter Reynolds informs us that he remembers his father having a favourite Skylark and Bullfinch, both of which he used to take to the meadows in order that they might hear other birds sing, and so improve their own singing powers.

We have received from the hon. secretary, Mr. A. Watson, 116, Maurice Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, London, N., a copy of the Civil Service Fanciers' Association Manual for 1908-9. It contains, in addition to the Association rules, lists of officers' and members' names and addresses and the balance-sheet for the year ending March 31st. A copy of the manual may be had free on application to the secretary.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant Cant, A.P.C., sec. of the Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S., writes that the judges for the annual show to be held on November 21st are: Messrs W. Muir (Kilmarnock), for Norwich; W. Hamilton (Hamilton) and J. Calderwood (Dumfries), for Border Fancies; and J. Mason (Peebles) and J. Taylor (Greenock) for British and foreign birds. The classification will be the same as that of last year, except that a class for Cinnamon Borders has been added, which brings the total to 50 classes. The entry fee will be 1s. 6d., and the prizes 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d.

The Rev. C. D. Farrar, the author of "Through a Bird Room Window," writes Mr. Wm. Ireland, treasurer of the Leeds C.B.S., has kindly promised to address the members and friends of our Society at their monthly meeting on September 5th. His subject will be, "A Talk on Birds." This will give CAGE BIRDS readers residing in or near this district an opportunity to hear the rev. gentleman who writes such excellent and humorous articles in your valuable paper. The committee and members extend a hearty welcome to all. The chair will be taken at 7.30 by our President, Mr. F. Somers, M.R.C.V.S.

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We are to have the Yorkshire British Bird and Mule Club's patronage at our open show in October, writes Mr. A. Waud, hon. secretary of the York C.B.S., and we are expecting a very large show. We have 31 classes open and 9 classes for members. Our judge is Mr. J. Robson, and we have also engaged Mr. Anthony Brown (Gateshead) to judge members' classes.

The judges selected for the City of Glasgow O.A. show and competition, to be held on October 16th and 17th, writes Mr. Alexander Macdonald, the secretary, are: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Holden (Muirkirk), G. T. Hope (Edinburgh), D. Law (Dundee), D. Martin and Alex. Clark (Rutherglen), and J. Knox (Glasgow); for Belgians, Mr. G. Fulton (Partick); for Norwich Plainheads, Mr. J. Adams (Dundee); for Crests, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh); for Mules, British and Foreign, Messrs. M. Craig and A. Muir (Glasgow); and for Borders, Messrs. H. Bennet (Kelso) and G. Somerville (Auchinheath). With such an excellent list of judges the show should prove a great success.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the fine picture of my broken cap silver Lizard ("the worthy son"), which is reproduced on the front of last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham). This bird was a rather late-bred youngster, so was only exhibited at five shows. He secured first and special at Pendleton, first and special for the best Lizard at the Scottish National, and finished up with first at the Crystal Palace. In addition to these honours he won two thirds and second in CAGE BIRDS competition. I may say that my "Silver King," which secured sixteen prizes in his second year, was father to the above-named youngster. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its staff every success.

I wish to thank you very much, writes Mr. Wm. Adam (Rochdale) for the great favour bestowed on me in the reproduction of the picture of my Lancashire Coppy on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, and I can assure you I was taken by surprise when I got my copy of CAGE BIRDS last week to find that a bird of mine should be worthy of a place in your valuable paper, with such a large circulation. I may say that the bird is still alive, and looks as if it will stand another season's work on the show bench, with a repetition of its former success. I may also say that I have had a very fair season with my Lancashires, about 18 young ones, with a promising bird or two amongst them, having been successfully reared. I am at present spending my holidays in Suffolk, where, of course, there is a change from Canaries to British birds, the district swarming with all kinds of British birds. I had the opportunity of seeing a nest in which a young Cuckoo had been reared by a pair of Wagtails. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves.

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I have been appointed to judge the cage bird section at the Waltham Abbey and District Show on September 5th, writes Mr. F. Easterling (Battersea), and also the Grand United Metropolitan Show on December 3rd and 4th.

I thank you very much for reproducing the picture of my Swallow in last week's number of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. J. Ford (Cardiff). He is coming successfully through the moult, and I hope to win again with him during the coming season. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Will members and friends of the Bradford East O.S., writes Mr. H. Hill, the secretary, kindly meet at the Park Chapel Cricket Ground, Parkside Road, on Saturday, August 22nd, to witness a cricket match between teams representing this Society and the Park Chapel C.C.? The wickets will be pitched at 2.45.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.

All clubs desiring the patronage of the above club must send their applications, with list of classes and names of judges, to the secretary, on or before August 29th. Intending members can have all information from A. W. Watson, secretary, 8, Commercial Street, Leith.—A. W. WATSON, sec.

An Appeal.

Entries only number two in the cage bird section up to the time of penning these lines, writes Mr. W. R. S. Hill, hon. sec., Kingswood and St. George (Bristol) Show. Please give us a helping hand, fanciers; we are under C.B.U. rules. Will accept entries and classify up to Sunday's post (Aug. 23rd).

He Read Father's "Cage Birds."

An inspector was recently examining some boys in a suburban board school. He asked one of them to parse the following sentence: "Hark! How the Lark Sings."

When he reached the noun, the inspector stopped him, and said, "You're wrong, Tommy. You said 'masculine gender.'"

"Yes, sir," replied Tommy.

"Well, it's not," returned the inspector; "I thought you would have known that 'Lark' was common gender!"

"Common gender!" retorted this promising young fancier, contemptuously, "that shows you know nothin' about birds, sir. Why, it's only the cock wot sings!"

Kilmarnock's Silver Cup.

The Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. have been presented, writes Mr. James B. Y. Murdoch, the secretary, with a handsome silver cup by that well-known and respected Scotch Fancy breeder and exhibitor, Mr. Robt. Findlay (Fernichan Darvel). The cup is for the best young Scotch Fancy at our show, to be held on December 4th and 5th, the bird to have been bred and shown by exhibitor. The cup is to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the full property of any one. It is to be called "The Findlay Cup." We hope that Scotch Fancy breeders will show their appreciation of Mr. Findlay's kindness, by sending along a bumping entry, as this cup comes at a very opportune time to awaken the interest in the "Bird of Circle" again. My committee take this oportunity of thanking Mr. Findlay through your columns for his generosity, and wish him success on the show bench in the season just commencing.

"Father William" and the Birds.

"Father William," an ancient shepherd, is the principal figure in Mr. Bensusan's book, "Country-side Chronicles." He has that general detestation of birds which is so common, and so foolish, amongst the English peasantry, but this garrulous old man cannot stand even their singing: "'Fore it's light an' time to get up they're at it, breakin' mo night's rest, an' quarrellin' over the wittles. Lor', all birds is as quarrelsome as dogs or women, an' that's a fact! An' I'm right sick o' they Larks, what never stops singin'." Then the voice of a Cuckoo sounded across the field. "Aye," said Father William, wrathfully shaking his stick in that direction, "mock me, ye varmint, fr I can't reach nigh ye, an' well ye know it, seein' I'm a pore ole man, and don't get about as I uset.' The only birds that Father William would allow to exist were Partridges—for his betters to shoot—"gulls, for they eats varmints on th' land, an' fish, an' I couldn't never 'bide fish 'An th' herons, what catches eels, for I can't abide they. An' chicken an' ducks, if you calls 'em birds, an' that's all."

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council was held on Aug. 15th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. John Greaves in the chair. The following business was transacted:—1. That the Cage Bird Union's proposals re the working arrangement (as published in your issue of July 18th) be laid upon the table; 2, that the Yorkshire Union appoint a sub-committee to work along with the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C., and the O.N.P.C., in respect to fanciers' grievances with the railway companies; 3, that the minimum number of classes at a Yorkshire Union Show be 18, which number includes the novice classes; 4, the suggestion as regards delegates' expenses was left over for future discussion.—SAMUEL DEAN, sec.

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*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** W.M.S., J.McA., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 2 and 4.—**Barnstaple.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov 5.—**Carmarthen.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and E.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.P.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
*Nov. 21.—**Selby.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness C.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
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Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
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*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28. **Salo Open O.S.** A.O.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.P., and R.J.H.
*Dec 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5. **Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9. **Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.**
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.P.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12. **Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.F., A.C., and P.P.
Dec 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 343.)
(For Secretaries' addresses see list in No. 343.)

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

WITH fanciers this is the time of "hopes and fears." How we watch our birds as they come through the moult! First one and then another raises our spirits with the hope of possessing a winner, alas! often only to dash them down again as some unwelcome trait makes its appearance, most times where least expected. It seems to be that those of our stock which in first feather possessed faults which "may" improve have a happy knack (or should I say unhappy?) of not improving, and those few with which it seemed nothing could go wrong develop faults that were undreamed of. Such is the Fancy!

THE Yorkshire Union has now to face one or two difficulties that will require no little study for their proper elucidation. The principal one is the question of the number of societies comprising its ranks and the probable addition of several more societies in the near future. The number of societies affiliated is now twenty-seven, eighteen of which are holding open shows this season, extending from the first Saturday in October to the 13th of February, with only two vacant dates, viz., Boxing Day (December 26th) and the Palace Show date (February 6th). This programme, as is well known, is more than either the birds or the fanciers can reasonably undertake. For the shows to commence early in October and close at the end of the year, which will give twelve or thirteen shows, is thought to be quite sufficient. But how to bring this about as things are at present is the problem that needs solution.

SHOULD, however, a goodly number of societies decide to join, particularly those that are not in such close proximity to the already affiliated districts, the ways and means would be made decidedly easier. How would it answer if the whole of the Yorkshire societies could be got together and then divided up into a number of districts—say, three or four—according to the total of societies and fanciers in such districts, each one to form its own union, govern its own affairs, and provide its own competitions, the whole to have a governing body composed of two or three representatives from each district, to settle matters of great importance, and be the means of preserving the good fanciership in the whole of the county?

THE novice members of the Y.U. who intend to compete for the medals given in the novice classes at next season's shows will do well to acquaint the secretary of their society of their intentions, so that they can be registered in the Union as novices. Any person not so registered will not be eligible to compete; don't forget.

THE question of delegates' expenses at the Y.U. meeting on Saturday last was left open for future discussion. What is wanted is an equitable and workable idea, so that the matter may be thrashed out thoroughly by the end of the year, ready to be included in the new rules to be voted upon for next season's working. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 232.

A SURE WAY OF CATCHING MICE.

Sent by H. Cartwright, 32, Whitfield, Glossop, Derbyshire.

Mice are a continual nuisance in birdrooms, and I send you a sketch of a method which I have employed for over 12 months now for the catching of these pests. I find that it works very well. To make the trap, first get a basin and a piece of cheese or anything else which will attract mice. Damp



A Simple Mouse Trap.

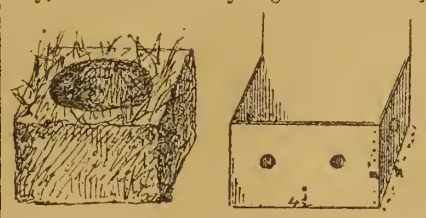
this piece of cheese (or whatever the bait may be) and stick it on to the inside of the basin. The next thing is to get a penny, and, standing it up on its edge, make the basin rest firmly but freely on it. Care should be taken to see that the structure is sufficiently firm to make it immovable by anything less than a pull at the bait by a mouse. The mice, when they smell the cheese, will try to pull it off the inside of the basin. The least touch, I find, fetches the basin down, and the mouse is a prisoner. —H. CARTWRIGHT.

No. 233.

FOR PREVENTING SWEATING.

Sent by W. C. Drew, 156, Hardington Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

Having read in CAGE BIRDS much re the sweating hen question just recently, and having been troubled with the same complaint in the case of one of my own hens, which this year has kindly sweated to death two nests of three (each time when the young were eight or nine days old), I thought it was time to look round for something to stop it. I discovered the following method, which up to now has worked admirably. I have a nest of young Canaries nearly



An earth Nest.

fledged, and as healthy as possible, and I find the nest is always cool. I find the soil which I use absorbs any extra moisture which may be in the nest or on the hen. But too much nesting material must not be given, but only enough to line it comfortably for the bird to sit in. My hen took to this improvised nest very readily, laying her first egg three days after being paired up, and now she has three fine plump healthy Yorkshires twelve days old to be going on with. I can only attribute this to this nest box which I have used and of which I send a description to you. It may be the means of saving somebody else a nest or so even yet this year, the same as it has done in my case. In the first place make a nest box as per illustration, 4 inches wide by 4½ inches long by 3 inches deep, from a cigar box or something similar. Then go to a field and cut a grass sod of the same size to fit. Get a round ¼lb. tobacco box to mark out the hole for the nest, and cut down to within half an inch of the bottom with this. Then take the surplus soil away from the inside and nicely round it off with the fingers. Place it in the nest box, and put both in a warm oven to dry slowly. When dry it is ready for use. It is a very cheap contrivance, costing nothing but the labour.—W. C. DREW.

Wild Birds in India.

The Hindu religion forbids the taking of life, consequently wild birds flourish to an alarming extent in India. The Crows and Sparrows are more than a nuisance, as they fly into the open window and appropriate anything which takes their fancy, even to one's breakfast toast; or any dainty morsel on the table may be whisked off while one's back is turned for a minute. Many are the tales told of the impudence and artfulness of the Crows. Nothing is safe from their attentions; pet dogs especially have a lively time of it, as they seem to take a delight in teasing and annoying them.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Taylor, on British Birds and their Seeds.—B. Head.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—E. Carlisle.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 24, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, Clapham, 8.30. Completion of schedule and allotment of specials, committee especially respectfully requested to attend.—S. H. W. Baker.

Dulwich O.S.—Discussion on Moulting and Colour-feeding, Aug. 27, 8.30, the "Herne," Forest Hill Road. All are welcome.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Aug. 26, George Hotel, 8. Open Show and other business.—R. S. Black.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Aug. 25, Hall of Science, Grimsby, 8. General business, and arrangements for forthcoming show. Fanciers and friends invited.—Moore and Crowston.

Green Canary Assn.—Aug. 27, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Special business; allotting of the season's cash specials, and Syllabus for 1908-9.—S. Hadwin.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Headquarters, Town Gate, 8. Classification for Open Show, and other important business.—G. Waddington.

Inverness O.A.—Aug. 26, Washington Hall, 8.15.—A. Urquhart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15, Late Nest Feather Show, Open, Novice, and British Bird Classes. Judge, Mr. W. Stevens. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—D. John.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Co-op. Classroom, 6.30.—J. Turner.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 29, Miners' Hall, to draw up classes and other business in connection with annual show.—J. Pollock.

London and Counties O.A.—Aug. 25, Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. Proposed London Federation.—R. J. Pretty.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 28, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Half-yearly balance sheet, and committee meeting. New members to be enrolled.—W. Jackson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Aug. 29, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. Open Show arrangements.—R. G. Challenger.

South Salford and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Ordsall Old Hall, 8.—G. Hawksworth.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 29, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Business, to be followed by a discussion.—Reid and Maddison.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Aug. 27, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—A. Hutchings.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Aug. 22, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

Stonehouse C.B.S.—Aug. 22, The Public Hall, 7.—J. Govan.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Aug. 27, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Mr. Jas. Shepherd (Newcastle), will lecture on something of interest. All fanciers cordially invited. Subscriptions are now due.—J. Johnston.

Warrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 27, 8. Classification for November show.—J. Emmett.

City of Wakefield.—Aug. 22, 7. Y.U. Rule Books, and F.F. Show Accounts.—Parker and Atkinson.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Open show business.—F. Howes.

Wandsworth and Dist. C.B.S. — Aug. 27, Headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for Young Stock Show, to be held September 17, at the Red Lion Rooms, High Street.—W. Summers.

ST. HELEN'S O.S.

Under the presidency of Mr. John Hesketh, members and friends met at the Clubhouse, George Inn, Water Street, on August 10, when Mr. Barker Clegg (Manchester), the well-known expert, delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture on the Norwich Plainhead Canary. Mr. Clegg expressed great pleasure at meeting so many St. Helen's fanciers, and referred to the time when the exhibitors of this district, especially with Lizards, held their own with the best fanciers in the North of England. He proceeded to illustrate by means of models that have from time to time been submitted to the Norwich Plainhead Club, the type of bird required for the show bench of the present day. He described his method of preparing colour food, and surprised some of his hearers by remarking that he had no difficulty in getting his birds to eat all that was necessary, and, in conclusion, described how he got his birds into condition, and his method of washing them. A vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Mr. Dickinson, and seconded by Mr. Grice, and another to Mr. Hesketh, for presiding, proposed by Mr. Barton, and seconded by Mr. Sherlock, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—R. GIBBIE, Asst.

DULWICH O.S.

Committee meeting held August 13th. Mr. W. R. Wall took the chair in the absence of Mr. G. F. Woolhouse. It was decided to have an outing on September 17th, to Amberley, Sussex. From there the party will walk to Arundel to visit the Duke of Norfolk's magnificent park and grounds, and back again to Amberley for hot lunch. Then it will ramble to the village of Bury for tea. The arrangements will be in the hands of Mr. J. P. Lovesy, and the time of departure and price of tickets will be announced shortly. Classification for the table show of British and Foreign Birds was arranged. It was decided to add three classes for Canaries (any age), Norwich, Yorks, and A.O.V., and the show is to be followed by a judging competition. The following were elected as a sub-committee to arrange classification for annual show:—Messrs. G. F. Woolhouse, J. Foster, W. R. Wall, W. Brooks, J. Wilmot, A. E. Rogers, and L. C. S. Mazzoni. Mr. E. Godwin gave a preliminary exhibition of pictures with his splendid lantern, and from slides made by Mr. Lovesy taken from subjects on the occasion of the last ramble, etc. The outing mentioned above it is hoped will present more opportunities, so that the members may enjoy an evening in this way during the winter months.—ROGERS AND MAZZONI, hon. secs.

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Moulting Queries.

W.C.M.—1. It is rather too early yet to be anxious over birds that have not begun to moult, and certainly too early to think of adopting forcible methods to start the moult. By the time this reply appears your young birds may have started moulting quite naturally, but even if they have not, you need not worry about it as long as they are healthy and active. If they seem to postpone the event too long for your patience a half teaspoonful of maw seed daily, a few shreds of saffron, and twenty drops of sherry in the water three times a week, and keeping the birds fairly warm, will help to hasten on the moult. 2. When they get stuck in moult, the best plan is to keep them warm, and in a rather moist tent, and treat as advised under No 1, with the addition of half a teaspoonful of egg-food every second day in lieu of maw seed if the bird is not already having egg-food as a vehicle for colour food. By the bye, this trouble frequently occurs from a chill such as being in a cold draught, which may perhaps incidentally suggest a cause for the delayed moulting you are anxious about. Also when birds get stuck in moult you must guard most carefully against their having another chill. 3. A fairly high moist temperature, combined with the treatment mentioned in 1 and 2, and keeping the birds covered and quiet, is the best means of getting the moult over quickly. It is far better than trying to force it with drugs.

Sore Feet.

A.M.M.—I do not think there is anything more serious the matter with the bird than a certain amount of sore tenderness of the legs and feet, which is very apt to arise during the progress of the moult, and often makes the bird palpably reluctant to use its feet more than is absolutely necessary. This soreness may be greatly relieved by gently catching the bird each day and holding the legs and feet in a strong lukewarm solution of boracic acid for a few minutes—say, a small teaspoonful of borncle acid dissolved in a half teacupful of warm water. After bathing them, dry carefully on a bit of soft rag, and gently smear the legs and feet with a little olive oil or pure vaseline. Use this very sparingly so as to leave no appreciable quantity sticking on to collect the sand from the cage floor. If the hind claw still sticks out after the soreness has disappeared, give the bird only small rounded perches, about the size of a lead pencil, for a week or two, and the claw will probably come all right.

They Sneeze and Die.

Eager.—Take my first piece of advice, which is: have a post-mortem on the next bird that dies from the symptoms you narrate. In many points your trouble is very similar to septic fever, and you cannot too soon be certain of the fact whether you have this disease amongst your birds. Until you have this information, I would also advise you to isolate all the healthy birds, leaving those that are sick in their present quarters and removing the healthy ones to a fresh place, and allow no communication between the two sets. If any of the healthy ones afterwards become ill with the same symptoms immediately return them to the room containing the sick birds, and let them take their chance with the rest, rather than remain to spread infection among the healthy stock. As a staple diet give Canary seed in unlimited quantities, with a little crushed sponge cake and bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed on alternate days, a half teaspoonful of scalded rape every second day, and a pinch of hemp on each of the intervening days. Give no green-food, unless it be a few plantain stalks, whilst the trouble lasts. In the drinking water give first, for one day only, as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece, and afterwards give twenty drops of brandy and four drops of laudanum in each ounce of drinking water. As soon as the bowels get all right again stop this, and give five drops each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid every other day for a week or so instead.

Asthma in Aviary.

W. B., Barnsley.—It is, of course, quite possible for the bird to have been ill and escaped notice when purchased, but it is not likely that it would affect your own birds in the large aviary with asthma. It might have been used to a warm room, and the removal to your aviary may have brought on the complaint. In one particular you certainly went wrong; that was, in turning the bird into your aviary at once when bought. A strange bird should never be turned into an aviary of healthy ones until it has been kept isolated in a cage for a few days to be sure that it is sound and healthy. If not already so provided you should enclose a portion of the aviary, so as to form a snug, comfortable retreat to which the birds can retire at will, and in each half pint of drinking water add two teaspoonfuls each of sherry and glycerine and thirty drops of eucalyptus oil each day for a week. Shake it well when mixing. It will not harm the healthy birds to partake of the mixture. Also give a little egg-food for a few days in which well mix a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and just a slight dash of hot pepper.

Seeds for Aviary.

Wm. B.—Your present dietary contains far too much linseed and niger. I should advise you to drop these two items out of your regular dietary altogether, and substitute in their place a half part each of teazle and thistle seeds. As an occasional treat you might throw in a little of a mixture of equal parts of linseed, inga, millet, and oats. A few cracked sunflower seeds occasionally would also prove acceptable, and do no harm. You would doubtless find it much more economical to give the staple seeds in separate vessels, instead of mixing them together as it would prevent much waste. The waste seeds from threshing machines may be given as a treat occasionally if you do not mind the risk of importing some very troublesome weeds into your garden.

Deformed Toe.

H. K. P.—The method you adopted of keeping the toe extended with copper wire, though it would seem to serve its purpose quite well enough so long as no accident happened, is not free from objections. It seems to add very considerably to the risk of the feet getting caught in the wires, or any projection about the cage. Personally I never found any difficulty in getting a bit of the very thin mending wool, such as you may purloin from the penny cards which the powers that be often use to stick on. The difficulty of getting the knot to stick in the wool when tied is easily overcome by tying the knot, cutting the loose ends off rather closely, and just touching the knot with some quick drying adhesive—seccotine, I use—and holding the bird a few minutes until it has begun to dry.

Canaries Out of Doors.

V. G. R.—First of all you must know that it is now much too late to think of trying to breed anywhere this year. The great majority of birds at the present time are either moulting, or are rapidly approaching the commencement of the moult, and consequently will not make any attempt at breeding. All you can now do is to keep a sharp look out and procure good healthy stock as opportunity may offer in readiness for next year. To take your queries in order:—1. Whether your foreign Finches would interfere with the Canaries' breeding operations depends upon the species to which they belong, and the size of your aviary. On both these points you are silent. But as a rule it is best to keep breeding pairs apart from ornamental or singing birds of other species. 2. Any hardy robust breed would be suitable, provided you took due care to obtain only specimens which had been cold bred—that is, not accustomed to artificial heat. Taking them in order, the following would be most likely to succeed; Common (cross-bred) breeds, Norwich, common German birds, Yorkshire, or Border Fancy. 3. It is not necessary to keep them in pairs. One cock to three hens, or two cocks to from six to eight hens would be quite sufficient. 4. If, as you suggest, there is plenty of space in the aviary, it is not necessary to separate the young at all. They will emancipate themselves quite early enough if left to themselves.

A Moby Yorkshire.

M.B.—The bird is probably going into moult. See it is not exposed to any draught or chill, and keep it in a cosy place where the heat is fairly regular, but do not overheat it. Discontinue the hemp, giving a few grains only twice a week, and every second day a pinch of maw seed. Let the staple diet consist of three parts canary to one summer rape, and for the first week on the alternate days between giving maw seed, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five or six drops of sherry on it. In the drinking water give twelve drops of Chemical Food daily for a week. If the panting has not ceased by that time discontinue the latter and give instead twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of paregoric and syrup of squills in each ounce of drinking water, well shaken together, each day for a week. See the bird or cage is not troubled with insects. Give a little chickweed, or a few plantain stalks, daily.

Stuck in Moult.

J. H.—I am afraid the Roller is in a very bad way, and will probably have departed this life before any reply reaches you. But if it has not, begin treatment by placing its cage on a table, set a pint mug of boiling water in front of it—a piece of card stuck between the cage front and the side of the mug will prevent the bird putting in its beak if it wished—and cover the cage and mug all over under one cover of flannel or woollen, so that the steam is kept in the cage. A woollen shawl makes a good cover. In about ten minutes remove the mug of water, place the cage in a warm cosy place, and keep it covered over for an hour or two to prevent the bird's getting chilled. After this, keep a lighter covering over the cage for a few days, giving the bird just enough light to find food and water freely. This should help it to break into moult. Feed on plain canary seed only, with just a pinch of rape three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey and five of tincture of saffron, every second day for a week, and on the intervening days a small piece of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and half a teaspoonful of maw seed. If you lose any more young birds you would do well to get a post-mortem on the next that dies to see whether you have septic fever in your stock. Drop the egg food for the present. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, give a pinch of maw every second day whilst moulting, a pinch of hemp twice a week, and a little bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake twice a week. Give a few plantain stalks, instead of green food.

Roller Hoarse.

"Crummy."—The bird may be simply losing his voice in consequence of the moult coming on, and will regain it alright after the moult is over. Of course, there is the possibility that it might have been exposed to a slight draught, in which case this must be avoided in future. Give it a small piece of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it every second day for a week, and on alternate days twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of syrup of squills in its drinking water. This should put it all right.

Undesirable Tenants.

H. R. L.—It is no uncommon experience for one to find after thoroughly overhauling a cage to eradicate red mites that the mites are re-installed in the cleaned cage in a very short time. Assuming the cage or cages are thoroughly done, and all joints and crevices, attended to properly, the secret lies in the fact that the wall or the support on or against which the cages rested was overlooked, and the cages, being infested with stray colonies of mites, it is easy to see where the second crop came from. Then, again, if only a single cage is left undone it will very quickly infest the clean ones. From this you will gather the necessity of getting through the work from end to end as quickly as possible, consistent with thoroughness, leaving absolutely nothing about either the cages, supports, or surroundings untouched. For painting on the cage joints, perch ends, etc., a solution of camphor—one ounce in half-pint of methylated spirits—is about the best thing you could have. For spare cages, saturate them with paraffin and place out in the sun to dry, and deodorize before enamelling and varnishing.

Mites and Colour Food.

H.S.B.—1. Concerning the mites, see reply to H. R. L." As your cages appear to be so badly infested you certainly ought to have given all a thorough overhaul before the moult commenced, being careful to miss nothing, and go over the immediate surroundings of the cages, as advised to "H. R. L." But if your birds have already begun to moult it would not be wise to disturb them altogether. You should use the fluid rather freely two or three times a week and it will keep the pest within bounds until you can have a thorough turnout. You need not be afraid of the smell; it is quite temporary, and perfectly harmless, even to birds occupying the cages to which it is applied. Give also quassia baths two or three times a week. Pour a quart, or thereabouts, of hot water on to a teaspoonful of chips, stir occasionally, and when tepid, use for the baths. 2. Your proportion of colour food is very good, if, as I imagine, three heaped teaspoonfuls would equal not less than six ordinary teaspoonfuls not heaped. This amount should bring out the birds to a nice rich colour, especially if you added about as much natal every second day as would lie on a threepenny-piece. Or about the same quantity of carbonate of iron might be used instead.

Brevities.

Sample of Canary Seed (W.G.).—The sample of seed is small and some of it rather thin, but otherwise it is a very nice one, being perfectly sweet, clean, and apparently well ripened and harvested. The only objection to such a sample is its smallness of grain, which causes an undue proportion of husk or kernel to exist in the bulk.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The County for Linnet Song.

R.S.—I dare not venture to give an opinion as to which county the "best singing Linnets come from" (even if I knew), for people who advertised Linnets and lived in other counties would kick up a hul-a-baloo if I did so. And rightly so, too, for I am quite sure no one county excels all others in the beauty of song of its Linnets. Why should it? And how could it? That larger Linnets come from certain districts than from others is quite true. But that is a matter of environment and food supply, for these, of course, can easily be more favourable to the Linnet in certain localities than in others. Lovers of Linnet-song, however, do not favour very large birds; they say, and it is quite true, that this kind are sluggish, and cannot be got to "open out" free enough.

"Red Cap" Ailing.

G Simpson.—I take it that by "Redcap" you mean a Goldfinch. I only wish I could help to cure him, friend; but what hope can there be for a bird which has sat for three weeks with "feathers ruffled up" and "head under wing?" Why let such a long period go by before writing? Delicate little creatures like birds require treatment at the first symptoms of anything being wrong with them; you can't put them round otherwise. The wonder is that a Goldie, of all birds, should have lingered on such a length of time as three weeks. Further, you do not say how you have been feeding him, nor the state of his excreta (watery or otherwise), and this handicaps me—can only guess when no details are given. If it is alive when you read this, try the effect of clearing out its system. Get a little fluid magnesia from a chemist, and stir a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give in a glass, or earthenware vessel only, and give a second dose (fresh) next day. At the same time, find the bird a change of food; ripe seeding thistleheads would be a grand thing for him, while seeding groundsel and hardheads would be sure to be appreciated. In the way of ordinary seeds, give an ample daily supply of lightly-cracked hemp (made fresh every day), teazle, niger and maw, with a little canary. If he seems to be recovering and livening up, after his bowels have been well moved, dissolve in the drinking water daily as much citrate of iron as will just lie on a threepenny-piece (stop the magnesia, of course). Get one ounce of the crystals from a chemist. Give the iron for about ten days. But please write next time before your bird (if unlucky enough to have one ill) has a foot and two toes in the grave. We can't perform miracles (unfortunately), and it would be little short of one if a bird in the state you describe were to be restored to health.

Young Light Mules.

R. K., Greenock.—The bird with the light back and tail appears to be very nicely marked, but the other seems to be too heavily variegated to be of much value on account of its light feathers alone. Neither will be of use for the show bench unless (1) well above the average for size, (2) rich in colour and tightly feathered, and (3) a cock. They are well worth colour-feeding, certainly, and I strongly advise you to put them on pepper immediately. It all depends on how the birds moult as to whether they will make good show birds (or, rather, the lightest one of the two). But they will not be at their best until two or three years old. Every Mule and Hybrid is handicapped during its first season when competing against older examples of the same variety—the latter are better developed and better in colour; there is no "weight for age" allowance. It is the best plan not to show a young bird much during its first year; give it a chance to keep a sound constitution, and so develop as it ought to do with the second moult. Variegated birds (such as yours are) have not the value of clear, or ticked, or evenly-marked Goldfinch Mules, and could only beat the latter if decidedly superior in size, shape, and colour. To give anything like an accurate opinion as to their value, it would be necessary to see the birds.

An Easy Muling Problem.

W. R. Z.—You ask me whether three yellow-marked young you have bred are Mules or Canaries. The circumstances, in your own words, are: "Two days after we took the cock Canary away, we put a cock Goldfinch to the same hen. She did not lay for two days after putting Goldfinch to her. Will young ones be Canaries or Goldfinch Mules." You can bet your Sunday shirt they are, and for ever will be, Canaries. It is this haphazard fashion of chopping and changing partners about that accounts for practically all the glowing tales of clear and lightly-marked Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, etc., Mules, which are written to me every season (in my capacity as specialist to CAGE BIRDS). It is an odd circumstance, too, that practically all of the writers lay stress on the fact that they are novices, or in their first year of mule-breeding, and so are thus all the more delighted at the favours Fortune has showered upon them. But the regrettable part comes in when one sees the show reports later on in the season and fails to find amongst the exhibits these birds which should have "starred it" up and down the country—assuming the description applied to them when "babies" was correct. They surely cannot all die. Possibly some live to be "passed," or "wrongly classed," and so bring trouble on some unfortunate judge who fails to trace the unmistakeable (according to the breeder), parentage. It may interest you to know that last year I was asked to look into a case of "two clear and one lightly marked Goldie Mules," all bred in the same nest. The breeder had bought this hen, which was flying in a large place along with other birds for sale, and kept her a fortnight with his Finch, ere she commenced to build when she went ahead and laid a clutch of five eggs—two clear, three fertile, but the latter containing *Canarics*. No wonder this gentleman thought he had "struck it." No doubt the upset attaching to a change of quarters delayed the laying of these already fertilised eggs (or cells, as they would be then).

Colour-feeding Greenfinches.

Greenfinch.—Yes; very many Greenfinches are colour-fed for purposes of exhibition, some to such a red shade that the name "Green"-finch seems as much an anomaly as "white" Blackbird sounds. The curious part of it lies in the fact that these birds which come out so extremely rich in colour are naturally deep-coloured birds (jonques), therefore birds which ought to be given very little pepper indeed, unless, that is, the very red shade be thought necessary. Personally, I don't think it is, for such a bird certainly does not look so well as the bird which has had just sufficient pepper to deepen the gold in the wings and tail (but not turn it red), and put a polish on, and just a wee warmer tone of colour into, its jacket. If your own bird is a jonque, and of fairly good size only, then I strongly recommend you to pepper-feed it (tasteless pepper is the kind to use). If it is a very large one, quite out of the ordinary in shape and size, then you could certainly hope to show it successfully without the aid of feed. Buff Greenfinches are hardly ever worth the trouble of trying to colour-feed. No matter how much pepper they stow away, it has little effect on their plumage; sometimes it has absolutely none at all (with a very coarse-feathered specimen), and very, very often it only serves to lend them a patchy appearance. A fine, bold, tight-feathered, well-polished buff is good enough, too, for most classes. So you will gather that you need to take the birds themselves into consideration when deciding for or against colour feeding.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Talking Parrakeet.

F.J.K.—You give me no clue as to what species your bird is, so that it is impossible for me to say whether the capacity for utterance is unusual or not. The *Platycerci* to which genus the Rosella belongs, and other somewhat similar genera, cannot be classed among the talking Parrots, though individuals do occur which utter a word or two. I presume your bird is the Rose-breasted Cockatoo; if so, though there are many individuals that do nothing but scream and whistle, there are many which both talk and whistle. No, I do not think its talent as a talker would influence a judge at all, condition, beauty and rarity being the points that count at most shows. I have no idea as to your district, so cannot tell you who could name it for you; but I should say some local fancier would do so. As regards next show season, I must refer you to the list of shows published on page 89. If you describe the bird's plumage and size, and state whether it has a long or a short tail, I can possibly name it for you and give you its approximate value.

Parrakeets and Finches.

E.B.—Though you have not escaped without loss through keeping Parrakeets and Finches together, and also are undoubtedly right in assuming that the Budgerigars are the culprits so far, I have never personally found the Rosellas to harm any of their companions whether Parrakeets or Finches; but I would not trust any of the others. And as time goes on you are almost sure to lose all the Finches. I should say, get a hen Blood Winged, a cock Pennant, and pairs of White-eared Conures, Stanley and Many-coloured Parrakeets. All are showy

species, and if you care to repeat your query, and give dimensions of your aviary, I can tell you whether you have any spare accommodation. Either of those named would meet your requirements, and would thrive on the same diet as your present birds. If you crowd Parrakeets there is but little chance of their breeding, and you must note, that otherwise amiable species, become very combative when nesting; and if your aviary should be at all crowded this would probably mean many annoying losses.

Rearing Ribbon Finches.

E C.—I do not care for the species to have live insects in any variety, and I should gradually, not suddenly, stop giving the mealworms. Diet: Usual seeds, green food, lettuce, and grass in flower *ad lib.*, and ants' eggs (cocoons) as bought (scatter these last mentioned on floor of aviary). With this simple dietary I have reared numbers of Ribbon Finches. In fact, I have found most of this species to be especially good, and all of those hatched out have been reared. No, I don't think the Budgies have had anything to do with your failure. You have simply over-stimulated your birds. At the same time, I don't approve of lifting husk down to examine their interiors; not, at any rate, till one is sure a nest has been forsaken. Birds are very knowing where their nests, eggs, and young are concerned, and it is the wisest plan to leave them severely alone. I will anticipate your query: how, then, can observation be made of eggs and young? I have generally been able to arrange a hole through which I could make observations and be myself unobserved. Of course, such provision would be required for each nest you wish to keep under observation.

Remedy for Feather Pecking.

Mrs. E—It is usually improper diet, or the presence of parasites, which sets up skin irritation, causing this annoying habit, which, once assumed, is most difficult to cure. In the first place I must emphasise the oft repeated advice: Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops or any kind of animal food whatever. Confine diet to seed mixture (Canary seed and oats, two parts each, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds), *ripe* fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and green-food such as lettuce, green peas in the pod, and other salads as in season. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and also regular supplies of grit and water. Under present circumstances I should also keep a piece of some kind of non-splintery wood for it to chew up, and also cotton reels for it to play with. Twice a week, so long as its excrement does not become watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and in between make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this latter till the bird is in condition again. Every other day spray its plumage with quassia solution, and even in hot weather you must keep it strictly out of draught till dry. Cure in such cases is seldom rapid, and the treatment must be persevered with. Parrots when tame soon recognise chastisement, and a tap or two with a light stick when it is pecking its plumage (not when it is preening its feathers) may help to check your bird's habit; but it must be administered in a gentle manner.

Some Aviary Queries.

A M.—In bad weather, keep your glass shutters up day and night, but during the summer and early autumn, this will not be necessary, the shelter of the roof being all they require. It is a very good practice to fix up branches (pea and bean sticks answer well), horizontally, close under roof; the communicating door also may be left continually open. The glass frames must fit sufficiently well that there is no draught therefrom. At the same time, you must provide in winter ample ventilation without draught; this can easily be secured by having a few one-inch holes near the roof, and similar holes near the ground at the opposite end of shed. In your aviary you could keep all the year round such species as Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, Zebra Waxbills, Cutthroats, Silverbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Avadavats (common and green), Grey, St. Helena and Orange-cheek Waxbills. Cockatiels are a very amiable and hardy species, and are quite safe with the above, but do not introduce Budgerigars, or sooner or later it will mean disaster. Such birds as you wish to leave out of doors should be procured at once, as then they will get gradually accustomed to a declining temperature. It will not do to purchase foreign birds during the winter months, and put them out of doors straight away.

What Bird is it?

James Booth.—I am holiday-making at present, and away from my books, and I fail to remember the scientific name of your bird, which is the European Red-headed Bunting. You are quite right in giving them insect food; give them any kind of garden slugs you can capture, as well as the flies and mealworms. As regards seeds, give canary in bulk, and also supply rape, hemp, oats and sunflower in small quantities, and greenfood (fresh lettuce is as good as anything, and greedily eaten). Aud I find most Buntings appreciate ants' eggs (cocoons). If given the opportunity, they will bathe at least twice a day; they should certainly have a daily bath. The female is a much plainer bird than her mate, much browner, only washed with yellow, and the mask but faintly indicated. I am writing from memory, but will give you a full description and scientific name on my return a fortnight hence.

An Indian Mynah.

A.S.C.W.—I presume you wish the species which makes the best talker. The Hill Mynah is the best; it is a bird of Crow-like form, and of similar size. The plumage is glossy, blue-black, with steely and purplish reflections; beak, legs and feet, skin round eye and wattles, below the eye orange-yellow. Once it has got over the hardships of the voyage, it is not a fragile species, but must not be left out of doors during the winter. Indoors the temperature of an ordinary living-room will be ample, providing it is protected from draught. The cage should be sufficiently spacious to enable it to have two perches, and to be able to make use of either without damaging its tail feathers. Diet: Ripe fruit, soft food, table scraps, live insects, such as mealworms, grasshoppers, cockroaches, smooth caterpillars and such like; a little minced meat might be given about once a week, but they are practically omnivorous, and not difficult to keep if only once got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. They are large eaters, and void accordingly, and consequently unless kept very clean are apt to become objectionable indoors.

A Parrot Out of Condition.

Amateur.—Under existing circumstances, you must not give the magnesia. Keep on with the chemical food, and for two or three days give it one drop of laudanum in a teaspoonful of water, both in the morning and afternoon. Do not give the bird any messes (see my weekly warning), but while it is off its feed, give it a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily, in addition to its seed diet. The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the hopper must be kept very clean. Sprinkle a little prepared chalk over the boiled maize while the looseness lasts. I am at the time holiday-making, and away from back issues, and do not recollect the details of your previous query. However, with the exception of the Dinneford's Magnesia, read my previous reply into this, and treat accordingly. If the bird does not improve after another week, please repeat query, giving me the fullest possible details. If the bird has temporary periods of weakness, a few drops of brandy in a teaspoonful of water will act as a good stimulant.

An Amazon or a Grey?

Bee Bee.—I am afraid Parrots only cease to scream when they no longer have breath to scream with. At the same time, some individuals make much more frequent use of this safety valve than others. In one fashion or the other most Parrots respond to passing noises and providing it is not always screeching, I should not think there was much the matter, for you will not get a Parrot without a screech, and though Greys as a rule do not scream as much as Amazons, yet few days will elapse without a scream being let out. At the same time, a Grey Parrot is such a risky purchase, that I most certainly would not assume the responsibility of advising you to make the exchange you propose, especially if you have a healthy well-conditioned and talented bird. Such a course certainly needs thinking about twice, and I cannot advise it unless you can secure an acclimatised Grey, and have it on appro. sufficiently long to ascertain both its demeanour, and disposition. Of course, the Grey is at the top of the list for talking capacity, but an Amazon runs it very close. Before parting with so good a bird, try covering it up when it begins to screech (a Parrot soon recognises punishment), but the process must be quietly carried out; the cover must not be thrown over in a way calculated to scare the bird, or the remedy will be worse than the disease.

About a Cockatoo.

S. Davidson.—It is sometimes known as the Rosella Cockatoo, but this is very confusing, because of the Parrakeets of the same name. Over here it is most commonly known as the Rose-breasted or Roseate Cockatoo. I have seen many of the species which were very chummy and companionable birds, and they are certainly droll and interesting pets, though most certainly a noisy species. Some individuals talk very clearly and have quite a lengthy vocabulary, but the species as a whole cannot be classed as good talkers. To compensate, they are accomplished acrobats and good mimics. Diet, a seed mixture of canary, oats, (2 parts each), and wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds (1 part each); plain biscuits, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), greenfood (lettuce, green peas, and salads as in season), ripe fruit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. It is a hardy species, the temperature of any ordinary living room will suffice.

Will it Talk?

A. S. C.—The bird ought to have spoken by this time. They usually find the change from dealers' quarters so agreeable that the said change should not affect its loquacity. I am surprised it has not commenced ere this, even if it had not known a word when it came into your possession. At the same time, I should not care to assert that you have been "done," as I have known instances of the moult to cause a talented bird to remain practically silent for months. Keep the bird (I take it, it is in good health) where it will hear plenty of conversation; note favourite items of its diet, and offer these by hand, and also try the constant repetition of odd words and short phrases, and it most certainly should ultimately talk. Try it with shelled walnuts (two or three daily will be sufficient), and I think it would soon take to the core of an apple, which is a very wholesome fruit for Parrots.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Goldfinch (Devon).—Chronic softening of liver, rupture of blood vessel of that organ, apoplexy.

Chestnut Finch (K. M. Westley).—Softening of liver, feverishness, pneumonia.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

Anxious.—It was his duty to stamp his copy of the agreement. You are alright so long as you have stamped your copy. (2) The agreement is binding on him, and if he sells the house he can only do so subject to your life interest. (3) You must complete the repairs in order to found your claim to a life interest in the house upon the stamped agreement.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

The Norwich Plainhead (J.R.).—Thanks very much; we shall hope to find a corner next week for it.

Cutting (A. Taylor).—We are much obliged to you.

A Deal (L.H.).—There are plenty of respectable dealers to be found; try elsewhere next time. We regret that the law of libel should prevent us publishing a letter like yours (assuming your facts are correct).

An Article (Constant Reader).—Yours is the first "no" we have received, and scores of "ayes" have come to hand, therefore; we must ask you to bear gently with the majority for the time being.

Exchange (Nil Desperandum).—We are sorry, naturally. Still, we cannot help feeling that you yourself were much to blame. In both cases you say: "I had to send on." But why had you to send on? If the other parties could not trust you with their goods first, why should you trust them? If you obey every person who writes and tells you you "have to send on," then you are surely hardly exercising sufficient care.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—I was wondering if "Just past the novice stage" will be having a hen to give away this year, the same as he kindly offered last spring, in the breeding of Norwich greens—to help a novice? H. W.

A STRANGE CASE FROM WALES.

SIR,—As instructed by the committee of the Welsh Cage Bird Club I send a copy of a card, written and enclosed in an envelope with a halfpenny stamp upon it, addressed to Mr. D. L. Eynon, 22, Cardiff street, Aberdare (the Aberdare show secretary) a few days after their show. No doubt the writer thought that Mr. Eynon was the W.C.B.C. secretary. Mr. Eynon forwarded this correspondence to me and I placed it before the committee. They instructed me to ask to have it published, as written, through the Fancy Press, and request the writer to communicate with me on the matter, as they are prepared to deal with any member according to the merits of the case. But no correspondence will be entertained unless the writer sends his name and address. Correspondence, signed as this is, looks as though the contrary of being straight. On behalf of the Welsh Cage Bird Club:

D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec.

4, George-street, Brecon.

(COPY OF CARD.)

Commercial Street,
Newport.

Dear Sir,—I have been looking in CAGE BIRDS for several weeks to see if your Society took any notice of the letter that appeared in C.B. (about) your member. Are you all in the same boat, doing nothing but frauds? You soon put paid to Davies, why not the other members of the W.C.B.C.? one a judge, the other a committeeman. Make inquiries in Cardiff. If you do not know, I will give evidence before your committee, if you advertise in CAGE BIRDS.

STRAIT 'UN.

THE USE & VALUE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—Referring to your correspondent's query relating to the above, he may take it that the substance supplied to him in the form of a solid is certainly not pure saffron. The latter I understand is the stigma of a variety of crocus which is chiefly grown in France and Spain, and is gathered in the autumn, and dried when it is put into commerce. It is crimson in colour, possesses a strong aromatic odour and is chiefly used for its colouring and flavouring qualities, one stigma, on being placed in a cup of hot water, imparting a deep yellow colour. Considering that each flower only produces three stigmas, and that to obtain even a small quantity of the commercial article a large number of flowers are necessary, it can be well understood that saffron is an expensive commodity, and for this reason is very frequently adulterated chiefly with the florets of the safflower. The genuineness of the article can easily be tested by close inspection, each shred being usually about one inch long, pointed at one end, and gradually thickening towards the other extremity where it expands and terminates in the shape of a small flower. This is better observed if a shred be immersed in water. The use of saffron in the bird-room at moulting time has always been for me a debatable subject. I contend that it does not possess the qualities generally attributed to it and for which it is chiefly used—viz., assisting the birds to quickly cast their plumage. I admit it possesses great colouring properties, as anyone who has used it can testify, but I fail to see in what way the former results can be achieved. I believe it possesses about 1 per cent. of aromatic oil, and assuming that the general run of fanciers holding a moderate-sized stock, say 50 to 100 birds, can get through their birds' moulting season on two-pennyworth of saffron (which is probably about ten grains soaked in two glasses of rum—the quantity I have used) the total quantity of aromatic oil in the whole bulk would amount to one tenth of a grain. Presuming the whole of this is absorbed into the systems of the stock, each bird, in a period of six or seven weeks, can thus only have assimilated a very small quantity, and I contend that any soothing quality possessed by this constituent can have no effect whatever. At a recent debate on moulting at a local society's meeting, I raised this point, and the general opinion of those present was in favour of the theory that saffron did assist the moult, one very old and observant fancier, whose opinions I respect, remarking that it created internal heat which was desirable at this period. The old remedy of saffron tea for measles in children when warmth is desirable was instanced in favour of this opinion, but this I look upon as one of the "old women's remedies" that have more of faith for a cure than medicinal qualities; further, I am not aware that this remedy is prescribed by medical men. Perhaps some of you medical readers will favour us with their opinions on this point. For myself I intend to test this theory, and at the moment am moulting birds (old and young, the latter being hatched within a day of one another) one lot being colour fed with the addition of rum and saffron and the other batch on plain seed and egg-food. All other conditions are equal, and I shall await with interest the termination of the moult to see which lot finishes first. Should the above theory be correct does not this open up a nice point as to what is colour feeding? I have no hesitation in saying that a bird which is to be exhibited in a non-fed class when moulted with the assistance of saffron regularly supplied in the soft food will come out much richer in colour than a bird which has been without. For this reason I consider the old style of K.N. and Non-K.N. classes the more applicable description of the two conditions. Apart from saffron it is really surprising, the amount of colouring properties that can be obtained from other flowers, chiefly nasturtiums and the common yellow and red marigolds. This can be readily tested by pressing the flowers between the folds of a white handkerchief. Scarlet nasturtiums produce a bright red stain and the common yellow marigold a deep yellow stain not at all inferior to saffron. These are quite harmless, and are much relished by Canaries; and if regularly supplied during the moult cannot but materially assist colour production. To sum up the saffron question, my contention as to methods of colour-feeding is, that it is the hot pepper if anything which by warming the blood may assist the birds to cast their feathers the sooner, and complete the moult rather than any effect from the saffron, which in this respect I believe is nil. GEO. B. DANIELS.

WHOSE WAS THE SPECIAL?

An Interesting Case at Newcastle.

SIR,—The case of Lister *v.* Newcastle Society has aroused deep interest on Tyneside, and I should think the facts in relation to it will also be of importance to the majority of fanciers. So I beg to be allowed a small space in your widely-read paper to relate what I know of it, trusting others will give their opinions. At the last Newcastle show Mr. Lister's Crest was, according to catalogue (I won't say slip) awarded the special for best bird in the Crest section. Now, the judge did not actually award this bird the special, because I, and others were there, and saw the birds judged. Mr. T. Taylor's "King Edward II." was standing first, and Mr. Lister's Crest second. As secretary of the Northern Crest Club at the time, I asked the judge, to make quite sure, which bird was first, as the same bird would take the medal given by the N.C.C. for the best Crest or Crest-bred, any age. He replied: "This one is first," and pointed to Mr. Taylor's Crest, then marked his slip N.C.C. medal, class 24, No. 16. After the mistake in catalogue had been pointed out, the Newcastle secretaries communicated with the judge, who replied to the effect that the young bird (Mr. Taylor's) was not only the best in the section, but the best he had seen for a long time. The Newcastle secretaries then handed the special over to Mr. Taylor. Some time afterwards Mr. Lister sent a letter to the secretary of Dist. No. 1., C.B.U. claiming the special, and the matter is now in the hands of the council, who, I hope, will give it their best attention and consideration, as it is a question of great importance to exhibiting fanciers. There is one thing which must be borne in mind. The slip was not altered in any way. And if my memory serves me well, it read: "Best old bird, class 19, No. 9," and then "Best young bird, class 24, No. 16." Now the schedule read: 'Special . . . for best bird in Crest section" (not old bird) and "Special for the best Crest, bred 1907." THOS. ROBSON.

IS IT A RECORD FOR BULLFINCH HENS?

SIR,—While visiting a fellow fancier close here (St. Ninians) I got a good record of egg-laying by a Bullfinch hen (British), so I send it on to CAGE BIRDS. Mr. W. Bishop is a Norwich fancier, but last year he put up a pair for Hybrids, Goldie-Bullie, both Britishers. Last season the hen laid 26 eggs, but he did not manage to rear any young, although he had two up to being three weeks old. This season, between the first week in June and 20th of July, she laid 28 eggs, 26 of which proved fertile. He got 12 hatched, and has now four young Hybrids, one doing for itself, two 16 days old on Saturday last, and one nine days old. He reared another one, but its top mandible came crossed. The one that is doing for itself is a cock, a nice-sized one, and very tame. It is now six weeks old. I think the above record will be hard to beat. Both parents have been three years moulted indoors. All the eggs were laid in the nest, in a double breeder, about 3ft. 6ins. long. SCOTTIA.

A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to mention in CAGE BIRDS that I have been successful in hatching three Goldfinch Bullies? One of them is now on the sticks and is feeding itself. It is just a month old. The other two are only two days old. I have about thirty young Norwich, so have not done badly with them. I have a good bird-room, and about sixty birds in all, including a few foreign. My room is decorated with prints and plates from CAGE BIRDS. I have taken in CAGE BIRDS from the first number, which I still have. CAGE BIRDS is full of valuable information and is always welcome.

CHRIS. HARDY.

A QUESTION ABOUT HYBRID-BREEDING.

SIR,—Can any of your many readers tell me which is the best bird to mate up to a hand-reared Linnet? I have a hen Linnet which has not been mated up but has laid a clutch of five eggs in an ordinary wire cage. I should like to keep her for mating for hybrid-breeding next season. Also a few hints on which are the best birds to mate for Hybrid-breeding would be useful, as I am only a beginner. I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for some time and have found it very useful. CONSTANT READER

THE PRODUCTION OF CLEAR MULES.

SIR,—I am very fond of a good Mule, and if you will allow me I would like to give my idea of producing same. It is as follows: Get, say, three yellow Lancashire hens one year old and pair these up with the biggest buff Norwich cock, clear bred, you can get (if a touch of cinnamon blood in it, so much the better). Try the young hens from this cross with your Finch, and if you get any young light, pair the mother of same to her father and her brother to his mother. The following year pair the young from these, the cocks from one nest with the hens of the other. (If you have to double buff it does not matter, but if the young come suitable, I prefer mating yellow to buff.) The following year try your Finch, and I for one will be surprised if you do not get light Mules. If you have two lots being bred on these lines, and are Sib-breeding with them, I am certain that in a few years you would get one of the finest light Muling strains to be got. I have put the original parents down as Lancashire and Norwich as I think this cross throws the finest Mules that are bred. AJAX.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—It is against my principles to reply to *noms de plume*, but the letter of "The Three Towns" mentions Worcester show, of which I have the honour to be secretary. Some of our members are members of the S.Y.C.C. who subscribe to the cup and special fund; therefore I feel we are more entitled to the S.Y.C.C. patronage than Plymouth, who have no members in the S.Y.C.C. I was not aware that Mr. Payne was a fur judge, but am well satisfied that he knows a good Yorkshire when he sees one. I am aware that Mr. House was a pigeon judge last year, but the S.Y.C.C. had not then passed the rule that preference should be given to shows at which specialist cage bird judges were officiating.

A. E. BISHOP,
Hon. Sec. of the Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your journal for a few words on the subject now being discussed, viz., the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club patronage? It is not my intention to criticise the committee's action in withholding the patronage of the club from any particular society. The members of the committee are, in my opinion, acting strictly within their rights in granting the patronage to such societies as they think proper. But it is the more personal side of the matter to which I wish to refer, considering, as I do, that if the published statements are admitted facts, they cast a serious reflection on the judgment of Yorkshiremen generally, and the Yorkshire Union societies in particular. Mr. Pope, the hon. secretary of the Western Counties O.S., says he was informed by Mr. Rennie, the hon. secretary of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., that as Mr. House was down to judge their show, he (Mr. Rennie) thought their application for patronage would be refused, and this on account of Mr House's having passed two birds as over standard length at their last year's show. Mr. Rennie makes no denial in his reply, and Mr. Crisp practically admits the truth of the statement by saying that "if in the present instance the reason is given, Mr. Pope must accept it as an act of grace." Assuming, then, that Mr. Pope's rendering is correct, the only inference that I care to draw is that the committee of the S.Y.C.C. do not consider Mr. House capable of judging the Yorkshire bird. I should be sorry, indeed, to be compelled to form an alternative conclusion. And this is just where we in Yorkshire join issue with our friends in the south. We care not whether our appointed judges are also specialists in pigeons, fur, teeth, paint brushes, gold plate, boots and clogs or white mice, so long as they show a capacity for placing the award cards in their proper positions in the classes they have to judge. As touching the Yorkshire bird in particular this is just what fanciers in the north find Mr. House quite as capable of doing as most of our "homo" judges, and far superior to many of those from a distance. The Yorkshire Union Council shows its confidence by nominating him regularly every year to officiate at one of its shows, and the society which is favoured by the ballot in securing his services makes no attempt to conceal its delight; and the individual shows his appreciation by exhibiting in large numbers thereby securing to Mr. House the pride of place for the record entry at Yorkshire Union shows. And, speaking generally, our only regret is that there are not more like him. I believe the foregoing remarks to be substantially the verdict of Yorkshiremen regarding Mr. House as a judge of the Yorkshire bird, and, on such a topic, although feeling proud of the rapid strides our pet has made in places other than in the County whose name it bears, and making full allowance for the increased knowledge which such extended cultivation brings in its train, I, nevertheless, feel constrained to say that the time has not yet come when the opinion of Yorkshiremen shall stand second to any other.

FRED HAMMOND.

SIR,—In reference to the correspondence on the above subject, a few words regarding the opinion of fanciers in Yorkshire will not be out of place, and perhaps prove that a judge of fur may also know something of feathers. Firstly, Mr. C. A. House has judged at Yorkshire Union shows consecutively for 17 years, and he also judged for the Amalgamated Yorkshire O.S. during the short period of its existence. Secondly, when a Yorkshire Union Society knows that in the annual ballots for judges they have drawn Mr. House a smile of serene contentment gladdens the features of that society's officials. Thirdly, the exhibitors know that type, quality and position (for which 75 points are allowed in the standard) will receive the considerations which are their due, and that these essentials will not be swallowed up in a craze for any single item of the standard for which only a few minor points are to be reckoned. Without doubt, if Mr. House had not, in the opinion of Yorkshire fanciers, some knowledge of their bird, he would long ago have been left out of the list of popular judges.

SAMUEL DEAN.

WHAT IS "QUALITY" LINNET SONG?

SIR,—Will you grant me once more a little space in your valuable paper, as I wish to give your readers the different ways of Linnet singing. Now, my friend Mr. Allen says the jow note is bad. I have heard good jowing birds in Leeds, belonging to a gentleman who had three birds. He asked me £4 each, for the birds sang in this form: Tit tit tit tit tit tot tot tot tot tot tot qee qee qee qee qee quy quy yuy yuy phlem phlem phlem phlem phlem jow jow jow jow jow with reeing in different voices. This is as far as a bird can go in one round of quality if done in good style. Another way is pattering, chattering, chuckering, with heoth heoth heoth heoth hoof hoof hoof hoof yoth yoth yoth yoth aw, then yep yep yep wiff wiff wiff wiff wiff pee pee pee pee pee poe poe poe poe poe chill chill chill chill ha ha ha ha ha ha eiviest eiviest eiviest. Now the eiviest note is bad except struck in this form: eiviest eiviest eiviest skiffle skiffle skiffle widdle widle widle widle kato kato kato keto keto saw. A portion of the bad singing Mr. Allen calls foreign bird singing; and so it is, as it will take a foreigner to understand it all, as there are more bad singers than good among them! Quake quake quake chiter chiter chiter yoben yoben yoben yoben yoben yoben dee dee dee choit choit choit galipa galipa galipa teo aw, with a rish ish ish ish hay. This is how it runs. Now choit is good if done in a close way, with length. I have heard the bird Mr. Allen sold to the Preston gentleman, and it is a very nice singer; but it might be a little heavier. Also I say the same to the Chester gentleman who is one of the old Wigan club men. My father was an old Palace winner and judge, so you will see I have gone "through the mill."

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WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS that the question is asked: Should a bird with any underfluo be eligiblo in clear classes? This reminds me of a case that came under my notice some little time back at a certain show. On going over the "ticked" classes after judging, we came across a bird which was apparently clear. I asked the judge to point out to us the tick or underflue, if any, and after some little persuasion he consented to do so in a private room. On catching the bird and thoroughly examining it, he failed to discover the slightest underflue, but felt certain that Mr. —— would not exhibit a bird if not ticked. I do not say he knew to whom the bird belonged when he was judging (both came from Plymouth), but it proves to mo that such a bird would be far more eligible in a "clear" than in a "ticked" class. The bird in question had to be disqualified after being awarded 1st prize. How very annoying to the owner if this bird actually had some slight underflue. I think schedules would be far better if they read: "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification," so as not to unnecessarily catch exhibition specimens.

A. C. GREGOR.

SIR,—It was with the deepest interest that I read the letters that have appeared in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, *re* "What constitutes a ticked bird?" I myself think that the remedy lies in the wording of the schedules. And no doubt you will agree with me when I say that all birds, no matter how small the tick (even if at all times it does not show on the surface), should be entered in the class for ticked birds. Now, if the secretary asked the exhibitors in their schedule to write on entry form where that (at times) invisible tick was to be found, he, or the stewards, could make a note of it; and should the judge have any doubt about the bird's being ticked (because the tick was not showing) at the time of judging, the matter could be put right very easily. Even if the bird had to be taken out of the cage they would know at once where to look for that terrible tick. I think that would be fair to both judge and exhibitor.

ARTHUR HARRIS.

SIR,—This subject of "tick or no tick" is a very interesting one, and to its interest must be ascribed my interference in the discussion. I disclaim absolutely any desire or intention to take sides in the matter immediately concerning Mr. Weston and Mr. Woolhouse. They are both, I take it, good sportsmen. But the case has a meaning, and the decision of the judge a bearing far beyond its identical limits. It raises, in a plain, blunt fashion, the question "What is a clear bird?" Nay, more. It ought, so far as it has gone, to set fanciers thinking upon the importance which has been set, in many quarters, upon a "clear" bird above all others, and to ask themselves whether or not that importance has been wisely admitted, in the interest of the Norwich bird itself, or justified under all the circumstances. What I should like to see, as the result of this controversy, is not quibbling or bickering, or the setting up of one person's superiority of knowledge over that of others, but a sincere desire to thrash out the point in all its aspects, and the arrival at a decision which, after weighing all the points, shall be most conducive, not to the likes or dislikes of individual fanciers, but to the future excellence of the Norwich Plainhead. I have no doubt whatever that the "sinner" in most such instances has been the green blood; but I have the same assurance that the sinner in individual instances has been the saviour of the variety as a whole. What is the position with regard to a "clear" bird? I know there are societies whose rules stipulate that dark underflue shall not be considered a disqualification in clear classes. I know, also, and most other fanciers know, that there are hundreds who consider dark flue a disqualification. It will be remembered that in the case of a "clear body dark crest" dark underflue has not been a disqualifying badge. Mr. Woollard, one of our most highly-respected fanciers, agrees that for a bird with dark underflue to be eligible in clear classes, the schedule should read: "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification." And then he raises a point which I will just quote, but allude to presently. He says: "Even then it would count against the bird, should there be two birds of equal merit, as a good Clear bird is harder to get, and much more rare, than a bird with dark underflue." I have no doubt Mr. Woollard places such a high estimate upon a clear bird out and out as to warrant him personally in "counting dark flue against a bird." But it is here where confusion would come in, and I am sure he will see that his own contention that, "a judge has no right to make rules to suit himself," would oust him of his right—in the face of a rule which said "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification"—to make that same underflue "count against a bird" when pitted against an absolutely clear bird. No; it must be either one way or the other. If dark underflue is admitted at all, it must not be penalised, else it is useless and misleading to admit it. Mr Woollard's own argument proves that much. This is not alone a question of Mr. Weston as against Mr. Woolhouse. It is not a question, either, of Mr. Woollard's predilections for a Clear bird, or of the breeders in Norwich alone. East Anglia holds many good birds, and to East Anglia great credit will ever be due. But Norwich Plainheads, and good ones too, come from near and from far—outside East Anglia. I repeat, this question ought to be settled, simply and sensibly, and with a view to the future and permanent welfare of the variety. Now, to be strictly and technically logical, I am bound to admit that Mr. Woollard's view of what constitutes a Clear bird is correct. I may be wrong, but I always held that view; also with regard to a "clear body dark crest." I always thought that the terms "clear body" and "dark crest" expressed the contrast, and that they ought to mean what they said. But the majority allowed the dark flue. There you are! This brings me to my main point. I hope I shall not be misunderstood. What I wish to ask the Fancy on this matter of "What is a Clear bird?" is:—"Which plan contains the germs of the greatest future benefit to the Norwich Plainhead?—sticking to the logical and technical definition of a "clear bird," or the admission of dark underflue? I am of opinion and do not fear to express it, that it was this view of the paramount superiority of the "clear" bird above all others of the Norwich variety, that led to the one-time craze after "clear" birds, and, in the result, to the large and general loss of colour, and of type and quality as well. Men bred clear, clear, clear, until they well nigh cleared all the natural colour pigment out of the variety, thinking that colour-food would balance the account. But it did not do so. Mind, by this I must not be understood to be railing against "clear" birds, as such, but against apologies for birds, in clear dress! Fanciers saw the folly of so much "clear" breeding and resorted to the use of green blood. Result, a rapid improvement both in colour, quality and shape. That can scarcely be denied. And where, in the main, do we find the greatest depth of colour? Is it not amongst the ticks and variegated? What produces, as a rule, the dark flue in a clear topped bird? Is it not the green blood infusion? Wise men use the green blood now. They know its value. They risk the dark underflue. But when they get a "clear" without it, it generally possesses merit. If the "ideal of ideals" in the variety is "clear" all through, the dark flue will be fought against; and in that fight the green blood will have to go! If this discussion succeeds in so focussing attention on the point as to get it settled then it will have done a signal service to the Fancy. The point in my mind now is—which is better for the future of the Norwich Plainhead—to admit the dark flue or to be strict and technical and exclude it?

GEO. GARDNER.

(Letters on this subject from Messrs. Woolhouse and Weston crowded out this week.—EDITOR.)

BULLFINCH HENS AS BREEDERS.

SIR,—As this is a record season regarding Bullfinch hens, probably the following will take some beating. A Mr. J. Aikman, the oldest breeder of Canaries in Coldstream, who has been out of the Fancy some few years, but has been infatuated with the Hybrid Fever, made a commencement again this year (and, as I remarked to him) will soon have a house full. His aim was to try the rare crosses, but unfortunately as regards youngsters nothing but disappointment has been his share. But expectations have been great, as from two Bullie hens he has, up to now, had the grand total of 3 eggs, 19 from one and 11 from the other. The hen who had 19 was paired to a Canary, and went through all the formulas, but every egg has been clear. This hen nested in an ordinary wire cage, and sat like a Canary hen. After the second nest, of which all the eggs proved clear, he thought he would try an experiment "for fun." He got some Linnets' eggs and put them under the Bullfinch. She hatched them and fed the young to perfection. Not content with this he got two young Greenfinches and put along with the Linnets, bringing the total number of youngsters to six. These she fed with the help of the cock Canary, and they are now on the sticks doing well. In due course another nest of six eggs appeared, but they again proved clear. But she is still sitting as close as could be desired. This hen would feed the youngsters in one's hand. The other hen did not sit so well as her mate, but nested in an open cage just as well. Both birds were caught in the locality during the winter.

J. W. BUTLER.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Some British Birds I have Kept and Exhibited.

By E. MILNE.

(*Continued from page 62.*)

Some Popular Finches.

I will next deal with some of the commoner cage birds—the Finches. We have a great variety of them, so I must speak more in a general way respecting them. Most popular among them are the Bullfinch and Goldfinch, owing no doubt to their tractableness and great beauty, although both the Bramblefinch and Chaffinch are now finding much more favour as cage birds than formerly.

Dealing with them separately, I find that the Bullfinches are very erratic birds at times, appearing quite soft and in half-an-hour, perhaps, as well as ever and sometimes, alas! appearing alright one moment, and in a very short time literally "no more." Whether this is their nature I cannot say, but I believe that overfeeding is the cause of more deaths with this bird than anything else. I know that hand feeding must often be resorted to in the case of newly-caught birds, especially at about the end of the year, when the days are so short. At any rate, it is safe to restrict their diet to plain Canary seed and a little rape now and again, and wild seed when in season.

For exhibition purposes the Bully must be fairly large, with breast colour of a bright crimson, not the dull brick red that one so often sees, but shining on the cheeks. His cap must also be broad and clearly cut all round, coming well down below the beak. Most of the winning Bullies nowadays are field-plumaged birds, and I am surprised that a class is not provided for house-moulted Bullies at our large shows, and also for Linnets and Greenies, since it is all a question of colour.

The Goldfinch is my next subject. To all Finches that you can get weaned off on niger and hemp, give nothing but Canary seed and teazle, with fresh thistle and knapweed in season, and a pinch of mixed seeds not oftener than twice a week. Foreign Goldies you will find difficult to treat until they are house-moulted, when they are very hardy.

Birds that would die rather than eat Canary seed must be allowed their choice, and such birds may live quite a number of years; but they never have such good colour as others of their species.

The other two Finches, the Bramblefinch and the Chaffinch, may be treated as one, and but few words will suffice. Give them anything digestible, and there is not much to fear. Only make sure to get good birds to start with; otherwise much time and patience will be found to have been expended for nothing.

These birds must be large for the show bench and full-chested, with plenty of colour. The Chaffie must show a lot of white on his wings, and especially on the butts, while the Bramble's chestnut breast colour must come well down the body, his head being dark, but for the edging of brown on each feather. For all the above birds, including the Buntings, a show cage painted a dark holly green inside is very suitable, but this is a matter of taste.

Brown and Mountain Linnets.

Taking the Linnets next, you must be very careful not to overfeed these birds which are kept in cages, as I think there is no bird more apt to go wrong than the Rosie. Keep him on the plain Canary seed, and give him his choice of the good things which are in season. Teazle is another grand seed in my estimation, and may be given *ad lib* to all such birds with safety.

The Mountain Linnet or Twite is a hardier customer, and may be treated the same as the Siskin and Redpoll, which I will deal with in a moment. There is much diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a good exhibition Linnet, some judges preferring dark and others going strong on almost faded-looking birds. Get them between the two and even, with no white stripes down the centre.

The pencilling must also be small and all over, with no broad lines on the thighs. Look for a good, broad, white margin on the wings, and if you get one answering this description you have something worth cultivating.

Your Twite, too, must be a fine dark brown all over (not black) ticked on the breast, of a good size, and showing distinct whites on his wings.

Two Fine Cage Birds.

We now come to birds whose treatment must in all respects be similar. I mean the Siskin and the Redpoll. They are two of the finest cage birds we have, and are greatly loved by fanciers. Especially is this so in the case of the Siskin. Their food should be Canary seed and teazle absolutely, with sound knapweed and thistle when procurable.

For exhibition the Siskin should be large, and if a yellow, so much the better. It must have a cap coming not too far down the nape of the neck, and to have the bib is a great thing in its favour. The lacing on the thighs must not be too heavy, and the cap must also show a distinct lacing.

Your Redpoll must be pure and clean in colour throughout, and the breast free from all cloudiness or greyness. His bib, too, should be large and clear at the edges. Given a bird possessing these qualities, and one of good dimensions, it will be found to stand a good chance in his class.

Many fanciers stage their Siskins against a chocolate or old gold colour, and the contrast is certainly very pleasing. Others like a pale blue, but if the exhibit is good there is little danger of its being passed on account of the colour of its show cage.

There are many other desirable British cage birds not enumerated here. These will suffice to show how to keep the generality of them.

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THE CANARY HOBBY AND HOW I RIDE IT.

By J. W. Fisher.

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When the Young Arrive.

When the young ones arrive, wherever possible, give fresh dandelion. But as many dwellers in our large towns are not able to get this green food as easily as those who live in the country, or where they can easily reach the outskirts of a town, or have access to a garden where this grows, the next best food, in my opinion, is watercress. Then, in order of merit, comes lettuce; but I have found many hens that would not feed at all on these, while nearly every hen feeds better on German or Summer rape seed scalded. This I place in a jar and pour boiling water over, letting it stand over night, and in the morning pouring the water off and running the tap-water on it. This last stirs it up and brings the dirt up to the top, which I drain off and keep on repeating till I get the seed clear. It is then ready for use.

I give it inside the cage in some small vessel. I supply them with two or three teaspoonsfuls at a time, with the water drained off just as I take it out of the jar. I have known hens to feed for three or four days on this, when they would not make the least attempt at feeding with egg food or green stuff. You can discern the seed quite plainly in the youngsters' crops.

Just a word of warning. Don't throw a young hen away in disgust because she doesn't make a good feeder in her first year. I have known them turn out real good ones afterwards.

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Now some hens will do better by themselves than when the cock bird is left with them, while others will do alright if they have the cock bird to help them. In such cases as the latter, by all means leave the pair together, as the two ought to be able to make a better job of it than one.

The Sweating Problem.

Now, as to sweating hens: wherever these occur, you can make up your mind that the hen is not as healthy as she ought to be. Take the cock away at once, as the hen will have to come off a bit oftener, even if it is only for her own food. Give all hens that are sitting baths on their cages in the last week, and if they will not bathe just about the morning before the eggs are due to hatch, get a cupful of luke-warm water, and take the nest out of the cage. Dip each of the eggs in turn in the water, always using your egg-spoon for the purpose. By doing this you will help to prevent the occurrence of birds which have not been able to chip the shell.

If all goes well, and you have got a good lot of young 'uns on the sticks, the next trouble will be in weaning the young from soft food on to their natural diet seed. Here again, you will find the steeped rape will come in useful, and with a little crushed hemp and Canary seed, you will be getting on the road towards success.

A Few Final Don'ts.

In conclusion, I may add a few Don'ts which will be found useful in the general management of Canaries. Don't forget to keep the birds clean. Use the cleanest and best seeds, with plenty of grit, and if you have plenty of "grit" yourself, you will find as great an amount of pleasure as I have in the Canary hobby. Don't be easily discouraged, as you will find any amount of little things to be overcome; but if you keep on smiling, and, as fast as one difficulty is knocked over, look round to see where else you may have trouble, you will find that your hobby will lead you to learn many things that were never dreamed of in your philosophy before.

And if you are inclined to make your own cages, and you have any natural aptitude in that direction, you will have a hobby that will occupy all the spare time that you have. And if, furthermore, you get the bird fever (as I call the hobby to my friends) in a good strong form, you will never have cause to complain for want of something to do, and you will always find plenty of pleasure in the doing of it.

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A Washing Exhibition.

The members, having secured the services of so able an exponent of the art of preparing birds for the show bench as Mr. R. J. Mackley, were fortunate at their last meeting to be able to listen to his instructive remarks and faultless handling during the process of tubbing a Norwich Canary. At the outset Mr. Mackley said he preferred using Pears' transparent soap, which he rubs into a thick lather with the brush, and then thoroughly lathers the bird from the shoulder to the tail, being careful to always bring the brush down the right way of the feathers so as not to get them broken or ruffled. He next proceeded to clean the flights by spreading the wing on the side of the basin, taking care to hold the wing between forefinger and thumb to avoid breaking it or drawing any of the feathers. For washing the head, which he leaves till last, Mr. Mackley said he preferred an ordinary tooth brush, and worked from the beak to the top of the head. In rinsing the bird Mr. Mackley employs two or three lots of clean water, and is very careful to remove every particle of soap from the feathers, making certain that the feathers are divided, and that the water passes between them. The water in each basin should be of the same temperature, just sufficiently warm to allow the back of the hand to be held in. At the conclusion the members thanked the lecturer for giving them so instructive and enjoyable an evening.—GEO. W. PARSONS.

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Moulting and Colour Feeding the Yorkshire Canary.

A Paper read by Mr. G. R. Rushworth before the members and friends of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. on July 25th.

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During this season, an advantage is to be gained by placing in the birds' drinking water, two or three times a week, a piece of sulphate of iron about as large as a split pea. This is beneficial whether you are colour-feeding the birds or not. It acts as a strengthener. Further than this, when colour-feeding your birds, if given as above, sulphate of iron assists in producing a deeper colour, and also helps to fasten the same; so that the colour will stand better when the bird has got completely through with its moult. Again, when a bird has been feeding on soft food, it is very often relaxed in its bowels, and the administration of iron counteracts this.

Precautions During the Moult.

It is really necessary when your birds are moulting to cover them over with some kind of thin material, so as to protect the colour from the rays of King Sol. The sun is a bleacher, and should he be allowed to pour forth his brilliancy upon your birds, disaster will be the result.

On more than one occasion, when I have been a visitor at different rooms during the moulting period, I have observed that the birds have been practically in the dark. This mode of procedure I have a great objection to. It is decidedly unnecessary. Most of you will admit that exercise is absolutely essential for birds if they are to be kept in robust health. Well, when birds are shut off from light, they do not take the exercise they should do, and therefore, in condition they are not to be compared with birds which are fortunate in enjoying more light. The better the circulation of blood, the better the flow of colour, and also the hotter and sharper the moult. Therefore, when shading your birds use a little discretion. The way I prefer, and in nearly all cases follow out, is to shade the windows with calico.

During the moult, I supply the bath fairly often. I know several fanciers who are timid at providing their birds with baths during this time. I supply mine with a bath on bright warm days right through the moult, with very beneficial results. Bathing is invigorating, and helps the feathers to grow quickly, and is also a good tightener of the plumage. Again, a bird when feeding on soft food is apt to get its feathers clogged in places, and should they not be liberated and be allowed to fall into their proper places, the quill will grow wrong, giving the bird very often a rough appearance. Birds are required to be smooth and tight in feather for the show bench, and I am fully convinced that the use of the bath during the moult, assists very materially in bringing about the desired result.

How to Prevent Patchiness.

When the birds have moulted all the body feathers, and have only the head and neck to finish, I select all those I think will come out well. These I place in separate cages for fining-down purposes, making the colour food a little weaker than previous. The reason I do this is, because birds will come hotter in colour about the head and neck, completely spoiling the evenness of colour. This tells very much against them when they are exhibited. This must be avoided, or your trouble and expence will be more or less wasted. Don't take the birds off the colouring matter too abruptly. Many birds appear to be right through with their moult, but when you catch them and examine their necks and heads, in most cases you find a great many pen feathers not burst through, and by denying them colour food, these will be found to come out patchy.

No matter how careful one is with birds during the moulting season, a few of them always come patchy in colour. This is brought about in several ways. For instance, during the moult colds and chills take place, especially with birds not of robust health, which causes them to become what is known as "stuck in the moult." That is, they stop moulting for a certain period. Again, during the moult, plucking takes place both with old and young, but generally the latter are the biggest sinners.

If I find one or two birds of a rather pugnacious nature, constantly annoying the others, I fetch them out, and cage them by themselves. You will very often find them in a short space of time discontinue this brutal practice. They soon find out that the plucking hurts the feelings, and more often than not, it is a case of the biggest brutes being the biggest cowards.

Birds that appear somewhat patchy, you should catch and finger-moult; that is to say, draw all the lighter feathers out. Then place the birds on the usual colour-feed, and in due course, a more level colour will present itself. Mind you, I don't advise any fancier to literally pluck a bird alive. For birds only slightly patchy in colour, here and there, this method can be adopted without harm to the little creatures so treated. Birds which are badly patchy I recommend all to leave alone. You will very rarely make a decent job of it, and you will probably undermine their health. Birds which have survived the moult have already gone through a most trying ordeal, and deserve something better than abuse.

Again, always make a practice of getting them on to hard seed by degrees. Much damage is done by fanciers being in too great a hurry in doing this. Take time, and when once your birds are on hard seed, little attention will be necessary. The plumage tightens up by degrees. At this stage a few drops of Parrish's chemical food, or a little maw seed can be given. If this short paper proves of some little assistance to those present, I shall feel repaid for reading it to you to-night.

The Gentle Turtle Dove.

Where the brilliantly coloured field poppies brighten the corn field or make gorgeous patches of colour on the waste ground, the gentle Turtle Dove may be found congregated for the purpose of feeding upon the seeds. When unmolested they get so tame and confiding that we are able to get quite close to them. We put up a dozen or so from a small patch of rough ground the other day, but they did not appear at all frightened. Flapping across to the railway bank, they waited until we had passed, when they once more returned to the feast, and here we found them, or some of their friends, a couple of hours later, when returning from our ramble over the downs. These birds appear to be unusually plentiful this season—a circumstance which I have noted in previous years. When the weather has been warm and congenial in wet season they are generally somewhat scarce. Possibly they migrate to drier quarters.

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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

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Egg and other dishes cannot be kept too clean, and should be washed daily in hot water, the fancier taking care to remove everything that is likely to taint the food or in any way lead to disorder.

The Question of Green Food.

Green food should be judiciously selected. The most successful breeders give this their close, personal attention, gathering the food, supplying it and removing all decayed food. The object of this is to keep the old and young in proper health. This entails a lot of work, but ensures well-filled cages at the end of the season, and this makes it worth the while

There is no doubt that personal attention given to the birds has many advantages. Fresh food (egg mixture and green) given three times a day is not, in my opinion, too much. I can, however, vouch for the successful rearing of the young during one's annual holiday, the birds being attended to only once a day; but that was towards the end of the season when green food was plentiful and ripe. Chickweed, say in August, is in such a condition that no harm comes from leaving it for a day. Tainted green-food dangers occur in the early part of the breeding season.

Choice of Utensils.

—Every bird-room should be supplied with a round scraper, with edges like a saw with which to keep perches clean. Also, there should be an egg-and-bread mill to pass the egg and biscuit through, so that it comes out ready to be supplied to the birds. A hemp-seed bruiser is very useful when the birds are feeding and when the young commence to do for themselves.

A bath is very necessary, and there should be no difficulty in getting this want supplied. A nest mould should also be included. This is for putting nests into. There should be no difficulty in getting this. Dummy eggs—to induce hens to sit while their own are away—must also be kept in stock.

A spare supply of drinking glasses should be available in case those in use are broken, and some clean, spare cages should always be ready for use to meet any emergency. They also serve for putting young birds into. Scarcely a bird-room is without a feather-eater, and a nursery cage should be at hand to be put into use at a moment's notice.

The Training of Young Birds.

We often hear the well-worn truism that if a bird has all the winning qualities, it does not need to be trained. That may be so, but even the most perfect bird gains by handling. Likely winners should, therefore, be run into a show cage, and handled in the same way in which judges handle them when putting them through their facings.

In point of fact, fanciers who have the very pick of stock have an immense advantage, inasmuch as they have numerous visitors calling to see the birds, and handling them carefully; thus, the owner is saved the trouble of doing so. Birds that pass through this ordeal are prepared for the stir of a show, and fall into position the more readily.

Every opportunity should be taken to train young birds, or, in other words, to help them to be ready for the Show Bench. At this time of the year do not overlook the less promising. The moult works wonders, and sometimes a winner arises from a hitherto unpromising specimen. A good plan is to give all fair attention. It means work, but a real fancier does not consider it work. A new interest comes into the life of a breeder on the young reaching six weeks old, and it begins to show what is in it. And it is interesting to watch such breeding from day to day.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries indicate earlier than any other cage birds what they are likely to do in competition, being, as they are, birds chiefly of position.

July will be found to be the busiest month of the year in an aviary where there is a measure of success. A fair proportion of the young are then on the perch, and the chances are that there are also some well-filled nests, the young of which are in course of being reared. Other nests will probably have eggs in them. So that the fancier has little spare time till well on in October, when surplus stock gets scattered.

Leaving Stock to Deputies.

Holidays usually occur at about this time, and the fancier, after all his well-directed labours, leaves his stock to the charge of a deputy. In nine cases out of ten, or perhaps oftener, the deputy has a very superficial knowledge of how to act in the management of the stock, and as a general result one after another of the birds drops out of the ranks, and when the owner returns recruited for the work of the near future, his regret is that he did not stay at home and attend to the birds personally.

Cage birds are admittedly a drawback at holiday time, but, on the other hand, they afford pleasure and profit throughout the year.

The safest plan is for two neighbouring fanciers, who are on friendly terms (and all fanciers who enter into the true spirit of the Fancy should be on the closest of fellowship), and who are able to get their holidays at different times, to take it in turns to look after each other's stocks.

A lot depends upon keeping what one has got. Some breeders are accredited with being able to count on every bird that breaks the egg-shell; that is, perhaps, somewhat exaggerated, but we have known fanciers, whose success has been so marked, that they come very near an approach to that ideal. Fanciers try to count upon birds that get on to the perch, but those that do get so far do not all survive. I have just heard of a case in which what seemed a fine, thriving nest of youngsters passed suddenly away at the age of three weeks—a very unpleasant experience. Young birds have to be constantly watched, and no one can understand them better than their owners. It is, therefore, an advantage, when he can do it, for the fancier to keep a daily look over his stock all the year round, so that he may keep what he has already got.

On Late Breeding.

An odd pair of Canaries may have a clutch of eggs in the beginning of August, in which case the wisest course for the fancier to pursue is to allow the birds to hatch the eggs and rear the young. August is favourable for rearing, seeing that green food is plentiful, and in dipital condition. Chickweed, too, can be had from the late potato fields, and is then at its very best.

If the birds have done well in the former part of the season, they should not be encouraged to continue breeding, but should be separated, it being most desirable that they should get through the moult before the colder weather sets in.

There is a class of Scotch Fancy Canaries, of medium size and light build, and also smooth in feather, which in the first year may not be able to compete with others; but with the natural growth attendant only on the advance of time, are equal to any others in competition. If a bird of this sort is to take a place in the honours, it cannot be too early moulted, it being a decided advantage for it to have its new clothing on for the early shows.

Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries should have come thoroughly through the moult before they have to face the judges Both being birds of position, they are severely taxed at shows by fanciers and visitors handling their cages.

(To be continued.)

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(*Continued from page 63*).

My Bichono Finches.—*(Continued).*

The Bichenos begin to build far too early in the year, probably imagining they are in Queensland. Consequently disaster frequently dogs their domestic arrangements. The great thing is to put off nesting till the weather is propitious. This, I grant you, is a bit difficult in our climate, when one literally never knows what a day will bring forth. Still, it must be done, unless you want to lose your hens. My Bichenos, unlike Zebra Finches, prefer to build their own nest in a bush. It is a beautiful oblong little thing of hay, warmly lined with feathers. No doubt it is all right for Australia, where there is no rain in the breeding season, but a more ridiculous affair for a good English downpour could not be imagined. Hence, if you want to breed Bichenos, they must be under cover (unless you can guarantee a rainless summer).

The eggs, like those of all the little Australian Finches, are white and pointed, and the average is three or four. The hen incubates for 13 days, and the young are assiduously fed by both parents. On emerging from the nest they are exactly like their parents, so far as size and markings are concerned, but they are far browner all over. Most of the birds that come over annually are youngsters, hence the necessity of keeping them a year before any breeding results can be looked for.

Farrar's Final.

Bichenos are apt to go light when first imported, so that it is well when buying them to feel the breast bone, as if this is at all sharp, they are going home very shortly. They require to be very gradually hardened off, or you will infallibly lose them. This is my final opinion. Some people haven't one. Somebody once asked Palgrave if his opinion was final. "Not at all," was the airy reply: "I am what they call a Senior Examiner. Above me are the three assistant secretaries, Mr. A., Mr. B., and Mr. C.; above them is the secretary, Sir F. Sandford, above him the vice-president, above him the Lord President, Lord Ripon, and above him, I believe, the Almighty!"

The price varies, as in all foreign birds, with the supply. I should say that you would probably be asked 15s. a pair the moment they land, but I would far rather pay 50s. for thoroughly acclimatised pair. pay 50s. for a thoroughly acclimatised pair. I have sometimes bought ten pairs at a time, and like Clive (when I consider my opportunities), I have been surprised at my moderation, though probably no one else would be. I remember once being offered thirty, and I only left out ten, and that because I fancied they looked like "going-home."

According to some books on Foreign Birds, Bichenos are the easiest of any birds to breed. Don't believe. *No foreign bird is easy to breed.* The successes are few and far between. The failures—of which we never hear—are innumerable. When I read these statements, I sympathise with Mr. Bultitude in "Vice Versâ," who, when given bills of parcels to do, was (as a business man) disgusted at their glaring improbabilities! Those who have bred Bichenos can be reckoned comfortably on the fingers of one hand. Remember, as the American said of his old, sick father, so you may have to say of your birds, in the very moment of apparent success. "Yes," he said, "I've had the worst kind of luck with the old man. I knew he was ailin', so I paid his expenses out from Missouri, and fed him with the best o' corn all through the fall and winter. And then, when spring come, and I was calculatin' that I'd get a summer's work out of him, he up and died!" Of course, it may be intensely amusing to my readers to read of my follies and losses, but I suppose they are like the little boy who, reading of the Battle of Omdurman, whispered, "I do hope the Queen will keep the war in Egypt going—for me!"

Chapter XVII.—The Nesting of Pennants Parrakeets.

I am sometimes afraid that my readers will weary of my frequent signatures over articles sent in, but I cannot help my birds doing so well, so with this brief apology, I will begin.

I may perhaps be permitted, before commencing my story, to refer to a paper I wrote some years ago on the Sex of Pennants. I then pointed out that there is no possibility of mistaking a cock for a hen Pennant, although many so-called "authorities" state that there is no way of telling t'other from which. Writing of Pennants, Mr. Gedney, in "Foreign Cage Birds," says: "The inability to recognise any outward distinction of the sexes in these birds has deterred many amateurs from attempting to breed them in captivity. Beyond an imperceptibly lighter shade upon the breast of the adult hen, and a somewhat smaller and more effeminate head, there is absolutely no means by which an inexperienced person could determine the sexes." Dr. Greene is even more careful not to commit himself. "The sexes," he says, "resemble each other in size and colouring, although the tints of the plumage of the female are, perhaps, not quite so brilliant as in the male bird."

A Slight Mistake.

I can only conclude that Mr. Gedney and Dr. Greene never saw a hen Pennant, otherwise they would never have penned such statements! There is absolutely no possibility of mistaking a hen for a cock Pennant. They are as different as chalk from cheese.

In the first place the hen Pennant is one-third smaller than the cock, and has a small round head; whereas he has a very flattened crown, and a sharply retreating forehead. These points *alone* would almost be sufficient to any but a tyro, but when we come to examine the plumage, a mistake is absolutely impossible. The cock has a brilliant crimson head, extending right over the neck and cheeks. The hen is not nearly so richly coloured, and her red on the cheeks shades away into yellow on the neck, and the cheeks are a pale greenish pink in greenish colour. The chin of the cock is a splendid violet; that of the hen is quite pale violet. The breast of the cock is deep crimson, while the breast of the hen is bricky red, the lower feathers being tipped with green.

The back of the cock has each feather black, edged with rich crimson, and that of the hen on the top part has each feather dull black, edged with a *very* narrow strip of colour-like the cover of a popular magazine, followed by a broader strip of yellowish red; the lower feathers are dull black, and are edged with greenish yellow. The shoulder of the cock is a rich mauve; the shoulder of the hen a pale mauve; the wing of the cock a dark violet, and the flights are of a much better colour than in the hen, being almost Oxford blue. The shoulder of the hen is a fairly dark violet, shaded towards the back with pale mauve, and edged with rather faded yellow. The rump of the cock is a brilliant crimson, while the rump of the hen is a paler colour, like a red Rosella. The tail of cock has the outer feathers of a rich violet, the centres being black; while that of the hen has them violet with greenish centres. The legs of the cock are black, those of the hen being grey.

I may say that nearly all the birds sold us here are young birds, in their nest feathers, the said youngsters being dark green, mottled and splashed with red, but no one who has had a hen would ever be deceived by such.

Engaging Creatures.

Pennants are most engaging birds. My hen is so tame, although she is in a good-sized aviary, that she is almost a nuisance. Whenever I go out, she at once comes to the edge of the wire, and begins rubbing her head on a branch as a gentle hint that she would like a little flowering grass, or some green corn in the ear, or above all a fat mealworm; she will carry on a little conversation in Pennantese, if I make a kissing noise with my lips. Her lord and master is a bit more suspicious, although absurdly eager to know what is going on, and to see what his wife has got. Poor fellow, I expect he remembers the day when he was trapped in Australia, owing to his enquiring turn of mind.

Pennants are perfectly hardy, but they don't like too much sun, and quite pant like old hens do at midday. They sleep in the covered run during the hottest part of the day, and, like all the Australian birds, are far more lively as evening draws on. The cock's note is something like the barking of a dog, and he has rather a pretty whistle in the spring.

I feed them on hemp and canary seed, and they have a nice little grass plot in their aviary. They are very great bathers, and delight in getting into a deep pan, and making the water fairly fly. Mine have an aviary to themselves, as do all my Parrakeets; so that I do not know how they would behave in mixed society; but I should not care to risk them with any birds I valued much.

(To be continued).

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Wild Birds Among Corn.

The season is passing rapidly, much too quickly for those who love the open air and the fields and hedgerows. The gathering of the harvest is one more stage in the pageant of summer. From seed time until the ripening of the corn appears but a short span; it seems but yesterday that we watched the ploughing of the land, and now the crop is being gathered. The sprouting seed was just peeping through the brown earth when the Skylarks courted. The growing corn hid the shallow nest, with its brownish mottled eggs; the young ones grew, and learned to fend for themselves, while the tall stalks hid them from view, and afforded them shelter from the hot sun and pelting rains. And now they are as big as their parents, and are already recording their song. The past months have been so full of sunshine and warmth, with an absence of nest-wrecking storms, that bird life appears more plentiful than ever. To note this one has only to choose a quiet corner of a field, or a hedgerow bordering a corn field. The former upon a sloping bank, and being higher than the field, protects the crop from boisterous winds and driving rain. A corn field suffers most from the ravages of the birds round the verge near the hedge. Wild birds naturally congregate in the bushes and trees, and it is but a short drop into the standing corn. Many stalks are bent and broken, the heads pointing downwards. This is the work of the Sparrows and Greenfinches; the stalks are strong enough to hold the full head of wheat, but the additional weight of a bird bends and breaks them.

Where the Cuckoo Calls.

It is an error to suppose that the Cuckoo sings only in England; it is to be heard throughout Europe and Northern Asia, excepting on the extensive tracts of wild waste land. It also visits India. It would be interesting to know if the same birds return to this country each season.

When Some Birds are Noisy.

It is a curious fact in ornithology that all birds which are silent, shy, and unobtrusive the year round, collecting together at breeding time, are most noisy and riotous while nesting and rearing their young. It almost appears as though they purposely wish to draw attention to their proceedings at that period. Herons and Gulls are good examples of this peculiar trait.

The Rook and the Daw.

After the single brood of young ones is safely reared, the Rooks, both old and young, lead a lazy, indolent life throughout the summer; food is plentiful, and they have no cause to worry until the harvest is past. The Jackdaws daily consort with them, and it is strange how the larger birds allow these rascals to keep company with them. The small birds of the hedgerow make quite a fuss when the Daw goes near their home, and the Missel Thrush scolds and chatters and buffets like one possessed, but the Rook fraternizes with the Daw, and will suffer him to approach the colony as no other bird will. He is treated as almost one of the family; possibly they each recognise the other's strength and ability, and so keep a perpetual truce.

Eggs and Young Birds.

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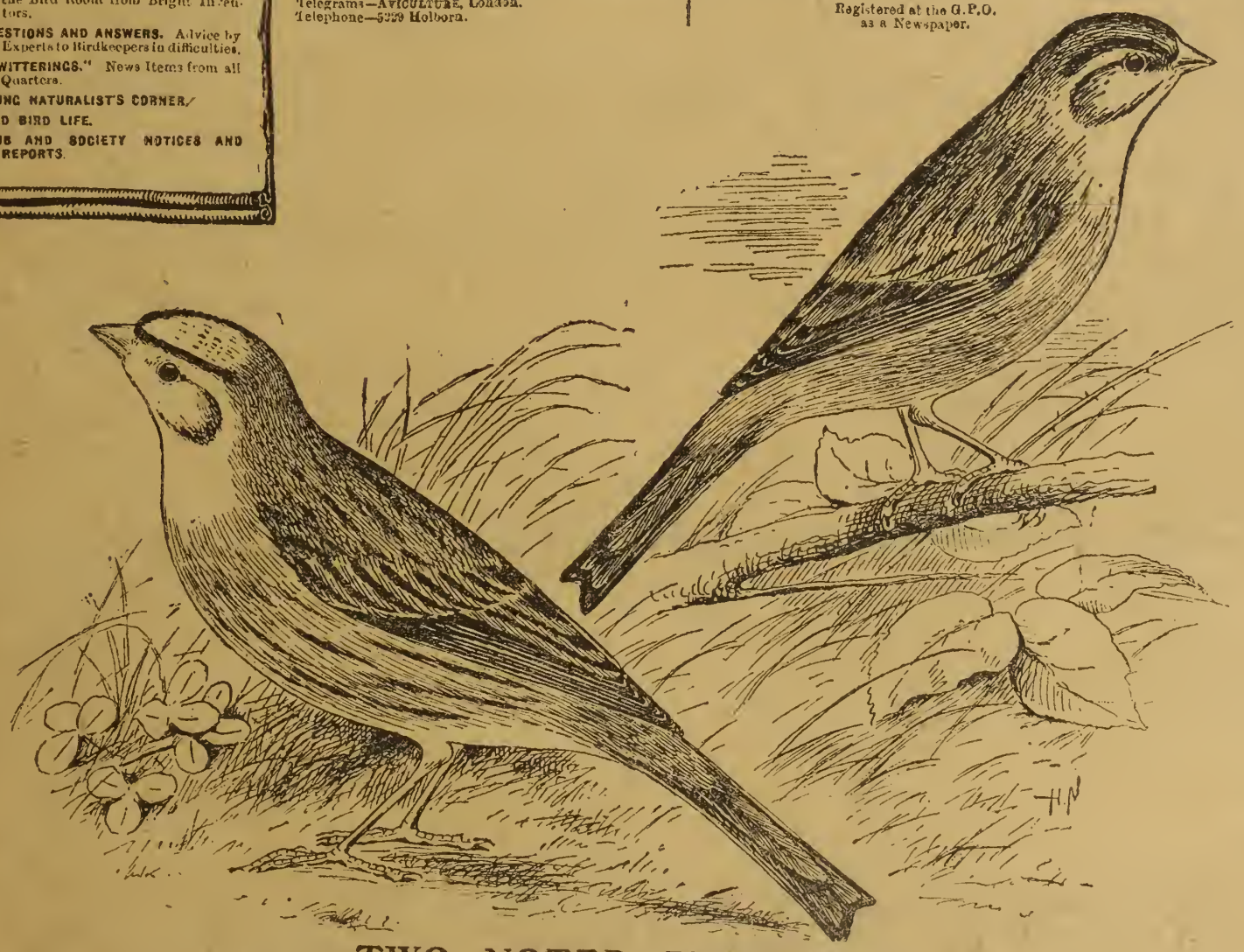
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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual week-end contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on August 23rd, when 17 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Robinson; 3rd, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

PENTONVILLE (London, N.)

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville road, during the week, the usual handicaps took place. There was a large gathering of funciers, but the birds were very backward. A free handicap for Chaffinches has been arranged for September, for particulars of which see CAGE BIRDS.—F. WESTMORE, timekeeper.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end singing contest took place on August 23rd, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, J. H. Myers; 2, C. Lauriman; and 3, J. Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and R. Jackson.—W. DEAN, sec.

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THE SHOWS.

ARDUDWY.

This show was held on August 22nd, when cage birds were provided for the first time. CANARY: 1, J. E. Jones, good Norwich, full of quality; 2, E. Edwards, first Leather Yorkshire, will make up well after moult. A.O.V. OR MULE: 1, D. Griffith, Goldfinch Canary, in fine form; 2, D. R. Jones, Greenfinch Canary, lovely bird.

CHIPPING SODBURY.

Several very fine birds were to be found in the cage bird section of the annual show held at Yate on August 12th. The entries, however, were not numerous, the classification being only a very small one. The exhibition, nevertheless, proved an attractive one, and this, if nothing else, should encourage the committee to make better provision for our feathered pets in future years. Mr. Dagger judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Dyer; 3, Berry; vhc, Prior. YORKS.: 1, Towerby; 2, Berry; 3, Coates. BRIT.: 1, Woolpack; 2, Coates. LOCAL CLASSES: 1, Drew, 2, Powell; 3, Cock; vhc, Fishlock.

HOLMFIRTH.

In connection with the horticultural show held on Aug. 22nd, Mr. C. R. Hampshire made the cage bird section awards. This section was much admired. The Society would be well advised to make better provision for cage birds, and this the committee could well afford.

CANARY: 1, Bray, grand buff Norwich, well frosted, nice wings and Norwich properties, easy win; 2, Ibbotson, yellow Yorks., good length, not "Hundried" as it should be, yet earned its place; 3, Holmes, nice buff Yorks; vhc, he, Smith. BRIT.: 1, Smith, very nicely pencilled Linnet in hard feather; 2, Roberts, moderate sized Goldie, but a good one; 3, Bardy.

SHILDON.

A large number of visitors patronised the cage bird section of the local show held on August 15th. The birds were admirably staged in a conveniently situated and well ventilated marquee, and were a source of great interest. Considering the time of year and the consequent condition of the fanciers' pets, the entries, though not any too numerous, were of excellent quality; especially was this the case in regard to the British birds, which included among their number many well-known winners. The arrangements of this section of the show were in the hands of Mr. J. T. Lowthian, the late secretary, to whom every praise is due for his successful management. The committee are to be congratulated on their success, and might do well to make still more classes for cage birds. Messrs. Gray Brothers judged, and their awards appeared to give satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, Wilson, fine bouncing yell., A1 colour and quality, grand shape; 2, Heaviside, not the size, but smart and typical; 3, vhc, Dawson, both nice birds, good quality. CREST-BRED: 1, Taylor, fine body and skull, feather in plenty; 2, Sanders and Son, another good bodied one, well clothed. CRESTS: 1, Taylor, clear, nice and round, and well-filled, good texture; 3, Dawson, very fair headpiece, good size and quality. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright, a clear and a ticked, both beauties, fine shape and style, well on leg, neat; 3, Elliott, very neat and nice, good length and stand. BUFF: 1, Elliott, fine long, good-sided bird, nice legs, neat; 2, 3, Peacock, not so long, but the right shape, good quality. PAIR OF CANARIES: 1, Taylor, smart Crests, well matched, the Plainhead has a nice skull; 2, Elliott, good Yorkies, typical couple; 3, Wilson, smart Nor. Plainheads, good style, neat; vhc, Sanders and Son. BRIT. SMALL: 1, vhc, Forster, very fine Wheatear, pink of condition, wins well; 2, Wilkinson and Danby, big, shapely Nightingale, nice colour; 3, Todd and Son, sweet little Whitethroat, good feather; extra 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, rattling good Goldfinch, excellent chestnut body and big, full blaze, should have gone up a bit. LINNET: 1, Todd and Son, big, well-built bird, nice colour; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, pressed hard, fine nut brown, well marked; 3, Holmes, good stamp of bird. SELL. (10s.): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Taylor; vhc, Forster. (7s. 6d.): 1, Wilson.

VAYNOL PARK (North Wales).

A successful show of cage birds in connection with other live stock, was held at Vaynol Park on August 15th in Mr. C. G. Assheton-Smith's grounds. Despite the temporary ravages of the moult on many of the birds which hitherto have been able to hold their heads above the others, we had a fair entry, and some quality, there being on view a number of previous winners. In fact, all things considered, the exhibits were an excellent display. There were some young birds which, after the moult, should do not a little winning for their owners. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the hon. sec., Mr. W. T. Davies, and his assistant, Mr. O. T. Williams, who are deserving of every praise.

NOR P.H.: 1, Winnard, fine size, and very good shape and style, in nice order; 2, G. Jones, grand bird for type, nice mealing, full of quality, close up; 3, Williams, good bird, wants well feeding; res, Aitken, very fair type; vhc, Thomas. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl best Canary, Winnard, rare good yell. for shape and quality, wins well; 2, G. Jones, smart buff, good style; 3, Williams, very nice type of bird, bit smaller. HEN: 1, Winnard, sweet yell., fine body, neat all over; 2, E. J. Jones, good cl. buff, nice quality; 3, Hughes, useful stamp, wee bit smaller. YORKS.: 1, Owen Bros., yell., marked wing (we thought should have been in the next class), good, upstanding stylish bird, all quality; 2, Roberts, fine long clear yell., very smart stand, neat; 3, vhc, and c, Williams, good one for style and length, not filled in at top yet, will improve; res, W. H. Jones, the right stamp; vhc, W. and R. Jones; c, Evans. TKD., ETC., 1, 2, Roberts, nice young yell, leading, excellent quality, well drawn, stylish, latter a buff of good type and feather; 3, J. T. Jones, another fine quality buff, very straight and neat; res, W. H. Jones, very silky and neat, beaten length; vhc, Evans. HEN: 1, Dorkins, sweet, shapely yell., rare quality, very neat; 2, Roberts, very nice buff, stylish, compact; 3, G. Jones, good long bird, well on leg, neat; res., T. Owen, typical; vhc, Jones, he, Evans; c, Hughes. BORDER: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, W. H. Jones, good Crest, headpiece of good size and shape, fine quality; 2, 3, E. J. Jones, another excellent Crest, followed by bouncing crest-bred; res, Weaver, Lizard, well spangled, good shape, neat; vhc, E. F. Jones; he, Hughes. MULE: 1, E. Williams, nice Goldie Bullie, good flush, fine shape; 2, vhc, Jones, fine coloured yell. Goldie Mule, stylish and polished; 3, Hunphreys, big variegated ditto, good face and quality; res, Owen; he, Davies; c, Owen Bros. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, H. Owen, both smart Finches, leader the best in shape and blaze, very fine condition, rich colour throughout; 2, Owen Bros., not far behind, nice face and markings generally, well tanned; res, W. Owen, again grand stamp of Finch; vhc, Price; he, Forbes; c, Hughes. BULLFINCH: 1, Winnard, fine colour, well marked, nice head; 2, Hughes, good bold bird; 3, Forbes, very fair. A.O.V.: 1, spl best Brit., Forbes, beautiful Hawfinch for colour and condition, very nice size and shape; 2, Owen Bros., big, well coloured Greenfinch; 3, Roberts, good Skylark, large, well pencilled; res, Owen; vhc, he, Davies; c, Williams. SELL. (7s. 6d.): 1, Winnard; 2, Roberts; 3, res, Jones.

RADSTOCK.

This show was held on August 19th in a field near the station. The weather and attendance were all that could be desired. The cage birds were staged at one end of a large marquee, and though not large in numbers, their quality was very good, considering the time of year. There were some good Yorkshires staged by Messrs. Beal, Horler, and Woodland. The last-named won the special for the best cage bird in show, with a grand young Yorkshire, which, with a good moult, should be heard of again. The courteous and obliging secretary, Mr. B. M. Clark, had everything in apple-pie order, and everything passed off smoothly. Mr. W. G. Bull judged, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

OPEN CLASSES.—YORKS. (9): 1, Pitman, clear buff, good quality and stand, well filled neck, extra condition; 2, Lane, yellow, nice stand, well filled back, wing nicely carried, just showing moult on shoulder; 3, Pope, variegated yellow, good condition, showing plenty of breed; vhc, c, F. Horler; he, Lane, all young birds showing moult. BRIT. (6): 1, Bond Bros., noted Chough, nice colour beak, showing age on leg; 2, Palmer, Bullfinch, large bird, nice feather; vhc, Millard; he, Woodland; c, Millsom. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, J. Horler, 1st ticked over eye, grand shape and quality, 2nd well up on leg, good length; 3, Sims, clear, nice position, showing signs of moult; vhc, Woodland; he, Chivers; c, J. Horler. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, J. Horler, 1st clear, nice carriage, and condition, 2nd wing ticked nicely drawn, well up on leg, nicely folded tail, 3rd eye and ring marked, nice style, taking exhibit; vhc, he, c, Woodland. YORKS., BRED 1908: 1, 2 specials for best in show, 2, Woodland, 1st nicely moulded buff, splashed on neck, grand wings and neck, neat head, with just a little more length should make a stormer, beautiful quality, 2nd clear buff, similar; 3, he, c, J. Horler, clear yellow, nice length and wing carriage, breaking into moult; vhc, Beal. A.O.V.: 1, c, Chivers, variegated crest-bred, plenty of feather of good quality; vhc, he, Beal. A.O.V., BRED 1908: 1, vhc, c, Beal, 1st crest-bred promising youngsters; he, Chivers. BRIT.: 1, 2, T. Heal, both Goldies, in nice condition, good blazes and tanning; 3, H. A. Heal, Bullfinch; vhc, he, Harrington; c, Dickett and Hodges.

CLUB REPORTS.

ABERDEEN O.S.

Meeting held in Trades' Hall on August 15th, the President, Mr. Hector, in the chair. The chief business was Mr. John Strachan's motion to fix a closing time for members in young bird section. After the motion had been pretty freely discussed, Mr. Wm. Rae moved an amendment that the rule remain this year as formerly. He thought it rather late this season, he said, for making alteration. The amendment was agreed to. A judge for the Crested section was nominated, and the meeting then closed.—J. BRYSON, sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

A meeting was held at the usual place on August 6th, Mr. Currah in the chair. A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. T. C. Crawhall resigning his membership, as a protest against the severity of the sentence passed upon him by the No. 1 District C.B.U. for showing birds at Stanhope Show (unlicensed). There were upwards of 50 members present, and they were emphatically indignant at Mr. Crawhall's being suspended for such a trivial offence, seeing he showed his birds to oblige a little sister who happened to reside in the neighbourhood of the show. The members thought that if he had been admonished that would have been ample under the circumstances. It was decided not to accept his resignation, the members having every respect for and confidence in Mr. Crawhall. It was also resolved that the secretary of the C.B.U. be written to and asked to have the case reconsidered as our own members thought the sentence far too severe. Our delegate, Mr. Macpartling, gave his report of the meeting of the C.B.U. He was most explicit in his remarks. A vote of thanks to him for the able manner in which he had given his report was passed. The next business was of a very pleasing nature—to some, at least—the paying of prize money won at the late nest feather show. The show, despite the unfavourable weather on that date, was a financial success. It was agreed to carry the balance to the Nest Feather Cup Fund. The secretaries also took subscriptions towards Cup Fund, and, like "Oliver Twist," are wanting more; so if any of our members who live at a distance care to send a small donation they may rest assured it will be thankfully received. A vote of thanks to our ever obliging chairman brought another enthusiastic meeting to a close. —CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, secs.

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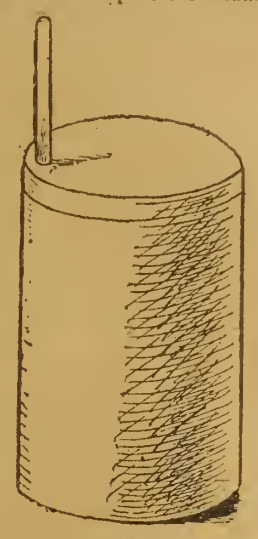
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No. 234.

A USEFUL SEED BOX FILLER.

Sent by O. Greenwood, 29, Wood End, Hobden Bridge.

I herewith enclose a sketch of a useful filler for seed-boxes, which I think will be useful to your readers. The idea is to go round the aviary or bird-room to every seed box and fill them up in one minute. What



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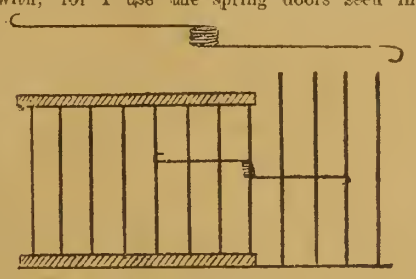
you require is a coffee tin (or any other suitable kind of tin), then get a spout soldered to the top of the tin, as per sketch. You may have the spout any width just to suit the seed you are giving. I should recommend the spout to be fastened as near the edge of the tin as possible, so that all the seed can be emptied out of it. I have got the same in use and find them very serviceable.—O. GREENWOOD.

No. 235.

A SPRING DOOR.

Sent by F. Jackson, 5, Free Trade, Fazeley, nr. Tamworth.

I am sending you a rough sketch of a spring door. Before now I have forgotten to shut my bird-cage doors, and have had my birds get out, and have been very lucky to get them back. But that is now all done away with, for I use the spring doors seen in



A Spring Door.

sketch, and which are very simply made. Get a piece of ordinary cage wire about 4 inches long. Then drive an inch-and-a-half nail into a piece of wood. Hold each end of the wire with your hands, put the middle against the nail, turn your right hand round the nail about three times, and there is your spring. Thread the wire that your door swings on through the spring and spread one end of the spring through the wire door, and the other through the wires opposite. This idea will be found very useful for aviaries as well, but stronger wire will have to be used then.—F. JACKSON.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Weston-super-Mare (C.B.U.), October 22nd (Victoria Hall).—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Twenty open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, and 5 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 8th to GEO. W. READ, Severn-rd., Weston-super-Mare.

Wolverton. Sept. 10th (Recreation Ground).—Judge, Mr. A. de Winton. Three open classes: Nor. 2, A.O.V. or Mule 1, and four local classes. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Sept. 5th to WALLACE DALE, 47, Church-st., Wolverton.

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The late breeding season has proved to be one of the best I have had for many years. Total number of youngsters 226, with some excellent specimens amongst them. Most are thick in moult, and are coming out ablaze in colour. My feeding during breeding operations has been egg and bread-crumbs with a little raw seed and sugar added. For green food, watercress has held pride of place, while hemp seed has played a prominent part, with boiled German summer rape occasionally. (My hens have fed splendidly, and the above food-stuffs seem to have suited their palate immensely.—J. C. BARNES (Sheffield).

Glasgow Southern O.A.

The exceptionally fine summer we have had has been also an exceptional season with breeders of Scotch Fancy Canaries. As in the past, so for the present; ill luck has followed the footsteps of a few, complaints being heard of birds dying in shell, and some instances where they have been lost when about six weeks old. But losses have not been so rife as in past seasons with less favourable weathers. The members of the Southern Ornithological Association have to be congratulated on a successful season. The census of young birds (taken at their last meeting) giving the splendid average of a little more than 12 for each member, one member having as many as 50 young birds to his credit, namely Mr. Orr. The quality, if anything, all round is in advance of past years. Secretary Fleming is well in front, with a total of 22 young stock, many of them birds of excellent promise, notably a buff pied hen, also a buff cock 6 weeks old, while Mr. Fleming considers the best bird he has bred for some years and, along with one or two others, will be an aspirant for Derby honours. Mr. Renwick, late vice-president, has also had a good season's breeding, his total being about 16 young birds, several of them being sure to be heard of on the show bench. Specially noticeable is a buff green cock, also a yellow foul hen, another excellent model. Several other members of this Association have some promising youngsters, and the forthcoming show should prove one of the best they have ever had; and competition throughout will be much keener than usual. Respecting the sensational purchase of last season at Paisley, of a pair at £100, the present owner has not bred them as a pair this season, but purchased suitable mates in a cock and hen at fancy figures. He has met with a small measure of success, having had about 7 youngsters. Not having seen them, I am unable to express any opinion as to quality, but hope they are good. That well-known breeder Mr. McClure has had a very good season, and, as usual, has amongst his youngsters (which numbered, a week or two ago, the handsome total of 43), some very promising birds, which are sure to be well to the front on the show bench. I have no desire to single out any particular breeder's birds for cup distinction, as has been done in past years, only to meet, when the times comes for the judge's decision, with disappointment. Reports from all quarters are of the most encouraging description, and the forthcoming show season should prove in every way the most successful for years back.—ST. MUNGO.

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TWITTERINGS.

Sparrow clubs, says a village humourist, would be more useful if the Sparrow would only stand still long enough to be hit with the club.

Kindly notify my change of address, writes Mr. T. Smith, from 25, Kensington Place, Campden Hill, Kensington, to 12, Saville Road, Acton Green.

Kindly inform readers of CAGE BIRDS that I have removed from 40, Beckett Street, to 13, Granville Place, Lincoln Road, Leeds, writes Mr. Fred. Allen.

It is stated that at Wrafton, North Devon, an Owl has been seen to carry twenty-seven rats and mice to its nest in less than two days. There is only one young bird in the nest.

Mr. Deakin, the Australian Premier, it is reported, has stated that regulations are being prepared under the Customs Act to prohibit the importation of birds' plumage into Australia.

A Hampton Parrot, which was recently accused of using bad language, was actually refused as a witness on its own behalf on the ground that it did not understand the nature of an oath!

Secretaries of societies and others, writes Mr. J. W. Oliver, assistant sec. of the Middlesbrough and Tee Side C.B.S., will kindly note my change of address to 19, Surrey Street, Middlesbrough.

Mr. Thos. Taylor (Gateshead), is engaged to judge the Crested section at the Glasgow and West of Scotland show on November 13th and 14th, writes Mr. R. Adamson, hon sec. of the Scottish Crest Club.

I am having a good sale for my cages through my advertisement in your valuable paper, writes Mr. J. Martin (Castle Douglas). I think CAGE BIRDS is the only paper worth advertising in. I wish it the success it deserves.

What bird fanciers would do without your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Ellis (Welshpool), I don't know. It is most instructive, and I must say that for advertising in I consider it by far the best being printed.

A class for Canaries is to be provided at the show to be held at Caerwen on September 12th. The entry fee will be 6d., and the prizes 5s. and 2s. 6d. The entries close on September 4th, to Mr. John Lewis, Council School, Caerwen.

On August 19th, at Swanley show, there was a class for Canaries (Mr. House, judged), in which Mr. Street secured 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes and two specials. Mr. W. Collyer was the secretary, and the fixture was a very pleasant and successful one.

The judges for the Glasgow Derby show of young Scotch Fancy Canaries to be held on September 12th, writes Mr. D. Black, the sec., are Messrs. David Low (Dundee), William Hart (Paisley), William Webster (Greenock), and George Hope (Edinburgh).

We have again engaged Mr. W. Vardy to judge Canaries at our annual show on September 30th and October 1st, writes Mr. W. Howe, hon. sec. of the Wellingborough and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. R. J. Howe will judge British birds, and Mr. F. Howe the foreign.

The cage bird judge appointed for our annual show, to be held on December 9th, writes Mr. John L. Eborne, hon. sec. of the Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd and Dis. Society, is Mr. J. H. Payne. I think that having such a good judge and an almost open date, we should have a really good entry and a successful show.

Our 17th annual show will be held on December 1st and 2nd, in the Winter Gardens here, writes Mr. G. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A. The judges for same are, for Canaries, Mr. J. H. Payne, and for British and foreign birds, Mr. W. G. Poole.

Many thanks for the pleasant surprise you gave me by placing my two noted winners on the front page of your valuable paper. CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Godfrey (Rishton). I may add that they have both won many first prizes and specials, and both were bred by myself.

The collection of Birds of Paradise now in the London Zoological Gardens is the finest that has ever been brought together. There are twenty-five of them, representing ten different species. The birds come from New Guinea and its neighbourhood, some having been purchased, some presented, and others deposited.

Kindly state that I have given up Budgerigars and Cockatoels, writes Mr. C. P. Arthur (Melksham), as since the publication by you of my book, I get so many applications for them. I have arranged to keep on a few of the large Parrakeets, but shall not be able to keep so many birds again as I have done in the past. I have bred 6 fine Hybrids this year, and the hen is sitting again.

A meeting of the Edinburgh Western O.S. will be held in the Reigo Street Hall on September 3rd, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. John Thomson, the sec. There will be special attractions for members. Mr. W. R. Dunn (Portobello), will give an exhibition of hand-washing Canaries. This should prove very interesting for young members, and it is to be hoped we shall have a record attendance.

Will all members of the Bristol C.B.S. kindly attend the next monthly meeting on September 2nd, writes Mr. C. P. Telling, the assistant sec. The business will consist of the final schedule arrangements and the allotment of specials. They will also please bring along their collecting cards, if filled up. The secretary will be pleased to send some more on receipt of a postcard.

In the West of England Gulls are seldom if ever destroyed, as the fishermen have quite a serious regard for them. They have in the past found them exceedingly useful, and many a boat owes its safety to the presence of these birds during foggy weather, and they also tell them where the fish may be found.

Users of colour feeds note there is no feed just as good as "Royal Red," nor ever will be. I give you absolute proof. Crystal Palace show, 1908, every 1st prize and championship diploma in open Norwich classes, and every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in open Cinnamon classes were moulted solely on "Sandford's Royal Red," and had never even seen any other colour feed. When buying, insist on Sandiford's. (ADVT.)

At Newmilns show, the only provincial show in Scotland giving full classification in the Scotch Fancy section, writes Mr. Robert McDowall, the secretary, we have been successful in securing the services of Messrs. W. Urquhart (Paisley), and R. Price (Barrhead), as judges for that particular section, and Mr. Thomas McKean will adjudicate on the remainder of the cage bird classes. We anticipate a bumper entry, the date of show being September 26th.

This Friday evening (August 28th), at 8.30, writes Mr. Reynolds, hon. sec. of the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S, owing to the gentleman who had promised to lecture being away from London, Mr. G. E. Weston (of CAGE BIRDS), has promised to attend our meeting and speak about British Birds. Friends are heartily invited to be present. We meet in the Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., close to Kentish Town station, and Tufnell Park Tube.

There is no doubt that you *must* hand-wash your exhibits if you would stand a fair chance of success on the show bench this autumn and winter. It is not so difficult a matter as you may think. Get a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL at once, study the diagrams and instructions therein, practice on a few common birds, and you will be ready then to hold your own with the best in the exhibiting world. A sixpenny postal order sent to the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., will bring you a copy by return of post.

We regret to have to inform you, writes Mr. R. Dear, that Mr. A. J. Head, after his splendid services as secretary of the Metropolitan C.B.A., has had to resign his position, owing to his business taking him away. We shall all greatly miss such a worthy friend, and we wish him the best of fortune in the future. You will kindly note that I have been elected secretary in his place. My address is 92, Kambala Road, Clapham Junction, London, S.W., to which address all communications in connection with the society should be directed.

The Swallows at School.

A Swallow has built its nest in the centre of the roof—on the inside—of the schoolroom at Holbeach St. Mark's (Lincolnshire), where the children are daily at work. The bird has brought up its young in this quaint place, and goes in and out of the windows when it wishes to get food for its young, quite undisturbed by the scholars. The windows are left open at play-time and at night.

One Roasting Enough!

Johnson says the monks of France were early acquainted with the delicate richness of the flesh of the Pheasant. One of their celebrated preachers in about 1216 represented, in one of his sermons, the Pheasants as addressing themselves to the clergy, and entreating to be eaten by them, and them only—"That incorporated with their glorious bodies, they might be raised to heaven; and not go with impious devourers to the infernal regions."

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Johnny Scored.

Johnny, aged four, toddled into a nearby grocer's shop and asked for a box of Canary seed.

"Is it for your mother?" asked the grocer, with an affable smile.

"O' course not," replied the little fellow, indignantly; "it's for our bird."

A Thrush's Peculiar Nesting Site.

A curious nesting site is to be seen by travellers to Cromer, where a little way from the station there is a signal post, on the levers of which a Thrush has built her nest. The eggs were laid in due course and the young hatched. And this, notwithstanding the fact that every time the levers were used they moved the nest a little. The place is, besides, necessarily a noisy and exposed one.

Upside Down.

A friend of mine, writes M. C. to a contemporary, has a Canary which recently met with a peculiar accident (or rather the result was peculiar). The bird and cage fell from where they were hanging above the hall door, and, when picked up, did not seem much the worse. Since then, however, the bird has been able to turn its head upside down. It looks very funny, and gives one rather an uncanny feeling to watch it. Can anyone tell me the cause of this? I may mention that it has never sung since.

A Word to the Wise.

The important bearing which a good moult has on the production of British birds fit to take high honours on the show bench, is well-known to all "old hands," who know, too, how necessary it is to feed and treat the birds on proper lines, if this good moult is to be secured. The latest methods will be found given in our handbook, just published, entitled, "The British Bird Manual." It is sold in two parts, price 1s. 1d. each, post free, one dealing with Hardbills, and the other with Softbills, and there is a lovely coloured plate in each. Lovers of British birds should secure copies at once from the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Didn't Fit the Post.

The head of the firm was giving instructions to the new office boy.

"Now, my lad, remember, you must be strictly punctual. You must be obedient. You must not idle away your time. I shall expect you to be truthful and honest, clean and tidy in yourself and in your work—cheerful and——"

"Beg pardon, sir," interrupted the boy, "you've made a mistake, ain't yer?"

"What?"

"You've made a mistake. Instead of advertisin' in the 'Daily Disaster' fer an office boy, you ought to have shoved it into CAGE BIRDS, an' asked fer an angel wiv wings."

Sacked!

On the Brain.

There has been much excitement in London this past week owing to several Vultures escaping from the well-known establishment of Mr. J. D. Hanelyn, in the East End. One or two still roam at large, and considerable alarm was caused in the dusk of Tuesday evening by the news that one of the Vultures had perched on a housetop in Churchill Road, in the N.W. district. A large crowd (according to the "Star") assembled to witness its capture by two men who climbed to the roof from one of the adjoining houses. Excitement was intense when it was seen that the "bird" made no attempt to escape when the men neared it. Apparently it stood at bay—till one of the men turned it round. It was then discovered to be a chimney-cowl!

Yorkshire Union Handbook.

The handbook for 1908-9 of the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, which reaches us from the secretary, Mr. S. Dean (6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford), is a truly astonishing booklet, one which may well be viewed with a feeling of pride by fanciers of the county of many acres. It bears witness to the remarkable progress in popularity which the Yorkshire Canary continues to make round about "headquarters," and is striking evidence of the way in which lovers of the bird hang together in friendly union, a union of benefit both to themselves and to the breed they are interested in. No fewer than 80 pages are occupied this year with the rules, list of shows, and list of societies, with officers' and members' names and addresses, to say nothing of advertisements. The Year Book is very neatly got up and printed, and is in every way a credit to the officials concerned in its production—they must have given much thought and labour to the task.

A True Tale.

A good lady friend of mine (Mrs. Davison) came to see our annual club show at Houghton-le-Spring, in December, 1906, writes "Nil-desperandum." I myself had such poor birds (but she said, "I can beat yours, Davie."). "That's as maybe," I answered; "but you'll find you're not so successful with birds as you have been with pigs." "I'll just bet you a bottle of 'eye water' I will beat you," she said. "Done," I replied. The result was that Mrs. Davison went and bred the best Crest for miles round here. (I think "King Edward" and one or two others the only ones that could beat it) a dark crest with clear body. In fact, she bred over 40 from 6 pairs, and most were winners at the next club show. And this year, too, she has bred some good Crests and some better Crestbreds, over 50 from 8 pairs, and she won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and she in the latter, and 1st in Crests. All her success, she says, is due to reading your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS

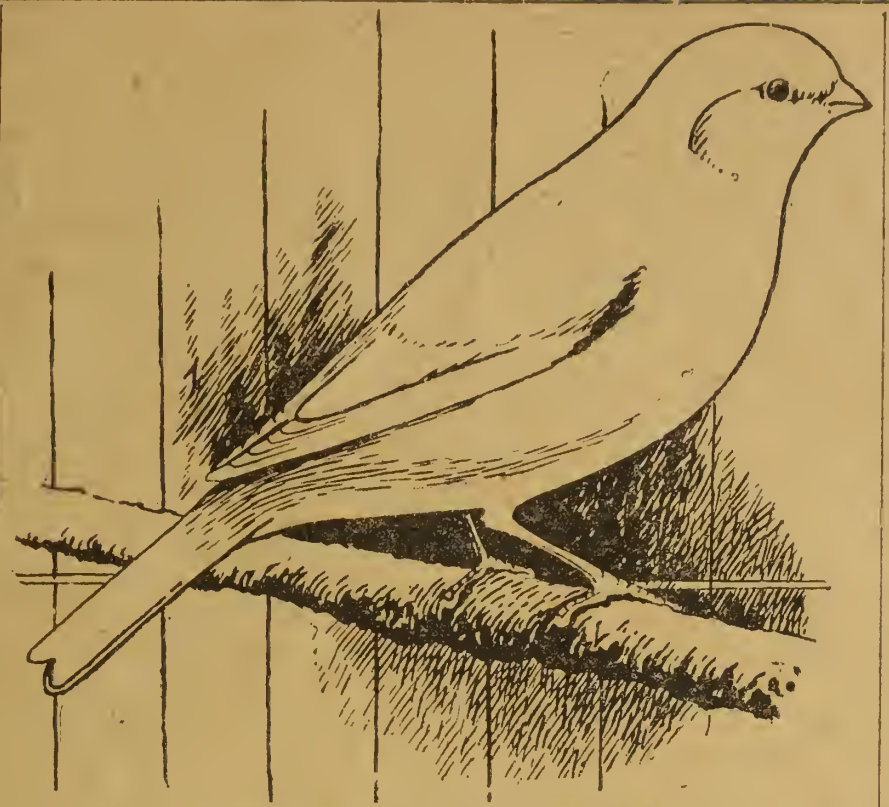
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*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
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*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
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Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
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*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 343.)
(For Secretaries' addresses see list in No. 343.)



A Promising Young Norwich Plainhead.
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IN THE COURTS.

PENALTY FOR CATCHING LINNETS

S. Saddler, Rosebery-avenue, Scarboro', was summoned for having in his possession after the 1st of March and before the 1st of September, a certain number of wild Linnets, recently taken. Defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Jowett prosecuted, and said he saw the defendant in Horner's brickfield, catching Linnets with bird-lime and twigs. One bird was covered with bird-lime, and died the same night. Another was produced in a cage, and the Inspector asked for the bird to be liberated. Defendant was a respectable man, and the case was brought as a warning to the public. Under the circumstances he was ordered to pay the costs, 5s. 6d. The Mayor remarked that the Bench hoped this would be a warning to others as well.

SHOOTING AT DUNLIN.

Stuart Platten, a young man, on August 7th, appeared before the Yarmouth magistrates, Mr. T. J. Saul presiding, for committing a breach of the Wild Birds Protection Act. Mr. H. P. Frederick, who prosecuted, said that the offence charged was attempting to shoot a couple of Dunlin, but it was found that it was just outside the borough jurisdiction. It would be necessary, therefore, to amend the summons to one for using a boat for the purpose of shooting wild birds.

Jary, the Breydon watcher, said that on August 5th he was in his boat and heard a couple of shots from the Five Stake Drain, and saw the birds fly up. He got his glasses, and saw a boat coming up under the river wall with sail up. He landed, and walked toward the approaching boat in which defendant was. When witness was within 25 yards a couple of Dunlin came straight toward defendant, who fired and missed. After tacking for some time he went to pick up a wounded Gull, and witness then spoke to him. Defendant said he had let the bird go, and suggested that he should square the matter with a half-crown. Dunlin were in the protected schedule, and the only birds that could be shot now were Duck and Snipe. Witness could not say defendant shot a Gull, but there was no one else shooting about there. He had not warned defendant.

In the box defendant produced a shooting diary, which stated that the period of protection ended on July 31st. The magistrates examined this, and the clerk said that clearly it was not very reliable.

Defendant said he only fired at one bird, and he did not know what it was. He picked up the Gull to see what was the matter with it. Finding its wing broken he let it go again. He had only bought the gun two days.—The Chairman (Mr. T. J. Saul) said that people who bought guns should find out what they could do with them before they went out and blazed away at everything they saw. It did not make any difference whether defendant shot at one bird or 20. As it was the first case of the kind it would be dismissed on defendant paying the costs.

Watching the Dipper.

The following is taken from one of Jeffries' delightful Nature books:—"Like the trout, the Colley always feeds at the rapids, and flies as they swim, from fall to fall. He was bobbing up and down, his legs bent, and his rusty brown body went up and down, but as I was hidden by a hedge he gained confidence, suspended his curtsying, and began to feed. First he looked all round the stone, and then stepped to another similar island in the midst of the running water, pushing his head over the edge of it. Next he stepped into the current, which, though shallow, looked strong enough to sweep him away. The water checked against him rose to the white mark on his breast. He waded up the rapid, every now and then thrusting his head completely under water; sometimes he was up to his neck, sometimes not so deep; now and then getting on a stone, searching right and left as he climbed the cascade. The eddying water shot by his slender legs, but he moved against it easily, and soon ascended the waterfall. At the summit a second Colley flew past, and he rose and accompanied his friend."

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

West of Scotland.—Sept. 5, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Last meeting for the enrolment of new members this season.—G. Stuart.
Weston-super-Mare C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Star Coffee House, 8. General show business.—G. W. Read.
Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.
Windsor and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 3, Star and Garter Hotel, Windsor, 8. To consider rules of the above association.—P. G. Robinson.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S. Sept. 5, Central Conservative Club, 8. Show business, etc.—J. W. Philpott.
Battersea Open C.B.S. Sept. 2, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Final arrangements for Annual Show, and allotting of specials.—F. Easterling.
Bermondsey and Dist. F.A. Sept. 1, Solomon's Castle, 8.30. Y.S. Show schedule etc.—A. Lupton.
Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S. Sept. 1, New Inn, Loughborough Road, 8.—W. H. Riley.
Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Mallora Restaurant, 8.—J. W. Marsden.
Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S. Sept. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30.—G. Harvey.
Bradford East O.S. Sept. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangement for Sept. show, and distribution of Union hand-books.—H. Hill.
City of Birmingham C.B.S. Sept. 2, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Classification for Open Show.—J. B. de Maillet.
City of Bradford O.S. Aug. 29, Flying Dutchman, 8. Classification for Open Show.—F. Rhodes.
Coventry O.S. Sept. 2, Sydenham Palace, Foleshill Road, 8.30. Annual show, etc.—G. Peters.
Crewe and Dist. O.S. Sept. 1, Burton Hotel, 7.45. To fix date of show, and to appoint judge etc.—J. C. Heaton.
Dalkeith and Dist. C.C. Sept. 5, Ship Inn, 7. Selection of medals, etc.—J. Ewing.
Derby C.B.C.—Sept. 5, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Open show business.—W. Stevens.
Derwent Valley C.B.S. Sept. 5, Stone Hall, Chopwell, 6. Adjourned business re open show, and other business.—J. Brown.
Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Lecture on "The Crested Canary." By Mr. J. Tyson. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Hodson.
East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Sept. 12, Barley Mow, Bowling, 7. At 8 o'clock Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) will give a lecture on a very important subject "Preparing Birds, etc., for Exhibition."—J. E. Hudson.
Edinburgh Western O.S.—Sept. 3, Bridge Street Hall, 8. Mr. W. R. Dunn (Portobello) will give an exhibition of handwashing Canaries.—J. Thomson.
Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.—Sept. 3, 142, High Street, 8. To fix on prize cards, bills, etc., for show, etc.—J. Walsh.
Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Fix date of annual show, select judge for same, and lecture by Mr. W. J. Smith, on "Wild Seeds and their use."—R. H. Folley.
Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S. Sept. 5, Granite Bar, 7. Members' Show, judges for same; appointment of new treasurer; half-yearly balance sheet, and drawing up of schedule.—W. Grewar.
Glossop, Radfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Howard Arms, 8. Fix classes for annual show, date, etc.—F. Greig.
Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Aug. 29, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Arrangements for winter show. At 8 o'clock, "Hints on the Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley).—H. Schofield.
Hartlepools C.B.S. Sept. 2, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Suggested cancelling of open show.—Williams and Easby.
Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Mr. H. E. Weston will speak on British Birds. All are welcome.—W. Reynolds.
Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S. — Aug. 29, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.
Laisterdyke B.F.A. Sept. 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. R. Halliday on Preparing Birds for Exhibition; fanciers invited.—A. Bottomley.
Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Corn Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. C. J. Cafferty.
Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Sept. 1, White Swan, 8. Schedule for All England Show. Mr. Allen will give an address on "The Best Means of Heating a Bird Room."—C. Draper.
Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. E. S. Lugg.—H. T. Lucas.
Longton and Dist. C.B.S. Sept. 1, Castle Inn, High Street. Final arrangements for open show.—E. Tams.
Middleton O.S.—Aug. 31, Old Boar's Head, 8. Appointing judge for annual show, alteration of rule with regard to new members, and other special business.—H. Thomas.
Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Second F.F. Show. Birds staged at 2.30 prompt. Mr. Bottomley, judge.—R. H. Turner.
Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.—September 5, Nose's Rooms, 7.30. Show business.—E. Cowling.
Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Bull Hotel, 8. Election of judge and other show business.—J. England.
Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 3, usual place, 7.30. Open show business, specials, etc. Members please attend.—Curry and Hutchinson.
Provincial Roller C.C.—Aug. 29, Swan Hotel, Manchester, 6. Shall we hold an open contest at Coal Exchange.—W. Whittaker.
Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Palmer's Hall, West Street, 8. Discuss schedule of coming show.—G. A. Charles.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Temperance Club, 8.—S. M. Clayton.
Rochdale O.C.—Aug. 31, Club, 8. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.
Rotherham C.B.S.—Aug. 29, St. George's Hall, 8. Classes for open show, and other important business.—J. C. Hayes.
St. Andrew's O.S.—Sept. 2, Court Room, Town Hall, making up of schedule for forthcoming show.—A. B. McIntyre.
Scottish B.B. and M.C.—Sept. 5, Templars' Rallie, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. To consider applications for club patronage.—A. W. Watson.
Shipley G.S.—Sept. 1, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Business dates for members' Show, and open show classification.—H. Dobson.
Stirling and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 5, Douglas Hotel, 8. G. Hislop.
Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show business.—J. W. Lowes.
Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Baptist School, 8. Open show.—S. Jagger.
Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 3, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show of Canaries, and judging competition. Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Hirst.
United Kingdom Lizard Society.—Sept. 31, Howard Arms, Glossop, 6.30.—F. Greig.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must be no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids **G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Parrots and Lake Arleulture **Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards. Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Wheezing and Caping.

Novice.—The bird has probably been subjected to a draught or a chill by some means, or it may have become more than usually susceptable to weather changes on account of the oncoming moult. See she is now properly protected from any chill or draught; do not give cold baths until she is quite recovered; and keep her in a nice cosy and airily warm place. Do not, however, go to the other extreme of overheating her. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape; give a pinch of hemp twice a week, the same amount of maw seed as often, and twice a week a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry on it. Give also a spray of chickweed or a plantain stalk or two daily. A tepid bath may be given occasionally in fine weather. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and paregoric, well shaken together in each ounce of water, every second day, and on alternate days fifteen drops of Chemical Food. If the bird is not considerably better at the end of a week discontinue the squills and paregoric in the first mixture and give instead the same amount of whiskey and glycerine, and three drops of oil of encalyptus. Shake this thoroughly when mixing, and continue giving it every second day for a fortnight, or until the wheeziness is quite cured.

A Wicked Hen.

Pte. B. McA. (South Africa).—Beyond saying that both birds are quite young, you give no indication of their age, and if their youth is of too tender a description, that would account for their not breeding. To have a fair chance of success the birds should be over their first moult, and nearing twelve months old at the least. If your birds comply with these conditions, and the cock is in good song you should have patience, and with a little more judicious feeding, as given below, you will doubtless succeed yet. If the bird is not in song, then I should be inclined to doubt its sex, and mate the hen to a vigorous cock in stout song forthwith. You should endeavour to keep them in a fairly quiet place, where they will not be disturbed by people passing by them continually, but with plenty of light and fresh air, but no draughts. Discontinue the seed mixture you are giving, and feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, twice a week give just a pinch of hemp seed, and every second day a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, until the hen has gone to nest. A similar quantity of egg food or bread and milk may be substituted for the sponge cake if you wish, but care must be taken to keep them always perfectly fresh and sweet. Give a liberal supply of green food daily and keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and plenty of gritty sand on the floor. Given these elementary general conditions, the birds should soon go to nest if the summer is not getting too far advanced and the birds are a true pair. The latter point I am a little inclined to doubt.

Disordered Bowels.

J. M.—Your feeding is not of the best description, but is scarcely bad enough to account for the persistent constipation, which is what troubles the bird, in spite of the fact that the droppings are thin; that is, providing your seeds were of good quality, I would, therefore, recommend you to see that the seeds you use are quite sweet and good. Stop giving inga for the present, and do not give any more until about January next. Feed on a staple diet of Canary seed only, and give separately a small teaspoonful of dry summer rape twice a week, half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small piece of bread dipped in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give all these extras alternately, so that the bird gets a different item each day. To each ounce of drinking water give as much Epsom salts for three consecutive days as will cover a sixpence, and after that five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the intervening days fifteen drops of chemical food. Give a few plantain stalks daily, or a small spray of tender chickweed instead; but do not give any other green food until quite well.

An Injured Foot or Leg.

A. M. M.—I hardly think the bird's toe can be dislocated, as in that case you must see the displacement of the joint quite clearly in the absence of any swelling. As the treatment already advised has not succeeded, I think it is more than likely that the injury does not lie in the foot at all, but probably the effect of a fracture in the upper portion of the leg near what would generally be called the hip, but is in reality the knee. A fracture of this part is not infrequently caused in catching a wild bird which dashes against the wire, or in releasing a bird that has got a claw fast in the wires. In all such cases the best thing to do is to keep the bird very quiet, and leave nature to repair the injury. In most cases a cure takes place, and sometimes a very excellent one, by leaving it severely alone, and allowing the bird to sit quietly on its perch until it begins to move about more freely on its own account, by which time the power will be found returning to the claw, which will eventually become quite serviceable again.

Is it Bird Fever?

M. M. I.—It is quite possible you may have bird fever among your birds, and I would strongly advise you to have a post-mortem on the next that dies, in order to be quite satisfied on this point. If you then found that this suspicion was correct, your best plan would be to isolate all healthy birds in clean and disinfected cages at once, and send to our manager for Dr Clarke's handbook on the subject, which explains more fully than is possible here how to deal with this terrible disease. Prevention is the only real remedy. As regards the general treatment of your birds, feed them as advised to "I. S.," but add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the bread and milk advised there. Do not give egg food until you are satisfied there exists no septic infection or any other foods; in fact, save those mentioned, which will be quite a sufficient diet. See the birds are not exposed to any damp, draughts, or chills, and examine cages carefully to see if they are infested with red mite. If they are, those pests must be annihilated. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same amount of chlorate of potash in the drinking water, well shaken together, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Give a little green food daily, either chickweed, plantain stalks, or watercress.

Treatment for Bird Fever.

M. Hodgson.—The very best course you can adopt is to send 7d. to our manager for Dr. Clarke's treatise on Septic Fever, and study its contents well. Therein you will find all that is worth knowing on the subject as regards its origin, development, and treatment. Cure, there is practically none, and the best means of prevention and disinfection are pointed out in far greater detail there than is possible to give here. Meantime, keep all cages and appliances thoroughly clean and disinfected. Feed plainly on a seed diet, with just a little green food daily, and two or three times a week a very small piece of bread and milk—not more than they will consume in a couple of hours. Do not place any healthy birds quite near one that is ill, nor in a cage in which one has died, until you have seen how to deal with them from the book mentioned. You will need to thoroughly overhaul your room several times before next spring to stand a fair chance of eradicating the infection. 2. The time it takes bird fever to develop varies according to the vitality and resisting powers of the individual, as well as the environment. A bird has been known to exhibit symptoms of the disease on the second day after exposure to infection; on the other hand, it may be a fortnight, or longer, before any symptoms appear.

Treatment of Roller.

G. W.—Seeing you are a novice I cannot give you that insight which would enable you to be certain of the bird's sex; so the best thing you can do is to ask some experienced fancier friend to look at it and tell you its sex. Am a little inclined to think it may by chance be a cock, but, as you have been told, the chances are greatly in favour of birds purchased as yours was being nothing but hens. You will find instructions for sexing birds in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," published at the office of CAGE BIRDS, price 7d., post free. In addition to the staple seed diet you are giving, give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and twice a week a tea-poonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, or a small piece of bread dipped in milk. You may give all the last three items alternately for variety, but not altogether. As long as the bird is well and healthy, why give any tonic? Leave well alone, and do not begin to give birds drugs without good reason. Keep cage and perches quite clean, and strew the floor with gritty sand. Give a little green food daily.

Brevities.

Swelling Under Eye (A. Armes).—The substance is probably a small tumour, and if not apparently much inconvenience to the bird I would advise you to leave it alone. Unskilful interference with these things is very apt to make the thing much worse instead of better. If it is a valuable bird, you should show it to a veterinary surgeon, or even a friendly-disposed medical man, either of whom might be able to immediately diagnose and remove the cause, being on the spot. If you do not do this touch the spot with a camel hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine once, and anoint sparingly two or three times a week with Zam-Buk ointment, or carbolised vaseline.

Feeding a Roller (T. D. R.).—For a staple diet give a mixture of two parts good sweet Canary and one part summer rape seed. In addition, give half a teaspoonful of hemp seed twice a week, and three times a week a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Every day give a small spray of green food as long as the weather allows it to be used, and during the winter substitute a little sweet fruit of some kind, or a bit of raw carrot occasionally. Keep a supply of gritty sand in cage, and give the bird a bath daily in warm weather, and twice or three times a week at other times.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

E. H. Punter.—"Next Sunday" is rather late in the season for Goldie-Bullie Hybrids to be hatching out. You are lucky the hen Canary has not gone off into moult. Still, domestic duties seem to keep them back, it is true, and she may rear them all right. If she shows signs of "turning it down," however, when the young are a few days old, remember that you can easily hand-feed them, if you don't mind the trouble and have the time (or someone who will do it for you). For this purpose the egg-food made sloppy moist with new milk would answer excellently. Give the hen, to feed with, canary and summer rape seeds, and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. Offer seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked rape. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg-bread, made by well mixing one and a-half to two crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with the yolk of a hard boiled (ten minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered; mix in the white, too, when the young are four or five days old, doubling then, the quantity of crushed biscuit.

Greypates.

Query.—The best time to buy Greypates depends on circumstances. If you are going to pick them, October and November onwards is the best, for then they are showing a bit of colour, and you can gain some sort of notion as to the amount of blaze they are likely to carry. If you are having the birds sent you, then almost any time during the season will do. Until about the middle of September, however, there is always danger of getting Greys which are too young to properly eat hard seed and look after themselves; Goldies are apt to breed so late in the year. Another point, it is always best to buy during a spell of fine, dry weather. Birds, and young ones especially, caught during wet periods, are bad to get on dry seed, and die much more frequently. So far as I have seen, the young Linnets, etc., coming to hand this season are vigorous, and strong, and do well. All Greypates are the better for a little wild seed when being got on to the ordinary seeds. Most will eat the various thistle seeds (these are very valuable), ripe grasses (such as knot-grass, rye grass, etc.), cornflower seed, seeding groundsel, sometimes chickweed, and shepherd's purse. Offer in addition, summer rape and charlock seeds, soaked until beginning to burst, and dabbed dry in a cloth; also hemp lightly cracked every morning. Then you must offer niger, maw, teazle, and canary seeds ad. libitum, while some appreciate a little "pin-head" oatmeal. If you deal with many birds at once, it is economical to give the cracked hemp, the niger, and the teazle in separate vessels. I prefer both food and water vessels to be inside the cage, and the latter should be a long, wide (front to back), and not very high one, with a canvas top, if possible. Note reply to "H.M.," for other hints, and advice should any go "soft."

Feeding Fresh-caught Linnets.

H.M.—Newly-caught Linnets are best kept in a long, low cage (if with a canvas top so much the better), with seed inside (water, too, at first). An old bird, or better still, a steady old hen Canary, to show them the "way of things," is very helpful in the cage. Perches about on a level with the food troughs. After they have got over the first "shock" of captivity, they can be caged off singly with safety. Here are a few hints on the feeding; newly-caught Linnets must have some "soft seeds" to feed upon. These are conveniently found in seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, charlock, groundsel, knapweed, thistles, and the like; also soaked summer rape and charlock, given when just commencing to germinate (or sprout) must be supplied. They should be offered maw seed, linseed, canary, summer rape, charlock, teazle, and lightly cracked hemp (fresh made every day). After a few days the cracking of the hemp can be discontinued; offer it whole. Should any of the birds go "soft," separate them at once from their companions, and for two days, and afterwards for a time on every second day, let them have water made slightly saline with sulphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in half a pint of water. A good wild seed mixture (such can be cheaply bought) is a good thing for fresh-caught birds to pick over. Respecting Goldfinches, see reply to "Query," this week. I don't care for old hen Goldfinches to put with newly-caught birds. I find they generally "chivy" the strangers about, and monopolise the dainties in the food line, and the food-pots generally; an old hen Canary is best.

Another Goldie-Bullie Hybrid.

Anxious.—Three pounds is not a big price for a young cock Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, providing he is good in size, and shape—a promising bird. It takes a very good one now-a-days to score in keen competition; there are so many of them about. I like to see a bird shed its plumage quickly—even though it falls away so suddenly as to leave the sides of the beast temporarily bare: for it is a good portent of a moult soon over and easily got through. You certainly ought to have colour-fed the bird if you were intending exhibiting it. I have laid stress upon the necessity of doing so many times during the past few weeks. In our issue for August 8, in reply to "Brum," I told how the colour-feeding might be carried out. I am afraid you are too late now seeing that new body and blaze feathers were coming when you wrote your letter. One needs to commence giving the colour-food before the birds have shed a feather. You could get him on at once, of course, as a kind of forlorn hope. Privet and blackberries are great helps to colour-production, but are more suitable for the Bullfinch than for Hybrids, as they need to be given in large quantities to have any effect; only pepper will give the necessary intensity of colour requisite in exhibition Hybrids. Marigolds and nasturtium flowers are useful colour aids, too. You will find hints on feeding in other replies this week.

Lark's Broken Leg.

A. Tweedale.—It was an unfortunate accident. A broken leg, however, must be treated at once; you cannot do any good after days have elapsed since the injury happened. Now, if you had only had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL by you (cost but sixpence), you could have turned up the correct treatment at once in the chapter therein dealing with bird diseases. Briefly, the leg should have been held in position a little cotton-wool wrapped round, then a "splint" made of a quill toothpick (split to size) bound over this. Removed after an interval of 14 days, the leg would doubtless have been found quite sound again. Nature is often very kind, however, and I have frequently known cases where broken legs have healed sound and alright without any treatment whatever. I trust this has happened in your own case.

Moulting Goldfinches.

Novice.—A Goldfinch can be got quite fit to show after its first moult, but like all the other Finches is not really at its best until two years old. Some Greys, however, especially very late hatched ones, do not come up fit for exhibition during their first year. You will have to see how your youngsters turn out. I certainly prefer to moult a full-coloured bird; then you know what you are working on. Where you got your idea from that exhibition Goldfinches have to be colour-fed I do not know, for I have always, consistently stated the contrary. Tanning, or depth of brown on the chest (also back) and sheen on a Goldfinch, are not produced by any feeding or other methods. In other words, if the Goldie is not naturally good in tanning and sheen, no treatment of its keeper can make it so. But if a Goldie is naturally rich in tanning and polished in plumage, then certainly the skilful fancier can bring out those points in the moult to a degree of perfection never (or exceptionally rarely) seen in the wild bird. Birds that are pale in chestnut, and dull in coat, are generally buffs, and these are not the birds to select to moult for exhibition purposes, though it is true that we occasionally see a buff get high up in the prize list in keen competition but such has to be a remarkably good specimen in other exhibition points. Colour-feeding avails a Goldfinch nothing at all, as, curiously enough, it spoils the blaze colour; a bird that needs pepper feeding is not worth its salt. Regular use of the bath, or regular gentle spraying, is the one great thing to perfect the sheen on a bird. Correct feeding, of course, is essential plenty of ripe teazle, maw, linseed and canary, with now and again a feed of hemp and niger, and lightly cracked sunflower; also, most important of all, ripe thistle-heads and hard-head in abundance, with seeding groundsel, and any other wild-seeds they show a partiality for. Grubs found in the tops, especially in those which look decayed, blight from sow thistle, tiny mealworms, and hive ants' eggs (I have birds very fond of these), or the dried ants' eggs damped with new milk, are also invaluable items (some birds will eat a little prepared high-grade insectivorous food). This treatment should enable you to stage your Goldies in trim good enough for any competition, providing only that the birds are good enough in themselves. Towards the close of the moult give niger a little more freely. Don't offer much hemp until the bird comes up in colour.

More Hybrids.

Quabour.—1: I hardly understand this question, as for show purposes there is only one "kind of colour-feeding," and that is by means of cayenne pepper—the sweet, or tasteless pepper being generally used. Other colouring agents do not enrich the birds' colour sufficiently. If I have not caught your meaning, please repeat the question more fully. 2: Such a dark Linnet Mule as you describe ought to stand a very fair chance on the show bench, if well colour fed. The colour-feeding would have the effect of disguising the tendency to run a little light in the centre of the breast. 3: The stock seed mixture of all Hybrids should be a fairly plain one, for many of them I find very liable to get too fat and "wheezy." I use the following myself, all round:—Canary four parts, teazle (it is important to get this fresh and well ripened) three parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. During the moult I add one part of linseed. At other times I give a little linseed, hemp, maw, niger, good wild seed mixture, mixture No. 2 recommended to "A Friend" this week now and again, to get or to keep them in good condition, while the Bullfinch and Greenfinch crosses I supply with occasional feeds of sunflower and safflower seeds. When possible I let them have thistles and hardheads, seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed and other suitable wild plants, with young watercress and lettuce leaves when the latter are unobtainable, and a little dandelion in the spring. Here you have a pretty full menu. 4: A very dark green is by far the most serviceable all-round shade for the insides and wires of show-cages of British Birds and Hybrids. Some kinds, however, look well in either a very light blue or green. You should visit a good show, and use your own judgment.

Linnets and Greenfinches.

H. H. Wood.—One of the best possible seed mixtures for Linnets is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. During the moult add one part of hemp, and towards the finish of the moult increase the proportion of linseed to one part. Also give a little maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished, and can be given more freely—especially during the moult. Seeding green-food, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, knotgrass, plantain, etc., is very good for them, and these things, too, require to be given more freely during the moult than at any other period. In fact, it is a free supply of them, and a free use of the bath, which put colour into, and gloss on to, the plumage. These wild seeding plants should be gathered fresh as often as possible, and the more minute, crawling insect life there is about them, the better for the birds. Linnets also like thistle and hardheads. On such a diet they will come on to song at the earliest possible moment after the moult is over. To "force" them, use the two mixtures advised "A Friend" this week. Greenfinches will thrive admirably on the same treatment as Linnets, but should be given sunflower and safflower seeds either in a separate vessel, or one part of each added to the stock mixture. They appreciate the same wild seeds, and are very fond of sunflower heads containing seed (gathered out of the garden).

Treatment of Goldfinches.

A Friend.—My queriists seem Goldfinch and colour-feeding mad this week, I can't tell you how to "make" your Goldfinch eat colour food (egg and pepper). If I had to make you yourself eat say, whale blubber I expect I should have to starve you on to it. And doubtless you will have to do this to your Finch. The danger is that if you try to starve him (judiciously, of course) on to it, he may "go back" and die. A bird it is intended to colour feed should be got on to soft food well before the moult begins. You might try him with sweet pepper mixed with crushed seed. In any case you would have to start with very little at first, and gradually increase the quantity of the colouring agent. Crushed sunflower seed (shell blown away) being both oily and a good food, is a good vehicle; prepare afresh each day. To a teaspoonful you would mix a quarter teaspoonful of pepper, which would represent full strength, and should be eaten up every day. The correct (and only) way to "colour feed" a Goldie is to wait until the body feathers are through, when the blaze will still be in quill; then give the pepper, which changes the blood with colouring matter during the time the bird is "darkening down" (otherwise "coming up") in colour. If given right through the moult, pepper smudges and spoils the beautiful colour contrasts found in the Goldie's plumage, and the fed bird is thus badly handicapped when competing against good non-fed specimens. Some "old hands" stir a portion of colour food (sweet pepper) into the drinking water. This is the seed mixture I am using at present during the moult for my own birds; teazle six parts, canary four parts, linseed two parts, safflower one part, summer rape and charlock a half part each. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily one one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger two parts, hemp and maw one part; (2) thistle three parts, dandelion two parts, sesame, lettuce and gold of pleasure, one part each. All are mixed by measure. I also, of course, give the various wild seeds beloved by the Goldie.

Brevities.

Feeding Linnets (J. Pygall).—You will, in this issue in reply to other queriists, find full information concerning the feeding of Linnets. "Pip" on the tail is usually an imaginary disease, the supposed "pip" being in reality the bird's moult, and quite indispensable to it.

Shepherd's Purse (W.H.).—Yes; the specimen you send is shepherd's purse right enough. It is not in the ripe stage; then it turns golden brown.

Siskin Bullfinch Hybrid (C.E.G.).—I believe the Siskin-Bullfinch cross has been achieved. Have never seen young from it, however, so can offer you no description of the plumage. I sincerely trust you have really produced it, though, of course, the "mixture in an aviary side of the matter leaves room for doubt. You will have no difficulty in deciding the parentage when the youngster has thrown off its nestling plumage. Take care of it.

Burdock, etc (Fancier).—Respecting burdock, note reply to "A.G.S." this week. The head you send are not from any plant that I myself use for birds, so I cannot say what birds it is good for, if any. You would do well to confine yourself to the well-known wild plants, or those, at any rate, you see birds feeding from.

What Weeds? (A.G.S.). The prickly one is bur dock. I have not much faith in it, personally, for I find Finches care next to nothing about its seed, preferring the thistles every time. It is bitter and "medicinal" in taste. I never bother to gather it. The other weed is not one that I have ever used, so can say nothing for or against it.

Goldfinch Going Bald (German Band).—Get a small pot of horse ointment from a chemist, and gently anoint the bald head (lightly) with this daily. Discontinue when you feel new quills pushing through. Give the bird a change of food. Let him have thistle-heads in plenty (or fresh gathered seed, if you can't get out to obtain them), hardheads, seeding groundsel, etc. To the packet seed mentioned, you should add a good sprinkling of hemp and maw seeds.

Linnet Mule Moulting (W. H. Martin).—No doubt it is a vagary for which age is responsible. Your Mule, according to your own account, may be anything over 15 years old, and this is a goodly toll of years. You could certainly help the bird considerably in its moult by getting from a good chemist a bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food, and adding six or seven drops to its egg-bread daily. Commence with two or three drops, and increase the strength gradually. Or you could stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (using a glass or pot vessel only) every day. Give as much maw and hemp seeds as he cares to eat.

Moulting Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid (Mark).—1, Colour-feeding is essential to success on the show bench to-day; 2, "Flighting" a young Hybrid is quite unnecessary; 3, a slight crossing of wings is no particular detriment. When the bird "fills out," after moulting, this may be remedied. Hybrids, remember, are always better at two years of age, and onwards.

Siskin, etc., Queer (Anxious).—I should say your Siskin is suffering from the effects of too much hemp seed. Give him only canary and teazle, with a little charlock and summer rape. Let the Mule have the same, and give both birds in their drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) for two days a small teaspoonful of fluid magnesia, fresh daily. Give the Siskin another dose (if it seems necessary) after a day's interval on plain water. A daily fly in a large cage or aviary, or round a room, would benefit them; likewise a daily feed of ripe thistle-heads.

More Clear Mules (Peru).—It is only a fortnight or so ago I was telling a correspondent how very uncommon clear Linnet Mules were. You should look that answer up. Are you quite sure you have not by some means or other fallen into an error, and that this clear Mule is not in reality a Canary? I hope it is as described of course, for your sake.

Robin Canary Mule (P. P.).—Really, this caps all. A Robin-Canary Mule, eh? I quite agree that it is "a novelty." I am afraid, in fact, it is too great a novelty to be true. Such a bird has never yet been bred, and I don't think ever will be. I should like to see it (photographs are no real help). What do you mean by Robin? Do you refer to the Redbreast, or are you calling a Goldfinch (this was once done by a party who claimed to have bred "Robin-Mules") by the name of "Robin"? Perhaps you may care to send further particulars.

Mule Breeding (J. Sellars).—This year Linnets, got nice and steady, should make practically sure Mulers next season. A Goldfinch may be any age from one year upwards. It is not a matter of age, so much as disposition of the bird. If one of the Linnets turns out a hen, she would be a good mate for the odd cock Yorkshire; this way of mating is said to be a good one for light Mules.

Goldfinch Dying (H. L. Howard).—If the bird was eating hard seed, that would be "well on seed" as dealers interpret this term. The fact that the bird died so quickly hardly proves that it was not. You omitted to give one seed which all fresh-caught Goldfinches should have, viz., niger seed. You might get some allowance, if you mentioned the facts to the seller. Goldies are very often ticklish customers to get to live. My advice to you is to try another, when better luck may quite likely be your portion. You want to make certain it is reaching both seed and water.

Linnet Ailing (J. Brown).—You should get a small quantity of dandelion juice (taraxacum) from a chemist, and for three or four days stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, until the bird's bowels have been freely moved. You might discontinue the hemp, linseed and niger seeds for a time, and give maw-seed daily, and the ripe shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc., too. The Linnet would no doubt benefit by a fly round a good, big cage.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Best Cage for Budgerigars.

Novice.—The best cage for Budgerigars is a garden aviary, but I suppose this is almost begging your query. Well the semi-box type cage is the best, that is, one having the bottom, back, and only half the ends and top wood, the remainder wire. I consider the minimum size should be 2½ by 1½ by 2 feet high, and as much larger as your convenience will permit. These are hardy species and should be kept in some airy situation, yet not in draught. The yellow are not quite as robust as the green, yet sufficiently so to winter out of doors in a roomy garden aviary. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, and a few oats, cuttlefish, greenfood and grit. Either kind is equally easy to keep in condition, and both require exactly the same treatment. Personally I consider the green variety the handsomer of the two; of course the yellows are worth nearly double the green when it comes to a question of the disposal of the young, while the cost of upkeep is the same for both. Which is simply your individual taste. The booklet, "Budgerigars, and Cockateels" published at Cage Birds Office, would help you.

Referring to Budgerigars.

A. H. (1) I cannot tell you if it will be safe to put another pair of Budgerigars into your aviary till I know its dimensions. However, providing it is not less than 4 feet long, and is of suitable depth and height, you can safely do so. Budgerigars are gregarious, and usually breed more freely where several pairs are kept together; in fact, they may be kept together in any numbers, providing they are not overcrowded, and there is a sufficiency of breeding hucks, also that there are no odd birds. It may however, upset the sitting hen to introduce others at present, you had better wait till the young leave the nest. (2) I do not care to hazard an opinion. Egg-binding usually arises from letting birds nest which are in indifferent condition, or from lack of shell-forming material, or from a chill. Prevention is better than cure; during the breeding season supply green food liberally, and see that there are old mortar rubbish, cuttlefish, and crushed egg-shells (from table) continuously in the aviary. I have never had a case of egg-binding except during a bird's long illness, when those in charge omitted to keep up a supply of the above.

Grey Parrot and Aviary Queries.

P. R. E.—I should give ripe fruit regularly, also the chemical food for a couple of months at least; if there should be any signs of constipation a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, or making the drinking water saline with Epsom Salts will give relief. Such a condition of things as you describe often occurs with Parrots during the first moult, and up to being through the second moult in this country; but providing their health keeps good, they usually grow out of it. Give the chemical food almost continuously while the moult continues. Yes, the birds should do well in your garden aviary; do not overcrowd, but put in, say, two pairs yellow and one pair green Budgerigars (obtaining each pair from a different source), and pairs each of Rosellas, Cockatiels and Blood-rumps. You will need at least six hucks for the Budgerigars, and as many logs or nest boxes with concave bottoms for the Parrakeets. These will all thrive on practically the same diet. It is probable that with the exception of the Budgerigars, they will take at least a year to settle down before nesting.

Is Poplar Poisonous?

Constant Reader. Surely your informant is speaking from experience or he would not make such a definite statement; if such is the case, most certainly respect his advice. If you remove the sprouts as they appear it will ultimately kill the tree. Poplar is not a tree I should plant in an aviary, but if it was already there I should not remove it unless I knew it had actually occasioned losses to some other aviarist. I know at least one aviary in which it is growing, and have never heard of any losses attributed to that cause. Good plants for an aviary are:—Black and red currant bushes, climbing roses, honeysuckle, wild clematis (travellers' joy), box, fir, arbor vitæ, and elder; and under same sow canary, meadow grass, millet, and sunflower. Also get a packet of mixed wild seeds (as sold), and mingle these with the rest so as to make a mass of jungly growth. Finish the aviary inside and out with rainproof nest-boxes and husks, and in such an aviary Finches, Buntings, Grosbeaks, Doves and Quails will thrive and flourish, and many of them will delight you with reproducing their kind.

Paying the Price.

It is very evident that this bird has taken some sour food, or got hold of something of a semi-poisonous character. Possibly the distemper was still damp when the birds were put in, and they nibbled at the woodwork, etc. The distemper you name, while perfectly safe when once thoroughly dry, would yet set up such symptoms as you describe if the birds chewed it off the wood in a semi-dry state. Again if you are in the habit of supplying soft food to your other birds, some scraps possibly got scattered about in odd corners, and when picked up by the birds, this would set up internal irritation, and possibly inflammation. Again, the branches you have put in may not have been dead, and these may have been responsible for it. I mostly use pea or bean sticks, and get from my nurseryman the prunings from fruit trees; all these are perfectly safe, but I am doubtful of several of those you name. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), and also put it on a course of chemical food. For greenfood, at present give only grass in the ear. I should advise you to separate it from your other birds, and let it have a few sips at a little milk sop for about a week, but do not continue this as a regular item of the diet. I should certainly advise a post mortem if the bird does not recover.

Parrot with Cold.

J. W. J.—Give the bird one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful soaked into a piece of bread biscuit, or sponge cake, or anything similar of an absorbant nature that the bird will eat. Get the following mixture from your chemist—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Give one teaspoonful of the mixture in 4 times its bulk of water and each day for a week at least do not give any other drinking water till the above has been consumed. Also spray the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. Of course the above will give very little relief if you are not dieting correctly. As regards the parasites the remedy is dusting it with pyrethrum powder (especially under the wings), or spraying it with quassia solution; while the weather is so congenial I prefer the latter. Spray it every other day till they disappear. It might hasten matters if the pyrethrum powder were dusted under the wings on the days between the spraying. Diet: Seed mixture (refer to query column in recent issues), plain biscuit, nuts, ripe fruit, cuttlefish and greenfood—a leaf of fresh lettuce is as good as anything. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee or milk sops, or any kind of animal food. As soon as the cold yields put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well colouring the drinking water with same for, say, three or four weeks.

A Mopy Parrot.

Miss H. L. A.—I must confess to being very much afraid of the symptoms you name in connection with a newly-imported bird. At present there is not much you can do, save guarding strictly against draught, keeping the bird warm, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere, and the cage strictly clean, and avoiding unwholesome food such as table scraps, slops, etc. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), and repeat dose after an interval of three days. In between (and continue for a month at least) well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Your diet as stated is satisfactory, but I should persevere in trying to get the bird on to a seed diet. Keep a tin of the seed mixture as under continually in the cage, and after the bird has eaten up the first supply of boiled maize, let an interval elapse before giving a fresh supply; as it eats more heartily of the seed mixture gradually lessen the quantity of boiled maize. Drop the Chemical Food over the boiled maize—20 or 30 drops will not be too much. Seed mixture: Get 1 pint each of canary seed and oats, and half-a-pint each of wheat, dari, hemp, maize and sunflower seeds, well mix, and keep a supply in cage as above. Its abnormal appetite and mopy condition point to its being out of condition, and it is impossible to say with a newly imported bird what course the indisposition will take. You can only exercise care as above, keep it as active and interested as possible, and let its diet be as varied as possible with ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, etc. If symptoms become more pronounced, repeat query at once.

Brevities.

Newly Imported Grey (Amateur).—Yes, the features indicate that it is quite a young bird. I should not attempt in any way to hasten the moult, but let nature take its course; the temperature of any ordinary living-room will suffice, but it must be kept out of draught, and at the same time not kept in a vitiated atmosphere. Yes, I should think it had a very good chance of living. Keep a continuous supply of seed in cage; it can also have ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, but do not give tea, coffee, etc. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in cage. When moult commences, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with same.

Cutting Nails of an Amazon (E. W.).—Most certainly the nails of any species which are overgrown should be cut. If the bird is tame it can easily be done with a pair of sharp pincers, but do not cut back too far. It is easy to detect the overgrown portion; there is a vein running down the nail, and if this be cut into it will bleed badly; this should be avoided, and though with a bird having dark nails it cannot be seen yet with a little judgment it should not be difficult to discern how far to cut back. However, you will be quite safe if you take off just sufficient to prevent them catching in the wires of the cage. Any local fancier or vet., would cut them for you, if you do not care to attempt it yourself.

About Budgerigars (H. B.).—(1) If you wish to put them out of doors this year they should be procured at once; otherwise you must delay purchase till the spring. Of course, if you get them from some amateur who keeps and breeds his birds out of doors, they can be purchased and put out of doors at any time. (2) Yes, I should say they would be as described. However, if you have more than one pair, by all means get each pair from a different source; then the young reared will be unrelated, and can be safely left to interbreed. (3) This is a matter for the Editor; it is against rules, and it would not be fair for me to recommend any one advertiser. A careful perusal of our advertisement columns should enable you to pick out the actual breeders. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatcels" a most helpful booklet; it is published at CAGE BIRDS Office.

Grey Parrot Improving (S. Seward). — Am glad to hear the treatment has been successful; the bird will soon be in a normal condition again. Continue treatment and chemical food; this is an excellent tonic, and will certainly help the bird to recover strength. Give ripe fruit daily, and while genial weather lasts spray it two or three times a week, guarding carefully against draught till it is dry. Keep its food varied as per previous reply, and regulation diet given weekly in this column. If there should be any slight relapse you had better renew full treatment again, and repeat query (with full details) at once. The danger lies in letting the bird drag on, hoping for improvement. Hope the improvement will continue.

Treatment for Grey (Dunfermline).—(1) Procure a fine sprayer similar to what hairdressers use, and spray the bird with it twice a week, sufficiently to well damp the plumage; use chilled water. Keep it carefully out of draught till dry. (2) Two parts each canary seed and oats, and one part each maize, wheat dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply always in cage. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, and greenfood, say a leaf of lettuce and other salads, as in season. A piece of clean cuttlefish should hang in the cage, and strict attention be paid to cleanliness. A perusal of other replies in this and recent issues should help you. Don't give table scraps, slops, etc.,

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (F. S. B.).—The death of this bird was caused by bird fever, and it is quite possible that the same disease is responsible for the loss of the many others which you speak of.

Canary (C. Ashman).—Liver disease, malnutrition, anæmia, and general wasting away. It is probably hereditary and incurable.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

Canary—1. The first post card they wrote does not bind them, and a contract arose only when you wrote to the effect that they could have the house. It would have been better if you had accepted, by return of post, their proposal to take the house. If your two letters were not delivered to them, there is no contract. 2. It looks from their neglect to answer your letters that they did not consider themselves bound by the post card. A good deal depends upon what passed between your wife and the two when they looked over the house. Consult a solicitor.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Canary Query (Dorando).—You do not send your name and address (as per rules); you place a halfpenny stamp on your letter instead of a penny one, thus letting us in for a penny surcharge; and then you want free advice! Really, you reduce us to tears.

A Notice (A. McDowall).—We can only print such notices with the sender's name attached to them.

A Question (J. Raynes).—You are a day late, but we will do our best in the matter.

Judges' Names (J. B. V. Murdoch).—Thanks for your courtesy in repeating the information. We have given the matter attention.

Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food (W. S.).—You can certainly use this food with Java, Zebras, Cut-throats, and similar foreign birds when breeding. You could mix some best quality hard eggs with it, if you pleased.

Lark Singing etc (A. H. Fletcher).—An article on Lark for Contest Singing, by that old hand, Mr. Allaway, appeared in our issue for June 8th, 1907, a copy of which number can be sent you on receipt of sixpence—if a sheet out of print. Your other question I dealt with in our correspondence columns.

Roller Canaries (E. Thompson).—We thank you for your letter, but surely you must see that it is quite impossible for us to "guarantee" the boasts of every advertiser and his statements. We provide a means of protection in the deposit system, and traders who do not take advantage of this are not looking after their own interests. A true Seifert Roller is one that excels in those notes and tone perfected by Seifert in his strain of birds, and would cost as many pounds as the shillings you state such are to be obtained for. Unfortunately, such terms as "Seifert," "Trute," etc., have degenerated now into mere trade terms, and their meaning is lost except to those who go in for and understand, the highest class of contest singing Rollers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHERE DOES THE COLOUR COME FROM?

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable journal to reply to H. W. In answer to his question I may say that what hens I shall have to part with are already promised to fanciers I know personally.

JUST PAST THE NOVICE STAGE.

A PIED LINNET WHICH OPENS AND SHUTS ITS CAGE DOOR.

SIR,—We have all heard of the clever Goldfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, etc., that draws up its own seed and water. I am going to tell you of a clever Pied Linnet which I have. I bought him from a gentleman who told me that the bird had not long been caught and that he believed he was quite a young one, else being a pied bird somebody would have seen him and shot him down as a curiosity before then. He dashed about his cage at first in rather a wild manner. The cage is an all-wire one, about one foot square. I soon discovered that the bird's apparent wildness was only restlessness, and by being very quiet when cleaning out his cage I soon gained his confidence. My weakness in the bird line (of course, I have no others) is, that I always want to see my birds out of their cages and having a good fly. So, although I had not had my pied dickie more than a few days—and a young bird too—I opened his door and watched results. He was in no hurry to come out, but stood in the doorway taking a general survey of the room. His first fly was to the window and bump went his little head. This very much distressed me, so I pulled the curtains over the window as much as possible. I began to wonder (it being a recently-caught bird) if I had done a foolish thing in letting him out. I left the room for a few minutes to get his seed and water, and on returning, lo and behold, he was back again in his cage, and I only had to shut his door. I tried the same thing again each morning, and he was always very eager to get back to his cage. This I think shows plainly enough that cage-life to a bird cannot be very distasteful after all. Now comes this pretty Pied Linnet's real cleverness. I had let him out for his usual fly and on returning found the bird in his cage and the door shut to but not latched. This set me thinking, had the bird shut the door after him? Surely, never. I know there are some clever birds about, but this seemed marvellous for a timid Linnet. Then it dawned on me that I must have put the door to without latching it; and he had, as it were, wedged himself in. It struck me that I would try this the next morning, and I stood some distance off watching. But no; he would not go near the closed door. So for fear of spoiling his usual way of entering I opened the door. But I was determined to take what advantage I could of his cleverness and so tried leaving the door on the latch again, with an extra lot of hemp seed on his food. Then I left the room for a good hour. On returning, there he was, eating away at the hemp seed and the door closed. This I continued for a week, and I crept back into the room one day to watch him, and it was a really pretty sight. He would fly round the front of his cage and push his little beak along the wires until he came to the one that was the end of the door; then, with his leg, he held it open, making himself astride in the opening, and in he hopped. The closing of the door after him was always a bit of a scare for him as he looked round as though he wondered what would happen next when it shut-to. I have now made the door close with less noise. Every day now he lets himself in. He does not now mind anybody's being in the room while he performs so long as he finds they keep their distance. He is in splendid health and moulted out much whiter last year.

F. BRAMMER.

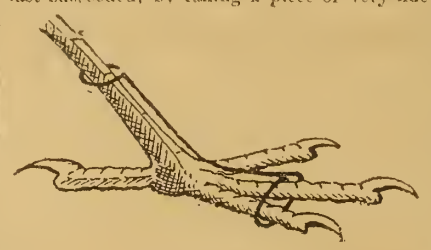
BIRDCATCHING, AND THE PERSECUTION OF BIRD-CATCHERS.

SIR,—An one who is passionately fond of our British birds, I write to congratulate Mr. George Fenn upon the stand he took against a powerful society whose attitude towards bird-catchers, as a class, reveals a tyranny and unreasonableness that ought to be checked. The impertinence and ignorance of the R.S.P.C.A. inspectors are only equalled by their colossal ignorance of bird life. When these officers cannot find a case of law-breaking in regard to the close season, they invariably turn their attention to the "cruelty" which they allege is practised upon the bracebird a well-trained performing bird that wears a soft, kid harness, which is as easy-fitting as a pair of braces, and infinitely more comfortable than a lady's corset. This bird delights to stand on a fluer stick in the open air where, in the case of the Goldfinch, it is treated with such delicacies as fresh thistle-seeds, and the seeds of the knapweed, and where it enjoys itself far and away better than if it were kept in a house, imprisoned in a fine drawing room brass cage. The officer generally swears, on oath, that when he, a stranger in uniform, approached this bird it fluttered and flew about, opened its mouth, and tried to get free. This is a misleading statement, and one calculated to give the impression that the bird spends its time in vainly trying to extricate itself from some cruel instrument of torture. The tamest of old birds will often flutter about when a stranger goes near it, and I have known hand-reared cage birds dash wildly about when their owner approached them wearing his top hat—a strange head-gear. So little do these officers know about bird life that they cannot distinguish between a fresh-caught specimen and an old and trained bird that is not absolutely steady under extraordinary circumstances; and so it follows that, magistrates fine the poor old catcher and order his birds to be liberated—call birds that cannot get their living in the open and consequently die through this crowning act of mercy—and his nets to be forfeited. All this treatment of the bird-catcher and his apparatus is based on crass ignorance. I have known a good many of these men in my time; I mean "the professionals," and not the casuals, and I unhesitatingly say that cruelty is not their game, as it would defeat their aims, which is to preserve their birds' lives and to keep them in the finest condition, as long as possible. Their knowledge of the habits and natural food of wild birds peculiarly qualifies them to treat their birds properly, to feed them sensibly and to prevent them by every cleverly-devised scheme from doing themselves injury "by fluttering and panting to get free." It is the trained catcher that knows how to meat a bird off properly, and how to bring it into song and keep it in vigorous song for a reason-space of time. Compare his treatment of his pets with that meted out to Canaries in grand cages that are hung in draughts in the windows of villas. These poor creatures never get a change of diet from one year's end to another—the same old seed with a lump of sugar, often a dirty cage, and stale water and red-mite abounding, are the conditions under which too many of them live their short and miserable lives. I will say nothing about the dogs that yelp from morning to night, tethered to a small kennel, outside of which stands a bowl of water with a lump of sulphur in it (a brick is quite as soluble in water as ruff sulphur), or about poor old pussy which has to live for a week on a pint of milk in the kitchen when the family is away on holidays. These cruelties are practised by the very people who contribute towards the S.P.C.A.! No doubt the society has done excellent work in regard to horses and cattle, but its officers are absolutely at sea as regards birds. Much nonsense is talked about the birds "loving their freedom." Horses, camels, fish and hosts of other things sent to minister to the needs of man would, if they could speak, probably prefer to be absolutely free. Are not birds sent for our use in the same way? They cheer the sick with their songs, they are the dearest of pets and they can be tamed and treated so kindly and intelligently until, without a doubt, they live far longer in captivity than in the open air, where the ravages of wind and weather, of thirst and of hunger, and also where the attentions they receive from other birds and animals that prey upon them, reduce their numbers far more effectively than it is possible for the hand of man to do. Many birds return to their comfortable homes after they have been set free by their owners. This hardly harmonises with the prevalent idea that all wild birds would gladly obtain their freedom if they were allowed their choice. Magistrates and county councillors are misled by the R.S.P.C.A.'s officers, who pounce upon the bird-catcher as frequently as possible, because against them, owing to the ignorance of the magistrates, the officers can most easily obtain a conviction—yes, and a "conviction" is the officer's breath of life; without it he must appear inefficient. The suggestion that a license should be obtained for catching as for fishing is, in my opinion, a good one, as it would result in clearing the field of a few undesirable amateurs. I write in defence of the professional catcher, than whom there is no keener naturalist, and against whom the charges we hear are quite unfounded. The C.B.U. ought to protect the professional catcher, who might do worse than appeal, through your columns, for subscriptions to get an intelligent lawyer briefed to defend him when he is charged with cruelty, etc. We owe much to the catcher, who supplies us with specimens of our British birds as pets, and also for avicultural purposes, and I, for one, will willingly subscribe my little share to afford him reasonable protection. I congratulate Mr. Fenn upon the check he has given these over-interfering people. The police are lamentably ignorant in regard to birds, and they often exceed their duties in dealing with persons who, in their opinions, are transgressors of the law. "Roughs" indeed! Bird-catchers are not "roughs."

BIRD LOVER.

TO DEAL WITH TOES WHEN OUT OF PLACE.

SIR,—I have had a lot of trouble with a young bird which had one of its front toes bent back. I tried all sorts of ways of tying the two toes together, but the threads or tubing always came off. I have, however, at last succeeded, by taking a piece of very fine



copper wire and bending it first round the leg, then bringing the wire on the top of the foot, finally bending it round the centre toe and the bent one. The sketch shows the idea, though for the sake of clearness I have shown the loops very large and loose. The copper wire should first be heated red hot, then plunged into cold water to soften it and take out any "spring." I hope this "tip" may be useful to others.

H. K. PICARD.

A CLEAR REDPOLL-CANARY MULE.

SIR,—As I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since the first copy was published, and an exhibitor of birds, I thought it would be interesting to your readers to know that I have had the good luck to breed this season a clear Redpoll-Canary Mule, which is now four weeks old. The father of it is the same bird that sired the variegated Redpoll Mule, and the foul yellow, which I exhibited last show season, winning 4th Manchester, 2nd Warrington, 2nd Widnes, and which was also exhibited at the Palace in February. I had two nests of eggs from this pair of birds. First nest, four eggs, spoiled by the Redpoll; second nest, four eggs, three hatched out. One youngster was dark, one lightly variegated, and one a clear. Two died at ten days old, leaving only the clear one. I hope I shall have the luck to moult it for the coming season. I might say that the mother of the Mule is a lightly cinnamon-marked Norwich hen, which is nearly white in colour. Wishing your paper and readers every success.

I. HAMPSON.

THE SEXING OF YOUNG STARLINGS.

SIR,—I have read up a good many books on birds but have not seen any certain information in the books to enable me to sex those that I have. A few "old birdy men" have told me there is a very easy way, viz., by the eye—the cock's eye being quite dark, but the hen's having a white ring round it. Now, if this is so it seems strange that it is not mentioned in any of the leading books on British birds. I have so far failed to detect any white rings round my Starlings' eyes, so would conclude they were cocks, but owing to the enormous white spots on the breast I fancy they are hens, though they sing all day. But then I am told all young hen Starlings sing all day, so that again is no guide. I should also like to know whether hen Starlings will learn to talk as well as the cocks, or whether it is best to liberate them when one is sure of their sex? I find them most interesting birds so far (they are now 3½ months old and are rapidly "coming into colour") I trust some of your readers will be able to enlighten me.

"SPANGLES."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—The correspondence *re* "What constitutes a Clear?" has proved a very interesting one to me, the more so on account of owning a bird which last year did a fair amount of winning in unflighted classes, under such judges as Battye, Wellings, Vardy, Payne, Barnes, Robson, Roe. Time after time this bird was reported on as being a clear still at the same time it possessed the dark underflue. Which way to enter it when the next show season comes round, I am now at a loss to know, with so many differences of opinion. A clear to my idea must be absolutely clear, and the dark underflue, or invisible ticked birds, should be treated as the visible ticks, and shown in the ticked classes. But there are so many different opinions. Why don't the C.B.U., or some other governing body, take the matter up and settle the question once and for all and so do away with the faking or plucking, which is certainly done in some cases rather than run the risk of having birds disqualified? The reason I mention the judges' names (should this letter catch their eye) is because I for one should be very thankful to hear what they have to say on matter, as I consider them some of the leading lights. I hope the matter will be thoroughly thrashed out, and a general understanding come to.

LANCASHIRE LAD.

SIR,—Mr. C. E. Silk is quite right in stating that I agree with his suggestion that birds with "invisible" ticks should compete among the Clears, in the Clear class. But the remainder of his letter I fail to understand—either I must have worded my first letter very unfortunately, or Mr. Silk must have read it hastily. With regard to Mr. Woolhouse's bird, Mr. Silk writes: "Nine judges out of ten would have disqualified his bird in the Clear class if they had seen the tick. Mr. W. evidently had himself, and he entered the bird thinking the judge, after selecting the best for the money, would look for the tick. But you can see by Mr. Weston's letter that he does not intend to look for them." Now this is an entire misconception of the case. The bird in question *had no tick* for either judge or Mr. Woolhouse to see. It had no mark at all on the surface of its plumage. It had dark underflue only. Surely Mr. Silk does not call dark underflue a "tick." Further, in my first letter I distinctly stated (lines 7 to 13) that I examined this bird to try and discover a surface tick or mark, also (in the last five lines) that if I couldn't see the tick on a bird after close scrutiny, I wouldn't try to dig it out. Yet Mr. Silk says that from my letter it is plain I do not intend to look for them (*i.e.*, ticks). How he reasons this out beats me entirely. I have never said, nor intended to say, any such thing. What does "close scrutiny" mean? My point is simply this: that birds without the slightest mark on the surface of their plumage ought to compete in the Clear class. I will try to deal with the subject at greater length next week.

G. E. WESTON.

SIR,—Mr. Geo. Gardner is quite in error, as the question is not set upon a clear bird above all others, but on an absolutely clear bird against a clear bird with dark underflue. Mr. Gardner says: "Mr. Woollard places such a high estimate upon a clear bird out and out as to warrant him personally in counting dark flue against a bird should there be two birds of equal merit, as a good clear is much harder to get, and much more rare than a bird with dark underflue. But it is here where confusion would come in, and I am sure he will see that his own contention that a judge has no right to make rules to suit himself, would oust him of his right—in the face of a rule which said, 'dark underflue not to be a disqualification'—to make that same underflue count against a bird when pitted against an absolutely clear bird." Now I am sorry I cannot see it as Mr. Gardner does, as he seems to think there is no difference between "disqualification" and "count against." Anyway, I should place the Clear bird first, as it is the most rare of the two (I don't mean "apologies for birds in Clear dress," as Mr. Gardner puts it, as there are lots of apologies about). I may say I have seen schedules read thus: "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification, but to count against the bird according to its extent." Now, I have given my way, which I think would make a difficult job easy. Perhaps Mr. Gardner will kindly let us know through your columns how he would place the birds mentioned (remember, both birds of equal merit). Mr. Gardner says wise men use the green blood now; they know its value (admitted); they risk the dark underflue, but when they get a clear without it, it generally possesses merit. There you are, that's the bird! I don't care what material is used to obtain it (two greens if you like, and this has been done with success; I am speaking from experience, not theory), so long as you get it; but when it is obtained, let it have its due. I think the aim of most breeders of this variety is to obtain a good clear (yellow preferred), but should they happen to obtain a bird of the same merit and marked to perfection, I think perhaps they would like it even better than the clear.

A. WOOLLARD.

SIR,—I was pleased to read the interesting letters *re* the above in your last issue, and am in accord with Mr. A. Wollard when he says that a bird possessing dark underflue is not a clear. Supposing, for instance, someone had entered such a bird in the clear class, and that during transit to the show, or through some other cause, he lost a few feathers. What was invisible before would now plainly become visible; the bird would then be disqualified at once. What a chance for the unscrupulous exhibitor! During one part of the show season the bird could be shown as a marked bird, and when his outward feathers had grown again in the latter part of the season, Lo and behold! the clear. So I trust judges will not follow the example of friend Weston. I agree with Mr. Silk that a conference of some kind should settle the matter before the coming show season. It would prevent exhibitors losing their entry fees and save much disappointment. Should this controversy bring this about I shall not begrudge my small loss at Clapham, but on the contrary, feel well repaid.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

LARK SINGING CONTESTS IN BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—Can any reader help me with the necessary information as to when and where shows or Larks singing competitions are held in Birmingham? I have a Lark that I should like to try in a few contests for singing.

A. H. FLETCHER.

WHAT OF THE SEASON?

SIR,—For the benefit of fanciers kindly let me have a small space in your valuable paper for the undermentioned question: Is this not an exceptional year for the moulting of old birds, both British and Canaries, without artificial heat (*i.e.*, birds bred or born before 1908)? At present I have four Canaries and two British birds which (with the exception of head and neck) are clean through the moult. This is my third year in the keeping and breeding of Canaries, but I have never had this experience before. I know of others who are in the same boat as myself, and yet others who are finding things just the reverse. Therefore, I should like to have the opinions and experiences of others respecting the above matter.

BERT.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Pope, asks who are making him their cat's paw? The question is really superfluous, but I will quote his own words: "It is at their request I am writing this letter." He will probably reply by saying that he has a perfect right to carry out the wishes of his members. That is quite correct, so long as their desires are compatible with his position as secretary. Any secretary who allows himself to be persuaded into an act which is no part of his actual duties is being turned into a cat's paw. Even the exalted position of secretary to the most important society in the West of England does not carry with it the right to interfere with the conduct of the S.Y.C.C. or any other society. It is not for me to discuss the S.Y.C.C. Committee's business in the Fancy Press, but without any breach of confidence I may state that in allotting the club's patronage they only carried out the expressed desires of the members, and for this they are called mean and unfancierlike. For cool, calm, effrontery, this is hard to beat. It would be interesting to learn if those who instructed Mr. Pope to write to the Press acquiesced in the use of those words?

R. L. CRISP.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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CLASHING OF SHOWS IN SCOTLAND.

SIR,—The 31st. October brings once again Arbroath Cage Bird Show and Dundee and District Club Show clashing together. Dundee and District open show is held on November 28. Would it not be possible for Dundee and District to alter the date of their club show, to give Arbroath show a chance to live, seeing it is the "furthest north" show for Scotch Fancy Canaries, and that Saturday, 31st October, is the only open Saturday? It would be for the good of the Fancy in general, and Arbroath is a capital outing for Dundee fanciers, while Arbroath cannot have a successful show without their assistance. I do not see why Dundee and district should not have their show on a Wednesday knowing they have a huge lot of their prizes from shopkeepers, etc., who are on holiday on Wednesday and would have a chance of seeing Dundee birds. I trust the Dundee committee will alter their date and assist Arbroath in their uphill struggle to hold an open show.

J. S., ARBROATH.

THE USE & VALUE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—In last week's issue you published a letter on the above subject from the pen of Mr. G. B. Daniels. I read that letter with mingled feelings: I read it again, and then again, for the third time, when my feelings refused to mingle. So I thought it best to try and put a few lines on paper and so give outward expression to the various thoughts that consumed me after the third perusal of this remarkable and contradictory letter. Meadow saffron (*colchicum autumnale*) is grown chiefly in Gloucestershire, whilst a fair amount is grown in Hampshire and Oxfordshire. It is sometimes mistaken by the inexperienced observer for the autumn crocus. The saffron has only six stamens and three styles, whilst the crocus has only three stamens and one style. The saffron, or *colchicum*, is used largely in cases of gout, creating a warmth in the stomach with a glow and outbreak of perspiration all over the body. Not being a medical man, I do not know what particular effect it has on birds causing them to shed their feathers, but, that it has this effect, I am firmly convinced from a long practical experience. As I have possibly been the principal advocate of the use of saffron for the purpose of breaking birds into moult in this (Liverpool) district, it is perhaps only right that I should write in its defence. I may not be able to convince Mr. Daniels, but I know I shall have the support of a good many practical fanciers. Mr. Daniels speaks of fanciers moulting 50 to 100 on twopennyworth of saffron and feeding them for six or seven weeks. This, on the face of it, is ridiculous, and yet Mr. Daniels argues from this basis, that saffron is no good. It is like the man who argued that washing a bird was no good simply because he could not get his bird clean by sitting on it. It is on a par with this to say that saffron is of no use simply on the strength of twopennyworth to 50 to 100 birds! Mr. Daniels has invited medical men to give their opinions on this subject, and I hope we will have some interesting correspondence on the matter. Personally I am quite prepared to stand on my own practical, and of course, intelligent, experience. Mr. Daniels says he is now going to test this theory. Would it be rude to say to Mr. Daniels that he might advantageously have applied the test before writing his letter? If Mr. Daniels will make what I call a proper saffron mixture and test it carefully, I am sure he will write his next letter on this subject in a less sceptical tone. Take the following: 6d meadow saffron, 1oz. tincture of gentian, 1oz. dandelion juices, and 1oz. glycerine, and make up to half a pint with rum Dose, 1 to 12 in soft-food and give one teaspoonful of the combined liquid and soft food to each bird every alternate day until the birds are thoroughly broken up into moult, and then stop it. Don't make the mistake, Mr. Daniels, of feeding the birds on this for six or seven weeks; if you do you are more likely to cremate them than moult them. When the birds are about half way through the moult substitute 1oz. amoniated citrate of iron for the saffron, and give twice weekly until moult is thoroughly finished and the birds fined down. There is a certain variety of Canary not quite unknown to Mr. Daniels, that can not be colour-fed but can have its natural colour very much improved by scientifically feeding it with the saffron and iron mixtures. This particular form of iron is in itself a powerful colouring agent in connection with this particular variety of bird. Saffron, whilst containing a great deal of colouring matter, is of very little value as a colouring agent in ordinary colour-feeding; its effect is too evanescent to be of much use. Although of no particular value as a colouring agent, it yet assists colour by ensuring a quick moult. However, if Mr. Daniels' letter has only called the attention of novices to this aid to moulting it has served a good purpose and justified its existence. S. HADWIN.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Some Observations on the Bunting Family.

By WALTER LOWNE.

Though some species are common, this is an interesting family. The Buntings are favourite birds of mine. Eleven different British Buntings are recorded, but only six are recognised by the National British Bird and Mule Club as being eligible to compete for prizes at shows held under their patronage.

The Beautiful-plumaged Yellow Bunting.

The first and foremost of these is the Yellow Bunting (*Emberiza citrinella*), which generally holds its own in good competition; that is, if it is an exhibition bird. There are numerous specimens kept by fanciers which will never make show birds, either in respect of size, shape, colour markings, or steadiness, the last-named being of great importance. Buntings in general are of a very restless nature, and require much care and attention before being brought to exhibition pitch of condition.

The plumage of the adult cock is very striking. It has beautiful dark head markings, which contrast admirably with the rich colour of the body. To suit the eye of some exhibitors these birds are colour-fed; and to my mind this does not improve their colour when it is overdone. But in present day competition (which is very keen) one must be in the fashion to win.

I remember that when a boy on my nesting expeditions I was almost always sure of finding a nest on a certain moss-covered bank overhung with honeysuckle and brambles in a country lane. One was sure to see what we called a "Guler" or "Yellow Hammer" (with its familiar note) flitting in front of one. And this told a tale of a nest being in the vicinity, with its beautiful veined eggs. These nests were a joy at first sight to the bird-nester.

These birds collect in numbers amongst Greenfinches and others in winter, and frequent stack-yards for the purpose of feeding on the grain that can be found.

The Corn and Cirl Buntings.

Another member of this family of birds is the Corn Bunting (*Emberiza miliaria*). It is also called the Great Bunting and the Bunting Lark. If a good specimen is staged on the show bench it finds a strong but by no means superior opponent in the Yellow Bunting. And he deserves all he can get at the shows, as he is very wild; I do not know of a wilder bird kept in captivity. I have kept Corn Buntings for many months, but with bad results, feeling compelled to give them their liberty again.

They are fine bold birds, and are to be met with all over the country, but not in large numbers. They generally perch on the uppermost branch of a thorn fence, pouring forth their unmusical song, which consists of a number of short repetitions of the same note, terminating with a long one lower in tone.

On first rising on the wing it allows its legs to drop as if broken. To the casual observer at times it is quite a puzzle to distinguish the bird. I have heard it remarked at shows that those birds appeared to be a small kind of Thrush. This was no doubt owing to their brown body colour and breast markings; but there is no resemblance whatever in the beak which is often apparently overlooked.

The Cirl Bunting (*Emberiza cirlus*) is very rare in some counties, but is frequently met with in the south of England. As an exhibition bird, a good steady specimen generally takes a place in the prize-list. The birds are very pretty and have a nice contrast of colour and markings.

They can be bought at a very reasonable price. Some specimens will be found to steady down in a very short space of time. As to their habits in a wild state I can say nothing, they being very rare in the district in which I live.

The Charming Reed Bunting.

The Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*) is one of the commonest and most numerous of the Bunting family. It is to be found in swampy districts and along the margins of rivers. The species remains with us all the year.

In the spring they are to be seen climbing the reed stems, pouring forth their welcome notes, to the evident pleasure of the ornithologists who visit the haunts of these merry little chaps.

With its black cap and gorget, and its conspicuous white collar, the Reed Bunting on one's approaching near it, only flies to another bed of reeds a few yards further on, and seems to do so without any fear of the intruder. In winter the margins of the black feathers are edged with brown, which gives the bird the appearance of being rusty in colour.



The Lapland Bunting.

(From a sketch by W. Lowne.)

Their nests, built of the herbage and grasses from the banks of rivers, are usually quite low down amongst the reeds and undergrowth, but high enough from the ground to guard against the possibility of the overflow of a high tide. The eggs are generally five in number, but sometimes there are six. They are streaked and veined as those of most of the Buntings' are, but are of a darker shade than the others.

These birds make very favourable additions to the bird room, and are more easily tamed than many of the other Buntings.

At many of the shows classes are provided for "Hen Finch, or Bunting," and one of this species stands a good chance as a show bird in such a class. In fact, I have seen one of these birds (a hen) put in front of superior specimens in a class for any sex of Buntings, the others in the same class being all cocks. Perhaps it appeared something out of the ordinary to the judge, and rather than award it an inferior card, he placed it well in the money, much, no doubt, to the disappointment of the exhibitors showing specimens deserving higher honours.

Two Winter Visitors.

The Snow Bunting (*Plectrophanes nivalis*) is a winter visitor, making its appearance here at about the middle of October, and leaving us again at the end of March. The Snow Buntings are more numerous in some seasons than in others. On their arrival they assemble in flocks by the sea shore and the adjoining sand hills and open spaces. At times they betake themselves more inland to the marshes.

The adult males with their white wings show conspicuously amongst their darker mates, and are more noticeable when flying. This species makes a good exhibition bird when in its wild plumage, the wings being much purer in whites than is the case with the hen, whose plumage is mottled at the shoulder. In the winter the beak is of a bright yellow, but this becomes dark in the summer, giving the bird quite a dull appearance. The legs are quite black, and if the bird is moulted in a cage the plumage becomes mottled. And, to my mind, a bird which has been so moulted is inferior to those which are fresh caught. Some of these birds are wild [illegible] but there are a few except[illegible] other species) that can be put [illegible] show bench after being caged a [illegible]

The Lapland Bunting (*Calcarius lapponicus*), another winter visitor, is a native of the most northern parts of Europe. There are several instances of their appearance in this country, which occurs generally at about the time of the arrival of the Snow Bunting. It is the most rare of the Buntings I have mentioned.

Some seasons pass without a single specimen being recorded in my district (Yarmouth), but during the autumn of 1907 several were taken in clap nets. But these were mostly young males. Although some specimens escape the bird-catcher, they are seldom seen here after December.

The adult cock is a handsome fellow when in full spring plumage, with his black gorget and chestnut collar. The specimens vary very much in size. A cock bird I have in my possession measures in length six inches and three-quarters, whereas a hen in the adjoining cage only measures six inches and one-eighth, while some young cock birds I have recently measured measure only six inches and a half.

They seldom attain their full colours till after the shows are over. I remember, however, seeing one at the Crystal Palace show a few years ago which was very forward in its change of dress. It secured first prize, and was quickly claimed at the nominal price at which it was catalogued!

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BIRDY circles are experiencing a very quiet time at present, members' shows, of which we have had a good many, being relegated to the background for a few weeks, waiting such time as is required for the birds to array themselves in their new clothes, ready for the winter months. Many societies will have their usual "preliminary canter" the week before the first open show, and until then we shall have to be content with seeing the birds in their own rooms, and comparing notes as to who is going to force the pace at the shows.

THE matter of curtailing the number of shows (or, rather, curtailing the length of time to which the Yorkshire Union shows extend) is receiving the attention of a large number of Yorkshire fanciers at the present time, and many suggestions and ideas have been brought forward. Very varied the latter are, running from the possible to the very impossible! One of the latest of the feasible notions is that the Yorkshire Union should run two competitions, with two sets of shows, each set to be composed of, say, ten or twelve shows, those having one competition at their show one year, and the alternative competition the following year. In my humble opinion this appears to be a scheme that is workable, the only fear being that two shows held on same date, if in same district, would hardly be a good thing. The large number of societies in quite close proximity supplies the drawback.

JUST for curiosity, let us take the 27 societies forming the Union. Eighteen of these are all within the circuit covered by the Bradford City tramways (and the heaviest fare is 3d.). Hence the problem: would it be wise and to the benefit of the Fancy to run two shows on the same date at such close quarters? Of course, there are always two or more ways of looking at a question. Many will think, well, if there are two shows on the same date, it will give somebody a chance—there will be so many more prizes to win and so many more classes to show in, and the best birds can only be at one of the shows, thus giving others a look in among the 1st and specials. Others will ask: Will both shows pay? Societies have not a big amount of money to throw away as a rule. But with the large number of fanciers and the great number of birds they have, there are quite sufficient to fill both shows, and more sufficient, *if we could get them out.* There's the rub! Ideas and suggestions are wanted; the more the merrier. The council of the Y.U. will give them due consideration, and the fittest will survive.

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Notes on the Border Fancy Canary.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), before the members and friends of the Altrincham C.B.S. on June 30th.

The Border Fancy Canary is now so well known, and its type and general characteristics so clearly defined, that it is hardly necessary to go into its history. Suffice it to say that for more than fifty years, this variety has been established and very largely bred. In its earlier days it was mostly confined to Cumberland and the border districts, but it is now well known throughout England, Scotland, and Wales, and to a lesser extent in Ireland.

Naming the New Arrival.

Starting its career under the name of the 'Common Canary," it was not long before its breeders recognised that a bird possessing such beauty of grace and outline deserved a better name.

Then arose a very heated controversy as to what the bird should be called, the Cumberland fanciers claiming the right to name it themselves, as they were the original breeders; but to this the Border men would not agree, and for a time the bird was known in one part as the "Cumberland Fancy Canary," and in other parts as the "Border Fancy Canary." Finally the differences were settled, and the name "Border Fancy" was agreed to by all the parties concerned.

The Border Fancy was not in its earlier days quite so good in type as it is to-day; at all events it was not so uniform in type. But the formation of a club with its consequent standard of points has brought about a much greater evenness in this respect. What is now known as the Scotch Border Fancy Club to distinguish it from the English one, is probably the largest specialist club in existence to-day, and there is no doubt it has done splendid work in popularising this variety, especially in Scotland; but there has been an idea for some time amongst English breeders of the Border that the Scotch type of bird was a little too strong in build and very often too long, although it retained the general characteristics of type, quality, and jauntiness.

Reducing Stoutness.

The English Border Club was formed very largely for the purpose of combating this tendency to stoutness and length, at the same time recognising the need of organising the Fancy in England. And that it has succeeded, a glance at the classes at the various shows held under its patronage will convince the most sceptical.

During the past year some magnificent classes, and some gems of the very first water have been seen, even the Scotchmen recognising that if they want to win in England and Wales, under English judges, they must show smaller and more dainty specimens than those in favour on the other side of the border. The Border Fancy is, even more than the Norwich a bird full of natural colour of a rich, deep, soft tone. And the bird being one of extra fine quality of feather, this rich softness of colour is shown to the best advantages, there being no doubt that a fine quality specimen will show up colour much better than a hard or coarse-feathered specimen will do.

The Border Fancy Described.

The Border is the smallest of the Canary tribe, its main features being type and quality. Without quality a Border is nothing. It is this neatness of feather, this soft richness of colour, that makes the Border Fancy Canary the most dainty looking variety on the show bench. Even those who think there is nothing in a Border cannot help admiring its sweet daintiness. The head is small in proportion to the body, neatly rounded, with a short, fine quality beak. The neck should be not full but showing a suspicion of mould. The body should be nicely rounded, running clean from shoulders to tip of tail, both on back and breast. Two great faults in a Border are hogbacks and heavy chests. The wings must be short, and carried nicely along the sides, nesting evenly at the tips.

Channel-backed specimens are to be avoided; also cross-wing birds. The Border being so small, the slightest variation in feather or form is very noticable. The legs should be of just sufficient length to give the bird an easy carriage, showing scarcely any thigh, and the shank and feet should be clean and fine in quality. The size of the bird must not exceed 5½ ins. in length; the plumage must be carried close to the body and be free from even a suspicion of breast or thigh frills, giving to the birds a smooth marblelike appearance. The tail should be closely packed and narrow, well filled in at the roots and proportionate to the wings. The colour should be natural, and rich, soft, and level throughout. The bird's position should be semi-erect, say about half way betwixt that of the Yorkshire and that of the Norwich, while the carriage must be gay and jaunty, with a free carriage of head and body, sluggishness being a very bad fault.

Of course general health and condition must be seen to as in other varieties. In judging even marks, type and quality must be the first consideration, evenness of marking to follow. You will see from the foregoing description that type and quality must take first place; size is not needed, and, in fact, the difficulty is to keep the birds small enough.

Breeding for Clear and Marked Birds.

The Border family is, like that of other varieties, divided into classes for show purposes Clears, ticks, variegateds, even marks, Greens, and Cinnamons being the usual names given to the classes. The two Border clubs make it a condition of patronage that classes shall admit all varieties.

In breeding for clear birds, care must be taken that clears are not paired to clears to such an extent that colour is lost. Plenty of clear birds will stand mating together for a year or two, but it is always advisable to have a fair percentage of dark blood in the strain so as to keep up the colour. As size is not required in this variety, type, quality, and colour are the only things to be bred for, so that the birds that are good show specimens are also good stock specimens.

In introducing the dark blood, it is best to do so from the cock side, the cock having a much greater influence on colour than the hen. Of course a percentage of ticked and variegated birds will be bred in that way, but this is not a drawback, seeing that plenty of classes are provided for them, and these marked birds will provide plenty of colour for future use. They will be found very useful for crossing with the clears and also for occasionally putting into the Greens.

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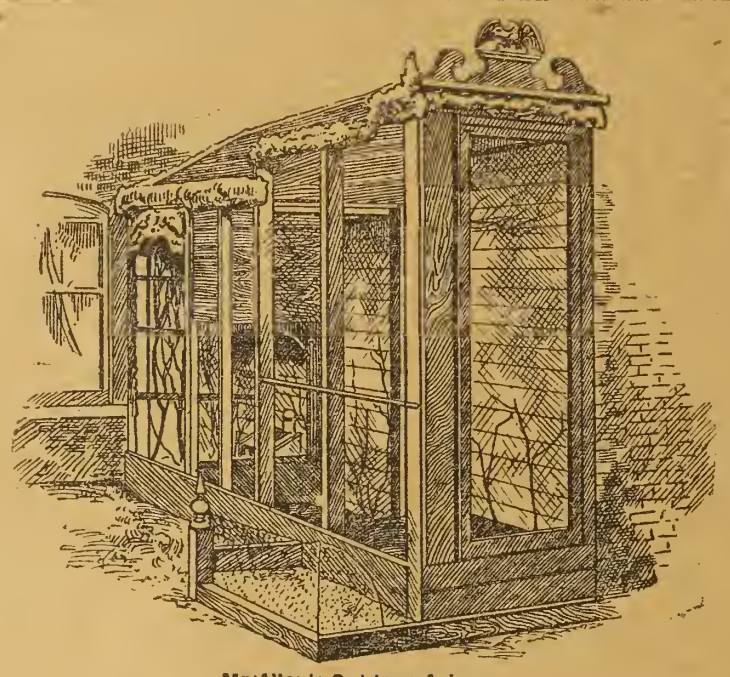
How I Commenced in the Foreign Bird Hobby.

By W. E. ALLEN.

Having had handed to me one day a copy of CAGE BIRDS, with instructions to read, learn and inwardly digest the same, I certainly did read it, and also learnt it; but as to the digesting part of it I cannot say so much. I know I thought it a very interesting and instructive paper, so much so that I made up my mind to take it in every week, although at that time I had never kept a bird. But imagine my surprise when I went to shop after shop and got the same answer: "Sold out." So I thought the best thing to do would be to order one to be kept for me every week. Any one, by the bye, who reads these lines would be well advised to do the same, as it saves both time and disappointment.

I Make My Decision.

After taking the journal in for a few weeks, quite a bird fever came over me, and I determined to try my luck at breeding. But what birds could I go in for, knowing nothing about them? I asked.



Mr. Allen's Outdoor Aviary.

So I studied my paper, and as there seemed to be fewer people keeping foreign than British birds, I decided to go in for the former. But being only a working man, and having little to spare for birds (the wife and youngsters coming first, of course), how was I to get them? Scanning my paper over, I saw there were several people advertising for different household goods; so, having one or two things that I had no use for, I thought it a good idea to have a change, little dreaming that I should be successful so soon. Imagine my surprise again, after putting an "ad." in CAGE BIRDS, to get several replies the day after the paper was out.

I selected one that offered me two pairs of Budgerigars, one pair green and the other yellow. I bought a Quaker Oats case and a piece of wire, and made a cage for my new birdie friends.

I Build Myself an Aviary.

About a week elapsed and my birds arrived. I must say I was delighted with them; they well repaid me for the little trouble I had been put to; but somehow I was not satisfied with the cage. I wanted to see them fly about more naturally, as if they were at home. So, having a sheltered corner in the garden where the usual rubbish is thrown, such as old tins, brooms, pots, pails, etc., I thought I could improve the garden by building an aviary; so it will be seen I had got the bird fever bad. The more I went into the hobby the more I wanted to do. I often wished that CAGE BIRDS came out every day.

I studied the replies column of my paper and being handy with a few tools, soon had quite a nice little aviary built. It was situated in a corner so that I was able to utilise two walls, one running the entire length and the other at the end, so that, all I had to do was to make the roof, front and one end.

In measuring up I found I had a space 3ft. wide by 12ft. long, which I divided into three. In the first division against the two walls I raised a floor 18in. from the ground. This, when I had put a matchboard roof on covered with felt, made a nice bedroom free from damp. The next 4ft. of roof I covered with glass, and with some cement and sand made a nice level floor of the division where I put the birds' food, water, etc. By this means it is very easy to keep the aviary and the birds clean, which are very important things. The last division is quite open, having simply a wire roof. The floor of this part I have divided down the centre, one side sand to make a path for walking on, the other mould, with grass and other seeds sown in it, which the birds seem to enjoy very much.

Perches and Plants.

The perches are all old tree branches, with a few thin twigs on which the birds delight to perch and swing. In the partition of the covered part, I have a sliding door, which I keep out all the summer, so that the birds can enjoy a full 12ft. flight.

The uprights are made of 3in. by 2in. wood, and are covered with ½in mesh wire on both sides, as in the hot weather Budgerigars are very fond of sleeping on the wire, so that by fixing it both sides you save your birds from cats. I think I have been visited by nearly all the cats in the neighbourhood; some of them will go away disgusted with the whole arrangement, but others need to have a little help in the shape of a garden syringe.

Along the front of the aviary I have planted some ferns, as well as some creepers, to climb up in front of the uprights, so that it looks quite nice with the birds flying about inside.

Something About Budgerigars.

Now with regard to the inmates, from the two pairs of Budgerigars that I started with I have increased the number of birds, until at present there are thirty. They are all wintered out of doors, and so are strong and healthy. Of course, I have to sell the young ones, so as not to get my stock too crowded; at the same time to sell them helps to buy the food. This food, I may say, is very simple, consisting of Canary, millet, cuttlefish, water and greenstuff. Lettuce and spray millet the birds are also very fond of. It is quite a sight to see perhaps a dozen birds all pulling at one piece of food at the same time.

These birds do not bathe, but roll in the grass. This is where I find an outside flight handy after a shower of rain; it is quite interesting to see the birds running in the wet grass with their wings open, and rolling themselves about like children quite enjoying themselves.

For nests I use cocoanut husks hung close up to the roof of the covered part. They want no material for nest making; clearing the husk out themselves, they soon have it ready for the eggs, which are white and almost round. I have had as many as eight eggs in one nest.

Care must be taken that the young do not fall out of the nest before they can fly. A good preventative is to stretch a piece of canvas across under the husks, so that the birds cannot fall far enough to hurt themselves, and can easily be put back again in the nest.

Always keep a bowl of best oats with their food when there are any young to be fed. At the time of writing I have four birds in the nests with five, three, seven, and eight eggs respectively. It is not well, I find to let them breed in the cold weather.

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The Moulting of Foreign Birds.

The inexperienced keeper of foreign cage birds is often puzzled a little at the way many of them naturally moult, and the way in which their seasons vary in comparison with those of our native wild birds and Canaries. The latter, indeed, have been so long bred in these latitudes that their moulting season is practically coincident with that of our own wild birds. With foreign species, however, it is different.

The natural seasons in many cases are strikingly different from ours, so that in the case of our Antipodean birds our moulting season more nearly coincides with their mating season, and when the birds are brought to this country the change to accommodate themselves to the altered circumstances must of necessity be made by the individual rather than, as is sometimes the case, by a gradual change through several generations. It is, therefore, no wonder that we should find some difference in the moulting of these birds.

It is no uncommon thing to find numbers of small foreign birds beginning to moult almost before the summer has commenced. Yet this is not a soft moult, nor an unseasonable one, even if it is known that other specimens of the same species defer their change until the beginning of autumn. The explanation is almost sure to be in the fact that these early moulters are more recently imported birds, and have not, in consequence, had sufficient time to adapt themselves to our season.

Then, again, some specimens moult so gradually and almost imperceptibly that many fanciers are deceived into believing that no moult at all has taken place. This is a fairly common error, especially with novice Parrot keepers, as these birds are much addicted to this very gradual moulting.

There also seems to be a very laudable, yet none-the-less mistaken, desire to help the birds through, which is in actual practice synonymous with administering something in the way of medicine. Now, this is just what the novice bird keeper, no matter what branch of the hobby he favours, should make a point of avoiding. To give birds nostrums of any kind without an urgent need for them is little short of folly.

Policy of Non-interference.

"Let well alone," is an adage which every aviarist should observe to the full. As long as a bird is well and appears to be suffering no inconvenience it is invariably the wisest policy to let Nature take its own course and its own time. This is, of course, assuming the moult to be a normal one, and not the outcome of the birds being subjected to draughts either continually or occasionally or to the birds being badly infested with insects.

Fortunately, one can easily decide this last point, for an infestation with insects is only too obvious when a close examination is made, and in the first case the birds themselves will show quickly enough that something is wrong, even when the cause is not readily noticeable by the owner. Instead of the bird being bright and healthy and in its normal health, it is either consistently dull and lifeless, so to speak, or has intervals of brightness interspersed with periods of depression and sleepiness. It will then be necessary to remove the cause, and it may be further advisable to give a short course of some food-tonic and stimulant to help the birds to throw off the ill effects. A teaspoonful of compound hypophosphites stirred in a small teacupful of water, and either given to the bird to drink instead or water or a small piece of bread or plain biscuit soaked in it, squeezed nearly dry, and given to the birds to eat, is one of the very best remedies in such cases.

In giving these things to foreign birds one has to use discretion, and sometimes a good deal of scheming, to get them taken. With many species of Parrots and Parrakeets it is almost useless giving them in the water, as the birds drink so little that it may be some days before they had consumed any appreciable quantity of the remedy. In these cases it is best to give a little bread or biscuit soaked in the liquor each day for the time being, or to even sprinkle a few drops of the syrup about a small piece of sponge cake, or boiled rice, or, in short, any particular food of this kind which the bird is known to be very partial to.

Then this method would utterly fail with the majority of small seed eaters, which eschew all such luxuries as soft food. In these cases water is partaken of more freely, as a rule, and will form a suitable vehicle, but in the few cases where water is consumed very sparingly a useful method which succeeds tolerably well is to soak a little Canary, millet, and rice in the liquor until thoroughly saturated, then drain it, spread on a tray to dry off the surplus moisture, and give a little of this seed to the birds daily as long as it may be required, regulating the quantity given by the size of the bird. If necessary to do so remove the birds' usual seed for an hour or so, and then give them this prepared seed.

Beyond giving a generous diet of the usual seeds and foods in as much variety as the birds will usually take, and a plentiful supply of green or half ripened seeds and grasses, and ripe fruits, no other especial treatment will be necessary.

A Middle Course.

Another method of putting up the birds for moulting is perhaps the best all-round plan to adopt as it is a means of utilising the best points of both the other systems to the fullest possible extent, at the same time giving the breeder all the control that is necessary. In this plan the birds may be allowed the run of the flight cages until they are beginning to cast feathers.

Needless to say, they will be given the colour food daily, about half the full strength, before this happens. But when they begin to drop feathers, then it will be necessary to cage up all that are to be specially fed for show birds. These should be caged in couples in the usual moulting cages, or failing a supply of such cages, breeding cages may be utilised for the purpose, each couple being placed in one compartment, and one-half of the front of the cage covered with some light material.

Each couple should consist of two hens or two cocks, as it is best to avoid the indiscriminate mixing of the sexes. The principal object in caging the birds in couples is that they will almost, if not quite, invariably take the colour food better. This may appear somewhat strange, but it does not alter the fact, which may be readily demonstrated by anyone. There is a large amount of Shylock's nature in feathered creatures, and when two or more birds are caged together, each one seems fully bent upon getting his or her "pound of flesh." Even a bird which, when caged alone, does not seem at all keen about eating the soft food with colour, will, when caged with another which does eat it, appear to vie with it in getting its due share, and "a bit over."

Their natural greed, selfishness, or call it what one may, will cause any healthy bird to compete with its comrades in the consumption of anything that is offered them. Thus, it will be seen there is a distinct advantage in keeping them caged in couples. Groups of three are less advantageous, but where cages are at a premium may be the best that one can do, and if a little extra foresight and observation are carried on, might be made very serviceable.

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*A Rare Garden Visitor.

One day last summer a rare visitor came to our garden. It was a stray Canary. Father taking a cloth tried to catch it, but it was in vain. The cloth was safely thrown over the Canary, but the bird escaped through a hole in the cloth which father had not noticed in his hurry to use something to catch the bird with. When it had gained its freedom the bird flew high up in the air, as if it enjoyed being away from its cage, from which it had evidently escaped.—Sent by J. Smith (age 11), 28, Jubilee Street, Luton, Beds.

*A Rescued Sparrow.

My father is a great lover of birds; in fact, we all are. One day when father was building an aviary in the yard a young Sparrow flew right under his coat. This rather startled father, and he stood up quickly, but not quick enough to prevent a strange cat from also leaping at him and grasping the bird in its teeth. Father, however, was one too many for the cat. He caught it as it was about to spring away, opened its mouth, and took the bird which was almost dead with fright and gave the cat a sound smack, driving it away. Then he took the bird into the house until evening. By that time it had quite recovered. The parent bird must have seen what was going on, as it constantly haunted the back yard wall. The young bird in the meantime seemed to know its parent wanted it, as it tried to get out through the window. Father opened the window, and we all had the satisfaction of seeing it join its parent and fly away.—Sent by Jessie Cornwall (age 13), 38, Princess Street, North Shields.

**The Two Jackdaws.

A friend of mine has two Jackdaws, which he got from a nest in an old poplar tree. It was found in a large hole. He took them home, caged them, and soon got to know of their mischievous tricks. They used to run after the cat and catch its tail; and then would often kill other birds. When they saw the fowl-house door open and heard a hen cackling, they would fly and stock the eggs. Their master's name was Jack, and they would go and call Jack, and master Jack would give them a lump of meat each. The cat would then try to take it, and very often a fight would take place. Sometimes they would stop in the house, and when the people were out they would begin to pull the things about. They were like two robbers. One day they got into the shoemaker's shop where the stove was burning. The cobbler on going out did not think of the Jackdaws, and when he came back the room was full of smoke, and the poor Jackdaws were smothered.—Sent by Tom Cook (age 11), Barewood, Pembridge.

Wild Bird Life.

A flock [illegible] noisy crie[illegible] fly to the cor[illegible]n *(continued)*. one big batch. [illegible]ow with can see them plain[illegible]mber we are well hidden [illegible] bushes of the hedges. [illegible] clumsy bird, but is certain[illegible] able to perch and feed upon [illegible] corn. He appears to fly into [illegible] and clutching with the feet ge[illegible] manages to get a foothold, and wi[illegible] many wing flappings retains his posi[illegible]tion. The weight of the birds breaks the stalks, which are then more easily rifled, and the ripe golden grain is beaten and scattered in all directions. After the birds are gone, examine the ground carefully, and it is at once apparent that more is wasted than eaten. Sparrows and Greenbirds may be useful, and no doubt are so during the early summer months, but during harvest, just for a few weeks, they are far too numerous. The grower of the corn has not only his own birds to contend with; all the Sparrows from the surrounding villages and towns flock into the field. They rifle and destroy his crops, and he has not even the satisfaction of knowing that they did good to his land in the early spring and summer months, for then the majority were in the gardens and orchards of the villages. All the winter, spring, and early summer, our own garden has been infested with Sparrows and Greenbirds, but now not one is to be seen. It is almost deserted by birds, save for a perky Whitethroat, a Willow Wren, or a few wandering Titmice, the remainder having gone to the harvest.

Instinct or Intelligence?

One hardly knows where the distinction between intelligence and instinct in birds can be drawn. The Thrush cracking a snail on a hard stone, suggests adaptive intelligence, but a Jackdaw trying in vain to get a long stick into a nesting hole too small to hold it, shows a want of intelligence, although his instinct tells him sticks are required as a foundation for his nest.

A Wrongly-accused Mimic.

Down by the brickfield pools of water have accumulated, where the clay has been dug for brickmaking, and common reeds have rooted in the shallow parts. And here the Sedge-bird may be heard during the long summer's day and far into the night. This alert, prettily-mottled bird is credited with the power of mimicry, but the writer confesses he can hear nothing of it. For although the Blackbirds, Robins, and a host of other songsters warble in the adjacent hedgerows, the Sedge-bird does not appear to have borrowed any of their notes. His is a very penetrating song, and in the silence of the night it may be heard at some distance.

Magpies Past and Present.

Little family parties of Magpies may now be seen in the woods and along the edges of the cornfields. They are very shy and difficult to approach, excepting in the very early morning soon after daybreak. This is no doubt the very best time to study the ways of all wild creatures; they are then least suspicious, and by a little careful stalking, one may get within a reasonable distance of the most wary. Through persistent persecution Magpies have undoubtedly changed considerably in their habits. They are no longer the saucy, prying birds of the homestead, but have become suspicious, and are given to pilfering, shunning the presence of man, who is their most dangerous enemy.

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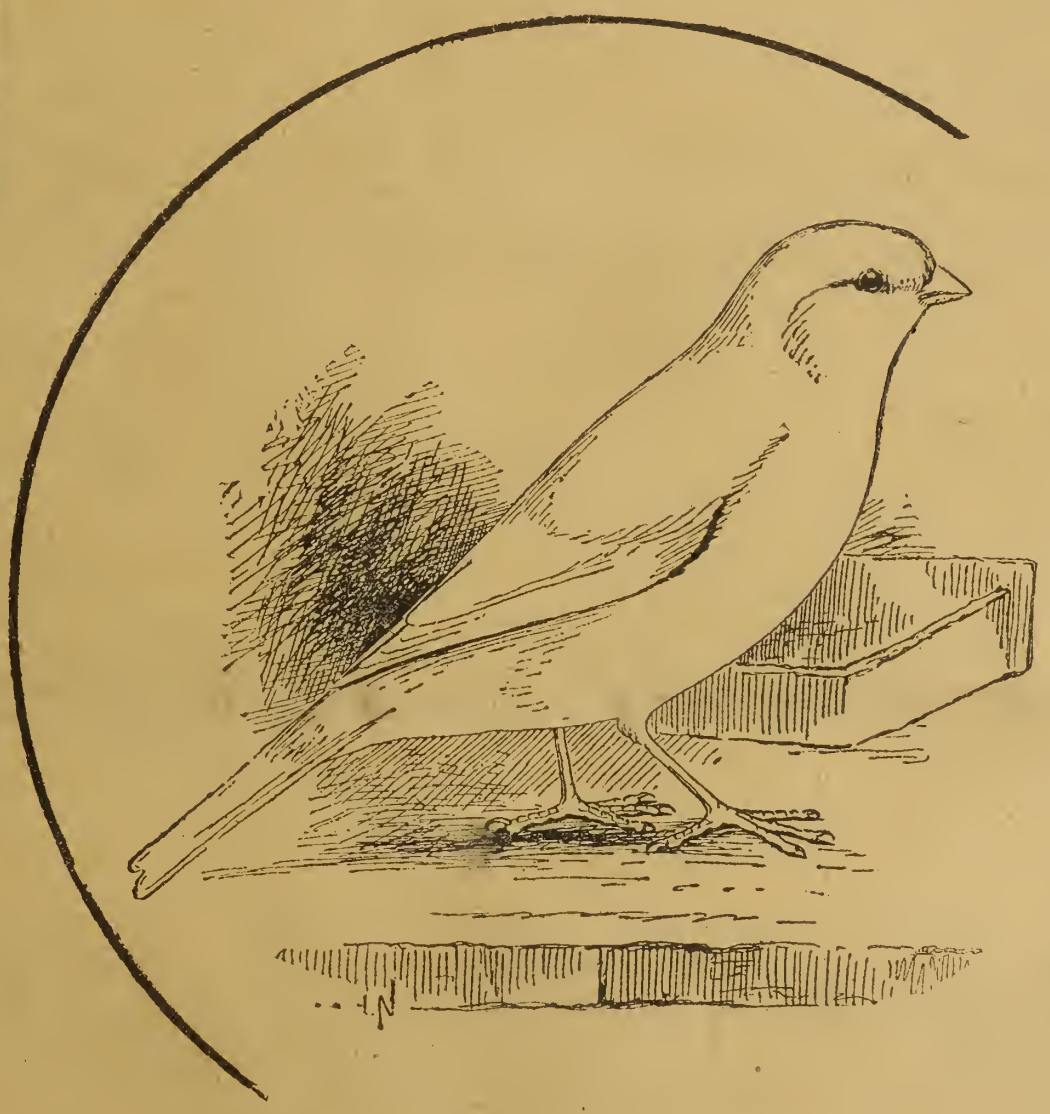
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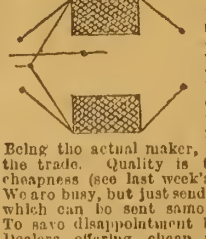
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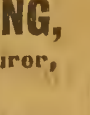
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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on August 30th, when 16 birds faced the judges. There was some very good singing. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and J. Grant. 1st, Robinson; 2nd, Wigfield; 3rd, Hardcastle.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest was held on August 30th, when 21 birds sang: 1, 3, Lauriman; 2, Binner. Judges, Messrs. Jennings, Jackson, and Allan.—W. DEAN, sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Wellingborough (N.B.B. and M.C., L.P.O.S.).—September 30th and October 1st, Central Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, R. J. Howe, and F. Howe. 21 open classes: Nor. 12, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Limit 2, Mule 1, Brit. 11, and For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close September 21st to W. HOWE, 9, Barclagh-road, Wellingborough.

BATHEASTON.

A small exhibition of cage birds was held on August 13th in connection with the local show at Batheaston. CANARY: 1, Mrs. Fowell; 3, vhc, Lanham. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Mead; 2, Swift; res, Russell; hc, Crane. FOR.: 1, Bell; 2, Gillen. LOCAL CLASS: BRIT.: 1, Mrs. Pritchard; 2, res, vhc., Mrs. Foiwell.

LLANGOLLEN.

There was one class for cage birds provided at the local agricultural show held at Llangollen on August 14th. It proved an interesting one, and judging from the attention paid to it on this occasion, the Society will do well to extend the section in future.

CANARY (4): 1, Miss Hughes, fine large green crest-bred, excellent shape and feather, in good condition; 2, Roberts, another fine crest-bred, yellow and head-marked, beautiful colour, nice shape; hc, Little, Humphreys, former a nice colour-fed Norwich, full of quality, latter a Buff Yorkshire, good type, stands well.

THE SHOWS.

ACKWORTH.

Three classes for cage birds were provided at the show held in Ackworth House Grounds on August 13th. The exhibits, if few in number, were, considering the lateness of the season, of very creditable quality. Mr C. Pickering, the secretary, had everything in capital order, and looked well after the birds. The awards were placed by Mr. W. H. Silvester.

CAN. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor. BRIT.: 1, 2, Beetham.

KENILWORTH.

The 15th annual show was held on August 13th, the venue being the Castle Grounds. It was a decided success, and the cage bird section, while it could not boast large entries, certainly contained some really nice birds. The arrangements had all been admirably carried out by the officials, Messrs. Thornett, the Hon. Sec., W. Herns, the Chairman, and a good committee. Mr. T. Gilbert judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. NAT. COL. YELL. (1): 3, Mrs. Jeacock (1st and 2nd prizes withheld). A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Hall; 2 (withheld); hc, Jeacock; c, Lucas. A.O.V. OR MULE (2): 2, Hall (1st withheld); No. 572, we. FOR. (3): (1 withheld); 2, Styles; hc, Webb. CHILDREN'S: 1, E. Smith; 2, Miss Smith; res, Barnet.

RADSTOCK.

Several classes for cage birds were provided at the local show held at Radstock, Somerset, on August 13th. The paucity of the entries was evidence that the moult was still in progress. The birds staged, however, were creditably good, and the exhibition proved a very attractive one. Judging was in the hands of Mr. W. G. Bull, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. (8): 1, Pitman; 2, hc, Lane; 3, Pope; vhc, c, Horler. BRIT. (6): 1, Woodland; 3, Palmer; vhc, Millard; hc, Bond Bros.; c, Milson. MEMBERS' CLASSES: YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, c, Horler; 3, vhc, Woodland; hc, Chivers. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Horler; vhc hc, Woodland. BRED 1908: 1, 2, Woodland; 3, hc, c, Horler; vhc, Beal. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Beal, Goldie, Bullic, and Goldie respectively; vhc, hc, Harrington.

EAST BOWLING & DISTRICT B.F.A.

The fifth competition show of the 1908 season was held on August 22nd, and some very good youngsters were staged. The entry was moderate, only 42 birds being entered by about nine exhibitors. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Bottomley; 2, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, vhc, Bottomley; 3, 4, Thompson. TICK. YELL.: 1, Cowell; 2, Casey; 3, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Bottomley; 4, Cowell. FOUL MKD.: 1, 2, Bottomley; 3, Cowell. CINN.: 1, Bottomley. NOVICE: CL. YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, Gledhill; 2, 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, Gledhill; TICK. YELL.: 1, Gedhill; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Pacey Bros.; vhc, Battersby. BUFF: 1, 4, Pacey Bros.; 2, 3, Clark; vhc, Robinson and Sharp.—J. E. HUDSON, sec.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

This annual show was held on August 26th in very bad weather. Cage birds were small in number, and we confess we expected to find a much better turnout of exhibits; but, considering the lateness of the season, this is not to be wondered at, perhaps. The attendance was well up to the average, and many fanciers put in appearance. Mr. Hill, the hon. sec., and his staff had everything in excellent order, and are to be congratulated on their able and successful management. Mr. W. H. Manley judged.

NOR. (2): 3, vhc, Lewin, 3rd nice fine head and chest, good carriage of wing and tail, nice colour, a yellow; vhc, a buff of lovely shape, feather, and quality, neat tail and well packed flights. YORKS. (2): 3, vhc, Morgan, 3rd yellow, grand type, full of nerve, good carriage of wing and tail, feathered like glass; vhc, nice position, showing plenty of thigh. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 2, Winstone, nice Bullie, good colour and condition; 3, Hendy, good Goldfinch, nice blaze; vhc, Rowe and Hancock. BRIT., LARGE: 2, 3, vhc, Bond Bros., 2nd nice Cornish Chough, good leg colour, nice bill, lovely polish; 3rd, nice Red-backed Shrike. MEMBERS' YORKS. (3): 3, vhc, hc, Morgan.

TROON AND LOANS C.B.A.

The annual show of cage birds was held in the Unionist Hall, Troon, on August 29th. It was a success taking into account the fact that cage birds are now deep in the moult. The event reflected great credit upon the executive, namely: The Hon. President, Mr. Adam Wood (Portland); the President, Mr. Thos. H. Walker (Crosbie Tower), and the Vice-President, Mr. Fullerton (Loans). The association were fortunate in having Mr. John Ferguson as secretary. He is the right man for the position, and it is to be regretted that fanciers did not support him with a much larger entry, more especially the fanciers of Glasgow, where it was the trade's holiday. The weather had put on its very best behaviour, being all that could be desired. The show was well patronised by visitors, and it gave the well-to-do classes, who do not usually look in at a bird show, the opportunity of availing themselves of so doing. The executive, including the committee, spared no efforts to make the show a success, and they are to be congratulated upon the result. The exhibits were nicely arranged around the hall; the floor space was somewhat limited, but the best of humour prevailed among visitors. Mr. J. F. Dewar, the popular judge from Edinburgh, officiated, and the exhibits were placed as near as it was possible in the order of merit. The Scotch Fancies were not numerous, but were of fine quality. The Norwich were of prime quality, and the Border Fancies were strong. There were some nice Goldfinches, Linnets, Mules, and Hybrids, as well as foreign birds.

SCOTCH FANCY, CK. (7): 1, 3, Paton, 1st grand model, erect, fine round prominent shoulders, clean front, nice droop, rare position, admirable action; 3rd, erect grand front and body, fine droop; 2, 6, Pearson, 2nd nice yellow Piebald, erect, fine drive, good type all through; 4, Holden, grand size and style in moult, will be heard of again; 5, Cameron. HEN (5): 1, Holden, ideal hen, fine long body and wing, solid back, good reach and drive; 2, Cameron, erect, fine drive and neck, good body, stylish; 3, Park, very stylish hen, good body and wing; 4, Paton, fine size and action. NORWICH CK. (5): 1, Laidlaw, handsome clear, grand size and substance, lovely feather for time of year; 2, Hendry, fine, stylish bird, nice shape and rare feather; 3, Henderson, another good all-round bird, fine feather, plenty of substance; 4, Adair; 5, Livingstone. HEN (5): 1, Adair, a beauty, rare size and substance, fine quality throughout; 2, Sanderson, grand size and substance, not equal to first in feather; 3, Lindsay, nice and chubby. BORDER FANCY, CK. (5): 1, Murdoch, very neat exhibit, rare, jaunty carriage, sweet shape and condition; 2, Montgomerie, in fine condition, splendid shape and carriage; 3, Gibson, really good style; 4, Dick, nice jaunty carriage; 5, Findlay, 6, Livingstone. HEN (10). 1, Kean, finely moulded, splendid carriage, good feather, very young; 2, Findlay, larger but not equal to first for shape and carriage; 3, Monteith, very neat and trim, fine style and carriage; 4, McDougall, good style and carriage; 5, Withers, 6, 7, Monaghan, good quality. CK. A.O.C. (5): 1, Montgomerie, fine compact, splendid jaunty carriage, a beauty; 2, Findlay, very neat, nice jaunty carriage, good feather; 3, Monaghan, in lovely condition, fine style, splendid carriage; 4, Jamieson, good stamp; 5, Scoular. HEN (3): 1, Findlay, regular beauty, fine size and shape, good quality; 2, Murdoch, rare quality, jaunty carriage, fine feather; 3, Kelly, good style. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (4): 1, McCulloch, very shapely, nicely tunnel breast, good blaze, grand wings; 2, Hendry, good shape, nice breast and blaze; 3, Sanderson, lovely stamp; 4, Cram. SIR GOLDIE (3): 1, Young, nice size and shape, rich bold face fine body colour, well marked breast, good wing bars, and A1 moons; 2, Findlay, similar to 1st, another gem; 3, Hendry, not equal in feather, but good stamp. LINNET (9): 1, Durnie, grand shape, rich nutty brown throughout, well laced; 2, Doolan, another fine Linnet, lovely shape and colour, fine lacings; 3, Young, shapely, good colour and nicely laced; 4, Dunsmuir, nice Linnet, but not in best of condition; 5, Scoular; 6, Forrester; 7, McCulloch. DARK MULE (3): 1, Doolan, fine, large shapely Mule, easy first, will be heard of when through the moult; 2, Hendry, really nice exhibit; 3, Steel, nice stamp. LIGHT OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Cunningham, 1st in lovely condition, will be hard to beat, 2nd in lovely condition; 3, Reid, nice bird. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Young, lovely Siskin, rich in colour, finely marked; 2, McGavin, Redpoll, real beauty, fine shape, in fine condition; 3, Scoular, another fine Redpoll; 4, McOrmiston, a beauty but not equal to others in feather; 5, Findlay; 6, Henderson. BRIT. SMALL.: 1, Cowan, a beauty, staged to perfection; 2, Cumming, another fine exhibit; 3, Anderson, really fine bird; 4, Rae; 5, Morrison; 6, McQuiston. LARGE: 1, 2, Cowan, pair of beauties, staged to perfection; 3, McQuiston, well known. FOREIGN, SMALL (3): 1, Morrison, a beauty, well staged, much admired; 2, Irvine, very nice specimen; 3, Cowan, fine exhibit. LARGE: 1, Cumming, a beauty worth his position; 2, Tait, another lovely one; 3, Wallace, in good style; 4, Anderson; 5, Livingstone. GIFT CLASS: 1, 2, Cowan; 3, McKean. SELL. (10/-): 1, Paton; 2, McDougall; 3, Hendry; 4, Cram; 5, Sanderson; 6, Cumming.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second next feather show of Canaries was held on Aug. 27, in the Temperance Hotel, and was a very successful one. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Landers. There was a capital exhibition, and the awards of Mr. R. F. Rennison, who judged, appeared to give satisfaction. During the season there have been five table shows held in connection with the society, formed scarcely a year ago, and the results have been satisfactory, principally in the care of birds. For British birds and Canaries, H. P. Staig wins the silver medal given by Mr. R. F. Rennison; R. F. Rennison the silver medal given by Mr. Jos. Robinson for British birds; and W. Miller the special prize given by Mr. Wm. Landers. This, the first season of the society has been attended with considerable success, in a great measure due to the exertions of their honorary secretary, Mr. R. F. Rennison, an enthusiast in Fancy development in all its branches, and who has spared no pains or labour in his endeavours to help this young society. He has an able assistant secretary in Mr. W. A. Broadley.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Staig; vhc, Wake. BUFF: 1, spl for best bird in show, Miller; 2, Staig; 3, Wake; vhc, hc, Tate. BORDER FANCY: 1, Miller; 2, 3, vhc, Landers. MULES: 1, Miller. A.O.V.: 1, Boswick.

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One day President Lincoln and a friend were walking together in a field when they found a little bird fluttering in the grass. It had fallen out of its nest in the bushes and could not get back again. The great and gentle-hearted man stopped, stooped down and picked up the little thing, putting it back into its place. It was a noble deed. Even helping one fainting Robin into its nest again ennobles a life.—Sent by Edith Shepherd (age 9) 11, Buckley Brook Street, Rochdale.

* A Quarrelsome Tit.

My father keeps a good number of birds, and a few weeks ago added to them the Great Tit, which he put in the aviary with the other wild birds. But they all seemed to be afraid of him, as he would persist in flying after them. One morning my father went in to feed them, and was surprised to see that one poor little Linnet was not only killed, but had been every bit eaten by the Great Tit. The bird would have had the rest if it was not taken out at once.—Sent by Ruby Chinn (age 10), Sub Post Office, 2, Wesley Street, Camborne, Cornwall.

**Sharing the Nest.

A curious incident in bird life was recently watched with much interest at Chittlehampton, a little village about (five miles from South Molton. A Blackbird had built a nest, and in due course an egg was deposited. On the day following that when the first egg was laid by the Blackbird a grey Thrush was seen sitting in the same nest, and she also laid an egg. This procedure went on alternately until ten eggs had been deposited—five by each bird—and the two hen birds took daily turns in sitting on the eggs. Considerable interest was taken in it.—Sent by M. Palfreyman (age 12), Cooks Cross, South Molton, N. Devon.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

From St. Andrew's.

The approach of the event which arouses the highest enthusiasm among local fanciers at St. Andrews, viz., their open show of cage birds is now causing them to get their youngsters into condition to stand the test they are usually put to at that time. I took the opportunity (having some spare time) of looking up some of the Scotch Fancy breeders to see how fortune had favoured them through the season. Mr. Watt I found at home, and he had a pair fine birds to show me, two yellow pied cocks and a buff pied hen which ought to do well after a good moult; also two fine yellows, one of each sex. Mr. Auchterlonie has been more fortunate than in previous years, having now twenty on the sticks, amongst which I noted as very promising a nice, upstanding yellow cock, a yellow pied hen, two buff cocks, and a nest of four yellow pieds, which were but newly on the spar and looking fine. The vice-president had among his stock (which he informs me is larger than it has been for many years), sixteen birds which he has got out of two pairs. These include a yellow and a yellow green cock, which bear the stamp of winners. The president has not done quite so well as formerly. However, he ran out four birds of a nice stamp, one of which might well retain him the honour of cup holder gained last year. Mr. Berwick, I regret to say has been most unfortunate in only securing a single bird out of four pairs of a high standard which he had together. But he accepts the situation like a true fancier, and hopes to do better in future. Taking a survey of the situation here, all that is now left to be desired, is keen competition from the outside world.—ST. ANDREAN.

Penzance and District F.A.

I have made enquiries as to the breeding results in this district, and find that they vary a good deal, the Canary results being rather unsatisfactory. But some of our Mule breeders have had an exceptionally good season. Four of them have 80 Mules (doing well) out of the total of 98 Mules bred. The Norwich breeders have a total of 197 youngsters, Yorkshire breeders 143, and Roller breeders 3. Two of our members have succeeded in getting Goldfinches to breed in cages, one having reared two young ones, and the other one. Also one of our members has succeeded in rearing four Norwich Canaries, 9 Goldfinch, 6 Linnet, and 2 Greenfinch Mules from one cock Canary, 1 cock Goldfinch, 1 cock Linnet, 1 Greenfinch, and 4 hen Canaries. There is no doubt that the Fancy is making rapid strides in this district, and I hope that a good many of the young breeders, as well as young birds, will be heard of again before the show season ends. The following is a list of breeders' results:—T. Whells, 4 Norwich, 15 Goldfinch, and 12 Linnet Mules, and 2 young Goldfinches (reared in cage); W. C. Bodinnar, 4 Norwich, 9 Goldfinch, 6 Linnet, and 2 Greenfinch Mules; J. H. Murley, 1 Norwich, 14 Goldfinch, and 4 Linnet Mules; G. Semmens, 8 Sib-bred, 7 Norwich, 5 Yorkshire, 6 Goldfinch, and 12 Linnet Mules, and 1 young Goldfinch (reared in cage); D. Williams, 4 Norwich, 12 Yorkshire, and 8 Goldfinch Mules; J. H. Bryant, 6 Goldfinch Mules; G. H. Hall (hon. treasurer), 3 Goldfinch Mules; J. Caine, 12 Norwich and 1 Goldfinch Mule; W. H. Batten, 12 Norwich and 26 Yorkshires; W. J. Kelynack (chairman), 3 Rollers; R. Gendall, 27 Yorkshires; R. Fox, 30 Norwich; P. T. Chirgwin (president), 18 Yorkshires; J. P. Milton (vice-president), 4 Norwich; W. H. Bottrill, 12 Yorkshires; W. H. Nicholls, 11 Yorkshires; P. Williams, 12 Norwich; W. Clift, 16 Yorkshires; J. Harvey, 11 Norwich; H. Mail, 8 Norwich; Llewellyn, 30 Norwich; R. Jenkin, 9 Norwich; T. Barnes, 8 Norwich; A. Caddy, 15 Norwich; T. Pearce, 6 Norwich; F. J. Richards, 16 Yorkshires; and S. Datson, 7 Norwich.—J. PEARCE SAMPSON, hon. secretary of the Penzance and District F.A.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held on August 20th, at Holy Trinity Schools. The evening being very stormy affected the attendance, but a fair number of members turned up. The following business was then gone through. The action of the secretary in applying for Yorkshire Canary Club's patronage was approved, and the patronage accepted. It was also agreed to accept the patronage of the Kent County C.B.A., and to put on the necessary classes. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs. Lyons, Gurney, and Frostick. It was decided that a discussion on bird pests be added to the agenda for November 19th. It was also decided to accept the offer of the president to use the board outside room, and that Mr. Jones be asked to do the writing on same. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hartland for arranging the concert at the young stock show, to the artistes who helped at same, and also to Mr. Wood for use of boards, was passed. It was decided to lend the staging to the Greenwich C.B.S. if they required same for their show. Mr. Best being unable to be present to give his lecture, a discussion on red-mite was opened by Mr. Collins, Messrs. Meades, Lyons, Newnham, Pawley, and several others contributing. This brought the evening to a close, the secretary having announced a profit of 17s. on the young stock show.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

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Messrs. Ogden Bros., the well-known breeders and exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries, ask us to notify their change of address from 4 to 15, Ashwood Street, Tong Street, Bradford.

I have had splendid success this breeding season, writes Mr. F. Whiting (Bungay). This is due mainly to taking CAGE BIRDS as my guide. I wish the paper every possible success.

I saw a Sparrow, which was distinctly Cinnamon in shade, in one of the London parks the other day, writes a correspondent. No doubt others have seen it in or near the same place.

I beg to inform you that I am removing to more commodious premises, writes Mr. A. H. Dibb. On and after September 7th my address will be 134, Westgate, Bradford, and my telephone number, 1692.

I have just received from Montreal (Canada), inquiries for several 1908 Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley, Notts), birds that can win at the Canadian shows.

A Cormorant, it is reported, was caught at Bishops Stortford recently. The bird was in fine plumage and about three-parts grown. It was quite wild, and fiercely attacked its captor, Mr. C. E. Elbourne, with its beak.

OBITUARY.

MR. HAMPTON (Plumstead).

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death of a promising fancier, Mr. Hampton, of Liffler Road, Plumstead, at the age of 38, from cancer on the liver, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. sec. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. Mr. Hampton, although having kept birds for some years, was only just preparing to enter the exhibition arena. He was a keen fancier, and those who went to Wanstead Park with the Plumstead C.B.S. will remember him as the friend in the corner. He leaves a widow and family, who, I am sure, have the sympathy of all our members. The funeral took place on August 26th.

Kindly note that I have changed my address, writes Mr. E. Thorp, from Oxford Street, Loughborough, to 44, Stanley Road, King Cross, Halifax. I shall be pleased to welcome any fanciers who care to call on me.

I have resigned the joint-secretaryship of the Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Barker (Long Eaton), so that all correspondence in connection with the society should be sent to Mr. J. Turner, 35, Market Street, Draycott, who is now the hon. sec.

Our monthly meeting night, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, hon. sec. of the Jarrow and Hebburn and Dis. C.B.F.S., has been altered from the second Wednesday in the month to the second Tuesday. Mr. J. T. Carrick having resigned the office of secretary, I have taken his place. Communications relating to the society should therefore be sent to me at 28, York Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

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The September meeting of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. sec., has been postponed on account of the holidays. Our members will kindly take note of this.

At the next meeting of the British Roller Canary Club, on September 8th, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, the hon. sec., we are to have a translation from the German by Mr. J. C. Schluter, the subject being "Koller, Glucke, and Flute." Fanciers interested are welcome to attend.

The following judges have been appointed for our annual show, which is to be held on October 31st, writes Mr. J. S. Napier, sec. of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S., for Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Stewart (Glasgow); for Norwich, Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin); for British and Foreign, Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen).

The gold medal given by Messrs. Harry Boyle, Ltd., of Blackburn, for the Linnet gaining most points in all singing contests, in connection with the Blackburn and Dis. Linnet Society, writes a local correspondent, has been won by Messrs. W. B. and D. Beatley, of Great Harwood, who also took second position with another bird.

Owing to business changes, writes Mr. Walter Reynolds, hon. sec. of the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., I am leaving London and am going to Nottingham. My address will be 11, Birkin Avenue, Hyson Green, Nottingham. All future communications respecting the society should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. Neal, 163, Junction Road, London, N.

The executive of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. have completed arrangements for the show in Glasgow on September 19th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, hon. sec. The entry form was issued to each member on August 31st, and is returnable by September 11th. Should any member not have received one, a postcard should be addressed to me at 56, Minard Road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

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The members' show in connection with the Malton, Norton, and Dis. F.S., to be held on September 24th, will be held in the Parish Room, Norton, writes Mr. Geo. M. Horsley, the hon. sec. A very nice cage-bird classification has been arranged, with Mr. J. F. Smith (Scarbro'), as judge. The prize money is on the sliding scale, and a very good show is anticipated. Anyone wishing to become a member can do so by sending the subscription to the secretary. The annual fee is 2s.; and membership is open to all within a 15-mile radius of Malton Post-office.

A Brain "Tick"-ler.

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What's Wrong, Wombwell?

Whatever is coming to the Wombwell and Dis. C.B.S.? writes "A Member." Only one member turned up at all the last four meetings. Are fanciers getting out-of-date here? I should like to know, for I think we ought to have a very good society, with the number we have on the books; but it looks as though members are not taking things the right way.

The Open Norwich P.C.

The Open Norwich Plainhead Club have just issued their first Year Book, and a very neat and creditable booklet it is, containing rules, standard of points, names and addresses of members, list of patrons, and full particulars of the various competitions. The prizes are to be competed for at right shows under seven different judges, viz., Newcastle, October 23rd and 24th, judge, W. Vardy; Bradford City, October 31st H. S. Naylor; Rochdale Good Intent, November 7th, H. W. Battyo; Warrington, November 13th and 14th, A. Wellings; Sunderland, November 20th and 21st, Messrs. Roe and Cameron; Harrogate, December 5th, J. C. Barnes; Eccleshill, December 11th and 12th, J. Robson; Halifax, January 22nd and 23rd, W. Vardy. In the open section five splendid prizes are offered, and the novices also have the same number. The amateurs have the CAGE BIRDS' prizes and in addition money prizes will be given for most points gained by fourth and by fifth prize birds at each show, all members competing on an equal footing for the latter prizes. The society now has a total of 81 members, and hopes ere the show season begins to have reached the century. With such an array of specials to be had for the winning, there should be no difficulty in securing the 19 members required to reach that total. The rule book can be obtained from Mr. O. Mitchell, secretary, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford, on payment of 6d., which will be deducted from the subscription, should the individual decide to join the club.

I have taken your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from its start, writes Mr. G. Moore (Denton Green), and must thank you for the feast of birdy information which you give us each week.

Naughty Polly.

A well-dressed woman complained at the Feltham Police Court on August 24th that her next-door neighbour used bad language.

"It is untrue," declared the neighbour, indignantly. "It is my Parrot that swears. She may have heard him."

The magistrate suggested that the bird should be placed in the witness-box, but as he was not in court, the matter was settled by binding the neighbour over.

Hadn't Been Introduced!

It is said there was once an old farm labourer in a remote corner of Suffolk who had never seen such a bird as a Parrot, and was quite unaware of the fact that they could talk. There came a day when he espied an escaped Parrot sitting on his cottage roof. Up a ladder he went after the unknown treasure. But when he had got on a level with the tiles, the Parrot looked him fairly in the eyes and sternly asked: "What the —— do you want?" The startled old chap nearly fell from his perch. Then he touched his cap and stammered out: "Beg pardon, sir; I thought you was a bird."

The Underflue Question.

It would seem as though the discussion in our correspondence columns as to the class in which birds with invisible marks should compete, has already borne fruit, for we note that the officials of Wellingborough show (due September 31st and October 1st next), have given the matter attention, and elected that all birds marked only on the underflue shall compete in the Clear class. Their schedule reads: Class 1, Norwich, Clear or Underflue Ticked Yellow; Class 2, ditto, Buff; Class 3, Ticked, Marked or Variegated, Yellow or Buff. We anticipate many other societies will follow Wellingboro's lead, and make the matter equally clear for exhibitors.

London and Provincial O.S.

Kindly note that two L.P.O.S. medals have been allotted for competition amongst the members at each of the following shows, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, hon. sec. of the London and Provincial O.S.:—Wellingborough, September 30th and October 1st; Plymouth, October 20th and 21st; Manchester, October 30th and 31st; Sheffield, November 6th and 7th; Hastings, November 10th and 11th; Nottingham, November 14th and 16th; Worcester, November 19th; Cambridge, November 24th and 25th; Leeds, November 27th and 28th; Norwich, December 2nd and 4th; Welsh National, December 10th and 11th; Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st; and Reigate, January.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Any fancier wishing to join the S.N.P.C. before the show season may do so by applying at once, as we shall be holding our last committee meeting shortly, which will entitle him to show this coming season. Any member not having a receipt for his subscription for 1908 should kindly apply at once, as we shall only pay out prize money to those that hold such receipt dated before this coming committee meeting. Any member wishing to make suggestions as to the working arrangements of the Club may do so now, and they will be brought forward by the secretary. The list is still open for donations to the £10 10s. silver challenge cup, which we hope will be completed by the annual meeting. Donations thankfully received by any of the officers of the Club. The date and place of contest between the N.P. Club and S.N.P. Club will be published shortly in the Press; also byelaws governing the contest.—F. S. MATTHES, hon. sec.

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*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and R.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Re., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.**
Nov. 12.—**Leck and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.B., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.O., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitchaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leede C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McK., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.SE., A.Wd.



A British Bird Enthusiast.

Mr. A. Rowles, of Peterborough, with some of the trophies secured by his birds, including Cup for best British at Cambridge, 1907.

*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wm., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 345.)
(For Secretaries' addresses see list in No. 343.)

Instinct or Education?

Mr. Douglas Dewar in the "Albany Review" challenges the conclusion of Mr. W. J. Long and other American naturalists, that but for its parents a young bird would never learn to find its food, or fly, or sing, or build a nest. He adduces what he considers conclusive facts to the contrary. Taken away from father and mother at birth, a young bird knows how to find its food without any teaching. Two young American Ospreys were taken from their parents' nest at an early age, and given an artificial nest. They were then quite unable to fly. Not until they were five or six weeks old did the young Ospreys try to fly, and at the first attempt one of them performed an unbroken flight of several miles. They also learned to fish without any teaching. Similarly, the eggs of a Redbreast were placed in the nest of a Chaffinch, and the eggs of the Chaffinch in that of the Redbreast. But each bird developed its proper music. So with nest-building. The nest is completed long before the young birds come out of the egg. "If young birds are taught nest-building, who teaches them?" The writer thus sums up:—"The parental teaching forms a far less important factor in the education of birds than many naturalists have been led by careless observation to believe. Birds may be said to be born educated in the sense that poets are born, not made. In each case education puts on the finishing touches to the handiwork of nature."

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It is on record that a Swallow was captured near its nest at Antwerp, and sent away to a town situated 148 miles away. It was liberated at the same time as some Homing Pigeons, but reached Antwerp some time before they did, doing the entire distance in the extraordinary time of one hour and eight minutes. At this speed a journey to Africa would simply be an extended flighty ramble.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

The Yorkshire Canary Club Year Book comes to hand, and, as usual, is produced in excellent style, while it is as helpful as ever, containing full particulars of the intents and purposes of the club, officers, rules, byelaws, print of the club's standard of the Yorkshire Canary, with scale of points, balance sheet for last season, list of members' names and addresses, and a whole host of other valuable information. The total value of the prizes offered by this club is £60 10s., truly a marvellous return for the entrance fee asked, viz., 2s. 6d. These prizes are divided into several competitions, first and foremost being the Challenge Cup Competition to be competed for at ten shows. Next we have the Money Specials, Ramsden's Cup, and Novice Cup Competitions, which are also to run through ten shows, and different shows all of them to the Challenge Cup shows. Then we have the Sandiford Cup and Davy's oil painting for shows and members outside Yorkshire; also CAGE BIRDS' prizes for the amateurs of the club, these to be competed for at any show held under the patronage of the Y.C.C. If such a prize list does not make the Y.C.C. shows successful and competition keen, it is difficult to see what will. Never in the history of the Fancy, so the justly-proud Yorkshiremen say, has such a host of specials, in both money and kind, been offered to exhibitors.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Sept. 5, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Gregg's Cafe, Largate Lane, 7.30. Usual business, and preparing for show, etc.—W. Duke.

South London Col. and F.A.—Sept. 10, Royal George, Tanners' Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30.—G. A. Jefferys.

South-West London C.B.S. — Sept. 10, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Fanciers wishing to join write secretary. Autumn show business.—Lilley.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 10, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Sept. 8, Headquarters, 8. Points cup; rules re annual show.—G. Dowden.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Sept. 10, Workman's Hall, usual time.—Geo. May.

Sunderland C.B.A. — Sept. 12, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Classification for open show, etc.—Reid and Maddison.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 10, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final arrangements for schedule for open show.—A. Hitchings.

St. Helens and Dist. O.S. Sept. 7, George Inn, Water Street, 8.15. Classification for open show, and other important items concerning show.—A. Goodall.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Important business, and distribution of Yorkshire Union Handbooks.—J. Smith.

Wandsworth and Dist.—Sept. 10, Headquarters, 8. Annual show, election of judges, drawing up of schedule, etc.—W. Summers.

Wakefield and Dist. Roller C.C.—Sept. 7, Elephant and Castle, 8. Fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A. — Sept. 6, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

West Auckland and Dist. C.B. and P.S.—Sept. 5, Talbot Hotel, 7. West Auckland, to consider show; intending members invited.—W. Gill.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for Ramble on Sept. 13, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

Windmill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Lecture on Training the Roller Canary to sing; by Mr. Max Jacquemin; fanciers invited.—F. Howes.

Wombwell, Darfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. Business important. All members please kindly to attend.—J. Hill.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S. Crockatt's Room, Catherine Street, on September 26, at 8.—J. S. Napier.

Aberdeen O.S. Sept. 11, Trades' Hall, Classifications and appointment of auditors.—J. Boyton.

Altrincham C.B.S. Sept. 8, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Special meeting to confirm open show classification, etc.—R. Head.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S. Sept. 12, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Show business, etc.—H. Boden.

Altercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—W. Richinson.

Bath and Dist. F.A.—Sept. 11, Foresters' Hall, Bath, 8, committee meeting 7; young stock show business; latest date on which new members within a 15 miles' radius can be proposed for show.—H. Turtle.

Bingley and Dist. O.S. Sept. 8, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 7.30. Lecture: Preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. R. Halliday; hearty invitation to fanciers.—A. Livesey.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8. Open show business.—J. Stringer.

British Roller C.C. — Sept. 8, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., 8. "Koller, Gucke, Flute, a translation, by Mr. J. C. Schluter. Hearty welcome to Roller fanciers.—J. W. Norris.

Burnley C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Club, 7.30. Committee meeting.—C. Watson.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Autumn show business, very important.—F. E. Holden.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Sept. 7, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Revising schedule for club and open show, etc.—J. Kerr.

City of Hull C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Washing exhibition. Members who promised to wash birds please attend.—F. F. Potter.

City of Wakefield O.S. — Sept. 5, Crown and Anchor, 7. Classes for Members' Winter show.—Parker and Atkinson.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8.30. Last meeting before show, final arrangements, etc.—S. H. W. Baker.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Royal Hotel, 8. Distribution of union books.—N. Rayner.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, 8.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. J. Mallett.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Fountain Inn, 8.—W. Ashworth.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S. — Sept. 7, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8.—G. R. Smith.

Glasgow and Western C.C.—Sept. 5, 122, Ingram Street, 8.30. Classification of annual club show, and other competent business.—J. H. Adams.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Open show business, specials, etc.—G. Waddington.

Guisborough and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Wear's Cafe (headquarters), 7. To settle affairs of young stock show; also questions and answers night; both questions and friends invited.—G. Atkinson.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 5, Griffin Hotel, 8. Union books.—J. F. Thackray.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, Jarrow, 7.30.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Sept. 9, 67, High Street, Dover, 8.30.—G. Sanderson.

Lancashire C.A.—Sept. 12, Boar's Head, Stockport, 7. New members, etc.; if the meeting is a success we shall hold more in the district.—W. Adams.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Sept. 6, G'ossop, 3. Patronage and general business.—J. Rubin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Miners' Hall, 7. Fix prize money, and other business relating to annual show, also replies from judges.—J. Pollock.

Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. A Talk on Birds, by the Rev. C. D. Farrar; chair to be taken by the president, Mr. P. W. Somers. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. Wilkins.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Sept. 5, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Business for show.—T. Carter.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Winter programme. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leith O.S.—Sept. 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7.30.—G. Brown.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 7, Constitutional Club, Leyton, 8. Discussion on Yorkshire Canaries. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—B. F. Forse.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Sept. 10, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8. Special meeting, to fix schedule for old show, etc.—A Thompson.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—D. John.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S. — Sept. 12, Masonic Hall, Loanhead, 7. Selection of medals, prize cards, etc.—W. B. Smart.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Headquarters, 8.30. Annual show business.—W. Lang, junr.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Sept. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Appointment of show committee.—G. W. F. Lythgoe.

Manningham C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Mowbray Arms, 7.45.—F. Western.

Metropolitan C. B.A.—Sept. 10, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important business re annual show.—R. Dear.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S. — Sept. 5, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business important; open show.—A. Wake.

Musselburgh O.S.—Sept. 12, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Drawing up classification of show; members are requested to supply secretary with breeding returns on or before meeting.—D. Kay.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Special meeting in connection with schedule, etc., of forthcoming show.—Jeremy and Eads.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Classification for November show, and other important business. — J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8.—T. H. Tilson.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Sept. 12, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. Open show business.—R. G. Challenger.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 7, Club, 8. Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.—Sept. 12, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 7. Booking of birds for show on Sept. 26, and other business.—J. R. Meikle.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Warning to Others.

Sam Brough.—Your experience might well serve as a warning to other novices who may be tempted to apply paraffin to the skin of a bird. You say the bird you prize so much began to lose feathers on its head and was becoming bald when you put on some paraffin hoping it would cure it, but that, to your evident dismay, it destroyed the skin and left an open sore, or, to use your own words, it "brought the skin away." This is exactly what you might have expected. In any case the application would have been useless for its intended purpose. It cannot be too well known that paraffin has a terribly destructive effect upon the skin of birds and certain animals, notwithstanding its comparatively innocuous effect upon humans. Anoint the sore place occasionally with cold cream until well, and wait and see if the feathers are reproduced during the moult, which is probably taking place now, and was doubtless the cause of the loss of feathers in the first instance. If they are not reproduced, write again, and I will then advise a suitable treatment. Meantime, keep the bird warm and free from draughts, and feed as frequently directed here.

A Yorkshire and a Norwich.

"Novice." F.M.—It is impossible to say what is wrong with the Yorkshire cock without a personal examination. The lump may be nothing more serious than an excessive accumulation of fat, which would also cause the laboured breathing and wheeziness, or it may be a more serious and incurable complaint. If it is a valuable bird you cannot do better in the circumstances than ask a veterinary surgeon to look at it and tell you what the trouble is. 2. The reason the Norwich cock (that is, assuming it is a genuine cock) refused to "have anything to say" to the hens to which it was mated is that it was not in breeding condition. Its lack of song of late also serves to show it was out of condition, but the reason for this I cannot tell without knowing how it was fed and treated. Feed it the same as advised to "Cora," and give it ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in its water every second day for a week, and during the following week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every alternate day.

Some Roller Queries.

"Anxious to Know."—1. The bare places on your young Rollers that are moulting may be due to three causes: (a) Rapidity of moulting, in which case you will find the feathers lly off in large quantities at frequent intervals when the birds are preening and shaking themselves; and all you need do is to see that they are well protected from colds and chills, and give them a little egg-food three times a week if you are not colour-feeding. (b) Red-mites; but in this case you should find sufficient evidence of the presence of mites in other directions, viz., by the restlessness of the birds after going to roost at night, a white powdery deposit about the joints and corners of the cage, and in a more material way by scraping out any joints or cracks on to a piece of white paper; if any mites are found they must be thoroughly eradicated. (c) Having one or more feather-pluckers if you are keeping them all together. The only means of preventing feather-plucking is to remove the culprit if there is only one, and cage it by itself. If all are more or less feather-pluckers then you should cage them off separately until fine again. 2. As your old cock bird is moulting, and consequently probably out of song, he would not be of much use for teaching the young birds. The youngsters should hear a good cock in full song during the time they are moulting. It this is not available then an organ or good flute is useful—the former preferably. 3. The best way to get the young to sing by gaslight is to keep them covered during the afternoon, and after the gas is lit place them in a well-lighted place, uncover them, and feed them, and let them hear a good singing bird, or play to them.

Laboured Breathing.

"Cora."—Your suspicions that the bird is probably a hen are doubtless correct, and I fear she will not be of much use to you for anything. Feed and treat as follows, and if she quite recovers in the course of a few weeks you may try mating her next spring, but do not mate her up early nor overwork her at all next year—say, mate her the first week in April, if ready, and allow her only two nests. Feed on a staple diet of Canary seed only; three times a week give either a small piece of bread and milk, or a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, on which drop three drops of cod liver oil emulsion each time until the bird is well; besides this give a teaspoonful of dry rape twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of hemp. Give these alternately and on different days, so that a different item is given each day. Give a spray of green-food daily as long as it is safe to use, then substitute a little sweet juicy fruit. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and twenty drops of whiskey daily for the first three days; afterwards give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus by the same means well shaken together daily for a week, and every second day afterwards for another week or fortnight, as may appear necessary. Stop it a few days after the bird appears quite well. Of course, you must keep the bird comfortably warm, and perfectly free from chills and draughts.

About an Aviary.

"Novice."—1. Your plan of making the windows of the shed you wish to convert into an outdoor aviary work on hinges so that they may hang down loose during warm weather is a very good one, but you must also provide supplementary covers for the window spaces to prevent the escape of birds. These covers may be made of half-inch mesh wire-netting nailed on to a light wooden frame; then they can be easily fitted to the window space in such a way as to be easily removed at any time if required. Permanent wire covers may be made by simply nailing the netting on to the side of the shed on the inside. A similar wire cover must be made on a light frame to go over the doorway to prevent birds escaping when you go in or out. If you could add another ventilator over the door it would be an improvement. 2. Provided you took care to procure stock which had not been pampered by artificial heat, there is no reason whatever why you should not succeed very well in breeding Canaries in this place without any heat. 3. The reply to No. 2 applies with greater force here. British birds most certainly do not require any heat in such a place, and should do far better without it than with it. 4. The number of birds which the aviary would accommodate depends upon whether you keep them flying loose or in cages. Flying loose there is accommodation for about forty birds the size of a Canary. If kept in cages you may double this number if you pay strict attention to cleanliness and see there is plenty of ventilation without draught.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, Mr. St. John has been unable to answer all his queries this week, but will give them attention in our next issue.—EDITOR.

A Bad Case of Asthma.

"Paradox."—Am afraid your hen has reached a quite incurable stage of asthma, and only alleviation may be looked for. Try following treatment and persevere with it for some time, as it will take some time to effect a cure, even if such is possible. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed with it. Give these alternately on different days. A spray of green-food must be given daily, and a supply of fresh gritty sand kept on the floor. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a month, or longer if necessary, and twice a week on the days when you should give plain water, give a linseed decoction instead, made up by placing half a small teaspoonful of linseed in a teacupful of boiling water. Allow it to stand until cold, strain, add two drops of essence of aniseed sufficient to fill the bird's drinker, and give this instead of water. Keep it comfortably warm, in a room with a fire, and see it is not exposed to chills or draughts, and also see it is free from red-mites.

An Injured Foot.

J. B. C.—Undoubtedly the very best thing for you to do is to let Nature take its own course. I think it very likely the claws below the injury will wither and drop off before long, but any interference on your part will probably make matters worse. The most I would advise doing is to keep perches at such a height from ground and nearness to each other that the bird has to make the least effort consistent with ease of motion to move about, and very gently anoint foot occasionally, say, twice a week, with carbonised vaseline.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Yellowhammer.

Yellow Yorling.—It was adult-caught Yellowhammers I was referring to when I said the species would only eat canary seed when in captivity. A hand-reared example, of course, is different, and you must not conclude that when your bird "grows up" he will develop a taste for canary to the exclusion of everything else. You are feeding him admirably now; but you could supplement the caterpillars with mealworms cut into two and dipped in new milk. He will come on to the canary seed quite naturally when he begins to pick up for himself; you can lightly crack it when first you offer it, also mix with it a little coarse oatmeal, or crushed groats. You would be well advised to always keep the bird used to eating a little of some good insectivorous food; live food of suitable character I presume you know is essential to its continued well-being. I have never found the Yellow Bunting care much for green-food; the Corn and Reed Buntings like a feed of it now and again. If your bird has a decided yellow tinge, you can be practically sure it is a cock; you will be able to tell for certain as soon as it moults.

Goldfinch Ailing.

Novice.—Seeing that the bird had arrived at the "head under wing" stage before you wrote, I am afraid there will be little hope for him by the time you read this. Instead of the Parrish's, you ought to have given two or three doses of saline medicine (say a small teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water), and a change of diet. Plenty of thistle heads, or fresh-gathered thistle seed, with niger, maw, and lightly cracked hemp, might have induced him to feed. The Parrish's should have been given after the magnesia had acted well upon the bird's bowels. You can only try this treatment now in the hope that it will prove efficacious. "Saffron-headed" is merely a dealer's phrase denoting a Goldfinch which has moulted out very pale in blaze-colour, due, usually, to the conditions under which the bird has been kept, and the food it has received.

Half-a-dozen.

A. G. (Kent).—1: I think you will find full information concerning the seeds for Linnets and Goldfinches when moulting, in my columns last week. Kindly refer back. 2: Perches should never be all of the same size and pattern. They should vary both in size and shape, so that a variety of grips is offered the feet of the birds. I have my own both round, oval and square (these latter with just the corners rounded off), and change them about in my cages, say, weekly. In my flights and aviaries I have the perches of all sorts of shapes and thicknesses—compatible, of course, with the birds therein. 3: Putting a cage in boiling water (soda or no soda) is a certain means of ridding it of red-mites; so is stoving it for 10 or 15 minutes in a fairly warm oven. Linnets which will not bathe can always be sprayed a little. The water, too, can be made bitter by the addition of a few spots of quassia extract, which tends to keep down this pest. 4: Linnets and Goldfinches require no heat whatever in winter, providing the room they are kept in is damp and draught proof. 5. I don't know about "mopey," but it is quite usual for a bird when dropping into moult to be much quieter than at other times, and to rest on the perch more. 6: A bird can hardly be said to "change his singing" after moulting. It is quite true, though, that birds are likely to pick up notes from the songs of other birds should they hear them regularly when they themselves are coming into song again.

Concerning Hybrid Breeding.

R. N. Smith.—If you intend to try with non-house-moulted stock, then this month, with October and November, are the best during which to purchase the birds. If you intend using house-moulted birds, then you could extend the period to the end of January, if you choose to do so. I really can't advise about the price, for everything depends on the class of bird you purchase, and on the seller also, for some fanciers value their birds higher than others. A fresh-caught cock Linnet might be bought for sixpence, for instance, whereas an ordinary house-moulted specimen would cost from perhaps five to ten shillings; if a proved mule, and not a worn-out old bird, you would hardly be likely to be able to buy it under the latter figure. The cage for a Hybrid couple must be large and extra deep from front to back. An excellent size is 3 feet long, by 20 to 24 inches high, by 16 to 20 inches deep (front to back). It is always best to have Canary hens (they need only be common young German hens) to act as foster-mothers for any young Hybrids you are successful in hatching out. There is no "best time" to commence; one's birds have a nasty habit of choosing their own time. The couples can be run together all the winter, of course, but no one can forecast when they are likely to commence nesting operations—anyway, doubtless not earlier than well into April. The feeding of both Linnets and Greenfinches was dealt with at length in my column last week; no doubt you would see the answers.

A Mixture.

Wild.—1: You seem to be unaware of the fact that the young of most birds resemble the hen in plumage, consequently one has to wait until after they have moulted before sexual differences become in evidence. This obtains with both Redpolls and Bullfinches; the only way to stand a chance of getting cocks is to select the youngsters which look the richest and brightest in tone of colour. Those who have had a deal of experience with the sexes can generally spot the young cock from the young hen Bullies. If a feather or two be extracted from the breast, in the case of a male they will soon grow red in colour. 2: Both Goldies and Bullies get their full colour as soon as they cast their nestling plumage, that is, during the autumn of the year in which they are born. Tail and flight feathers, of course, are not shed until the second moult, and then the birds improve in colour generally. 3: The Redpoll loses the red of both breast and head when moulted in captivity (have heard of only one exception), but the head often carries a golden tinge. 4: Have never had (nor heard of) a Lark which "pulls out its tail feathers." Do you mean it breaks them off short? probably owing to the cage being too small, or the bird very wild. 5: The Blackbird must surely be out of health. Possibly you are not feeding him well enough (you don't say anything about this). Anyway, I gave an answer on how to do so, either last week or the week before, to which you can refer.

About Goldfinches.

Fitter.—The Greypate comes into full colour as soon as it sheds its nestling plumage, i.e., during the autumn of the year in which it was born. See reply to "Wild." The best thing to ensure a good quick moult is to get one's birds to commence to moult early. A late start generally means a drag at the finish. Many Greypates, however, and the late hatched ones in particular, do not commence to come into colour until quite late in the year. Greypates will "record" freely, like most other young Finches, but they do not sing a full song until late in the winter, when the weather begins to show signs of the coming springtime. After his second moult a Goldfinch ought to be fit for any competition. At the same time, he will improve at the third moult, and no doubt for a moult or two afterwards. Many big winners have been six years old and upwards.

Treatment of Blackbird.

Blackbird.—This is a matter I have frequently dealt with since August 1st, for instance. 1: Keep him out of draughts, and indoors when weather is cold, or very damp, and he should moult all right; 2: First, this stock mixture any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in tins): Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good nuts' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed bunny cakes (or puppy meal) make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard boiled egg, finely minced up, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Blackbeetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up), are much relished. 3: My birds always have the opportunity of picking up grit, and they frequently avail themselves of it. 4: Many coverings are good. Coarse cut pine sawdust, peat-moss litter (from corn chandler), or sand will all do; or a mixture of sawdust and sand. 5: There are certain weather conditions under which I should not like any bird of mine to stay out of doors in a cage. Given a stoutly-built, roomy home and a snug spot to hang in (not exposed to fierce sun-rays, or rain storms), then a Blackie does well out of doors most of the year round. Cats are a danger.

Moulting Bullfinch for Show.

Mr. Finch—It is a matter of opinion whether show Bullfinches should be colour-fed or not. Given one with the right sort of breast colour (rich, fiery-red, on a clean ground) I am quite sure colour-feeding is unnecessary, providing it gets suitable natural colouring agents. I would undertake to moult such a specimen as good as any colour-fed one. Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder mountain ash, dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc. That Bullie is a great bud and fruit-eating bird one look at his bill should convince anyone; try him with any fruit you think suitable. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water—the difference is plainly to be seen. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts linseed, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. Don't give hemp. For titbits see reply to "A Friend" given last week.

Brevities.

Bullfinch's "Scurfy" Head (Brown Bird).—Get a pot of boric (boracic) ointment from a good chemist and gently anoint the "scurfy-looking" place with this every day. It is generally best only to rub the way the plumage lies, and you should discontinue at once when you perceive new quills growing. Let the bird have plenty of seeding greenfood (chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc.), and a little ripe fruit daily. Black and privet berries are very good for Bullies. No hemp and niger until well.

Wild Seeds (no nom-de-plume).—I go out and gather my own grass, thistle seeds, etc., and cornflower seed is easily obtained out of one's own garden. I know of no shop which sells them; and I don't suppose there is such a one in Manchester. There are many advertisers of "wild seeds" using our columns (see under "Food.").

Exhibition Softbills (Bondman).—You must not run away with the idea that any small Softbill can be kept up to show form on "little attention." They require unremitting attention, all of them, and the best of food. Of the list you send, the Yellow Wagtail, Whinchat and Wheatear would be most likely to win prizes. As regards difficulty of keeping, I should place them Whinchat, Wagtail, and Wheatear. The chief trouble with the Wagtail is a tendency to damage its plumage, especially the tail feathers. It needs to be very steady.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S

A Long Moult.

E. V.—I do not think there is much more the matter than that the bird has got a little out of condition, and I gather that the bird is an old one, both the conditions would combine to protract the moult. Your diet is satisfactory, but while the bird is out of condition make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Give one dose of Epsom Salts; put just sufficient into a day's supply of drinking water to make it just saline, and let the bird have nothing else to drink for that day. I take it, it will eat a piece of plain biscuit or sponge cake; let it have a piece daily, after dropping on same 10 to 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. In like manner damp a piece of either, and dust it with flowers of sulphur two or three times a week. If it will not take a bath lightly spray it with chilled water every other day while the weather continues genial, but guard carefully against draught till it is dry. If you suspect parasites use quassia solution to spray with. I am of opinion the worst is past, and the bird will gradually recover condition if treated as above. Left to itself recovery would be much slower; besides, the bird being in a low condition would fall an easy prey to a sudden chill or any possible infection that came near it.

Foreigners with Canaries.

"A Lover of Foreigners."—Yes, both the Grey and Green Singing Finches will cross with the Canary, as also will most of the Serins, such as Cape Canary, Grey-necked Serin, Yellow-rumped Serin, St. Helena Seed-eater, and others. The Alario Finch has also been several times crossed with the Canary. In Italy the Hooded Siskin is frequently crossed with the Canary, and very handsome Hybrids are produced. I should say the Hooded Siskin is a brilliantly clad little fellow, but being uncommon is a somewhat costly purchase. Add white and spray millet to the seed usually supplied to Canary, and ants' cocoons to the usual soft food when the birds are with young. Nothing more will be required save the Canary's usual diet. A full sized double breeder, with the partitions removed, for each pair will make success the more probable. I do not know of any suitable seed-eaters which are louder songsters than a Canary; the chief characteristic is a softer tone, which constitutes their chief charm.

Breeding in Aviary Cages.

Zebra—(1) A cage 3½ x 1½ x 1½ft. is only large enough for one pair for breeding purposes, and possibly by adding others you may upset breeding results altogether. You might include a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills, it is rather doubtful if they will breed, but I don't think they will interfere. The Waxbills are much smaller than the Zebra Finches. (2) Put nesting receptacles in each corner, two cocoa nut shell nests and two box nests; the latter should be square boxes, closed all round with an oval hole, say 1 x 1½ inches for entrance; coarse and fine hay will suffice for nesting material. (3) Canary, white, French and spray millet seeds, green food (green in flower and fresh lettuce), grit, water *ad lib* for drinking and bathing. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in cage. Do not stand the cage where it is possible for a draught to pass through it, or your birds will soon "shuffle off."

Foreigners & Canaries Together.

Songster.—Am not sure as to whether I grip your query correctly; that is, as to whether you mean the birds to fly loose in the room, or to be kept in separate cages in same room. Some of the best songsters among foreign birds are but poor songsters, while most of the really brightly-clad songsters are either fruit or insect eating species. The Green Singing Finch and, in fact, all the Serins are good songsters, and most are fully as bright as the English Siskin. The Hooded Siskin is really a gorgeously clad little fellow, but is uncommon, and, consequently, costly. The Grey Singing Finch is a splendid songster, but its plumage is grey; all the same, it is a pretty and chastely clad little bird. All the Waxbills are more or less brightly clad, and have a soft, sweet little song, almost continuously uttered. Any of the following are decidedly pretty: Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, also Common and Green Avadavats. The Alario Finch is a good songster, and its plumage is an arrangement of black, white, and cinnamon. All are seed eaters. If this does not meet your need, please repeat query with fuller details.

A Sick Parrot.

T. W.—Never in future, especially in getting a new importation, keep a bird which shows evidence of running at the nostrils; till this yields spray or cleanse nostrils at least daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and wipe the bird's mouth out twice a day with this; that is, get a small camel-hair brush, dip it in a portion of the mixture, and anoint sides of mouth and tongue, as far back as the bird will permit you. Continue to use the eucalyptus, also the mixture, ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine. A small portion of the mixture with twice its bulk of water should be kept ready, and the bird induced to take a few sips twice a day. Let its drinking water be chilled, and put in it, say, five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to two tablespoonsful of water, and continue this for a week or ten days. Keep cage strictly clean, removing the voiding as soon as possible. Carefully examine the bird to see that its skin is sound, and that there are no sore joints, etc. Report progress a fortnight hence.

A Window Aviary.

Doubt.—The aviary you propose would succeed well enough, if you could arrange to ventilate your room other than by the lower sash; if you manage this by the glass in one of the top panes, or by fixing an ordinary glass ventilator there, you would get over the difficulty. The roof and two ends should be closed up, and only one foot of the front wire netting with one foot of boards on either side of the netting; do not have too much glass about it, nor any leaky joints. The other alternative is to make the aviary entirely of wood and glass, except the back, which is against the lower sash. This should be wire netting, and whenever the weather permitted the sash should be open. This would be the more satisfactory plan, and if you make it wind and rain proof Budgerigars should do well there all the year round. I should advise the roof being of boards (without any glass) and felted. I should not advise you to put in more than two pairs, and even then once they start breeding you must get rid of the young as they are able to feed for themselves. Hang up four husks, keep the aviary bottom well covered with gritty sand, supply cuttlefish, green food, Canary, white, and spray millet, and a few oats occasionally, and give oats regularly when they are feeding young. Use natural branches for perches. Your aviary would be much more useful if you could extend it a foot on either side the window, and while you are putting it up the extra cost would be small indeed.

Treating a Green Parrot.

"Inexperienced."—Yes, you stand more chance of getting a quiet, talking bird by starting with a young one. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, but it should not be scared by rapid movements in its vicinity. Give it the following seed mixture: Canary seed, oats, wheat, and hemp seeds—two parts each of the two former kinds and one part each of the latter. It can also have plain biscuit, ripe fruit, nuts, and a little green food (fresh lettuce). It will be quite a twelvemonth before the ring appears. If it is eating heartily of the seed mixture, that is sufficient; but if it gets thin or appears unable to properly crack its seed, give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily. Note: This only keeps fresh for one day, and you must be careful no stale scraps are left about, and as soon as it gets older and eating heartily of the seed mixture gradually wean it from the boiled maize. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. With a little careful training you should have a quiet and talkative bird. For all imported birds the first few months are a critical period; keep it in a warm position, free from draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere.

Some Aviary Queries.

E. B.—I have not your previous query to hand, and do not remember the kind of birds you wish to keep; however, I think I can make it clear to you. You have ample space for 60 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, or 120 small Waxbills and Finches, or 30 such as Cockateels, Redrumps, and Rosella Parrakeets. Note: I have given you full particulars, so as to be quite clear, and you must have at least double the number of suitable nesting boxes, etc., as you have pairs of birds. Also note the above figures represent the number of birds the aviary will comfortably contain; for breeding purposes only half the number should be put in or better, 20 pairs, 40 pairs, 10 pairs in the same order as given above. Hope you'll have luck with them. Unless you can procure birds from outdoor aviaries you had better wait till spring before stocking your aviary as I doubt if newly-imported birds bought now, would be sufficiently acclimatised to stand the winter out of doors this year.

Birds for Unheated Bird-room

Paradise Whydah.—The cage should be long by Tins. deep, and about 2ft. It should be a box cage, with top half wire, the front wires rounded off towards the back. Pale sage green makes a good interior enamel, with black for the exterior. The size of the cage must really be determined by the length of the bird's tail; it should be high to admit of a perch being fixed, so that the bird's head would be clear of top of cage, and so that its tail would not drag in sand tray. For Orange Bishop get a cage of same style and colour, but 12 x 9 x 9 inches will be large enough. As regards your bird room, your query is not an easy one to answer, but if damp is excluded, ventilation secured without draught, and the shed is rain and wind proof, then with roomy cages any of the following should do well; but I can only do this as a venture. If you tell me your aims I can advise you to better advantage. Weavers, Whydahs, Cardinals, Serins, Zebra Finches, Golden-breasted, Grey, and St. Helena Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats, Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Rosellas, and many of the Lorrikeets should do well. In fact, most of the Australian Parrakeets should do well.

Sick Grey Parrot.

H. T. A.—Glad to note the bird is improving; continue treatment already advised. (1) Get a little binding wire and fasten the sticks on with these; it will be safer and better, and yet still keep the bird engaged. (2) The hook is quite right, and the bicarbonate is a good remedy. (3) Of course you must keep up a supply of the boiled maize, till the bird takes to the seed mixture, which it will do later I think. There can be no given quantity; appetites vary. (4) Yes, the nuts can be given with the shells on if the bird prefers them that way. (5) Parrish's Chemical Food is a good tonic, and cannot very well be over done, as if it causes constipation a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia will soon put that right. (6) My Parrots get coverts up to about 9 p.m., but a space on top of cage is left open for ventilation. Gas will do harm providing the cage is kept below the level of the gas jets. (7) Your own convenience must be the best time, and I should say after a time it will permit you to handle it and put it back again. Note: The doubtful time with parrots is the first few months in this country; after that they are not troublesome or difficult to keep, if kept out of draught and wholesomely fed.

Bird-room Arrangements.

W. G.—In the first place you must have a lobby inside the door, and some means must be taken to keep the sand etc., from going between the floor-boards, the floor must be covered with either linoleum or zinc, the latter for preference, and it would be a good plan to let it extend eighteen inches up the walls to check mice getting into the nest boxes. The walls must be lined with twiggy branches (pea and bean sticks, or spruce branches), and the nest boxes fixed at the back of these, husks and baskets can also be suspended from the ceiling. A couple of dead fir trees in pots will make good furniture for the room; the baths should stand in the middle of large trays to keep the floor dry. You have ample accommodation for at least 100 birds, but do not put in more than 20 pairs for breeding purposes. Zebra, Ribbon, Ruious-tail, Long-tail, Spice, Gouldian, Diamond and Grey and Green Singing Finches; Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills; White and Grey Java Sparrows, and a pair each of Diamond Doves and Chinese Quails. You could keep with these Goldies, Bullies, Siskins Redpolls, Linnets, Twites, and Canarics, but I cannot recommend other British speeies.

Brevities.

What Parrot is it? (Redfern).—It is the Rose-breasted or Roseate Cockatoo. It certainly has the capacity for speech, and is a good mimic and acrobat. Some develop into quite good talkers, and such have frequently been described in CAGE BIRDS. The fact however remains, that the majority only speak an odd word or two, and on the whole they require much more teaching than either a Grey or Amazon. They are nevertheless droll and companionable, and possibly yours may develop into one of the exceptions. Keep it where it will have plenty of company and hear general conversation, also teach it by constant repetition of odd words and phrases. But teaching Parrots to talk needs much patience, and must be persevered in, and in the end you should get more than satisfaction out of your bird for the trouble expended on it.

A Recovered Parrot (Carolus).—Glad to note your bird has recovered, for at the time I was afraid it was too far gone for treatment to be of any avail. By all means let him have maize, wheat, and dari; at the same time I should keep a small tin of canary seed in the cage. Once it begins it will eat this freely. The other items of diet you mention are quite in order, and should be given regularly. Biscuits will do no harm given in moderation. During moult, or whenever it appears to be shedding feathers, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage, and if you do not give it messes, it should continue to do well, which I hope will be the case.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Magazine Cutting (Enthusiastic Linnet Fancier).—We are much obliged to you for your thoughtfulness, but we printed extracts from this article shortly after it appeared in the monthly magazine from which you have taken it.

A Postcard (Swindon).—Many thanks.

Something Like a Duck (S. A. Bone).—We should like to have been in that raffle. We are afraid, however, our readers are chiefly interested in ducks when they are served along with stuffing and green peas.

Concerning Parrots (T. Watson).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion, and will give the matter our consideration. The difficulty is to find the man.

In Cloth (Tom Smith).—You can obtain Mr. Battye's book on Yorkshires, bound in cloth, price 2s. We have not the other book cloth-bound as yet, but hope to receive a supply shortly.

A "Little Original Scheme" (F. Whiting).—Send your little scheme along, and if suitable we will certainly print it on the terms you name.

German Fancy Paper (J. K., Cardiff).—Probably "Die Gefiederte Welt" (the paper established by Dr. Russ) would suit you; address, Creutz'sche Verlagshuchhandlung, Madgeburg. You will no doubt have to get it posted direct from Germany.

Cutting (A. J. H.).—Accept our thanks. We are afraid, however, the information is incorrect. We will look the matter up.

On Holiday (W. C. McIntosh).—We have to thank you for writing. There are many readers of "C.B.," we know, even in the out of the way district of Scotland which you mention, and we expect they place a regular order for our paper with their newsagents.

Cages, etc. (P. Benson).—It is against our rules to recommend any particular advertiser; obviously it would be very unfair for us to do so. You will find in our columns several advertisers who make a speciality of special cages, etc., for catchers, and we should advise you to write them, and see what they can do for you. As regards the other matter, did you put a halfpenny stamp on all the envelopes? If so, this would explain why you received no replies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD CANARY SOCIETY.

SIR,—Being a member of the above society, I think there should be a little alteration in it so as to bring the Lizard Canary more prominently before the breeders and lovers of this variety. I think if certain of the present officers will resign (as I hope they will) and let someone more able take their place, we shall advance more than we are doing. We should have had three meetings within the last four months, one at Oldham and two at Glossop, but owing to errors as to dates, and being late, and not turning up, we have not been able to do any business worth publishing. Wake up, Lizard men, and make things sail along a bit for the Lizard Canary.

JACK DICKINSON.

THE USE & VALUE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—In writing previously on this subject my object was with your kind permission to invite a discussion upon what I considered would be a matter of interest to the Fancy at large. My communication was intended as an expression of opinion only and not an assertion of fact. I do not propose to monopolise your columns by enlarging upon it, but hope to see the matter taken up by those who, from their special training and knowledge of medicine, are qualified to give an opinion that will carry weight. So far as Mr. Hadwin is concerned, I have no desire to argue the matter with him, being personally quite aware of his opinions on the subject, and I take it that his feelings, mingled or otherwise, or his chances of convincing me, are not matters of public interest. With all his practical, and as he is good enough to inform us intelligent experience, I have yet to see the bird emanating from his rooms which has undergone the scientific feeding that he speaks about, which can hold its own, so far as colour is concerned, with the majority of birds one sees on the show bench. I am quite content to hear what your readers have to say on the matter, and should any benefit accrue to the Fancy at large through my introducing the subject as Mr. Hadwin so patronisingly informs us, my original communication will have justified its existence, and, I take it, will necessitate no apology.

GEO. B. DANIELS.

SIR,—Mr. Hadwin has got slightly mixed in his reply to Mr. Daniels' letter. Saffron is the stigma of *Crocus sativus*. It was formerly thought to possess powerful medical properties, and was used in many medicaments, tincture of rhubarb among them. It has now gone out of use so far as pharmacy is concerned, except as a colouring agent. *Colchicum autumnale*, which Mr. Hadwin confuses with saffron, is the plant which has considerable medicinal properties, and is prescribed for gout, rheumatism, etc. The parts of the plant used are the corm or root and the seeds. *Crocus sativus* has three stamens, but *Colchicum autumnale* has six. I have, myself, used saffron during moulting, both as a colouring agent and for hastening the moult and, I must say, with entirely negative results. I should be glad to know if Mr. Hadwin or any of his friends have used his mixture without the saffron? I am inclined to think the result would be the same whether saffron was used or left out.

J. F. SMITH, Pharmaceutical Chemist.

SIR,—I think Mr. Hadwin is a little wrong or out of his calculation as regards saffron that is given to birds, as one kind is quite different from the other. Meadow saffron, so-called, is cultivated for its corms collected about the end of June when they are a year old, and belong to the natural order Inclanthasea (*Linnæan, trigynia*) 6 stamens, epiphy clous, inserted in the orifice of the tube. Anthers—oblong, extorse, versatile. Ovary 3 celled, superior, syncarpous. Styles—3 terminal very long; stigma—3 minute. Crocus-saffron belongs to the true natural order Iridauæ (*Linnæan monogynia*) stamens 3 epiphy clous. Anthers: extorse adnale ovary inferior and 3-celled syncarpous; styles—1 terminal; stigmas—3 petaloid. From the foregoing you will at once see that there is a low ornamental plant with grass-like leaves and large lily-shaped flowers of a purple colour. It is a native of Greece and Asia Minor, but is extensively cultivated in Austria, France, Spain, and also formerly in England. The dried stigma form the saffron of the shops which, when good, has a sweetish penetrating diffuse odour, a warm pungent bitterish taste and a rich deep orange colour. The bastard saffron is of the genus Carthamus, natural order Compositæ, and the meadow saffron. Anyone obtaining a copy of the Imperial Dictionary will be able to read and compare the two cases.

A. GOODALL.

SOME POINTS ON SALES AND EXCHANGING.

SIR,—The adoption of CAGE BIRDS deposit system is, in my opinion, the only effective means by which the various "tricksters" among both purchasers and sellers can be defeated. No bona fide person could or would object to it. The rules laid down are fair to both parties, and leave no loop-hole for cheating of any description. Most dealers are clean, honourable men, but, alas! there are others, and I have had experience of both. Some dealers offer to send their birds on approval—some say on trial before settlement. Some will return your money in case of non-approval; there are others who carefully conceal the fact that they never return money until the time allowed for approval or trial is up, and then they tell you they will exchange the bird but never return cash. Of course, the would-be purchaser pays all charges, carriage, insurance, etc. (no mean items) which acts as a very effective brake to any desire the purchaser may have to give trouble by too many exchanges. "Sent on approval," in the absence of any other arrangement, means that in case of non-approval money should be returned. But to compel its return the party holding it must be sued in the county court of the district in which the transaction took place. The unrecoverable costs such as travelling expenses, loss of time, etc., may easily exceed the amount in dispute. The remedy for all this is, when in doubt, the adoption of CAGE BIRDS deposit system in all transactions.

F. W. POWELL.

DIPPERS BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Some months ago I wrote telling you about my Dippers. They were in perfect health up to the end of July when, owing to my removal to a distant town (it being impossible for me to take them with me) I had to liberate them. Towards the end of May the hen began to show signs of wanting to nest. I was away for a week, and when I came back I was walking in the aviary and the hen Dipper flew out of a hole between two stones on the bank of the stream that flows through the aviary. I looked in and found a half-built nest—a queer looking concern altogether, built of strings, moss, twigs, ends of coloured wool, feather, etc. In fact, the birds used anything to hand (I beg pardon, to beak). That look of mine was fatal, for the birds deserted their nest in consequence. Some cold, wet days followed which seemed to put them off. They did not attempt anything more till the hot weather in the early part of July. You may be sure I did not meddle again. The nest was placed under some long grass overhanging the bank. Six white eggs were laid, but were not incubated. I put them in a Blackbird's nest, but to my great sorrow all were robbed and broken by some boy or other. They did not nest again. I wish to know if any of your readers can say if this is the first time Dippers have nested in captivity? If so, it is a great pity that I had to give up my aviary, built in ideal conditions for them—running water, plenty of room, and live insect-food. Perhaps, in the far distance, I may have another like aviary, and most certainly I shall keep a pair of Dippers, for they are most interesting birds. I send my best wishes to CAGE BIRDS. I have introduced it to several bird lovers and they agree in calling it the best journal of its kind.

(MISS) C. D. FITZMAURICE.

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THE SEXING OF NIGHTINGALES.

SIR,—Being a lover of the Nightingale, I am writing to know if any of your numerous readers can tell me a simple method of telling to what sex individuals of this species belong? I am particularly anxious to know how to pick out the cock Nightingale.

MINSTREL OF THE NIGHT.

A "TIP" TO LIGHT MULE-BREEDERS.

SIR,—I have read in the columns of CAGE BIRDS for some weeks now a lot about hen Canaries and how to breed them for light muling purposes (sib bred hens). The Lancashire and Norwich cross, and other crosses too numerous to mention, have been suggested, but from my own experience this year and from what I have seen, I am sure it would be much nearer the mark if mule-breeders would look at Goldfinches with both eyes for light muling purposes, and pick the hen Canary blindfolded.

ONE WHO HAS SEEN THE GOLDFINCH.

[We think many of our readers would thank our correspondent for his "tip" if he would describe what it is they have to look for in the Goldfinch.—EDITOR.]

IS IT A HYBRID?

SIR,—I have in my possession what appears to me a very peculiar species of bird. I should like to know if any other reader of CAGE BIRDS has ever had or seen a similar one. To my way of thinking it is a Hybrid between a cock Blackbird and a hen Thrush. Its beak is not a clear yellow but is broken by dark brown blotches. It has a yellow ring round its eye, and its breast is of a brownish grey. It has a rather flat head, the shape of a Thrush's. It had no tail when I first had it and it has not grown one since (I don't know whether it will ever have one). The person whom I got it from said it was a last year's bird (1907). It has not started moulting at all yet. What I should like to know is: Are there Hybrids of this sort at liberty? That is, if it is a Hybrid. I have an idea it is a cock bird. Several people think the samo as I do

J. SHEERS.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—The arguments in connection with the above appear to have assumed such abnormal dimensions that perhaps it would be best to state the true facts. A the annual general meeting of the S.Y.C.C. a motion was carried practically unanimously by those voting: "That only specialist cage-bird judges should be allowed to judge the members' birds." To prove that I am only writing in defence of the members of the club in the conduct of their own affairs, let me prefix my remarks by saying that I had nothing to do with the moving of the proposal, neither did I vote or express an opinion upon it; therefore, I claim to have acted quite impartially. But I am not stating this to in any way detract from my responsibility as a unit of the club. What was in the mind of the mover at the time I do not know; neither is it possible for Mr. Hammond to know, so that he has no right to make any deductions, seeing that Mr. House's name was never mentioned (if my memory serves me correctly). It is not material to the crux of the question whether Mr. House has judged in Yorkshire 17 or 70 years, or whether officials smile all over their faces, or half way down their backs when he is appointed for a Union show; the point is, have the members of the S.Y.C.C. the right to determine who shall judge their birds? I contend they have, however distasteful it may be to Messrs. Hammond and Dean. And the committee in respecting the views of the general body of members only did their duty for which they have been dubbed "mean and unfancierlike" by Mr. Pope. It will not be out of place for me to say that at the meeting convened for allotting the club's patronage, the abilities of Mr. House and his passing of the two birds at Plymouth last year were never discussed. The fact of his not being a specialist cage-bird judge precluded the support for Plymouth from consideration, and this is exactly what the secretary intended to convey when he wrote to Mr. Pope, and *not* what some are endeavouring to make out—viz., the *passing of the birds by Mr. House*. Mr. Hammond deduces the same inference from a statement of mine which I absolutely repudiate, and have proved by the above statements. It must be admitted that Mr. House is a man of marked ability, but if he is the heaven-born judge Messrs. Hammond and Dean would make us believe him to be, why did they find it necessary to champion him in the Fancy Press? Surely fanciers must know it, or are they taking upon themselves to instruct them? But I do not propose to discuss the merits or demerits of a judge in the Press, as I consider it unfair. Does it not seem strange that Messrs. Hammond and Dean should have written simultaneously? Quite a coincidence, I suppose! The former appears to be rather straining his point when he says the matter casts reflection on the judgment of Yorkshiremen; because he ends up by saying their judgment is second to none. If such is the case (which I am not questioning) why on earth trouble about that of others? It makes his reason look merely ostensible, and if it is accepted I very much question if his compeers will care to be shown so thin-skinned. I have always looked upon Yorkshiremen as broad-minded sportsmen; sticklers for managing their own affairs, and not grudging the same privilege to others. It would be interesting to see what quarter would be given to any intrepid southerner who was indiscreet enough to trespass on the preserves of the Yorkshire Union whether it was in regard to leaving a judge out of their list or anything else? The Yorkshire Union has already told the C.B.U. that their rules must be paramount. Now we are told their judgment is second to none; and the secretary and late secretary have taken upon themselves, with or without the consent of that body, to admonish the members of the S.Y.C.C. What is to be deduced from all this? Maybe, the Yorkshire Union is endeavouring to tear the governing mantle from the back of the C.B.U.? In conclusion, permit me to thank you, sir, for granting space for the ventilation of the above, and at the same time to state that as far as I am concerned it is ended.

R. L. CRISP.

IS IT A RECORD IN LINNET MULES?

SIR,—Being in Bathgate this week-end on holiday, I made a call on a friend and fancier, Mr. John McLean, of Chapel Lane, who, by the way, is the only successful Mule-breeder in Bathgate district this season. I think Mr. McLean has made a record this year, as from one cock Linnet paired up to three clear hens, he secured no less than 45 mules, 25 of them (mostly cocks) being alive and doing well, and they can be seen every day. Two more cocks made good their escape, while the remainder went over to the great majority after being all fully fledged. There are some nice birds in the above lot, everyone of them being dark. I must congratulate Mr. McLean on his success.

AULD REEKIE.

A BULLFINCH HEN'S RECORD.

SIR,—I should like you to publish this in CAGE BIRDS. I had a Bullfinch hen in 1907 which I had previously caught. I used her for a call-bird, and she being very tame, I kept her. This season I thought I would put up a pair for Hybrid- breeding. So having a nice cool room I built a little aviary in one corner, measuring 4ft. long, 3ft. high, and 1ft. 6ins. wide. I put in my Goldfinch on the 1st of May with the Bullfinch, as he was singing well, and in a day or two I saw the hen Bullfinch carrying some stems of dandelion heads, which I gave them, around the aviary. I went and got a piece of sloan tree and placed in the aviary, which I soon found out she was very proud of. I then put in a piece of cocoanut shell, and seeing her go in and out of the shell I got some building stuff such as twigs and hair, knowing what they naturally built with. I soon found that she built as good a nest as any Bullfinches I ever saw. I did not disturb her until May 10, when I found two eggs in the nest. She laid her full nest (five in number), and I left her to sit for eight days before deciding to look at them. Being surprised to find three eggs good, I put them under a hen Canary which I knew to be a good feeder. I succeeded in rearing all three. I may say I fed the hen on dandelion heads and young lettuce, and biscuits slightly soaked in milk, giving no egg food at all. When the young were a fortnight old they were out of the nest, and when a month old I caged them off. Kindly note the number of nests I have had from this Bullfinch. From the first nest I had three young, reared by the Bullfinch. The Canary forsook three good eggs in the second nest. There were two eggs in the third nest, both of which hatched out, the young being nine days old when the Canary, who was a poor feeder, died. The fourth nest I left under the Bullfinch. Then I lost the Goldfinch, who flew away. The Bullfinch did not sit the following night and the young ones died in the shell by the time I found it out. A week or so later I saw she was wanting to go to nest again; so I put a cock Greenie in with her, and she is now sitting on five eggs, of which I think some will be good; but I am going to let a friend of mine have the eggs, as my hens are finished for this season. I can say that all the leading men of my town and county, and others who have asked to see them, have said that my breeding results are the best they ever heard of. They saw the Bullfinch sitting and saw all her eggs. She is looking as well now as ever, having laid 25 eggs, of which 11 have been good so far. I only secured three young out of them, but I am thankful to say they are three beauties of splendid size and type, showing their parentage well. All three are cocks.

F. H. PAGOE.

A GREEN SINGING FINCH WHICH BRED MULES FREELY.

SIR,—A notable green singing Finch has just died which belonged to Mr. J. McLaren, of Ibrox, Glasgow. It had been in his possession for four years and was the father of ten Mules. Eight of these (three cocks and five hens) were bred last year, the mother being a yellow Yorkshire hen. The remaining two were bred this year, with a Norwich hen. Mr. McLaren says it was the best feeder he ever saw, and could "sing like a Linnie"; also all the cock Mules (except one) developed its song, the odd one having the Canary notes.

AND. WILSON.

A HEN CANARY BOTH TAME AND PROLIFIC.

SIR,—I herewith enclose a photograph of one of the most prolific hen Canaries I have ever known and whose performance, I should think, constitutes a record for one year. She laid 42 eggs and reared 24 young birds in the same year. Her owner is Mr. J. Crossley (manager of the Station Hotel Vaults, Blackpool), and he often carried her round the



Mr. Crossley in the Station Vaults with the hen Canary sitting on her nest while being carried about in his hand.

room sitting on the nest (as is seen in the photo). She never took the slightest notice of anybody, and was truly a marvel for sitting and feeding, and gave him plenty of encouragement for a first venture. But, alas, a smouldering fire in the vaults one night put all his birds out of existence. Like all good fanciers, however, he had to stand the loss and make a new start, and I am pleased to see that he has got a few more together, and I wish him every success. He will be very fortunate, though, to eclipse the record of the hen shown in the photograph.

BLACKPOOLITE.

BIRDCATCHING, AND THE PERSECUTION OF BIRD-CATCHERS.

SIR,—In reading "Bird Lover's" letter I felt I must have a few words to say on the subject. He is quite right in every word he states. I know several of the members of the R.S.P.C.A., and I know they would not harm even a mouse; if they saw one which was going to be killed, they would say, Don't kill the dear little thing it would be cruel. And as to the Canaries they keep, they are like naked young ones. They wonder why they look so delicate, with only half plumage, and why they won't sing. As to the keeping of their so-called pets, the poor birds are exposed to draughts by the pulling down of the windows, and are kept in the same cage month after month, and year after year. The crevices of the cages get full of red mites, and the birds themselves get no rest day or night. I suppose all this is not cruel in their sight; but such people will be troublesome, and if it were not for such people, the world would be in a better state than it is to-day. Now I live in a very large gardening district. I suppose these good, generous people are not aware of the ravenousness of birds in regard to the fruit. The master men who own these gardens are obliged to keep men with guns for the purpose of shooting down the birds so as to stop them from eating the fruit as soon as it is getting ripe. Then I see people condemning the honest labour of bird-catching. Now, in my time in the winter I have seen Goldfinches come around the thrashing machine while it is in motion so as to get food, and I have seen them caught with caps and baskets. The birds have been hard driven for food, and that is why they were to be found there. And these dear people say that it is cruel to catch these birds. If they kept gardening land they would make a row about these same birds taking all their tit-bits, and would soon want them caught or shot down. The people who make this great fuss are neither more nor less than ignorant and short of sense, or they would not be troubling their heads with such nonsense, or troubling other people. Birdcatchers are "roughs," as they name them, but not quite such "roughs" as those people, some of whom belong to the R.S.P.C.A.

NOVICE.

SIR,—May I ask the favour of a small space in your esteemed paper? It was with a certain amount of pleasure that I read the first part of "Bird Lover's" letter until I came upon the question altogether out of the latitude. Would "Bird Lover," in all his affection for birds, grant us a short explanation, and define to us his meaning of "undesirable amateurs?" Is he financially affected, or is it "true love" which has moved him? "What's in a name?" for I know of many undesirables who can give points to many so-styled professionals in general woodcraft (not catching a few Linnets and Chaffinches). I know, for I was in a town not a hundred miles from Nottingham, and I once asked a man there, who advertised a good deal as a birdcatcher, if he ever got any Blackcaps. He said: "Yes, sir, I sell 'em in the market place at 3d. each." At the finish I found out that he meant "Blue Tits." No, Sir, we want this country (which is annexed quite enough by the great "I am's") kept as free from licences as possible. There is no need to bar any man of his sport; so, kind "lover," do not be "down" on the amateur. Have we not enough class war now without an increase? Undesirable it is indeed!

ONE OF THE UNDESIRABLES.

THRUSHES BREEDING IN A CAGE.

SIR,—As reported already in your paper, Mr. W. Downing, of Manchester, has been fortunate enough to get a pair of Thrushes to go to nest in an ordinary double breeding cage, which he has fixed up in his back yard. There seems to have been some doubt thrown out as to the possibility of this being done, and I have pleasure in confirming Mr. Downing's statement. The last nest contained the complement of good eggs, one of which hatched, but the young bird only lived one day. He believes it to have been killed by mice. However, the youngster, preserved in spirit, was brought down to our last meeting for the members' inspection, and a number of members have seen the birds nesting, while several have tested the different clutches of eggs, and found them filled. Mr. Downing is one of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.'s most successful novices, and great credit is due to him for his patience in hand-rearing the hen Thrush and getting her to breed. And we hope he may be successful next season in rearing youngsters, and accomplishing what must be regarded as a unique event.

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WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. Weston that birds with "invisible" ticks should be entered in the clear class. Otherwise judges will have a fine time of it, handling nearly every bird in the clear classes, rulling their plumage, and consequently, in some instances, at least, putting them out of show condition. What do exhibitors who never handle their birds think of this? There is one very simple way out of this difficulty. Let the clear classes read, "clear or invisible ticks," and the difficulty ceases to exist. J. C. WILMOT.

SIR,—Friend Weston thinks I read his letter hastily, but I can assure him I did not, and the question he asks me, viz., do I consider a flue-marked bird ticked, I can answer by saying, decidedly yes. How can he be otherwise if he is not clear? And if a man enters a bird as a tick and this bird is one of the best in the class, the first thing a judge should do should be to find the tick. If he cannot find it he has only to put it down and say so. But an exhibitor expects a run for his money, and, as I said before, if the schedules are not worded differently, there is no other class for a flue-marked bird but the ticked class. But if "invisible" ticks were allowed in the clear class then all handling could be done away with, and exhibitors would get a fair run for their money. And I don't think any judge would handle a bird to see whether it was clear or ticked before he awarded the prize; not if it were the best bird. I know I wouldn't. Of course, equal merit might alter the question, but this is very rare. C. E. SILK.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS I noticed that the question of "What is a Tick?" has again crept into the correspondence columns. I thought that was done with some time ago. Now I see Mr. A. C. Gregor proposes that a bird with a dark underflue might be shown in a clear class. What need have we to do this, seeing that at most shows provision is made for ticked and marked birds? As a rule, these classes are not so well filled as the clear classes; in fact, I heard a few days ago that the Bodmin Committee are only having one ticked class for Norwich this year as the entries in them last year were so low. If ticked birds are to be left out and put in clear classes, this will make the entries still less. Then, again, if a bird is ticked no matter where the feather or feathers are, a "ticked bird is not a clear." Who would show a ticked bird in a clear class and think they are doing what is right? I remember buying a bird out of a clear buff class, and some time after, I had an accident with a bird when sending it to Bodmin show; so I sent the bird I had bought and he won first prize. Some time after I found he had a tick on the thigh, but it was unnoticed, even by several critics, who, with myself, preferred another for first. I think Mr. Arthur Harris's letter in your issue of August 22, explained the question and its answer, and if exhibitors were to abide by it, the "tick question" would not injure the repose of the fancier. This question brings an incident to my mind; being at a certain show and seeing a bird in a tick class with, I think, three cards on the front of cage, I looked for the tick, but could not see any mark on him. One exhibitor was passing at the time, so I asked him if he knew where the bird was ticked. He immediately told me, "the inside feather of wing." Another told me it was on the thigh, and another "on the vent." But I could not see it. Perhaps it was one of those "invisible" marked birds we hear about. I would very much like to know the opinion of our leading judges and exhibitors. I don't think any one of them would go so far as to say "a ticked bird is a clear bird."

T. TREVENA.

SIR,—Mr. Woollard, in his courteous letter of last week, says I am in error with regard to my conclusions on this subject, but I still maintain, and I believe I shall be supported by the great body of fanciers who think the matter out, that the real question at issue is set, broadly and firmly, upon the point—a clear bird above all others. That it is a question of the clear bird above all others with Mr. Woollard, his letters prove. He says on August 15:—"A good clear bird is harder to get than a bird with dark underflue," and he clenches the importance *he* places upon this by stating that (in face of his knowledge that a schedule stated "Dark underflue not to be a disqualification") he should "place the clear bird first as it is the most rare of the two." I should think that settles the point that, so far as Mr. Woollard is concerned, the question rests upon a clear bird above all others. I should like briefly to draw Mr. Woollard's attention to the fact that in his first letter he distinctly claimed that it was the duty of a judge (Mr. Weston was then in question) to act up to the schedule. But I pointed out his own departure from that doctrine. I quoted Mr. Woollard correctly, for on August 15 he writes:—"For dark underflue to be eligible in a clear class, the schedule should read: Dark underflue not to be a disqualification." But on this distinct stipulation to a judge he said: "Even then it would count against the bird, should there be two birds of equal merit." That is definite, so far as Mr. Woollard is concerned. It is not so much a question of the technical meaning of the words "disqualification," or "counting against"; those things, in my opinion, are mere flies on the wheel in view of the larger issue of the future of the bird. But, for all that, if it is the duty of a judge to act up to schedule, where the above reservation appears he has a right to treat both birds on an equal footing. Mr. Woollard says he should penalise the one as against the other, and I contend that is arguing against himself. Mr. Woollard now says:—"I have seen schedules read: Dark underflue not to be a disqualification, but to count against the bird according to its extent." That is all very well, but it is quite different to what Mr. Woollard wrote at first. Those last ten words make all the difference; they fit Mr. Woollard's contention now, but they were not there in the first letter, and prove that I was not in error in my construction. My view is that we ought not to leave such a question open for a judge to handicap at his own estimate, seeing the wide differences of opinion, as instance Mr. Woollard's and Mr. Weston's. The one admits dark underflue and would not examine for it, and calls a surface tick a tick. Mr. Woollard would handicap the bird with dark underflue. Now does friend Woollard see my point? My next contention Mr. Woollard proves up to the hilt, for all along the line he contends that good clears are more rare than birds with dark underflue, that he would penalise dark underflue, and that dark underflue comes from the green blood. In all this we are alluding to clear classes. I know a clear can be bred from two greens. I have done it. My experience proves it, and it is no theory. But I repeat here (and Mr. Woollard by inference from his statements and decisive views proves it) that if green blood results often in dark underflue, if an absolutely clear bird is so very rare, and if all judges are to proceed upon the basis Mr. Woollard lays down, and penalise a dark underflue as against a perfectly clear bird, then breeders with a natural desire to get to the top, will look about for the cause of their non-success and drop that cause. I say, and I repeat it most emphatically, that such a trend of action will spell detriment to the Norwich Plainhead. What I would do with two birds were I judging is an abstract question. If I had the two before me I would tell Mr. Woollard. But even this would not settle the point I have raised—viz., "Is it to the advantage or otherwise of the Norwich Plainhead's future to admit (without penalty, for that is a partial, if not complete, disqualification), or to exclude the dark underflue in an otherwise clear bird?" I am sorry I cannot agree with Mr. Woollard, but I respect his arguments and believe he is sincere. I contend that to do anything that will in any sense tend to discourage the use of green blood is to sap the vitals of the future of the Norwich Plainhead, and I feel sure it will be found in the end that Mr. Weston has done good service by his action in acutely raising the point. It is for specialist clubs and the cage bird societies to lay down the law, and enforce it by their schedules.

GEO. GARDNER.

SIR,—"Lancashire Lad" says in your last issue that he exhibited a bird as a clear bird, under Messrs. Battye, Wellings, Vardy, Payne, Barnes, and Robson, and that it won; rightly so, I think, if there was no visible tick. Suppose we exhibited a bird in the even-marked class, and when the judge came to this bird and said it was in the wrong class, being only marked on one eye, we replied: "Take it out and examine it, and you will find it marked just the same as the other eye *on the underflue*, but it does not reach the surface to be visible." Will the judge then say it is eligible? I should think not. And if we are going to make judges take all clear (to the eye) birds out of their cages at shows, to see if they can find specks of dark underflue, they will have a sorry time of it to find some of the ticks. The birds will have a sorry time of it, too; fanciers can make up their minds three shows will be quite sufficient in one season, with that sort of scrutiny and the railway journeys. I have been a breeder 25 years, and an exhibitor 16 years, and I say let us go forward, not backward. We want colour and size and quality; we cannot sacrifice colour for clear skins. And, further, I say that the time has not arrived with most of us, when we can breed birds with clear underflue from two Greens, although we have been practical breeders for 25 years, too. But let us have a decision, fanciers.

SUFFOLK LAD.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

CLUB REPORTS.

STRATFORD AND E. LONDON F.S.

A general meeting was held on August 27th at Workman's Hall. The business consisted chiefly of the making of final arrangements for the young stock show. The annual show takes place on November 18th.—GEO. MAY, Assistant Secretary.

NEW BILTON & DISTRICT F. & F.S.

A meeting was held at the Royal Oak Inn, New Bilton, on August 17th, Mr. F. Watson presiding. The balance-sheet was read, and gave every satisfaction. After purchasing show pens, etc., there was a balance of £1 8s. 7d. Mr. E. Harris was elected assistant secretary. Our next show will be held on September 14th, for a six miles' radius.—JNO. GREATREX, hon. sec.

CITY OF BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, on August 1st. The president, Mr. Adams, presided. This was a summoned meeting, and there was a good attendance of members, fines being recorded against a few members for absence as per rule. Reports of old pairs from members were given. It was decided to arrange classes for our annual show at next meeting, to be held on September 5. The show is to be held on November 21. Judging by the reports of members there will be a big turn-out of young birds. This is our hope.—A. SOUTH, assistant secretary.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Committee meeting held August 25th, Mr. F. A Lester in the chair. The principal business was the adoption of the show cage. It was unanimously decided that the latest show cage of Mr. C. Rochi's be adopted, and the price to members only will be 3s. 6d. The committee are agreed that it is the best cage they have seen for years, as it answers the double purpose of a training and show cage combined, and has stood the racket of the past show season in going backwards and forwards to the different shows. Members who are handy in making their own cages for training purposes will take note of the fact that Mr. Rochi has kindly promised to supply them with the regulation wire front and drinkers, so that they can send the show cages spick and span, knowing they will be a credit to their club.—J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

A committee meeting was held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on August 15th, when Mr. McLay, vice-president, occupied the chair. Also present: Messrs. McPhail, Campbell, Smart, Chalmers, Shillinglaw, and R. Adamson. The most important business was the election of a judge for club show. Our club judge having declined to undertake the task, it was decided to engage a neutral judge. A number of prominent fanciers in the Northern Crest Club were proposed, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Thos. Taylor (Gateshead) to officiate. The rules for the Roberts' Cup competition were drawn up, and will be inserted in show schedules where patronage is given. The following fanciers were admitted to membership:—Messrs. J. Montgomery, J. Anderson (Glasgow), and J. Wilson (Galashiels). This being all the business, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, will oblige by sending it at their earliest convenience.—R. ADAMSON, hon. sec., 50, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Usual monthly meeting held at Station Hotel on August 27th. In the absence of Mr. Ronald, Mr. J. Hyslop took the chair. There was a grand turn-out of members and friends to hear Mr. Jas. Shepherd (Newcastle) tell of his experiences in the keeping of cage birds, more particularly of British birds. The Secretary read the correspondence. One letter was from Mr. T. C. Crawhall, withdrawing his resignation of his membership, no doubt brought about by the unanimous vote of our members at the last monthly meeting, and also the unanimous vote of confidence in him passed independently of his slight violation of the Cage Bird Union rules. The Secretary then read correspondence from several specialist clubs. Our total of specialist club patronage for our annual show is now six. They are as follows:—N.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M., and F.B.C. With such strong support we look forward to a good entry on Nov. 13th and 14th, the date of the show. Mr. Shepherd then delivered his lecture on "The feeding, moulting and staging of British birds." He said he had not come to give us what could be termed a lecture, but merely that they might have a quiet talk about the birds. He said he could remember when he came into possession of his first bird, "the common Greenfinch," and that was more years ago than he cared to tell. But he still stuck to his first love; in fact, he would as soon do without his pipe as his Greenie. He then told us what he considered was the best time to get British birds, the sort to choose, how to steady and stage them, and how to feed them. Mr. Shepherd being a past master at the game, the whole business was just like A B C to him. Everyone present was delighted with what the speaker had to say. At the finish two old fanciers were heard to remark that the longer one lived the more he learned. The discussion which followed was an interesting one. Mr. Shepherd answered all manner of questions, and the time went by all too quickly. Two new members were elected: Messrs. D. E. Kent (Newcastle) and John Tombling (Tynemouth). This being all the business the Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd for the able and instructive lecture he had given, which was seconded by Mr. McPartling. Mr. Shepherd suitably responded, and the meeting closed.—JAMES JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

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OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting held at headquarters on August 26th (Mr J Sharples in the chair) it was decided to have eight open classes at the next annual members' show, to be held on October 10th, and that the Society give a special for most points in each class. Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek) will place the awards. The secretary was instructed to have schedules ready for distribution at our next meeting, September 9th. It was also decided that the meetings be held weekly up to date of show.—FRED STRETTE, sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (OPEN DERBY) O.A.

Next meeting Saturday, September 12th, for taking entries for annual exhibition and competition on the 26th. Entry forms in the hands of all members in the course of a few days, and I would specially request their return in time for above meeting. In filling up schedules please pay particular attention to rules 2, 6, and 8, the committee not being responsible for any errors made. We appeal to all to give us a large entry, so that we may have a magnificent show. A cordial invitation is given to all associated with this interesting hobby. (See Club notices.)—J. R. MITCHELL, sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting at the Hall of Science on August 25th, Mr. B. E. Stubbs presiding. Business: Making the necessary arrangements for open show at the Corn Exchange on October 21st and 22nd next, and the appointment of stewards, Messrs. Dowle, Oliver, Cotterill, and Harding being elected. All members will be admitted to the show during judging. The Corn Exchange has been recently painted and decorated, and will be heated by hot water pipes if necessary, and specially decorated for the occasion. The schedules will soon be issued. Several special prizes have already been given for competition. The members' classes should be strongly supported, no less than ten classes being allotted to them.—MOORE AND CROWSTON, hon. secs.

GALASHIELS O.S.

A meeting was held in the Good Templar Hall, Galashiels, on August 29th. Mr. Todd (president) occupied the chair. Before the usual business the chairman referred to the loss the society had sustained in the death of Mr. J. O. Alexander. The secretary reported that he had secured the services of the following gentlemen to judge the cage bird section at the show to be held on November 21st:—Messrs. Robert Wright (Greenock) and David Brown (Edinburgh) for Scotch Fancy Canaries; and Mr. A. Hay (Berwick-on-Tweed) for Norwich, etc. The judge for the Border Fancy Canaries had not been appointed, but a list of names was drawn up for the secretary to write to. The schedule was then revised, and the following classes were agreed on:—13 classes for Scotch Fancy Canaries, 10 for Border Fancy Canaries, and 9 for Norwich, British, etc., making 32 classes in all for Canaries.—ALEX. SMITH, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Usual monthly meeting held on August 18th in the Temperance Rooms, Chester-street. The usual business was gone through, and then the members spent an enjoyable evening in a discussion on moulting and colour-feeding. Mr. J. Burns presided, and asked Mr. Nash his opinion of colour-feeding, but the latter gentleman strongly condemned it; he said that a bird once colour-fed must be kept on it the following year or one would not have good results in the breeding season. Several members were of the same opinion. Mr. Watson asked the best method of assisting the moult, and the best things to give the stock? What, too, was the most useful to fasten the colour? Mr. Hadwin said he was a great believer in saffron, as it caused the blood to leave the quill, and the feathers then dropped out. Cleanliness and baths on fine days would also be productive of good results. Several members took part in the discussion, which got so interesting that time was almost forgotten, and closing time came all too soon, bringing a very interesting and instructive evening to an end.—J. RICHARDSON, sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The members held their usual fortnightly meeting on August 29th, at the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. George Clark presiding over a good attendance. The usual correspondence was read, including a communication from the secretary of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., intimating that we had been granted the patronage of that Club for our annual open show on November 20th and 21st. The preliminary arrangements for the open show were then gone into, and several matters of some importance were decided upon, amongst which was the issuing of subscription lists for the purpose of collecting funds. It was decided that we invite fanciers to advertise in our schedules and catalogues. It was also decided that the new rule in reference to the payment of contributions be not put into force until next year; therefore, those members who have not yet paid up will still be allowed to exhibit in the members' classes, in accordance with the old rule, which is that all members must be fully paid up one month previous to date of open show. The large amount of business transacted precluded any possibility of holding the usual discussion, it being quite late. The greatest enthusiasm prevails amongst our members, and things are looking decidedly promising for the annual show; we trust that when the time comes we will be well supported by fanciers and exhibitors.—REID AND MADDISON, Hon. Secs.

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My Ponnant Parrakeets (continued).

Pennants are never very plentiful in the market, and I consider that a true pair, and acclimatised, would be well worth £5, in fact, I should say this was cheap. To keep these big Parrakeets in cages is, I think, barbarous, and besides, you lose all their beauty. When my hay was ripe last year, my hen Pennant would give me no peace unless I stopped each time and gave her a bundle.

My Pennants began nesting operations in May, the cock diligently feeding the hen bring the first sign of good things to come. When pairing, the cock makes a terrible noise, something like the barking of a miniature pack of hounds; and he also gives a pretty whistle from time to time. If the hen is not ready to mate, should her lord prove too demonstrative, she runs at him along the perch, head down, and pretends to bite his leg savagely, when he quickly shears off. No doubt he knows (as I do) that a bite from a Pennant's beak is no joke!

Nesting begin in March, and one night by the look of the hen, I knew that eggs were not far off, and the next morning there was an egg laid on the floor, through inexperience, no doubt. I thought to myself, this will never do, so I popped the egg into the log, and awaited issues. Next day she took the hint, and laid her egg, like a well-regulated hen, beside the other, in the nest. Altogether five were deposited, but at first she did not sit very closely, and caused me thereby much mental anguish. However, she apparently knew her business better than I did, and what Pennant's eggs required by way of heat, for every egg hatched out in due course.

Incubation lasted about twenty days, so far as I could judge, for it is impossible to tell such things to a day, unless you are idiot enough to interfere, and I am not. The first I knew of the hatching out was the noise the youngsters made. At first it was very low and sibilant, but day by day it grew in volume to my great joy. At first it resembled the barking of a very miniature pack of hounds, but gradually it changed to the whistle of the adults, and then to hoarse grumbling.

Both parents worked early and late, and well they might, to feed these five hungry mouths, and to their credit they reared every one. I noticed one curious thing, that, when the old cock was going to feed, while the youngsters were still small, he used to put his beak down on the perch, and bring up the food repeatedly into his mouth, perhaps for five minutes at a time, and then he would fly off to the nest, as much as to say, "I think the feeding stuff is about right now."

The hen brooded the young closely for about four days; afterwards she only stayed in the nest all night—too hot, I expect, in the daytime. The young ones left the nest one by one, beginning with the oldest even unto the last; the Benjamin came out quite a week later than the first. They had yellow beaks, the hens having only a carmine crown on the top of their heads, followed by sage green; backs sage green, with dull black centres; the tails of the hens are tipped with white and have green centres; the cocks' tails are blue where the hens are green. The young hens have much more green on the necks and sides than the young cocks. Size, when they first left the nest, about that of a big Rosella. By the August following they were nearly as big as their parents.

I have looked carefully through all the books I know of, and so far as I can see, this is the first authentic account of the rearing of Pennants.

I may say that Pennants dote on mealworms, and eat them like shrimps, held in one claw. It may be nice for the Pennant, but I should think must be decidedly unpleasant for the poor mealworm. My young Pennants did not come out of the nest like a regiment of soldiers, and range themselves in a line for my inspection. They blundered out one by one, and dropped to the floor, and when they began to fly, they got many a hard bang on their poor heads, before they learnt that wire netting is a hindrance to bird flight.

I kept this pair of Pennants for years, and every season they presented me with a family; but never again did they go as far as five, and one year there was only one. They are still alive, and as handsome as ever in a friend's aviary. I sold them, very reluctantly, to make room for other sorts. It is impossible to keep so many different varieties, unless you have a miniature Zoological Gardens. Whenever I go there they always seem to remember me, and come up to the edge of the wires for a tit-bit.

Even breeding Pennants gets monotonous after a time. Doing the same thing in the same way year after year is like eating a quail a day for thirty days. Along towards the middle of the month a fellow begins to long for a broiled Crow or a slice of cold dog. My success in breeding Pennants apparently caused a lot of jealousy and ill-feeling in the avicultural world, and all sorts of nasty things were said, among others, that I did not know a Pennant from an Adelaide!

There are two unpardonable sins in this world—success and failure. Those who succeed can't forgive a fellow for being a failure, and those who fail can't forgive him for being a success. If you do succeed, never mind, you will be too busy to bother very much about what the failures think. That, I am happy to say, has been my position many a time in Birddom.

Chapter XVIII.—My Solomon Island Cockatoos.

In the year 1901, and in the July number of the "Avicultural Magazine," I saw an advertisement of two Red-eyed Cockatoos for sale. At first I took no notice, but about the middle of the month I bethought me of the Solomon Islanders, and wrote to ask the owner whether, if the birds were still unsold, he would kindly let me hear about them.

In reply I received a very courteous letter telling me that the birds were at least 18 years old, and that for the last nine years they had been kept in a cage and were consequently in bad feather; that they destroyed a bundle of firewood every day; that they had just laid two eggs (at least the lady had); that they had been given cotton wool, and had made a nest with it, and that either in intense indignation or utter disgust they had scattered eggs and material all over the cage bottom; that one egg had disappeared, and that the other had been sent to me.

It came duly to hand, but was fractured. Still, it showed me the size and shape; it was about the same size as an ordinary Pigeon's egg, and rather obtuse in shape. The gentleman said that, if I liked to have them I could, and might keep them till either they got into form or went to nest again. In an unthinking moment I closed with what I thought at the time a most generous offer. Since then I have modified that hasty opinion.

From the day these birds landed my sorrows began, and have continued with wonderful regularity ever since. Before I tell you what they are like, I will make a digression. Full of wicked, unsanctified pride, I wrote to my friend, Mr. Savage, of Rouen, to tell him of my good fortune. His reply was laconic and to the point. He thought that if the hen had really laid in the bottom of a cage and used a nest of cotton wool, she "ought to be relegated to the animal kingdom of asses." He further expressed his opinion that "such an easy-minded bird ought to breed anywhere."

Now I believe it was the last remark that decided me. I accordingly wrote and said I should be pleased to give the Cockatoos a trial. They have since given me not one, but many!

(*To be continued.*)

STRAY NOTES ON THE HYBRID SEASON.

By Thomas Smith.

The early part of the season was far from fruitful in the production of Hybrids. British birds in confinement were slow in starting to breed, but the reports in July and August were favourable, and the likelihood is that when the Hybrids meet at the shows they will give a good account of themselves.

The Russian Bullfinch hen was scarcely obtainable, and that lady has consequently been somewhat rare in Hybrid breeding; so far, I have not heard of a single Hybrid having been bred from her. Those I know of have all been bred from the British Bullfinch hen. The young from this are smaller than what are wanted for open show competition. However, those who have been successful in getting Hybrids of any kind are fortunate, and properly colour fed there is no forecasting what they may do on the show bench.

The sex of the Greenfinch- and Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids is most difficult to determine, when the birds are in their first feather. Many a disappointment happens in this way. Hybrids moult quickly, and when the second feathers come the sex can easily be determined, the male being stronger in colour. The Hybrid, Greenfinch Bullfinch, promises to be plentiful, and two Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids have been spoken of. It is to be hoped that a few of this cross will grace the show-bench. He has become very rare, and will now be much valued and prized. He is a very charming fellow indeed. Many have tried the cross, but without avail.

The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid should not be scarce. For shape and colour he has no equal. Careful colour-feeding here is most essential; it should be started when the bird is able to do for itself, and should be continued until all the feathers are fully grown. Indeed, a wise method is to keep it on the colour-food for a fortnight after the moult is completed. While colour-feeding, the sulphate of iron should be added to the drinking water every second day—a piece, that is, about the size of an ordinary pea. A good few Goldie-Bullie Hybrids have been hatched, and if all are reared the entry should be above the normal one.

The Goldie-Redpoll is a favourite, and several have been secured. It is unequalled for brightness, bringing out, as it does strongly, the characteristics of both parents. His species can readily be recognised. This Hybrid improves with advancing years and his feathers carry a lovely sheen.

The Goldie-Greenie, though a very pretty Hybrid, is not prized as it ought to be, and that may be the reason many are bred and never heard of. The Linnet-Bullie Hybrid, too, has apparently gone out of favour; he has not even been mentioned in the year's breeding. A rearrangement of the classification for Hybrids might assist to make him more popular. He is worth cultivating, and should be encouraged.

The Siskin has found favour, and has been mated with almost every imaginable British bird and Canary. He has, according to all accounts, added to the list (with the Canary) several very fine Mules. I know of one or two which are moulting and the colour is coming out beautifully—a nice deep tone. I question if Goldfinch-Canary Mules are as numerous as they have been. Fine variegateds have been bred, and one or two very light Mules; but it is feared the latter are hens. An amateur I know has had the good fortune to get a clear Mule. It is pale in colour, but of good shape, and is in very healthy condition. Many dark Mules have been bred, but I have not come across anything exceptional. They are somewhat diminutive; fine size is looked for in a show dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, with deep yellow-green feathers. The bright-yellow cinnamon-green is a lovely colour, and should be cultivated; it lends itself to a beautiful bloom.

The Linnet-Canary Mule seems plentiful, and there should be a fine "crop" for the show-bench. The Greenie-Canary is well forward in numbers, too, and round here (Glasgow) several big bouncing fellows are getting ready. Other crosses have been tried, but with no great success.

The Hybrid season is a short one. The parents are late in starting. Further, Bullfinch hens especially lay nest after nest of eggs, taxing the average fancier to his utmost capacity to test the eggs. For want of foster parents a lot of the young ones were lost which might have been saved. Odd Hybrids which were hatched, failed in the rearing because they had no companions in the nest. It it not always possible, but a capital idea is to set, say, a Canary egg or two about the same time. I am a strong believer in setting two or more hens on the same day, and at the same hour. If one bird hatches in each nest, they can be put together and reared in the one nest, the one helping the other to develop.

Intending Hybrid-breeders should look out for handsome Russian Bullfinch hens, moulted in the house if possible. House-moulted Bullie hens do best in the breeding season. Admittedly, they are not easily obtained, but they are worth a fair sum. Fresh-caught birds seldom do anything in the first year, but she invariably lays prolifically in the second year after being caged. The importation of Russian Bullfinch hens into Great Britain is a very limited one, and renders the possibility of one's buying a house-moulted hen very remote. An odd chance may arise, and those who have the opportunity of so doing should seize it as there are great possibilities in the cultivation of the Bullie Hybrid.

Get a good specimen and you have something to look at; it will fetch a handsome price, too. Fanciers who have had no luck this season should not allow their spirits to go down. If they have been working with fresh-caught Bullies let them moult them, and there is an excellent chance of getting Hybrids next season.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

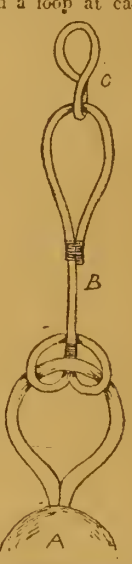
No. 236.

AN ELASTIC CAGE SPRING.

Sent by —, 319, High Street, Gateshead.

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The idea which is illustrated below is that of an elastic cage spring. To construct it one has only to procure a length of strand elastic and form a loop at each end, binding



An Elastic Spring.

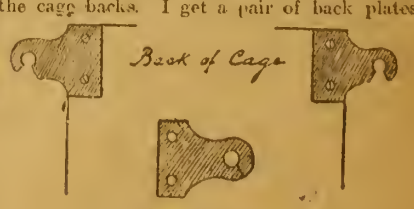
them with string or wire. The sketch clearly shows the method of fixing it. A is the cage top and ring, B the elastic, and C a wire hook by which the cage is hung. The object of the spring will be at once apparent. The same contrivance will be found an excellent one by which to hang swing perches in cages or aviaries. An ordinary swing is all that is necessary for this.

No. 237.

A NOVEL METHOD OF HANGING CAGES.

Sent by A. Clompson, 15, Chant Square, Stratford, London, E.

I enclose an idea for fixing cages to walls instead of the usual one of making holes in the cage backs. I get a pair of back plates



To hang Cages on Walls.

such as are used in fixing a looking glass to the wall. These cost 1½d. for two and may be had at any ironmonger's. Then I cut a piece out of the bottom with a file as shown in the sketch. Then I fix one on each end of the cage back. Before putting the nails in the wall, it is as well to mark each place where they are to go with a pencil through the hole in hook.—A. Clompson.

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Canary Breeding from the Exhibition Point of View.

By J. BASTOCK.

One of the most, if not the most, fascinating of all hobbies is that of Canary breeding for exhibition, as the anticipation of winning first and special prizes gives one the necessary filip to keep the enthusiasm at fever heat, as it were. No one of a changeable mind should go in for Canaries, because the man whose ambition is to become a champion breeder, must have plenty of patience, and give every attention to the object he has in view. By so doing, and with ordinary luck, a novice will soon breed something that can win, and then he has the stimulant that will keep his mind fixed.

Some First Steps.

Having made up your mind to take up this most excellent hobby, procure a copy of CAGE BIRDS, as from that you will be able to glean much that will help you. The next thing to be considered is whether you have a suitable place in which to keep the birds. In the Midland Counties most of the smaller houses have a room above the living room (or kitchen, whichever you may choose to call it). This, in my opinion, is the best possible place in which to keep and breed Canaries, as it must be warm, and therefore free from damp.

Having selected your room, first proceed to fit it up with cages, and these you can easily make yourself, as everything can be purchased already for putting together (vide the advertisements in CAGE BIRDS). Supposing, then, you have made (say) six cages for breeding purposes (mine I made 30in. long 16in. high and 11in. deep), you have then plenty of room.

Procuring the Stock.

I presume you have made up your mind which variety you intend to breed. We will agree that you have chosen Norwich, which, no doubt, are the best to begin with, as they are the most popular and easily bred of all. You should, of course, join the local cage bird society, and make it a practice to attend all the meetings; by so doing, you will soon learn who are the fanciers that breed the winners, and who are the gentlemen that purchase their winners. Make yourself agreeable to everyone, and visit all the principal breeders of the variety you intend to have. If there are no such local breeders, write to the secretary of a good society, and get him to put you into touch with a reliable breeder; then place yourself in this breeder's hands, stating what you require in the way of birds, and the price you can afford to pay for a start.

Say, for example, that you want two sets, and can give for them anything up to six pounds (which, I think, is a fair price for two cocks and four hens). Your best plan will be to have one Yellow and one buff cock. You will now have the benefit of this breeder's experience extending over several years at least, which is not to be despised. I have seen it repeatedly advised that it is best to use one cock and one hen. That is all right if you have bred your own birds, and have a good stock; but the advantage of having two hens to a cock is that if one of the hens go wrong, or fail to breed, you have still another left, and the consequence need not be that you have lost a season. So that if you have two hens the chances of good breeding results are greater.

Everything in Readiness.

When everything has been got ready for making a start in breeding, say, by the first week in April, the cocks having been kept in separate cages, and got well on song by having been given a little egg food, maw seed, and hemp, place the yellow cock with one of the buff hens; then, in the course of three or four days, place a nest box on one end of the cage. This will be found to take up less room there than anywhere else. Give a little moss for the birds to play with until you see the hen is ready to build. Then you should give plenty of moss and hair, when the real excitement will begin.

In the course of a week she will lay her first egg. Take it away and put it in a box containing bran, substituting for it a small stone or imitation egg. Take out each egg as it is laid, until the third appears; then take away the dummy and place the three in the nest. You can now take the cock away, putting him into another cage with the other hen, when they will go through the same performance. And when this hen has laid, the other hen will be about ready to hatch her brood, which should be on the fourteenth day after you put the eggs back.

In all probability the hen will feed the youngsters better for the first week than if the cock were put back with her; if she will not, run him into the cage, and he will soon do his share in the rearing of the young. Repeat the same performance in due course with the other set.

Colour-feeding the Young.

Now, we will suppose you have had good luck and have several young Canaries reared by the middle of May. You must keep a good look-out to see that the hen does not pluck them for the purpose of building her nest again. If she should start to do so, place them in a small cage, which hang on the front of the breeding cage, until the hen has laid another clutch of eggs.

You should then remove the cock bird and the young to another clean cage, until they are nearly five weeks old. You can then take the cock from them, and begin to wean them off soft food; also stop giving them any green food. Crush a little Canary and hemp seed, and they will soon get used to eating same.

Now, the next thing to be thought of is the colour feeding. This is the most important item of all, for if you have bred some grand specimens, they are absolutely useless for the show-bench unless you can get them to a good and even colour.

Having looked through your CAGE BIRDS, send for samples of hot and cold peppers, and select the deepest of them in colour, but not that which has the most oil in. The way I decide as to which is the best is to take the driest, add some linseed oil, and then compare it with the most oily samples. This has often surprised me. Then I have added oil to the moist samples; but in nearly all cases they have had sufficient before. Having now selected your samples, both hot and cold, mix four ounces of hot to twelve ounces of cold pepper, well mixing it with a knife. Add one pint of best linseed oil to seven pounds of the mixture, and here you have a colour feed you may depend upon.

To one hard boiled egg, add two good spoonfuls of dried and crushed bread, two of moist sugar, and two of the colour feed; well mix these together, and give the mixture in small quantities at a time when the young are about nine weeks old. After about a week add a little more colouring matter, and take the seed away in the morning, placing it back for one good feed at night. In another fortnight take the seed away altogether, only throwing a little on the bottom of the cage occasionally, until your birds have moulted nearly all their body feathers. Then gradually add their seed.

By this time you will see which of the young birds are the most likely to develop into show specimens. Take these out and place in separate cages, letting them have a bath now and then, and giving a little extra maw seed and scalded German rape.

A Try at the Exhibitions.

Now we are getting to the end of the breeding season, and you have doubtless purchased a few "show cages." And you have, too, large ideas of what you are going to do. Having made up your mind as to the show at which you would like to exhibit your birds, apply to the secretary, or the show manager, as the case may be, for a schedule, and enter your bird (or birds) in those classes which you think will suit best.

The labels will arrive in due course, and you will then despatch the birds. Now you must go to see how they have got on, what awards they have received at the hands of the judge, and if you are a keen fancier you will learn more in one visit than I (or anyone) could teach you in a year. Perhaps you have been fortunate and have won; then don't think that you are a champion, for at the next show you may get nothing. In such a case, do not let it dishearten you, but study the different points of the winners, find out where your exhibits are at fault, and purchase a specimen perfect in that particular point in which yours are deficient. Then pair to your own the nearest to the type required.

How to Wash Canaries.

After your birds have been out a time or two they will require washing. This is not the hard task some would have you believe. The one great thing required is confidence. I well remember the first bird I washed; I would have given anything to have had a lesson from someone, but, no fear! you could not get any help in those days. Although I was a young beginner, I had sense enough to know that I stood no chance if I did not wash the birds, and so I made up my mind that it must be done.

I started with trembling heart and hands, and got through the task without killing one of the birds, although I thought one or two were dead at times; but they came out successfully enough to enable me to win first prize for my pains. After that it was no trouble to wash a bird, and I think I was one of the first to give a washing lesson "on paper."

At first I used a drying cage, but later on I found it best not to use one, as it had a tendency to curl the feathers. From experience I found one did not want to get any fire on one's birds.

So the way I have washed them for years is as follows:—I take three bowls and a bar of curd soap. I never let my water boil, but just have it hot enough to hold my hand in comfortably. I add a good pinch of powdered borax to each bowl of water, and wash down each side of the wings of the bird first. Then I do the tail, then the breast, then the neck, back and front, and lastly the head. I get a small brush to just touch across the top of the beak. Then I rinse the bird in each bowl of water, taking great care to get the soap out of the neck and from underneath the wings. I then draw the wings and tail through my lips, afterwards getting a soft cloth or handkerchief, with which I dry the bird as much as possible before the fire. Then I wrap a strip of flannel round the bird, placing it in the fender before the fire until the next bird is ready. I place the one washed first in a show cage previously placed so as to get nice and warm, covering it over with one of the damp cloths. This process is repeated until all the birds are finished.

In the meantime, my "better half" has got a large kettle of boiling water ready; to this I attach a long spout, so that the room is soon filled with steam. This ensures my birds drying well; it also keeps the air moist.

Many writers recommend washing birds in the day time, but being myself a working man, I like to do mine at night, and have got quite used to it. I have always kept my birds in the lightest part of the room, placing a lamp in front of them. I have always left them in this room through the night, and have never been disappointed with them in the morning.

(Readers will find illustrations of the various positions in which to hold the birds while being washed, and many helpful hints in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1908. Price 6d., post free from this office.—Editor.)

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Changes of Habit Among Birds.

Some of us who have taken an interest in Nature's subjects for a number of years, and have especially watched the doings of the birds in their play, as well as in their more serious avocations, cannot but notice from time to time how many of the different species of our wild birds gradually change their habits and modes of living. This is particularly the case in regard to the food which they consume. It is admitted by all careful observants of them that both the Rook and the Starling are much more mischievous in their ways and destructive in their habits than was formerly the case. How this happens may be open to question, but to the writer it is undoubtedly due to the increase in the number of birds and the enlargement of bird life, and to the strenuous struggle which these and others have for existence. A certain species of birds increases in number beyond that which the particular district in which they abound can support, and in consequence these birds are driven through sheer want to the consumption of foods somewhat foreign to their natures. The acquired taste oftentimes becomes a habit, and the species gradually drifts into other methods and ways. This, to the writer, appears the only practical solution to what is undoubtedly a strange conditions of things.

The Rain Bird.

When the cry of the Woodpecker is heard through the woods, it is supposed to foretell rain. So universal is this belief, that in some districts it is called the "Rain Bird." Many other birds might with equal truth be so named, for to sing before a change in the weather is a common occurrence with some.

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The Needle-tailed Swift, a bird added to the British list on the strength of two specimens only, is probably the swiftest bird on the wing. It is an Asiatic species, but its nest and eggs are unknown, although it is supposed to breed in Tibet, that land of mystery, whose natural history is still to be thoroughly probed and recorded.

Watching for Strange Birds.

Now the autumn is approaching and young birds are beginning to wander from their homes, bird lovers should keep a sharp look-out in their gardens, and when taking their daily walks, for any strange birds that may put in an appearance. All birds are on the move now, and we are at any time likely to see a feathered creature, unknown before in our several districts.

The Cuckoo and Its Eggs.

We have had from time to time proof of the Cuckoo's depositing an egg upon the ground, taking it in its beak and dropping it into the selected nest of some smaller bird. This is, no doubt, the usual procedure; in some cases it must be so, or the egg could never be placed in the nests in which they are found, which are too small to hold the parent bird. But one sometimes wonders if, under favourable circumstances, the Cuckoo does not lay the egg direct into the nest. The writer has heard of two cases where the bird has been detected upon the structure, and he has heard of one case of its being actually caught there; but as no egg was laid, he thought it was disturbed too early, and had not had time to do so.

Birds in Fruit Districts.

Innumerable caterpillars among the fruit trees in Kent have caused the growers to seriously consider the position of our wild birds, and the influence they have upon the fruit crop. The warfare against bird life in the guise of so-called "Sparrow clubs" has almost decimated some districts, and it is contended by the more thoughtful growers that this wholesale destruction is the cause of this plague of noxious insects. The difficulty appears to be in discriminating between the useful and the destructive birds; to the members of a "Sparrow club" all birds are Sparrows, and when one considers that about three-fourths of our wild birds are insect eaters, the harm done by indiscriminate slaughter of birds must be very great.

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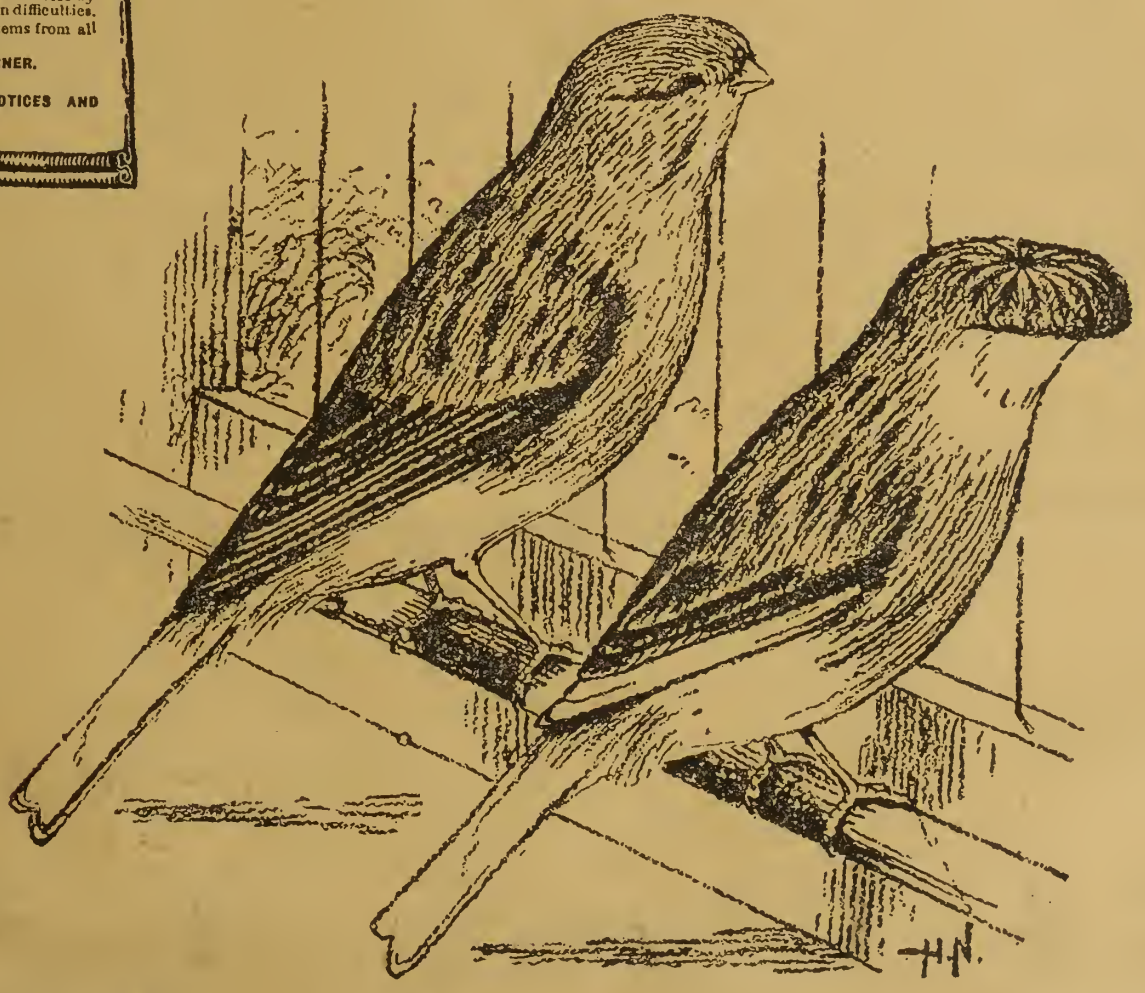
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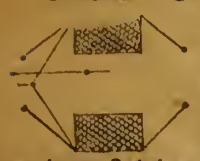
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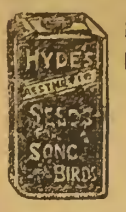
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WANTED Canaries, Mules, Linnets, Goldfinches, Parrots, any kind birds, nets; Toy dogs wanting; bird catcher; cash first.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge.

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THE SHOWS.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members held their second First Feather Show on August 29th. Considering how late it is, there was a good number of birds staged, and the run for the society's medal promises to be very keen. Points are given at all our shows. Mr. Bottomley was the judge.

CLEAR YELL. YORK. (1): 1, Booth. BUFF (11): 1 and special, 3, Spence; 2, vhc, he, Pyrah; c, Booth. TICK. YELL. (4): 1, and spl, Pyrah; 2, vhc, Kinder; 3, J. Fisher. BUFF (3): 1, Kinder; 2, 3, Pyrah. CIN. YELL. (2): 1, Pyrah; 2, Marsden. BUFF (1): 1, Pyrah. FOUL MARK (1): 1, Toulman. —H. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

AUGHTON.

The Aughton and District Society held their annual show on September 2nd. It was well supported by some sound fanciers, and considering the recent climatic conditions, proved in every way a success. Another year we hope to see a still better show, as the Aughton Committee comprise a genuine lot of gentlemen, worthy of better support and patronage from the fancy in general. Mr. R. Hunter (Ormskirk) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS CLEAR AND TK: 1st and 2nd, c., F. Foster, two grand first feather birds, nicely drawn, good length and style; 3rd, hc. R. Gardiner, grand Buff, handicapped by being in moult, otherwise might have won; vhc, W. H. Hurst, very fair bird. NORWICH CLEAR AND TKD.: 1st and 3rd, B. Tasker, a grand yellow leading, splendid type, full of quality, wins well; 3rd, also a good yellow; 2nd, c. F. Foster, marked yellow, also a very fine bird, rather longer than winner; vhc and he, W. Witlington, former very fair buff, good type. CAN. A.O.V.: 1st and special for best bird in section, J. Whimsley, with a grand positioned yellow Belgian, splendid drive, well filled back, very nervy, real gem. 2nd, T. Cave, nice Cinnamon. BRITISH SOFT-BILL: 1st, J. Parr, with a promising yellow Wagtail. HARDBILL: 1st, W. E. Lewis, a grand Bramble, beautiful spangled head and back, rich breast colour in lovely bloom; 2nd and 3rd, E. A. Gorton, good birds, but in moult. LINNET: 1st, R. Gardiner, nice size and shape, very fair pencilling; 2nd, E. A. Gorton, good, but falls in steadiness. FOREIGN: 1st, J. Brownhill, grand ring-necked Parrakeet, shown in perfect condition; wins well; 2nd, Master A. G. Inglish, pair of Javas in lovely bloom; 3rd, W. Benson, nice Cockatoo.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, on September 6th, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper. Result: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, W. Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest at the Prince Albert Inn, Newtown, on September 6th, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1st, A. Binns; 2nd, C. Laurisan; 3rd, J. Chippendale. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and A. Jennings.—W. DEAN, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DIS. C.B.S.

A special meeting was held at the Swan and Peacock Hotel on August 25th, Mr. F. J. Weaver in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The chief business was the fixing up of classes for open show, and other show business. It was decided to make a slight alteration in some of the classes. Three classes were added for Border Fancy Canaries and two open classes for novice exhibitors (Norwich and Yorkshire). A vote of thanks to our able chairman brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close. —F. HOWES, secretary.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on September 5th, at the Paddington Recreation Ground, in a cricket match versus a team most appropriately named "The Early Birds." Apparently the City members got up too late, for they suffered defeat, their score being 42 as against 105. A number of visitors came to look on, and seemed to find it "good fun." Amongst them we noticed Messrs. Prior, Wheller, H. Davis, J. Hawes, King, Turner, Large, R. J. Pretty, Lazarus, A. W. Curtis, A. C. Burn, W. Prance, Adamthwaite, senr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bassett. The weather, for a wonder, turned out well, and the event was a decided success. The successful bowlers for the City and Suburban side were Messrs. J. Pooley, 4 wickets for 35 runs, and A. Pooley, 3 for 37. Scores:—

EARLY BIRDS C.C.—Hunt, bowled A. Pooley, 17; Collier, b, J. Pooley, 2; Hart, b, J. Pooley, 0; Hare, b, J. Pooley, 7; Faulkner, stumped Wynn, b, Ashby, 6; Lovell, caught Simpson, b, A. Pooley, 1; Swift, not out, 31; Towner, b, A. Pooley, 31; Dickinson, not out, 5; Dye, b, J. Pooley, 1; byes 4; total (declared) 105. CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B. —J. Pooley, retired, 9; Ashby, run out, 4; Adamthwaite, caught Hunt, b, Collier, 0; Simpson run out, 3; Wynn, b, Swift 7; Weston caught Hunt, b, Collier, 0; A. Pooley, run out, 2; Hart, b, Collier, 1; Butler, caught Towner, b, Swift, 7; Knight, caught Collier, b, Swift, 0; Curtis, not out, 1; byes, 7; leg byes 1; total 42.

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NEWPORT AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Meeting held August 29th, when it was decided to hold a members' show about the middle of October, date to be fixed later. Intending members should attend at the Castle Hotel, Commercial street, between eight and ten on the next meeting night September 12th.—J. LINCH, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 2nd; large attendance. Schedule in connection with 30-mile radius show was decided upon. Five additional classes were added, ranking 35 classes in all. A gift class and a special class for Parrots and Parrakeets was allocated. Schedules will be ready for the October meeting. Two new members were added.—C. A. CHARLES, Secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S O.S.

Meeting held in the court room of the Town Hall, September 2nd, Mr. P. Whittet presiding. The members decided to extend the classification in the British and Foreign bird section of their show, and have made application to the S.B.B. and M.C. for their patronage and medals. The following were accepted to judge at the forthcoming show, held in the Town Hall on Saturday, October 3rd:—Messrs. P. McDougall (Edinburgh) and D. Holden (Muirkirk) for the Scotch Fancy section, and Messrs. J. McLay (Kirkintulloch) and A. W. Watson (Leith), secretary to the S.B.B. and M.C., for the Norwich, Border, Mule, British, and Foreign Bird section. Next meeting fixed for September 9th.—A. B. MACINTYRE.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting held in Reigo-street Hall, on Sept. 3rd, the President, Mr. Ballantine, in the chair. Business regarding show was gone into, after which a very interesting exhibition of hand-washing was given by Mr. W. Dunn (Portobello), who proved himself an expert at the business by the smart way he handled the birds. One of the subjects, a four-year-old Scotch Fancy, looked as if it was going to die, but it pulled through much the better for the tubbing. Mr. Dunn explained to the members his method of hand-washing. He said that the birds must be handled quickly and carefully, so that they would not get cold. Various questions regarding temperature of the water, kind of soap to use, and how to dry the birds after washing were asked. Mr. Dunn answered giving every detail. He said he would be only too pleased to assist any fancier in want of knowledge about Canaries and their management. The President then called a vote of thanks to Mr. Dunn for his kindness, which was heartily responded to. Mr. Dunn replied that he would be pleased to give the Western another exhibition at a future date.—JOHN THOMSON, Sec.

KENT FUR AND FEATHER UNION.

Annual general meeting held at Sittingbourne, September 2nd, when delegates from Sheerness, Canterbury, and Sittingbourne were present, and Mr. H. H. Ambrose took the chair. The Hon. Sec. read the balance-sheet, shewing liabilities of £11 2s. 7d. He read a circular letter and stated he had sent out 150 copies to the Secretaries of Kentish Societies and the principal fanciers, but had not received a single reply. As it appears futile to try to carry on the Union with the support accorded it, he moved that the Union be wound up and the Challenge Cups sold to meet the liabilities, and that the meeting be adjourned to this night four weeks at the same place to confirm it. This was seconded by Mr. Coppins, and carried. The selling prices of Cups and plinths were fixed as follows:—Poultry, Pigeons and Rabbits, £3 3s. each; Bantam Cup, £1 11s. 6d. and CAGE BIRDS Cup, £2 2s. The Cups being quite plain and in good condition, it was thought no difficulty would arise in disposing of them at these prices. The balance-sheet as read was adopted and the meeting adjourned till 30th inst. at 7 p.m.—W. J. DUFF, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH P. C. C.

Committee meeting held in Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on Sept. 5th, Mr. Winter, president, in the chair. Others present being Messrs. A. Chalmers, J. Ferguson, W. G. Muir, A. Sloan, J. Smeaton, J. Young and secretary. The minutes of previous meeting having been adopted, final arrangements were made for the International Contest to be held at Glasgow on 13th and 14th November. The Club Show was fixed to be held in conjunction with Scottish National on 31st December and 1st January, and the club's patronage was granted to the undernoted shows:—Broughty Ferry, Oct. 10th; City of Glasgow, Oct. 16th and 17th; Dysart, Oct. 31st; Glasgow and West of Scotland, Nov. 13th and 14th; Perth, Nov. 21st; City of Dundee, Nov. 28th; Kilmarnock, Dec. 4th and 5th; Broxburn, Dec. 19th; Aberdeen, Dec. 25th and 26th; Scottish National, Dec. 31st and 1st Jan. Members must show in club cages, otherwise they will be debarred from competing for club prizes. The membership list closes on 1st October, and members whose subscriptions are unpaid after that date will be struck off the roll. I take this opportunity of thanking those members who have contributed to the special prize fund, and hereby appeal to all others to assist in meeting the expenses to be incurred in connection with the contest and club show.—J. BROWN, Sec.

GUISBORO' & DIST. PRIORY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, September 7th, Mr. Cook in the chair. The members were supplied with slips of paper to write any question in connection with the Fancy, and the slips were then placed in a hat and well shaken up. Our worthy chairman led the way with an excellent answer on the results of hot and cool pepper. Mr. Wilson followed on the diseases of birds, and submitted some of his well-tried and beneficial recipes for different ailments. A question on the quality of feather was answered by the secretary. Mr. Hood had a rather difficult question before him: Why should one bird be so much quicker through the moult than its own brothers and sisters, all flying together? Many of us have witnessed this, but cannot account for it. Another question was: What causes flight feathers and tail in some birds to be perforated? Some thought it the work of red-mite, others moths. Mr. Graham gave us an ideal answer to a question on the exhibition Bullfinch. An original recipe for a soft food without egg was given by Mr. Starling. Mr. Jobling, whom we look up to as the father of the society, he having been a great exhibitor and judge many years ago, and still keen as a fancier, drew: What can be done to interest the members and young fanciers at our monthly meetings? Mr. Jones suitably answering: By having such meetings as these. Mr. Knaggs very ably answered a question relating to the latter part of the never-to-be-forgotten "ramble" on Whit Monday. It was decided to hold a table show of birds at the next meeting, October 5th, and for our worthy friend, Mr. Jobling, to open a discussion. This brought the most enjoyable meeting the society has ever had to a close.—G. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.:

IN THE COURTS.

"AMATEUR" CATCHERS IN TROUBLE AT NEWPORT.

Unusual cases were heard at Newport, on September 5th, says the "South Wales Argus," when David Holland, of Henry Street, and E. Taylor, of Albany St., were summoned.

Inspector Easdown, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that he was in an open space at the back of the Gasworks when he saw defendants engaged in catching birds with nets. Defendants had a bird tied down to the ground by a piece of string attached to a small piece of stick stuck into the earth. The piece of string was 20 yards long, but the bird could not rise more than three feet in the air. The idea was, by pulling the string, to make the bird rise into the air, flap its wings, and thus decoy other birds into the net. Witness kept observation of defendants' movements for some time, and saw the string pulled on several occasions. Eventually the defendants threw the bird into some thistles, and on witness speaking to them they denied that they used the bird or the string for the purpose which witness had named. Witness picked up the bird and found it was in a very exhausted condition. The bird died in his hand. The string was tied very tightly around its body, the wings were badly cut, and blood was flowing freely. Defendants told witness that they had no work to do that day, and they did it for a bit of sport.

The Chairman: You have been guilty of much cruelty. It was simply a piece of idleness, and you obviously intended to catch the birds to sell them. You will be fined 20s. each, and if you come here again for the same thing you will be dealt with severely.

Richard Nation, of Lewis Street, Newport, was also summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to a Linnet while in captivity.

Inspector Easdown saw Nation with two decoy birds under a net. One of them was a Linnet, a wild bird. This he pulled up and down with a string in the same way as was done in the previous case. The bird was very exhausted, but Nation, when asked if he did not consider it was cruelty, replied, "We are allowed to do this by Act of Parliament." He afterwards stated that he had no clothes to go away with, and so he came out on Sunday morning to catch birds for a bit of sport.

Defendant was fined 20s., the Chairman (Mr. Cordey) advising him to give up his "sport."

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**A Parrot's Huge Joke.

A nursemaid at Sheffield recently complained that she had a difficulty with a Parrot. Polly's cage was in the nursery, and she had learned to imitate baby's cry with wonderful accuracy. One afternoon the baby's mother came running into the nursery because she heard the wailing cry of not one but of two babies. Baby was crying as though his heart would break, and "Polly" on the perch in the cage was sobbing a doleful accompaniment, while nurse alternately soothed the one and scolded the other.—Sent by J. Largo (age 13), Home Farm Cottage, Keele, Staffs.

*A Tame Blackbird.

I had a young Blackbird the season before last, so I thought I would try and tame it. Just before it was old enough to fly, I would take it down the garden on my finger, and by this means I got it so tame that I could leave the cage door open and let the bird have its freedom. And when it saw another bird it would fly to the house-top; but I only had to call and it would come.—Sent by E. Hubbard, 4, Penywain Street, Wainfelin, Pontypool.

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4th Annual Open Show. Cage Birds Only. **OCT. 7th and 8th, 1908.** (Under C.B.U. Rules). Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, J. Wilcock, & W. E. Lawne. 50 Open Classes. (10 Nor., 10 Yorks., 13 Brit.) Best railway connections in England. Entries close **Sept. 29th.** Schedules from **H. O. LILLEY, Sec., 111, Lincoln Rd., Peterborough**

WATFORD

October 8th & 9th.

Thirty-seven classes. Judges—C. A. House and J. Frostick. Good Prize Money. Numerous Specials. **W. QUANTRELL, Hon. Sec., 47, Market Street, Watford.**

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REMEMBER.

& District C.B.S. Annual Open Show held under C.B.U. rules of Canaries, Mules and British Birds on **OCTOBER 9th & 10th** under patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club and Yorkshire Canary Club Judges: W. Vardy and W. Mundell. For schedules when ready apply to

GEO. WADDINGTON, Hon. Sec., 68, Edge End Rd., Gt. Harwood.

BROUGHTY FERRY **C.B.S. Annual Show** of Scotch Fancy, Nor., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. In Good Templar Hall, Gray St., on **Oct. 10, 1908.** 45 Classes, 1/6 entry money for 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 60 Open Specials, 3 Challenge Cups for members. The "Robert's Challenge Cup" open to members of S.C.C., competed for at this show. Judges—Scotch Fancy, Messrs. T. Allison and H. B. Melrose; Norwich, Mr. Allan Chalmers; Border Fancy, Mr. J. Paterson; British and Foreign Birds, Mr. P. Mc. Quiston. Entries close **Oct. 5th.** Schedules from **ROBT. WHITTON, 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.**

DO NOT FORGET

LONGTON AND DIS. C.B.S. Annual Open Show

Of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

Saturday, October 3rd.

Judge: J. H. ROE. 37 Classes. Grand lot of Specials. Schedules ready from **ENOCH TAMS,** Church Street, Longton, Staffs.

ST. ANDREWS CAGE BIRD SHOW. **SATURDAY 3rd, OCT., 1903.** Town Hall, St. Andrews. Extended Classification. 2 cups, 70 Specials for Competition, and model prize cards free. Prize money 10/- 5/- 3/-. Entry money 1/6. Judges: Messrs. P. McDougall, D. Holden, Scotch Fancies; J. McLay, A. W. Watson, Borders, Norwich, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Entries close by **SEPT. 26.** Schedules on application to the Secretary, **A. B. McINTYRE,** 31, South Street, St. Andrews.

LISKEARD Show.

Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage-birds. Confined to Devon and Cornwall. **October 14th, 1908.** Entries close **October 7th.** Upwards of £100 in Prizes, numerous Specials. Schedules ready shortly.

Dr. W. CURTIS, Hon. Sec., Fur and Feather.
H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., Dogs.

ROCHESTER 5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds **on Oct. 8th & 9th.** £5 Limit. Judge, Geo. Gardner. Good classification & Special prizes to every class. K.C.C.B.A. Rules. Prize Money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Entries close **Sept. 28.** For schedules, etc., apply **W. HURDMAN, 28, Horsley Road, Rochester.**

EXETER & DEVON

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

OCTOBER 14th, 1908.

Judge—T. Heath: Schedules of **CORNISH and ADAMS,** 90, Regent Street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

HAYLE SHOW.

£100 Prize Money. **October 14th and 15th.** Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6. Popular Judges. All prize money paid within 3 days. On the main line, G.W.R. Schedules from W. PAULL, 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.

FROME Cage-bird Show.

Thursday, Oct. 15th (C.B.U. Licence). Judge, J. Robson. Schedules ready **19th September.**

C. I. YOUNG, Sec.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

KELTY & BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

3rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on **Oct. 17th, 1908,** under patronage of Y.C.C.S. and B.F.C.C. Judges: D. Low, J. Adams, J. Patterson, R. Farmer. Laing Challenge Cup for Best Bird in Show, and numerous Specials, 61 classes for Cage-birds. Entries close **Oct. 12th.** Schedules to be had from **JOHN FORD,** Hon. Sec., Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

DARLINGTON CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, **Saturday, October 17th, 1908.**

Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club. 29 classes. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 12th.** Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Schedules from—

R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

CATERHAM, SURREY.

16th Annual Show, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage-birds, will be held **October 21st and 22nd, 1908.** Cat classes second day only, Oct. 22. Judges: Messrs. P. H. Baylis, A. C. Gilbert, R. Melbourne, T. Lambert, G. R. Bird, Dr. Durrant, W. Kilby, T. J. Ambrose, G. Gardner and Miss F. Simpson. Entries close **Oct 7th.** Extra fee **Oct. 10th.**

For Schedules apply J. KILBY, Hon. Sec,

EASTBOURNE 3rd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW,

October 21 and 22. Schedules ready. Entries close **October 8th.** Hon. Sec., R. M. DALY, 120, Whitley Road, Eastbourne.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Cage Bird Show (under C.B.U. Rules). **OCT. 22.** Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close 8th. **G. W. READ.**

NOTICE TO SHOW SECRETARIES.

Receipts are sent on the Friday of each week for payments of 5/- and over. If a receipt is required for any sum less than 5/-, stamp must accompany same to cover postage, etc.

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TWITTERINGS.

Kelso show of cage birds, etc., has been fixed for Wednesday, October 21st, writes Mr. Tulloch C. Bennet.

The address of the secretary of the Sale Open O.S., Mr. G. F. Hardcastle, is now 19, Cross Street, Ashton-on-Mersey.

The balance-sheet of the City and Suburban Society's Young Bird Show, to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. Wynn, is a very satisfactory one, there being a profit of £1 7s. 6d.

I have removed, writes Mr. J. A. Taylor, from Northdale Road, to 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford, where I have larger and more convenient premises.

The Wibsey C.B.S. members are "rambling" over Ogden Moor on Sunday next, September 13th (start at 1 o'clock from Horton Bank Top), and friends are cordially invited to join in the outing.

I have removed from 12, Avon Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, to 8, Bankfield Avenue, Longsight, writes Mr. J. Steele, where I shall have a very superior bird-room to the one possessed at the old address.

At Crowthorne show, held September 2nd, in the Recreation Ground, Mr. E. Fulbrook took all the prizes in the classes for cage birds, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, extra 3rd, vhc., hc., and c. Mr. Billett judged.

Mrs. Gray, of Rothsay Road, Bedford, has again been successful, we hear, in rearing a nest of three young Bullfinches in her aviary. All the youngsters are doing well. It is an interesting fact that the parent cock bird is six years old.

Trade Notice.—Ramsden's trade premises will be closed for 8 days from Wednesday next, September 16th, during which time no orders requiring packing can be executed. Small orders by post will be sent out by my locum as usual.—J. W. Ramsden. (ADVT).

At a meeting of the Bo'ness and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. Findlay McGillivray, the sec. (Ganzo Road, Chance, Bo'ness, N.B.), held on September 2nd, it was decided that all fanciers wishing to become members can do so by paying 3s. not later than the end of September.

All prize money in connection with Troon and Lonas show held on 29th August has been paid, writes Mr. J. Ferguson, the secretary. A general meeting will be held on Friday evening first, at 8 o'clock, in the Unionist Hall Restaurant, to lay before the members a balance-sheet, which I am pleased to say shows a balance on the right side, to cheer us on our way for the coming season. A number of prize lists left over from show can be sent on application, for 3d. post free.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS regularly for over six years, and find it a most useful journal for all bird lovers; in fact, I consider that no bird-keeper can be up-to-date without it. I wish it every success.—ALF. ROWLES (Peterborough).

The block which CAGE BIRDS so kindly lent our society to illustrate the book of rules has been highly spoken of as being a model of a Norwich Plainhead, writes Mr. O. Mitchell, hon. sec. of the Open Norwich Plainhead C.C.

At the next meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., to be held at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Thursday, September 17th, at 8 o'clock, writes Mr. H. Lambert Brown, the hon. sec., a paper will be given by Mr. H. J. Hawes, on "Bird Catching and Snaring" (illustrated). This promises to be specially interesting, and a large attendance is hoped for. All fanciers are welcome.

Readers on the lookout for a high-class reliable cycle, at an extremely moderate price, should give the circular of the Runwell Cycle Co. (25, Parade, Birmingham), which will be found enclosed with this issue, their careful consideration. Good second-hand cycles at almost giving-away prices can also be obtained from the same firm, while they make a speciality of tyres, saddles, bells, lamps, and all accessories, in every case the price being cut to the lowest possible figure in the purchaser's favour.

The arrangements for the Dulwich O.S. outing are now complete, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, the hon. secs. The party will assemble on Sunday next, September 13th, at East Dulwich Station (Grove Vale, S.E.) and entrain for Amberley (Sussex), at 8 a.m., and will visit the surrounding district of Arundel. Hot lunch and tea will be provided. Any friend desirous of joining the party must communicate with us at once to 4, St. Aidans Road, E. Dulwich. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. The party will be conducted by Mr. J. F. Lovesy, and will arrive back at 8 p.m.

OBITUARY.

I am very sorry to inform you, writes Mr. W. Mundell, that Mr. James Thornton, of Sandy Lane, Allerton, Bradford, lost his wife on September 2nd, from heart failure, after an illness of twelve months. I feel sure all fanciers will sympathise with him in his bereavement, and especially his many friends among the breeders of Yorkshire Canaries.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. Senior, wife of Mr. Swales Senior, one of the oldest members of Blackburn Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. H. Fairclough. It must have come as a great blow, as they have only just got settled in their new home, and on behalf of our members. I wish to convey our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Miss Senior in their bereavement. The funeral took place on September 9th.

MR. A. VOLUME (Kirriemuir).

I regret to record the death of a well-known and greatly respected fancier, Mr. A. Volume, of Kirriemuir, on August 28th, writes Mr. A. W. Watson. His death was very sudden and unexpected, and his wife only predeceased him 15 months ago. He was a great Hybrid breeder, also of Cinnamon and light Mules, and an expert at the keeping of British birds. He caught most of his own Hybrid pairs. Most of the birds bred by him have adorned the shows both in Scotland and England, and brought great credit to their owners. His death will come as a surprise to most fanciers, as he was going about to the last. We grieve for those left behind—a young family, some even at school. His funeral was well attended by fanciers from far and near. We send out our deepest sympathy to the orphans left behind. We have lost a true fancier, and they one of the best of parents.

All communications for Queensbury C.B.S. must be addressed, writes Mr. Wilton Jagger, to me at 6, California Row, Mountain, Queensbury, Bradford, as Mr. S. Jagger has resigned the secretaryship and I have taken that office.

Many thanks indeed for the honour you have bestowed upon me by placing the portrait of my Unflighted Buff Norwich in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Issott (Preston). Imagine my surprise when I arrived at my work at 6 a.m., when a fellow shop-mate of mine, a keen fancier, too, informed me of the honour! I really must admit I felt a very proud man. I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since the first number, and I have gained some very valuable information from it. Therefore permit me to wish it a long continuation of success.

The Palace Record.—At the last Palace Show all the winners of the great "CAGE BIRDS" contest were birds that had been moulted on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Note also that 30 First Prizes, 31 Second Prizes, 27 Third Prizes, 33 Fourth Prizes, 33 Very Highly Commended, 23 Highly Commended, 20 Commended, and scores of special prizes, including championship Diploma for best Yorkshire, and Championship Diploma for best Lizard were awarded to birds fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Also note that all the 1st prize winners in the Yorkshire Canary Clubs' Competitions for season 1907-8 fed their birds on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Above facts easily proved by reference to catalogues, or CAGE BIRDS' reports. What a record. Buy the pepper with the record and full guarantee of purity. Prices, Tasteless, 2s. lb., 5 lbs. 7s. 6d., 22 lbs. 30s.; Hot Nutful, 3s. lb. All post or carriage paid.—J. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London. (ADVT.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' & Dis. C.B.S.** R.J.H., W.V. and P.H.
*Oct 1 and 2.—**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.** J.R and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** J.R., J.Wk., and W.Ln.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.P.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.** W.V. and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P.McQ
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** A. Pik. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Hayle & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.** W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Keity & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** W.P.B., A.B.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Catcrham F.C.**
*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent.** J.H.
Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** J.C.B.
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.** J.R. and H.J.H.
*Oct. 21 and 21.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.H., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** W.M S., J.McA., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mx.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S,** W.V. and W.H.S.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.**
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.**
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and D's. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis: C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S,** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.H., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitchaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Orlginal C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Ms., D.L., E.C.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.H.
Nov. 25.—**Invcrness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepoole C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Covontry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H: & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.H., J.T , H.W.H.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.**
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 343.)
(For Secretaries' addresses see list in No. 543.)

Tick This Off.

A correspondent propounds the following:—

Why does the Ticked question resemble the suffragettes?

Because you can't shut either of them up, we suppose.

Cinnamon-marked Yorks C.C.

The Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canary Club has just issued its Year Book for the season 1908-9. It is a very nicely-produced booklet, and shows the society to be in a sound, flourishing condition, the list of members being an exceptionally strong one. The rules of the club and particulars of its competitions will be found within its covers. The officials are to be congratulated on the present highly satisfactory state of the club, and especially so the hon. secretary, Mr. R. Garnett (17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill, Shipley), who will be pleased to enlist any lover of the variety into its ranks.

Highly Educated.

The birdy meeting being over, they had adjourned to the bar.

"I had a Parrot once," said the thin fancier, impressively, "that could repeat the first act of Hamlet right through, without mistake or break."

There was a painful silence.

Then the fat fancier was heard to remark: "I had a Parrot once which could not speak a word."

"That's nothing," snapped the other.

"Wait a minute," was the reply; "he could talk in the deaf and dumb alphabet to perfection."

Hard Lines for Hartlepool.

It is with regret we have to inform you, write Messrs. Williams and Easby, hon. secs. Hartlepool C.B.S., that at our meeting held September 2nd we were forced, owing to the distress in the town and district, to cancel our two-days' show, which we intended holding on December 4th and 5th next. But we passed a resolution that we would hold a small open show of fourteen classes, but with no members' classes. The members will have to show in the open classes provided at a reduced fee. This show will be held on December 5th. We are not having any schedule printed, but will advertise the classes in CAGE BIRDS, from which intended exhibitors can enter. We are sorry to do this; but we are not altogether downhearted. We hope and trust that trade will brighten next year; then we will have a show second to none in the north. The will is good.

A Cardiff Fancier's Misfortune.

It is with great regret I have to inform you, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, sec., Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., that our highly esteemed friend and member, Mr. Fryer, of Bridge Street, Cardiff, was taken suddenly ill on Easter Monday last, suffering from a stroke on his right side, and as the prospects of his recovering sufficiently to enable him to take an active part in his hobby and the Fancy again are very remote, it is by his special request that I have to advise you of his intention to retire. He is well known to the Fancy as being an honest exhibitor for many years, and has put down many a good one (of the Yorkshire variety) on the show bench. I am sure, therefore, we are all sorry to hear of his physical breakdown, and extend our sympathy to both himself and his family, at the same time trusting that he may soon be restored to health again. In consequence of the kindly interest he has always shown in the Cardiff Society we have made Mr. Fryer an honorary life member and vice-president.

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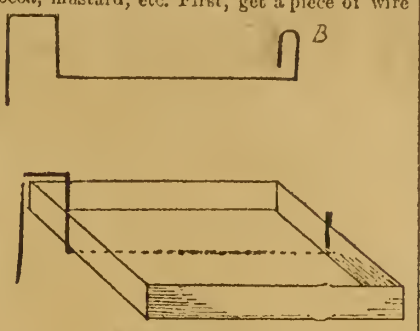
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 238.

A "TIT-BIT" HOLDER.

Sent by G. T. Mills, Finsbury Terrace, High Street, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

I enclose a sketch of my home-made holder for those seeds I wish to give to my birds separate from their stock mixture. I make them out of lids from tins, such as coffee, cocoa, mustard, etc. First, get a piece of wire



A "Tit-bit" Tray.

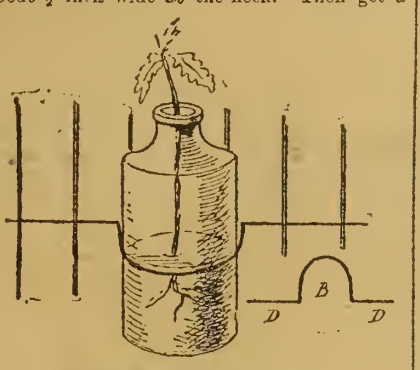
and bend it as seen in Fig. 1. Then place the lid length-wise, with lip under B. Then close "B" tightly over the lip. If desired one or two pieces of wood can be cut to fit into the lid, to give one or more divisions. When finished you have a holder you can hang anywhere on the fronts of cages.—G. T. MILLS.

No. 239.

A BOTTLE GREEN-FOOD HOLDER.

Sent by A. H. Cotton, 16, Thackeray Road, Portswood, Southampton.

I am sending a rough sketch of a method for holding groundsel and similar green food. Get a small bottle, about 3½ inches high and about ½ inch wide at the neck. Then get a



A Green Food Holder.

piece of short wire and bend it to the shape "B." Put the wire round the bottle and put the pieces "D" between the cage wires as seen in the sketch. Then half fill the bottle with water, get your root of groundsel, and push through the neck of the bottle until it touches the water. This will keep it fresh and eatable.—A. H. COTTON.

Leigh Open Show Abandoned.

The Leigh and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. R. H. Davies, the sec., have been obliged to abandon their annual open show, which was fixed for October 23rd and 24th. Our annual members' show will be held on November 28th and 29th. Our society meeting nights are held every alternate Tuesday (next, September 15th) at Railway Hotel, Leigh, at 7.30 p.m. All intending members and friends invited.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Newmilns (N.B.).—September 26th, in the Morton Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Urquhart, Price, and M'Kean. 23 classes: Scots 12, Border 5, Nor. 2, Hyb. 1, Brit. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Entry fee, 1/9. Entries close Sept. 22nd to R. MCDOWALL, Secretary, 25, Grey-street, Newmilns.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

The Bermondsey and Dist. F.A.—Sept. 15, Samson's Castle, S.E., 8.30. Closing of entries for Yonng Stock Show, at above house on Sept. 19 next. Free; fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—Sep. 14, Newman's Room, 7.45. Allot specials for Open Show Competition, etc.—J. N. Jeffrey.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Horton Bank Top, 1. Ramble over Ogden Moor. All fanciers and friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 15, The Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Business very important. —T. Duffield.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.—Sept. 12, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Patronage, etc.—W. R. Myers.

York C.B.S.—Sept. 14, All Saints' School Room, 8. Members kindly attend; a lot of business in connection with show, etc.—A. Waud.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Central Conservative Club, 8. Show business, etc. Members please attend.—J. W. Philpott.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Sept. 15, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. General business.—W. H. Riley.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 12, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Important business. Members please attend.—H. Clegg.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S. — Sept. 15, Round House Inn, 8. Mr. S. Dean will lecture on Preparing Birds for Exhibition. Fanciers specially invited.—F. Mitchell.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Sept. 15, Temperance Rooms, 8. Special meeting, schedule for Old Show, and delegates for Amalgamated Show. Fanciers invited. —J. Richardson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 14, Church Institute, 50, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Essay Competition on "Birds I Have Kept." Gold, silver and bronze medals to winners.—V. Wynn.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Sept. 16, Crown Hotel, 7. Final schedule arrangements; members please attend.—A. Bowes.

City of Bradford O.S. — Sept. 12, The Flying Dutchman, 8. To confirm classification for Open Show, and other important business; members please attend.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Classification for December Open Show, etc.—Geo. Peters.

Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Half Moon, 8. Open Show business.—E. Brunskill.

Dulwich O.S.—Sept. 13, meet at East Dulwich Station at 8 a.m., for outing to Amberley and Arundel (Sussex).—Rogers and Mazzoni.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Sept. 12, Barley Mow, Bowling, 7. Classification for Oct. Show, and nomination of judges. At 8 o'clock Mr. S. Dean will give us a lecture. All fanciers and friends invited.—J. E. Hudson.

Federation of Cage Bird Societies (Ashton-u-Lyne Centre). — Sept. 19, George and Dragon, Market Place, Ashton, 6.30. Business, election of officers, and coming shows.—A. Ackroyd.

Garston B.B.A.—Sept. 16, Miss M. Albright's, 8. Schedule for Old Show, and other important business.—A. Wilkinson, Calthorpe Street, Garston Old Road, Garston. (New address).

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. —J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept. 12, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Special business; members please attend.—H. Schofield.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Crown Inn, 7. Consideration of Open Show.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Cricket Players, 8. Next show. Judges, Mr. R. Rhodes, and Mr. Vardy. New rules, etc.—A. E. Garton.

Inverness O.A.—Sept. 16, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Revising schedule and bye-laws for Open Show. Large attendance requested.—Alex. Urquhart.

Laisterdyke B F.A.—Sept. 16, The Railway Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show, and other important business.—A. Bottomley.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Headquarters, 7.30. November Show.—Robert Hall.

Longton and Dist. (Staffs.).—Sept. 15, Castle Inn, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Edward's. All fanciers, and specially non-members, invited. — E. Tams.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 15, White Swan Hotel, 8. Washing Exhibition; address by Mr. Hulse, on "Preparing for the Show Bench."—C. Draper.

London and Counties O.A.—Sept. 15, The Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, 8.30, when Mr. H. E. Tringham will give a demonstration of Washing and Staging Canarice for Show, and Mr. Adamthwaite, British Birds.—R. J. Pretty.

L. and P. O.S.—Sept. 17, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8, when Mr. H. J. Hawes will lecture on "Bird Catching and Snaring." All fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown.

Liverpool O.S.—Sept. 15, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Adverts, specials, stewards, important correspondence re Open Show.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Motherwell Norwich Club.—Sept. 12, Y.M.I., 8.—James Muir.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S. — Sept. 19, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—A. Wake.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S. — Sept. 12, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Business important; members please attend.—R. H. Turner.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Sept. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Business important.—J. R. Slack.

North London C.B.A.—Sept. 16, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Annual Show business, and lecture on "British Birds," by A. Silver, Esq.; all heartily welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 14, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. General business, subscriptions must be paid at this meeting.—W. Jackson.

Pelton Fell and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Colliery Inn, 7. Classification for Annual Club Show; also replies from judges. Members please attend.—L. Hall.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 17, Red Lion, Stoke, 8.30. Business important.—J. Simcock.

Preston O.S.—Sept. 14, Headquarters, 8. November Show, etc.—W. Hy. Heathcote.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 17, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show of British and Foreign Birds, and judging competition.—J. C. Birch.

Queenshury C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Baptist School, 8. Arrangements for Open Show.—W. Jagger.

Reigate Fanciers (Cage Bird Section).—Sept. 14, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. Lecture by Mr. Lugg (Lewisham), on "British Birds." Friends invited to attend.—A. W. Bacon.

Rugby and District.—Sept. 16, Moat Restaurant, 8. Arrange for next show and general business.—Clem. F. Savage.

Shipley O.S.—Sept. 15, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Important Show business; members please attend. —H. Dobson.

Sale Open O.S.—Sept. 14, Sale Hotel, 8. Open show business.—Geo. F. Hardcastle.

Stonehouse (N.B.) C B.S.—Sept. 12, The Public Hall, 7 p.m. Members requested to attend.—John Govan.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Good attendance desired.—A. E. Morton.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Yorkshire Loose in Bowels.

"**Yorkie.**"—You should first see that your seeds are sweet and good. Keep cage very clean and strew the floor with sawdust instead of sand, which you should burn when cleaned out of the cage. Of course, you must supply grit in some small receptacle on the cage bottom, and a piece of cuttlefish bone stuck in the wires will be useful. Continue giving the staple diet of Canary seed, but discontinue mixed seed, giving instead a small teaspoonful of dry summer rape twice a week, half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and a salt-spoonful of maw sprinkled over whilst the bird is moulting, three times a week. Give these extra items alternately so that the bird will get a different one each day. Withhold green-food until the bowels are in their proper condition. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn two consecutive days, and after that five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Building Aviary, etc.

Novice.—The cause of all your young Canaries dying was most likely that the parents were bad feeders. I hardly think your theory as to the gas being the cause is correct. If you can refer to back numbers you will find numerous replies during the breeding season giving detailed instructions for dealing with this trouble. In building your proposed aviary outside you should divide it into two portions, and make one part, which should not be less than one-third of the whole, a closed-in, weather-proof structure, with glass and wire windows on separate frames, so that the glass windows can be thrown wide open, or even removed, in fair settled weather, leaving the spaces protected only by the wire mesh. A door should also be provided large enough to give you easy access to the interior. This also should be provided with a supplementary wire door on a separate frame. An open space fitted with a sliding shutter should give the birds free access to the open wire portion. This latter should be provided with a covered roof to throw off the rain, and keep the floor of the aviary dry and sweet. As regards placing the birds out you must not attempt this now the birds are beginning to moult, seeing they have been kept indoors all the year. It will be best to moult them off early in a comfortable place, and keep them through the winter in a cold room, and place them out about the end of next May. You may, of course, have time to get a nest of young from each indoors, before the weather is fit to turn them out next spring.

Plucking and Moulting.

"**Budding St. John.**"—Maybe your *nom de plume* is meant as a kind of compliment, in which case I thank you, and right heartily wish you luck and the fulfilment of your desire. If the feathers of the young were plucked when nearly or quite full grown, after the young had left the nest, they will probably not be renewed again this moulting time; but if they were plucked in the nest whilst immature they will be moulted again now. The strain of moulting and feeding young may be too much for a hen that is in any way weak or delicate, and will doubtless cause the moult to be much more protracted than it otherwise would have been. You should have stopped her breeding before this, but as you did not do so your best plan is to return the cock as you have done, and as soon as the young begin to come out of the nest, if the cock feeds them well remove the hen, and leave the young to be finished off by him.

Is It a Freak?

Embarrasse.—There is undoubtedly something wrong with your treatment, but your concern about the bird at three months appearing no bigger than when a month old is probably misplaced, as, beyond the completion of the growth of the feathers, which is most noticeable in the flights and tail, there is not really always a striking difference in size at these ages. Provided a bird has been well fed and cared for by good parents, it is to all appearances almost as large in bulk of body at a month old as it is at any time until after the moult is over, when it usually makes up well in substance. But the behaviour of your bird shows there is something radically wrong with it. Treat it as follows for a few weeks, and if it does not rapidly improve write again. Give an unlimited supply of Canary seed as a staple diet. In a separate vessel give it a small teaspoonful of rape seed twice a week, and just a pinch of hemp seed on two other days, and every second day give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed with it. Slightly sprinkle the latter with maw seed if the bird does not seem to eat it freely without. Give a very small piece of green-stuff, or a few plantain stalks, every third day. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and fifteen drops of whiskey, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After the first week discontinue the salts mixture and give twelve drops of chemical food instead, and continue giving the chemical food and acid alternately for another week or fortnight as may appear necessary. Treat the other bird that is puffy the same as above, but give the medicines for only half the length of time mentioned.

Keeps on Sneezing.

A. Slade.—I suspect the bird has been exposed to a draught, or to some exceptional change of temperature. You must take proper care that these causes are avoided, and keep the bird now in a fairly warm place where there is no very great change of temperature; but, at the same time, do not go to an extreme and overheat it. In addition to its present staple diet give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry on it three times a week. Give a scrap of green-food daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a week. Give this medicine on the days when you are not giving the sponge cake and sherry. Discontinue the scalded rape, sherry, and liquid medicine, as soon as the bird is quite well.

Plucking Feathers.

E. Pritchard.—The cause of your bird plucking his feathers is probably that he is infested with red-mites. Examine the joints and cracks about the cage very carefully, probing them with a pin, if necessary, and if any mites are discovered, thoroughly overhaul the cage and eradicate them, and the trouble will cease. If no mites are found then you are probably feeding the bird incorrectly so that its blood is overheated; but as you say nothing on this point you had better write again and say how you feed and treat it. Meantime give it as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week or so, and give the bird a tepid bath daily in which a few quassia chips have been soaked.

A Wheezy Glutton.

Paradox.—It is quite likely that the wheezy condition of the hen is due to her being a glutton, as you term it, and in an excessively fat condition. If you stint the supply of food to a sufficient quantity for a day's consumption you must be careful to avoid bringing about a catastrophe by forgetting to give its daily dole. A small teaspoonful of Canary seed daily would be quite sufficient. In addition to this give just a pinch of dry rape seed twice a week, and a little green-food daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, ten drops of glycerine, and twenty drops of whiskey every second day for a week, and after that give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week.

Is it Fever?

H.R.—I hardly think it is fever that your birds died from, although it would be a wise precaution to separate the other three until you are certain—say, for a fortnight or three weeks—and if they remain quite well for that time you may return them to the others. The real cause is much more likely to be obstruction of the bowels. Discontinue giving hemp seed for the present, and in addition to the staple diet of Canary seed, give a small teaspoonful of dry rape seed per bird twice a week, and every second day a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and slightly sprinkled over with soft sugar. Discontinue the bread and milk as soon as the birds appear quite well. On the alternate days between giving the bread and milk give a small spray of seedy chickweed, or a few half-ripe plantain stalks. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of glycerine, each day for three days, and after that give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every alternate day for a week.

Crested Cock Hoarse.

Constant Reader.—Many birds become a trifle hoarse just before they cease singing at the commencement of the moult. This may be the case with yours, when no special treatment is necessary beyond taking care that the bird is not exposed to draughts. But if this is not the case, the bird has doubtless been already exposed to draught, or got a chill by some means. See that the possibility of this is avoided in future, withhold cold baths until it is recovered, and keep it in a comfortably warm, but not overheated, temperature. In addition to the staple diet of Canary seed, give it half a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week, a pinch of hemp on two other days, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day. Discontinue the sponge cake as soon as the bird is quite well. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls of water daily until the hoarseness has disappeared.

A Shocking Event.

"**Alarm.**"—I cannot say whether your Canary, which has totally ceased singing in consequence of having a terrible fright whilst engaged in vocal performances by the alarm clock going on duly, will ever sing again, but as you say it is a young bird I should think that with judicious management it will certainly do so. There are, however, many cases of this kind where the bird never does get over the shock sufficient to start singing again. Your best course will be to remove him out of earshot of the alarum, into another room where there are folk about pretty frequently, and where he can hear another good, free singing bird. Then he will perhaps forget his fright and resume singing quite naturally when the moult is over. At any rate, he will stand the best chance of doing so under this treatment.

Bashful Singers.

E.L.—It is quite true that one sometimes meets with a bird which will not sing freely in close company with another songster, but such individuals are quite exceptional ones, and you certainly need have no fear of buying a second Canary lest it should stop your present bird singing. The chances are that the presence of the extra bird will rather incite both birds to sing more vigorously than usual, and, perhaps, more vigorously than you care for yourself. Still, if you have any doubt on the point at all it is most easily overcome by keeping the birds in box cages and hanging the cages on the same side of the kitchen. In this position they will not be able to see each other, and will be almost certain to incite each other to sing more instead of less.

Soft Moult and a Proferred Gift.

Jas. Deasley.—I am afraid the cause of your birds dropping into moult after being mated was mainly due to wrong treatment at the time, or during the previous few weeks. If, as I assume, the birds were old ones last spring, I would certainly advise you to get rid of them, and start with a pair or two of healthy young stock next spring. Keep them on a plain wholesome diet through the winter, protect them from chills and draughts, and mate up again about April, as you did before. Before mating, feed them up as you will see advised in our columns at the time. The cock you now have will probably be most useful as a songster to teach young birds, as he is likely to come in song whilst the young are silent from moulting. The age when Canaries get too old to breed may be roughly given as anywhere between two and ten years old. It is all a question of proper management, and the robustness of the birds. Some birds may be utterly worn out in the first or second season; others may breed well for ten years, or even longer. Respecting the cage you have been offered as a gift in which your friend's birds died suddenly, I would say, most emphatically, decline it, with thanks. You may have good cause to rue the day you had it in your room. If your friend does not want to keep it, get him to burn it.

Brevities.

Young Birds Moulting (A.W.).—No, young Canaries bred this year will not cast tail feathers (nor flights) at this moult. They will retain them until the moulting season of 1909. Therefore, if you wish your young bird's cut tail to be reproduced this year there is nothing for it but to pluck out the stumps. Draw each outermost stump with a firm, gentle pull every third or fourth day; then those drawn first should be showing through nicely by the time the last two are drawn.

The Order of the Bath (Learner II.).—Your Canaries may be given the bath as soon as they are able to look after themselves. It is only necessary as a precaution to be careful not to fill it quite as full as you would for the old birds until the young have been away from their parents a little time. Some young ones will begin to bathe in the water given to their parents almost from the day they leave the nest.

A Contentious Green (Yorkshire).—1. If breeding on a fairly large scale, I should consider the bird you describe worth keeping for infusing plenty of natural colour into the stock without getting too near the pure green to obliterate any fair chance of more than a few stray clears or ticked. 2. Yes, it should be colour-fed if it is intended to show it. 3. The class in which it should be shown would depend upon the wording of the schedule. If a class is provided for Greens, it would not be eligible for the heavily-variegated class, and the light feathers would tell against it in conjunction with greens. Its proper place would be in a class for "broken greens," where such a class is provided, or in one worded "green, or heavily-variegated" it would be eligible.

How to Ventilate (Scottie).—I am afraid I cannot quite grip your sketch. Could you make one, no matter how crude, showing the elevation? I cannot tell from the plan whether there exists any structure of any kind at the back or side of the bird-room. The only thing I can suggest from this plan, which is, assuming that there is no such structure, is to place an inlet for fresh air near the floor on each of the two 7-ft. sides that are opposite each other, and about two feet from each end. This will require two inlets on each side. Two similar spaces for the exit of foul and heated air should be placed in the top of each side near the ceiling. If you will manage to make some kind of rough sketch of the erection and send along, I shall be glad to work you out an efficient method for ventilating the room.

Treatment for Hartz Mountain (Bill Battle).—Feed the Roller on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately twice a week just a pinch of hemp, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Every other day give a scrap of green-food. Keep it free from draught, its cage well cleaned, and strewn with gritty sand, and give a bath three or four times a week. The plan of putting a piece of iron in the water when moulting is quite useless. When nearing the end of the moult, not before, add a small crystal of pure sulphate of iron to the water three times a week, which will supply all the iron required, and in a useful manner. Germans are not colour-fed. If, however, you wish to try feeding it, use tasteless red pepper, as you will see advised in many replies the last few weeks.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by C. E. WESTON.

Concerning Nuthatches.

Young Beginner.—Cock and hen Nuthatches are hard for the beginner to tell, as they are much alike. The hen is generally smaller, and always paler in colour and markings than her mate. The grey-blue of the head, light orange of the breast, and warmer orange of the flanks, are never so pure and so rich in the hen as in the adult male; neither is the black eye-stripe so intense in colour, and so conspicuous. The sexing, you will see, is a matter of comparison. A good sized, good coloured bird can always safely be bought for a male. These birds require a piece of bark fixed at the back of their cage. I always let mine have a perch, too, and they are continually going on to it. They require, to eat, a soft-food mixture such as is given to small insectivorous birds generally, with meal-worms, gentles, small beetles, and other suitable live-foods (live ants' eggs are very much relished). In addition, a few hemp and sunflower seeds should be given daily (especially in winter), with some nuts, cracked, if necessary. My bird likes a little fruit and a few ripe berries, being particularly fond of peeled sweet grapes.

Bullfinch's Dirty Feet.

Miss J. Lloyd.—It is just a little idiosyncrasy of the birds—a thing impossible to account for, and impossible of cure. The same thing happens with many species; some Goldfinches, for instance, never soil their feet or their perches, whereas others kept under precisely the same conditions get their feet clogged with dirt, and perches into a correspondingly dirty mess. This may be said with equal truth of Linnets, Hawfinches—indeed, all of the finches, and many of the insectivorous birds. A number of years ago I exhibited two Bullfinches with considerable success. Both were remarkably tame, yet one always came home with perches, feet, and show-cage generally, in a very dirty state, while the other never soiled feet, plumage or cage. Shall we say that some birds are more "gentlemanly" than others—or more "well-bred," if I may use the phrase—with an inherent dislike to soiling their person, which keeps them off the cage bottom and from contact with whatever dirt the cage may unavoidably contain? It would seem like it, anyway. Else how account (as in your own case) for one bird getting into such a mess about the feet under conditions in which another bird of the same species keeps as clean as a new pin? You might try a different covering for the cage bottom (such as coarse-cut sawdust, or fine peat moss litter), giving grit in a small dish. If you think the feet are really sore, anoint gently with a little of some soothing ointment—boracic, Cuticura, Zambuk, or even lanoline or vaseline.

In an Aviary.

H. H. B. (Oltheroe).—Evidently you have not perused my columns regularly, for I have frequently told querists how very uncertain and unsatisfactory it is to attempt to breed Hybrids by throwing a crowd of different birds into an aviary. Every beginner seems to think this just the method to pursue—quite the easiest and best road to success. And perhaps it is inevitable that the above method should strike them in that light. For reasons, however, which are too lengthy for me to deal with again now, this method almost invariably leads only to disappointment. If one or two carefully selected couples are turned into a fair-sized aviary, good often results; but never when a pair (or more) is crowded into every square foot of floor space. Further, very, very few hen British birds can be depended on to hatch their eggs and rear their young in captivity; therefore the rule with Hybrid breeders is to transfer the eggs to a Canary "foster-mother." You must not get it into your head, either, that the cock Canaries would mate with the hen Finches, while the cock Finches mated with the hen Canaries. The Canaries would simply keep together, and the Finches would keep with their own natural mates. If you want to go seriously into Hybrid breeding, then in my opinion it is best to house each couple in a big cage by themselves. In keeping the birds more particularly for pleasure, then you would undoubtedly get that from them housed in an aviary. Hand-reared birds are usually alright for breeding purposes, but in some cases may be inferior to wild-caught, house-moulted birds. It all depends on the birds themselves—one couldn't tell without seeing them. Here is a list of high-class Hybrid pairs, which should find you plenty of occupation, and result in handsome birds: Siskin, Redpoll, Canary, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Linnet cocks paired to Bullfinch hens, and Goldfinch cocks paired to Redpoll, Linnet and Siskin hens.

Woodpecker and Cinnamon Mule.

Joiner.—Cinnamon-coloured Linnet Mules are far from common, and if yours is of good size, and pure and warm in colour, it is bound to win you some prizes. Most of these Cinnamon examples are produced (as yours was) by mating cock Canary to the hen British bird—probably all of them, I might say. It is not exactly a "rare cross," as many such examples have been seen on the show bench from time to time. If your Woodpecker is a bird caught in your neighbourhood, then it certainly is not the Middle Spotted species, for this is not a British bird. I know, however, that several Middle Spotted Woodpeckers have been on sale lately; they were specimens imported from the Continent. It is an appreciably smaller bird than the Greater Spotted. Personally, however, I think the probable explanation of the all-red crown lies in the fact that you have got hold of a young Greater Spotted which has not yet shed its nestling plumage. Before they moult, the crown of the head is red; afterwards the red is confined to the back of the head of the male. The adult plumage, of course, would always be depicted on a coloured plate. These birds are usually shown in a cage (shaped very like a sentry-box), made of tin, with bark fixed on top of the tin. It should not be too large, on account of weight and expense of carriage.

Eight all at Once.

Wood.—Eight questions at one time is rather a tall order. I cover some of them at once, however, by saying that an aviary 6 ft. long by 6 ft. high by 3 ft. from front to back is not large enough to contain a mixed lot of seed-eaters and softbills—it is practically only a large flight. Outdoors, it would not afford sufficient cover (protection) and unless in a very sheltered position it is likely to prove somewhat bleak even for Finches, in the depth of winter. A boarded "shelter" is an essential part of every good outdoor aviary, and the roof should have a good slope, so that the birds, when they choose, can get well up under it. To come to your questions. 1: I prefer to keep insectivorous birds separate from seed eaters. 2: This all depends on the size of the aviary. 3: The delicate species of insectivorous birds would not winter out of doors; in such a place as you describe very few softbills would survive the winter. 4. Insectivorous birds certainly would not breed in it—unless, maybe, you devoted it to one pair, say of Thrushes or Larks. 5: I have never found Larks knock other softbills about; of course, I have not kept them under crowded conditions. 6: You certainly could not trust a Magpie in an aviary with small insectivorous birds — or seed eaters either. Don't you ever give your Magpie dead Sparrows, etc., to eat. I should have thought you would have been familiar with the fact that they do not object to small birds as items of diet. 7: You get more continuous song when birds are caged separately. 8: Seed No. 2 is wild mustard (charlock). No. 1 is quite familiar by sight, but I can't think of the name at the moment. I will give it you next week.

Brevities.

Hybrid with Swelling (H. R. D.).—The best thing you can do is to get an ounce of best quality tincture of iodine from a chemist, and paint the swelling once daily with it. Use a tiny camel hair brush to do this with, and be careful to put on one light smear only at a time, as the stuff is very powerful; also keep it off the surrounding parts. This treatment will reduce the swelling, if anything can.

Hen Mules Laying Eggs (Novice, A. H.).—You are quite correct in saying that hen Mules will lay eggs. Such eggs (as probably you know) are infertile. But given good eggs hen Mules will hatch them and rear the young.

An Aviary (Mephistopheles).—In a substantial outdoor place like yours, no heat whatever will be needed for British Finches or Budgerigars, nor for Canaries of the hardy varieties (Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, etc.), bred in cold rooms. Freedom from damp and draught is all such birds ask. There should certainly be a ventilator at the highest point of the roof—say let into the wall facing west. This could be closed during inclement weather. It would be better if the skylight could be opened during hot weather.

Concerning Mules (Devoulan).—1: The light feathers disqualify the bird for Dark Mule classes. It could be shown as a variegated, though its chances of success wou'd be slight unless very large and very rich in colour. 2: You can lose nothing by colour-feeding the dark Linnet Mules. It will improve their appearance, and then you can enter them at a show, and compare them with the other Mules staged. You will gain knowledge that way. 3: An excellent stock seed mixture for Mules is: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half-part each. A feed of hemp, maw, niger, etc., occasionally as a treat.

Sparrow Hybrids (R. H. Smith).—Sparrow Hybrids are uncommon because Mr. Philip Spadger refuses to be associated with their breeding. Just try to mate the average cock Sparrow with a hen Canary and see what happens, but don't put in a hen Canary you value. The crossing of the Tree with the House Sparrow has been accomplished; these two species, of course, are close relatives.

Heather Tops (W. A. W.).—Yes, certainly; by heather tops is meant the flowering, etc., tops of heather. In districts where there are Bullfies and heather, these birds can always be flushed from among it about this time of the year; they feed off it in the same manner as other "wild seeds."

Hoopoe and Redpolls (Amateur).—The Hoopoe is certainly a British bird; it is found in England in small numbers (generally in the south) every year. The specimens seen on the show-bench, however, are all imported from the Continent. It breeds in the south of Europe, in Egypt, etc., and would breed in England if left alone. Two kinds of Redpolls are recognised on the show-bench, the Mealy and the Lesser. The former, broadly speaking, is twice the size of the latter, and whereas the Lesser is generally a warm brown colour, the Mealy is (as its name indicates) a much greyer-looking bird, whitish on breast and abdomen.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Silverbill Panting.

V. G. E.—This may arise from three causes, viz., indigestion, chill, or egg-binding. I should advise catching the bird and caging it up separately; keep it in an unheated room and out of the reach of draught. Give her a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in one ounce of water, the bird to have only this to drink for the one day; this can be repeated after an interval of two, providing the voidings are not watery loose. I should also anoint the vent with pure olive oil. If, after observation you are convinced that its condition is due to a cold, then till relief is given, give it one teaspoonful of this mixture (ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts), to an ounce of water. See that it gets a good drink of this twice a day. This can easily be secured by removing the water over-night and supplying the mixture first thing in the morning, removing the drinking water again at mid-day for a time, and letting the mixture remain sufficiently long for it to be compelled to take a portion—continue this till relief is given. A fresh portion of the mixture must be used daily. You give me no data to go upon, so I cannot give you a definite reply, but the above should cover your need.

An Ailing Galah.

A. Hanck.—The bird has got into a heated condition, somebow, and I should spray it with quassia solution every other day for a month at least, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Give it an occasional aperient; make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day, and after an interval of three days repeat the dose. Diet: Seed mixture, 2 parts each canary seed and oats, 1 part each maize, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage; also let it have a little of such ripe fruit as it will take daily, also plain biscuits, nuts, and a stale crust of household bread. A leaf of fresh lettuce (say twice a week) is also very wholesome for such individuals as will take it. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Unless there is something more serious than your letter indicates, your bird should gradually renew its plumage and drop the annoying habit of feather-plucking. After the second dose of the aperient, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food.

Keeping Parrots with other Birds.

J. Tipton.—Parrots are very jealous creatures, and apt to sulk if other birds are noticed to any extent in their presence. I do not anticipate that the company of other birds, such as Finches, etc., would interfere much with the birds' utterance, but most certainly I should avoid keeping two Parrots in the same room if you desired talented talkers. Apart from this fact, Parrots of all species are kept in one common room in separate cages, the birds do well enough; but the noise—well, it's simply deafening. To improve the bird's speech, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also talk to it, repeating words you wish it to learn over again. Make much of it, and such items of its diet as it is specially fond of, give it a little occasionally, with your fingers, and reward it with such after a lesson. It is by perseverance along such lines that talented birds are trained, but there is a great deal of individualism with Parrots, even of the same species, and some never do more than speak a few odd words, no matter what pains be taken with them.

Lovebirds and Parrakeets.

W. E. G.—(1) The Lovebirds usually to be obtained are: Red-headed, Peach faced, Madagascar, and Blue-winged. With many the Budgerigar is popularly termed a Lovebird. Note, the Peach-faced is much larger than the others, and not being a very amiable species (so far as other birds are concerned), is better caged separately. (2) I cannot give you this briefly; I should want a whole page to cover this query alone. Get "Popular Parrakeets," 1s., and postage, from this office. You would find in such a space pairs each of Rosellas, Many-colour and Stanley Parrakeets, White-eared Conures, and Cockatoels. Put up an ample supply of nesting husks, logs and boxes (these latter must have concave bottoms), and during the second year of their occupancy of the aviary, some of them will commence to breed and all of them ultimately should do so. (3) You would find "Cages and Aviaries," and "Budgerigars and Cockatoels" (see advts.), both books from this office, would be helpful, and others will very shortly appear. If you purchase from a firm of repute they will treat you fairly, and send you, as far as they are able to tell, true pairs. The sexes are outwardly similar with many species of Parrakeets, and the expert errs at times, but place yourself in the hands of a good firm and you'll be fairly treated.

A Window Aviary.

Doubt.—Have the roof all wood and felted; the front (i.e., the part which faces window sash), should be all wire, and this should give you what ventilation you need, but if a stagnant corner should declare itself, one or two small holes at any time will remedy the matter. The back (i.e., the part farthest from your window sash) should have its middle third glass, and there should be a glass pane, say, 12 by 8 in. in each end. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside, whether made to open or not. If you can arrange it so that the roof of aviary fits close against the upper sash, then the lower sash of your landing window can be open almost continually, and the birds, in the winter, would get a little warmth from within. However, Budgerigars, so long as they are free from damp and draught, can stand almost anything in the way of cold. Get birds from an outdoor aviary and each pair from a different source, then the young can inter-breed with safety, as they will be unrelated. The Editor will no doubt be pleased to receive your sketch and notes.

Brevities.

Parrot with Swelling in Throat (Brown Bird).—If the swellings show no signs of containing pus, lightly touch them daily with tincture of iodine (use camel-hair brush), and also by aid of another similar brush wipe out its mouth with honey and borax (from your chemist). Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water as often as possible during the next fortnight, but its bowels must not be kept watery loose. Afterwards put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine. Add oats and wheat to your seed diet, and also give it a little boiled maize twice a week. Note, the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be scalded out for each occasion. While the bird continues in this condition, its voiding should be removed as promptly as possible from the cage. I take it you are not giving mesees as per my weekly warning in this column. Report progress in a week or ten days. Keep out of draught and warm, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere.

Many-coloured Parrakeets (R. A. H.).—Canary and white millet seed, a few oats, with a plentiful supply of green-food, such as grass in flower, groundsel heads, tender lettuce, etc., and such ripe fruit as they will take, will keep this lovely species in a very fit condition. However, it is always a very wise precaution to ascertain how they have been fed from the person you purchase from, and for a time at any rate feed on similar lines; for want of this precaution many valuable birds are lost. Very suitable nests are advertised in our columns by the vendors of cocoa-nut husks; the box should be about 12 by 5 by 8 inches high, and have a concave bottom, so that the eggs will remain together in one position and not be continually rolling about. They should breed if they have space and cover. You can make this by piling up sticks (say pea or bean sticks), on a platform, and having the nest box securely fastened among these.

What Parrot? (W. H.).—I am of the opinion that your bird is the Javan or Moustache Parrakeet. If so, it should talk if you persevere with it. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and have a lot of company; also teach it by constant repetition of such words and phrases you wish it to repeat. If it is the Javan Parrakeet its tail feathers are broken and when renewed at the moult, it will have a long tail. If its tail should moult out and the feathers prove short, then it is not the Javan Parrakeet, and you must repeat query. However, I am of the opinion it is correctly named as above.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (D. A. B.).—This bird died of "Canary Plague." Information as to duration and symptoms of illness are always helpful in deciding cause of death.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cutting (B. Hall).—Accept our thanks.

Compliments (G. Peters).—Thanks; we will convey your compliments to the proper quarter.

A Question of Specials (C. H. Cooper).—We appreciate your point, but hardly think the matter one needing correction.

Thrushes Nesting (W. D.).—We are much obliged to you for your courteous communication

Open Show (J. S. B.).—Yes, certainly; when a show is described as an "Open Show," anyone may exhibit thereat in the open classes, whether a member of any cage bird society or not. Sometimes classes, headed "Members' Classes," will be found in the schedules of open shows, and in these, of course, only members of the society which is holding the show can compete. All other classes, however, are open to all comers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUCCESS IN HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—A friend of mine has been successful in rearing the following Hybrids: Canary-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and Linnet-Greenfinch. The Canary-Bullie promises to make up into a good one. He has plenty of size, and already shows some hits of colour on the breast. This may possibly interest some of your many readers. H. R. BOBY.

NEW SOCIETY FOR NORTHALLERTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A Fanciers' Society has been formed for Northallerton and district, and a large number of fanciers have already been enrolled as members. A show is being arranged for at an early date in January. The secretaries are Messrs. Chas. C. Hougson, who was secretary of the last Fanciers' show, and Jos. Walker, one of the secretaries of the Agricultural Society. C. C. HONGSON.

South End, Northallerton.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I trust you will allow me a few words on the above subject in the columns of your valuable paper. As time goes on the C.B.U. continues to prove its utter incapacity to deal fairly with the cases that from time to time come before it. Take, for example, the case of Mr. T. C. Crawhall, who is suspended from exhibiting at Union shows from October 17 to November 17, for showing birds at a small mixed show (non-licensed), held at his native village on Whit Monday. Certainly the period for which he is suspended does not seem a long one, but let us look at the facts. It prohibits him from showing at Morpeth, Newcastle, South Shields, Blaydon and Wallsend. Most of the above Societies he is a member of. The criminal, or shall I say victim, protested against the severity of the sentence passed upon him by District No. 1 Committee, after due deliberation, and I am informed that a few of these wise men suggested that he be suspended for twelve months. After Mr. Crawhall had protested against the severity of the sentence and expressed his determination to appeal, this body of wise men each and all expressed the hope that he would be successful in his appeal. Brother fanciers, what think ye of this? Mr. Crawhall tendered his resignation to all the Societies of which he is a member, which Societies unanimously expressed their confidence in him and refused to accept his resignation. Also they protested most strongly against the severity of the sentence passed upon him, and requested the Executive Committee of the C.B.U. to reconsider the case. The Executive Committee, instead, have confirmed the sentence. Now I venture to say that if any bench of magistrates, or any court of law, had administered justice in such a way, they would soon be brought to book by the Home Office, because it is a direct miscarriage of justice. The punishment far exceeds the enormity of the offence; not only so, but by their action in confirming this harsh and unfair sentence, the Executive Committee have directly and grossly insulted the intelligence of the Societies who requested them to reconsider the case. I ask you, brother fanciers, are we going to tamely submit to such treatment? I hope not. If the C.B.U. can afford to ignore the wishes of several large and influential societies, let me say it cannot be done with impunity. The Executive Committee, in confirming this sentence of suspension on Mr. Crawhall, have done more to disparage the prestige of the C.B.U. in this district than anything else up to the present. And I venture to say that anyone looking at the matter dispassionately will come to the conclusion that the C.B.U. decision in this matter is neither wise nor just. JOHN CURRAH.

Paying the Penalty.

SIR,—Some time ago you had a remark in "Twitterings" under the above heading, notifying my suspension by the No. 1 district committee of the Cage Bird Union. You have also from time to time published reports of various local societies with respect to my proposed resignation from them. They have all either refused to accept that resignation or requested me to withdraw it. I may say that I have now had notification from the general secretary to the effect that the Executive Council have confirmed the decision of the local committee. I would not trouble you, or take up the space in your valuable paper, but that I feel I owe an explanation to my friends in other parts of the country, as to why I, an active supporter of the rule in the past, should break it now. It is not that my opinion as to its value to the Cage Bird Union is altered at all. I never supported the rule from the individual point of view, but always from the collective, believing that it was necessary for the life of the Union to have power over the societies comprising it. All along I have recognised its oppressiveness to the individual fancier, but thought that for the good of the whole it was better that it should stand. The show to which I sent two birds was held on Whit Monday of this year at Stanhope, in the county of Durham. It is a mixed show, composed of dogs, poultry, pigeons, etc., with seven classes for cage birds. It was not for my own glory, or in the hopes of winning any prize money, that I sent them, as I had arranged that in the event of winning any money, I would not have it for myself. My birds were taken from the breeding cages and sent without washing a distance of upwards of 50 miles, and were away from Sunday to Monday night, and this without any hope of personal gain. On previous occasions I have refrained from showing at purely Cage Bird shows because they were not licensed or affiliated, but this being a different kind of show altogether, I thought there was no serious harm in so slight a breach of the rule. The district committee evidently thought otherwise, and decided upon suspending me from exhibiting at Union shows for one month. Now this apparently is a very light penalty, but it was not one month from the date of meeting, but from the date of the first show in the district, and covers five shows in the vicinity out of a total of seven, thus leaving me two shows of any importance to show at. I considered it so severe a sentence, and an aspersion on my honesty and integrity as a fancier, that I decided to protest strongly against the sentence. So I wrote my resignations to the six societies of which I am a member, firstly as a protest against the severity of the sentence, and secondly to find whether I still retained the confidence of the fanciers locally. Five of these societies were affiliated with the C.B.U. They all refused to accept my resignation (which I have since withdrawn and passed votes of confidence in me, and many are the individual expressions of sympathy that I have had expressed to me, from far and near. Several of the societies sent resolutions to the C.B.U. requesting them to rescind or reconsider the sentence. But in spite of these resolutions the Executive have confirmed the resolution of the No. 1 Committee. I do not know how the societies affected will take this decision, but personally I feel very much grieved and hurt that they have not considered local feeling in the matter. Individuals to whom I have spoken since hearing the final result consider that the Executive have made a great blunder in opposing the wishes of Tyneside fanciers so unanimously spoken. In conclusion, may I thank all who have spoken so kindly and written to me in this matter? At least I consider that my honour, which I value more than being able to exhibit, is fully upheld by the kindness of my fellow fanciers.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

THE USE & VALUE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—In Mr. Daniels' latest letter he very carefully avoids any line of argument, posing simply as the grand introducer of the subject, leaving details to lesser minds. If Mr. Daniels had read my letter with the intelligence he decries, he would have seen that I stated that a non-colour-fed variety could have its colour very much improved by scientific feeding on the saffron and iron mixtures. Mr. Daniels' cheap sneer is not a matter of public interest, so it can well be left alone. I would only remind Mr. Daniels that his experience of the Fancy is not exactly antidiluvian. Mr. Smith's letter is of quite a different order to Mr. Daniels'. Being a chemist, Mr. Smith is entitled to write on this matter with authority. In Cassell's "Family Physician," page 795, meadow saffron is described as *Colchicum autumnale*. If what I might call the "thread saffron" is not meadow saffron, I shall be glad if Mr. Smith will say what kind of saffron it is. I should also like to know in what way Mr. Smith used the saffron for assisting moult. At this time of year, when birds moult naturally, it is always open to doubt whether certain things assist nature or not. A more real test would be to try if saffron would break a bird into moult at a time other than now—say, in the spring, when birds are, or ought to be, in breeding condition. I have tried it at this time and know that it will do so. Mr. Smith asks if I have used the mixture "without the saffron," as he is inclined to think the result would be the same. This mixture I use regularly to bring backward stock into breeding condition, and find it excellent. The only difference I make (bar leaving out the saffron) is to use gin instead of rum, as I find gin a good thing for preventing egg-binding. The large number of letters I have received since my other letter appeared—letters from well-known practical fanciers—confirm all I have said in favour of saffron. Fanciers who are lucky enough to get all their show birds well broken up into moult, so as to be through before the show season commences, are to be congratulated. They do not require anything to assist nature. I take it all medicines are designed to assist nature to do her natural work, not to take the place of nature.

S. HADWIN.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—I should be sorry indeed to say or do anything that would be detrimental to the Norwich Plainhead, and I sure Mr. Gardner would be the same. My best wishes are for its advancement, but I fail to see where the advancement would come in if these two birds (clears and underflue marked) were to compete together on equal terms, as it will be the under-valuing of the clear bird. I am of opinion that a rare specimen of any kind should be more valuable than an everyday one, so to speak. For instance, what would our Mule breeders think, after trying for years to get a good clear Mule, and when obtained to find it is of no more value than a dark Mule? As to breeders dropping the green-blood, as Mr. Gardner thinks, through it being the cause of the dark underflue, I am sure no practical breeder would do that because he would know he was doing away at the same time with the material for making a good clear. Fanciers don't expect to breed a lot of good clears in a season, and if they did so, where would the rarity come in? I think if a fancier should breed, say, one topping clear yellow in a season, he would come up smiling. Now, I hope this bird that has reached perfection, as I term it (namely the Clear) will not be brought down to a level with a bird that has dark underflue, as I think that would decidedly be going back. But if societies could see their way to make a special class for birds with dark underflue, it would be advancing these birds and increasing their value, without in any way doing harm to the clear bird.

A. WOOLLARD.

SIR,—I think the time has now arrived to settle once for all this vexed question: When is a clear not a clear? Some of your correspondents seem to think we ought to appeal to our judges to settle it for us. But in my humble opinion exhibitors through their respective societies are the most interested parties, as our judges (with all due respect to them) are only the servants of the above, and ought to judge according to schedule, so that it lies solely in the hands of committees when drawing up their schedules. If the following were adopted (or something similar) it would put an end to it at once: "Only surface marks to count as ticks." Printed at the top of the schedule, underneath prize money, and before the classes, that would prevent any bird being handled at all to seek for the almost "impossible" tick, as it is a great disadvantage to any bird to be pulled and blown about in such a manner, for then he must be prepared to put himself right in the twinkling of an eye to compare with his more fortunate mates. We had a case quite recently where a member entered a bird in a clear yellow class and it was selected for a prize. But when examined it was found to have a very small tick on the leg; consequently, it got a "W.C." card instead. The following week the same member enters the same bird in the class for ticks, and imagine his surprise and indignation on entering the show after judging to find again a "W.C." card attached to his cage. This judge could not find the "impossible" tick! So the question now is, When is a clear not a clear? The answer will be found in the above narrative, viz.: When showing under two different judges. I trust this question may not be allowed to drop until some settlement agreeable to all is come to.

A. J. NOTLEY.

SIR,—On perusing the columns of last week's issue, I noticed the letter signed "Lancashire Lad," referring to an unflighted bird which the writer had successfully exhibited under various well-known judges last season. The correspondence that has been going on of late, *re* the question, What constitutes a Tick? appears to have placed "Lancashire Lad" in a dilemma as to what class to enter his bird in this season, so as to be correct. The bird in question, he states, possesses a dark underflue, and in the reports was styled a clear; hence his doubt in the matter. The proper class for this bird is the "Ticked or Unevenly-marked Class." A clear bird should be perfectly clear throughout, with no dark feathers whatever. This "ticked question" is a problem which has been before the Fancy for ages, in a manner of speaking, and has never been solved. I quite agree with Messrs. Silk and Woolhouse that a conference is required to settle this very important item, and until such has been held, this doubt as regards the proper classification of one's specimens will always be with us. Throughout the Fancy generally it is fairly understood that specimens possessing dark feathers, *no* matter how faint they may be (whether in the underflue or on the thighs) should be exhibited in their proper class, which is the ticked class. No doubt many thigh-ticked birds, and many with dark underflue, compete in the clear classes and get through alright, but the exhibitor runs the risk of a "wrong class" card being placed on his cage, if same is observed. I think I am now giving vent to the opinions of most of the judges at the present time. The Cage Bird Union is a strong body, and I think if this matter was taken up by its representatives previous to the opening of the show season, the matter could be settled definitely, and fanciers would know where they stand.

J. C. BARNES.

SIR,—Some of your correspondents are under the impression that birds ticked with dark underflue should be eligible to compete in clear classes. So they can do, providing it states so in the schedule. But, then, I fail to see why they should be recognised as clears. Whether the ticking is on the surface of the plumage or underneath it, is immaterial; the birds are not clears. It is a well-known fact that a clear bird should be clear of markings on any part of its plumage. With your permission I would suggest that committees of forthcoming exhibitions, before issuing their schedules, should set an example to the Fancy by inserting the word "absolutely" in their clear class. Then, with a competent judge engaged the ticked birds amongst the winners in those classes would be conspicuous by their absence, and the difficulty overcome. If the above suggestion be approved, I sincerely trust it may be the means of checking the invasion of ticked birds in classes where they are not eligible to compete. Our modern system of judging is somewhat at fault, and this, combined with unscrupulous exhibitors, results in ticked birds winning in clear classes, "cocks" winning in "hen" classes and other abuses too numerous to mention. Last, but not least, dissatisfied exhibitors are on the increase.

J. W. KINGSMILL.

SIR,—When I wrote my first letter *re* the above, it was not my intention to enter into any lengthy correspondence, but perhaps a few remarks in answer to Mr. Trevena may not be out of place. He commences by stating that I propose a bird with dark underflue should be shown in a clear class. This is quite a misrepresentation of facts. Does he really think anyone is so foolish as to show a ticked or underflue-marked bird *that is visible*, in a class where the schedule does not read "underflue not to be a disqualification." This latter clause he omits altogether, but asks the question: Why need we do this, when classes are provided for marked birds? In my opinion, he gives a splendid answer in the two incidents he brings forward. He admits buying a bird from a clear class and showing it successfully later in a clear class, passing judge and critics, though a ticked bird all the time. What stronger argument can we get in favour of a class, as previously stated, for receiving such birds? Secondly, by the tone of his letter, he seems rather displeased to see a bird, "apparently clear" winning three cards in a ticked class (something to be coveted). Here, again, this bird would have been far better shown in class as above (to include "invisible marks") and would have given then far better satisfaction to all rival competitors. Possibly the bird in question had been caught by the judge; but everyone has not the privilege of knowing whether such was the case. He draws the Bodmin Committee into your columns. Well, I have nothing whatever to do with their management, but feel confident they can look after their own affairs to the satisfaction of all. Again, he continues by saying that if a bird is ticked, no matter where the feather or feathers may be, a ticked bird is not a clear. Who said the contrary? Mr. Trevena, don't try to read something into it that does not actually appear. If you read carefully my letter of the 22nd ult., you will see my suggestion—viz., the schedule should read: "underflue not to be a disqualification." This underflue would not be seen in very many cases, as the bird need said he contrary. Mr. Trevena, don't try to not mind having his show birds caught and handled; but most fanciers that I have met avoid such practices, even in their own bird-room, as much as possible. Only last week I was talking to one of the most successful exhibitors of Plainheads in Plymouth, and he was saying how he caught one of his best exhibition birds to see if it was breaking into moult, when, whilst examining same, it gave a twist in his hand; result, a broken wing. How would any exhibitor feel should he have one of his prize birds returned to him so damaged? Yet this might happen when even the most experienced judge was examining it. I do not claim to be any "leading authority." At the same time I did not say a ticked bird was a clear.

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SIR,—We, the undersigned, having been elected as members of the committee of the Y.C.C. of Ireland for season 1908-9, beg to thank all those who voted in our favour. We are, however, reluctantly compelled to resign the committee as at present constituted. We trust our friends will accept this notification.

(Signed) W. C. SHOLEDICE, vice-president, J. J. CLOKE, W. H. SHERIDAN, T. FARRELL, F. R. FRY, J. HUGGARD (committee).

ORMSKIRK ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A New-comer.

SIR,—Would you please intimate in your valuable paper that a new society has been formed and named the Ormskirk Ornithological Society; also that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 8.0 p.m., at headquarters, "Horse Shoe Inn," Ormskirk.

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A "TIP" TO LIGHT MULE-BREEDERS.

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I closely follow the Muling notes. In last week's issue I read the letter "A tip to Light Mule-breeders." All Mule-breeders wish to breed light Mules, I think; but I smiled at this "tip," viz., look at the Goldfinches. Now, most Mule-breeders will try and get the best Finch they can for breeding purposes, and I think a fair proportion of bird-catchers are Mule-breeders. We must (if we get our friend's "tip") ask the dealer or the catcher for "light Muling Finches." That will be as bad as buying sib hens! But I think our friend is wrong. He has bought a cheap hen that is sib bred (?) and so gone astray; they (sibs) are to be got, but not often. But to prove our friend's "tip" wrong: I have a Goldfinch seven years old, which has bred for six years, and for five years all dark Mules. This year with hen "picked blindfolded" he produced dark Mules; but with two sisters (sib hens) they have five light Mules and three dark Mules. A last year's Greypate also bred this year with a "picked blindfold" hen. Result, three dark Mules; but with a sister of the above sib hens, he bred three light Mules. So I don't think much of "blind-fold picked" hens for light Mule-breeding.

J. C. HART.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—It would appear from Mr. Crisp's latest that the Southern Yorkshire C.C. has a perfect right to manage its own affairs, according to its own ideas, irrespective of the effect on any other section of the Fancy, and at the same time claim immunity from the criticism of those so affected. I deny the existence of any such rights. So long as the club confines its actions to those matters which are purely and entirely its own affairs I cannot understand the claim of, or see, the necessity for others to interfere, but when such management involves other societies or individuals, and infringes upon their rights and privileges, or is performed in a vindictive spirit, such affected parties must surely have reasonable grounds for complaint, and their criticisms are *not* out of place. I consider this position perfectly consistent with my previous letter, for while I still agree that the committee of the S.Y.C.C. was acting strictly within its rights in withholding its patronage from Plymouth, or any other society, without giving a reason, the fact remains that a published statement, giving the reason, is still uncontradicted by the only person fully qualified to deny it. So long as the statement by Mr. Pope remains unchallenged by Mr. Rennie, any fancier, including your humble servant, has a perfect right to question the sincerity of the committee's action. I cannot quite understand why Mr. Crisp should be at so much trouble in placing the burden on his own shoulders in order to have the pleasure of removing it, for I cannot discover where anyone has attributed the entire blame to Mr. Crisp, or questioned his attitude in the matter. Hence, his copious notes on his own impartiality were quite superfluous. Mr. Crisp is kind enough to inform us, either on his own authority or otherwise, what the secretary of the S.Y.C.C. *intended* to convey to Mr. Pope. I prefer to deal with what he is reported to have *actually said or written*, and until he denies it, or Mr. Pope withdraws it, I feel justified in believing that the patronage was withheld from Plymouth on personal grounds, and the course adopted was altogether alien to fair play. There seems to be good grounds for accepting a very prevalent idea that the rule *re* specialist judges was a very convenient way of shelving Mr. House without mentioning his name, simply because, in the performance of his duty, he rightly passed birds which he considered over standard length. I feel convinced that had such birds belonged to certain other individuals the first would not have been heard yet of specialist cage-bird judges. And if the rule was made to apply to Mr. House, why not all round? Mr. Crisp said he had nothing to do with the moving of the proposal *re* specialist cage bird judges, neither did he vote or express an opinion upon it. He did not even know what was in the mind of the mover at the time. (Evidently Mr. Crisp is not a thought-reader; perhaps he had a "strong suspicion.") He also informs us that, "at the meeting convened for allotting patronage the abilities of Mr. House and his passing of the two birds at Plymouth were never discussed." Well, to the uninitiated all this may appear very plausible and convincing; but in it I cannot discern anything more than mere piffle. To my mind it simply confirms me in the belief that the committee's course of action had been so thoroughly discussed beforehand, everything so perfectly cut and dried in advance, that there was no necessity to mention any names or waste further time. Mr. Rennie's statement to Mr. Pope is sufficient proof of all this, and if more is required it is forthcoming in the fact that the precious rule *re* specialist cage-bird judges is only enforced when and where convenient. And this is just why I contend that I have a perfect right to express whatever opinion I hold on the matter. A competent all-England judge is practically boycotted by a certain section of the Fancy, and the application of a prominent society for patronage not entertained, because he is the appointed judge. This removes all limitations and makes the matter one of wide importance. If a judge conscientiously performs the duties entrusted to him according to the standard adopted by those employing him, he is entitled to protection rather than abuse, and praise rather than censure, even if in the discharge of said duties, he is unfortunate enough to tread on the favourite corn of someone of influence. There are many portions of Mr. Crisp's letter which deserve little, if any, attention. He insinuates that Mr. Dean and I wrote simultaneously by pre-arrangement. I was not aware that Mr. Dean had written, and as we were separated by some forty miles of space and had no communication with each other, I am afraid Mr. Crisp will have to rest content with the knowledge that it was "quite a coincidence." If Mr. Dean is replying to his letter he will have the pleasure of noting a similar coincidence this week. Has Mr. Crisp so far neglected his CAGE BIRDS as to believe that the Yorkshire Union would tolerate no suggestion or advice from outside? I could point him to cases which prove that such has been welcomed rather than resented. Again, because I have had the honour of serving the Yorkshire Union as secretary, I am supposed by Mr. Crisp henceforward to submit all I say, or write, or do, to that body for consent and approval. How good of it not to insist on such a course. And what is the conclusion to be drawn from the whole matter in Mr. Crisp's opinion? Simply that, "maybe the Yorkshire Union *is* endeavouring to tear the governing mantle from the back of the C.B.U." This is either utter nonsense or too contemptible for consideration—it depends in what spirit Mr. Crisp wrote it. The correspondence between the two Unions was published a few weeks ago, and I failed to notice anything therein of which the Yorkshire Union need be ashamed, or which need, of necessity, disturb the existing relations of the two Unions, which are certainly far removed from enmity.

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PROPOSED CLUB FOR GREEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Sir,—By the pressing request of a number of my fellow fanciers I have undertaken to use my best endeavours to form a Green marked Yorkshire Canary Club. It is very keenly felt that this variety is being "pushed off the end of the bench," so to speak, and that if something be not speedily done the marked birds will soon be relegated to the "Any Other Variety" Class—in fact, the even-marked birds already occupy that unenviable position. Surely this is a state of things that ought not to be? During recent years the tendency has been to push forward the claims of the foul-marked bird—*more dark than light*—this to, my mind, is a step in the wrong direction. Personally I do not object to a bird being foul marked to a reasonable extent, but when it is insisted that the bird must be more dark than light, then I think it is time to draw the line. Birds of this class are not bred for, and when they do appear are of no special value as show birds. Still, they have on many occasions occupied positions that ought by right to have been given to their more lightly-marked relatives. Now, I hold the opinion that the too heavily marked bird is far more suited to the breeding room than the show-bench. When we consider the marketable value of the clear and the ticked birds, and the sensational prices they realise as compared to the mediocre value of the marked birds (especially the hens), the question may naturally arise: What is the cause of such a wide difference in their respective value? To my mind, the answer is not far to seek. The clear and the ticked birds have classes provided for them at all the principal shows, consequently by the facilities thus offered they have the opportunity of winning many valuable trophies, specials, and prizes. Hence it is that really good birds of these varieties are of such a high value. On the other hand, it is very rare that a class is provided for marked birds, unless it be one where both colours, Yellow and Buff, compete together. I may say that at most shows the marked birds have to compete with the ticked birds, which is a most unsatisfactory arrangement, as the marked bird, as a rule, is very fortunate indeed to get into the first three. Now I have no hesitation in saying that if the marked birds had the same facilities offered them as have the clears and the ticks, their value would increase by leaps and bounds. Every intelligent breeder tries to breed marked birds as near perfection as possible, and when one is fortunate in breeding an exceptionally good bird its value is terribly discounted by the fact that no class is provided for it wherein it has a reasonable chance of success. Seeing the state of affairs now existing, is it not high time that something should be done to put the marked birds on an equal footing with their more favoured fellows, the clears and the ticks? I am thoroughly convinced that if fanciers of the Yorkshire Canary only knew the value of the green-marked birds, I should have had no occasion to write this letter. It is a well-established fact that most good marked birds have a certain percentage of cinnamon blood in their veins; this, in conjunction with the many other good qualities that these birds inherit, makes them of inestimable value in the breeding-room. This is the bird to which we are indebted for the strength and stamina of our stock. We also derive from the same source that sound, rich, full colour so much admired on the show-bench, and last, but by no means the least, it gives to our birds that short, fine, high-quality of feather that is such an essential property in a really high-class Yorkshire of to-day. I may say that it gives me great pleasure to champion the cause of the bird that has served me so well, as by its use, I built up my strain, therefore I have this variety to thank for the success I have achieved on the show-bench. It is with every confidence I commend the adoption of this variety by my fellow fanciers, in the hope that by its use such benefits may accrue as I myself have experienced. To those who may be interested in the formation of a club for this variety, I may mention that we have already assured to us one of the most valuable trophies ever offered by any specialist Canary club in the Fancy to be competed for and won outright in a single season; also numerous other valuable specials and prizes—in fact the inducements offered to fanciers of the above variety are quite exceptional. If all fanciers who are wishful to join the movement will kindly send their names and addresses to me, they shall have prompt personal attention.

W. H. SHACKLETON.

South Bank House, Wibsey, Bradford.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

How to Get Canaries Into Show Condition.

By J. C. BARNES.

The show season will soon be upon us, therefore it behoves one to be on the alert and get one's birds into that condition necessary for success in prize-winning. Competition nowadays is exceedingly keen, and no stone must be left unturned; make up your mind to see into every detail, and stick to it—remember that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Completing the Moult.

When your birds appear to be through with their moult, don't take them off the colour-food too abruptly. If birds are put on to hard seed too suddenly it is apt to upset their digestive organs, and throw them wrong altogether (a wrong that takes some righting). Wean your birds judiciously off their soft-food. Extra care should also be taken previous to stopping the colour-food till all the feathers are full grown. Birds often appear through the moult (outwardly), but should you happen to examine them by blowing them up you will more often than not notice many very small feathers (not fully grown) especially about the neck, head or eyes. Should you have stopped the pepper, these will come out patchy and spoil the levelness of colour required in a good show specimen. Better supply the colour-food for a little too long a period, than stop it too quickly.

Again, sometimes it happens that birds are uneven in colour (especially young birds); some of their plumage is paler than the rest of their body. This is often brought about by being plucked in the nest (by the parent birds), the second feathers having grown previous to you administering the colour-food. These pale feathers you will have to "finger moult," that is, pull all of them out (providing there are not over many), and keep the birds on colour-food until the new feathers are fully grown; this will rectify the unevenness of colour.

To Produce Sheen and Tightness.

It is very advisable during the latter part of the moult to provide the birds with a little linseed (either whole or in the meal). Should you prefer to use the whole seed, mix it along with the Spanish Canary seed; if you decide to give the meal, mix this with the colour-food, say, one teaspoonful to every cupful of the latter. Of the two methods, I prefer the meal, as my experience teaches me it gives the best results.

To ensure tightness of feather, bath your birds pretty freely. Bathing is a conditioner, a strengthener, and a cleanser. I use the bath very often right through the moult, and hardly ever let a bright sunny day go past without it. Many fanciers are somewhat afraid to allow the bath during the moult for fear of giving the birds a chill. I don't think there is any fear, providing your birds are healthy and you supply the bath in the early part of the day, so as to give the birds time to dry themselves previous to roosting time. I am a great believer in the bath, but I should not think of hanging it on on damp or foggy days, but avoid courting disaster.

"Striking" Birds in the Moult.

I strike all my birds in large flight cages, as they commence the moult quicker than if kept in their usual smaller cages. When the old birds show signs of new feathers on the breast, I usually cage off separately or in two's providing they agree. The young birds I leave in the flights until near on completion of moult; then I begin to look round and catch up those which possess the best points. These I cage separately, and when doing so, examine their flights and tail feathers to see if any have got damaged. If so, I draw the old ones out, and let them grow fresh ones. Defective feathers tell against a bird on the show-bench.

Training for Exhibition.

This is necessary, as birds must be steady to show off their points to the best advantage. Wild specimens on the bench often get the "go by" when the judge is sorting out the prize-winners They must stand steadily to be examined, or else one's chances of success are handicapped. A little trouble is required, but it pays one to see to this item. If you are a breeder of Norwich Plainheads I should advise you to run those birds you think will do you most good into a show cage as often as you possibly can. Lift the cage about, gain the bird's confidence, and get it to hop from one perch to the other backwards and forwards. If it should clutch the wires, hold your hand in front of the cage, and drive him carefully on to his perches, and so forth. A few lessons of this kind, will teach the bird what is required.

Should you be a Yorkshire breeder, act as with the Norwich, with the exception of going from one perch to the other. Get you bird to stand erect on the top perch of the show cage, scratch underneath the cage, play with him as often as you can, and don't allow him to crouch, but get him up (like a rush). A little perseverance will serve to teach him how to show himself well.

Washing the Birds.

I like to wash at least five days previous to a show, or a shade longer than this even, if you live in a clear atmosphere. I have used and like, white curd, and Williams' shaving soaps, the latter for preference. Both are fairly free from acids, and don't destroy the feather.

After I have washed the birds I give them a good spraying every morning before date of show; this assists them to fine down and tighten. In washing, I do the back, flights, and tail first, then the neck (underneath the lower mandible), breast, sides and waist, with head and neck last. By leaving the head and neck until last you don't fatigue your bird so much as if you did his head first, and he dries quicker and better.

Some Conditioning Foods.

As regards conditioning your stock I am not a great believer in over-forcing, but I do believe in giving help to birds that have to undergo the ordeal of exhibition. It is essential that show birds appear on the bench in the best of trim, but at the same time, I advise you not to get your birds into too good form. Conditioning birds can be overdone, as well as underdone. By getting your exhibits into too high a condition, they are apt to pull themselves out of shape; use discretion and don't overstep the mark.

I use egg and bread-crumbs with a little sugar and maw seed added, Parrish's Chemical Food, Allen and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates, Angiers' petroleum emulsion, hemp seed, gentian, and a special mixture of bread with soft sugar and maw seed. This I give at least once every day. To one egg boiled hard (15 minutes) add trifle more bread-crumbs than egg, one teaspoonful of maw seed, half teaspoonful of moist sugar. To each bird give half teaspoonful a day. Parrish's Chemical Food can be placed in the drinking-water two or three times a week, to the strength of port wine colour. It is a strengthener and safe to use. Allen and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates is most excellent, and finds favour with me more than anything else I use by the way of liquids. To every ounce of water I give one teaspoonful, stirred well together, three times a week; containing, as it does, the phosphates of iron, lime, potash and soda, it has valuable restorative properties, and is a promoter of digestion, a capital thing for nearly all bowel troubles, and a fine flesh former. A better conditionor for birds I do not know.

Angiers' petroleum emulsion is very useful for all throat and lung troubles and general debility. Should you find any of your birds weak in voice, or breathing heavily, or wasting away (complaints often noticeable during and after the moult), add one teaspoonful to every cupful of egg and bread-crumbs, mixed well together, and supply each bird with half teaspoonful per day. Hemp seed is relished, but give in moderation. Gentian acts as a tonic, and a few drops given in the bird's drinking-water twice a week is beneficial.

The special mixture I mentioned is made as follows:—One pint of the best port wine, 1lb. of honey and 1oz. of citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine, then add the honey, stir well, and when dissolved add the nitrate, again stir until all the crystals have melted and are mixed with the rest. When cold, it can be bottled, and is ready for use at any time. Give it in the egg-food, adding sufficient of the liquid to make the same moist but not wet. Mix well together and give to each bird half teaspoonful every other day or thereabouts. You will soon find your birds in the pink of condition, and will be amply repaid for the little extra trouble and expense. The port wine is a strengthener, the honey acts beneficially on the bowels, and the citrate is a valuable stimulant. This recipe can be used with benefit on all breeds of birds, and is really a grand conditioner.

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London Federation of C.B.S.

Will secretaries of London societies please note that rule 14 in the Revised Rules of the London Federation of C.B.S. should not have been included? By a unanimous vote at the last meeting of delegates it was decided to delete it. Further, rule 21, line 7, should read 48 hours—not 24. After the definition of Novice, etc., the following should have been included:—"All Pair and Young Bird Shows excluded." Definition (a) in last line should read: "Novice *members'* classes.—P. ADAMTHWAITE, secretary, pro. tem.

English and Welsh B.F.C.C.

Patronage has been granted to the following shows:—Northern Division: October 23rd, 24th, Newcastle; October 30th, 31st, Manchester; November 6th, 7th, Liverpool; November 20th, 21st, Whitehaven; November 27th, 28th, Egremont; November 13th, 14th, International Contest, Glasgow; December 4th, 5th, Cockermouth; December 10th, 11th, 12th, St. Helens; December 18th, 19th, Widnes. Southern Division: October 22nd, 23rd, Cambridge; November 5th, 6th, Dulwich and Peckham; November 13th, 14th, International Contest, Glasgow; November 24th, 25th, Dulwich O.S.; December 10th, 11th, Welsh National; February 5th 6th, 8th, 9th, Palace. Will those members who have not promised anything to the season's specials please do so?—S. HADWIN, secretary, English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C.

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The Grosbeaks.

COCCOTHRAUSTINÆ.—These may be summed up as a group of birds varying considerably in size, but all are of robust build and with very stout bills. Dr. Bowdler Sharpe defines them as follows:—"A general stoutness of bill is the leading characteristic of the Grosbeaks, accompanied, as we see in the skull, by an immense development of the thickness of the posterior end of the lower jaw; but that this character will be found to run through all the genera which I have arranged in this sub-family is extremely doubtful. I have been able to examine so few skeletons that the present arrangement represents rather a general idea than an actual classification of the Grosbeaks, and is liable to future modifications."

It will be impossible to do more in the scope of this book than briefly note the more freely imported, and a few of the rarer representative species, within the compass of this work.

General Treatment:—If kept in cages, such should be roomy and preferably of the semi-box type, with natural branches as perches. All seem able to bear with impunity the vilest weather our winters can inflict upon them, providing the outdoor aviary is sufficiently roomy for exercise and there is a shelter-shed to retire to at will. As regards diet, this is simple, viz., seed mixture (Canary, millet, oats, hemp and sunflower seed, and rice in the husks), ripe fruit, greenfood (lettuce is greedily eaten), cuttlefish, grit, live insects, and water, *ad. lib.*, for drinking and bathing. This treatment will practically suffice for the whole group.

THE VIRGINIAN CARDINAL OR GROSBEAK (*Cardinalis cardinalis*).—This is a very gorgeous Grosbeak, with a passable song and fairly ready to nest: but the young are not always reared. The larger and more wooded the aviary the better the chances of success. In view of the fact that the U.S.A. Government have prohibited the exportation of their native birds, it certainly should be worth the while of those possessing large aviaries or spaces to erect same, to attempt to thoroughly domesticate this fine species.

It is absolutely hardy, and once over the troubles of importation endures the hardships of our worst winters admirably, being long-lived within the confines of the outdoor aviary. In the private park this grand species should soon become at home, settle down and increase, but were they to venture further afield I expect they would soon fall a prey to the man with a gun.

The Virginian Cardinal, or Virginian Nightingale, or Virginian Grosbeak, or Cardinal Grosbeak (for it is known by all these names) is generally distributed over North America, and extends as far southwards as Nicaragua in Central America. It is seldom found far from running water, at least, for nesting purposes, a deodar of some kind being usually chosen as a site for the nest, which is generally found at a low elevation. It is constructed of twigs, bents, bits of bark, leaves, and dry grasses, and is lined with fine grass. The eggs are a longish oval, white, densely spotted with brown and bluish grey, usually three in number, but the clutches vary from two to four.

In captivity they will build either in a bush or choose a nest box or Hartz travelling cage as the receptacle for their nest. And they are very ready to do this, though comparatively few of those hatched out are reared to maturity. A constant supply of live beetles, cockroaches, mealworms, smooth caterpillars, gentles, etc., must be kept up or there will be practically no prospect of the young being reared.

Description:—Adult male: Upper surface and wing coverts, a rich brownish-red, remaining wing feathers being ruddy-brown with the outer webs brick-red; front of the head, crest, cheeks and under surface rich, rosy-lake-red; the throat is black, which is also the colour of the chin, and patch partly encircling eye and narrow frontal band; beak vermillion, washed with orange; legs and feet, dark brownish-grey; iris hazel. Total length, 8¾ inches.

Adult female: Upper surface, pale olive-brown, paler on the front of the head, crest washed with brick-red; outer webs of primaries, greater wing-coverts, part of secondaries, tail feathers and thighs, brick-red; secondaries and tail feathers broadly edged with pale olive-brown, and tipped with whitish-brown; the primaries are also tipped with pale brown; cheeks and under surface, pale ochreus-brown, lightly washed with red in the breast; narrow frontal band, chin and throat, greyish-black; beak, paler and greyer than that of the male; legs and feet, greyish-brown.

In the aviary I have found this species amiable with small Finches, though apt to quarrel with other Grosbeaks and the larger Buntings; but though I have kept the species for years, such battles only resulted in the loss of a few feathers now and again. Its much-vaunted song I have never heard; possibly I have been unfortunate in my specimen. They have certainly been very mediocre choristers, though some of the notes are rich and flute-like; but the song is scrappy and also marred by harsh notes.

With all its faults, it is a grand species, and should certainly grace all out-door aviaries. Its beauty, alert vigour, robust hardihood, and rich call notes in the early mornings and evenings soon win for it the affection of its owner. It has, however, a penchant for the eggs of other birds when they are left unprotected; but a Diamond Dove or Zebra can easily put him to flight: a sudden rush and the Cardinal is routed.

(*To be continued.*)



The Virginian Cardinal.

This very handsome and sprightly Cardinal—popularly known as the Virginian Nightingale—is a great favourite with bird-lovers in both the Old and New Worlds. Its importation from the United States, in fact, has been strictly prohibited, and this has made it scarce in Europe. Its plumage is a rich, deep crimson, with which the black "mask" contrasts strikingly. It is a fine, free songster.

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Forcing the Moult.

One so often meets with peculiar ideas, or what might almost be better termed alarming theories concerning the moulting of birds that a brief note on the question of forcing a moult when it is required may not be out of place.

Although in certain circumstances the question has a practical interest for every class of bird keeper, it is generally looked upon as of particular interest to the bird-catching fraternity, who are always believed to have some secret method of forcing their call-birds into moult during the summer months, and thus having them clean moulted and in song again at the time when the close season expires and the services of the call-birds may be immediately requisitioned. Whether the unfortunate inmates of the little cages kept closely covered in a darkened and warm corner are really the recipients of any secret formulæ beyond the popular rusty nail and saffron sluiced in the water may be open to doubt, and in any case need not concern us here, as the more obvious points of the process just mentioned—increased warmth, and a closely-covered cage, with the consequent loss of light—are without doubt the only really useful and practical means of hastening on the moult.

But this belief in some nostrum to bring about a moult at any time, and in any circumstances, must be far more general than many suppose, for a really well-educated member of a learned profession was quite recently heard to inquire of a bird fancier whether there was anything he could do to make a bird moult a second time, the bird in question having already finished its moult this year. It had, however, since moulting got some badly damaged flight feathers in its wing, which were a disfigurement. Hence the desire to force it to moult again.

Acting doubtlessly upon the principle of choosing the lesser of two necessary evils, the bird-keeper in the case just instanced strongly advised the querist to resist any temptation to bring about a second moult, and to catch the bird and pluck out the damaged flights instead. That was far and away the best and soundest advice that could have been given in such a case, but it immediately gave rise to another question which proved beyond a doubt that the querist had not yet passed the stage of the usual "new beginner."

"Would they grow again this season if plucked out?" was the sum and substance of the query when he was advised to pluck out the damaged quills; and on being assured that new feathers would start to grow again immediately the old quills were removed, he was only too glad to relinquish the idea of forcing a second moult.

Amongst the uninitiated there is a very prevalent idea that if feathers are lost or plucked out they are not reproduced until the next moult. This as a rule is quite erroneous. Yet there are certain exceptions which, when taken into consideration, show that there is just a slight ground for suspicion to the contrary. For example, there are the old and debilitated specimens, and younger birds which are constitutionally weak and delicate, which frequently fail to reproduce lost feathers on the head and neck, except at the proper moulting-time; and in extreme cases these feathers are not reproduced even then, and the birds remain permanently bald or bare in patches.

But even in the very worst of these cases it is extremely rare for any of the large tail and flight feathers to remain absent long unless the stump of the old feather remains in its socket to prevent the growth of a new one. Indeed, so strong is the tendency of Nature to keep the flights and tail perfect, that they will often remain in very fair condition, and a lost one be reproduced immediately at any time in the year, long after the bird has lost practically all its power to reproduce any of its smaller feathers at any time.

Quickening the Moult.

This is drifting far away from the original point of forcing a bird through the moult quickly. To do this heat and moisture are the chief, if not the only, essentials. In a room where the temperature can be regulated to a nicety, an even day and night temperature of seventy-five degrees is not too much, and if this is kept moist, the steam from a boiling kettle being allowed to escape into the room at regular intervals so much the better. This moisture is not only of great service in helping on the casting of the feathers, but is also invaluable for aiding the growth and development of the new plumage. Canaries moulted under such conditions on colour food will be found to excel in colour, quality, and quantity of feather, the plumage being much better developed in length, substance, and quality. Tepid baths are to be preferred under such conditions, and it goes without saying, every precaution to avoid chills must be taken.

The usual treatment of moulting birds in conjunction with these additional factors will very materially shorten the moulting period if put in force as soon as the moult begins. But to adopt these or any other means to endeavour to force a healthy bird to begin moulting, is scarcely a legitimate or a wise policy.

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Some Observations on the Bunting Family.

By WALTER LOWNE.

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Ortolan and Meadow Buntings.

The Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) is not eligible to compete in classes at shows which are held under the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club. The reason, I presume, is that they are imported in large numbers to the London dealers. In captivity they get considerably fat and out of all proportion for being nice exhibition specimens. They are seldom met with here at liberty, although a few have been recorded as being taken in this country. When they are caught it is generally in the month of April.

They become very tame when caged, and do not take sufficient exercise (when given the opportunity to do so) to keep themselves from becoming fat. For that reason an outdoor aviary is the most suitable for keeping them in.

The Meadow Bunting (*Emberiza cia*) is a new bird to this country, if we may rely on all we hear and see; at any rate, as yet, only a few examples have been met with. The first that came under my notice were a pair in the possession of Mr. E. P. Staines, of Penge, who informed me that he received them from a catcher in Sussex. The next specimen I heard of was one, a male, exhibited at a show in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, under Mr. J. F. Hills. It being then a new species to him, and very wild, too, Mr. Hills thought it wise to pass it, much to the disappointment of its owner, Mr. E. A. Hackett, who afterwards claimed it to be the first of this rare species recorded as being taken in the British Isles.

A picture of this particular bird graced the front-page of an early issue of CAGE BIRDS (February 21st, 1903), and from the report of its capture, it has been accepted by ornithologists as a British bird, and classed as an accidental visitor. Since them several of this species have appeared on the show bench at various times, their owners claiming a place in the British Bird classes. But there is generally a doubt about their nationality, and, if I remember rightly, there were no less than five entered at the last great show held at the Crystal Palace, only one of which secured special notice, and that a vhc. But all of them might have been marked wrong class.

Black-headed and Rustic Buntings.

The Black-headed Bunting (*Emberiza melanocephala*) is a very rare bird, and differs much from the Reed Bunting, although the latter is often called by the same name. A specimen is said to have been met with in Sussex. It has very slight claim to recognition as a British bird.

A specimen was shown at the Crystal Palace when the classification was under the old management. It secured first prize in four seasons in succession, but the following year, 1891, it failed to get a card as it was found to be a foreign specimen. That was the last I heard of it.

The Rustic Bunting (*Emberiza rustica*) is a rare bird. Little has been recorded of its habits. The birds of this species would seem on the whole not to differ much from the Reed Bunting. There have been but one or two examples of this species taken in this country.

A bird was shown in the Bunting class some three years ago at the Crystal Palace, which the owner claimed to be one of this species. Several well-known fanciers carefully examined it and all were of the opinion that it was only a hen Reed Bunting. Much correspondence appeared in the columns of the Fancy journals at the time respecting this specimen.

The Smallest of the Buntings.

The Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*) is the smallest of the Bunting family; hence its name. It was unknown in Britain previous to 1864. One was taken at Brighton in November of that year. On examination it was concluded that the bird had not escaped from captivity.

Like the last species described, it is a native of the northern parts of Eastern Europe and Asia. It appears to have a wider range in its autumnal wanderings than the one previously mentioned.

Some Supposed Hybrids.

Pied Albino and fawn varieties have been met with at different times amongst the commoner species. The Yellow Bunting has produced the handsomest Albino I ever saw, and two different birds have appeared on the show bench and have secured first honours, which they well deserved.

Fawn-coloured Corn Buntings have been exhibited at some shows with equal success, and they make a nice addition to the rare-feathered class. Pied Reed Buntings have also come under my own personal notice.

A supposed Yellowhammer-Canary was shown at the Westminster Aquarium in the Hybrid class, but was passed as a hen Yellow Bunting.

A much bolder venture was made by an exhibitor at the Crystal Palace show of 1905. An exhibit was actually entered in the catalogue as a Lark-Yellowhammer (I wonder what next we shall hear of?). This bird was a hen Lapland Bunting.

The Stock or Store Cage.

Stock or store cages for Buntings require to be not less than sixteen inches long, fourteen inches high, and nine inches deep with two perches from back to front fixed in a position midway from the bottom of the cage, as this gives the bird the jump required when in a show-cage. Cover the bottom of the cage with sea sand when obtainable, with an addition of sharp grit, which the birds much enjoy.

These birds are subject to very scaly legs, which defect requires careful attention. To remove these scales the legs may be held in hot water with some soap powder added. Then the scales should be removed with the thumb nail, and the legs afterwards wiped dry with a soft handkerchief. Then one should apply some skin ointment every few days till the legs are quite healed. In some cases a bird caged up one year looks as if it might have been in captivity three years by the appearance of its coarse legs; more particularly is this the case with Snow Buntings.

About Show Cages.

Show cages require to be of different sizes according to the species of birds they are intended to house. For instance, a cage for a Corn Bunting would require to be larger than that for a Reed Bunting. One fourteen inches long, twelve inches high, and six inches deep would be of a suitable size for the larger kinds of Buntings.

The colour inside should be of a pretty apple-green enamel, which colour would suit most of these birds. The two perches should be screwed from the back so as to come to within half an inch of the front; this method does away with the necessity for a slot in the end of perch, and also prevents the possible loss of claws, which when it occurs is much against a bird's chance of winning, especially if in keen competition.

Feeding and Treatment.

The staple food required for these birds is plain Canary seed. Occasionally a few soaked ants' eggs may be given in a vessel by itself. Mealworms may also be given daily. The Yellow, Corn, and Reed Buntings are very fond of them, but I never yet had a Snow Bunting that would eat mealworms.

The seed hopper should always be kept with a good supply of seed, and care must be taken to see that the holes for this and the water vessels are large enough for the Corn Bunting to put its head through.

A Misfortune to Avoid.

I had the misfortune a few years ago to lose a fine Corn Bunting owing to the seed hopper not going down to its proper position, it having been attended to in a hurry. To my regret next morning I found the bird was in a bad plight, having pushed its head through; it was only with great difficulty we were able to get it back. And the bird had so much injured itself that I had no other alternative but to put an end to its misery (the verdict was misadventure). It was a bird I could ill afford to lose as it had taken honours at the Crystal Palace.

Another old favourite Corn Bunting which captured many prizes I kept for five years, but it moulted every alternate season. At last he became past showing owing to his legs becoming deformed, with age, I suppose.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

DURING the last week or so I have had the opportunity of seeing a little wild bird life. Amongst the birds noted a Kingfisher stands pre-eminent and a beauty he was, too. Chaffinches were seen in large numbers; one I noticed several times with plenty of size and colour. The Robins have now donned their new red jackets, and very perky and pretty they look hopping about the hedgrows; so also do the Wrens, carrying their tails up as they nimbly and silently trip from twig to twig. The Sand Martins appeared to be still feeding their broods in a few odd cases, several broods being only just nicely getting on the wing, and evidently receiving their "lessons" in the art of flycatching. Pied Wagtails were very numerous, and once or twice I thought I could detect a Grey amongst them. The Hedge Sparrows looked neat in their sober brown dress, and even the much-abused House Sparrow, under conditions of cleanliness, free from the grime and soot of the towns, is a bird not without attraction.

THE committee formed from the several societies having the welfare of the fancy and fanciers at heart, is now at work trying to obtain a few concessions from the railway companies in respect to the disabilities fanciers have to put up with at their hands. First and foremost is the 50 per cent. extra charge on the carriage of birds, and here they ask that in the case of birds in proper cases, travelling to and from shows, they shall travel at the ordinary rates. Then in regard to fanciers visiting shows, that they be allowed to travel at the price of a fare and a quarter, and that they be allowed to take their birds with them free. Should they be only successful in obtaining one of the concessions asked, it will be a great boon to the Fancy, and will earn them the grateful thanks of many members of the Fancy.

THIS week-end (Saturday) the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club hold a meeting to arrange matters relating to shows where their competitions are to be held, and it is to be hoped a good number of members will put in an appearance at the appointed time, viz., 7 p.m., at their usual headquarters, the Market Tavern, Bradford.

I HEAR a rumour that a new competitor will have to be reckoned with on the show-bench during the coming season, and one who has been long in the Fancy and who has passed a very large number of birds through his hands, and, therefore, should know a little about them. His intentions are to "have a flutter" at the big prizes, and to him and to all others we can give welcome. There is this year greater value in competition than there ever has been before, so those who have the birds should make up their minds which prizes they intend to go for, as it will require a good start and good staying powers to capture some of them.

SEVERAL societies have arranged for lectures to fill up the gap between the present time and the beginning of the show season, and fanciers, whether they be members or not, can rely on a hearty greeting at any of these gatherings, while should anyone wish to join the society concerned he will be received with open arms.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Across the Stubble.

The change in the weather has come a little too early for the harvest; much corn is still standing in the shock, and although it adds to the beauty of the landscape the crop is wasting while it stands in the fields. Big flocks of birds are scattered everywhere. I noticed one composed of several hundreds of Starlings. They frequented the wheat field day after day, although pasture land was close by. And one noticed that when this big army settled, the majority of them alighted on the corn shocks. They were a fidgety, flightly lot, and the least noise or approach of a human being would send them wheeling and turning in the air in graceful flight. So closely do they keep that it almost appears as though they must impede each other; they turn and settle as one bird. The Starling is no doubt a most useful bird, but the farmer could easily dispense with him twice during the year; that is, at seed time and during harvest. For the bird is a big eater, and a flock of five hundred, each with fifty grains of corn in its crop, means a big consumption of good food.

Walking across the stubble after the rain with the fresh, pure breeze blowing over miles of open country, makes one feel vigorous and healthy. The play of light and shade across the open as the sunshine chases the shadows over hill and valley, makes most beautiful pictures. At every few paces Nature presents itself in a different mood. Wild Ring Doves in pairs and in small flocks rise in the air, and give life to the scene. Linnets are plentiful, but feed mostly in scattered parties on the verge of the fields, where the weeds that have escaped the reaper are shedding thousands of tiny seeds, their ripe pods bursting in the sunshine. The hedgerows with all the wealth of summer growth, heavily laden with an assortment of berries, still hide growing broods of Green birds and Linnets. The Crimson-breasted fathers of the latter birds call anxiously from some elevated branch. Of our field birds these two species probably continue their nesting operations the longest, although, while we were parting the wild woodbine for a peep into a Greenbird's home, a well-built nest of the Hedge Sparrow was detected within a few feet of it. Three turquoise eggs showed every sign of freshness, but it is doubtful if anything will come of them. It is just possible the change in the weather will start the old birds into moult, and cause them to join the wandering parties so plentiful everywhere.

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It is computed that we have about eighty species of birds which live upon agricultural ground. Of this number about fifty live upon seeds, and the remainder are insectivorous. Neither of these two could be spared. If the seed eaters were exterminated the weeds would thrive and choke the corn and other farm produce, and if we lost our insect-eating birds, neither weeds nor corn would thrive, and the face of the earth would soon be covered with noxious insects and creeping things.

Along the Rocky Coast.

The Kittiwake is one of the most graceful of the Gulls. It breeds along the rocky coast preferring the lower ledges and projections. Their noisy clamour can be heard above the roar of the water, some time before one can get a look at the breeding site. Peeping over the tall cliffs, the birds can be seen below perching just out of reach of the tumbling waves as they dash against the rocks. Some of them will be flying buoyantly over the water, constantly repeating their cry. The scene is one full of life and animation, and one feels fascinated by the spectacle. On calm days the birds fly out to sea, and should the weather be favourable will remain away for a length of time, sleeping at night on the rolling billows. They never leave the sea.

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THE SHOWS.

CLASGOW (Confined) NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The annual show was held in the Grand National Hall, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on September 12th. The membership is 67, and over 100 exhibits were entered in the contest. The birds were of good style, but somewhat backward in size. The day was bright, but a sharp touch of frost in the morning gave the judges trouble to get the birds to show what was in them. The judges' awards gave satisfaction. The judges were Messrs. Hart (Paisley), Hope (Edinburgh), Low (Dundee), and Webster (Greenock). The president, Mr. McIlwain, was in attendance, and with Mr. Black, the secretary, had the arrangements in excellent order, and to these gentlemen and the committee the success of the event is due. Generally, it was considered a foregone conclusion that Mr. McClure would again win the cup and medal. Contrary to this the cup was carried off by Mr. A. Buchanan (Glasgow) with a neat yellow cock of Belgian type. Mr. A. Lang's yellow hen was the runner-up. It was stated that Mr. McClure's best young birds were late bred.

YELL. CK. A.C.: 1, cup, and medal, Buchanan, neat, erect, prominent shoulders, decided droop, clean front, straight body and wing, Belgian type; 2, McIlwain, superior size, good body, had softened down and would not be drawn out in the afternoon; 3, J. Orr, nice body, wing, and drive, good size; 4, McClure, good size, erect, excels in body and wing; 5, 7, Stewart; 6, Bott; 8, Renwick. BUFF: 1, Ward, neat smart buff cock, nice body and wing, well up, good drive and neck, sweet head, wins easy; 2, Knox, erect, fine drive, good style; 3, McIlwain, good all-round stamp; 4, Gray, grand solidly-built bird, not fairly through the moult; 5, Banks, nice body and wing, average drive; 6, Lang; 7, McCormack; 8, Orr. YELL. HEN: 1, Lang, in first feather, took a splendid position, favourite with visitors; 2, Ward, modern type, well up, good drive, smart and ready in movement; 3, Bennett, modern, compact type, fine top, long neck, sweet head, erect, nicely proportionate; 4, McLellan, better size, modern style, good top and drive; 5, McClure; 6, Renwick; 7, Muir; 8, Orr. BUFF: 1, Fulton, well set back, grand top and drive, fine body and wing, wins easily; 2, Blair, erect, nice drive, quick in movement; 3, Gray, well built, solid hen, good bib and drive; 4, Stevenston, erect fine head, neck, and drive, good body, nice action; 5, Orr; 6, Blair; 7, Fleming; 8, McCormack.

MOFFAT.

A splendid show of cage birds was held in connection with the Moffat and Upper Annandale A. and H.S. on September 11th. The show was held in a large tent in the show yard, and proved a great success. Mr. Johnstone, the energetic secretary had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by Mr. J. Millar. The Scotch Fancy classes were small, but some good birds were staged by Messrs. Thompson and Lawson. Border Fancies made a nice show, some grand specimens being on view. Mr. Robinson won the B.F.C.C. medal with a nice foul yellow. Mules and British were a fine lot, being greatly admired by the crowds of visitors. Mr. A. Walker (Lesmahagow) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Lawson. BUFF PIED.: 1, 2, 3, Thompson. GREEN OR FOUL: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Lawson. YELL. PIED: 1, Thompson. BORDER YELL.: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Watt; 4, Varrie. HEN: 1, McCreadie; 2, Robinson; 3, Clark; 4, Watt. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Clark; 3, McCreadie. HEN: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Watt; 4, McCreadie. EVEN: 1, Varrie; 2, Watt; 3, Mrs Tait. UNEVEN: 1, Watt; 2, Clark; 3 Varrie; 4, Lawson. FOUL: 1 and medal, Robinson; 2, 3, McCreadie; 4, Watt. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Watt. NOR.: 1, 3, Rome; 2, Watt; 4, Dempster. MULE: 1, 2, Crosbie; 3, Rome. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, Rome.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Longton (C.B.U.)—October 3rd, Old Free Library Town Hall.—Judge, J. H. Roe. 33 open classes—Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Cinn. 4, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Self. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 1; 4 Novice and 14 Members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close September 29th, to ENOCH TAMS, Church-street, Longton, Stalls.

Peterborough (Limit £5) (C.B.U.)—October 7th and 8th. Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, J. Wilcock and W. E. Lowne—50 open classes—Nor. 10, Yorks. 10, Bord. 3, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, Dutch Frill 1, Mules 3, Brit. 13, For. 2, Self. 3, Stock 1, Prizes 60/-, 5/-, and 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Sept. 29th to H. C. LILLEY, 111, Lincoln-road, Peterborough.

Paisley.—October 10th.—G. A. Clark, North minor Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Muirhead, John Smith, D. Holden and R. Prentice.—14 open classes—Scotch Fancy 12 and Self 2. Prizes 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/6 and specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close morning of show to JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood-lane, Paisley.

Clapham (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C.).—October 1st and 2nd, Avondale Hall, Landor Road.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and Allen Silver.—50 open classes—Norwich (champion) 4, (Novice) 4, Yorks. (champion) 4, (Novice) 4, Crest 2, Bord 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 16, For. 3, Self. 2, Cages 3; and 14 members' classes. Prizes 12/-, 6/-, and 3/-. Fee 2/-. Entries close Sept. 26th to S. H. W. Baker, 1f, Poplar-road Upper Tooting, London, S.W.

CLUB REPORTS.

DULWICH O.S.

Committee meeting held September 3rd, Mr. G. F. Woolhouse in the chair. Classes for British and Foreign birds and for Canaries were finally decided on as follows:—British and Foreign 5, Mule and Hybrid 1, Canaries 5—all birds to be staged by 7 p.m. at headquarters, September 24th. A judging competition will follow. Messrs. Woolhouse, Foster, Kent, and Lovesy kindly gave special prizes. Arrangements were completed for outing to Amberley. Mr. F. Easterling (Battersea) was elected to membership. Several special prizes were offered for annual show, and the classification for same had been arranged by a sub-committee, but was held over till next meeting.—ROGERS and MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Meeting held in Halls, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, the vice-president, Mr. Ball, in the chair. Applications for club patronage were then gone into. The following were successful:—St. Andrew's, Broughty Ferry, City of Glasgow, Kelty and Blair adam (conditionally), Glasgow and West of Scotland, Cupar, Kilsyth, Scottish National, Broxburn, and Bathgate. It was arranged that the trophy subscribed for be in the form of a shield, the winner to have his name engraved thereon, also a gold medal, and the runner-up a silver medal. The trophy to be competed for at the following shows: City of Glasgow, Cupar, Scottish National, and Bathgate, most points to count. Exhibitors to nominate six birds. Members' subscriptions are now overdue.—A. W. WATSON, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Meeting held September 12th, in Buchanan's Hotel, Edinburgh. There was a large gathering of members, Mr. C. R. Drysdale, hon. president, in the chair. The following volunteered to assist the executive on show day, and were accepted, Messrs. W. Rough, A. Smith, J. Dalgleish, J. McLennan, W. Rodger, and J. Robertson. Entries of birds for competition were then taken. I would again request members when sending entries to give a clear and full description of each bird, class, and price to be sold at, also to let me have entries at their very earliest, but not later than September 21st. This will help me to get catalogue ready for show. Birds per rail must reach Hall Friday evening September 25th. Judging begins Saturday 9 a.m. We anticipate a good show, and hope to be favoured with a large assemblage of members and fanciers.—J. R., MEIKLE, Sec.

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& District C.B.S. Annual Open Show held under C.B.U. rules of Canaries, Mules and British Birds on **OCTOBER 9th & 10th** under patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club and Yorkshire Canary Club. Judges: W. Vardy and W. Mundell. For schedules when ready apply to

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OLDHAM. **Oct. 10.** Assembly Rooms, Soho Street, Huddersfield Road. **OPEN CLASSES** (Guaranteed): Lancashires (2), Lizards (2), Norwich (2), Yorkshires (2). Entries close **Oct. 6.** Judge: Mr. Bowyer, Leek. C.B.U. Rules, Schedules from F. STEEPLE, 133, Balfour Street.

PAISLEY and Dist. Cage Bird Show, **Saturday, 10th October.**

Will be held in George A. Clark North Minor Hall, 14 Classes for Scots Fancies, Prize Money 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/6, Cup and Medals and 36 Handsome Specials will be competed for. Judges—Wm. Muirhead, J. Smith, D. Holden, R. Prentice. Prize List now ready can be had from the Secretary. **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, Paisley.**

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OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

OCTOBER 14th, 1908.

Judge—T. Heath: Schedules of **CORNISH and ADAMS,** 90, Regent Street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

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FROME Cage-bird Show.

Thursday, Oct. 15th (C.B.U. Licence). Judge, J. Robson. Schedules ready **10th September.**

C. I. YOUNG, Sec.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C. B. S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Will hold their Fifteenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds in the Coffee Tavern on **Fri, and Sat., Oct. 16 and 17, 1908.** Judges: W. Vardy and M. Norwood. For Schedules apply to **H. MARSHALL and E. MELLORS, 41, Truman Street, Hucknall Torkard.**

REMEMBER.

MORPETH and Dist. C. & C.B.S. Annual Open and Members' Show under C. B. U. Rules. **Oct. 17th, 1908.** Judges—Messrs. W. P. Barnes and A. Brown. Four Money Prizes, numerous Specials. Schedules **E. Cowling,** Hon. Sec., **Fulhook Cot, Morpeth.**

CROOK and District. Cage Bird Society. Second Annual Show of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. **Sat. Oct. 17th,** Judges: E. Brunskill and J. Temperley.

For Schedules Apply—

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NORTHAMPTON GOOD INTENT. 37th Annual Show.

Oct. 21st and 22nd. Schedule in this paper Oct. 2nd. C.B.U. Rules. G. M. LARKMAN, Sec., 210, Wellingboro Road, Northampton.

FROME & DISTRICT C.B.S. will hold their show **Dec. 3rd,** at Central Mart. Ideal place for cage birds. W. MINTY, Hon. Sec.

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3rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on **Oct. 17th, 1908,** under patronage of Y.C.C.S. and B.F.C.C. Judges: D. Low, J. Adams, J. Patterson, R. Farmer. Laing Challenge Cup for Best Bird in Show, and numerous Specials, 61 classes for Cage-birds. Entries close **Oct. 12th.** Schedules to be had from **JOHN FORD,** Hon. Sec., Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

DARLINGTON CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, **Saturday, October 17th, 1908.**

Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club. 29 classes. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 12th.** Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Schedules from—

R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

GRIMSBY Show. Tuesday & Wednesday, **October 20th & 21st.** C.B.U. Rules. 40 classes. Judges: J. H. Roe, and F. Medley **MOORE & CROWSTON, Hon. Secs. 39, Lord St., GRIMSBY.**

CATERHAM, SURREY.

16th Annual Show, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage-birds, will be held **October 21st and 22nd, 1908.** Cat classes second day only, Oct. 22. Judges: Messrs. P. H. Bayliss, A. C. Gilbert, R. Melbourne, T. Lambert, G. R. Bird, Dr. Durrant, W. Kilby, T. J. Ambrose, G. Gardner and Miss F. Simpson. Entries close **Oct 7th.** Extra fee **Oct. 10th.**

For Schedules apply J. KILBY, Hon. Sec.

RAMSGATE and District Fur & Feather Society.

OCTOBER 21st and 22nd.

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OPEN SHOW of Cage Birds, etc.

OCTOBER 21st & 22nd, 1908.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House. **Entries Close, OCT. 8th,** Under C.B.U. Rules. Splendid Hall. Good Classification and Prize money guaranteed. Many Specials. For Schedules apply, **R. M. DALY, 120, WHITLEY ROAD, EASTBOURNE.**

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Cage Bird Show (under C.B.U. Rules). **OCT. 22.** Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close 8th. **G. W. READ.**

BRISTOL

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, Oct. 22 and 23, 1908, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges: T. Heath and H. Norman. Schedules from **W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lookleaze Road, HORFIELD.**

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEESIDE C.B.S. **(Affiliated to C.B.U.)**

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in the Oddfellow's Hall, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th,**

40 Classes, good Specials, including 6 guinea Challenge Bowl. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges, W. Mundell, Canaries; J. Maddison, Newcastle, British and Foreign. **Entries close, October 10th,** Schedules apply **ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.**

DERBY

SHOW, OCT. 24th & 26th. Judges: Messrs. Benson, Roe and Robson. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 1/6 entry fee. **Entries close, OCTOBER 19th.** Schedules ready shortly. **W. STEVENS, 22, South St, DERBY.**

KIRBYMOORSIDE (Yorks.)

OCTOBER 29th. 13 classes Cage Birds. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and good specials for 1/ entrance fee. REED & CALAM, Secs.

EARLSTON N.B.

Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds. **Oct. 31, 1908.**; Judges: Bantams and Pigeons, T. Walton, Esq., Silsden Border Fancies, J. Linton Esq., Selkirk; Norwich and British Birds, J. Mason, Esq., Peebles. Sec: Jno. Brockie

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CARMARTHEN Nov 5th 1908, Carmarthenshire Pity. Pig. O.B.S. Show, in the Assembly Rooms, under Cage Bird Union's License over 20 classes for O. B.; P. M. 10/-, 5/-, & 2/6. Entry 1/6. Numerous specials, no classes, amal. or cnld. Judge, J. B. Evans, Esq. Sketty, Swansea. **Fred King,** Hon Sec., **Friars Cottage, Carmarthen.**

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not appearing in this list, which will be published monthly, or at any Show which has not the Union's Show Rules appearing in its Schedule,

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—Wellingborough.
Oct. 1, 2.—Clapham.
" 2, 3.—Burnley.
" 3.—Longton.
" 3.—Admiral Duncan.
" 7, 8.—Peterborough.
" 8, 9.—Watford; Greenwich & Deptford.
" 9, 10.—Gt. Harwood.
" 10.—Oldham.
" 12.—Norwich Record, (Members only).
" 14.—Exeter.
" 14, 15.—Battersea; Hayle.
" 15.—Frome (License); Blackwood (License).
" 16, 17.—Bolton; Hucknall Torkard.
" 17.—Morpeth.
" 20, 21.—Grimsby O.S. Western Counties.
" 21, 22.—Northampton Good Intent. (License) Eastbourne.
" 22.—Weston Super Mare.
" 22.—Potteries C.B.A.
" 22, 23.—Bristol C.B.S. Cambridge & Camba.
" 23, 24.—Accrington; Newcastle C.B.S.; Rochdale O.C. Leigh.
" 24.—Middlesborough.
" 24, 26.—Derby.

Licenses can be granted to approved Shows, on application being made to the Secretary giving date of Show, one month prior to the holding of the Show.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

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TWITTERINGS.

Dr. Rogerson (Dundee), writes: Will Mr. Mitchelson, of Kirkcaldy, who wrote me recently, kindly forward his address?

My address is now 25, Holdich Street, Peterboro', instead of No. 4, writes Mr. H. Popple. I give this notification as schedules seem to be going astray.

The only fanciers' journal read here now is CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Clark (Moffat), and its contents are eagerly discussed by the various fanciers every week.

Mr. J. Broxup, naturalist, of Burnley, writes asking us to request Mr. G. Dixon (Cumberland), to send on his full address, so that birds ordered may be forwarded.

Kindly note that my address is now 19, Alexandra Road, St. Ann's Road, S. Tottenham, London N., writes Mr. Thos. D. Jackson. Letters and schedules should therefore be so addressed.

We note that at the next meeting of the Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A., on September 24th, the question of "When is a Clear not a Clear?" is down to be discussed.

I have changed my address from Northcote Street, writes Mr. H. Dickson, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, to 65, Turner Street, Northampton.

At our annual show, to be held November 25th and 26th, writes Mr. F. J. Bingham, hon. sec., Tonbridge and Dis. F.A., all classes (except a few members' classes) are absolutely open. Schedules will be out shortly.

Amongst the many testimonials published in his advertisements of British Birds, by W. Gore, of 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham, two of them published this week will be of special interest to Linnet fanciers, who on no account should miss reading them.—ADVT.

Any fancier wishing to become a member of the Crook Original C.B.S. and P.S., writes Mr. A. Bowes, the secretary, will kindly note that September 21st is the last date for subscriptions to be paid to allow them to compete for members' cups and specials.

We hear that Mr. F. J. Bingham, of 88, Barden Road, Tonbridge, has been appointed hon. sec. of the Tonbridge and Dis. F.A., in place of Mr. Kirke who, owing to his removal from Tonbridge, finds it impossible to devote the necessary attention to the society's affairs.

A highly interesting "Bird Number," one of a series of monthly magazines issued by the Californian Promotion Committee (San Francisco), reaches us by courtesy of Mr. Fred. Hammond (Bradford), and to certain of its novel features we shall hope to refer in a future number.

I have received intimations from the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club and the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club that our society has secured their patronage, writes Mr. R. Whitton, secretary, Broughty Ferry C.B.S. Open Show, and shall be glad if exhibitors will make a note of this.

Owing to our next meeting night falling on Race Saturday, writes Mr. C. Irvine, secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.H.C., the meeting has been postponed till Monday, October 19th, when we hope to see a large turn out of members and friends. Mr. Dan Swan will give a washing exhibition.

The judges at the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O. A. show, to be held in the Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, on Saturday, September 19th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, the hon. sec., are Messrs. Hamilton (Caldercruix), J. Watson (Glasgow), J. Kean (Edinburgh), and D. Clark (Rutherglen).

I hear on good authority, I regret to say, that Mr. W. H. Bamsey (late secretary of the Derby C.B.S.), is now, and has been for the last six weeks, confined to his bed, writes "A Fancier." I am told that he now lies in a critical condition, his sufferings being very severe. I am sure we all hope for his speedy recovery.

We learn that the City and Suburban A.C.B. hope to arrange to play one or two other London societies at cricket during next summer, the secretary, Mr. Wynn, being desirous of placing these events in the regular "fixture list" of his association. Such pleasant means of whiling away an afternoon ought to become popular.

We are informed that a show is to be held by the Earlston P.P. and C.B.S. on October 31st, at which cage birds will be well provided for. Mr. J. Sinton (Selkirk), will judge the Border Fancy Canaries, and Mr. J. Mason (Peebles), the Norwich Canaries and British birds. The secretary is Mr. John Brockie, 3, Jamefield, Earlston, N.B.

The Bramley and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. E. Craven, the hon. sec., have secured a spendid room for their annual show on November 7th in the Bramley Church Schools, Hough Lane. This room has been engaged for the first time. It is well lighted, and is close to the cars. We are providing 27 classes, and have been favoured with the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

The Stirling and Dis. O.S. Club show, to be held on November 21, writes Mr. G. Hislop, the secretary, is open to all residing within ten miles on one side, and as far north and west, so that Stirling is the nearest club to which exhibitors can belong. The subscription is 2s. 6d., and the latest date for admission to membership so as to entitle persons to compete at the show is October 3.

At the next meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club, on Thursday next, September 24th, at 8 p.m., at headquarters, "The Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, there will, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the hon. secs., be a discussion on the keeping of insectivorous birds, which Mr. G. E. Weston has kindly promised to open. All fanciers and friends are invited to be present.

We notice that provision is made for ten cage-bird classes in the schedule of the members' show, to be held by the Bush Hill Park Utility and Exhibition F.S. in the Institute, Percival Road, Bush Hill Park, on October 17th. The judge is Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, and the secretary is Mr. A. F. Uncle, 112, Fotheringham Road, Bush Hill Park, Middlesex. The show will be opened at 1 o'clock by the Rev. H. G. Gray.

At the committee meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A., held on September 10th, writes a correspondent, the president, Mr. Jardine, stated that a friend of his, a Mr. Thos. G. Paterson, would present to the city show a solid silver cup and gold badge for the best young Scotch Fancy or young Belgian. The cup is to be won three times (not necessarily in succession) before becoming the property of any one person.

Mr. John B. Henderson (of Glasgow), holiday-making in the Far North, sends us a charming picture-postcard from Hjaiteyri, Northern Iceland, and rightly surmises that it will be the first we have received from a reader of CAGE BIRDS in that locality. He states he will soon be home again and amongst the stock. Perhaps Mr. Henderson may have something to tell readers concerning the bird-life in far away Iceland.

What a record for Sandiford's colour feed! Sold 1½ tons more than last year. I give you proof. There is not another colour-feed on earth—only imitations which claim success from my feed, "because they give specials." I give you value for money. No one can deny that in the two sections "where you must have colour to win," at last Crystal Palace, Norwich and Cinnamons, every 1st prize winner never tasted any colour-feed but our Royal Red. (ADVT.)

I was surprised and delighted to see a drawing of my Green Crest hen on the front page of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. J. Pooley, and I think great credit is due to your artist for his life-like drawing. I showed her four times, winning 1st Horticultural Hall, 1st Wimbledon, 1st City and Suburban (special best in show), 2nd Crystal Palace (special best Crest shown by a member of the L.P.O.S.) I thank you very much, and with your paper C.B. every success.

For list of SHOW DATES FIXED, see page 157.

Mr. John E. Donald (Aberdeen), has been appointed Crest judge for the annual show of the Aberdeen O.S., which is to be held on December 25th and 26th, writes Mr. John Bryson, the sec. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), is to judge the Norwich, and Mr. G. Finnie (Aberdeen), the British and foreign birds.

Members of the Enfield F.A., writes Mr. A. Neve, will kindly note that owing to our late secretary, Mr. Mills, having left Gordon Hill to take larger premises, he has had to resign his position. I have been appointed secretary in his place, and am hoping to receive the support of the members. They will, therefore, please send a bumping entry for the annual show, the date of which will be announced shortly. My address, to which all communications should be sent, is Bush Hill Cottage, Winchmore Hill, N.

Just now, says the "Bristol Times," an effort is being made in the upper part of Gloucestershire to secure the proper observance of the order for the protection of the Goldfinch, fears being entertained that this exceedingly pretty and useful bird may become extinct. It will be remembered that the County Council Protection Order came into force some years ago, when the numbers of Goldfinches in the county had diminished almost to a vanishing point, and it should not be forgotten that they are protected all the year round.

A correspondent writing from Peckham wonders how it is that the local dealers cannot supply such birds as Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Twites, etc. He states that being desirous of purchasing these species, he went round the shops in the district, but failed to discover any. He must remember, for one thing, that it is too early in the season for Siskins and Twites; also, that owing to the operations of the Wild Birds Protection Act in the surrounding counties, metropolitan dealers do not find it easy to obtain English Goldfinches and Bullfinches.

"British Birds" (shilling monthly).—The September issue of this magazine contains an interesting article on bird roosts and routes, by Mr. Bruce F. Cummings and another by Mr. W. H. Mullens, M.A., on "Some Early British Ornithologists and Their Works," which forms the third of this series. Mr. F. B. Kirkman, B.A., also continues his fine series of articles on "Variations in the Nests of the Arctic and Common Terns"; the instalment is accompanied by some excellent photographs. Some observations on the more important additions to our knowledge of British Birds since 1899, by H. F. Witherby and N. F. Ticehurst, and a large number of "Notes" go to complete a capital shillingsworth.

The interest that is being taken in the society by the secretary of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. was, writes Mr. E. Meades (Plumstead), fully shown by Mr. Hamer on Thursday last coming up to our meeting from Bucks, where he is spending his holiday, and returning to end the same, which I hope he will much enjoy. It is to be hoped that each member will show a like interest in the society, also other fanciers, by supporting our venture at the Amersham Hall on October 8th and 9th, by giving us a good entry, which will show Mr. Hamer that his efforts to make the fixture a great success are appreciated. I might say that there is a good number of specials; also a good number of classes.

A Rare Albino.

Mr. S. R. Ellison writes from Cramlington to a Newcastle paper to record the appearance of an "all-white or cream-coloured Swallow," seen by him at West Sleekburn Farm. This is a very rare Albino.

A Dainty Dish.

Since Mr. Rider Haggard ferociously attacked the Sparrow, the question of this bird's usefulness has been much discussed. Any cook who has prepared "Quail pie" at an eightpenny four-course dinner will answer for that.

Little Willie Knew!

At a certain school examination one of the questions asked was to explain the reason for the use of the hyphen in the word "bird-cage."

There must have been a young fancier amongst the scholars, for one of the replies was "The use of the hyphen in the word bird-cage is for the bird to stand on, and is made of stick."

Rare Birds in Norfolk.

A fine adult Sabine's Gull in full summer plumage was shot on Breydon Mere, Gt. Yarmouth, on September 2nd. Also an adult Sandwich Tern was captured on the 5th, on the same waters, writes Mr. W. Lowne. A Turkey Vulture was shot at Caister, two miles from Gt. Yarmouth, some ten days ago. It has the appearance of being an escaped bird, and is no doubt one of the lot lost by Mr. Hamlyn a few weeks ago.

The Dinner Gong.

In Miss North's "Recollections of a Happy Life," she describes how a lady whom she visited in Brazil had many tame pets; there were two Macaws, one, called "the mayor," red and green. "The mayor" was much attached to one of the cats, and they would huddle close together in the sun for hours, scratching each other's heads. There was also a Peacock which mounted a certain tree every evening at six and screamed; if the cook were asked why dinner was late, she would probably answer, "It is not time, the Peacock has not screamed yet."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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It has for some time past been evident to us that the system under which prize winners have hitherto been illustrated in CAGE BIRDS has left much to be desired. It has, for instance, generally been necessary, when a successful exhibitor desired a particular bird of his to be portrayed in CAGE BIRDS, for him to have to send his bird to a London show, where, by arrangement with our artist a sketch has been taken of it for the owner, the picture subsequently appearing in this journal. Exhibitors in Scotland, the North of England, and Wales, have consequently in many cases been unable to have their favourites delineated before an admiring cage bird world.

Good News.

For the forthcoming show season we have, however, been able to make such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his bird portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages by the best available artist in the country, at the lowest possible cost. Mr. H. Norman, whose work on "Cage Birds" with pencil, pen, and brush has for some years now placed him in the position of premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available (*by arrangement with us*) for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended, and from this it will be seen that north, south, east, and west will be thoroughly and equally represented.

Give Your Instructions Now!

Orders for the sketching of exhibits at any of these shows should be placed at once with our Manager, who will be very pleased to communicate terms, dates, etc., to all desirous of seeing their birds pictured in the leading bird journal.

Apart from the wide publicity accorded to such sketches, there must be something particularly pleasing in the notion of having a permanent, accurate, and skilfully-drawn memento of one of your prize winners. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced, and the price for the whole transaction we honestly declare to be a mere 25 per cent. (one-fourth) of its proper cost. Both Mr. Norman and ourselves are making considerable financial sacrifice to secure this equal pictorial representation for exhibitors. We should be very pleased, both of us, to see the idea taken up with enthusiasm, and as many commissions placed with us as we can cope with.

N I S I E W I—All Treated Alike.

We have not selected the dates and shows given below in any preferential spirit, but by reason of the fact that our artist, in connection with his judging engagements and his own private business, happens to have those particular dates available. We hope next year to be able to make such arrangements with him as will secure his presence at our other centres, but meanwhile we feel sure that our readers will hail with delight the prospect of seeing prize winners from every part of the country depicted in CAGE BIRDS, instead of, as hitherto, a majority of exhibits depicted from amongst those appearing at London shows.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Herewith we give the list of shows referred to above, and would again impress upon our intending clients to communicate with our Manager immediately, should they wish to see their birds portrayed on or in CAGE BIRDS this season:—

October	16th.—	City of Glasgow.
,,	20th.—	Plymouth (Western Counties).
,,	22nd.—	Bristol.

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CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Question night for novices, opened by Mr. J. Douglas.—B. Head.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 19, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Washing exhibition and lecture on staging and getting-up birds for show, by Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—H. Clegg.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 21, Headquarters, Joiner's Arms, 8. Drawing up of schedule and placing of specials for the open show, etc.—J. Stringer.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Show business, etc.—E. Carlisle.

Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Club Room, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Annual show.—J. Higman.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 19, Headquarters, 7.30. Open show arrangements.—E. Craven.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—Sept. 26, Ship Inn, 7. Final arrangement for show, when all entries must be made, also allotment of specials. J. Ewing.

Dulwich O.S.—Sept 24, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, S.E., public admitted at 8.30. Members' table show of British Hybrids and Foreign, also 5 classes for Canaries. Exhibits to be staged by 7 p.m.; judging competition to follow; friends invited; admission free.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Sept. 23, George Hotel, 8. Open show business, members' subscriptions due, see Rule 8; members please give in list of specials promised.—R. S. Black.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. T. C. Crawhall, on "Medicines for Cage Birds," and general correspondence.—T. Taylor.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Sept 22, Hall of Science, 8. Final arrangements for Open Show.—Moore and Crowston.

Green Canary Assoc.—Sept 21, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Preparing birds for exhibition; all fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept 21, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Making up of schedule, etc.—G. Waddington.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.—Sept 20, Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. J. H. Adam.

Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept 25, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8.30. Instructive washing exhibition, by Mr. W. Shakespeare; fanciers welcome.—G. H. Neal.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Central Dining Rooms, Market Place, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Raynes, "The Norwich Plainhead," Hints to Beginners.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Sept. 22, 4, Cranbrook Road, Ilford, 8. Final arrangements for Y.S. Show, etc.—A. Webb.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. The art of exhibiting, including washing, by Mr. T. H. Ride. Fanciers cordially invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Co-operative Classroom, Long Eaton. Open show business, entries close for young stock show.—J. Turner.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 26, Miner's Hall, 7. All wishing to exhibit at club show on October 31 must be nominated by this date; Messrs. Livingstone and Martin are the judges elected.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Bird in Hand, 7.30. Schedule for coming show.—D. John.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Sept. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. All England Show business.—E. Jones.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Schedule, etc.—Jeremy and East.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Sept 24, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.15. Important business re annual show.—R. Dear.

National British Bird and M.C.—Sept. 24, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8 sharp. Discussion on the keeping of insectivorous birds, to be opened by Mr. Weston; all fanciers invited.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Christ Church School's, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Sept. 26, Danix Tem. Bar, 7.30. Open show, etc.—R. G. Challenger.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 24, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Jones.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale, O.C.—Sept. 21, Club, 8. All England Show.—J. Butterworth.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Sept. 19, Station Hotel, 7. Members' show business.—H. Dobson.

St. Helens O.S.—Sept. 21, George Inn, 8.15. Schedule for Members' Show, Sept. 26, at George Inn.—A. Goodall.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 26, Fawcett Street Cafe. Committee meeting at 7, usual meeting at 8; members' classes for annual show.—Reid and Maddison.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.

Scotch Fancy Can. Nat. Derby O.A.—Sept. 19, Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, 10. Pairing of judges, and other business for show that day.—T. Smith.

Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Grigg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Special business.—W. Duke.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8.—J. Winter.

Tunbridge Wells, F.A.—Sept. 23, Friendly Societies Hall, 8. General question night, with specimens.—H. G. Whibley.

United Kingdom Lizard Soc.—Sept. 20, Howard Arms, Glossop, 6. Patronage, show cages, etc.; friends invited.—F. Greig.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 24, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Show business and discussion on "When is a Clear not a Clear?"—J. Johnston.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Allotment of specials.—F. Howes.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Sept. 21, Elephant and Castle, 8. Roller fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.—Sept. 19, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show business, etc.—J. Gill.

Oct.	30th.—	Manchester.
Nov..	11th.—	Carlisle.
,,	14th.—	Nottingham.
,,	25th.—	Cardiff.
,,	27th.—	Leeds.
Dec.	11th.—	Gateshead.
,,	3rd.—	Edinburgh (Scottish National).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Go Light and Die.

"Anxious."—Your feeding is probably at the root of your trouble, and just those specimens which have some little weakness or delicacy of constitution are affected by it, and sooner or later succumb. Breeding should be quite over before this time, so I am assuming you have no young but what are already able to do for themselves. Therefore, feed and treat as follows for a week, and you will probably find your trouble vanish. Give an unlimited supply of good sound Canary seed as a staple, and separately a small teaspoonful per bird of summer rape twice a week, a pinch of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg-food, or bread and milk. Give extras alternately and on different days, so that the birds get a different one each day. Give a scrap of green-food, or a few plantain stalks, every other day. For the birds that are now ill feed as above, but do not give the hemp seed. Give a small piece of bread dipped in milk, slightly sprinkled with maw, and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it in place of the hemp. Also well mix two drops of the emulsion in the sponge cake each time you give it until they are well. In their drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and twenty drops of whiskey for the first three days; after that give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and fifteen drops of chemical food on the alternate days. Continue this for a week, when you may leave off the acid, but continue the chemical food for a week or two longer. Keep cage clean, well strewn with gritty sand, and see the birds are not troubled with red mites.

The Finishing Touch.

Learner.—If you do not mind a little expense to make a good job of your combination flight and breeding cage, I would advise you to finish it off in the following manner. First of all sandpaper it over smoothly inside and outside, finishing inside with No. 1, and going on outside to No. 00. Blow away all the dust from the joints, etc., and run a little stream of boiling glue all about the inside joints, letting it go gently so as to sink into the joints and fill them up flush. When cool enough, wipe over the edges of the glue so that when dry they will not form a ridge. Set aside to dry. Next brush over the inside lightly with turpentine, and whilst this sinks in the surface get a tin of ecru bath enamel and thin down enough to give a very thin coat with an equal bulk of turpentine. Stir it thoroughly together. Now give the inside a coat of this, putting it on as thinly as possible, and working it down well into all the corners. Let this dry well, and then give another thin coat of rather stronger enamel. If this does not seem to have covered it well enough, let it dry and give another thin coat. Always give two or three very thin coats in preference to one thick coat, which is apt to make the job look blotchy and amateurish. Now fill up any cracks about the outside, nail holes, etc., with beeswax. Brush over with a coat of thin size, made in a thin cream with venetian red. When dry, rub off the surplus, and the outside is ready to polish or stain. The former requires a little practice to ensure a good job, so I would advise you to use stain. Either mahogany or ebony (black) as will best match the other furniture in the room. As before, apply it in thin coats, using a fair-sized camel-hair brush, and using it always in the same direction—along the grain of the wood. Two coats should be sufficient, allowing each to dry hard before applying the next. When both coats are dry and hard, apply a coat of clear copal varnish. This is a slow-drying varnish, and will give you plenty of time to work it on nicely to make an even surface. The inside of this cage could be washed out quite safely without any danger of warping it. If you require a rather cheaper method, which will be less permanent and not so safely washable, use an enamel paint, such as Aspinall's, instead of the bath enamel, and apply it in the same manner.

More Errors of Diet.

North Wales.—If the deaths continue after a week or so of the following prescribed treatment, I would advise you to have a *post mortem* on one of them to ascertain whether you have a mild type of septic fever among them. But I have no doubt whatever that be the immediate cause of death what it may be, the predisposing cause is your method of feeding, which is far from correct. Adopt general treatment recommended to "Anxious," and treat birds that are ill in same way. Of the samples No. 1 is not suitable for a staple diet for confined birds. It contains too much linseed and inga. A teaspoonful per bird as an occasional treat would be beneficial, but that is its only proper use for Canaries kept in cages. No. 2 is a very useful form of egg-food for rearing young, and might always be used if the birds do not pick out the grains of egg and reject the rest. No. 3, remark to No. 2 applies here if the birds eat the food freely, though, as a rule, I prefer a freshly-made food for the small quantity the young should have. No. 4 is a very fair sample of gritty sand, and quite suitable for the floors of cages of small birds.

A Troublesome Yorkshire.

Nunhead.—Your bird either caught a severe chill on its journey, and was exposed to draught soon after, or it came from a warm room to one that was considerably colder. Am inclined to think one of the last two causes is the correct solution. It is certain some such exposure has taken place somehow. Another point which will increase the trouble is that the bird appears to be either dropping into moult or badly infested with red mites, as shown by his constantly picking himself. Examine cage well, especially about the perch ends and joints of door, and if you find any mites take steps to eradicate same. Keep it in a snug place free from draughts (you need not necessarily overheat it), and in a nice bright position. Do not give cold baths until it is better. Feed as advised to "Anxious," and in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water mix twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together. Give this two days in every three until trouble is removed, and pure water on each third day. By the way, you can scarcely hope for the bird to resume its song now until after its moult, which should commence very soon, even if it is not already in progress.

Eggs Not Hatching.

G.K.—The eggs were certainly not unfertile, as you call them, seeing they were addled after being sat upon for the full time. An unfertile egg will still remain quite clear, and to all appearances new laid, after being sat upon, if the shells are perfect; but if the shells are too porous they often dry up, whereas in a fertile egg, which is one that has been fertilised by the male, when sat upon the germ will start to develop into a chick. The process of development may be arrested, and the germ die from various causes, at any stage of development, when the result is either an addled egg or a chick dead in shell. The cause of addled eggs in the great majority of cases is either weakness in the germ, due to one or both birds being out of condition, or to the eggs getting chilled during incubation. In your case I am inclined to think it was due to the hens being out of condition, and this opinion is strengthened by the fact that they only laid two eggs in each clutch. You should feed the birds well during the moult and get them into a good hardy condition by next spring, and then avoid mating too early. Provide yourself also with a pair or two of common Norwich for feeders, in case the Crested or Crest-bred hens do not make good parents. You will find fuller particulars as to feeding and winter treatment in CAGE BIRDS' "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you have, than it is possible to give here.

Any Other Variety.

Wood.—1. If there is a covered portion to your aviary to keep out the wet, and where the bird can retire to at will for shelter, there should be no necessity whatever to cage them up and bring them indoors. All the ordinary common types of the Canary are quite able to winter outdoors if they have not been coddled before turning out, especially if they have a nice space for exercise. 2. The chances are greatly in favour of this bird being a common German hen. They are decidedly smaller and paler in colour than Norwich. The weak attempt at singing is not always a criterion as to sex. Many hens do this. If it is a cock it should come in song as soon as the moult is over, and then the throat will be seen to throb and pulsate very plainly as it sings. 3. If your aviary is large, so that the birds have plenty of exercise, the Canaries will take no harm whatever from eating the teazle and other seeds placed there for the British Finches.

Aviary Accommodation.

C. Farrell.—As your aviary is only two feet wide, you might have made a double-tier one of it, by adding a floor midway between top and bottom, when its accommodation would have been just double what it is now. In calculating how many birds an aviary will accommodate, height is of little account, but floor space is very important. As it stands, your aviary will only accommodate 14 birds the size of a Norwich Canary. Being placed near a window you must be careful that it does not get a cold draught in it when the window is open. The Roller would undoubtedly sing better in a smaller cage by himself than he will in this aviary in company of a hen. You should certainly not keep cocks and hens together now, unless you wish to encourage futile attempts at breeding.

What is Maw Seed?

A.V.—The maw seed of commerce is certainly not the seed of the common garden or field poppy. The seed of these species is usually of dark brown hue, whilst the bluish-grey colour of maw is natural to it, and not caused by any manufacturing process, as you imagine. Although not quite certain of the identity of the maw of commerce, it is the product of an Indian species of the poppy family—the common opium poppy. Still, I see no objection to using the dark-coloured seed of the wild and garden poppies, especially for British birds. I have used it myself without any ill effect whatever. This was many years ago, and I confess that if both kinds are equally accessible, I prefer the bluish imported seed on account of its rather larger size.

Bowel Trouble.

Anxious (Swansea).—You do not say whether you are colour feeding the birds or not. If so, it would be interesting to know how your "feed" is mixed. You also omit to say how you feed. On Wednesdays and Saturdays you say you give a pinch of seed. Is it linseed that you mean? If it is, or if you use any colour food containing crushed linseed, stop it at once. First of all see all your seeds are perfectly sweet and good. Feed on plain Canary, with a small piece of bread and milk every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed for the first week; after that substitute a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it for the bread and milk. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, well shaken together, in each two tablespoonfuls of water. Give this every second day for a week, and on alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After the first week these may be discontinued if the birds are better, and twenty drops of chemical food given instead each day for another week or fortnight. Have sent reply by post in the exceptional circumstances, though you failed to comply with Rule 7.

Undesirable Companions.

F. Satchwell.—Your birds are suffering from constipation, which is undoubtedly caused by their eating the soft food provided for the Blackbird. It is never a good plan to keep Canaries and insect-eaters together, unless in very large places where they have, so to speak, unlimited space. Either separate Canaries from Softbills or devise some plan to prevent their getting at the food of the latter; otherwise you cannot expect any permanent cure. Add a small teaspoonful of Epsom salts to each half pint of drinking water every second day until constipation is removed. Also give a greater variety of green-food, such as adding a little of the flowering heads of groundsel, or a spray of watercress, or chickweed. A bit of ripe pear or plum would also be useful occasionally instead of apple on account of their aperient qualities.

Troubles in Battalions.

Dublin Tyro.—I have little doubt but that the birds are subject to draught or damp, although the arrangement of the door and window, as shown on your plan, does not seem much like it. Perhaps there is a stairway, fireplace, or some outlet in the same corner as the cages which draws the current of air from the door round that way before it gets to the window. If any draught at all exists you must remove the birds. Farther along the same wall almost opposite the window, but a trifle nearer the door, seems to be a good position, judging from your plan. Feed on plain Canary seed as a staple, and give a small teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, a pinch of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake three times a week. Give these separately and alternately. Give a small spray of green food every second day, and when this is not available substitute a bit of raw or boiled carrot, or a bit of sweet apple. Keep cages supplied with gritty sand, see that they are not infested with red mite (I rather think these gentry are the cause of the bareness about the head), and do not give cold baths until the breathing is alright. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence, and for the next fortnight twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together; on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Should the birds continue dying leave one of them "post-mortemed" to ascertain whether you have fever among them.

Yorkshires Giving Trouble.

C.N.M.—The room is either too cold or there are abnormal fluctuations of temperature in it, as you say you are sure there is no draught. Keep birds in a fairly warm room, where the temperature is equable until the moult is quite finished. Of course, you must not go to the extreme of overheating the birds. Feed as advised to "Dublin Tyro." 1. Give the hen twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together in two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking. Give this every second day until all wheeziness has disappeared, and on alternate days twenty drops of chemical food in the water. 2. Treat the cock the same as No. 1, except that you need only give about three doses of the eucalyptus mixture; but continue chemical food for a fortnight. The rapidity of the moult is all that could be desired, provided you prevent his taking cold. 3. This depends solely upon the individual and its surroundings, so that a definite reply is impossible. But it should be quite through the moult at this rate by the end of October. 4. The box cage you contemplate making will be a very suitable one. The size is large enough for ordinary purposes. You could make the change at any time now. 5. Answered in No. 4.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Thrush and Skylark.

Barber.—If you turn to our issue of the week before last, you will find in the reply to "Blackbird," full directions for the proper feeding of Thrushes and Blackbirds. With regard to Skylarks, my own method of feeding and treating them is as follows: As a stock food, mix game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupae, half-a-pound, meat meal, good ants' eggs, and dried flies, a quarter pound each, by weight. It will keep a long time, and the ingredients are obtainable at most up-to-date food shops, or through our advertisement columns. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed in a separate dish. This food can be moistened with a little water (it should be made crumbly moist, not into a sticky mass). But a little finely minced green-food (chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc.), or grated raw carrot, or mashed cold boiled potato is by far the best. Clover grass (either a turf of it or some chopped fine and mixed in the food) is also one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, and assist it during the moult. The game meal is practically identical with meals sold as pheasant and partridge meals, and either can be used. A dust bath is essential, or the birds will be pestered with parasites, one of the worst troubles of Lark-keepers.

Shrubs and Birds.

W. H. Shoobert.—1. In a small aviary tenanted by many birds, it is quite impossible to keep shrubs and greenery generally in a presentable condition, except by having the said shrubs in pots and changing them frequently that is, giving one set a "rest" out in the garden, while a second set is in the aviary. Birds not only soil shrubs and plants, but seed-eating birds usually quickly tear them to ribbons. I found holly lasted as long as any, while thorn and gorse bushes also did good service, likewise ivy trained round old stumps, etc. Box, privet, etc., you have tried, you say. Ferns and the ordinary creeping rock plants would not hurt birds, I should think. 2. I should advise you to get a cock Linnet as mate for the hen. The Chaffinches are not particularly likely breeders, and you might, with advantage, drop them and replace with, say, a cock Siskin and hen Bullfinch. If you keep the cock Chaffinch, then he might take to a hen Brambleinch as a mate. A hen Bullie would make a good partner for the cock Goldie; or the hen Canary would doubtless suit him. The less pairs you have in the place, the better the chances of breeding.

About Goldfinches.

Rather Doubtful.—Strange things occasionally happen, of course, but I must candidly say that I should not like to have to depend on a broken-winged Goldfinch filling the eggs of my own missing hens. In fact, I should have to be driven to it before I put such a bird in with a hen. As regards cock and hen Goldfinches, the head of the hen, when viewed sideways, is always rounder looking, while the beak is shorter, and not so stout at the base—the cock, with his flatter skull and longer beak, looks, and is, longer in the head. In the cock bird the black feathers surrounding the beak and running from base of beak to the eye, the black band at back of the head, and the black shoulders of the wings (wing-butts) are really black—that is to say, a deep, intense shining black, often shaded with green on the wing-butts. In the hen the black on these parts is very, very rarely a deep, intense black, but is distinctly greyish (ashen-black) and the wing-butts are usually distinctly brownish, or greyish-black tinged with brown. Even in Greypates, when just beginning to strike into moult, the deep black feathers can be seen coming through on the shoulders of the cocks, contrasting distinctly with the grey nestling feathers. If you buy a Greypate in which they are to be seen coming, you can bet on its being a cock. Then, of course, in the adult, the blaze offers another excellent guide, as you know.

Linnet Ailing.

H. Bentham.—From what you say, there does not seem much hope for the bird. You do not state whether he has commenced to moult, but judging from the blue beak you speak of, I take it he has not, and perhaps this has something to do with his being queer. You should transfer his cage to a warm corner of a heated room, and cover it up (especially at night), and see if this causes him to drop into moult. I don't like your seed mixture. I have often said that niger and hemp are not good as regular items for Linnets; while the proportion of teazle and canary is not sufficient. As you have the back numbers, you should look up the reply to "H. H. Wood," in issue of August 29th. Your best chance lies in a thorough change of diet, offering a liberal supply of seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, and thistle heads daily. Add to its drinking water (assuming the water-vessel to hold two tablespoonfuls) 8 to 10 drops of tincture of gentian, and keep this up for about a fortnight should the bird improve.

Weeds and Mule Breeding.

Light Mule.—The weeds you send are (1) persicaria and (2) knot-grass. In their seeding stage both are excellent for seed-eating birds, most of the Finch family liking them. Linnets in particular are very partial to knot-grass, and feed largely on it in their wild state; but, as you yourself have found, it is liked by most Britishers in captivity. As regards your muling problem, I don't think it matters one jot about the pairs being double yellows, providing they are big birds; and you describe yours as such. You are sure to get some buffs next season, and then you could double-buff with a pair or two, if you thought it advisable. You have evidently got a good hen in the yellow Norwich Plainhead; take care of her. Pair her next season back to her father (No. 1 pair), and pair her brother with the yellow Lancs. Plainhead hen (No. 2 pair). If you lose the father, then pair her with her brother, and get a stout-built buff, pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, which blows clear, and is bred for clears, to put with the Lancs. hen (go to a reliable fancier for it). For the following season, of course, the idea is to pair up the best youngsters from each of the two couples. But it would be wise to test with the Finches some of the progeny of the Lancs., to see if they throw light feathers. Should they do so, you are alright. If the contrary, then I should keep two or three couples from pair No. 1 entirely by themselves, and inbreed for another season some of the young from pair No. 2, when they ought to be safe to cross in with any of the others.

Brevities.

Weeds and Shows (D. F.).—The lengthy weed is plantain, the other hardheads. They may be given to all British seed-eaters that show any liking for them; there are few that do not. Goldies and Siskins are particularly fond of hardheads; Linnets, Redpolls and Twites of plantain. You will find all the cage-birds show announced in the columns of CAGE BIRDS in due course—that is, as the data for holding them approaches.

Mule Ailing (Anxious).—In two tablespoonfuls of the bird's drinking water, stir fresh daily six drops of chlorodyne; use a glass or pot vessel only. Commence with two or three drops, and work up to full dose. There should be improvement in 7 or 8 days. It is a cold. A little bread and milk sop daily would help, if bird will eat it. Look under "General" for answer to eat query; that is out of my line.

A Light Mule (Erin).—Judging from the description you give, your light Goldie Mule is a very decent specimen indeed (I presume he is clear on the back, for you do not state this). He is certainly, at all events, worth exhibiting at a show, and if of really good shape and colour, he ought to annex a prize. It would have helped me greatly when answering you if you had sent a rough sketch showing how much dark plumage he has.

Featherless Bullie (R.N.S.T.).—It seems extraordinary for a hand-reared bird to remain practically featherless. What food did you rear it on, and how can you tell it is a hen? I know that I cannot sex young Bullies myself until they begin to "strike" on the breast. You make no mention of green food, fruit, etc.; and possibly you are not feeding the bird properly (see reply to "Mr. Finch," in issue September 5th). Keep it in a warm corner of a heated room, with cage covered over at night, and this may remedy matters. Stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every day for a week; every other day afterwards. Use a glass or pot vessel only.

Two Matters (Country Reader).—I should think the lesson to be learned is not to buy "hand-reared" Linnets when offered at the price you name. I don't know any reason why you should lose your birds if they are healthy when you get them. If you get a vigorous youngster, you ought to experience little difficulty in keeping it. Have acquired a good few 1908 Linnets myself, and have not lost a single one as yet. Your seed mixture is not at all to my liking; see reply to "H. H. Wood," in our last issue but one. If the greenhouse is kept at a high temperature, and the heat is a moist heat (as I expect must be the case), then I am afraid your birds will not thrive in it; in fact, to this I attribute the bad rearing results of your past season with Canaries.

Young Thrushes (In Doubt).—They will grow out of the habit. You should give each bird a large cage, keep the floor very clean, and feed them well, not forgetting the vegetable ingredient in their food.

Sex of Larks (A.M.).—The two safe guides to the sex of Larks are the size of the bird and the spread of the wings. The hen bird is always much smaller than the cock, and much less bold in manner; further, she has never the length of wing. She generally has more heavily-streaked (pencilled) plumage.

Young Thrushes (E. Fear).—I can quite believe that bread and milk, with bread and hempseed, seem too relaxing a diet for your Thrushes. I don't think they will thrive long on it. Full details of the proper way to feed were given by me the week before last; see reply to "Black bird." You should certainly cage each youngster up separately, seeing that they "fight tremendously," as you put it. They will sing far more freely and better (assuming them to be cocks), if each has a home "on his own." If you keep one cock in the aviary, and find him a mate, he might breed next spring.

Drinks a Lot (Poor Bill).—Some Linnets seem to drink a lot, but in reality use up the water "sprinkling" the cage wires, to say nothing of themselves. However, you are the best judge. If his water-vessel holds about two tablespoonfuls, stir ten drops of tincture of gentian into it. This may break him of the habit; though an excellent tonic, it is very bitter. He should have a bath, of course, according to season. If ineffectual write me again.

What Bird (Barro).—Your bird is a cock Blackcap Warbler. The food mixture you particularise is not at all bad, but I am sure one of the usual mixtures for small insectivorous birds would answer better—or "half-and-half," if you like. This species is very fond of ripe fruit, remember.

Eleven Years Old (W. Goode).—I really don't see why you need to trouble about breaking your old Mules, now quite blind, of its habit of "biting its claws." It does no harm. As the bird gets to its seed-box, you can rest assured that it takes sufficient food to properly sustain life—it would hardly be singing so well if the reverse were the case. I don't think it wise to feed too exclusively on niger seed; the bird will eat other seeds all right. Try some maw and teazle as well. Yes; the moulting period is now with us, but many birds, I expect, have not as yet commenced to shed their feathers.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Exhibiting Foreign Birds.

Amateur.—Consult our advertisement columns, and get some good cage-maker's list, one for preference who makes a speciality of show cages. The size, etc., must depend on the bird, which is to occupy the cage—for Whydahs the cage must be sufficiently high so that the bird's tail will be clear of cage bottom when the bird is perching, and the seed and water hoppers shou'd be placed within reach of the perch. The semi-box type cage suits most birds, as does also a pale sage green enamel of the inside and black for exterior wood and wirework. Birds must be steadied prior to the show. Most judges will pass a bird at once that dashes from side to side while being examined. Whydahs, if properly caged, should not break their tail; it is a matter of roomy cage and a proper arrangement of perches. At any rate it must be done, and you are no heavier handicapped than other exhibitors in this respect. The small foreigners you name, when in fine condition, have all been in the money. It all depends on the particular show. When there are only two classes, more showy and imposing birds would stand a better chance. You must get a schedule of the show you wish to compete at, study the conditions and make your entries in accordance therewith. If this is not clear to you, repeat query re points, you are not clear upon.

Treatment for Lorrikeets.

W. G. Stocker.—Blue Mountain Lorrikeets are not at all fragile birds, and so long as they are kept free from draughts, even the temperature of an unheated room would do them no hurt. Of course nearly all species of foreign birds are more or less fragile during their first few months in this country, but once they are over this they are not at all difficult to keep. I have a pair of red-collared Lorrikeets, which are similar to the Blue Mountains, in my outdoor aviary, which are very fit. Milk-sop, fruit, and a little Canary seed is all I find they require. They are very fond of lettuce, and such extras as sponge cake, and plain biscuits, and I should advise you to bring the diet of your birds on to similar lines, but do not stop the rice suddenly; stop the hemp seed at once. Soak a piece of sponge cake in Dinneford's Magnesia and give this to the birds when partially dry and repeat after a day's interval. But so far as the few details you give me go, I should say, the correction of the dietary will soon bring about an improved state of general condition.

Treating an Amazon.

W. J.—It is something to have got rid of the cold, but the fact remains that the bird is in a generally unhealthy state. Keep it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, making the drinking water the colour of port wine. Give boiled maize every other day and well dust with flour of sulphur. Otherwise let your diet be as per my previous reply. If the continued use of the chemical food should give rise to constipation, a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia will soon put matters right. Note.—The bowels must be kept moving freely, but not watery loose. Keep this bird warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere and also spray it with chilled water twice a week, but guard carefully against draught till dry. The condition of the plumage will improve with returning health. Get a box of boney and borax from your chemist and with a small camel hair brush lightly paint its tongue with same. I do not think there is much wrong with the eye and unless it becomes swollen I should leave it alone; but if swelling supervenes, then bathe it with a zinc eye wash (from your chemist), but I hope there will now be a gradual improvement in the bird's condition.

Hints on Gouldian Finches.

C. Wells.—The price you have paid is full value, but not perhaps excessive. I hope your cage is a roomy one, and it should be of the semi-box or box type. Gouldians do not flourish in a confined space. The straw covering is alright, and should make good sleeping quarters if they use it. They are certainly not very fit—make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and follow this by making it (the drinking water) the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food till they are better conditioned. Diet, canary, white and spray millet seed, a few oats, and as much grass in flower (seeding grass) as they will eat, but it must not be frosted or sodden with wet when offered to the birds. If they will take them, a couple of meal-worms will do them no harm, neither will a small piece of crumbled sponge cake sopped in boiled milk. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, stand the cage where the birds will get plenty of fresh air, yet not be in draught. I hope you'll have luck with them, but they are rather fragile till they get over the hardships of importation. You will, of course, give them opportunity for a daily dip and keep their cage tray well sanded with fine grit. Some individuals are fond of "Paddy" (rice in the husk).

Grey Parrot in Moult.

Constant Reader.—(1) Spray with quassia solution every other day, and guard carefully against draught till dry. Give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in the drinking water, with two days' interval between the doses, but though the bowels should move freely they must not be allowed to remain watery loose—three doses of the magnesia should be ample. (2) Your diet is quite in order, but I should not replenish the seed tin too often, and then when the sunflower seed is eaten, the bird must satisfy its hunger with that which remains. I prefer the following seed mixture:—2 parts canary seed and oats, and 1 part each hemp, wheat, dari, small maize and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together. (3) The temperature of your dining-room is ample, but I always cover up my Parrots in cages at night both summer and winter; but a space about 3 to 6 inches diameter should be left uncovered at top of cage for ventilation purposes. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and when not giving the magnesia make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Parrot in Poor Condition.

Pilot.—Leave the drinking water continually in the cage, and for the next month or more make it the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: A seed mixture of 2 parts canary seed and oats, and 1 part each of wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seed, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, and green food (a little fresh lettuce or other salad as in season); the toast will do no harm, just moisten it in the drinking water, but do not give it tea in any form. Otherwise you are treating the bird alright, but its diet has not been sufficiently varied, and you may be a little time getting it to take to the other items named above; but in time it will do, and with the changed dietary I am of opinion its condition will improve. Note.—A very fat bird is very far from being a healthy one as a rule.

Budgerigar with Cold.

W. L. S.—You tell me nothing about the bird, nor how you treat, nor the kind of cage you keep it in, etc.; so that I can but give you a haphazard sort of reply. If it is kept indoors in a cage see that it is out of draught. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts;—for use take a small portion of the mixture, add double its bulk of water, and let the bird have only this to drink for a few days. If it will not drink then give a few drops daily direct to the beak, and if the bird's ailment is really a cold it should soon yield to the treatment. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seed, a few oats, green-food (fresh lettuce and green in flower) which must not be offered when frosted or sodden with wet cuttlefish and grit. If you supply me with fuller details I may be able to give you more definite help.

Birds for Unheated Room.

Paradise Whydah.—The size should have read 18ins. long, by 11ins. deep, and about 2ft. high. It should be of the box type, with top half wire, the front wire being rounded off at the top towards the back of cage. Pale sage green makes a good interior enamel, with black for the exterior. The size of the cage must really be determined by the length of the bird's tail; it should be high enough to admit of a perch being fixed, so that the bird's head would be clear of top of cage, and its tail clear of the sand tray; also the food and water hoppers to be placed, so as to be easy of access from the perch. I should say some of the more brilliant Fruit-eaters and Tanagers would suit you best for exhibition—fine condition, beauty and rarity, of course being the points to consider when purchasing. Superb, Tricolour, Blue, Maroon, Palm, Green and any other bright and rare species which happen to be on the market: Gold-fronted Bulbuls, Hangnests, and some of the rarer and smaller Parrakeets—such as Stanley, Many-colours, Blue-bonnets, etc., with any uncommon insectivorous species you can pick up—as for instance, rare Starlings, silver-eared Mesias, the brighter plumaged Thrushes and any uncommon Buntings, the rarer Waxbills, Violet-eared, etc.; Greenfinches, Gouldian, Painted, etc. In point of fact study the market, and as opportunity offers, snap up any rare, brightly plumaged birds that are to be had. Of course when purchasing newly-imported stuff in the winter, they should be kept for a time in a cage in one of your living rooms, till they get hardened off a little.

Various Parrots.

W. D. R.—(1) I have never kept the Cuban Parrot, but have often noted it during my many visits to the Parrot House at our London Zoo, and it always appeared to me a quiet species, I cannot call to mind an instance in which I have heard it really screeching. (2) In a large Parrot cage, preferably an oblong one, Many-colours can be kept under the same conditions, and on the same treatment as that given in the reply you refer to—they do not need meal-worms, but should be offered a varied diet, as advised in the reply you have noted; neither are they fragile after they have got over the hardships of importation, etc., but all birds must be protected from draughts. (3) Do you mean a King Parrakeet, a brilliant green and red species—or what the dealers' call a King Grey Parrot. If the former they are a quiet species and do not indulge in much whistling, etc., but are more loquacious when a pair of them are kept together. If it is the last-named, then there is plenty of time, keep it in your midst, let it hear plenty of conversation and talk to it, and the talking and whistling will follow in due course—there can be no fixed time; individuals vary so, and yours is full young yet.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Young Ring Dove Bare.

No Name.—It is difficult to name the disease which has caused one only of your young Ring-Doves to be bare and scurfy on the back. Perhaps the cage is infested with insects, or perhaps the old birds have been breeding too freely during the three years you have kept them, and the young are coming weakly. These birds are very hardy as a rule. You had better destroy the affected young bird, and thoroughly clean out and repaint the cage. You do not say what size your cage is; personally, I think these birds should have a very large one, so that they can fly from perch to perch. Also, see that your feeding is properly varied; small grain, bird seed (especially when breeding), and a turf to pick at, also a lump of rock salt. If the birds are constantly breeding, destroy one egg of each clutch—the first egg in one, and the last egg in the next, as the first egg generally develops into a cock, and the last into a hen, in these birds and pigeons.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Budgerigar (H. E. Fishburn).—Chronic softening of liver; recent inflammation in which the lungs became involved.

Zebra Finch (Miss K. M. Westley).—"Severe chill," or inflammation of liver and lungs, ending with apoplexy.

Gouldian Finch (E. G. Watts).—Enlargement and softening of liver, rupture of blood-vessels of that organ—apoplexy. The lop-sided gait noticed some few weeks ago was probably the first seizure. More exercise and less food is indicated.

Canary (B.H.).—Softening of liver, rupture of blood-vessel of that organ—apoplexy.

Canary (H.J.C.).—Liver disease, malnutrition anæmia. More fresh salad as food, or Parrish's Syrup of Phosphates as medicine might have kept it in a better condition of health.

Canary (Perplexed).—Chronic ulceration of liver and lungs, ending with acute inflammation.

Canary (Loulon).—Bird-fever. Instructions for isolation and disinfection have frequently been given in these columns.

Canary (J.M.H.).—Fever of infectious character. All healthy looking stock must be run into perfectly clean cages, and all old cages and room must be disinfected.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

Kilgenan (Pem.).—You are entitled to sue him for the 10s. 9d. due, but you were in the wrong in not keeping on for another fortnight. If you kept away from works for nine days without any reasonable ground, he may have a cause of action against you.

Anxious.—If the facts are as stated by you in the first instance, he can only sell subject to your life interest. The stamped letter is an agreement for a lease on which you assert your rights. The purchaser might give you notice, but you would have your remedy against the vendor.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Glasgow and Western Counties Young Bird Show (J. H. Adam).—You ask us to publish a cutting from another paper, giving the results at the above show. While we are now, as we have always been, anxious to oblige the members of your society, the pressure of current matter is such that we feel we should not be justified in occupying space with a report of a show held so long ago. Had the report reached us during a reasonable period after the event, we would have published it with pleasure.

Cat Ailing (W.J.S.).—Cats are not exactly in our line, but we are always anxious to oblige readers, so we submitted your letter to a friend of ours, expert in such matters, and he replies:—"Your cat is evidently suffering from distemper in a very severe form. Keep her warm, feed on strengthening foods, and give a teaspoonful of cod liver oil twice a day. Wash the eyes and nose three times daily, with warm water in which you have mixed a little Jeyes' fluid."

Colour-Feeding (L. Mortara).—The pods (or fruit) sent are the right kind to impart colour to the plumage of birds. The difficulty would be to get the birds to eat them as they now are. It is much more convenient to use the "tasteless pepper," as now on the market, combined with soft food. If you experiment with any, we shall be pleased to learn the result.

Reports (J. O. Williams).—Accept our thanks for your kindness in sending reports of the two shows mentioned in your letter.

Subscription (David Bruce, Montreal, Canada).—Your subscription is paid until October 30th, 1909. Many thanks.

Suggestion (S. J. Gardner).—We are very much obliged to you, and will give your suggestion our consideration. It seems to have promising features, though the idea is not new to Fancy journalism.

Question Night (A. Morris).—Thanks for kindness in sending report, which we will print in the earliest available issue.

Dead Canary (J.C., South Norwood).—We do not undertake to examine dead birds at this office. If you will kindly refer to "Post Mortems" (see the query pages), you will find this clearly stated, and the address given where bodies should be forwarded. The sample of seed looked to be alright.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. (Curry and Hutchinson).—Your "club notice" of meeting September 17th (posted September 9th) did not reach us until after we had gone to press.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROPOSED NEW SOC. FOR OPENSHAW, DROYLSDEN & GORTON.

SIR,—For intending members it has been proposed to call a meeting with a view to forming a Cage Bird Society at the Boilermakers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Nr. Openshaw, on Monday, September 21, at 8 o'clock prompt. Will all fanciers who can, please attend and give us a good start off?

J. G. GARBUTT.

WHAT OF THE SEASON?

SIR,—My experience is very similar to that of "Bert." The few birds I have—Canaries and Goldies—are about two-thirds through the moult. This fact of exceptionally early moulting of birds I couple with another. It is this, for many years past I have always had a few sunflowers in my garden, and this year they have seeded in record time, counting from the opening of the flower bud until the seeds are fully formed. Working on these two instances of nature making haste to be ready for winter, I think it might be fairly safe to predict an early one. I sincerely hope this will not be so, but think this will prove correct.

WM. PAULL.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

SIR,—Your issue of last week, September 12, contains a letter signed by six members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, and to which I wish, with your permission, to draw attention, lest some of the readers of your valuable journal may attach undue importance to it. By the way, the signatures should be only two, as follows, Mr. J. J. Cloke, one, the remaining five "one." This letter will be measured at its proper value by the disinterested and self respecting members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland. It is well known amongst the Fancy here, in Ireland, that the following gentlemen—Messrs. Sheridan, Fry, Sboledice, Huggard, and Farrell, are, as far as the Fancy is concerned, at least only one. What one of the party says, the others say "ditto" to; and the same parties are otherwise closely connected, as has been pointed out on several occasions in the columns of your paper. Any member elected on successive committees, only holds his position on same by agreeing to all or some of what this said party says or does. If your views are contrariwise, you are marked for removal at the next election.

RICHARD F. DUIGENAN,
Hon. Treasurer Y.C.C. of Ireland.

THE USE & VALUE OF SAFFRON.

SIR,—What Mr. Hadwin calls thread saffron is known generally as hay saffron, and is the stigma and styles of *crocus sativus*. "Witherings' British Plants," dated 1830, says: "The stigma of this plant is the saffron of the shops. It was formerly greatly esteemed as a cordial, but is now nearly discarded. It gives a beautiful colour to water, wine and spirits." I have used saffron with rum and sugar for the purpose of breaking birds into moult earlier than usual, so that they might get through in good time. The result was that they did not moult any earlier than birds which had had no saffron. I have also used it as an ingredient in a cake with eggs and sugar, which I was advised to use by a Prescot fancier many years ago, as the real thing in feeding for natural colour. As I never fed any Greens I cannot say what effect it has on them, but with Norwich and Yorkshires my experience is that it is useless for producing colour.

J. F. SMITH.

SIR,—After carefully reading the letters on the above subject, I must say that my experience of Crocus saffron has been most satisfactory. In one case I had a Linnet that had stopped in its moult through being transferred to another house, and having head under wing looked as if it was going to be a bad case. But on looking up some back numbers of CAGE BIRDS I found some advice on the subject by Mr. G. E. Weston, advocating the use of dandelion juice and saffron, and after the use of a dose of the dandelion juice, and then the continued use of Crocus saffron during its moult, it quite recovered and got through alright. My second case was my Siskin, which was very mopish in its moult, but with the same treatment it is now picking up wonderfully and dropping its feathers quite rapidly. My experience of Crocus saffron is that it is a very good stimulant for any cage bird; but as to its colouring properties I cannot speak, not having tested it for this yet. My continued good results from the use of Crocus saffron, however, makes me think that it should be used by every keeper of birds during the moulting season. The meadow saffron, which Mr. Hadwin speaks of and advises the use of in his letters, although increasing the secretions of some organs, has the counteracting effect of diminishing the action of the heart, which, while the bird is in the low state occasioned by moulting is not to be desired.

F. RUSSELL.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR, Referring to Mr. Currah's letter in your last issue, *re* Mr. Crawhall's suspension, I may say that Mr. Crawhall did not carry out the determination mentioned by Mr. Currah of appealing to the Executive Council of the C.B.U. against the decision of the District Committee, though he had the opportunity of doing so. But, while admitting the offence, he seems to have preferred the more heroic course of protesting by resigning from the Societies of which he was a member. Failing an appeal, the Executive Council could hardly deal with the matter, and could only confirm the decision of the District Committee who had had it under consideration, and were in the best position to judge of the merits of the case. GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE,

Secretary, Cage Birds Union.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR, When I sent you my last letter I had no intention of writing again on the "ticked" subject, but seeing that so many are in favour of schedules reading "dark flue not to be disqualified in clear classes," I want to ask one important question, viz., If I enter a bird with dark underflue in a "ticked" class (which I consider its proper place) would it be disqualified? Or is such a bird eligible in both classes? Again, I say, let clear classes be clear, and all marked or ticked birds, no matter how small they are, be entered in the "ticked" class, providing there is one. Then fanciers will know what to do. If dark underflue is allowed in clear classes, then, I think clear classes will cease to exist; for a bird with a tick, no matter how small that tick or underflue may be, can never be a clear bird.

ARTHUR HARRIS.

SIR,—The Coventry O.S. several years since realised the judges' difficulty respecting the above question, and to avoid any unnecessary handling of the birds, and any misunderstanding on the part of exhibitors, they have had printed in their schedules under the heading of Clear Classes: "Birds with dark underflue or tick not showing should be shown in the above classes." The interpretation of the above rule is, that if the judge cannot see any tick or dark underflue while making the bird pass from perch to perch in the show cage, he is not to remove the bird from the cage to look for it. The society is of opinion that the above rule conduces to more careful and equitable judging of Norwich Canary show points.

GEO. PETERS, Hon. Sec. Coventry O.S.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Sunderland C.B.A. on September 12, the drawing up of the schedule for the annual show was under consideration. At the commencement Mr. W. Reid asked the members if they had been giving attention to the correspondence appearing in CAGE BIRDS under the heading of, "When is a clear not a clear," and being answered in the affirmative by all present, he stated that, in his opinion, birds with invisible ticks or marks should be allowed to compete in the clear classes. He stated that it was most unsatisfactory, both to judges and exhibitors, that birds should have to be handled in order to determine whether they were clear or ticked. To the judge, because it often gave the opportunity for adverse criticism upon his awards, owing to the bird perhaps not having regained the trim, first-class appearance it had previously to being handled. For no judge who knew his business would handle a bird to look for a tick without having definitely settled in his own mind its respective position in the prize list, and while some birds will begin to plume themselves as soon as they are put back into their cages, others will sit and mope behind their prize-cards the whole day long. This, no doubt, often accounts for the "our choice for first, etc.," which one sometimes saw in the show reports in the Fancy Press. It was also unsatisfactory to the exhibitor, as it sometimes meant the loss of a few feathers from the bird's plumage, and also the more frequent washing of an exhibit than would have been necessary had the bird not been handled. He also thought that by allowing thigh-ticked birds to compete in clear classes a certain amount of fraud would be done away with, for it was a well-known fact that if some of the supposed "clear" birds were taken from the shows and kept by disinterested persons for a few weeks, it would be found that they were really ticked birds. Another fact was that if an exhibitor were rather short of good clear birds for show, and had plenty of thigh-ticked ones, he would not hesitate for an instant to make for himself a good clear bird or two (unless he was a very exceptional sort of gentleman who objected to winning a prize by these means, and these gentlemen, he was afraid, were very few, although you will meet many who will declare that they are constituted that way). These were hard things to say, but they were true, and they knew it. He supposed they remembered the case of a well-known exhibitor who was disqualified two years ago for showing a thigh-ticked bird in a clear class, yet the same bird won either first or second in the same class the previous year, and also won first in the same class last year. Regarding the question as to whether a thigh-ticked bird would be a better colour than a clear bird, Mr. Reid said he thought that the question of green blood was rather overdone, and stated that in his opinion it all depended upon what kind of green blood you used, and upon the selection of the birds when pairing up. He proposed that the schedules should read: "Clear or invisible ticked," and "Visible ticked, unevenly marked, or variegated." Mr. J. Riseborough seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. W. F. Swan, and carried unanimously. It was also decided to write the secretaries of the other Northern Societies, to learn whether they intended to take any steps in the matter, with the object of settling this vexed question once and for all. REID & MADDISON, Secs.

SIR,—I see Mr. Gregor has another letter in CAGE BIRDS *re* ticks. I have no desire to take up much of your valuable space; perhaps I might have explained myself better in my last letter, but I tried to show the folly of allowing these lightly-ticked birds to be shown in clear classes. One reason is that clear classes are generally better filled, and if you take away from the weaker you make it still weaker or else tend to blot it out; hence my remarks about Bodmin, which do not in any way reflect any discredit on the business of the committee; quite the contrary, seeing they pay full prize-money in every class. Their amalgamation of the two ticked classes through not having sufficient entries last year is quite in keeping with their "minding their own business." I really do not see the need of any alteration if exhibitors would only state on entry forms where the slight tick is. I just mentioned about the ticked bird for I had to show they were there, although difficult to locate. I trust Mr Gregor will see this. My remarks referring to his letter were not written in any way against him, but for the good of the Fancy which, as a breeder and exhibitor, I take great interest in. I was pleased to see a letter from Mr. J. C. Barnes on the subject. I should think the C.B.U. could settle the whole thing, but what they say let us all abide by. T. TREVENA.

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TO DEAL WITH HUSKS AND WASTE SEED.

SIR,—I should be glad if some kind reader could tell me what would be a good way to catch the waste seeds and husks thrown out by the birds. I have a breeding-cage, hung up in my bed-room, and I have bred a few young ones, but they make an awful mess with their seeds about the floor, and if anyone could tell me of something that would prevent it, or catch it before falling on the floor, I should be much obliged.

T. G. B.

THE MAKING OF BIRDLIME.

SIR,—Could any reader please let me know through the columns of your paper how oil bird-lime is made? I tried some lately, and it was not a success, being too hard.

T. KELLY.

SIR,—I should like some information on bird-lime making. I want to make some that will not freeze in the winter nor run in the summer. I hope some reader can help me.

PERCY WATSON.

The following recipe for making bird-lime was given some time back by one of our correspondents, and may be useful to the writers of the above letters.—EDITOR.

Take one pint of best raw linseed oil, put into an old quart saucepan, put on the fire and simmer gently for three or four hours. On no account let it boil; stir every few minutes. No change will be noticed until after the second hour, then it will show froth on top, this being a sign of thickening. It must be given every attention or it will boil over. When it gets about as thick as treacle take it off the fire and pour into a pan of cold water; stand till cool, then work it up with the hands till it shows no signs of having water in it. This will be found to work on twigs quite easily. It can be taken off when not in use, and used over and over again. If too stiff, mix with it a little of the so-called "treacle." Boiling will thicken it if needed. Made properly this will hold anything from a Wren to a Blackbird. An outhouse is more suitable for the boiling purpose than the kitchen, as the preparation has a very sickly odour.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the letters of Messrs. Hammond, Dean, and Crisp, and first of all I would ask what right have Messrs Hammond and Dean to interfere at all with the S.Y.C.C. patronage? Are they members of the above club? If not I conclude they are like a lot more of the Yorkshire mushroom fanciers; they want to do all the talk and interfere with everything, and are ready to be drawn on to try and upset everything they can. They have no need to go to the S.Y.C.C.. It looks to me as if Mr. H. retired from the Y.U. so that he could have more time to interfere with other people's business. I would advise you, Mr. Hammond, to look at home and make your Union perfect first before you start to dictate to anybody else what they should do and whom they should pick for judges. If Mr. Hammond makes a few enquiries he will find that in Mr. Crisp he is talking to one who is a fancier and one who does not come up to Yorkshire and tell us what we have to do, and one who has done more for the Fancy than anyone in the Yorkshire Union. Mr. Crisp has a perfect right to protect the Society to which he belongs. I would also like to draw Mr. Hammond's attention to his first letter and his remarks about our judges, such as, clogs, brushes, teeth, paint, etc. I think such remarks uncalled for. I read some few weeks ago about a mighty chairman of a Specialist Club saying that they would not allow the C.B.U. to dictate to them, and one or two lines down he says they ought to pick the judges for the C.B.U. Here is another sample of the Yorkshire Union dictators.

HORTON.

BIRDCATCHING, AND THE PERSECUTION OF BIRD-CATCHERS.

SIR,—I ought to have been more explicit in regard to the use of the terms "amateur" and "professional." By an amateur I mean a person inefficient in the art of bird-catching, and by a professional I mean exactly the opposite, whether he gets his living by the work or not. Really, the financial aspect of the question did not enter my mind at all, as I was dealing with the persecution of experienced trappers by officers who knew little or nothing of bird life. My friend "An Undesirable" will therefore now easily understand that those who know their business so well as to be able to give points to others, would not be considered, for the purposes of this correspondence, amateurs or undesirables. I must therefore ask him to adopt another *nom de plume*. But surely my friend must have met the person who gets an attack of the bird-catching fever for one season. This is the man who, on the impulse of the moment, buys a call-bird of some sort, and also half a pound of new bird-lime, to "go out catching." The day arrives and away our amateur goes accompanied by a friend. They cut some stout twigs and smear them very thickly with new lime. Should some luckless bird alight on these twigs, both men will run up to the little prisoner, already covered with soft lime, and, with excited hands, roll it into the lime so that, in extricating the little thing, they have to leave its tail, some of its flights, and many small feathers, on the twigs. The sequel may be guessed. This miserable little creature dies in a paper bag, or little threepenny travelling cage, before it is carried home, or soon after, for our amateur knows nothing of the methods adopted by experienced hands in taking a bird off the twig, in cleaning its soiled feathers, and in properly "meating it off." This picture is not overdrawn. Then there is your more ambitious amateur who buys clap-nets and uses them, his brace-birds, and the fresh-caught birds, with a recklessness born of ignorance and conceit. The brace-birds are "fresh-caught" (no trouble has been bestowed on their training and steadying), the brace is made of cord, having a hard knot tied where it crosses the back, and having no swivel to prevent the entanglement of the bird. Now, these are the "undesirables," whose interest in birds is not permanent and deep enough to induce them to continue the game for two seasons. They are the persons who sometimes give just cause for a prosecution, and I suggest a licence as a means of clearing the field of them, for humane catchers suffer through their bungling. What I complain of is that the officers of the R.S.P.C.A. fail to discriminate between the casual and the skilled catcher, who handles his apparatus most efficiently, and certainly treats the most important part of his outfit—his decoy birds—with the tenderest care. It is in defence of the latter I write, as he is being confused with the casual, and his attitude towards feathered pets is being misrepresented. I am sure "Novice" and "One of the Undesirables" are with me in my desire to protect one who does his work so humanely and who supplies both the fancy and the general public with some of their most charming pets. When a good catcher is pounced upon unreasonably, let him state his case in your valuable journal, and I believe there will be a response to his appeal for assistance in working up his defence. I appeal to the Editor to support me, when I say, that, *personally*, I am not financially affected by anything amateurs or professionals may do or say in connection with bird-catching or bird-catchers, but I write from a desire to see justice done to a certain class, and from what I believe is a fair knowledge of the question. I claim to remain a true BIRD LOVER.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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For the purpose of completing our show-reporting arrangements, we want to know AT ONCE the dates of all the shows which provide classes for cage-birds, in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. We already have a fairly full list of fixtures, which will be found printed below. Will secretaries and officials of societies please look over this list, and notify us at once should the name of their show be missing from it. Also will those who have not yet sent in the names of their judges kindly do so, and the number of classes they will be offering (if not definitely settled, then send the number you think likely to be offered).

A Postcard will do, but post it at once. Fanciers will oblige by calling the attention of the friends of their society to this notice, so that none may be overlooked. We want the date of every show going to be held during the 1908 9 season, with the other particulars where possible.

Here are the names of the fixtures we have already on our list:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Alnwick, Ayr, Altrincham, Ashford (Kent), Arbroath, Avonbridge, Ayr O.S., Broughty Ferry, Broxburn, Burnley, Battersea, Bolton, Bristol C.B.S., Barnstaple, Blackburn, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Bo'ness, Bramley, Bodmin, Bristol, Bradford West, Burton-on-Trent, Bournemouth, Brighouse, Bradford East, Bromley, Buckhaven, Birmingham, Bristol F.A., Berwick-on-Tweed, Blackwood, Bury, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., Crook and Dis., City of Glasgow, City of Bradford, Cambridge, Clapham, Caterham, Cheltenham, Carmarthenshire, Cleator Moor, Carlisle, Consett, City of Hull, Crook Original, Cardiff, Coventry Godiva, Cockermouth, Coventry O.S., Cupar, Canterbury, Castle Douglas, Crystal Palace, Camborne, Cambridge and Cambs, Cradley Heath, Chester, Dysart, Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., Derby, Dulwich O.S., Dulwich and Peckham, Darlington C.B.S., Dunfermline, Dalkeith, Dover, Darley Dale, Darvel, Dublin, Dundee, Denny and Dunipace, Dumbarton, Dudley, Deeleshill, Exeter, Earlston, Eastbourne, Edinburgh Southern, Edinburgh Eastern, Egremont, Edinburgh Open, Frome, Faversham, Falmouth, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Great Harwood, Grimsby, Gloucester, Gateshead, Great Horton Good Intent, Great Horton O.S., Gosport, Greenwich, Garston, Gravesend, Guisborough, Harrogate, Halifax, Hastings, Hayle, Hucknall Torkard, Hinckley, Hamilton, Hartlepools, Huddersfield, Houghton-le-Spring, Hucknall, Herne Bay, Highgate, Hampstead, Ilkeston, Inverness, Johnstone, Kelso, Kelty and Blairadam, Kirbymoorside, Kirkcaldy, Kilmarnock, Keighley, Kilmaurs, Kings Heath, Kirkby Stephen, Kent County, Kilsyth, Kendal, Leeds, Longton, Liverpool, Leicester Hand in Hand, Leek, Long Eaton, Llanelly, Laisterdyke, Littleborough, Loanhead, Liskeard, Leamington, Leigh, Leith, Luton, Lowestoft, Leyton, Lurgan, Liscard, Liverpool O.S., Lesmahagow, L.C.B.A., Leeds R.C.C., Manchester, Morpeth, Middlesbrough, Margate, Morecambe, Merthyr Tydfil, Morriston, Muirkirk, Millom, Manningham, Merthyr Dowlais, Markinch, Matlock, Murton, Newcastle, Nottingham, Norwich Alliance, Northampton Good Intent, Newmilns, Northampton Hand in Hand, Neath, North Manchester, Norwich, Norwich P.C. of Ireland, Oakham, Oldham, Ormskirk, Perth, Plymouth, Peterborough, Potteries, Portsmouth, Preston O.S., Perth, Pendleton, Plumstead and Woolwich, Pwllgwaun, Paisley, Penrhiwceiber, Pathhead (Kirkcaldy), Penzance, Pembroke, Queensbury, Rochdale G.J., Ramsgate, Rochdale O.C., Rotherham, Rochester, St. Andrew's, Scottish National, Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., Sunderland, Sheffield, South Shields, Stockton-on-Tees, Swansea, Selby, Swindon, Sale Open, St. Helens, Stonehouse, Skelmanthorpe, Sandy Lane, Shipley, Sudbury, Scottish Metropolitan National Derby O.A., Sunbury-on-Thames, Sidmouth, South London, Sanquhar, Stamford, Torbay (Paignton), Tideswell C.B.I.S., Tonbridge, Thornton, United Metropolitan, Warrington, Wellingborough, Worcester, Welsh National, Watford, Weston-super-Mare, Wolverhampton, Weybridge, Wallsend and Mid-Tyne, Whitehaven, Wigan, Whitburn, Widnes, Windhill, Wirksworth, Wakefield R.C.C., Whitby, West Stanley, Wakefield, Wimbledon, York.

Some Dates Wanted

Of the following shows we shall be glad to learn the dates, as well as the other particulars:—

Airdrie and Coatbridge, Brighton, Carnarvon, Reading, Reigate, Tredegar, West of Scotland.

SELKIRK O.S.

Meeting held at headquarters September 2nd. It was agreed to hold another open show on Thursday, October 15th. The following gentlemen were appointed office bearers: Mr. Robert Thomson, President; Mr. W. B. Thomson, vice-president; Mr. W. H. Reid, secretary; Mr. Adam Gill, treasurer; Messrs. R. G. Thomson and Alex Dickson, auditors.—W. H. REID, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

At our meeting held at the Railway Hotel on September 2nd, a fairly large number of members and friends attended, the president (Mr. J. Lambert) being in the chair. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) gave a lecture on preparing for exhibition, which he did in a splendid manner. Many questions were asked and answered to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. C. Stebbings proposed, Mr. E. Padgett seconded, and Mr. A. Hiles supported, a vote of thanks to Mr. Halliday, which brought a most instructive evening to a close.—A. BOTHOMLEY, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 28th at headquarters, when a good number of members and friends were present, to listen to Mr. Weston, who had kindly attended. Many questions were asked Mr. Weston, and were very ably answered by him. Seven new members elected, and two others nominated. The secretary, Mr. Reynolds, informed the meeting that owing to business he was leaving London and going to reside in Nottingham, and was therefore compelled to resign the secretaryship. His resignation was received with great regret, and permission was given him to hand over the books to the assistant secretary until a secretary is elected. Our loss is Nottingham's gain.—GEO. H. NEAL, Assist. Sec.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

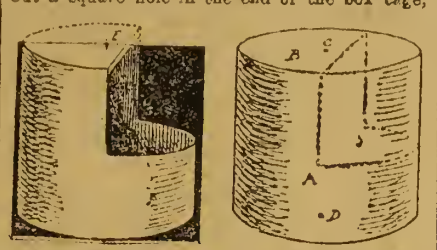
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 240.

SEED BOX FOR END OF BOX CAGE.

Sent by J. Douglas, 11, Trafalgar Road, Beeston, Notts.

The following is a description of an idea for dispensing with the usual feeding arrangements at the front of a box cage:—Take a round tin, about 3 ins. in diameter, and cut it to the shape shown in A. Now take a piece of wood about ¼ in. thick, and cut it to a semi-circle, as at B. Fix it to the tin, as shown. Cut a square hole in the end of the box cage,



Seed Box for Wooden Ends of Cages.

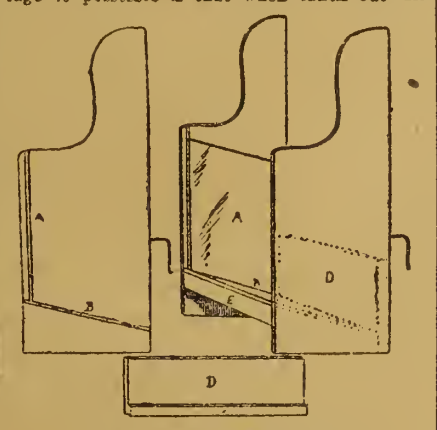
but first make two holes, shown at C and D, in the tin. Now place the tin in the hole, fixing it by two small nails through holes at C and D, as shown at E, F, thus making pivots for the tin to revolve on. In the tin place an ordinary round glass feeding vessel, to contain either seed or water. The result will be found to be extremely satisfactory, as when seed is required to be given to the bird, one simply turns the tin round so that the opening is outside, then put the glass, with seed inside, and turn the tin round again inside the cage. Of course, two tins—one on each end—will be required.—J. DOUGLAS.

No. 241.

AN EASILY CLEANED SEED HOPPER.

Sent by J. Wharton, 47, Langton Street, Seedley, Manchester.

I send a sketch of seed box with glass sliding front and bottom. I find this box has a great advantage over others of its class, as the bottom can be drawn out, making the whole thing very easy to clean. Still another advantage it possesses is that when taken out all



An Easily Cleaned Seed Hopper.

the corners can easily be got at, therefore leaving no harbourage for red mite. The bottom is sloped to back, to prevent shaking out of place; also, the glass front rests on the glass bottom. The slides are cut in the usual way; then with a saw cut A and B to take the glass; also there is a saw-cut C in back of box, as shown in figure D. Figure E is a piece for the front, to fasten the sides together, and this should be fastened under the glass bottom. Figure D and E should be same length.—J. WEARTON.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, on September 13th, when some good singing was heard. Mr. H. Allen judged to perfection. Timekeeper, Mr. Lacey. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held at Prince Albert Inn, on September 13th, when 16 birds sang. Result: 1, Binns; 2, Lawriman; 3, Farrar. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson, and J. Clark.—W. DEAN, Sec.

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*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
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Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
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*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BINGLEY O.S. has arranged a good syllabus of members' shows, lectures, etc., for the coming winter season. The first of these was given by Mr. R. Halliday on Tuesday week last, and a good number of members and friends put in an appearance, and the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. At the members' show in October, the society has arranged for a judging competition to take place in conjunction with it, one of the classes being chosen for the members of try their skill upon in placing the birds in the same position as the judge. At the end of the month follows a discussion on "Diseases of birds," the leader being that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Wilman. For November, a members' show and a washing competition are down, the officiating fancier at the latter being Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who will be able to show them a point or two concerning the interesting and necessary art. In December they are to emulate their Wibsey brethren, and try their hands (or rather their stomachs) with a fine supper, followed by a members' show as usual on Boxing Day. Then in February they bring the season to a close with a lecture on pairing, by Mr. S. Dean.

THE correspondence columns of last week's CAGE BIRDS contained a letter in regard to the formation of still another club for the upholding of one of the many varieties of Canary, the latest being in the interests of the Green-marked Yorkshire. The writer, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, brings out very ably the inestimable value of this bird for both the breeding and the show room, and without doubt the many admirers of this variety will, in my opinion, rally round the promoters, and help to place their favourite bird on a proper footing and try to secure for it the place in the shows which it so well merits.

THE Year Book of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club is now in the hands of its members, and proclaims the club to be in a good position. The trophies, etc., are to be competed for at ten shows, the first being Queensbury, with Mr. C. A. House as judge on October 24th, so that intending competitors will have plenty of time for their birds to get through the moult and into hard and dry feather. The competitions are divided into three sections, Open, Amateur, and Novice, so that all branches of the Fancy have a chance at the spoil, and in addition prizes are given for best fourths in both cock and hen classes, whilst the novices have 5s. for most points at each of the shows. Members must be enrolled one month before they can compete for any special; so all fanciers that possess birds of this variety should let their names and fee (1s. 6d.) go up at once.

YORKSHIRE County B.B. and M.C. experiences a great amount of trouble in fixing up patronage. They have had a good number of applications, but date and judges have clashed in such a manner that many societies have had to go disappointed. A list of placings will be found in the report of last week's meeting, and any society providing four British classes on other dates and with other judges than those mentioned in the list, will be almost certain to gain this society's patronage, if applied for.

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Bird Catching and Snaring for Amateurs.

A Paper by Mr. H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate), read before the Members and friends of the L. and P.O.S., on September 17.

There is no doubt that all in this company have, at one time or another, obtained most valuable information from our Fancy Press, relative to the rearing and keeping of birds, both Canaries, British and Foreign, but I think I am correct when I assert that there has not, up to the present time, been any allusion in paper form to the catching of British birds, and so, with your kind attention, I will endeavour to enlighten you upon the various ways and means employed by most fanciers and others who choose bird-catching either as a sport or for a livelihood. No doubt, gentlemen, you are now quite familiar with the croakings of more-or-less ignorant persons who, through want of knowing better, rush into print with some startling headline such as, "Are birdcatchers a rough class?" or, as I once saw in a paper, "Forty-four hen birds found in a field, left behind by a bird-catcher." So, I am sure you will not grudge me an endeavour to defend the birdcatcher in a small measure from what at times appeal to myself as being libellous and insulting charges made by those so-called "fanciers" in their attacks upon the man who chooses bird-catching as a sport. Compare it with the many more cruel sports of the well-to-do man, such as badger-baiting, stag-hunting, etc.! I maintain that, carried on with that kindness of heart and feeling, which must be, and is, characteristic of our true fanciers, there is nothing in bird-catching and snaring which can bring discredit upon any who may feel disposed to take up one of the most health-giving and pleasurable pastimes I know of—and I can boast of being conversant with many outdoor sports. And just one word in defence of the "professional" bird-catcher: I trust I may never have to mix with worse company, for most of them I have met have proved good-hearted men, civil, and, above anything else, good fanciers, knowing a good specimen when they get one, and knowing, last, but not least, how to properly keep one.

The Use of the Clap Net.

Now I will endeavour to get to the main subject. As there are so many and various ways of bird-catching, I propose first to deal with the more familiar method, known as the clap-nets, and with their accessories. There are many men who stand by the assertion that a net must be thirteen yards long by six feet wide. Others stand by a net which measures nine yards long and four feet six wide, and that being the kind of net I myself use and have proved to fulfil all my requirements, I will endeavour to give you, in detail, the way to lay such nets, also how to arrange the flirt sticks and flirt line, decoy or braced bird, the call birds, pull line, and everything appertaining to this particular method of bird-catching.

The first thing one must do who aspires to catch birds, is to know where to "pitch," according to the time of season. I will start from the beginning of the "man made law" of the open season, which in the county in which I live opens on the 16th of August and lasts up to the 16th of March. On that date in August you will find birds which are termed "branchers" are the most prevalent. These are the young birds which have been bred during the season, and are just branching from tree to tree, so to speak. To catch them you will want to select as a spot, if possible, some wooded country surrounded by pasture land which is cut up, as it were, by hedge-rows, which may be studded here and there with an oak or suitable tree. You will select your pitch, or lay out about 15 to 20 yards from the hedgerow, in a direct line of flight to one of the low-branched oak trees. Then, if you have the desired song or call birds, I can promise you some good sport among the wild birds.

We will proceed to work. You undo your pack, and the first thing to your hand should be your nets, which, if you be a careful catcher, should be undone by just slipping the armouring cord through one loop, when your line and net should easily be laid out ready for you to proceed with your pegs. Having satisfied yourself that the spot is right, you undo your tool bag and put out the tools needed to lay down your nets. You will select from their number your mallet and two holding pegs. Then take your net, lay it down just roughly upon the spot, take the end of the top (or armour) line, which is looped to receive your peg, and drive the peg hard into the ground in a slanting position, so that when you are straining your net at the other end the top peg resists against itself, so to speak. Having made sure that your first peg is secure, then proceed to treat the other end of your net.

A Delicate Operation.

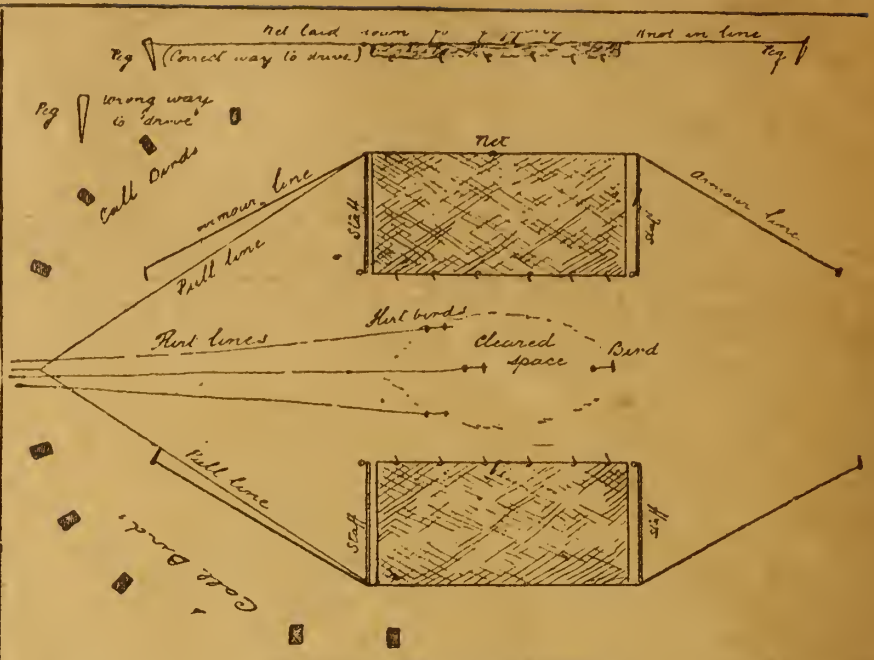
This second operation requires a certain amount of careful manipulation, for herein lies success or failure, for if you peg this end too slack, or, on the other hand, too tight, failure is certain. To be correct, you must proceed by slipping the peg through the aforementioned loop in the end of your armour cord. Then strain your net, so that on being struck the cord will "twang," then release the net, so as to allow it to run back towards your first peg (or head of your net) for about nine inches. That, you will find, will leave your nets when laid with just enough tension to give them that spring and life which is so essential to their proper action.

Now we have to determine the lap of the nets when sprung (I give my net a nine-inch overlap), and this is got by undoing your controlling staffs (which number four), and by taking two of these and allowing them to overlap nine inches (the distance is guessed) in the centre when laid out (that is, almost end on end). Now lay them on the ground, one socket-end touching the peg of the net already laid, and the staffs running at right angles, so that the socket-end of the second staff determines the place of and position for your head peg of your second net. Drive the head peg in the ground (with the loop of the net over it), and with great care pick up your two staffs and go to the other end of the nets, then strain your armour line, and release it again, as you did to the first net. Now drive in your last peg in the place indicated, by measurement, by the socket on the staffs.

Having pegged your nets out, you must now set about making the hinges, as it were, for them to work on. These are called by many and various names in different counties. I myself have been in nearly every county in England, and know these hinges as "shows," "sprouts," "hoblers," etc.; but as my county and birthplace is the "Garden of England," the definition given there must to me be the right and best one, naturally, so I will call them the "cheeks." Of these you have four, one for each corner of your nets. If you inspect a pair of nets, you will find that where your netting proper starts and finishes, about four inches from the nettiug there is a knot on the armour line, and as your net lies upon the ground, these knots indicate the spot where you must drive your "cheek" into the ground. These "cheeks" have screwed into them a metal hook, over which you slip the socket-end of your staff. Now, your staff is provided with a slot, cut across the top, and you slip your armour cord into this slot, so that it will run against the knot. Repeat this operation until you have a check and staff to each corner of your nets. Now you must peg the nets to the ground, and you will find provision made for this in your nets, for at each corner should be a worked loop, which you draw towards each cheek and peg down to the ground with a wire crook (square with the face of your check), and continue to peg down the whole length of the net at intervals of every yard. This treatment to both nets completes your work, so far, that is, as the nets are concerned.

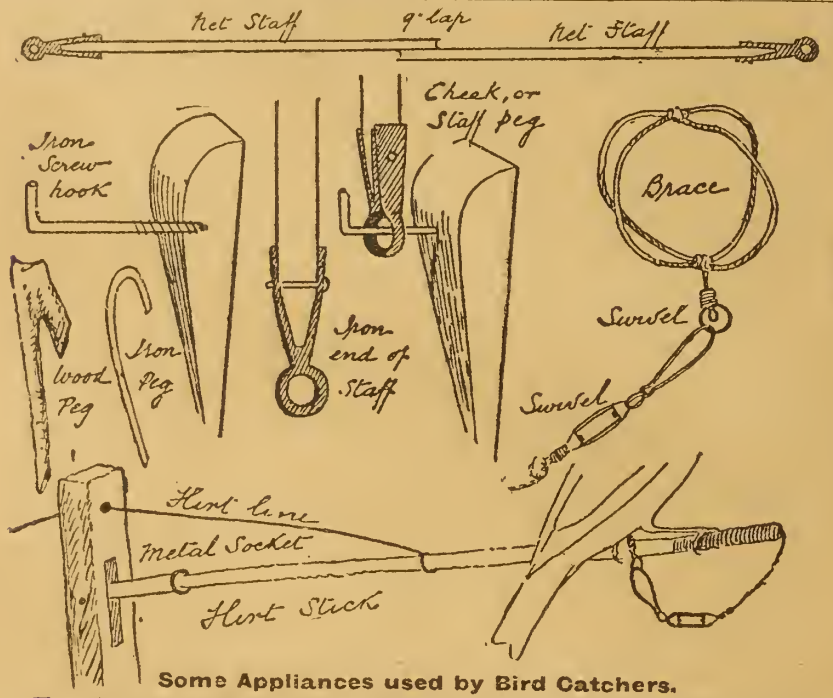
Now we must get those nets to pull over, and this is the way one must proceed. Go to your tool bag and get out your pull-line, which should be very strong cord, about 50 yards long. At one end is an arrangement like a letter Y, which is termed the "choppings." One of each of these two sections of the pull-line has to be fastened to each of the staffs nearest to you when facing the nets, and be tied in such a manner that they can stand a great strain when one pulls the nets over. The knot termed the double-half-hitch, is the one I employ, as this particular knot has the advantage of getting tighter the greater the tension put upon it. One must also bear in mind when tying the pull-lines to the staffs that they must be tied evenly, for if you use more cord on one staff than another, you will have one wing flying over before the other, when the consequence may be that your nets will "chop" (meet in the centre when coming over), and then you will lose your bird, or birds, as the case may be.

(To be continued.)



The Working of Clap Nets.

The upper figure shows one side of the net as at first laid out, before the staffs have been put in position. The wrong way to drive in the pegs is shown in the top left-hand corner; they should be put in slant-wise, never upright. The main figure shows the clap-nets ready for use, the two nets stretched taut backwards by the staffs, with pull-lines, flirt-lines, flirt and call birds, "runner" bird (in front of the flirt birds), all in position.



Some Appliances used by Bird Catchers.

The net-staff shows the method of holding to get the nine-inch overlap when laying out the nets (measuring the distance). The 'cheek" shows the iron hook, and also the staff fixed on same. The wood peg shows a ready-made one, cut from a hedge; the iron peg is that used to peg down the nets. The arrangement of swive's on the brace and its attachment is clearly depicted, likewise the flirt stick, flirt line, and the peg which carries them, while the braced bird is seen at the end.

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Notes on the Border Fancy Canary.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), before the members and friends of the Altrincham C.B.S. on June 30th.

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Use of Marked Birds.

These marked birds will also be found very useful in building up a strain for even marks. The even marks are one of the most beautiful sub-divisions of this variety; indeed, this is practically the only variety where the even marked is cultivated. We have occasionally a class at some of the Yorkshire shows for even-marked Yorkshires, but these are few and far between, whilst in the case of the Borders even-marked classes are the rule at all good shows.

The markings differ from ordinary ticks or variegations in the plumage and have to be in certain clearly defined positions on the birds, viz., the eyes, the inside wing, and the outside feathers of the tail. And there must be no other markings or ticks on the body feathers of the bird, that is, visible markings. Markings on the underflue of the feathers are not taken into consideration.

The markings must also be level in the sense that only both eyes, both wings, and both sides of the tail count; one eye and one wing mark, although being two marks, would not count as a two-pointed specimen.

There is no royal road to success in even-marked breeding; the only system is in being careful to mate only those birds together that show the technical markings clearly defined, and so balancing them until the desired object is produced. By balancing the markings, I mean that one must take say, a bird with a left eye mark and pair it to a bird having a right eye mark, and follow out the same plan in the case of the wings and tail. It is not often advisable to pair two two birds together possessing the same marks, as by doing so the markings would be likely to come too heavy.

The beauty of markings consists in their form. The eye markings want to be as like a pair of spectacles as possible, whilst the wings and tail want to have the same number of feathers marked on each side. Whilst the whole of the feathers in the wings are eligible as markings, the inner feathers joined together at the back give a more finished appearance, and are held in the greatest esteem.

For the purpose of fixing the markings when obtained, slight inbreeding could be resorted to, although I do not care for inbreeding as a general rule. It has its uses for this purpose, care being taken to see that all birds used for inbreeding are thoroughly strong and robust. Father and daughter, mother and son are the pairs I like best for inbreeding, but brother and sister may occasionally have to be used. But I must say I do not like to use such near relations if it can be avoided, once the markings are thoroughly fixed in their proper places; and if the markings are found too heavy, a cross with a clear-bred bird would be desirable. I should prefer the cock to be the marked bird, and the hen to be specially good in type and quality.

Concerning Green Borders.

The Green Border is a most delightful bird, if a good one, and being of such fine quality they throw up the rich green colouring far better than do either the Yorkshire or Norwich Greens. The type is not so good at present as in the clear and ticked varieties, but there is a marked improvement being made in this respect. The principal failing in type is that they are rather too slight and skimpy in feather. This I attribute to the fact that the bird in the past has been largely bred double yellow.

It is very rarely that a good Buff is seen on the show bench, and those that have been put out have not stood much chance against the yellows; and it is probably because they have not stood the same chance that they have not been bred for. Why the judges should discard a buff I do not know, because if these birds were judged for pure sound green colour they would beat the yellows hollow, and I venture to say a buff in nine cases out of ten is a more typical bird, being better filled in all round, and altogether more nicely moulded. However, now that the international contest is a yearly fixture, and four classes in Greens are provided at these contests, we may hope to see a better state of things prevailing.

As regards the breeding of the Green Border, the same rules apply as in the Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, type only being different. There is one good thing the Border breeder of Greens possesses over his Yorkshire and Norwich brethren, and that is the wealth of good marked birds he has the choice of.

There is no doubt the birds with fixed marking go a long way to improve the pencillings or markings in a Green, and without pencillings a Green is as much a washed-out specimen as a Lizard would be without spangles. The best Greens, like all other varieties of the Canary family, are produced from opposites, viz., yellows and buff, and the best coloured specimens are produced by crossing the buff cock with the yellow hen. As colour comes mainly from the cock side, the best and deepest coloured birds should be used, whilst it is to the hen we go for type and quality, as well as style. Hence the hen is the predominant partner in this respect. There is one reason why it is not advisable to breed with too many buff cocks, and that is that colour (yellow or buff) very largely follows the cock side; or in other words, buffs will be bred more largely from buff cocks and yellows from yellow cocks.

One point in favour of those who argue for double yellowing is that in double yellowing it is not necessary to introduce light blood, the yellows in themselves tending to keep the birds from getting too dark. By not using the light blood a greater proportion of self-coloured birds are bred.

A Word about Moulting and Showing.

The points against the idea of double yellowing are want of depth in the colour and skimpiness of feather crest by too much yellow blood. I also firmly believe that Buffs have a far greater stamina than yellows; so, taking all things into consideration, the best results will be found from the use of Buffs and Yellows.

There is another variety of the Border family, viz., the Cinnamons; but as these are very much in the making at present, I cannot say much about them. The chief difficulty is to get cock birds; hens can be had in fairly good numbers. Taking into consideration the possibility of obtaining cock birds of this variety, the same rules for breeding as I have already laid down in connection with the Greens would apply, care being taken to keep the two colours separate. I am more than ever convinced that the crossing of the Cinnamon with the Green is bad for both sides from a colour point of view.

Now, having bred your birds, and in the breeding kept a watchful eye on colour production, the next thing is to get a good clean moult. Of course, the pepper-box must be rigidly excluded from this variety. As they are a very hardy variety they usually go through the moult very easily. In the case of birds not commencing to break up, or, having broken up, get stuck in the moult, a little saffron mixture should be used, and when the moult is nearly over a good iron tonic will tighten them up and get them into show condition.

To keep them clean and help to get them through the moult quickly, I like to put them behind curtains of a thin, gauzy kind whilst the moult lasts. Baths are also, in my opinion, a necessity at this time; they not only help the birds to cast their old feathers, but also help them to get the new ones. In fact, they are the best possible conditioner I know, and condition tells, no matter whether it be in the moulting, the breeding, or the show season.

For feeding, a little extra linseed may be used at this time, otherwise the ordinary feeding as regards seeds may be used; and a little boiled carrot occasionally helps to gloss the feathers and improve the colour.

The Border is a bird very easy to show. Of course, the clears and ticks require washing occasionally, but they come through the wash very quickly, and as they are so sprightly, they soon dry and plume themselves. If they are kept in thoroughly clean cages, with a little crushed oats at the bottom of the cages, and are given plenty of baths, there is no need to wash them for every show, especially if the shows are close together. At the same time it must be borne in mind that the Border must always be shown in spotless condition. The standard show cage is oval topped and all black.

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**From Mother to Nurse.

My neighbour is a Canary breeder. Whilst on his holiday he found a nest with five young Linnets in it. These he brought home, thinking he could hand-rear them; but when he got home he found they would not take the food. He didn't want the little birds to die, so he parted a hen Canary from the three young ones she was rearing and placed he Linnets in a little box on the bottom of the cage with her, leaving the cock bird to feed her young ones. The hen at once commenced to feed them, and has reared them since splendidly. The five are alive and doing well.—Sent by William Lloyd (age 11), 51, Stafford Street, Norwich, Norfolk.

*While on Holiday

While on my holidays at Aberystwyth I took particular notice of the birds of that locality. Carrion Crows were feeding in the harbour when the tide was out. Gulls, principally Black-headed ones, were to be seen almost everywhere. A couple Oyster Catchers were busily engaged in search of food on the seaweed-covered reef. Several Cormorants gave a display of diving, this being their way of obtaining the fish on which they live. A flock of fifteen Whimbrels flew by one evening, and where I bathed every morning four Ringed Plovers and a Knot were running to and fro near the water's edge. All the birds except the Gulls were new to me, but my father told me what they were.—Sent by Frank Few (age 12), 10, Buckley Street, Wigan.

* Devoted Parents.

The story is told of a Linnet's nest of four young ones which some children carried home, intending to rear and tame. The parents fluttered around them all the way home attracted by the chirpings. The nest was placed in the nursery window, and soon the old ones approached and fed the young. Then the nest was placed on the nursery table, and still the young were fed; yet again, to try their attachment, the nest was placed in a cage, and still the old birds entered the room and fed their offspring. But, unluckily, when the cage was set outside the window a shower of rain drowned them, and the poor parent birds continued to hover around the house.—From Bishop Huntley's "History of Birds." Sent by N. Tebb (age 14), "Sandfield," Putney Heath Lane, Putney, London, S.W.

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WILD BIRD NOTES.

Doings of the Swift.

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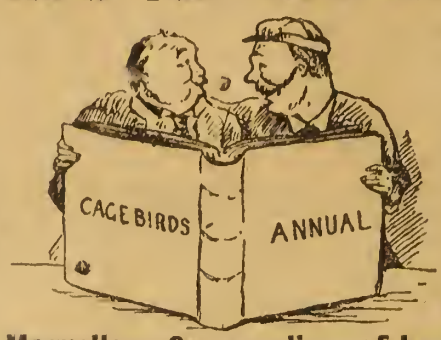
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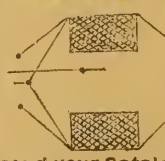
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FOR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING

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Mountou-road, Chepstow. September 19th, 1908. —Kindly forward a box of birdlime. The trap cage I had has proved successful. I have caught some good Goldfinches with it. A. Barber, to W. Rudd.

21, Gladsmuir-road, Whitehall Park, Highgate, London. September 4th, 1908.—Cage received. Thanks for prompt attention. Gives great satisfaction. C. Donovan, to W. Rudd.

Great Western Railway, Dulverton. August 24th, 1908.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of trap cages. I find them all I can wish for. Please forward half pound birdlime. G. W. Pitman, to W. Rudd.

Piggot Yard, Norby, Thirsk. August 13th, 1908. —Please send half pound birdlime. I used it last year, and never lost a bird. J. E. Lofthouse, to W. Rudd.

Milford, Charleville. September 16, 1908.—Please send a box of birdlime, I am getting your lime for the past three years, and I find it the best. B. Kelly, to W. Rudd.

New-road, Tipperary. September 9th, 1908.—The sample of birdlime you sent me was the strongest I have ever had. J. Ryon, to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

FROM THE EDITOR

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9, Chimney-lane, Balsham, Cambridge. August 16th, 1908.—Please send another tin of Eggertine. I find birds thrive so well on it. A. Brown, to W. Rudd.

54, Aspendall-road, Birkenhead. September 4th, 1908.—I received the birds, and a fine lot they are. I am very well pleased with them. J. Gartham, to W. Rudd.

Helin, Windesmere. September 10th, 1908.—The pair of Canaries arrived quite safely this morning. I am very pleased with them. They seem splendidly healthy. G. Moss to W. Rudd.

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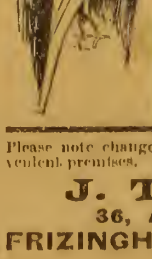
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Schedules from **F. EASTERLING,** Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road.

OLDHAM. **Oct. 10.** Assembly Rooms, Soho Street, Huddersfield Road. **OPEN CLASSES** (Guaranteed): Lancashires (2), Lizards (2), Norwich (2), Yorkshires (2). Entries close **Oct. 6.** Judge: Mr. Bowyer, Leek. C.B.U. Rules, Schedules from **F. STEEPLE, 133, Balfour Street.**

GREAT HORTON **Good Intent O.S.** Annual Open Show of Canaries, on **Oct. 10th, 1908,** Entries close, **Oct 6th.** Judge, W. Mundell. Good Classification. Numerous Specials. Schedules from, **H. SCHOFIELD, 137, Beldon Rd, Ct. Horton, Bradford.**

PAISLEY and Dist. Cage Bird Show, **Saturday, 10th October.**

Will be held in George A. Clark North Minor Hall, 14 Classes for Scots Fancies, Prize Money 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2 6, Cup and Medals and 36 Handsome Specials will be competed for. Judges—Wm. Muirhead, J. Smith, D. Holden, R. Prentice. Prize List now ready can be had from the Secretary. **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, Paisley.**

EXETER & DEVON

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

OCTOBER 14th, 1908.

Judge—T. Heath: Schedules of **CORNISH and ADAMS,** 90, Regent Street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

HAYLE SHOW.

£100 Prize Money. **October 14th** and **15th.** Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, 1/6. Popular Judges. All prize money paid within 3 days. On the main line, G.W.R. Schedules from **W. PAULL, 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.**

SELKIRKSHIRE. O. F. A.

20th Annual open show of Pigeons and Cage Birds, will be held on **Oct. 15th, 1908.** Judges:—Border Fancy, J. Brockie, Esq. Earlston; Norwich, Mules, British and Foreign, R. Thomson, Esq. Selkirk; Working Homers, Jas. Muir, Esq. Newmills; Variety Pigeons, W. Litster, Esq. Galashiels. Entries close **Oct. 9th, 1908.** Schedules to be had from **W. H. REID,** Secretary, **Dannon Street, Selkirk, N.B.**

BLACKWOOD (MON.) Open Show, **Oct, 15,** 4 Cups. Numerous Specials for competition. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage-birds, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, & Mice. 103 Classes. Judges, Fawkes, Evans, Payne. Schedules of **CHRISTMAS & SMITH, Secs., 35, Cordon Road, Blackwood, Mon.**

DARLINGTON **CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.**

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, **Saturday, October 17th, 1908.**

Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club. 29 classes. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 12th.** Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Schedules from— **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

CROOK and District, Cage Bird Society. Second Annual Show of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. **Sat. Oct. 17th.** Judges: E. Brunskill and J. Temperley.

For Schedules Apply— **WM. RUTHERFORD West Roddymoor. Nr. Crook.**

HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

KELTY & BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

3rd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on **Oct. 17th, 1908,** under patronage of Y.C.C.S. and B.F.C.C. Judges: D. Low, J. Adams, J. Patterson, R. Farmer. Laing Challenge Cup for Best Bird in Show, and numerous Specials, 61 classes for Cage-birds. Entries close **Oct. 12th.** Schedules to be had from **JOHN FORD,** Hon. Sec., Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

REMEMBER

MORPETH

and Dist., C. & C.B.S., Annual Open and Members' Show under C.B.U. Rules. **Oct. 17th, 1908.** Judges—Messrs. W. P. Barnes and A. Brown. Four Money Prizes, numerous Specials. Schedules, **E. COWLING, Hon. Sec., Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

GRIMSBY

AND DIST. O.S. Second Annual Show. Tuesday & Wednesday, October 20th & 21st. Under C.B.U. Rules. 40 Classes, Grand Specials. Judges: J. H. Roe, Derby; F. Medley, Hull. Schedules ready—**Moore & Crowston, 39, LORD STREET, GRIMSBY.**

CATERHAM, SURREY.

16th Annual Show, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage-birds, will be held **October 21st** and **22nd, 1908.** Cat classes second day only, Oct. 22. Judges: Messrs. P. H. Bayliss, A. C. Gilbert, R. Melbourne, T. Lambert, G. R. Bird, Dr. Durrant, W. Kilby, T. J. Ambrose, G. Gardner and Miss F. Simpson. Entries close **Oct 7th.** Extra fee **Oct. 10th.**

For Schedules apply **J. KILBY,** Hon. Sec.

NORTHAMPTON **GOOD INTENT. 37th Annual Show.**

Oct. 21st and 22nd. Schedule in this paper Oct. 2nd. C.B.U. Rules. **G. M. LARKMAN,** Sec., 210, Wellingboro Road, Northampton.

RAMSGATE

and District Fur & Feather Society.

OCTOBER 21st and 22nd.

Under the Patronage of His Worship the Mayor. First Grand Show. Classes for P., P., Cage Birds, R. C. & C. Popular Judges. Good Prizes. Many Specials. (Open to Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex). Schedules, Sept. 21st. Entries close, Oct. 7th.

THOMAS and WEBSTER, 29, Chatham St.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Cage Bird Show (under C.B.U. Rules) **OCT. 22.** Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries close 8th. **G. W. READ.**

EASTBOURNE

OPEN SHOW of Cage Birds, etc. OCTOBER 21st & 22nd, 1908.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries Close, **OCT. 8th,** Under C.B.U. Rules. Splendid Hall. Good Classification and Prize money guaranteed. Many Specials. For Schedules apply, **R. M. OALY, 120, WHITLEY ROAD, EASTBOURNE.**

POTTERIES & Dis. Cage Bird Assn. Limited.

Do not forget the old show. 7th Annual Show, to be held **on Thursday October 22nd,** Good classes and specials. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. Affiliated to C.B.U. Schedules now ready from— **J. SIMCOCK, Sec., 63, Fenton Road, Hanley, Staffs.**

BRISTOL

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, Oct. 22 and 23, 1908, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges, T. Heath and H. Norman. Schedules from **W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze Road, HORFIELD.**

ACCRINGTON and Dis C.B.S. Annual OPEN SHOW

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. In the Large Assembly Room, Central Conservative Club, Cannon Street., **Fri. & Sat. OCT. 23rd. & 24th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. Rules and under the patronage of the N.P.C., Y.C.C., & C.C.C Club show of the N.P.C. Good specials for every class. Also Section Specials, including 21/- cash for most points in Yorkshire Section, and 21/- cash for most points Norwich Section. Judges: A. G. Davis, Manchester, and H. W Battye, Huddersfield. Schedules now ready from **Jas. W. Philpott, Sec., 28 Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle, Nr. Accrington, Lancs.**

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show, **Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th, 1908,** under the patronage of the O.N.P.C., N.C.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., N.C.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.B.B. & M.C. 73 open classes. Schedules ready shortly. Judges Messrs. W. Vardy, J. Robson, J. McCreadie, Chas. Houlton. Specials galore. Entries close **Monday, Oct. 19th.**

CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secretaries.

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEESIDE C.B.S. **(Affiliated to C.B.U.)**

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in the Oddfellow's Hall, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th,**

40 Classes, good Specials, including 6 guinea Challenge Bowl. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges, W. Mundell, Canaries; J. Maddison, Newcastle, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 19th,** Schedules apply **ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.**

DERBY

SHOW, OCT. 24th & 26th. Judges: Messrs. Bexson, Roe and Robson. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 1/6 entry fee. Classes for Novices; please support them. **Entries close, OCTOBER 19th.** Schedules ready shortly. **W. STEVENS, 22, South St., DERBY.**

BROMLEY, KENT £5 Limit, **October 28 & 29.** 16th Annual Show, Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons. Schedules ready. Entries close **October 12,** Hon. Sec., SPELLER, "The Laurels," Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.

KIRBYMOORSIDE (Yorks.)

OCTOBER 29th, 13 classes Cage Birds. Judge, W Mundell, Esq. 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and good specials for 1/- entrance fee. **REED & CALAM,** Secs.

PETERBORO'

Poultry. (Under Poultry Club Rules.) Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. **October 29th, 1908.** Four Poultry Club Challenge Cups, Four Norwich Cropper Club Cups and a host of Specials. Schedules ready from **F. JACKSON,** Sec., **White Horse, Cumbergate, Peterboro.**

DYSART 4th Annual SHOW.

OCTOBER 31st, 1908.

in Normand Hall, Extended Classification, 56 Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-.** Entry money, **1 6,** all Classes. Judges; Messrs. M. Swinton, Scotch fancies; J. M'Lay, Crests and Plainheads; Wm. M'Adam, Borders; P. Pettigrew, Mules, Hybrids, Brit. & Foreign. Under Patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C. numerous Specials. **Entries close OCT. 26th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN,** Hon. Sec., **23. High St., Dysart**

ALNWICK and District Cage Bird Society.

First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange Alnwick, **Saturday, October 31st, 1908.**

19 open Classes, Prize Money, **8/- 4/- 2/- 1/-** and numerous Specials. Entrance fee 1/-. Judges: A. Hay, Esq. Berwick, Canaries; & J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mules, & British. Entries Close, **Oct. 24th.** Schedules from, **RENNISON & BROADLEY, 16, King Street, Alnwick,**

Look out for the

ROTHERHAM

C. B. S. 11th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, to be held under C. B. U. Rules, on **November 2nd & 3rd. 1908.** in St. George' Hall, Judges; W. Vardy, Esq. & W. H. Shackleton, Esq. of Bradford. Schedule will be ready shortly **J. C. HAYES, 9, Florence Road, Masbro'.**

FROME CAGE BIRD SHOW, **Thursday, October 15th.** Judge, John Robson. Prize money for the last 10 years has been promptly paid, and birds well looked after by experienced fanciers. Entries close October 7th, 1908. Under C.B. Union Rules.
C. I. YOUNG, Sec. **Palmer Street, Frome**

LEAMINGTON SPA
Fanciers' Association 5th Annual
Competitions, under Cage Bird Licence. Winter Halls, **October 15th & 16th, 1908.** Norwich, 7 classes; Crest, 2; Yorkshire, 4; Mules, 2; British, 2; Selling, 3; Amateurs, 3. Judge, J. H. Roe, Derby. For Specials, etc., see Schedule from **F. T. PRITCHARD, Sec., Leamington Spa.**

CITY OF GLASGOW **Association** will hold their fifty-fifth Show and Competition of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds.
On Friday & Saturday, 16th & 17th October, 1908, in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow
Full prize moneys, Cups and numerous specials. Sale of Birds at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Schedules, etc. Scotch Fancy Section—**ALEX. MACDONALD, 115, Rosica Drive, Glasgow;** Norwich Section—**JOHN YOUNG, 80, High Street, Rutherglen.**

BOLTON FANCIERS REMEMBER and District Ornithological Society's annual open show o Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds, on **October 16th and 17th 1908.** Judges: Messrs J. H. Roe and C. Houlton: Good Classification and Grand Specials. Under C.B.U. rules and the N.P.C. Cup competition, 8 open novice classes. For Schedules and all information apply to **J. Stringer, 27 James Street, BOLTON.**

RAMSGATE **KEEP** Show, **Oct. 21st and 22nd,** in your mind. 124 classes over 60 Specials. See other advertisement in these columns. Eminent Judges.
THOMAS & WEBSTER, 29, Chatham Street.

CAMBRIDGE **C.B.S.** Under C.B.U. Rules.
OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd.
Judges: **J. Robson and R. J. Howe.** Under the patronage of C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. Over 70 Classes. 80 Specials, Silver Medals, &c. Best Hall in England. Exhibits well looked after.
For Schedules Apply—**T. S. MOORE,** Hon. Sec., **Newmarket Road, Cambridge.**

CARMARTHEN **Nov 5th 1908. Carmarthenshire Pity. Pig. C.B.S. Show,** in the Assembly Rooms, under Cage Bird Union's License over 20 classes for C. B.; P. M. 10/-, 5/-, & 2/6. Entry 1/6. Numerous specials, no classes, anal. or enld. Judge, J. B. Evans, Esq. Sketty, Swansea. **Fred King,** Hon Sec., **Friars Cottage, Carmarthen.**

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW
Palace of Wales, Nov. 12th 1908.
Under Cage Bird Union Rules.
Great Surprise, watch our Schedules, Schedules will be sent to last year's Exhibitors. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Sec, **J. THOMAS.**

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TWITTERINGS.

Kindly note, writes Mr. D. Greenwood, that I have changed my address to 16, Standish Street, Burnley, Lancs.

Kindly state in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Roberts, that my address is now 55, Haywood St., Skelton, Staffordshire.

Kindly note in CAGE BIRDS my change of address, writes Mr. F. Archer, breeder and exhibitor of Crests, to 39, Caulfield Road, Peckham, London, S.E.

We purpose holding an open £5 limit show on October 31st, writes Mr. W. F. Monk, hon. secretary of the Halstead and Dis. F.A., when we hope cage bird fanciers will support us.

Mr. Chas. Houlton has been engaged to judge at our show on November 28, writes Mr. T. H. Tiffin, hon. sec. of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., and 28 classes have been provided.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. B. Simpson, from Springwell Terrace, Northallerton, to 31, Broughton Terrace, Harehills Lane, as schedules appear to be going astray.

The 8th annual show of the Braintree and Dis. P. and F.A., writes Mr. F. A. Hunnable, the secretary, will be held on November 7th, when there will be 5 open classes for cage birds, Mr. J. F. Hills, Sudbury, being the judge.

The Selkirkshire P. and P.A. have, we understand, decided to include classes for cage birds at the annual show to be held on November 28th, in the Victoria Halls. The Secretary is Mr. Andrew Stillie, Heatherlie, Selkirkshire.

We are providing 17 classes for Canaries, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, hon. secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C., 2 for Mules or Hybrids, 16 for British birds, and 3 for foreign birds at our annual show to be held on November 7th.

I was very pleased to see a sketch of my Buff Pied Cock as the frontispiece to CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. J. Dalgleish. You made the address "Trinity, Brechin," instead of Trinity, Leith. I wish your paper every success.

We had an increase of four members at our last meeting, writes Mr. R. H. Turner, hon. secretary of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., making 26 members in all. Our next shows will be on November 7th, December 5th, and January 2nd.

About 60 special prizes, write Messrs. Thomas and Webster, hon. secretaries of the Ramsgate and Dis. F. and F.S., are to be offered in connection with our annual show on October 21st, and exhibitors have the option of either medals to value or cash.

I have received intimations from the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, the British Bird and Mule Club, and the Border Fancy Club, writes Mr. Walter Neilson, hon. secretary of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S., that our society has got the patronage of those clubs.

We hear that Mr. Samuel Dean, the secretary of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., will give a lecture on "Preparing birds for Exhibition," before the Pendleton and Salford O.S. at their next meeting on September 28th. Fanciers and friends are invited.

Kindly state that there are numerous cage bird specials to be offered for competition at our show on October 15th, which are not stated in the schedule, write Messrs. Christmas and Smith, secretaries of the Blackwood F. and F.S. Mr. J. H. Payne is judge.

Amongst the many testimonials published in his advertisements of British Birds, by W. Gore, of 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham, two of them published this week will be of special interest to Linnet fanciers, who on no account should miss reading them. (ADVT.)

Kindly inform readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, hon. secretary of the Kent County C.B.A., that owing to the original date fixed for our show, viz., December 3rd and 4th, clashing with Folkestone, we have changed it to November 17th and 18th. The judge will be Mr. J. North, of Reading.

Kindly note that after a period of 12 years' service as secretary of the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., writes Mr. A. W. Law, Mr. J. Nason has had to resign his position on account of pressure of business. The vacancy has been filled by myself, my address being 89, Upper Thrift Street, Northampton.

We hear from Mr. Robt. Whitton, hon. sec. of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S., that a change has occurred with regard to the judges for their annual show to be held on October 10th, Mr. Jas. Strachan (Arbroath), having been engaged as one of the judges of Scotch Fancies, in place of Mr. H. B. Melrose, who finds himself unable to be present.

We have every prospect of a good show on November 5th, writes Mr. Fred King, hon. sec. of the Carmarthenshire C.B.S. Lady Jenkins (Cardigan), has promised to open it, and there is sure to be a fine attendance of county gentlemen and of general fanciers. I shall not be at all surprised if a number of good sales are effected during the day.

We have received from Mr. H. Hill, the secretary of the Bradford East O.S., a copy of the society's syllabus of lectures and social evenings for the winter session. The programme includes lectures by Messrs. S. Dean, H. J. Chittenden, R. Halliday, and others, and an "Impromptu night." Meetings are held fortnightly at 8 o'clock.

Kindly state that we will receive entries for our show until September 29th, being an extension from the 26th, writes Mr. A. B. McIntyre, secretary of the St. Andrew's O.S. show on October 3rd, and also that we have sent out 1,200 schedules. Anyone wishing one may have same on application to me at 31, South Street, St. Andrews.

Kindly mention in your valuable paper that we are holding a members' show on October 24th in the Public Hall, Kirriemuir, writes Mr. Wm. Grewar, secretary of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S. We are giving 20 classes, and are hoping to have a good turn-out. The annual show is to be held on January 1st and 2nd, when over 30 classes will be provided.

The open show of the Metropolitan C.B.A. will be held on October 29th and 30th, writes Mr. F. J. Martin, the corresponding secretary, when Mr. Thos. Heath will judge Yorkshires, Mr. G. Gardner the Norwich, and Mr. H. Norman the remainder. There will be 40 open classes, and there will be many valuable cups and money prizes offered for competition.

Peterborough show, £5 limit (the Amateur's Palace), are giving ten classes each for Yorkshires and Norwich, thirteen British, three each Borders and Mules, two Cinnamons, and one each Dutch Frills, Crests, and Crest-breds; and having the finest railway service, and the best three judges in the country, the secretaries advise readers to give them a good entry.—(ADVT.)

Owing to Mr. Adam Melrose being unable to judge through illness, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, hon. secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S., we have secured the services of Mr. Wm. Thornton (Edinburgh), as Scotch Fancy judge for our show on October 10th. I am sure Mr. Thornton will give entire satisfaction, and it is the hope of every fancier in this district that Mr. Melrose will have a speedy recovery.

It was unanimously agreed at our last meeting, write Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, secretaries of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., that the subscriptions of members who have been unable to pay same owing to their being out of employment through the recent strike be waived for this year, and that such members be allowed to exhibit in the members' and other classes at the annual show, on payment of course, of the ordinary entrance fee.

Schedules for our third annual open show, to be held on October 17th, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. sec. of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., will be sent out this week end; any exhibitor not receiving one by Tuesday will oblige by sending me a postcard, and a schedule will be sent per return of post. We are looking forward to a good entry, and hope exhibitors will do us justice by sending their exhibits. The show will be held in the Corn Exchange, which is well lighted, and free from draughts, and every attention will be given to the birds as at our previous shows.

As the dates of Peterborough show coincide with the annual fair, we are, writes Mr. S. L. Cocks, well favoured by railway excursions. Fanciers can seldom visit a first-class show at less than fare and a quarter rate, so I have ascertained the various prices for their benefit:—Gt. Eastern from Yarmouth, Norwich, and Lowestoft to Swaffham, 3s. 6d.; Colchester, 4s. 9d.; Bishop's Stortford, 3s. 9d.; Cambridge, 3s. 3d.; St. Ives, 2s. 3d.; March, 1s. 6d.; Lynn, 3s. 3d.; and Wisbech, 2s. 3d. Gt. Northern, from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Batley, Dewsbury, Leeds, Wakefield, 4s. 9d.; Dunstable, Luton, St. Albans, Hatfield, Derby, 3s. 9d.; Cambridge, Hitchen, Nottingham, Leicester, Newark, 3s. 3d.; Biggleswade and Sandy, 3s.; Boston, 2s. 3d.; Huntingdon and Spalding, 2s.; Grantham, 2s. 9d.; Stamford, 1s. 3d.; and Kings Cross with the suburban stations, 5s. 6d. Midland, from Derby, 3s. 9d.; Nottingham and Leicester, 3s. 3d.; Stamford, 1s. 3d. I have omitted intermediate stations, which, of course, are included in the reduced fare arrangements. The London and North Western I will send next week.

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

A Gratifying Reception Given to Our New Scheme for the Coming Show Season.

We are pleased to be able to state that the announcement made in last week's CAGE BIRDS with regard to the portrayal of provincial prize-winners seems to have given considerable satisfaction amongst all classes of our readers. Numerous enquiries have come to hand, and we hope to book a good many commissions for Mr. Norman to execute during the forthcoming season.

There is one point we should like to make a little clearer, and that is that exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds at any of the undermentioned shows *conditionally upon their winning a prize.* Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

It will, of course, also be possible for exhibitors to make arrangements with Mr. Norman at the show in the hour of victory, but it will ensure an earlier reproduction IF THE ORDER IS PLACED RIGHT AWAY.

For terms, positions, etc., apply immediately to the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 134, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Herewith we give the list of shows referred to above, and would again impress upon our intending clients to communicate with our Manager immediately, should they wish to see their birds portrayed on or in CAGE BIRDS this season:—

October	16th.—City of Glasgow	
,,	20th.—Plymouth	(Western Counties).
,,	22nd.—Bristol.	
,,	30th.—Manchester.	
Nov.	11th.—Carlisle.	
,,	14th.—Nottingham.	
,,	25th.—Cardiff.	
,,	27th.—Leeds.	
Dec.	11th.—Gateshead.	
,,	31st.—Edinburgh'	(Scottish National).

Messrs. J. Robson and E. A. Lovell (Bristol), have been engaged to judge at the annual show of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., to be held on January 5th, 1909, writes Mr. Daniel John, the sec. Should any fancier of the club wish to guarantee any classes, or give any specials to the society to be won at the show, the secretary will be pleased to hear from same, as the society's schedule is now in hand.

Help Wanted at Wellingboro'.

The entries for Wellingboro' show will not close until Sunday, September 27th, writes Mr. W. Howe, the secretary. At the time of writing I have only got 20 entries in all the 31 classes put together. I do hope exhibitors will give us a good entry this year, as we had a big loss last season, being put to double expense through having to postpone our show.

Echoes from the Glasgow National Derby Show.

Edinburgh led the way; the quality of the Scotch Fancy was good; that the cup-winner was a gem; that some good birds were shelved; that the secretary was justly pleased with himself; that the owner of the £100 pair was there; that he seemed interested in several of the "ticket-holders"; that his advisor accompanied him; that there was a fine turn-out of breeders; that "Mac" was in the tickets; that he enjoyed his holiday; that the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby had over 300 entries up to Saturday 19th; that there are many surprises in store there.—SCOTS FANCY.

He Crows Longest Who Crows Last.

It having come to the knowledge of the police that game was being served out of season at a certain restaurant, one day an inspector visited the place, and ordered dinner, one of the courses being "pheasant."

He finished his meal leisurely, then called the waiter and said: "Will you ask the guv'nor to step this way a minute please?"

"What shall I say it is for, sir?"

"I am Inspector Snaffleu, and I wish to notify him that he will have to answer for selling pheasant out of season. I have secured the necessary evidence against him."

"But, sir, it—it wasn't pheasant you had."

Inspector (uneasily). "Wasn't it? What was it then?"

Waiter (cheerfully): "Crow."

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

(*Continued from page* 126).

My Solomon Island Parrakeets (*continued*).

About a week later a porter toiled up to the Vicarage sad and weary, bearing a cage of Gargantuan proportions, covered with sacking, in which were the savages. I got them inside, for the row they made was simply hideous, undid the sacking, and lo, the Solomon Islanders were revealed to view. I may as well say here, in passing, that they had been known in their past life as Solomon and Rose. I thought the latter name unsuitable, and with a nice regard for Bible history, we re-named them "Solomon" and "The Queen of Sheba."

"Solomon" I found was a gentleman of moderate size, about the same girth as a small Moluccan Cockatoo, but with a very red and evil-looking eye, suggestive of drink; on his head he wears a beautiful sulphur-coloured crest, which he can erect at pleasure—or anger; on his cheeks he has (although it sounds a bit Irish) a blush of sulphur colour. The rest of his person is snowy white, with a dash of sulphur under the wings; strong and wicked-looking feet complete the picture, set off by a beak that would break a bar of iron asunder. When he is in full dress, I have no doubt he will be rather a taking gentleman, but on arrival he was positively indecent, being absolutely naked in that part of the body where a City Alderman keeps "his corporation," and his shoulders were so bare that I seriously contemplated making him a warm singlet!

"Rose," or "The Queen of Sheba," as she is now, had a rather wild and scared look about her, as though, like the immortal Mrs. Gummidge, she was always on "the worrit." She had also a decidedly undressed appearance about the neck; in fact, she might have been some ancient Duchess on her way to Court, for she showed a great deal of long and scraggy neck. She, too, had had a sulphur crest. But Solomon, possibly not approving of female finery or the order that ladies going to Court must wear feathers, had apparently removed it. This left her a wild and uncanny look, and combined with a bold, brown eye, gave her a very reddish appearance. The rest of her person was clothed in what should have been a dazzling white, but which was, to put it mildly, a bit weather stained.

Cockie's Little Ways.

I hope I may be excused if I make a slight extract from their late owner's letter:—"Our two dogs are glad that Rose and Solomon have departed, as when the Cockatoos screeched the bulldog would sit on the stairs and howl enough to take the roof off, and the toy black and tan would whine until tears ran down her face. It was quite a "concert." A few years ago, when they wanted to nest, we wired off part of a bedroom and put great logs of wood in, and they enjoyed it tremendously. They picked the wall paper off in strips and nibbled holes all round the frame work of the window; so we did not put them up there again."

How I cried with laughter as I picturned the scene described with so much unconscious humour. I wrote one day to their late owner pathetically bewailing their destructiveness. His reply was not encouraging: "I am not surprised at your account of the ruined aviary. When I first had the Cockatoos I wired off a large bay window in a spare bedroom, and, as I thought, protected every piece of woodwork with wire netting. Unless I had seen it, I would never have believed the destruction done by the pair in a few hours. The window sashes were nibbled the whole length, and a broad board, about nine inches wide round the ceiling, has pieces out of it as large as a tea saucer. To this day I cannot imagine how they supported themselves to do the mischief." (I can; they hung head downwards and so went to work). The letter continues "Their seed was supplied in biscuit tins, and these had their sides torn out and flattened. They seemed possessed of the 'old gentleman,' and did the mischief out of pure cussedness. After all my time and trouble I was obliged to return them to the cage, for otherwise I believe they would have wrecked the house! About three years ago, when I was taking the spaniels for a walk, the birds managed to undo the fastening of their cage. Rose went round the room knocking down ornaments, and Solomon got out of the French window. At that time drainage was in progress, and at the opening opposite this house the cutting was thirty feet deep. Being the most dangerous part of the road, an old watchman was posted there, and my wife asked if he would catch the bird? 'All right, mum,' he said, and hobbled after Solomon. Shortly after he cried out, 'I've got him, mum.' Then there was a brief and bloody scuffle, accompanied by dreadfully sulphurous language, and then a groan: 'By ——, he's got me!' He had, too, in the fleshy part of the palm of the hand, and hung on like a bulldog. Even when we had managed to get him into his cage, he was still holding on. The man bled like a pig, and made the carpet in a nice mess."

Sunshine and Rain.

I laughed till I cried over that letter. I had better have wept in reality. I felt I was fairly in for it, and as they were here, I should have to make the best of them. It was not long before I learned to sympathise with that bulldog, the toy terrier, and the ancient watchman.

When inquiring about a new continent, one naturally asks for its most remarkable produets. I can safely affirm that in the case of my two friends it was the voice. These two Cockatoos could give points to any musician on the vexed question of "voice production." When they are carrying on a quiet orderly conversation, it reminds you of a captain on an Atlantic liner giving his orders to the crew in a storm; but when they are fairly roused up, excited, they would almost wake the dead. Sometimes, you know, when a friend tells you rather a tall story, you say very quietly, "It's a bit large for my belief hatch, but if you can get it down yours, you are free and welcome to ship it." Well, I am telling the solemn truth when I say that I heard Solomon making some observations to his partner at our station, which is a good mile from the Vicarage.

The Solomon Islander is a deeply trying creature, who, when you are in want of a quiet morning snooze, and just as you have tucked the clothes up to your chin, scares you until you feel positively wicked and get up and throw things at him. I have often felt towards that bird as Herod the Great is said to have done towards the inhabitants of Jerusalem—he wished they all had only one head, that he might cut it off! What makes it so aggravating, not to say maddening, is that the brute never seems to be where you throw the things at him. You could swear he was just where you shied that empty soda-water bottle, but instantly comes from exactly the opposite direction his "Weigh, weigh, wagh."

Love and War.

He is a ventriloquist, and anyone experienced in Cockatoos soon finds that he is not driven away or destroyed by the artillery of missiles, but merely lies low until the tyranny is overpast, or his victim has got back into bed again, and then off he starts as fresh as ever, with his "Weigh, weigh, wagh" in an ever increasing crescendo. Whether he is talking to his lady love, or whether he wants me to come out and fight him, I do not know, because my knowledge of Cockatoos is limited, but there are times when I don't talk to him "with a sweet mouth."

Sometimes people ineautiously take liberties with Solomon and try to scratch his head. They don't try a second time! Solomon resents such liberties. A friend tried once and got caught by that awful beak. He blamed me! I said people should be very careful in handling strange Cockatoos, and the scratched one promptly gave into me, and said things that I will not repeat about "That fool of a bird."

Have you ever seen a very deaf old lady trying to hear what is said to her? She puts up her ear trumpet and says, "Eh, my dear! what did 'you say, the house on fire?" "No," you yell. "I said—it was—a—fine—day." Well now, that just reminds me of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba conversing. "Wagh," he yells. "Wagh," she replies, in a milder way, with her head on one side. "Weigh, weigh, weigh," he yells; "why—don't—you—listen—to—what—is—said—to—you, you old idiot; if you are deaf, why don't you go to a doctor!" And poor Sheba subsides—for a time.

I am rather vain of these Cockatoos, and I naturally desire to show them off, but I regret with but very little encouragement. Indeed, my friends say quietly, but forcibly, that if I do not get rid of them they will leave—not the village only, but the country, and devote the remaining years of their life to sweeping crossings abroad; they say they would rather do this than face these birds again. Besides, they say, it is very unkind and unnecessary to make a fellow aviculturist go and say things which will only make things harder for him in the time to come. In a future paper I hope to speak of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba in domestic life. But what the future holds, who can tell?

(*To be continued.*)



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Annual Outing.

Beautiful weather prevailed on the occasion of the outing to Amberley (Sussex), by the members and friends of the Dulwich O.S., on September 13th. The muster was not quite so strong as was anticipated, owing to several having missed the train. Doubtless 8 a.m. Sunday is a strong pull after the hardships of the week-days. Nevertheless a happy band gathered not exactly with the object of studying that most dear to them, viz., bird life, as on the occasion of the country ramble last spring, but with the idea of having a sociable and enjoyable day. Nor were they disappointed. The pleasant walk along the banks of the river Arun through wood and glen, to the picturesque district of Arundel will long be remembered by the party. After a short halt at the "Black Rabbit" for refreshments, a brisk walk over the Duke of Norfolk's estate brought the party back to Amberley by 2 p.m., where full justice was done to the excellent lunch provided by mine host of the "George and Dragon," and presided over by Mr. Frank Gain ("News of the World.") The scenic beauty of that walk impresses itself on one's memory. The party after lunch divided into small groups for short walks, etc., some going for a row on the river. Tea was partaken of early, and after the party had been photographed by Messrs. Lovesy and Crabb they entrained for town, arriving back by 8 p.m. Great praise is due to Mr. W. J. Lovesy for the excellent arrangements.—G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

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Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

(Continued from page 14.)

ERRATUM. — The second paragraph of the last article in this series, which appeared on page 14, should have been headed "Sweet Vernal Grass" (*Anthoxanthum orderatum*), the illustration only having reference to "Field Gentian."

Bilberry (*Vaccinum myrtillus*).

This is a small shrub, with branched, angular stems. It is often called Whinberry, and sometimes Whortleberry. The leaves of this species are egg-shaped, and have saw-like edges. They are not evergreen, as in the less common Red Whortleberry or Cowberry (*Vaccinum Vitis-Idoea*), but fall off as the winter approaches.

The flowers hang separately in a drooping position, and are almost globular. They are flesh-coloured, and have a wax-like appearance. The berries are dark blue, with a glaucous hue upon them, and are a favourite food of many birds. They have an agreeable taste.

The Bilberry is a common shrub, being abundant in many of our woods, where it may be found in bloom from April till June. The berries, or fruits, are gathered and made into tarts in some country districts, but the addition of some more acid fruit is really necessary to make a palatable "dish."

Mistletoe (*Viscum album.*)

This parasitic shrub is well-known as a decorative plant at Christmas, but only comparatively few have seen it growing. It does not grow out of the ground, as most plants do, but roots itself in the growing wood of various trees, in which position alone it is able to grow. It is an interesting experiment to stick some fresh seeds to the undersides of the branches of an apple tree, and watch the growth. The seeds easily adhere, as the berry contains a glutinous substance.

The Mistletoe is in bloom during most of the Spring, but is not then generally noticed, as it is much more conspicuous in the Winter, when the trees are bare and its berries ripe.

It has been provided by Nature with a splendid means of seed-dispersal. Birds are attracted by the edible berries, which, being viscid, necessitate an occasional wiping of the beak against the bark of a tree. Some of the berries thus get left sticking to the tree, and soon commence to grow. From whatever part of the berry the root proceeds, it curves towards the tree supporting it, and after piercing the bark, continues to live upon the juices of its host.

Autumn Gentian (*Gentiana amarella.*)

This little plant generally strikes one as being particularly erect, but it is not by any means tall, only reaching a height of about six or eight inches as a rule. The stem is square and has on it many leaves placed opposite to one another, but they have no leaf-stalks.

It is of a purplish hue, and is generally much-branched. The flowers are numerous and rather large, but only expand in the bright sunshine. Each one is cut up into five parts, and is of a pretty purplish-blue colour. In shape, the flowers somewhat resemble funnels, and the "throat" of each one delights to grow on dry, chalky, pastures, where it blooms during August and September. I know of an old disused chalk-pit in Cambridgeshire where the "Blue of the Gentian bell" is the predominating colour as every Autumn draws nigh, and in contrast to the white chalk, it forms a sight not easily to be forgotten.

Field Gentian (*Gentiana campestris.*)

Another common species, similar to the one just described, is the Field Gentian. This also grows in any pastures, but may readily be distinguished by its flowers, which are pale lilac in colour, and only four-cleft instead of five, as in the Autumn Gentian.

All the Gentians are exceedingly bitter, and are often used in various forms as a tonic by many country-folk. This is in addition to its being largely used as a food for cage-birds.

Wallflower (*Cheiranthus cheiri.*)

The wallflower is a well-known member of the cabbage family of plants, known to botanists as *Cruciferae*. To the natural order (which does not contain a single poisonous species), belong Watercress, Winter Cress, Shepherd's Purse, Gold of Pleasure, and hosts of other useful and well-known plants, some of which have been described and illustrated in CAGE BIRDS.

Plants of this family contain considerable quantities of sulphur and nitrogen, and therefore have a very unpleasant odour when decomposing. Many have valuable stimulant properties, and some are used in medicine as a remedy for scurvy.

The Wallflower blooms throughout most of the Spring, and large quantities of seed may easily be gathered during early Summer, and stored for future use. Although this flower may often be found growing in an apparently wild state on old walls, etc., it is not really a native of this country.

Cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus.*)

This handsome flower is largely cultivated in gardens, although it is a true English wild flower. It commonly reaches a height of about two feet, and its stems are slender and somewhat branched. The leaves are rather long and narrow, the lower ones being toothed. The outer florets of the flower are generally of a beautifully rich blue colour, and the inner ones contain stamens with purple knobs at the tops of them, called anthers.

A cornfield containing these flowers mixed with scarlet poppies,—and such a sight is by no means rare,—makes a picture never to be forgotten by those who appreciate the wonderful beauties of Nature.

The Cornflower blooms in late Summer, and may sometimes be found covered with flowers even in October, or later. Varieties of this plant with white, purple, and other coloured flowers are sometimes grown in gardens, and may now and again be found wild. The Cornflower belongs to the Composite Family of plants, which includes the Thistles, Daisy, Dandelion, Marigold, and thousands (about 10,000 in all) of other plants. It ripens abundance of seeds soon after flowering, and thus considerable quantities can easily be gathered.

Clover.

There are many species of clover occurring in a wild state in this country, some being common, and some very rare. I will give descriptions of a few of the commonest and most plentiful species.

RED CLOVER (*Trifolium pratense*).—This is the Clover which commonly grows in meadows, and is known to almost everyone. It has a very sweet scent, and the blooms contain abundance of "nectar"—the fluid from which the bees make honey. It is a perennial plant, and remains in bloom the whole of the Summer months. The seeds should not be gathered until the florets have become brown and crisp.

SULPHUR COLOURED CLOVER (*Trifolium ochroleucon*).—This grows plentifully in a few of the eastern counties, although it is generally described as a rare plant. It sometimes grows to a height of eighteen inches, and may easily be recognised by its cream-coloured flowers. The flower-heads are at first almost round, but they afterwards lengthen considerably, and change to a brown colour. It is in bloom during July and August.

WHITE OR DUTCH CLOVER (*Trifolium repens*).—This is the common White Clover of meadows and waysides. It has a creeping stem, and the leaflets sometimes have a light band and a purplish spot near the centre. The white flowers are sometimes tinged with pink, and after fertilisation, they turn brown and bend downwards. This species, like the Red Clover, may be found in bloom throughout the whole of the Summer.

CRIMSON CLOVER (*Trifolium incarnatum.*—Although not a truly wild plant in this country, the Crimson Clover sometimes occurs as an escape from cultivation. Fields of it are quite common in many parts of England, and when a good crop is seen in full bloom, it is a grand and beautiful sight, reminding one of a huge crimson carpet spread across the field from end to end.

It is a downy plant, and the flower heads, instead of being globular as in the species already described, are cylindric, and may reach a length of two or even three inches.

It would be almost impossible to mistake this plant for any other, as it is such a distinct and beautiful species. A white variety may occasionally be found. The Crimson Clover flowers in June and July, and is an annual. The Clovers belong to the Pea Family (*Leguminosae*), and produce an abundance of seed.

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BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1908 SEASON.

I have had an extra good breeding season. I have finished up with over 400 birds, and I have some real good ones among them both in Yorkshires, dark eyes and Cinnamon marks and clear pink eyes, and in Norwich Plainheads. J. WILCOCK (Eccleshill).

Hybrids at Kilmarnock.

Hybrid breeding has been a great success in Kilmarnock this season. As many as 16 have been bred by various breeders, namely, 6 Goldie-Bullies, 3, Linnet-Bullies, 3 Siskin-Greenfinches, 3, Linnet-Greenfinches, and 1 Redpoll-Siskin. This is a fair collection amongst six breeders. One breeder had as many as 11, but only managed to rear six. Mules are also good. Canaries in all sections are very numerous, and some good ones may be looked forward to.—R. MCCAW, secretary, Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.

Seven Sisters B.B.A. (King's Lynn).

Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to report the work of the above club, as it is formed to improve the Norwich Plainhead. I must say the members have worked hard this season, and some very good young birds have been bred. The approach of the show is causing our members to get their birds into condition to stand the test they are usually put to at that time. The following is a list of breeders' results:—C. Grenfield (seven pairs), 66 youngsters; R. Hatchy (nine), 50; C. Richardson (seven), 41; T. Simpson (six), 39; A. H. Cole (eight), 35; R. Edmunds (three), 19; R. Harrod (three), 13; F. Bocking (two), 10; J. Davis (one), 4.—R. EDMUNDS, hon. secretary.

In and Around Glasgow.

The season of 1908 has ended well in and around Glasgow. A lot of grand birds have been reared, and the shows will be a treat. The Cockerhill breeder, who has 14 young by one cock, has reason to be proud of his achievement. They are of exceptionally fine quality, and the stock that will beat them will exceed anything we have seen in the way of Scotch Fancies. The breeder is a member of the Glasgow Southern O.A. The Springburn breeder, who won with his 1907 young yellow cock bird, has managed to secure another at least equally promising, which will put him in a position to keep his name forward in the yellow cock class. He has been fortunate for quality. The Maryhill fanciers have no reason to complain, and if their birds are thoroughly moulted they should be in the chief honours. They have laboured well, and it is time they were in the red tickets. Nowhere in and around Glasgow is there a more enthusiastic band of fanciers than at Clydebank; they pay great attention to style, and very neat birds have been reared. The size promises to be on the up grade, and fanciers in this quarter should have a nice local show. The Partick and Scotstown fanciers have had a bad time of it. However, they usually manage to secure a few honours, and are looking that way. Rutherglen can now boast of enthusiastic fanciers; they have taken to the Scotch Fancy, and in course of time with a little perseverance should redeem the lapse from the king of cage birds. Norwich and Border Fancy breeders are strong here. The Bridgeton contingent have no reason to be discouraged; a well-known breeder has already figured in the honours this season. The reputation of this district has every appearance of being maintained in open competition. The Govanhill fanciers have had more than ordinary success, and with the quality they were operating upon, they are bound to distinguish themselves. A good deal of Mr. McClure's strain is in Govanhill. The East End fanciers have had success, and a number of promising young birds are spoken of. Size and quality prevail, which are considerations of prime importance. The Strathbungo fancier has not been blessed with many, but the young are very promising; he is not easily discouraged. Several country fanciers have had a good time of it. A Govan fancier who went into an excellent strain has been rewarded with a team of very promising Scotch Fancies. He is to be congratulated, as Govan has been in the background in this particular department. I had a talk with Mr. McQuiston, of Ayr, and was delighted to learn that he has succeeded in rearing two Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, and one Greenfinch-Bullfinch; he is a keen fancier and merits success. I have not been through all the bird rooms, but those I have visited contain exceptionally promising young birds, recalling the grand old days of the Lawson's glorious breeding success, which attracted so much attention. The outlook is most re-assuring and encouraging, so far as the Scotch Fancy Canary is concerned in the West of Scotland—RAMBLER.

I always look forward to receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS each Friday, writes Mr. G. H. Smith (Hull); it is the most delightful and instructive paper that money can buy. The "Brainy Tips" I admire very much. Allow me to wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

An Encouraging Record.

We were very pleased, writes F. W. Bradley, of Messrs. Bradley and Coulson (Millom), to be honoured by having our Buff Yorkshire cock (second prize winner at the Palace in the open Buff class) depicted on the front page of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and we certainly think it brings the artist, Mr. H. Norman, great credit indeed, it being a very good drawing of the bird, and like it in every detail. I might say that this was our first attempt at the Crystal Palace, and I am sure we were more than satisfied, pulling off second in the open Buff and he in the unsighted Yorkshire classes. We have bred some very good birds this season, and hope to be in the running this year. My Palace winner has done exceedingly well for us, always being in either the money or the cards. His son, a young yellow cock, has done even better, only being once out of the money last season, although he was exhibited every week during the show season. I was unable to send him to the Palace, as he fell in the moult about a week before the show. On the whole, we did exceedingly well last season, only running four birds at the most at one show (and at some shows only two), with the exception of Millom. The following are some of our wins:—Morecambe, 2nd, St. Helen's, 1st, 2nd, spl in Buffs; Lancaster, 1st, 2nd, and spl. in Buffs, 1st, 2nd, and spl. in Yellows (four birds in all); Barrow-in-Furness, 2nd and 4th in Buffs, 2nd and 3rd in Yellows, and 3rd in selling class; Cleator Moor, 2nd in Yellows and 3rd in Buffs; Millom, six firsts, three seconds, two thirds, and seven specials; Whitehaven, 3rd in yellow unlighteds and 1st in selling class; Cockermouth, 1st and spl. in Buffs, and 2nd in Yellows; Egremont, 1st and spl. in Yellows, and reserve in Buff; Palace, 2nd in Buffs and he in unlighteds. We won in all over 90 prizes during the season. This, I think, is a fair record for young stagers. We wish your valuable paper every success. It has, we may say, been of great help to us.

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*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.** J.B.E.
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T., A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. McK., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Th.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Ho., J.Cd., J.Mas., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Invcrness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McP., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.L.C., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hu., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McP., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.**
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.H.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R. G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W.
Dec. 18.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Mas., P.McQ., P.McK., and H.M.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wm., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.B., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Bk., D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 343.)
For Secretaries' addresses see list in No. 343.)

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES & OFFICIALS OF SHOWS.

An Announcement Which Should Have Your Prompt Attention.

As was announced in last week's issue, for the purpose of completing our show-reporting arrangements, we want to know AT ONCE the dates of all the shows which provide classes for cage-birds, in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. We already have a fairly full list of fixtures, which will be found printed on page 157 of our last number. We ask secretaries and officials of societies to please look over this list, and notify us at once should the name of their show be missing from it. We also want the names of the judges and the number of classes which will be offered (if not definitely settled, then the number likely to be offered).

A Postcard will do, but post it at once. Fanciers will oblige by calling the attention of the officials of their society to this notice, so that none may be overlooked. We want the date of every show going to be held during the 1908-9 season, with the other particulars where possible.

Judges Names and Numbers of Classes.

Of the fixtures given below we are still wanting information as to the judges and number of classes likely to be offered.

Ayr (November 21st); Bromsgrove; Bury; Burton-on-Trent (November 14th); Bridgend; Bromley; Bristol (November 11th and 12th); Consett; Castle Douglas; Cardiff; Cupar; Darley Dale; Dover; Darval; Dudley; Edinburgh Eastern; Frome (December 3rd); Forfar; Glasgow and West of Scotland; Gravesend; Hartlepools; Houghton-le-Spring; Kirkby Stephen; Leeds, Roller; Leamington (Royal); Limavady; Lurgan; Lesmahagow; Murton; Muirkirk; Matlock; Neath; Norwich P.C. of Ireland; Pembroke; Plumstead and Woolwich; Sidmouth; Stonehouse (N.B.); Tonbridge; Thornton; Yarm.

All Particulars Wanted.

Of the following fixtures we require not only the above particulars (where possible), but also the secretaries' names and addresses. Will local fanciers kindly send same on?

Airdrie and Coatsbridge; Blackwood (N.B.); Carnarvon; Camborne; Cambridge (November 24th); Cradley Heath; Dumbarton; Denny and Dunipace; East Molsey; Herne Bay; Hucknall; Johnstone; Kirkyth; Luton (November 4th); Pathhead (Kirkcaldy); Reading; Reigate; Sunbury-on-Thames; Sanquhar; Tredegar; Wiksworth; Whitby.

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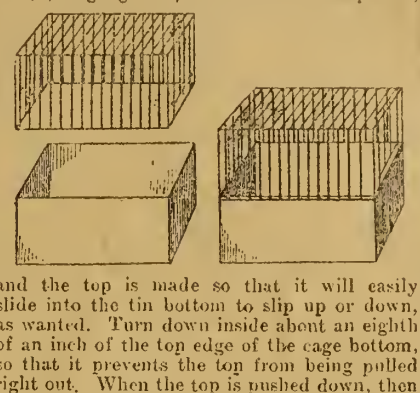
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 242.

A USEFUL CAGE WHEN CATCHING.

Sent by A. Pennor, 9, Winbolt Street., Great Moor, nr. Stockport.

Enclosed is a sketch of a cage I make and use and find very useful for keeping down the bulk of the pack when catching. The bottom is made of tin, 3in. deep, 6in. long, and 3½in. wide. The top is made of punched bar, ¼in. gauge. Top and bottom are separate,



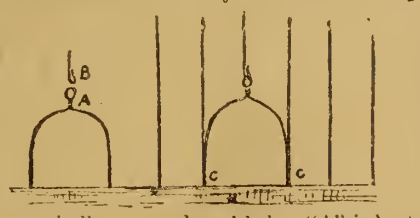
and the top is made so that it will easily slide into the tin bottom to slip up or down, as wanted. Turn down inside about an eighth of an inch of the top edge of the cage bottom, so that it prevents the top from being pulled right out. When the top is pushed down, then this cage takes up but about half the room of an ordinary one; when pulled up, and with a perch put across, it makes a nice-sized call cage. The door is of the usual slide-up kind. A. Pennor.

No. 243.

A METHOD OF MAKING HEAD HOLES.

Sent by G. Doran, 14, Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Dublin.

Many fanciers object to the round holes for feeding and drinking purposes, and say they often damage a bird's head feathers. The illustration shows an easy method of making



a practically square-shaped hole. "A" is bent to shape with the pliers from a single piece of wire. "B" is a wire of the cage front, bent up to form a hook to attach to "A." A little touch of solder at "CC" makes the ring complete; or if "H" is wood, then "CC" can be driven down into it, when soldering will be unnecessary.—G. Doran.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Sparrow's Tavern.

Close to my father's stable is a drinking trough, a tavern being situated across the way. One day a Sparrow came to the trough to drink, and finding the water low flew away. But it was not away long before it returned, and finding the trough still low but water dripping from the tap it opened its bill and drank.—Sent by H. Lee (age 11), 107, Monk Street, Derby.

**A Clever Yorkshire Canary.

My father gave a lady friend of ours who lives at Finchley a young Yorkshire Canary five months old. One Saturday she thought she would let it have a fly round the room, not noticing that the window was open. The Canary of course flew out right across to the trees about four hundred yards away. She called it and it answered, but did not return. Night came on so she gave it up for lost. But to her great surprise, early next morning there came a tap, tap, at the window. Drawing the curtain aside, she saw the Canary. After a long chase they threw a wrapper over it and caught it.—Sent by Margaret Solomons (age 13), 6, Anthony Street, Commercial Road, London, E.

*Saved from the Cat.

One morning at breakfast time, I went into our yard and came across a little Sparrow unable to fly. I had our cat in my arms, and it got its eye on the bird, and was ready to spring. I told father, who came and caught the bird, and put it among the others in our aviary. And it likes cornheads, of which it gets a lot, very much. It is now strong and is moulting.—Sent by Jane C. Newbigin (age 11), 69, Percy Road, Whitley Bay.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Sept 29, Co-op Rooms, S. N. Livesey.
Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show. G. Harver.
Bradford (East) O.S.—Sept. 26, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show; Judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt; gilt class included.—H. Hill.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 26, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, birds staged at 2.30. Members' show, entries taken on Friday night, and Saturday up to 2.30: judge, Mr. W. A. Cowpill.—H. Clegg.
Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Round House Inn, 8. Winter show business.—F. Mitchell.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 29, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Arranging classes for Open Show.—S. A. Dicken.
City of Bradford, O.S.—Sept. 26, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show, 8 Yorkshire classes, and 1 Norwich; judge, Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton). Birds staged at 2 p.m.; meeting at 8. Subscriptions now due.—F. Rhodes.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 28, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Plainheads, silver medal awarded in each section.—V. Wynn.
Crook Original C.B., R. and P.S.—Sept. 30, Crown Hotel, 7.—A. Bowes.
Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Half Moon, 7.30. Table Show. Canaries, 6 classes; Mules, 1 (1908 bred); British, 5 classes; Mr. T. Boyle, judge. E. Brunskill.
Derby C.B.C.—Sept. 26, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Paying up for young birds, and show business. W. Stevens.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Co-operative Hall, Chopwell, 5.30. Social from 7 to 12.—J. Brown.
Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Oct. 1, 142, High Street, 8. To receive classification forms for show and finally settle Norwich cup question.—J. Welsh.
Forfar and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Airlie Arms, Kirriemuir 6.—W. Grewar.
Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept 26, Church School's, Southfield Lane, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Dawson. Birds staged not later than 5.—H. Schofield.
Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Sept. 29, Lello's, Market Street, 7.30.—W. Simpson.
Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 26, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Show business. H. Renwick.
Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 28, White Hart Hotel, 8. Table show postponed from Sept. 21, and open show business.—S. Lodge.
Hyson Green C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Cricket Players, 8. Arrangements for show and new rule books.—H. E. Garton.
Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Masonic Hall, 7. Final arrangements for show; members please have entries forward.—W. B. Smart.
Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.
Middleton O.S.—Sept. 28, Old Boar's Head, 8. Show business.—H. Thomas.
Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Making of schedule for old birds' shows.—R. H. Turner.
Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Vose's Rooms, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—E. Cowling.
Motherwell Norwich Club.—Oct. 3, Y.M.I., 8. Special show classification.—J. Mair.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Headquarters, 7.30. Open show business.—Curry and Hutchinson.
Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Sept. 30, Cobden Hall, Nottingham, 8.30. Show business—important.—G. E. Wilkinson.
Partick and Dist. C.B.C.—Oct. 2, Traders' Halls, Partick, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Miller, etc.—J. Henderson.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 28, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean, Sec. Y.U.C.B.S.; subject: "Preparing for Exhibition." Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Jackson.
Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 1, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, 8. Arrange schedule for annual show.—J. C. Birch.
Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 28, Club, 8. Monthly meeting, also Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.
Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 26, St. George Hall, 8. Open show business; members who intend showing please attend.—J. C. Hayes.
Sale Open O.S.—Sept. 28, Sale Hotel, 8. Special meeting: removal of headquarters; open show rooms, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle.
Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. H. Champion.—Lindsay and Bingham.
Stirling and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 3, Douglas Hotel 8. Schedule for show, members' subscriptions now due.—G. Hislop.
Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Public Hall, 6. Grand table show, 4 classes: Canary A.V., common, Mule or Hyb. and Brit. A.S. Large turnout expected.—J. Govan.
Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. Drawing of specials for open show.—J. W. Lowes.
West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Several interesting items; friends invited.—T. Duffield.
West London F.A.—Oct. 1, Bush Hotel, 8. An interesting lecture, and the annual show business.—J. Dewhurst.
Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 1, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—S. Andrews.
Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.
Worcester and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Black Horse, Lowesmoor, 7.

IN THE COURTS.

GOLDFINCHES IN BERKS.

George Seal, of Eddington, Hungerford, was summoned at the Hungerford County Police Court for having in his possession 14 Goldfinches, recently caught, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1880, and the by-laws of the Berks County Council.

P.c. Woodley stated the facts. He said he saw defendant on the platform of the railway station at Hungerford, with a cage containing Goldfinches.—Defendant, who had been before the Court on a previous occasion for a similar offence, was fined 14s., and 6s. 6d. costs. The birds were liberated.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see page 154 in last week's CAGE BIRDS.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries. **Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Breeding this Year.

Constant Reader of CAGE BIRDS.—If you had given me a few particulars as to how the bird is fed and treated, I might have discovered some cause for its not making any attempt to breed this year after breeding so well last year. It is possible her resources were over-taxed last season, but it is certain she is very much out of condition now. Your treatment is not faultless, by any means. Try what following will do for her, and if there is not a considerable improvement in a few weeks write again, and say how you have been treating prior to this. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and in addition give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it three times a week. Whilst the moult is in progress give also half a teaspoonful of maw seed twice a week. Give all separately and on different days, so that a different item is on hand each day. Towards end of moult drop maw and give a few grains of lin-seed in its place, and again drop this when bird is quite fine in feather, beginning at the end of the year to give a pinch of inga in its place. In its drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and ten drops of glycerine for three days, and then four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days fifteen drops of chemical food, continuing this every second day for a month. Give a little chickweed or plantain stalks daily, and keep cage quite clean and well strewn with gritty sand. Tepid baths may be given two or three times a week. See the bird is not troubled with red mites nor exposed to draughts.

Something Like Croup.

Sinn Feinn.—Keep the birds in a comfortable and regular temperature, where they will be quite free from draughts and chills; do not give cold baths until better. In addition to usual seed diet give them half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on alternate days a spray of green-stuff or a plantain stalk or two. In drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, every other day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days twenty drops of chemical food. Shake former mixture thoroughly to well break up oil before giving. The hen which refused to mate, assuming you were not mistaken regarding the sex of her partners, was probably mated with birds that were very much out of condition. The fault probably did not lay with the hen, or she would scarcely have laid and sat so well.

Young Birds and Fits.

Miss Richardson.—The young birds being late hatched are doubtless of a weak and delicate constitution. The diet may also have something to do with it, but on this point you do not give enough particulars to enable me to form an opinion. It would also have helped if you had mentioned whether the birds were in a good plump condition, or thin and wasted. Try following for a few weeks, and if the birds do not soon improve write again, and give the particulars mentioned. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape seed, and in addition give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on alternate days a spray of seedy chickweed, flowering head of groundsel, watercress, or a few half-ripe seed stalks of plantain or shepherd's-purse. Limit them to this diet for a few weeks at least. Keep free from draught and damp; do not give them cold baths whilst in this condition; and see they have plenty of gritty sand always. Tepid baths may be given occasionally in nice mild weather. In drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and for the next week five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on alternate days. If any bird again has a fit, discontinue the above for time being, and give one drop of warm salad oil in beak each day for three days, and in the water as much bromide of potassium, for the same length of time, as will cover a three pence piece. Then resume above medicine, beginning a the beginning with the acid mixture.

A Remedy Wanted.

J. Stewart.—It is impossible to guess what your birds are dying from without more data to go on. But as it seems like some infectious complaint, your very best plan is to have a post-mortem on the next that dies, to ascertain whether you have septic fever among your stock. In this case there would be practically no remedy save isolation and thorough disinfection. Dr Clarke's handbook on the subject (2d., post free, from this office) would give you far more information than it is possible to do here. Your method of feeding is decidedly bad, so perhaps this may fully account for your losses. See reply to "Miss Richardson" for system of feeding, and adopt the method for your birds. Also give some more fruit if there are any, give the bromide of potassium, when your birds will not need

The Pip Again.

South Africa.—Is your aviary situated anywhere near a poultry run, or do fowls run at large about it? The ulcerated tip of the tongue may quite possibly be nodules of canker, which might have spread from poultry suffering from diphtheritic roup. For a course of treatment see replies to "Novice, Aylesbury" and "Miss Richardson" for a proper system of feeding. When the birds are attacked in this way give a little bread soaked in milk each day, but in your climate you must be careful this does not become sour. A little green food daily would be very useful, and you should endeavour to supply it by sowing a little lettuce seed in pots, or where it will grow quickly. For medicine give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash in each ounce of drinking water daily for a week; for another week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on alternate days.

An Explanation.

Anxious, Swansea.—Thanks for your explanation. As you doubtless gathered from my last reply, the linseed meal you use in your soft food is the chief cause of your trouble. If you discontinued giving this immediately as advised, you doubtless find your stock much improved by this time. The remainder of treatment advised will still be very suitable, with the one variation that you may now add a small teaspoonful of dry summer rape (give separately) to each bird twice a week on days when they are having no other extra. A scrap of green-food may also be given two or three times a week. After the first two weeks' treatment, as already advised, instead of going on to the third week begin over again, and repeat the two first weeks' treatment. This will materially help to remove the abdominal swelling, which, however, will gradually disappear when the cause has been removed. You may continue giving the cod liver oil to those birds that lose flesh for a few weeks.

Night Lights for Rollers.

Geo. Wood.—It is true the nights are longer and the days correspondingly shorter, but I do not see any necessity for giving the birds a light to enable them to feed for an hour or two after darkness has set in. Birds of the size and hardihood of Canaries are not really hurt by fasting through our long winter nights. Indeed I should be more inclined to think the enforced fast was more beneficial than otherwise, seeing the birds have so little to do but eat during daylight. If you wanted to accustom the cocks to sing by gaslight that would be a more valid reason for giving them a light for an hour or two. Still if you wish to try the experiment I would advise you to give the light from seven to nine; turn it quite low at nine and remove or extinguish it fifteen minutes later. This will be better than the plan you suggest. Never extinguish a bright light in a moment or you will probably cause some of the birds to pass a night on the cage bottom, or to damage their plumage in trying to get on a perch.

Fits of Sneezing, etc.

J. C. S.—The bird is either exposed to draughts, or to greater fluctuations of temperature than it is able to endure. It also seems to be rather troubled with indigestion, but as you say nothing about how you feed I cannot tell how far this may be the cause of the trouble. Look up the last few issues for general treatment as to food. Give twenty drops of whisky, five of syrup of squills, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same amount of chlorate of potash in each two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking two days in every three for a week or so. See it is kept free from draughts, and in a comfortable temperature. Also see this and all other birds are supplied with nice, clean, gritty sand, and are free from red mites. Few birds are quite through the moult yet, although it is possible yours may have finished dropping feathers, and have only to complete the growth of the new ones. The cocks will not make much effort at sustained singing until the moult is quite complete. It is not advisable to keep cocks and hens altogether through the winter. Young and old cocks, and ditto hens, may be kept together if space is at a premium. But it is not a wise policy to keep too many birds together in one flight, even if it is a large one. It almost invites contagious and infectious diseases. If possible make at least four groups, viz.:—old cocks, young cocks, old hens and young hens.

Definitions Wanted.

Novice.—1. The clear yellow Norwich marked on side of neck is a ticked bird. A clear yellow has no mark at all, the term "clear" being reserved for such birds. Of course in your case I take it you mean the bird has no other visible mark but the one on the neck. 2. A missing claw, or a deformed claw, will not disqualify a bird on the show bench, but will tell against it always, and more or less, according to the officiating judge, the extent of the deformity, the nature of the competition, and the general type of the bird. 3. A bird with plumage frosted on the back but more yellow on the breast is a buff, and should be shown as such. The absence of "frosting" on the breast would tell against it in competition with a bird more evenly mealy or frosted. 4. If the birds were entered in a class for "Pairs matched for breeding" you would certainly lose points by putting a clear yellow hen with an even marked yellow cock. In certain exceptional cases the pedigree may make them a suitable pair for breeding, but the judge not knowing the pedigree has to make the awards from external appearances, and two yellows must consequently lose points in consequence of appearing badly matched. Of course there is nothing to prevent your putting two yellows together if you wish, but you must be prepared to lose points for doing so. The list of "Fancier's Terms" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL would doubtless be of great use to you.

Is it the Pip?

Novice, Aylesbury.—I suspect your bird was suffering from indigestion, which gave rise to the symptoms you imagine might be the mysterious "pip." See many replies, the last few weeks for a proper general diet, and if you have similar cases arising give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with mow seed every second day, and on the alternate days a bit of the following paste about the size of a pea stuck on the wires. Paste—in a small teaspoonful of honey well mix as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a sixpence, and add just enough warm mutton fat to make a paste about the consistency of putty when it is cold. In each ounce of drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, three of tincture of gentian, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week.

Wintering the Stock.

"Only a New Beginner."—A much better plan than turning the cocks and hens loose altogether in the room to moult off and remain there through the winter would be to erect a wire partition across the room and divide it into two, in one portion of which you could keep the hens separately from the cocks. Later on towards spring the wire partition could, if necessary, be covered with very light canvass or any opaque material to keep the sexes out of sight of each other, and thus help to prevent them coming into breeding condition too early. You could get a bird organ from almost any large dealer in Canaries. Consult catalogue of any large dealer whose advertisements you will find in our columns. Sorry I cannot in fairness to the others single out any individual for mention.

Legitimate Bird-catching.

B.K.O.—It only requires a little nerve to catch a bird out of a Crystal Palace aviary. You probably prolong the operation by trying to be, as you say, "as gentle as possible." But to most persons it would doubtless be a very difficult affair; so instead of going into detail how to catch them in the aviary, I will give you another procedure. Get a small empty cage, such as a bath cage or a nursery, place a pinch of hemp on the bottom, and a scrap of green food. Open the doors of the aviary and the small cage as wide as possible, and place the two door-spaces together, and then gently drive the required bird into the small cage by introducing a thin cane on the opposite side of the aviary. When it enters gently slide it along side of aviary until the door of the latter can be closed; then slide the open hand edgewise between the two cages and cover the door space of the small one whilst you close it—and there you are! A little gentle persuasion will soon enable you to drive any given bird into the small cage. In the larger space out of doors you should use a large butterfly net, or you might put in a trap cage with a little tempting food inside, and stand near by with a cane to prevent any but the bird required going into it. The latter is a very useful plan, as Canaries will enter the cage most readily.

A Quartet.

A.P.—1. For the stiff hind claw give rather small and almost round perches—about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. Every day for a week, or until a little power appears to be returning to the claw, catch the bird and hold the foot in a saucer of fairly hot water for a minute or so, then remove it and transfer at once to a saucer of cold water for another minute; then back to the hot. Repeat the changes three or four times, finishing off in the cold water. Dry the foot, and then gently rub in a drop of warm olive oil. 2. It is of little consequence whether you use citrate or sulphate form of iron. I doubt whether either possesses any advantage over the other, so you may just as well continue to use the sulphate with which you are familiar, as begin with a new thing. 3. As long as your birds are moulting alright you do not require saffron to assist, nor anything else. Therefore I would not advise you to get any just, as it were, for the sake of using it. One thing I would advise you, however, viz., as long as your birds are doing fairly well do not be led into giving them this, that, or the other, which happens to be puffed and popular for the moment. 4. The correct distance between perches is governed by the size of the cage or aviary. When the space is sufficient I like to see the principal perches at such a distance that the birds have to make a slight effort with the wings to assist them in hopping from one to another. This gives rise to a large amount of healthful exercise and consequent development of muscle. A few hours a day in a show cage for a few days before a show will be enough to get the birds used to the perches in them. Glad you found previous advice so useful, and our replies "always plain and to the point."

Growth on Wing.

Pont View.—The substance you describe, which appeared last moulting season ripened, and dropped off, and is now growing again this moult, is, in all probability, an abnormal feather growth, and it would hardly be wise for you to interfere with it beyond just touching it with a little pure vaseline or any simple ointment which would moisten the skin, and give the obstructed feather a chance of coming through. Should it form a wart-like growth as before, just slightly touch it with a feather dipped in tincture of iodine. This will hasten its disappearance, so that it may be useful at the latter end of the show season. The danger of attempting any other interference is that a considerable amount of bleeding may result, and even then the renewed growth is frequently of the same abnormal type as before, so that nothing is gained by the interference.

Yorkies Again.

W W. Bath.—The hen is subject to draughts or chills, and perhaps may also be worried by red mite attacks. All these causes must be quite removed before you can effect a cure. Keep the bird in a nice cosy place, perfectly free from draughts or damp, and do not give cold baths until well. A tepid bath may be given on mild fine days. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give a pinch of hemp separately twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Every second day give a small piece of green food. In the drinking water give the eucalyptus mixture advised to "C.N.M." in last issue, for a fortnight, and on alternate days twenty drops of chemical food in the water.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Case of a Woodlark.

J. T. Jones.—You don't want to be too hasty in condemning the seller of the Woodlark. As you say the bird is not "very streaky looking" in its plumage, I should think it likely he was quite correct in stating it to be a cock. Anyway, it cannot be expected to warble until it has recovered from the moult. The best cock cage (in my experience), is one of the type known as the "Lark runner," which should not be less than 21ins. long, 11ins. wide, and 10 ins. high, and should have a canvas top, and one perch in the middle, low down. There should be a door at each end; food and water vessels outside. Arrange so that one half of floor can be very thickly covered with a mixture of seed dust and fine sand, and the other half by a clover turf, renewed as required. Run in frequently a wide shallow tin or dish filled with chickweed or other green-stuff, made very wet, and among this the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order. When cleaning this cage (and most others, in fact) the best plan is to have another cage of suitable size handy, and run the bird temporarily into it. Insects are just as troublesome to Woodlarks as to Skylarks. The cages of both species should be brushed over at brief intervals with a mixture of equal parts paraffin and methylated spirits, getting it thoroughly into the joints, wire holes, etc. The birds of course, should be in a temporary "home" while this is being done. They can be put back after the dressed cage has stood in the open air for a few hours.

Magpies and Jays.

G.R.—Jays, Magpies, and birds of this class need to be fed on very similar lines. The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a Mock food you could use broken up dog biscuits (or puppy cakes, or game meal), with coarse Crissel say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mix ing with it table scraps, cooked meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows, and the like, but not over much raw meat, for much raw meat and offal makes their excreta more than ordinarily offensive: always keep them scrupulously clean. Eggs (raw or cooked), acorns, nuts, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, and grubs are other things they will eat, not forgetting little frogs and the little mice. Spratt's "Game Meal" (without grit), or Clarke's "Melox," or any foods such as these, make excellent stock foods for these birds with a little Crissel and the other things mentioned. Magpies and their relations have very varied tastes. My own bird gets "Melox" mixed with the leavings from the pot of my small insectivorous birds. He eats with great gusto anything offered, from rice pudding to roast duck.

Sex of Nightingale, etc.

Gale.—Except in the breeding season (when the vent is a sure guide), sex differences are very slight. The hen is generally smaller, and with a decidedly rounder-looking head when viewed in profile—the cock is flatter on the skull, and longer in the beak. He bears himself more boldly, too. If you have a bird clean and bright in colour, bold and sprightly in demeanour, with flattened skull, and generally well-built, it is safe to reckon it a cock. The only way to gain really helpful knowledge as to the sex distinctions, is to get a true pair and study them closely. It is the moulting season now; most small softbills will have finished by this, however. My own are all through with it. My 'Gales commence to warble as soon as they have recovered from the moult. The singing of other birds sets them going as soon as they feel fit. They are curious birds, though, and lapse suddenly into silence for days at a time for no apparent reason, then come back into song again with a similar puzzling suddenness.

Identity of Bird.

Jacko.—Your description is not a very complete one, but if the bird has a brown cap, which stands out quite distinctly from the colour of its back, then I should say it is a female Blackcap Warbler. If the brown of the head merges into a brown back, so that it can hardly be termed distinct, then the bird may be, as you assume, a Greater Whitethroat. The back of the Blackcap, both cock and hen, could hardly be termed brown, but rather ashen-grey, or slate-grey. There is yet another species, however, of which your bird may be a member, viz., the Redstart, and on second thoughts I recognise that your description tallies quite well with that of the hen. She is, broadly speaking, ashen brown in colour generally (whitish on the throat), deepening to brownish on the wings, and to russet-red on the tail, and near the root of the tail. If a hen Redstart, it would be continually flirting its tail up and down, and making graceful bows with its body, in manner not unlike that of the Robin. Neither Whitethroat nor Blackcap has this mannerism.

Thistle Heads.

Silliw.—Both of the thistle heads you send are quite alright to give to Goldfinches and other seed-eaters. I prefer the large heads myself, naturally, when I can get them, as they contain more seed; but the small heads are not to be despised—far from it. I think that in a recent issue I dealt at length with the storing, etc., of thistle heads for winter use. A simple and effective way to collect the seed is to take the thoroughly ripe heads, cut off the "fluff," and then drop the heads (opening them somewhat) into a big, strong paper bag. After you have got a suitable number inside, well shake the bag, and the ripe seed will fall out into the bottom. It can then be turned out into a suitable vessel (such as a fine sieve) and have any foreign matters gently blown from amongst it. A deep bucket will answer as well as a paper bag. By the bye, to ripen the heads (if necessary) they can be laid out in the open air during fine weather—in the sun, if you like—providing an eye be kept upon them to see they do not "blow," for if this happens, your seed is soon careering over the house tops, or causing owners of neighbouring gardens to bless you.

Some Males Wanted.

F. Pace.—If you are trying for hybrids, it is not a good plan to run two hens with one cock. In fact, if you do so one of the hens is more likely than not to get maltreated. It is, however, not at all a bad plan to run a few extra Bullfinch hens with cock Finches in an aviary, but when the latter have fixed on their mates, the surplus hens are generally best removed, for I have found unmated hens can be decidedly mischievous. Further, two Bullfinch hens can be run, eg., with a cock Goldfinch, and he will generally make a choice of one of them. When I have tried this, however, I have invariably found that should one hen be better than the other (from a breeder's standpoint) the cock bird perversely persists in bestowing his affections on the least worthy. For a hen Bullfinch either a cock Siskin, Redpoll, Goldfinch, Linnet or Greenfinch would be a suitable mate (the two former don't want an over big hen). For the Greenfinch hens, a cock Goldfinch, Siskin and Redpoll would be very suitable. For one hen Chaffinch you might try a cock Canary, and for the other a cock Bramblefinch. The size of your aviary does not commend it all to me at all. A width of two feet is not sufficient. A height of 7 feet to 8 feet would be quite enough and more convenient should you want to catch up any birds.

Brevities.

An Elder Tree (Wright Hill).—An elder tree will not be injurious to any bird, quite the opposite, in fact, I expect will prove to be the case.

Sex of Bramblefinch (R.P.).—The cock Brambletinch in summer plumage has a head and mantle of shining black, sometimes "spangled" with brownish markings (according to age). The hen, broadly speaking, is a mixture of grey and sandy tones of colour, and your bird is of a certainty of this sex.

Bramblefinch Breeding (Bramble).—I, The cock Bramblefinch has bred with the hen Chaffinch. Hybrids of this cross have won numerous prizes at the shows. I should not like to "recommend" any other hen British bird as a mate for him. One might try Canary, Greenfinch, Linnet, etc., but it would be purely experimentative. Often the cock Bramble is "rough" towards the wives one tries to find for him in a cage.

Concerning a Linnet (Poor Bird).—You certainly must not check the moult (even supposing you could), for it is the proper time of the year for birds to renew their plumage. From the particulars you now give, I advise you to dissolve in the Linnet's drinking water daily (two tablespoonfuls) a piece of citrate of iron the size of a small pea; for one week will probably be sufficient. Watch its effects on the bowels, and regulate dose accordingly.

A House Martin (E.C.).—If you have no knowledge of bird keeping, I advise you to give the bird its liberty. House Martins are a delicate insectivorous species, and require a high grade soft food, as sold for small softbills, moistened with a liberal admixture of finely minced hard-boiled egg and a little grated carrot. Live food is essential to their wellbeing; meatworms and small gentles, with flies, wasp grub, tiny beetles, live ants' eggs, etc., according to season.

Lump on Back Toe (J.B.W.).—The likeliest treatment consists in lightly painting the swelling daily with tincture of iodine. A small camel-hair brush is a good implement to put it on with. Keep the iodine off the surrounding parts.

Stock Mixture for Goldfinches (R.E.).—My own stock mixture for all-round purposes is: hemp (well seasoned) and teazle (new, well-ripened crop) four parts each, Canary three parts, linseed one part, summer rape and charlock half part each, with a slight sprinkling of safflower and sunflower. During the moult I drop the hemp, giving a little occasionally, and offering plenty of wild seeds (thistles, etc.). For newly-caught birds I add four parts of niger (which I give pretty plentifully at all times to all my Finches), or else give it mixed with maw in a separate vessel ad libitum.

In the Winter (S.W., Oldham).—You will find your birds take to the shelter alright when the rough weather comes along. I shall be astonished if they don't. You could put the food under the shelter, which would help to familiarise them with it.

Bullfinch Moulting (G.O.).—There is nothing uncommon in the fact that one Bullfinch has moulted, and the other not yet started to moult. With adult birds this frequently happens, although they are kept under precisely the same conditions. It is an unusual thing with young birds, however, and especially so in your case, seeing they both came out of the same nest. By-the-bye, it is not possible, I suppose, that one of them is a hen, which has retained the sombre tone of the youthful garb, and so misled you into thinking she has not moulted?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds.

T. A. F.—Madagascar Lovebirds would agree with the Budgerigars. But they are shy breeders and their doing so is quite an event when it occurs. At the same time it would hardly be safe to procure them now to put outside; you must wait till spring. You could add a pair each of Cockatoels and Rosella Parakeets to your aviary, both of which would ultimately breed, but sometimes take even a couple of years to make up their minds to do so; once started they are free breeders, and but seldom fail to rear the young hatched out. They will all thrive on Canary and millet seeds and oats, with grit, green-food, cuttlefish, and also old mortar rubbish to prevent egg-binding. The Madagascars are not so hardy as Budgerigars and during very severe winters you are apt to lose the hens; on the other hand Cockatoels and Roscilas hold our worst weather in contempt.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

H. Thornley.—Your space is so small that I fear you will not succeed in breeding many birds. I do not advise you to mix Britishers and Foreigners. Start, say with three pairs; all the following would survive the winter and prove fairly interesting; they would also very probably breed:—Zebra and Ribbon Finches and Java Sparrows. On the other hand if you would like birds of the Parakeet class, one pair each of green and yellow Budgerigars would make a pretty show in your aviary, and are also very probable breeders. For the Finches and Sparrows you won't have to supply Canary white and spray millet seeds, green-food, grit and water, with a little soft food, such as is given to Canaries when they are feeding young. For the Budgerigars you would find Canary and millet seed, with a few oats, green-food, grit cuttlefish, and water sufficient to keep them in good health. You must fix up at least double the number of husks and nest boxes that you have pairs of birds. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" and "Budgerigars and Cockatoels," the former 1 1 and the latter 7d. post free, both from CAGE BIRDS office, very helpful.

Budgerigars in Soft Moult.

"Jubberwock."—I should say your birds are kept too warm and do not get sufficient exercise; try them in a cage double the size and keep them in an unheated room. Get as much grass in flower as you can, but we are getting a little frost already occasionally, and it must not be given when frosted. They cannot have too much of this. In addition to your seed diet, give one or two crusts of household bread (daily if they take to them readily), which have been dipped into a small quantity of Parrish's Chemical Food, and allowed to become almost dry before being supplied to the birds. If there should be any signs of constipation, for one day soak the crusts in Dinneford's Magnesia, instead of the Chemical Food. Though they are to be kept in an unheated room they must not be in a draught; if it is possible to so arrange, let them have a daily fly round the room, which would be a great help. Why not get "Budgerigars and Cockatoels," 7d. post free from this office?

Treatment for Young Grey.

C. A.—Always a certain how a bird has been fed by its previous owner, as sudden changes are harmful. If your bird is well on seed, diet it as follows: Seed mixture—Canary seed and oats, two parts each, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, one part each; well mix and keep a supply continuously in cage, also give to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuits and nuts; you should also keep up a supply of grit and water till you are sure the bird will not over-drink itself. Do not leave it in cage but permit it to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day for the present; or if it is a young bird, make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine, with Parrish's Chemical Food, every other day. Keep a piece of ocean cuttlefish in its cage. If it is not yet eating dry seed or only partially doing so, you must give a little boiled maize till you find it is taking to the dry seed heartily (Note the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day), but as soon as possible get it on to the above diet. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also repeat to it odd words and sentences, and it will soon commence to repeat them. Keep it out of draught.

Wintering Avadavats.

Reig.—It all depends on the size and structure of the aviary; if this allows space for flight, has a weather-proof shed, and is well furnished with husks to which the birds can retire at will, they can be success fully wintered out of doors. I have so wintered and kept for years under these conditions, Avadavats, Waxbills, and most of the Australian and African Finches, and most species of Mannikins. It is too late this year for nesting arrangements; next year keep them supplied with long grass, fine and coarse hay, and they will either nest in the branches or make use of a husk; that is of course if the breeding fever is sufficiently strong upon them.

About Whydahs.

F. Collins.—The Pintail is smaller in the body than the Paradise Whydah, and his tail consists of four long narrow plumes varying from 9 to 11 inches in length. The tail of the Paradise Whydah consists of two long and two short plumes, the short ontside plumes having the shafts of the feather projecting an inch or more beyond the webbing—whence one of the dealers' names "Shaft-tailed Whydah." Pintail Whydah: Male in full colour. Top of head, chin, back and a band on each side of the chest black with a greenish sheen; wings black, with white and buff bands running across the coverts; throat, narrow band round back of neck breast abdomen and under tail coverts white; beak coral-red, legs and feet ruddy brown. Paradise Whydah: The male in breeding plumage has the whole of head, throat, back, shoulders, wing coverts, tail and thighs black; back, sides of neck and breast deep ruddy-chestnut merging into whitish-buff on the abdomen, rump white; beak black; legs and feet dark brown. The difference in beaks alone—Pintail, coral-red; Paradise, black, is a sufficient distinction to easily distinguish the species by.

The Blue Mountain Lory.

J.T.—It all depends on what it has to contend against—rarer species in equally fine conditions, of course, always stand the best chance; but except at the largest centres, where the entries are many and varied, including often very rare species, the Blue Mountains' chances of premier honours are not great. However, at most shows (if we except such as are of Crystal Palace calibre), the Blue Mountain when in fine condition stands a reasonable chance of catching the judge's eye. I can, perhaps, make myself a little more clear if I say that a Red-collared Lorrikeet, which is very similar in colouration to the Blue Mountain, but brighter and rarer, if in equal condition would be almost sure to score over it. A medium-sized Parrot cage—or a box cage with open top, the front wires being rounded off towards the back.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Doves (R. Holmes).—1, You can only tell the sex of a Dove by noting its behaviour when full-grown to others of its species, but if you happen to know the circumstances of its hatching, you will probably find that, if the younger bird of a pair of squeakers, it is a hen; if the elder, a cock. 2, Your cage ought to be big enough, but from your sketch it looks to be an awkward shape; it is more important for a cage to be long than high, especially for birds like Doves. You will do well to put the nest lower, as you intend doing. 3, The white Dove you have is merely a breed or variety of the ring-necked, cream-coloured Dove; it is more worth breeding, but as in these birds the colour usually follows that of the rock, you would have to get a white male to breed white young with. I never heard of a male Dove refusing to sit; you had better exchange yours for another one. 4, Give rock salt in the lump, and let them peck at it. Very sorry your name was overlooked in the former reply; many thanks for kind remarks about CAGE BIRDS.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 425, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (H. Benter).—Bird fever.

Canary (T. W. Fish).—Inflammation of the lungs and liver, commonly called "a severe chill."

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Show Report (W. Nolan).—Thanks for your kindness, but you will see that a report has come to hand from another source.

Selling Birds by Auction (Scottish Secretary).—It is an offence against the law for anyone to sell birds (or anything else) by auction, who is not a licensed auctioneer. The cost of the said licence is ten pounds. It is usual for societies to invite someone locally who is qualified for the post, to become "honorary auctioneer," his duties being to attend the shows and dispose of gift, class, and other exhibits which have to go up for sale.

A Naturalist's Collection (Glasgow Reader, P. R.).—We are afraid your letter is too much in the nature of an advertisement for us to publish. We should have hundreds of people claiming similar notices. Pleased to know you spent so enjoyable a time there.

Portrayal of Prize winners (F. J. Martin).—The list of shows given was intentionally made up of provincial fixtures only. It will, of course, be understood by fanciers generally that the London shows are all easily accessible.

Photos (H. Lee).—Accept our thanks. If we can find a corner for them, we certainly will.

Am I a Novice? (H. Durston).—Most societies have a rule defining what constitutes a novice, and by this the members are bound. There is no universally accepted definition. The C.B.U. has one, however, which governs open shows held under its rules. We know of several societies in which members who have won prizes with British birds are still held to be eligible to compete as novices in the Canary section. The ruling of your own society will have to govern the case.

Prize Cards, etc. (Celt).—Yes; you can get these goods in Manchester. If you turn to our show advertisement columns, you will find Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe (of the city of the damp climate) offering both prize-cards and posters.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held at Prince Albert Inn, on September 20th, when 14 birds sang. 1st, Lauriman; 2nd, Farrar; 3rd, Wood. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and J. Clark.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon street, Sept. 20th, when some good singing was heard. Mr. H. Allen judged. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Johnson. Twenty-eight birds sang before a crowded house. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Fisher; 3, Robinson and Hardcastle shared.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Blackwood (C.B.U.).—October 15th.—Drill and Council Halls.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 11 open classes.—Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and numerous specials. Entries close October 8th to CHRISTMAS AND SMITH, 35, Gordon-road, Blackwood, Mon.

Broughty Ferry (S.C.C., S.P.C., and S.B.B. and M.C.).—October 10th, Good Templar Hall.—Judges, Messrs. T. Allison, Jas. Strachan, Allan Chalmers, J. Patterson and P. McQuiston.—45 open classes—Scots. 8, and Sell. 2; Crest 5, and Sell. 1; Nor. 8, and Sell. 1; Cinn. 1; Bord. 6, and Sell. 1; A.O.V. 1; Mules 2; Brit. 7, and For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and a good list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 5th, to ROBT. WHITTON, 2, Churchill-place, Broughty Ferry.

"Admiral Duncan" (C.B.U.).—October 3rd, "Admiral Duncan," Coalpit-lane, Nottingham.—Judge, Mr. T. Barker.—26 open classes.—Nor. 7, Crest 9, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 2, Sell. 4, Brit. 2, For. 1. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 1st to WM. HEALEY, 37, Victoria Buildings, Bath-street, Nottingham.

St. Andrews.—October 3rd.—Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. P. McDougall, D. Hogden, J. M'Lay, and A. W. Watson.—38 open classes—Scots. 10, and Sell. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 4, Non-feds 1, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Common 1, and Sell. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 3, and For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close September 29th to A. B. MCINTYRE, 31 South Street, St. Andrews.

Eastbourne (C.B.U.).—October 21st and 22nd.—Pavilion, Devonshire Park.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—33 open classes—Yorks. 9, Nor. 8, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, matched pairs 1, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, and Gift 1, and four members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 8th to R. M. DALY, 120, Whitley-road, Eastbourne.

Exeter and Devon (C.B.U.).—October 14th.—Royal Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath.—28 open classes—Bord. 1, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Mule 3, Novice 1, Ladies' 1, pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 3rd to CORNISH and ADAMS, 99, Regent-street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

Hayle (C.B.U.).—October 14th and 15th.—Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. G. Gardner and C. Toy.—27 open classes—No. 7, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, pairs 1, Mules 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 3; 3 classes confined to St. Ives Parliamentary Division, and 9 to Hayle. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3-, and 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 6th to W. PAUL, 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.

Caterham.—October 21st and 22nd.—Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—15 open classes—Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 1, and 4 local classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 7th to JAMES KILEY, Railway Livery Stables, Caterham Valley, Surrey.

Morpeth (C.B.U.).—October 17th.—Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes and A. Brown.—23 open classes—Nor. 8, Cinn. 3, Bord. 3, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, and 11 novice members' classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/-, and specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close Oct. 10th to E. COWLING, Fulbeck Cottage.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 26—**Clapham**—S. H. W. Baker, 11, Foulser Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.
" 29—**Skelmanthorpe**—J. Lodge, "Inkerman," Skelmanthorpe.
" 29—**Longton**—E. Tams, Church Street.
" 29—**Peterboro'**—H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln Road
Oct. 1—**"Admiral Duncan"**—W. Healey, 37, Victoria Bldgs., Bath St., Nottingham.
" 3—**Exeter and Devon**—Cornish and Adams, 99, Regent St., St. Thomas, Exeter.
" 3—**Watford**—W. Quantrell, 47, Market St.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Sept. 27—**Wellingboro'**—W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road,
" 29—**St. Andrews**—A. B. McIntyre, 31, South Street.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD WEST members and friends spent a very pleasant evening on Saturday last, the occasion being a washing exhibition, and lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. W. A. Cowgill. A couple of birds were put through the "tubbing" process, and they came out very well, considering they were in their first feather. This was followed by an interesting exhibition of the ways and means of conditioning, etc. A hearty vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

TO DAY (Saturday), the Bradford City and the Bradford East Societies each hold a members' show, and keen competition is expected. At the latter show the new staging is to be tried as an experiment; the birds will be at a convenient height for visitors to see without having to handle the cages. Also, they have gift classes, the proceeds of which are to go towards providing trophies for the Unflighted Classes at the first open show, to be held this season. I have also been favoured with a syllabus for the season from the Bradford East O.S., the items in which number 15, ranging from members' shows to lectures and judging competitions.

WIBSEY Society are to have a washing exhibition on October 3rd, the gentleman officiating being Mr. W. Ormonroyd, of Great Horton. Now, ye novices who want a few hints on this subject, you will do well to attend. The Wibsey fanciers will give you a hearty welcome.

WE are getting very close to the show season; another week, and we shall be in the midst of it. The fanciers of the Bradford district will have to wait another seven days for a show near home, the first Yorkshire Union fixture, viz., Skelmanthorpe, being rather a distance away from that centre.

I HEAR that several of the Norwich enthusiasts intend to have a day out at Burnley, just to have a peep at the birds of this variety that are kept "over the Border." Perhaps they'll keep half-an-eye open for a chance to pick up some "class" stuff. There is, however, every probability that some real good Norwich will put in an appearance from the home studs, a far larger number having been bred this year than for many years past. There is every prospect of these classes filling, also a good chance of a brilliant season for the newly-formed "Open Norwich Plainhead Club."

"STRAIGHT UP."

MENAI BRIDGE.

Held in connection with the Horticultural Show, on August 22nd. Cage Birds made a grand display—104 entries in 10 classes. The Clear Yellow often described of late, won special for best in show, the Green Yorkshire taking special for the best Yorkshire. The other specials went to the first prize winners in their respective classes, a special being provided in every class, also a few extra specials. All the classes provided some very good specimens, although some were handicapped, being still in moult. Messrs. Roberts and Edwards made very good secretaries, and the awards were soon put up by practical stewards, which knew their duties, Mr. W. C. Roberts being the judge.

NOR. CL. (7): 1, 3, Winnard; 2, Rowland. A.O.V. NOR. (13): 1, E. J. Jones; 2, Winnard; 3, Rowlands. YORKS. CL.: 1, Forbes; 2, Dorkins; 3, R. W. Roberts. A.O.Y. YORKS.: 1, Owens Bros.; 2, Forbes; 3, Nolan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, R. W. Roberts; 2, Winnard; 3, J. O. Williams. FIRST FEATHER (12): 1, Forbes; 2, J. O. Williams; 3, R. W. Roberts. GOLDFINCH: 1, Price; 2, Owens Bros.; 3, Owen; extra third, Margaret Jones. BRIT.: 1, Forbes; 2, Owens Bros.; 3, O. Owen. SELL. (13): 1, J. O. Williams; 2, Hughes; 3, Winnard. CAN. OR BRIT (open to Menai Bridge) (12): 1, Nolan; 2, Hughes; 3, Nolan. F.F. CAN OR MULE (confined to Menai Bridge and owned and bred by exhibitor): spl, Nolan.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

WILL MULES BREED?

A Correspondent Who Says Yes.

SIR,—A friend of mine had a Goldfinch Canary Mule breed this season with a hen Canary. Having no room for the hen Canary (he was repairing the cage), he put it beside the Goldfinch Mule. They had not been long together when the hen Canary commenced budding. He put in a nest for her, and she laid four eggs, and reared two youngsters out of them. They are still living, and can be seen at any time. The second nest resulted in three young; two died, and one is living yet. The last-mentioned one is almost a pure yellow. As I have heard so much about Mules not hilling eggs, I thought it might interest your readers to know of this case. I have never heard before of a cock Mule breeding. I may say that the Mule was as good a feeder as any Canary he has. You, Sir, or your readers might let me know through your paper if it is a common occurrence. A MONGREL.

Stirlingshire.

HOMEGROWN CANARY SEED.

SIR,—I am sending for your inspection a sample of home-grown Canary seed, of which I should be glad to have your opinion. I think it is very fair; at any rate, the birds eat it greedily, and they should be good judges. I sowed the seed in April, and have just harvested. There was a good bit spoiled, owing to much rain, and that, I expect, would be the great drawback to anything like systematic growing such are the vagaries of our climate. I expect that such a season as we had last year, when September, in the West Midlands at any rate, was a glorious month of sunshine, would be a most suitable one, but this year, just as the ears of the corn were turning colour, the fine weather broke, and we have had a succession of wet days, with just a little fine weather in between, ever since. So I could only gather the ripest ears. It was just sown in a drill across the garden, and was an object of curiosity to most people, for no one who saw it growing guessed what it was. But wet weather or fine, I intend to plant more next year, but earlier, so that it will have the advantage of the early summer sun (if any) to help to form and ripen the corn. C. E. LEWIS.

[Judging from the samples sent our correspondent seems to have succeeded in raising seed of nice size and quality.—Ed. CAGE BIRDS.]

WILD BIRD LIFE ON THE BORDERS.

SIR,—The season of British bird life, now fast drawing to a close, has in the Borders been well up to that of former years. Owing to the close, dismal weather experienced in the beginning of the year, the outlook seemed very black; but on the first glimpse of sunshine, the migrators seemed to appear out of the ground. Our first noticeable friends and harbingers of spring-time, the Swallows, were in big force, and what struck me very forcibly this year (and I think this is open for discussion between greater authorities) was the question: Is the period of migration as great a strain on the birds as is believed? The Swallows, to my observation, had only been in the locality for two days or so and they were as busy as bees building and repairing their nests for the breeding season. Canaries and British birds in confinement undergo a special preparation as a rule for breeding purposes, but here are birds homeing thousands of miles, and after a day or so are nesting ready for parental duties. There is a bank in the locality (which faces the Tweed, and was cut and rebuilt this year), which is now honeycombed with nesting places of the Sand-Martins. Our other regular migrants have been well represented; notably the Redstart. This bird here is now getting fairly common, and his appearance is a delight in any locality. The Yellowhammer, which is a very peculiar bird to my idea, being generally located in unlikely places, has been plentiful in some districts. I saw a flock of about 150 in one high hedge lately, and in this place one can always rely on seeing a score or so at any time; but feeding material seems to be at a discount here. Greenfinches, Linnets and the commoner Finches are plentiful, while Bullfinches are, as the saying goes, as common as Sparrows. Owing to the open winters and a large amount of young plantations coming forward, these birds have been greatly on the decrease. I have seen several nests of youngsters feeding on the road-side lately. The smaller birds, such as Long-tailed Tits and Goldcrests, I have observed frequently, while Wheatears, Stonechats, Blackcaps, Tree Creepers, etc., are well represented. Thrushes and Blackbirds are here in huge numbers each season, but their numbers, I am sorry to say, are at present undergoing a reduction owing to their partiality to a little fruit, which results in their being caught in the nets in large quantities, and in many instances dying a lingering death. Albinos have been scarce this year. The only one that I know of is a Linnet with a white wing, taken from the nest. I have left what I term the rare visitors to the last, and am pleased now to say that we have had our share of them. One to make his appearance after an absence of many years is the king of Finches, the Goldfinch. Last winter, while going to work, I came across a flock of nine feeding on the road-side just at daybreak, and after disturbing them they flitted across a field (towards that fateful landmark near Coldstream, Flodden Field), and at the time I thought to myself, you are here in the winter, but we will see what the summer will do. And I have pleasure in chronicling the advent of a pair of Goldfinches feeding Greypates. However, these were in quite a different locality from that where I saw them in the winter. As regards feeding material, all I can say is that if fertile Berwickshire has not got it, there is not another place in Britain that has, as we have hill and dale, cultivated tracts and moorland in galore. Another visitor, and rare too, has been the Black Redstart, noted at Twizel Castle. I have not seen these birds, but I got this information on the good authority of an observant student of natural history. The last I have to mention is the Lesser Redpoll, which I discovered about three weeks ago whilst cycling to Jedburgh in the hills. Fortunately, I had my glasses, and made no mistake about it. They breed in Scotland, but never have nested to my knowledge here, although in the winter we are visited by large flocks of them in search of the needful. I had almost omitted my friends the Water variety, and I may state that the Wagtail family are now well to the fore. A large number of youngsters may be seen occasionally flittering about; they are principally Greys and Pieds. The Yellow variety is rather scarce here, while the king of all water birds, the Kingfisher, has been found nesting on several occasions. Last year a young man brought me no less than nine fully fledged, but we took them back again as I had not the necessary time to cater for them. The season throughout has been grand, and the weather ideal for breeding. Everything has suited our welcome friends the migrants, while the residents, I think, will be provided for with a bountiful store for the approaching winter

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SIR,—With reference to Mr. Duigenan's letter in your issue of the 19th inst., I cannot but challenge the accuracy of his statement. For my part, I always found the "six members" (Mr. Duigenan has designated them as "one") thoroughly competent to look after the interests of the Fancy in Ireland. I consider it very bad policy, and cannot for the moment see for what purpose Mr. D. seeks to make those gentlemen adopt a hostile attitude. I do not hold a brief for any of those "six members," but I would like to know with what feeling Mr. Duigenan wrote that letter? Was it with a feeling of regret, or a sudden impulse of—well, he knows? In my own opinion it was more an act of generosity on their part to stand by for the purpose of infusing new blood into the management. Perhaps Mr. Duigenan could also inform me how it is possible (in the light of his letter stating the notoriety attained by those "six members") that each and every one of them were re-elected on the committee? However, as a result of the resignations referred to, myself and friend were elected to fill two of those vacancies on the committee, and we were resolved, as far as it lay in our power, to justify the confidence placed in us. We are, however, self-respecting enough to now re-consider our position, and take this opportunity of informing our fellow members that we hereby resign the committee of the Y.C.C. of Ireland. Thanking all those who so kindly voted in our favour.

DANL. CARROLL.
EDWARD ORR.

Alleged Extraordinary State of Affairs.

SIR,—The announcement over the names of Messrs. Sholedice, Cloake, etc., must have set the general body of members of Y.C.C. of Ireland a thinking. That Mr. Sholedice and his friends did not think it wise to give their reasons for refusing to sit on the committee as it is at present constituted is to be regretted. Had they taken the general body of the members into their confidence, however, it would perhaps have led to the washing of much dirty linen, so that, they may, after all, have adopted the proper course. But be that as it may, there can be no doubt that the Y.C.C. of Ireland is passing through the most acute crisis in its career. That the general body of the members are ignorant of the deplorable state of affairs that exists I will take for granted, for were they aware of it I feel certain they would not tolerate its continuance. As to the causes which have contributed to the bitter animosity and ill-feeling which prevail between the two sections of the Dublin members, I will say nothing; for they are of long standing, and I am but a new member. But I saw and heard enough at the last annual general meeting to convince me that unless petty differences are patched up and an amicable settlement arrived at between the parties concerned, the club itself must soon go to the wall. But something more than a reconciliation is needed if the club is to be carried on as it should be. That the Y.C.C. of Ireland is managed on very unbusinesslike lines, and in a rather slip-shod manner, cannot be denied. The way in which the annual meeting was conducted proves the truth of my assertion. Harmony among the officials of a club is much to be desired, but of what use is it if it is counter-balanced by a total disregard of the printed rules of the club and a deplorable ignorance of the rules of procedure on the proper interpretation of which the success of meetings, especially of annual meetings, depends? The way in which the election of officers for the current season was carried out furnishes a striking illustration. Rule ten lays it down that voting papers "shall be sent by the secretary with the notice convening the annual meeting, and must be returned to the Scrutineers (who shall be appointed by the committee) at least fourteen days before such meeting." Plain, undiluted English that, surely. What happened last Friday week at the annual meeting? Two scrutineers (of whom I was one) were appointed at the annual meeting. We did not even handle a ballot paper, and never in my experience did I act under similar conditions. Instead of the voting papers—each of which contained the name of the voter—being handed over to us for scrutiny, the secretary, Mr. Sholedice, took it upon himself to read out the lists to us in the hearing of the members present, who had crowded around the table. We recorded each vote as the name of the candidate was read out to us, and when we had finished our labours we found that (for the chairmanship) Mr. Devitt had secured a majority of one. On that we were both agreed; we agreed as to every total, as a matter of fact, but in two minor instances. Well, the chairman, Mr. Bray, declared Mr. Devitt duly elected, and Mr. Cloake did not demand a recount, which he would have been justified in doing in view of the small majority recorded against him. It was assumed, therefore, that the matter had ended there, but when Mr. Bersse, the newly elected secretary, went home he "looked over" the voting papers (he had taken the voting papers home with him—out of us he said, "mere curiosity") and made the important discovery that "it was a tie for the chairmanship." It transpired that Mr. Sholedice—who was as deeply interested in Mr. Cloake's election as was Mr. Bersse—had "neglected to read out Mr. Cloake's name" to us from a Mr. Dowling's voting paper! At the adjourned meeting the following Friday the voting lists were checked by Mr. Bray (so far as they concerned the chairmanship) who found that both Mr. Cloake and Mr. Devitt had secured a similar number of votes, and he (Mr. Bray) "very reluctantly" gave his casting vote in Mr. Cloake's favour! That the election of officers was illegally carried out from beginning to end, in view of the rule I have quoted and the procedure adopted at the annual meeting, I have not the least doubt. Personally, it is immaterial to me who is elected to any office so long as I know the gentleman is capable of discharging the duties, and I think, from the little I know of Mr. Cloake, that he will make a capable chairman; but I draw attention to the matter to show our country members how their interests are attended to and the club rules carried out. Then, again, two auditors should have been elected according to rule ten, but the subject of the election of auditors never was mentioned, even in the voting papers sent out, and there was no such thing as an agenda for the meeting. Rule three was also violated, inasmuch as voting papers were sent out to members whose subscriptions were in arrears; but their votes were recorded, on condition that the subscriptions were paid within fourteen days subsequent to the annual meeting! I am not certain either if the auditors' certificate was appended to the "duly audited balance-sheet" sent out (rule five) to members, for as I write I have not the balance-sheet by me. I quite forget if the auditors' certificate accompanied it. I know also, for certain, that rule four is not enforced as it should be, and if holding meetings in a fully-licensed hotel is not a violation of rule eight, I am surprised. The correct interpretation of the rules, and a fixed determination to enforce them, are absolutely essential to the success of any organisation constituted on a proper basis, and it may be that the disregard for their own rules which prevails among the Dublin members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland has contributed not a little to the present crisis. Personally, I am of opinion—novice though I am in the Fancy—that the rules of our club are not what they should be, even though they are framed on lines similar to those which obtain in some of the big English clubs.

In conclusion, I would appeal to all the "aggrieved parties" to settle any differences that may exist among them, and try to make the club what it should be, but certainly is not. Even if the rules which exist at present were rigidly enforced, we would get on much better, but I am strongly of opinion that what is required is a reconstruction of the club on a proper and workable basis, the sinking of petty differences, and a thorough appreciation of the objects for which the club was formed. Then the present much to-be-deplored state of affairs would soon come to an end. Apologising for the length of this letter, and thanking you in anticipation, I remain, etc., J. P. ROONEY.

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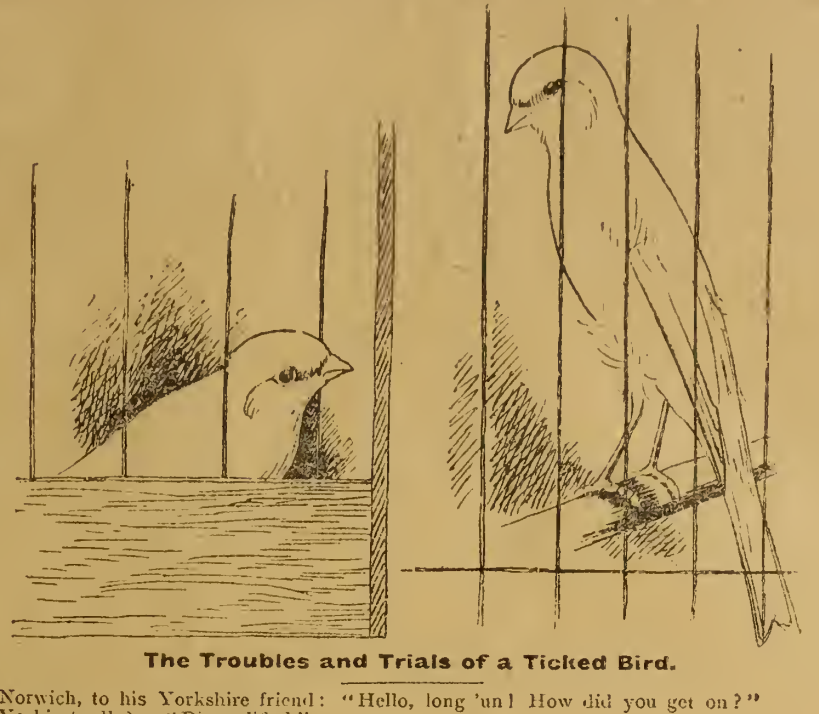
SIR,—Mr. Lythgoe says Mr. Crawhall did not appeal, but rather preferred to choose the more heroic method of protesting by resigning from the societies of which he was a member. Mr. Crawhall certainly adopted the wisest and best course, as the inference to be drawn from Mr. Lythgoe's letter is that even if he had appealed to the Executive Council, his sentence of suspension would still have been confirmed, and Mr. Crawhall would have been 10s. the poorer in consequence. Mr. Lythgoe says the local district committees are in the best position to judge the merits of the cases that come before them. If this be so, then it follows that it is of no earthly use having an Executive Council as a court of appeal. If they, the Executive Council, are prepared to endorse and confirm all the business transacted by district committees, what, I ask, is to be gained by making an appeal to them. Nothing by the applicant; but 10s. more to swell the funds of the Cage Bird Union. Fellow fanciers, are we prepared to tolerate such a condition of things as this? I answer most emphatically, No. We neither do nor will appeal for justice—we demand it. Here we have a glaring miscarriage of justice carried out by a district committee, countenanced and confirmed by the Executive Council, and that, too, in the face of the unanimous protest from several large and influential societies, who requested them to reconsider the case. This I maintain to be the most flagrant act of discourtesy the Executive Council could have offered Northern Fanciers. I think it would have reflected more credit upon them if they had sent the case back to the district committee for reconsideration. The very fact of the members of this local committee unanimously expressing the hope that Mr. Crawhall would be successful in his appeal against the sentence th' had imposed upon him proves to all right-thinking and fair-minded persons that they, the district committee, had made a mistake, and were anxious to have it rectified. If the business of the Cage Bird Union is to be carried on in such a reprehensible manner, then the sooner it is ended the better it will be for the well-being of the cage bird Fancy. On the other hand, if it is to continue to exist to control the affairs of the Fancy, then I, with scores of others, demand that it be worked more on the lines of truth, justice, and brotherly love. These elements, I am sorry to say, have been conspicuous by their absence in connection with the case referred to.

JOHN CURRAH.

THE MAKING OF BIRDLIME.

SIR,—Seeing an inquiry in CAGE BIRDS anent the making of bird-lime, and seeing you give a recipe for same, I will give you my method of making it. You give no instructions as to what to do when it fires, which it is apt to do, and when pouring it out, if it is not boiled enough, it flies out of the water again, and one is liable to get his hands burned or scalded when making it if not properly instructed. I will give you the full instructions. Purchase one pint of the best raw linseed oil (be sure it is raw), and place it in a three-pint or half-gallon saucepan, that is not cracked, and get a piece of iron hooping off a tub, about 2ft. long, or anything similar, to stir it up with. Don't have anything that will catch fire, such as a piece of wood. The next thing you must have is an old piece of bagging; when doubled up four or five times, this should be large enough to cover all over the top of the saucepan. When your fire is burned through (not bright, but just beginning to burn low), place your saucepan on it, and have your piece of bagging in easy reach. Start stirring it round, when it begins to smoke, with your piece of iron. There is no knowing when it will begin to thicken. I have had it begin to thicken in just over half-an-hour, but never above an hour. You can easily tell when it is beginning to thicken, as a froth will come on the top, and soon after it will begin to rise up in the saucepan. When like this, on no account leave off stirring, for this is the time that it fires. If it fires, don't get excited, but just catch hold of your bagging and dab it over the top of your saucepan; then remove it off the fire, and allow your saucepan to cool for a few minutes, afterwards placing it on the fire again. Remove your bagging and begin to stir again. Soon after, the froth, which is of a light colour, will change to black; this is a sign that it is nearly thick enough. You can tell when it is thick enough while you are stirring it. When you see it sticking to your stirring iron, place your bagging over it again, and take it outside, where you have a bucket of water waiting. Remove your bagging and hold your saucepan at arm's length over your bucket and begin to pour it steadily. If it begins cracking and splitting, it is not boiled enough, but if boiled enough it will stick in one piece in the water. When you have poured it all out, scrape your sancepan out with your iron with one hand before you remove it from over the water, as a large quantity sticks round the sides. When you have it all out get your iron and stir it round in the water to cool it, and when cold get your two hands and start pulling it: the more you pull it the better it gets. If it is too thick, get some one to drop some Stockholm tar on it (while you are pulling it) until it is thin enough. You will notice I always put the bag over it before removing it off the fire. If you are making it in the house, I should advise you to send your wife out to tea somewhere.

J. B. C.



The Troubles and Trials of a Ticked Bird.

Norwich, to his Yorkshire friend: "Hello, long 'un! How did you get on?"
Yorkie (sadly): "Disqualified."
Norwich: "Disqualified! How's that?"
Yorkie (with tears in his eyes): "Judge sed he cudna find t'tick. An ah'll be blowed if he hevn't left me wi' reight fine breeches. Master'll be fair capt! Hez ta done owt?"
Norwich: First and Special. Judge couldn't see the tick, but he felt certain I had one!"

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—On reading the account of the Sunderland C.B.A. meeting (under the above heading), where Mr. W. Reid gives his opinion that birds with invisible ticks or marks should be allowed to compete in clear classes, I notice his chief reason seems to be to prevent the bird from being handled by the judge, which I think is too mild an excuse; (I should think it far better to insist upon their being handled in the clear class, to see if they really are clear or not, so as to give satisfaction all round), and I am surprised to see a whole society led away by it. I agree with Mr. Reid when he says that some birds, after being handled, will sit and mope all day long, but I don't agree that they should have a prize card to mope behind, and I doubt if there are many judges who would give one. Why should these worn-out old "have beens" be placed in front of strong healthy birds? If a fancier is showing a bird that is sound and all right, he is not against its being handled by the judge to see if it is clear or not, and a bird that cannot stand this is not fit to win. If birds cannot pull themselves together within a reasonable time, but take all day to do it, they are best dead, for of what use are they? What fancier would go into a breeding-room and buy a bird of this description, as it would evidently have to be handled there? Neither could it be sent away on approval without the expectation of having it returned, and carriage to pay. I can understand if anyone had a bird of this description it would be the only means of getting rid of it to have it shown without the judge being permitted to handle it. Now, this would be all very well for the seller; but what about a young fancier claiming it? (I don't think many old ones would). Isn't it just sufficient to make him throw up the Fancy in disgust? At the very least, he would "shy" at buying another bird off the show bench. Mr. Reid says it means the more frequent washing of an exhibit than would have been necessary had the bird not been handled. Now, he must think that judges have very dirty hands, for a bird to want washing after being handled by him. Mr. Reid also seems to think it is so very simple to make these ticked birds into clears. Well, he might perhaps pluck out one or two feathers without their being missed, but he would have to be very careful how many more he did pull out, especially at the thighs, or he would soon be found out.

A. WOOLLARD.

THE SHOWS.

HARLECH.

Held on September 12th, in connection with the annual agricultural show of the Merioneth district, one class being provided for Canaries. Mr. Birch made the awards.

CAN.: 1, J. O. Williams, an exceptionally good Yorkshire hen, nicely drawn good length and style, feathered like wax; 2, E. Edwards, a medium-sized Yorkshire, very shapely, in nice form; 3, J. E. Jones, a good-sized Crest-bred Variegated, handicapped by not being ready yet, will do better later on.

READING.

A class of Canaries and another for British birds were provided at the 10th annual show, held in the King's Meadows, on August 29th, under the auspices of the Reading Biscuit Factory Recreation Club. The exhibits in this section were up to the average in both number and quality, and received not a little attention from the visitors. The hon. secretary was Mr. C. E. Longhurst, who is deserving of much credit for his able conduct of affairs; Mr. E. Cawston judged.

CANARY (not colour-fed), 1, vhc, Giles; 2, vhc, Aldridge; 3 and r, Vickers. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, Aldridge (Linnets).

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

What has come to be regarded as the national gathering of young Scotch Fancy Canaries bred by members, was held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on September 19th, under most favourable weather conditions. The morning opened genially, but the sun did not appear till after noon, which was to the benefit of the exhibits, seeing the building contained one entire side of windows. We have seldom seen so many very young birds to match those on exhibition for nerve and steadiness in working. In the judges' hands they were at home, and gave the impression that they had gone through a course of special training. The entries totalled over 324, and the quality was superior to that of previous years; the executive and members have just reason to be proud of bringing the cream of 1908 breeding before the public. It will be observed that the prizes were well divided, and that a lady fancier—Miss Brown, of Duns—not only gained a first in the heaviest merit class, viz., the Buff hen Piebald or Green, but had the distinguished honour of being the runner up for the cup with the same hen. Mr. McLennan, who is at home in capturing cups and medals, after a keen contest secured the cup and gold medal with a smart, compact Buff cock full of quality; it had almost all the good points that are aimed at in the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary. The visitors were not so numerous as they were in 1907, doubtless due to the trade depression experienced in Glasgow and other industrial centres; the interest shown, however, was very pronounced. The entire proceedings made it clear that the interest in the Scotch Fancy Canary has revived, and that it has a future before it. The judges could not have been more painstaking; they were paired as follows: Messrs. Hamilton and Watson, and Messrs. Clark and Kean. Only one referee was necessary, and that solely because two birds were so near for quality, and the other two judges confirmed the placing of the officiating judges. The president, (Mr. Wright), the vice-president (Councillor Hogg), Mr. Porteous, and the secretary (Mr. Thos. Smith) were in attendance, and had all the arrangements well carried out, rendering it a pleasure to anyone to visit the show and take part in the competition. From the platform the birds and their admirers presented a brilliant picture in the glowing sunshine.

YELL. CK. (35): 1, 4, McClure, 1st medium size, very fine quality, erect, neat head, free neck, grand droop, prominent shoulder, clean front, full of action; 4th, fine specimen, erect, neat head; 2, 5, Stewart, 2nd exceds in size, will quicken when through moult, erect, nicely rounded back, grand body and wing, promising exhibit; 5th, grand size; 3, McMillan, a beauty, erect, nice head, neck, shoulder, front, and body, very reachy, good drive; 6, Johnstone; 7, McDonald; 8, Orr; 9, Thornton. BEN (35): Fine quality and strong numerically; 1, McMillan, grand size, erect, fine head and neck, prominent shoulder, fine depth through chest, clean front, long, solid body, well fitting wings; 2, Thornton, long, reachy hen, with extra long and broad tail, very erect, pronounced a droop, neat head, good shoulder, quick and takes firm hold of perch; 3, Hope, erect, sweet head and neck, good reach, fine shoulder, body, and wing; 4, Ward, neat typical Scotch Fancy, fine style; 5, McClure, another nice hen, with excellent points; 6, Moore, compact, upstanding, and stylish; 7, Renwick; 8, Muir, head; 9, McCallum. YELL. CK., PIED OR GREEN (23): 1, 5, McLennan, 1st in first feather, large massive frame, grand solid back, decided drive; 5th, neat and typical, erect, fine head and neck; 2, Allan, grand, well-built bird, fine head and neck, ready droop, good top, front, body, wing and tail, we heard of some doubting its sex; 3, Johnstone, erect, fine head and neck, fair shoulder, grand body and wing; 4, Thornton, stylish, erect, decided drive, nice body and wing; 6, Strathearn, typical; 7, Carmyllie; 8, Ward; 9, Hope. BEN (29): 1, McLennan, upstanding, neat head, long neck, fine droop, heavy back, good body, wing, and tail; 2, Muir, really good second, erect, neat head, nice neck and drive, solid, well-built back, good body; 3, 9, Petrie, 3rd grand solid hen, heavy top, good head, neck, direct drive; 4, Maxwell, well up, good type very ready; 5, Allan, solid and typical, rare stock hen; 6, Burnside; 7, Russell; 8, Bell. BUFF CK. (41): 1, cup and medal, 5, McLennan, 1st medium-size, fine, smooth, close feather, erect, decided droop (in this point he excelled all others), sweet head, nice neck, well set on legs, displays round, solid shoulders, and clean front; 5th, good and typical; 2, Allan, grand style, erect, decided drive, neat head, nice neck, good shoulder, body, and wing; 3, Johnstone, well up, good shoulder, nice reach, body, and wing; 4, Allison, really nice all-round exhibit, fine points; 6, Menzies; 7, Renwick; 8, Jackson; 9, O'Donnell. BEN (41): 1, 8, Allan, 1st sweet and ideal type, erect, fine head and neck, good droop, nice back, body and wing; 2, McClure, ready and smart, erect, neat head, fine reach, solid top, clean front; 3, Ferguson, erect, good reach, nice shoulder, body and wing; 4, McDonald, typical, and full of merit, will be honoured again; 5, Johnstone, nice hen, very quick; 6, Portcous; 7, Chalmers; 9, Lees. BUFF CK., PIED, OR GREEN (29): 1, Fleming, very erect, rare drive, neat head, fine neck, good shoulders, clean front, rare body and wing, quick but steady; 2, 7, Maxwell, 2nd ideal Scotch Fancy, medium size, but extra well moulded, finely circled, and takes rare grip of perch; 3, McLennan, erect, good reach, nice body and wing; 4, McDonald, well up, decided droop, good body and wing; 5, Allison, good body and wing; 6, Banks; 7, 8, Smith; 9, O'Donnell. HEN (43): The class for quality; no easy matter to win here; 1, Miss Brown, runner up for cup, large and massive, neat head, long neck, heavy shoulder, determined droop, clean front, long substantial body, closely fitting wing, greatly admired; 2, McLennan, another superior hen, neat head, fine neck and droop, solid, well-built back, grand body; 3, McLennan, rare style, erect fine head, neck and droop, good body and action; 4, Carmyllie, another beauty, erect fine head and neck, good droop; 5, 6, McMillan, pair of really typical modern hens; 7, Smith; 8, Allison; 9, Burnside.

GAERWEN.

Annual show held September 12th in connection with the horticultural, etc., event. One class was provided for cage birds only, amongst which were shown some of the best birds of North Wales, several previous 1st and special winners being amongst the carded division on account of the meagre classification. Mr. Proud made the awards.

CANARY A.V. (19): 1, vhc, J. O. Williams, Yorkshire clear buff, good quality, stands well; 2, J. O. Rowlands, Norwich, clear buff, plenty of size and quality, also shape, an old winner in good form, ought to stand higher later on; vhc, E. J. Jones, good Crest, often met, had to be contented in the carded list to-day.

WEST TARRING & DISTRICT F.A.

The cage bird section of this show, held on September 9th, was a success, and was patronised by a large number of the many visitors. Mr. H. Frost (Brighton) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

CANARY: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Cecle, splendid Crest leading, easy winner, followed by a Buff Crest-bred, beaten to-day in condition, a nice Norwich made up a very good team; hc, Stubbs; c, Swaysland. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Swaysland, Goldfinch, splendid blaze, bars, wins; 2, hc, Hopper, Goldfinch and Bullie; the Goldie only lost on condition; Bullie not quite through moult; vhc, Stubbs, nice Greenfinch. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Swaysland, Tit Lark, well shown and wins; vhc, hc, Hopwood.

DROGHEDA.

The Drogheda annual show and exhibition took place on September 16th and 17th at the Boys' Brigade Athletic Grounds. As usual the committee had a show of cage birds, but it was not open as in former years, being confined to Drogheda and counties of Louth and Meath. There were close on 100 entries, and some very good specimens were shown. Mr. Wm. Wall (Dublin) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. CK.: 1, Gray, clear Yellow, plenty of style and quality; 2, McCullen, another good bird; vhc, Keating; hc, Miss Smith; c, Miss Tighe. HEN: 1, McCullen, yellow hen, well up in style and quality, good bird; 2, McKitterick, another good one, but not yet through moult; vhc, Gray; hc, Miss Smith; c, Miss Perrin. TICKED, ETC.: 1, Gray, buff ticked, a gem; 2, vhc, Miss Perrin, good bird but a little gone in tail, cinnamon marked; hc, Meehan; c, Keating. HEN: 1, McCullen, good bird, nice stand, showing grand thigh, and fine wing carriage; 2, vhc, Miss Perrin, good, beaten in moult; hc, Miss Smith. SELL. CAN.: 1, McCullen, Buff Norwich, good chubby bird; 2, McConnon, another good bird; vhc, hc, Miss Perrin; c, Leech. CANARY (confined): 1, 2, Meehan; vhc, McCluskey; hc, McEvoy. MULES, CLEAR OR PIED: 1, McCullen, good big Goldfinch and Canary Mule, variegated, plenty of feather and quality; 2, vhc, Meehan, another nice bird; hc, Leech. DARK: McCullen, dark Linnet Mule, topper, good pencillings and markings; 2, Miss Perrin, Siskin Mule, well deserving of place; vhc, Byrne; res, Flynn; hc, Meehan; c, Leech. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, McCullen, Buff Scotch Fancy, good shoulders, with nice curve and drive; 2, McEvoy, nice Crested Norwich; vhc, hc, Meehan; c, Miss Perrin.

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The Disadvantage of it.

To assert that this system of moulting the birds in couples or trios is without a single fault would be to claim an ideal which probably is not to be found this side of the millenium. There is at least one grave danger to be faced in certain circumstances, which, however, is easily met when one is aware of it. The danger is that of the birds being quarrelsome and having the mischievous habit of plucking feathers out of their companion's.

This must be strictly guarded against when one is dealing with such a variety as the Lizard, as the loss of tail or flight feathers at the first moult might be a great detriment, and would seriously affect a bird's chances of success on the show bench.

The same remark would apply to the London Fancy, but that variety seems so rare nowadays that it is probably only to be found in the hands of a few admirers who are well aware of its peculiarity in this respect.

Both the varieties mentioned are, from an exhibitor's point of view, what a gardener would term "annuals," being one year's show birds, or at their best for show purposes for one season only, and that between the first and second moults. In these varieties, also, tailing and flighting are not only unnecessary but absolutely detrimental, and in the vast majority of cases would be quite fatal to success.

It is equally important that none of the second crop of small feathers, or, at least, no appreciable quantity should be lost from the Lizard, as there is always a greater or less risk of the feathers that will take their place coming lighter, and forming a great blemish when the bird happens to be brought into close competition.

Means of Prevention.

With such varieties as those just considered, where the consequences of plucking are always serious, it is obvious that the safest and best method of preventing the trouble arising is to moult the birds singly in separate cages. This simplifies the matter, and sweeps away all cause for anxiety at once. But when it is not carried out, one can only use the best judgment in selecting amiable and agreeable couples for placing together, and then keep a very close watch over their behaviour towards each other during the progress of the moult, and, of course, making out a writ for judicial separation immediately they begin to show signs of disagreeing with each other.

When the time comes for covering the cages or limiting the strength of the light in the room there will be rather less danger of serious dispute arising, as the birds will remain more quietly in repose when they have less light to excite them to action. And if any couple should seem a little bit quarrelsome, a light covering over the cage front in those cases where only the windows have been covered, and where a light cover has been over the cage front, a rather denser and closer covering will very often suffice to remove the trouble.

It will thus be seen that the practice of limiting the light admitted to the birds during the latter half of the moult is not only useful for preventing the natural bleaching of the colour of the new plumage, but is also indirectly of much use for preventing them plucking each other when more than one are caged together.

When Good Colour Alarms.

It is quite a common occurrence at this time to come across inexperienced hands (who are either in their first year of breeding Canaries, or are, perhaps, colour-feeding for the first time), who are extremely anxious when the new colour begins to show less it should be too "hot" for any present-day judge. Providing the colour has been given as has already been advised, this alarm will, in practically every case, prove utterly groundless.

The fact is that when the plumage is about one-half its proper length it is in every case many shades deeper and richer in tone than it will appear when it is fully developed, so that a perfectly natural-coloured specimen which had never tasted any colour food in its life will appear at this stage almost as rich in colour as one that has been tolerably well fed.

Fed birds are, of course, proportionately deep in tone at every stage, and a bird that will finish up a nice rich orange yellow will, when the new plumage is showing, appear (to use an expressive term) quite "red hot." Therefore, the novice need not be alarmed at seeing his birds apparently coming out on the ruddy side, and on no account should he withdraw the colour-food, nor reduce it until the proper time—when the end of the moult is in view. The probability is that the specimens which he thinks too hot will come out just the tint he is most anxious to get. And even if some of them do finish up too warm it is a very easy matter to tone them down by keeping them uncovered in a strong light for a few days, whereas if the general tone is not quite warm enough it is impossible to add any more depth until another moulting season.

(To be continued.)

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ABERDEEN O.S.

Meeting held September 11th in the Trades Hall Buildings, Mr. Hector in the chair. The show schedule was gone over, and the classification of last year approved. Mr. John Strachan and Mr. James Milne were appointed auditors.—J. BRYSON, Sec.

TONBRIDGE AND DISTRICT F.A.

At a special general meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, Tonbridge, on September 10, the resignation of the secretary, Mr. Kirke, was accepted, and Mr. F. J. Bingham, of 88, Barden-road, Tonbridge, was elected in his stead. Mr. Kirke has removed from Tonbridge, and consequently finds it impossible to give the affairs of the Association the necessary attention.—F. J. BINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

The annual general meeting was held at the Dooghas Hotel, Dublin, the chair being taken by Mr. Grattan Bray. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Major Tretter; vice-presidents, J. D. Bowe, Esq., J. M. Barclay, Esq., and Grattan Bray, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. J. J. Cloke; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. F. Duigenan; hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Birse; committee, Messrs. Gillen, Kenny, M'Kenzie, M'Donnell, Lambert, Carroll, Orr, Taylor, South, Hawkins, Thompson, O'Neill, McQuade, Mulligan, Keatinge and Devins. The Club Show will take place on the 26th and 27th November, Mr. R. Halliday, judge. All communications to be addressed to the Hon. Sec., W. J. BIRSE, 24, Clonliffe-road, Dublin.

PORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.F.S

Special general meeting held on September 12th, at headquarters, Danyr Temperance Bar, Hannah-street, Porth, Mr. J. Shepherd in the chair. Members turned up in good numbers. The chief business was the fixing up of schedule and other show business. The open classes were completed. To last year's classes for Border Fancies we have added a Green Border Class. Mr. Thomas proposed Messrs. Byard and Daniels (Treorchy), as members. These gentlemen being accepted, said they were York-lure breeders. Mr. Thomas said that he had another two new members to propose at the next meeting. Mr. A. H. C. Legg said it gave him great pleasure to see that Mr. Thomas was working so hard to get new members, and it behoved every one to try and do the same. There were plenty of young men in the Rhondda district who were bird fanciers and a little persuasion might bring them into our ranks. We trust Swansea fanciers will support the class which has been added for them. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman, thus closing one of the best meetings ever held. Next meeting 8th September 26th at 7.30 p.m.—ARTHUR H. C. LEGG.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, September 5th. Mr. Chambers occupied the chair. The Rev. C. D. Farrar delivered an essay on "Foreign Birds and their Management." The lecturer first dealt with the aviaries, and the mating of different species. We must congratulate our Rev. friend on his various successes, which have been won by sheer hard work, care, and attention. The Rev. gentleman has also been a successful breeder of the Norwich Plainhead, and British Softbills he has also kept with success. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. C. D. Farrar at the conclusion.—A. WILKINS, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A meeting was held at Glossop on September 6th, fanciers being present from Oldham, Middleton, Denton, Glossop, Rawstenstall, etc. A good deal of business was gone through, and things were made shipshape for the coming season. A visit to a few of the Glossop fanciers showed us some very promising stock, and big hopes are entertained for a successful show season. Will members kindly send me their contributions as early as possible, and be in time for the opening show at Rochdale, to compete for our cups and medals? A cordial invitation to fanciers to join and help to make the club stronger is extended to all non-members.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held September 12th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill in the chair. The patronage was allotted to the following societies. It was with great that we were unable to give patronage to other societies through clashing of dates and judges. The committee will welcome applications from other societies where judges are different from those officiating at the under-named, as by rule no judge must officiate at more than one show per season where this club's specials are competed for:—York C.B.S., Oct. 30th, Mr. J. Robson; Bramley and District O.S., Nov. 7th, Mr. A. G. Davis; Bradford West, C.B.S., Nov. 21st, Mr. J. Beswick; Harrogate C.B.S., Dec. 5th, Mr. J. C. Barnes; Brighouse and District C.B.S., Dec. 18th, Mr. J. Broadley; Great Horton, Jan. 1st, Mr. H. W. Battye; and City of Wakefield, Feb. 15th, Mr. J. N. Harrison.—W. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at Crown Hotel, Station-street, September 2nd, Mr. Broadhurst in the chair. Messrs. Key, Bradshaw, and Saxon were elected members. The classification for the coming show was then proceeded with. It was decided to have 23 open classes: 4 Norwich, 1 Crest, 1 Crested, 4 Yorkshire, 2 Cinnamon, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 4 British, 2 Foreign, and 3 Selling; also 10 for members only. The chairman, on behalf of the members, made a presentation to Mr. H. C. Wilkins (late hon. sec.), in recognition of his services to this society. He pointed out that we were in a much better position financially than when Mr. Wilkins first took over the secretarial duties some years ago. Mr. Wilkins, in reply, said that although he was not at present taking so active a part as hitherto, he hoped to continue his membership for a long time yet.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held September 3rd, when a good number of members and friends met to hear Mr. Tyson lecture on the Crested Canary. Mr. H. E. Tringham, who was in the chair, remarked with what pleasure members had anticipated this lecture. Mr. Tyson was received with much applause, and proceeded to deliver one of the most interesting lectures it has been the privilege of members to listen to. An animated discussion followed, in which the following took a prominent part Messrs. H. E. Tringham, Cunningham, Cole, Lugg, Goodwin, Norris, Cracknell, Richardson, Curtis and many others. At a late hour the chairman said that although reluctant to do so he must draw the meeting to a close, upon which Mr. Cunningham rose and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Tyson, Mr. Lugg seconding the same, and it was carried unanimously.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

At our meeting held at Stockport on September 12th, a fair number of members turned up, Mr. J. Gainer (Hazel Grove), being the chairman. We had the pleasure of nominating two new members, namely, Messrs. Lee (Macclesfield), and Minty (Frome). It was decided to recommend at our next meeting that we purchase medals so that we can have them on view at the shows; fanciers of the Lancashires will then be able to see the advantages of joining our society, as there are six medals to be competed for. It was further decided to recommend at our next meeting that should any one desire to give a medal, that permission be given them subject to same being confined to L.C.A. members. Next meeting October 10th, at the Textile Dining Rooms, Oldham. It is hoped members will pay their subscriptions before the Rochdale O.C. show on October 23rd and 24th. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.,

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held Sept. 12th, at the Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over a good attendance. Correspondence, including letters from the secretaries of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, Northern Norwich Club, Northern Crest Club, and several others of importance, relating to our Annual Open Show, November 20th and 21st, having been satisfactorily dealt with, the members proceeded with the business of drawing up the schedule of classes. There was an animated discussion (this discussion will be found fully reported in last week's correspondence. — ED.) on the question of "When is a clear not a Clear," and eventually Mr. W. Reid moved, Mr. T. Riseborough seconded, and Mr. F. Swan supported a proposition that the schedule should read "clear or invisible ticked," and "visible ticked, unevenly marked or variegated." This was carried unanimously. It was decided that before finally adopting the proposition, the secretaries should write to the other Northern Societies to learn whether or not they intended to take any steps in the matter, with the object of settling this vexed question once and for all. It was decided that we add a class for Self Green or Cinnamon Yorkshires, this making a total of six classes for York. The secretaries also reported that we now had the patronage of seven specialist clubs.—REID AND MADDISON, Secs.

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Meeting September 14, at Headquarters. The foreign bird classification for the annual show was reconsidered, upon the ground that the common species were always outclassed by the Tanagers; result, two extra classes. Mr. H. Robbins was thanked for guaranteeing entries. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing income £71 16s. 3d., expenditure £40 0s. 2d., and a balance of £31 16s. 1d., was adopted as read; also balance-sheet of Young Bird Show, income £11 18s. 7d., expenditure £10 11s. 0½d., with a profit of £1 7s. 6½d. A vote of thanks was accorded the "Early Birds" Cricket Club for the use of their implements at the recent match. An essay competition then took place, entitled "Birds I Have Kept," papers from the following being read by the secretary:—"Red-face," "Alario," "Small Foreigner," "Sunflower," "Fancier," and "Hawfinch." ("Devonian" arrived too late to be read.) The following were by vote declared the winners: Gold medal, "Red-face"; silver medal, "Sunflower"; bronze medal, "Hawfinch." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the non-successful competitors, whose papers were considered of high merit. The secretary announced that Miss Brain, one of their lady members, was to be married on September 19th, and, as this was a unique event in the history of the association, begged leave to raise a subscription for a wedding present. The project met with warm approval, and was heartily supported by the chairman and Mr. Curtis, who testified to the financial and clerical services she had long rendered to the association.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members turned up in good numbers on September 15th, to hear Mr. Samuel Dean (Bradford) lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." A few friends were also present. Mr. Dean dealt with the subject in a very instructive and satisfactory manner, after which several questions were put to the lecturer and were ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dean brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The committee have arranged for lectures, etc., during the winter months at which they hope to see fanciers also present who are not members. Ten new members have joined the society recently. Intending members will meet with a hearty welcome. Fee 4/- per annum.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

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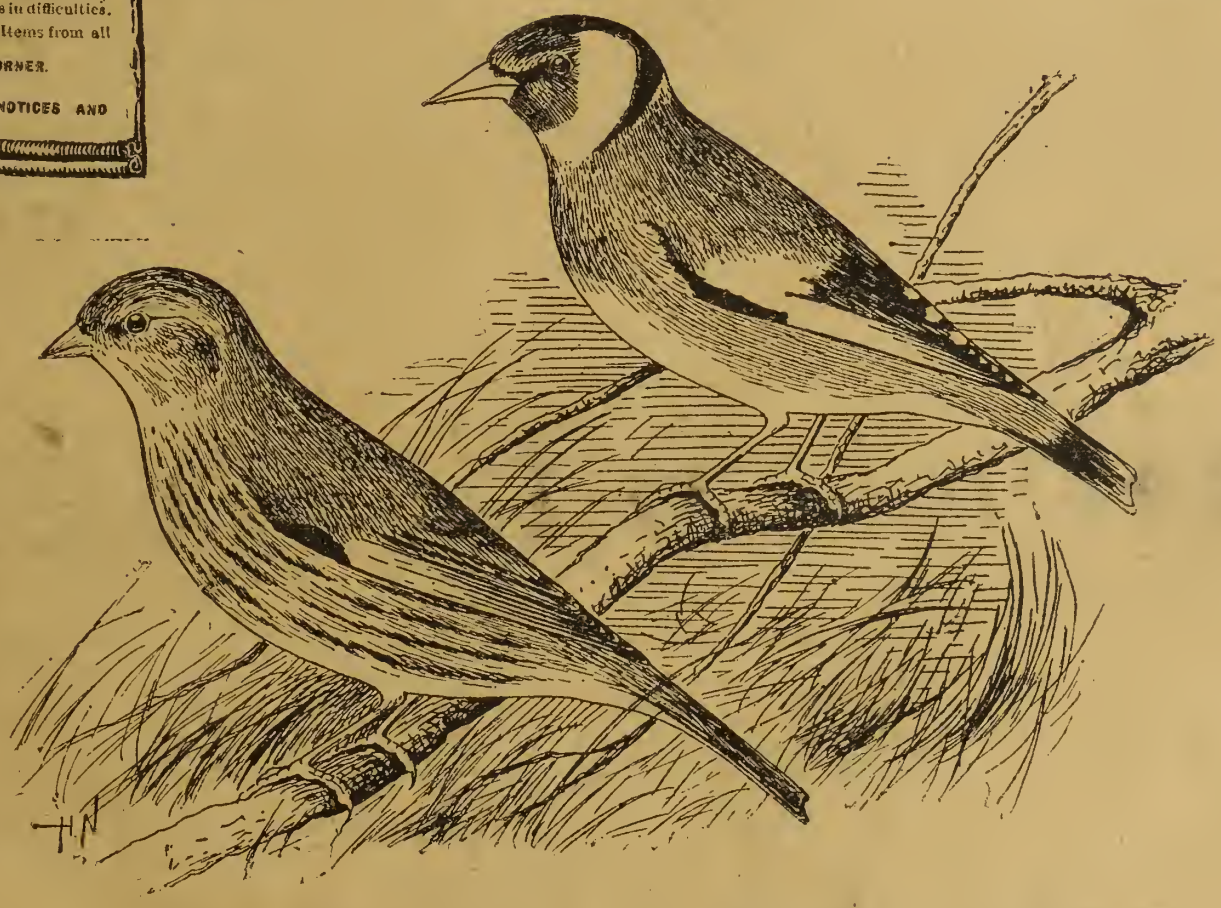
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RULES.

1.—PROCEDURE.—The intending purchaser should send to this office the amount of the purchase (our deposit fee included), and at the same time he should communicate with the seller, stating what it is he requires sent on approval. We acknowledge receipt of the deposit to both parties. In all cases the depositor should give his name and address, and also that of the vendor, and must write same clearly and distinctly.

2.—END OF TRANSACTION.—The deposit is retained by us until we hear from *both* parties that the transaction has been completed. If a sale has been effected, we hand the amount deposited to the seller. If a sale has *not* been effected, we return the amount to the depositor. The transaction must be conducted by the parties themselves. We merely hold the deposit.

3.—AMOUNT OF COMMISSION.—The fee is 6d. for each £1, or fraction of £1, and it must be sent at same time as the deposit.

4.—IMPORTANT POINTS.—The depositor must decide within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the goods whether he will keep or return the same, unless, that is, some other period of approval (of which we must be advised) is agreed upon by both parties. The depositor must at the same time notify us of the fact that he has returned the goods. If the goods are not returned within the said forty-eight hours, we reserve the right to send the deposit to the seller after the expiration of that period. And should the seller fail within three days to notify us of the receipt of his goods back again, the transaction will be treated as ended, and the deposit be returned to the depositor.

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6.—GOODS ALREADY SOLD.—If the goods are sold before our deposit note reaches the seller, or, if for any other reason he declines to do business, he must at once return the deposit note to us. Failing its receipt, we reserve the right to return the deposit to the sender after the expiration of three days.

7.—FRESH TRANSACTION.—In case no sale be effected, a deposit is available for purposes of a fresh transaction, provided another deposit fee be paid.

8.—GOODS IN TRANSIT.—Goods in transit are at the seller's risk, and any damage or loss sustained on the journey must be borne by the seller. But goods not approved of must be properly packed and returned by the same means as were used in sending the same.

9.—PAYMENT OF CARRIAGE.—The payment of carriage must be a matter for arrangement between the vendor and depositor. We do not undertake to settle disputes affecting questions of carriage. But in the absence of other arrangements the purchaser is liable for the carriage of the goods, and if the goods are sent on approval and returned, each party pays the carriage one way.

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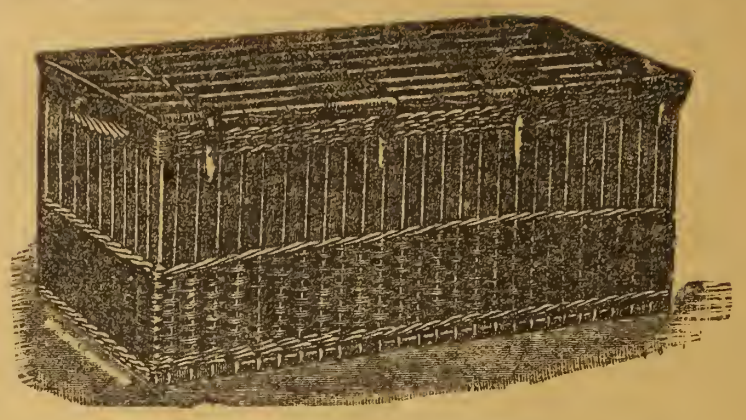
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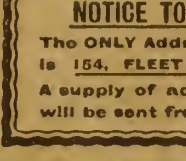
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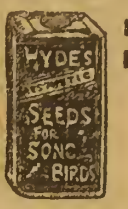
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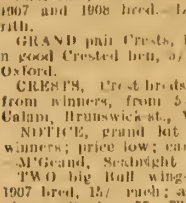
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OCTOBER 7th and 8th, 1908

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October 8th and 9th.

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& District C.B.S. Annual Open Show held under C.B.U. rules of Canaries, Mules and British Birds on **OCTOBER 9th & 10th** under patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club and Yorkshire Canary Club Entries close **October 5th.** Judges: W. Vardy and W. Mundell,

For schedules apply to **GEO. WADDINGTON, Hon. Sec., 68, Edge End Rd., Gt. Harwood.**

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OPEN CAGE BIRD SOCIETY, affiliated to C.B.U., hold their 3rd Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, at the Battersea Town Hall,

Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 14 & 15.

Good classification, scores of Specials, Grand Team contest for valuable Specials. Prize money paid on the night of Show. Under the patronage of the S.Y.C.C. No amalgamation. Judges: Yorkshires A. Pattrick, Esq., all other varieties J. Robson, Esq. Entries close **Tuesday Oct. 6th.**

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Thursday, OCTOBER 15th, 1908.

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OCTOBER 14th, 1908.

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Fanciers' Association 5th Annual.

Competitions, under Cage Bird Licence. Winter Halls, **October 15th & 16th, 1908.** Norwich, 7 classes; Crest, 2; Yorkshire, 4; Mules, 2; British, 2; Selling, 3; Amateurs, 3. Judge, J. H. Roe, Derby. Entries will be received last post, **Thurs. Oct. 8th.** For Specials, etc., see Schedule from—**F. T. PRITCHARD, Secc., Leamington Spa.**

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C.B.S.

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CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange, Darlington,

Saturday, October 17th, 1908.

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OCTOBER 21st & 22nd, 1908.

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For Schedules apply J. KILBY, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, Oct. 22 and 23, 1908, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges: T. Heath and H. Norman. Schedules from **W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze Road, HORFIELD.**

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Licensed to and held under the rules of the C.B.U.

First Prize, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6, 4th, Card. Entry Fee, 1/0.

To be 8 Entries or only Half Prize Money.

Judge—Mr. J. ROBSON

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111 Norwich, Clear or Ticked Yellow.
115 Norwich, Clear or Ticked Buff
116 Norwich, Unevenly Marked or Variegated
117 Norwich, 1908 Unlighted, Clear, Ticked or Unevenly Marked Yellow
118 Norwich, 1908 Unlighted, Clear, Ticked or Unevenly Marked Buff
119 Norwich, any variety (Clear) Yellow.
120 Norwich, any variety (Clear) Buff
121 Norwich, Clear Ticked or Unevenly Marked Yellow or Buff, Natural Colour
122 Cinnamon, Yellow or Buff, Self Colour.
123 Any variety Canary Mule, or Hybrid.
124 Any other variety Canary, not specified.
125 Norwich, any variety, Yellow (Price not to exceed £3.)
126 Norwich, any variety, Buff (Price not to exceed £3.)
127 Any variety Cage Bird, not to exceed 15/-.

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128 Blackbird or Song Thrush
129 Any other variety, Starling or larger, to include Hawfinch.
130 Goldfinch or Bullfinch.
131 Chaffinch, Bramblefinch or Greenfinch.
132 Any other variety smaller than Starling, Hard Bill.
133 Any other variety smaller than Starling, Soft Bill.

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134 Any variety Foreign Bird larger than Cardinal.
135 Any variety Foreign Bird smaller than Cardinal, Single or Pairs.
136 Odd Class, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Any variety Cage Bird. No Entry Fee.

Specials in catalogue. Kindly enter from above. Entries to close **Oct. 12.** We pay prize-money within 14 days. **C. M. LARKMAN, 210, Wellingboro' Road, Northampton.**

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Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in the Oddfellow's Hall,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th,

40 Classes, good Specials, including 6 guinea Challenge Bowl. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges, W. Mundell, Canaries; J. Maddison, Newcastle, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 19th,** Schedules apply **ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.**

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SHOW, OCT. 24th & 26th. Judges, Messrs. Bexson, Roe and Robson. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 1/6 entry fee. Classes for Novices; please support them. **Entries close. OCTOBER 19th.** Schedules ready shortly. **W STEVENS, 22, South St., DERBY.**

BROMLEY, KENT £5 Limit. **October 28 & 29.** 16th Annual Show, Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons. Schedules ready. Entries close **October 12.** Hon. Sec., **SPELLER, "The Laurels," Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.**

KIRBYMOORSIDE (Yorks.) **OCTOBER 29th.** 13 classes Cage Birds. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and good specials for 1/- entrance fee. **REED & CALAM, Secs.**

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Feather and Fur Association. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c. **Thursday October 29, 1908.** Valuable specials. Judge: C. Houlton, Esq., St. Helens. Prize money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. Entries close **Monday October 19.** For schedules apply to—**Morrie Smith and G. A. Doody, Smithfield Street, Oswestry.**

DYSART 4th Annual SHOW,

OCTOBER 31st, 1908.

in Normand Hall, Extended Classification, 56 Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Entry money, 1/6, all Classes. Judges; Messrs. M. Swinton, Scotch fancies; J. M'Lay, Crests and Plainheads; Wm. M'Adam, Borders; P. Pettigrew, Mules, Hybrids, Brit. & Foreign. Under Patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C. numerous Specials. **Entries close OCT 26th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN,** Hon. Sec., **23, High St., Dysart**

HALSTEAD ESSEX **Open £5 Limit Show. Oct. 31st.** Judges, W. H. Cook and G. H. Billett (Cage Birds). **Entries close Oct. 20, to W. F. MONK, 93, Owen Terrace. Secretary.**

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show in Victoria Hall on **Saturday and Monday, October 31st & November 2nd** (Affiliated to to C.B.U.) 42 classes, splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of valuable specials. Prompt payment. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton. Entries close Tuesday Oct. 27. Send for schedules to **Thos. Smith, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.**

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ROTHERHAM

C. B. S. 11th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, to be held under C. B. U. Rules, on **November 2nd & 3rd. 1908.** in St. George's Hall. Judges; W. Vardy, Esq. & W. H. Shackleton, Esq. of Bradford. Schedule will be ready shortly **J. C. HAYES. 9. Florence Road. Masbro'.**

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Affiliated to C.B.U.) **OCTOBER 20th & 21st.** Entries close **OCTOBER 10th.** Entry Fee 1/6 per cage. Prize money, 2/- per class. Four money prizes in each class. A Good Special in every class in addition to prize money. British classes have two Specials per class. Free collection and delivery of exhibits from Railway station guaranteed. Patronage of S.N.P.C., C.C.C., L. & P.O.S., and N.B.B. & M.C.
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CAMBRIDGE **C.B.S.** Under C.B.U. Rules.
OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd.
Judges: J. Robson and R. J. Howe. Under the patronage of C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. Over 70 Classes. 80 Specials, Silver Medals, &c. Best Hall in England. Exhibits well looked after. 6 Norwich 4 Yorkshire, 6 Crest, 7 Border, 3 Cinnamon, 1 Greens, 3 Matched Pairs, 1 Dutch Frills, 2 A.O.V. Canary 2 Belling, 3 Hybrid, 12 British, 2 Foreign, 2 Juvenile.
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ROCHDALE ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB 28TH ANNUAL SHOW

will be held in the Rochdale Town Hall, **23rd and 24th OCTOBER, 1908.** Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, R. Barrass and L. Butterworth. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association, Yorkshire Canary Club, Lancashire Canary Assoc., L. & L.F.A., and F.B.C. 59 classes. Particulars to follow.

PETERBORO' **OCTOBER 29th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds.** Under C.B.U. Licence. 6 open classes for Norwich, One each A.O.V. and Hybrids. £3 3s. Limit classes, 6 Norwich, 4 Yorkshire, 5 British Birds, 1 Foreign. Judge: J. C. Barnes Walkley, Sheffield. **Entries close, OCT. 19th.**
FRED. JACKSON, Secretary, "White Horse," Cumbergate, Peterboro',

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WOLVERHAMPTON OPEN SHOW. Affiliated to C.B.U.
OCT. 29th and 30th. British Roller Canary Clubs patronage. 37 classes. Good Prize money and specials. Judges: J. Robson and F. A. Lester. Schedules apply **F. HOWES, 25 Leslie Road, WOLVERHAMPTON.**

YORK **C.B.S.** Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Oct. 30 & 31, 1908** (under C.B.U. Rules). Splendid Classification, Good Prize Money, 41 Specials; under the patronage of the Y.B.B. & M.C. Entrance Fee 1/-. Entries close **Monday, Oct. 26th.** Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Brown. Schedules now ready.
A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.

SHEFFIELD **C.B.S.** Under C.B.U Rules, Grand open show of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds held in the Temperance Hall, Townhead Street **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6th & 7th.** Under patronage of L. & P.O.S. 32 open classes, prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also 4 Points Specials to each Section for 1/6 entry. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, W. H. Battye, J. Bexon, E. E. Smith, & J. Browning. Entries close **Nov. 2nd.** Schedules from, **W. LINDSAY, 202, King James Street, Sheffield.**

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AYR & DISTRICT C.B.C. Open Show, on SAT. NOVEMBER 7th,

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under Patronage of Glasgow & Western Counties Club. Judges: Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston. 38 classes. 1/6 entry for 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Great list of Specials. Splendid Hall and railway connection.
Entries Close. NOVEMBER 2nd. Schedules from **C. IRVINE**, Sec., 144, **Prestwick Rd., AYR.**

BARNSTAPLE
OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.
NOVEMBER 3rd & 4th, 1908.
Under License C. B. U. Judge:—J. H. Payne, Esq. Gloucester. **Percival Harris, High St., Barnstable.**

MARGATE
11th Annual Show of Pigeons and Cage Birds, open to all England. Classes for Poultry open to the Isle of Thanet only. **Nov. 4th & 5th, 1908.** Judges, Poultry, Clem Watson, Esq. Pigeons, Revd. Lumley, Cage Birds, J. North, Esq. **W. J. JONES**, Hon. Sec., **28, Fort Crescent, Margate.**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS
& DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION.
Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. **November 4th & 5th, 1908.** Sussex Assembly Rooms, Ye Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells. Entries Close, **October 27th, 1908.**
H. G. WHIBLEY, Hon Sec., **56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells.**

GT. YARMOUTH
TWENTIETH ANNUAL SHOW (OPEN),
NOVEMBER 4th and 5th.
20 Classes Cage Birds.
Judge, Mr. Greeves. **Entries close Oct. 21.** For Schedules, apply **J. SHEARMAN, 156, King Street, Great Yarmouth.**

CARMARTHEN **NOV. 5th.** (C.B.U. Licence). The Carmarthenshire P. Pg. and C.B. Society's Show in the Assembly Rooms. Light and well warmed. Plenty of open specials. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry 1/6. Judge: J. B. Evans, Esq., Swansea. Hon. Sec.: Fred King, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.

STOCKTON ON TEES
AND DISTRICT C.B.S.
Affiliated to C.B.U. Fourth Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in Temperance Hall, **Saturday November 7th, 1908.** 38 classes, specials every Class. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee 1/-. Judges, T. Dixon, Canaries, R. J. Howe, British and Foreign. Entries close **October 31st, 1908.** Schedules from **J. W. LOWER, 17, Canning St., Stockton on Tees.**

CLEATOR MOOR FANCIERS SOCIETY
Under C.B.U. License, Fifth Annual open Show of Bantams, Pigeons & Cage Birds, will be held in the Market Hall, on **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, E. H. Crow & J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Wellings; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification, Specials galore in every class. Entries close **Oct. 31st.** Schedules now ready from the Sec., **Jas. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

North Berks. ABINGDON. NOV. 12th.
Entries close Nov. 3. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good Classification; many specials. Cage-Bird judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. Prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **Mr. T. Bowen, 10, High Street, Abingdon.**

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW, **Nov. 25 &26.**
Judge: Mr. Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules shortly. **W. C. Inward, Cirencester.**

WARRINGTON C.B.S. Winning Nos. of Drawing, 818 59, 564, 228, 691, 795, 26, 988, 525, 901, 954, 677. Prizes may be had from, **J. Emmett, 79, Buttermarket Street**

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Kindly announce that at the annual show of the Glastonbury and Dis. F.A., to be held on November 11th, 15 open classes will be provided for cage birds, write Messrs. Cridland and Edwards, the secretaries. These will be judged by Mr. Hamilton Pauley, of Wells (formerly of Plymouth).

TWITTERINGS.

Battersea Great Show.—Have you seen a schedule? Send for one at once.—(ADVT.)

The Chichester annual members' show will be held, we are informed, on November 26th.

Fanciers should on no account overlook sending for schedule of Gt. Harwood Show.—(ADVT.)

Kindly notify my change of address from Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, writes Mr. G. B. Leclair, to 206, High Road, South Tottenham, London, N.

Bronghty Ferry Show.—Entries close October 5th. Send for your schedule at once.—(ADVT.)

We hear from the secretary, Mr. Wright, that the Polesworth and Dis. F.A. are thinking of putting on a few classes for cage-birds at their forthcoming annual show.

We hear that Mr. W. R. Miles, of Chichester, is down to judge at the Winchester show, to be held on November 26th.

We have secured the Public Hall, London Road, for our annual members' show on October 29th, writes Mr. W. Lang, junr., hon. secretary of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.

The words "or Hybrid" in class 69 of our schedule, write Messrs. Reed and Calam, secretaries of the Kirbymoorside and Dis. F.S., should have been omitted. Fanciers will please take note of this.

Kindly state in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, write Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes, breeders and exhibitors of Yorkshire Canaries, that we have removed to No. 11, Anderson Street, Sandal, Wakefield.

In noting Mr. B. Simpson's change of address from Northallerton in our last issue our printers gave it as 31, Broughton Terrace, Harehills Lane, Leeds, instead of number 3. Show secretaries and others will please note.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary of the South Manchester C.B.S., writes Mr. Jno. C. Spilsbury, and that all communications must be addressed to me at 2, Ansdell Road, Windmill Lane, Reddish, near Stockport.

On account of the Clapham Bird Show being held on October 1st, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries of the Dulwich O.S., the committee meeting of our society will be held on October 8th. The committee and members will attend and patronise the Clapham show.

A very fine example of the Ortolan Bunting (Emberiza hortulana) was taken near Brighton on September 23rd, writes Mr. Walter Swaysland, the well-known naturalist, and is the first specimen recorded about here for many years.

At a recent meeting of the Gloucester Fanciers' Society, writes Mr. Richard Powell, 70, Northgate Street, Gloucester, I was unanimously elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Our annual show will be held on January 13th and 14th next, in the Public Baths, Gloucester.

It is gratifying for me to be able to inform you that the members of the United Kingdom Lizard Canary Society have consented to exhibit at our show on October 10th, when they will compete for their society's medals, writes Mr. F. Steeple, hon. secretary of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. I hope they will be able to muster a good number of exhibits, as I understand it is their first show of the season.

Messrs. T. L. Castree and J. Robson have been engaged to judge at the annual show of the Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S., to be held on December 2nd and 3rd, 1908, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg. Members or fancier friends wishing to give specials should send to the secretary at the earliest possible date, as the schedule will be put in the printers' hands as soon as possible. We have about thirty money specials already in.

I was very much surprised to find my Buff Norwich portrayed on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. I must say it was excellent, and reflected great credit on your artist, Mr. H. Norman. When exhibited, the bird was seldom out of the money. The following are a few of his wins:—1st Hanley, 1st Leek, 1st Horticultural Hall, 2nd Nottingham; etc. I hope the sale of CAGE BIRDS will go on increasing as of old.—W. WHETSTONE (Leek).

The Cinnamon Canary Club will hold their club show in conjunction with Sunderland Open Show, on November 20th and 21st, write Messrs. Reid and Maddison, the show secretaries. We have now the patronage of eight specialist clubs, viz.: The Open Norwich P.C., Northern Norwich P.C., Border Fancy C.C., Northern Yorks C.C., Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., Northern Crest Club, United Kingdom Lizard Society, and the Cinnamon C.C. We shall do our very best to fulfil the requirements of fanciers and exhibitors, and we trust to meet with their hearty support when the time comes.

LEND US YOUR EAR.

Our Issue of next week will be a Special Surprise Number. Place your order for it at once, therefore, and make certain of obtaining it. There will be

Something in it to Surprise and Please you.

We have only one further remark to make: Tell all your friends of what is coming.

Kindly note that exhibits for our show will be sent on from Plymouth show by Mr. Pope, the secretary of that show, writes Mr. W. H. Manley, hon. secretary of the Bristol C.B.S. They will be dispatched by the midnight mail and attended to early in the morning here before judging.

Will show secretaries please send on a few schedules and entry forms to me at 3, Devon Street, Parkinson Lane, Halifax, writes Mr. A. E. Morton, hon. secretary of the Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S., for distribution amongst our members, as our society is not in the Yorkshire Union.

Kindly state that we are hoping to have a record night on October 8th, writes Mr. W. Richinson, secretary of the Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S., as we are then having a washing exhibition for novices. Messrs. Greenfield and Richinson will wash the birds, and we are hoping many novices will be present.

Kindly announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that in future the meetings of the Stockport B.F.A. will be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays as formerly, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the hon. secretary. Also that the members' annual show will be held on December 3rd and 4th, when Mr. A. Wellings will judge.

My advertisement under "Canaries Various," offering birds at 2s. 6d. a pair, should have read 12s. 6d. a pair, writes Mr. C. Gale (Kingsweston). This printer's error is causing me a lot of trouble, as I have had numerous applications, as well as postal orders, so would be glad if you will kindly explain in this week's CAGE BIRDS.

The Bush Hill Park F. S. Show, October 17th, is confined to members, writes Mr. A. F. Uncle, hon. secretary, 112, Fotheringham Road, Bush Hill Park, who may, however, join by sending subscription (viz., 2s. 6d.) with entry on Saturday next, October 3rd. Membership is open to amateurs (working men and women) residing within 10 miles of B.H.P. Station.

Kindly mention in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, my change of address, writes Mr. J. H. Mills, to Old Manor House, Gt. Houghton, Northants. I am having a lot of trouble with the post-office through the secretaries of shows sending schedules to my old address. I have taken your paper, I may say, since the commencement, and have all the numbers by me.

Leeds C.B.S. holds a members' table show (a preliminary to our open show), in connection with a washing exhibition given by Mr. H. Woof, on Saturday, October 3rd, writes Mr. A. Wilkins, the secretary. All entries to be made by 6.30. Entry fee, 3d. each cage; all fees given in prizes; also two good specials for most points. Mr. J. H. Mennard judges. Classes: 4 Yorks (2 unflighted), 4 Norwich (2 unflighted), 1 British, and 1 A.O.V. Canary, Mule, or Hybrid. Friends invited.

Mr. H. Norman, writes Mr. R. Smith, secretary of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., has been engaged, in conjunction with Mr. J. Robson, to judge at our annual show on November 17th and 18th.

Amongst the many testimonials published in his advertisements of British Birds, by W. Gore, of 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham, two of them published this week will be of special interest to Linnet fanciers, who on no account should miss reading them.—(ADVT.)

The Provincial Roller Canary Club will hold an open contest on January 15th and 16th, 1909, at the Coal Exchange, Market Place, Manchester, writes Mr. W. Whittaker, the hon. secretary. Seven classes will be provided, and Messrs. J. Lyons and A. Foulds will judge.

The annual show of the Accrington and Dis. C.B.A. is to be held on October 23rd and 24th, writes Mr. J. W. Philpott, secretary, in the Large Assembly Room, Central Conservative Club. This room is the best in Lancashire for exhibition purposes, and is only two minutes' walk from the main line station. It is well ventilated, free from draughts, and nicely lighted, electric lights being used at night. Schedules are now ready, and may be had of me, my address being 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle, near Accrington, Lancs.

The September number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is full of interesting matter. Mr. O. Millsum contributes an article on the Black-checked or Lesser Rufous-headed Tanager, which is accompanied by an excellent coloured plate. The second of Mr. Douglas Dewar's articles on "Aviary Birds I have met in their Natural State," treats of Bulbuls, and affords instructive reading. Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., writes on "The Nesting of the Girl Bunting," Mrs. Warren Vernon on "The Nesting of Black-headed Sibias," and Capt. A. Perreau on "The Fecundity of Yellow Budgerigars." Mr. W. F. Page, F.Z.S., also writes on "The Aviaries at Ringmore," this completing a fine issue.

The new directorate of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. are determined to make their forthcoming show the event of the season. The beautiful Town Hall, Rotherhithe, has been engaged with the whole suite of rooms attached, for three clear days. The hall is the perfection of lighting, both by day and night, and is heated by no less than 13 radiators. Arrangements are complete for recitals on the grand pianoforte during the two days of the show. Teas and other light refreshments will be obtainable in the spacious buffets. A formidable array of specials is promised. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules, and the patronage of 7 of the leading specialist clubs. Schedules will be ready shortly. W. Hodson, hon. secretary and show manager, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.—(ADVT.)

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 142.)

THE SCARLET CARDINAL (*Cardinalis phœniceus*).—This fine species is almost as rich in hue as a Scarlet Tanager and it is also a more shapely bird than the better known Virginian Cardinal. Two specimens of this species are at present (1908) on view in the Small Birds' House at the London Zoo. The general colour of its plumage is very difficult to describe; its areas of lighter and darker hues are similar to those of the Virginian Cardinal, but I should call the plumage a sort of transparent scarlet-vermilion, very intense in hue. I have not heard it sing.

It is a native of Venezuela, Trinidad and Colombia, and is also a species one may wait long to see on the market.

THE ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Hedymeles ludovicianus*).—This handsome species enjoys a very wide range, viz., Canada, United States, Central America, Colombia, Ecuador, Cuba and Jamaica. It is hard to understand why so beautiful a species, and one with so wide a range is not frequently imported, as, though the restrictions on exportation in the United States should affect this species but little, and according to the late Dr. Russ it is annually imported into Germany, yet I cannot trace any record of its ever having been imported alive into this country. Specimens should not be difficult to procure from Colombia and Ecuador. Russ praised this bird very highly. He found it tame, confiding, a grand songster and ready to breed. It built as high up as possible in a reed basket or cage, and the young were reared on fresh ants' eocoons, egg bread, and various insects.

Description: Adult male:—Above black, with the lower back, rump, median coverts, tips of greater coverts, tips of secondaries, base of primaries, and tips of upper tail coverts white; under surface of body and inner webs of outer tail feathers also white; sides of body and flanks ashen, with black spots; fore-neck and centre of breast rose colour; beak white; legs and feet bluish.

Adult female:—Very different from the male; upper surface ochreous-brown, striated with blackish; wings and tail brownish-black; two white bands cross each wing; lores white; cheeks whitish-buff; under surface white, washed with buff on the centre of abdomen; sides of body and flanks striated with brown; beak brown, legs and feet bluish.

THE BLUE GROSBEAK (*Guiraca cyanea*).—This is a quiet and amiable species. The male is a beautiful bird indeed, being deep blue in colour, his somewhat sombre-clad mate being easily distinguished by her garment of deep ruddy-brown. In the aviaries of my esteemed friend Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, I recently saw a very fine pair (I have only possessed the female myself and that in uncertain plumage) which have made one or more attempts to reproduce their kind; but as yet complete success has not attended their efforts. It was a sight to be remembered to see the male flitting to and fro amid the growing greenery of a large garden aviary, his garment of glistening blue changing its hue under the varying influence of light and shade.

It is an inhabitant of Brazil, Amazonia, Guiana, Venezuela and Ecuador. It frequents hedges and thickets, but so far in the records of travellers and naturalists there appear no details of the identification of this fine species. In the bird-room of the late Dr. Russ they nested, constructing an open cup-shaped nest of stalks, shavings, moss and cotton wool; the eggs were whitish, thickly spotted with reddish-brown and four in number; incubation lasted 13 days, the female being fed on the nest by the male, and the plumage of the young was dull brown, washed with grey. The plumage of the young, as above given, agreed with that of the immature plumage of the female which I possessed for but a short time; therefore it is evident that the plumages of both sexes while immature are similar.

Description: Adult male:—Upper surface deep blue, the wing coverts and upper tail coverts washed with cobalt; median and greater coverts and quills blackish-blue, edged with blue; tail-feathers deep blackish blue; forehead and fore part of the head rich cobalt, lores and eye region, cheeks and ear coverts black, washed with blue; entire under surface deep blue, blackish on the throat and greyish on the flanks, beak blackish-horn colour; legs and feet brownish-grey. Total length 6 inches, tail 2½ inches.

This genus consists of five other species; which I can only mention in passing. They are as follows: *Carulea*, thriving in Southern United States, and distinguished from *Cyanea* by its greyish-cobalt upper surface and bright cobalt under surface; *Parellina*, of Mexico and the adjacent regions, by its indigo-blue upper surface, with brown edgings to many feathers; *Cyanoides*, of Panama, Colombia and Ecuador, by its indigo-blue upper and under surface; *Concreta*, of Central America from Mexico to Veragua, by its predominate colouring of blackish-indigo; *Glaucocærulea*, of Southern Brazil and Guiana, by its predominate colouring of greyish-blue. All the females are dissimilar the predominate colouring of the respective species being greyer or warmer browns.

The Song Sparrows.

CHINGOLO SONG-SPARROW (*Zonostricha pileata*).—A plainly but prettily clad species; it has a sweet but slightly monotonous little song. To call it plain, scarcely does the bird justice; brilliant colouring it certainly has not, but handsome it most certainly is. And not only is the male so, but the female also. Both are decidedly pretty birds, garbed in garments of sharply defined greys, browns and blacks.

Adult Male: Head, nape and cheeks ashen, with bold longitudinal black stripes; sides and nape of neck, reddish-brown; back and wings ruddy-brown, with sharply defined black shaft lines to most of the feathers; lower back and tail ashy-brown, tail feathers with paler borders; under parts greyish-white, washed with brown on the breast, abdomen and flanks; beak, brownish; legs and feet, pale brown.

Adult female: Slightly smaller than the male, and plumage of not quite so rich a hue; nevertheless with the variablences common to all species, the sexes apart from song are not easy to discern.

My esteemed friend, Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, has succeeded in breeding this species and records the following among the other details in the *Avicultural Magazine*. His birds had an enclosure to themselves: "Towards the middle of July, I noticed the hen sitting. . . . . After incubation had proceeded about a month, I examined the nest carefully, and, to my very great astonishment, found it contained four eggs, and two young birds only a few days old. I can only explain this by assuming that the hen laid three eggs, then set a fortnight, then laid three more eggs and sat another fortnight—an event which has never occurred before in my aviaries. The young birds had some whitish down on their heads and backs. They grew and feathered very rapidly, the hen doing nearly all the feeding, and taking nothing to the young but insect food."

The young were successfully reared to maturity, and still live (May, 1908). This was the first occasion on which young of this species had been reared in this country. Mixed seed, soft food, and a few live insects are about all these pleasing birds require. Most of the foreign Sparrows and Sparrows so-called, are really handsome birds, though not gorgeously clad. As yet, but few of them have been bred in captivity — a fact which makes them specially interesting to aviculturists.

A HYBRID SONG-SPARROW. (*Zonotrichia leucophrys and pileata*).—This Hybrid was bred by Mr. D. Seth-Smith in 1905, and duly recorded in the *Avicultural Magazine*, Vol. III. (new series), from which account the following facts are gathered. In the same enclosure were two females of *Z. pileata*, which in the previous year had occupied a joint nest; on the introduction of the male *Z. leucophrys* they at once commenced to fight for his possession, and one had to be removed. A nest was built of hay, lined with fine hay by the female in a clump of sticks some 8 feet from the ground. Only one young bird was hatched, which left the nest on June 7th, and was able to fend for itself in about a fortnight.

The nest was promptly repaired, and a clutch of four eggs was laid, three of which were hatched about June 22nd, and the young left the nest on July 4th, commencing to fend for themselves eleven days later.

They resembled young Reed Buntings, and were exhibited later, I think, at the Crystal Palace Show. They were reared upon live insects, but soon after leaving the nest, commenced to subsist entirely upon soft food.

(*To be continued.*)

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By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additioual notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Synopsis of a Discussion held by the Members of the Leyton C.B.A. on Sept. 7.

At the annual meeting held on Sept. 7th, Mr. Williamson presiding, and after the general business (which included the nomination of several new members, and the presentation of the Committee's Special Prize to Mr. Burbidge, who won the prize at the Young Stock Show), there was a discussion on the Yorkshire Canary, each of those present drawing a question, which had to be answered. Some of the questions and the gist of the answers given by those who drew them are set out below.

Length of the Yorkshire.

Should birds over standard length be allowed to compete, and, if so, why?—This question was drawn by the President of the Association, Mr. Harrison. He was of the opinion that birds over standard length should compete. The chief aim of the Yorkshire breeder was to obtain length, he said, and it seemed hard when one bred a good bird a little over standard length that he should have it passed over on the Show Bench. He did not think, however, that many birds would be affected either way, as in his opinion there were not many Yorkshires on the Show Bench that were over length. There was considerable discussion on the question, and the general feeling was in favour of the inclusion of these birds in the show awards.

How many nests would you take off a hen in a season?—Mr. Williamson, who drew this question, said that the number depended entirely on the age of the hen. If an unflighted bird, one nest a season, in his opinion, was quite sufficient to take; in the cases of older hens, he did not think more than three nests should be taken under any circumstances.

Asked what he would do in the case of an unflighted hen laying a nest of clear eggs, he said he would not let it nest again that season. He was strongly against working birds too hard, especially in their first year.

On Double Buffing.

Do you believe in double-buffing?—This was drawn by Mr. B. F. Forse, who said he did not believe in it, as the result of so doing was invariably to bring about a superabundance of feather in the progeny. He had only tried double-buffing once, but that was quite sufficient. One naturally only double-buffed with the idea of improving certain points, but even if there were such improvement, this superabundance of feather would more than counterbalance it. Several of the members gave their experiences in double-buffing, and it was agreed that the idea was hardly worth adopting.

Do you believe in colour feeding from the nest?—Mr. A. Morris drew the question, and answered in the negative. He thought it quite unnecessary. It was only done to improve the colour of the bird for [illegible], but the competition at such shows was [illegible] ever very keen, and even if it were, the little extra colour obtained would not, in his opinion, be worth the time and trouble taken to obtain it.

Asked whether or not he would put on to colour food, at once, birds which were plucked at about the age of three or four weeks, he said he certainly would, as the feathers were not likely to be moulted again during the period of the moult, and in this case if the birds were not put on colour food as soon as they were plucked, besides being colour fed when moulting, they would quite naturally come out patchy in colour. But he would hardly call the act of colour-feeding birds at the age of three or four weeks "colour-feeding from the nest," as generally understood.

How would you attempt to breed out bad wing carriage?—Mr. A. B. Forse, in answer to this question, said he would not attempt to breed this out. To get rid of it, he would dispose of those birds with bad wing carriage, and purchase some without the defect. He would not breed with a hen with faulty wing carriage under any circumstances, as she had so much effect on the type of the progeny.

Mr. Farmer said he had bred good-headed youngsters from flat-headed parent birds, and would therefore be inclined to give a flat-headed hen a trial; if the fault appeared in the progeny, he would then discard the bird.

Questions about Pairing.

What method would you adopt for increasing size?—Mr. Roberts said that with Norwich he would pair together two tight-feathered Buffs, as double-buffing, in his opinion, tended to increase size. Mr. Harrison said he was inclined to favour the use of large hens, in preference to large cock-birds, to increase size; he thought hens had more effect on the size of the progeny. The general feeling expressed was that the reverse was the case—that the cocks had the greater effect on the size of the young.

Do you favour the use of Yellow or Buff hens?—Mr. Shankley said he thought it quite immaterial. Mr. Forse thought yellow hens the best to breed with, as they were usually more typical than Buffs, and one had to look to the hen for type.

Would you discard a bad wing-carriaged bird if bred from birds with good wing-carriage?—This question was drawn by Mr. Horsop, who said he would discard such a bird if a hen, on the principle that the hen affected the type of the progeny; but if a cock bird, he would be inclined to keep it.—Mr. Harrison did not think any harm would be done by breeding with a slightly defective bird bred from birds without this defect; the thing one had to know was the pedigree of one's birds. Breeding with birds about the antecedents of which nothing was known, was very much like groping in the dark; but when the pedigrees of the birds were known one knew what to expect and what to avoid.

Do you believe in running one cock with two hens?—Mr. Saxe said he would certainly run a cock with two hens at the beginning of the breeding season, but afterwards would keep the cock with the hen from which the best results had been obtained. Mr. B. F. Forse said he had run a cock with three hens with good results.

Flat Heads and Hinged Tails.

Which do you consider the worse defect—flat heads or hinged tails?—Drawn by Mr. Marshall, who considered that of the two defects hinged tails was by far the worse.

Which is the best method of breeding out frills?—Mr. Mills said he would not attempt to breed them out—it would take too long. He would get rid of all birds that were frilled, and purchase others that were not. This was the simplest and quickest method. To breed them out, was, he thought, a task that would take years to accomplish. Mr. Forse did not think it would take a particularly long time; he would breed from hens that were perfect in this respect, and by so doing, he did not think it would be a very lengthy task.

Which is the most difficult defect to breed out?—Mr. A. B. Forse drew this. He said that perhaps the worst were bad wing-carriage and hinged tails, the latter probably the worst, and certainly the most difficult to get rid of. He would not, however, attempt to breed out either of these, but would get rid of all birds having these defects, and would purchase others.

There were several other questions, but as time was getting on these were not answered. The next meeting will be held on October 5th, at Headquarters, when a Washing Exhibition and Competition will take place, the winner of which will be presented with a silver medal given by the Committee.—A. MORRIS.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Training of the Roller Canary.

Lecture delivered by Mr. Max Jacquemin before the members and friends of the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. on Sept. 8.

It is with pleasure that I address you this evening on the subject of that "Living Musical Box," the Roller Canary. I don't pretend to be a great authority on this subject, but as a breeder of several years' standing and having had a little experience when residing in Germany, gained through contact with some of the leading breeders and exhibitors there, perhaps some here this evening will benefit by my short address; if so I shall be amply repaid.

Caging the Young Birds Off.

The breeding season is now over, and for the Roller fancier the most important part of his hobby begins. The young cocks have had their exercise in the fly cage, which has made them strong and healthy and the first nests of birds are coming nicely through their moults. I put them in single song cages generally in the first week in September; this is quite early enough as they get much stronger and twitter better when together in fly cages. Another important point is not to overcrowd them, or else they will occupy their time plucking each other's feathers instead of flying and singing.

When all are in their respective new homes they flutter about for the first few days, as the smaller cages are not to their liking at first. I found that the best way to get them used to it, is to place them close together, so that they can see each other through the wires and also so that they can easily find their seed and water. I leave them like that for two or three days, after which they are usually much quieter. Then I stack them one above another and put a board between every other cage, leaving the cages in this position for another two or three days (of course I am speaking of open song cages, not song boxes). By then I always find that my birds have settled down to their closer confinement. They generally begin then to twitter; if you have got a lot of young ones, you will find they will begin to twitter sooner than if there are only a few together.

A Difficult Period.

After this I put the last board between the cages, so that they cannot see each other at all; and each remains separate. I wait another few days and then I place them in a case (with a glass door) which holds a dozen cages and then I begin to darken their homes, but I do so gradually. It is a great mistake to cover them at once, and you will find it a greater advantage to cover them by degrees; they will soon begin to twitter again if they happen to leave off.

From now I keep them closed all day, except when I want to hear them sing or to see if they are alright and not puffed up at night. As soon as the gas is out I open the case and keep them uncovered all night. In two or three weeks' time you can hear the earlier birds twittering into a fuller song, which begins gradually to shape itself into a roll. And now is the time to keep your eyes and ears open to see that none go wrong. If a bird sings with his beak closed he promises to be a good singer as Hollow-Roll, Hollow-Bell, Bass-Roll, and Koller are all produced by closed beaks. Those young which sing steadily with well-rounded crops, place nearest their teachers. If I have one which gets noisy, I put him into a dark place near the floor, and cover him up, so that his song goes back to a twittering. Sometimes he improves; if not I remove him altogether..

It is as well to hang the Schoolmasters side by side, but they must be the same strain and have the same song—not one having one tour and the other quite a different tour.

Then and Now.

Many years ago when the darkening of Rollers was not so well known in the Hartz Mountains they had better birds than we have at the present time. The nice, long, metallic-sounding rolls have to a certain extent disappeared. The birds are more inclined to be hoarse and short in song. The conditions of the breeders' living rooms, which are often over-heated and are often too dark for their birds, have brought about this result, and the majority of breeders have only medium birds good enough for export.

You can get far superior birds outside the Hartz Mountain district and nearly all the high class birds in the leading shows are from breeders in other large towns in Germany.

Then, again, many leading breeders do not believe in covering up high-class birds, with the exception that when training such birds they put dull glass doors on the cases, so that the birds do not get wild and distracted in their song. So that here is a clear proof as to which birds are progressing most under the two methods of training.

About Feeding.

As regards feeding, I give my birds three parts rape and one part Canary seed and once a week a pinch of maw, hemp, groats and linseed—only a few seeds for each and those on the clean sand tray. Linseed is a very good seed for young birds in general, as in moulting time when they are subject to stoppage, this particular seed is a mild preventative and remedy.

I lose very few birds and mine always enjoy their weekly luxuries. In addition to these I give a small quantity of egg food once a week.

In conclusion I should like to say that those birds which I intend to put up for the show I keep closed all night, about a fortnight before the show I send them to, so that they get used to opening early in the morning; that gives the judge a better chance to hear them, without being obliged to wait a long time until the bird starts singing.

The Escaped Vultures.

I feel many of your readers will have read with regret of the massacre of the hapless escaped Vultures in East London, writes Mr. Willoughby Verner, to the "Saturday Review." All who have anything to do with these birds know how inoffensive they are, and how anybody accustomed to handling big birds could have easily recaptured them with the aid of a few pennyworth of "lights" or similar tempting food. The one requisite was that they should not be disturbed and made to fly away until such time as they became hungry, when they would have come readily to feed. Like most people who keep large birds in confinement, I have from time to time had to recapture Vultures, Eagles, and Eagle Owls, which have, either by accident or design, been at large, and provided a bird has not been alarmed by other folk, have never yet failed to secure it. Any man who has experience of taking up a trained Falcon will know what I mean and how simple a matter it is.

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HOW I COMMENCED IN THE FOREIGN BIRD HOBBY.

By W. E. Allen.

(Concluded from page 110.)

Some Other Inmates.

I have also in this aviary one pair of Red-crested Cardinals, one pair of Pekin Robins, and one pair of Java Sparrows, all of which agree very well together. The Cardinals are fine showy birds; their light grey breasts and red-crested heads make them to contrast well with their green and yellow companions. They have a pretty call which sounds very nice in the early summer mornings.

These birds have the same food as the Budgerigars, except for a few beetles, spiders, and mealworms, which they relish very much. They are also fond of a bath, and, being strong birds, make a rare splashing. I have often seen them cover the other birds with water from their wings, and although the Budgerigars do not bathe themselves, they seem nevertheless to enjoy the splashing, as they will often wait round the bath till the others are done.

The Java Sparrows are quiet birds compared with the others. The cock bird has just a little whistle when calling to his mate. I call him the water bird, as his call sounds just like dropping water. These are treated the same as the Budgerigars, except for a little paddy rice, and of course, a bath.

My Pekin Robins.

The Pekin Robins that I have are a fine pair of birds, and are about the same size as our own wild Robins. They are very quick at catching flies, of which they are very fond, preferring them alive to dead, although they will eat both. They will also eat any insects that I catch in the garden.

They are always ready, too, for them, for they will wait near the door when I am in the garden, hoping, I suppose, that I will catch some insects for them. If I do happen to catch one or two, I only have to hold it near the wire and they will take it from my hands.

They are very fond of a bath, and are always the first to go in when it is put in fresh in the morning. The cock has a very fine song, and the aviary being under my bedroom window, I can hear him to perfection. What with the singing of the Robin and Cardinals, and the chattering of the Budgerigars, one would think he was out in the country instead of in London. So my conclusion is that if anyone reading these lines has a corner in the yard or garden to spare, he cannot do better than erect an aviary. The foreign bird hobby is both instructive and entertaining.

The Sprightly Siskin.

Soon the little Siskins will be leaving their northern homes for more southern districts. Next month parties of them may be met in the fir woods, or the alders along the banks of the stream. They are as active as Titmice, and have precisely the same habit of clinging to the clusters of seeds. Position is nothing to them, and they sway to and fro in the breeze, often with head downwards or clinging with one leg in quite an acrobatic manner. Passing rapidly from tree to tree with drooping flight, uttering their low call note as they go, they are not difficult birds to watch, as they are by no means shy. A peculiarity of these pretty creatures is that they rarely settle on the ground. They are either in the slender branches or clinging to some tall weed.

Wild Birds in Action.

The rapidity of action in birds is in no way better illustrated than in the way they take to the wing from the ground. Get close to a feeding flock of any species without being detected, and then suddenly clap the hands together once. The rise of the birds appears to almost synchronise with the sound made by the hands. The rise of the birds is quick, yet graceful and easy; there is no clumsy blundering upon the wing, but just a spring into the air and they are off upon unfolded wings. In some species these actions are performed so quickly that the eye is unable to observe them separately. The rising and gliding into flight appears to be one action. Considering the size and weight of some birds, it is wonderful the way they alight; it is always done easily and gracefully, even in a good strong breeze.

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THE NESTING OF BRITISH FINCHES.

Some Interesting Facts.

In a recent number of "Country Life" appeared two interesting letters dealing with the number of nests which certain species of Finches have during a season. Mr. M. J. Kelly wrote: It is not a matter for surprise to find a Bullfinch's nest as late as August 9th. Bullfinches frequently have late broods, and I have often seen them as late as the end of July or beginning of August. I found one this year with young birds (just hatched) on August 2nd. That well-known naturalist, Mr. J. Walpole Bond, wrote: I was much interested in Mr. Horace Hutchinson's note on the late nesting of the Bullfinch, which brings to mind the fact that many of our Finches are notoriously tardy with their second broods. Over and over again I have proved individual pairs of Bullfinches to be genuinely double-brooded, and on rare occasions triple-brooded. Seebohm was not correct when he stated that the eggs were generally laid in April. As a fact, such an event, even at the very end of the month, is quite a rarity. But, after May 10th, their nesting becomes general, and I have found many first clutches from that date up to May 31st. Moreover, many nests contain fresh eggs all through June; a fair percentage during July. Certainly, all those nests found after mid-June are second broods. On several occasions I have seen eggs and young in August, and, once, a nest with four eggs on September 11th. This must be regarded as an extraordinary date. The Goldfinch is another species which sometimes goes on breeding up to the end of the summer. The earliest clutches of eggs which I have ever seen were respectively on May 2nd and May 8th. But the majority have their first nests filled between May 18th and June 4th. Second nests are quite common during July; several times I have found young, only a few days old, during the first week of August. The latest fresh clutch of eggs I ever saw was on August 16th. Turning to the Greenfinch I find from my diaries that in the spring of 1894, which was a remarkably open one, I found a good many full nests between April 21st-30th. More usually, however, the laying season of the Greenfinch commences about May 9th, and quantities of nests—all first broods—are prevalent until the first week of June. After this second broods may be looked for right on till the end of July, while, though rarely, I have known fresh eggs as late as August 15th. Another conspicuously late nester is the Linnet, whose eggs I have found tolerably frequently as late as mid-August, notably two nests this very year. But these, of course, are late second or even third broods, for the Linnet's breeding year commences at the end of April, though the majority wait for May before thinking of the serious business of the year. The Lesser Redpoll, producing its first clutch of eggs from between May 20th-June 6th, sometimes, at any rate, rears a second brood during July, and the Twite occasionally does likewise. And, indeed, with the exception of the Crossbill and the Hawfinch, all our Finches rear, or occasionally rear, two and some of them three in the course of the season, though, personally, I think that genuine second broods of Tree-Sparrows and Chaffinches are nothing like so common as most observers assert. Especially is this the case with the Chaffinch. In conclusion, it should be noted how, for hardy resident species as all our Finches are, comparatively late all the Finches are (excepting the Crossbill, which is notoriously early) in starting nesting operations.

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The date fixed for the Kilsyth F.A. Open Show, writes Mr. A. D. Duncan, the hon. secretary, is December 19th, and the judge appointed, Mr. J. F. Dewar. There will be 22 open classes. The Scottish Crest Club holds one of its "Roberts" Trophy competitions here, and the Border Fancy Club gives a medal, and the Scottish B.B. and M.C. three.

The first annual open show, under the auspices of the Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland, will be held in the Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast, on December 18th and 19th, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart, the hon. secretary. The committee have provided about 50 classes, and the judges are: Messrs. Geo. Harland (Hull), and J. Rock (Belfast).

London Federation of C.B.S.

A meeting of delegates will be held at the "Feathers Hotel," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on Wednesday, October 7th, at 7.30 o'clock, writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the hon. secretary, pro tem.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

Will members please note that the cup and trophy competitions will be held at Gloucester, on October 28th and 29th, with Mr. Battye as judge, instead of at Cardiff; and Hastings have the novice support in the place of Bournemouth. Members wishing to compete for Messrs. Ramsden's and Easterling's tea-services should notify me at once.—J. W. Rennie, hon. secretary, The Junction Hotel, Andover.

At Ludlow (Salop).

We have formed a cage-bird society at Ludlow, Salop, writes Mr. F. H. Oakes, the hon. secretary (Globe Cottage, Ludlow), and have fixed the date of our show for December 17th. It will be under C.B.U. rules, and Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. Full prize money will be given, and we hope fanciers will support us generously at our first attempt. I shall be glad to welcome new members to the society.

OBITUARY.

MRS. C. A. HOUSE.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the untimely demise of the wife of our esteemed friend and representative, Mr. C. A. House. After a distressing illness covering the last six months, Mrs. House passed away quite peacefully at Walthamstow last Sunday evening, and terminated a career of much usefulness at an all too early age. The many friends our respected colleague has made during his forty years' association with Fancy matters will tender Mr. House and his only son their profound condolences, tempering their regrets by the knowledge that with the end came cessation of suffering and that peace which "passeth all understanding."

A New Nesting Material.

It was examination day, and the intelligence of the scholars was being tested by sundry "brain puzzlers." At last came the question: "What is the meaning of the word 'average'?"

Up went little Tommy's hand. "Please, sir," said he, "it's what a Sparrow lays her eggs on."

"What!" exclaimed the astonished examiner.

Tommy repeated his answer, and seeing the surprise it created, added, "It's what the book says, sir.'

On being sent to fetch the book, Tommy read out: "The hen Sparrow lays on an average four eggs each time."

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To cage-bird fanciers, one of the most useful developments of recent years in the way of insurance is that by which they are enabled to insure their birds against both fire, burglary, and loss or damage while in transit to and from the shows, and with such a responsible institution as Lloyds. Aviaries and bird-houses can also be covered by the policy. The premiums payable are most moderate, and it will be to the interests of the greater majority of our readers to apply for particulars of this insurance scheme at once to the sole agent, Mr. H. W. Mathias, "Lucerne," Stubbington, Fareham, Hants. An advertisement from him appears on another page this week.

Kent County C.B.A. Patronage.

Our association's patronage has been given to the following societies' shows. (There may be one or two added after September 23rd.):—Canterbury, Deal, Dover F. and F.S., Folkestone, Gillingham, Plumstead, and Woolwich, Rochester, and Tonbridge. At each of these shows we are offering an 8-inch rose bowl in each of the following varieties:—Norwich Plainheads, Crests and Crestbreds, Yorkshires, Border Fancies and British Birds; also a cup each for Lizards and Mules. The first four varieties, as also Lizards, are to be competed for by birds bred in the current year by the exhibitor, Mules and British Birds any age, Mules also bred by exhibitor. An exhibitor may make as many entries in any variety as he chooses, but he must nominate only two birds in any variety for competition for bowls or cups, and send on to me the Nos. of the cage labels containing the nominated birds not later than first post on the morning of judging, and, of course, before the judging takes place.—Geo. Sanderson, hon. secretary.

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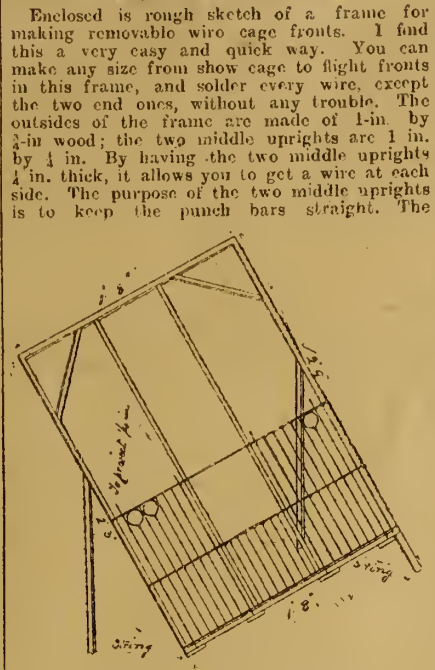
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 244.

FRAME FOR MAKING REMOVABLE WIRE FRONTS.

Sent by T. B. Tomlinson, 956, Walker Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Enclosed is rough sketch of a frame for making removable wire cage fronts. I find this a very easy and quick way. You can make any size from show cage to flight fronts in this frame, and solder every wire, except the two end ones, without any trouble. The outsides of the frame are made of 1-in. by ½-in wood; the two middle uprights are 1 in. by ¼ in. By having the two middle uprights ¼ in. thick, it allows you to get a wire at each side. The purpose of the two middle uprights is to keep the punch bars straight. The



To Make Wire Fronts.

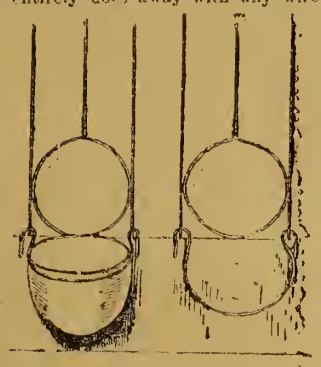
punched bars are fixed into grooves ¼ in. deep made in the frame with an ordinary hand-saw, in the edges and middle laths, according to the distance you require your punch bars to be apart. The four grooves made in the bottom rail of frame, are to allow the long wires to project ¾ in. through punch-bar; by nailing a small bit of wood under groove (as shown on sketch) it stops the long wires from coming any further than ¾ in. The sketch shows the wires fixed ready for soldering. Your wire fronts are made upside down, for this allows you to get your short wires into position over the top of the door. I stand the frame on the table, with the leg the farthest away from me, the top leaning towards me. This makes the solder run quicker, and makes a neater job of it than if it was level. The two back legs are to be kept left hand. I think this frame will be found of great service by any fancier who wishes to make his own wire fronts.—T. B. Tomlinson.

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A USEFUL HOLDER.

Sent by F. Smith, 3, Torquay Villas, Rosmead Street, Hull.

I am sending you a drawing of a wire for holding drinking or other vessels on cage fronts, and which I have found very useful, as it entirely does away with any wire going



A Wire Holder.

inside the cage, and therefore prevents the birds injuring themselves, say by catching their claws. To make them, take a piece of wire, bend it round the vessel, then allow enough over to go round the wire of cage, and bend sharp back, with ¾ in. left to bind down on to the front rail. It will hold as firm as can be possibly desired. A dozen or more can be made at the cost of 1d. They are easy to fix, and can be removed at any time.—F. Smith.

THE NEW BEEF TEA—JU-VIS.
Prepared solely from Beef and Vegetable. Makes delicious rich gravies or a cup of strong Beef Tea for a penny. Ask your grocer.

Echoes from Edinburgh Derby Show.

That the show was a big success; that the entries would have been greater but for the closeness of date of Glasgow show; that the Buff Pied hen's owner is Mr. Thornton—may he have a round of good luck with her; that Glasgow's Derby winner dropped first place; that Mac took his defeat like a true sportsman; that the secretary knows his business; that the hon. president, Mr. C. R. Drysdale, was in good form; that his design for the gold medal was much admired; that the judges did their part well; that there was a complete absence of growlers; that it was not customary to award specials; that friends and well-wishers sent in a lot of specials, and the committee were bound to award them; that there was a fair turn-out of visitors, some from long distances; that the officials have every reason to feel proud of their first show.—Scots Fancy.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Sparrow's Foster Parent.

A friend of mine caught a young Sparrow one morning, but about mid-day he said he thought it was dying. So he put it with a hen Bullfinch to see if she would feed it, which she did until it could feed itself. When the bird learned to fly, my friend let it go.—Sent by William Willis (age 14), 303, Weelsby Street, Grimsby.

*The Hedge Accentor.

The Hedge Sparrow is not a Sparrow at all; his real name is the Hedge Accentor. He gets his name Accentor from his piercing notes. He does a great deal of good, especially in the garden, by eating insects and grubs which would otherwise do a great deal of harm. As I was taking a walk along the hedgerows one day, I heard a bird uttering some piercing notes as though its nest had just been taken. On drawing near, I noticed a Hedge Sparrow. On looking carefully I discovered a nest with five bluish-green eggs. About a week after I found someone had taken the nest.—Sent by Reginald Langford (age 13), Beaulieu Schools, New Forest.

**Poor Starlings!

Ever since I can remember, we have had Starlings build in the South of our house. Nearly always cats have the young before they can fly. The cat takes them when they are fat, and also when the old bird is feeding them. They are in a hole in the roof, and therefore have no means of escape. The bird that is left will find another mate and build in the same place again. I tried to stop the cats by erecting a barricade. But the cats waited their time, and the stupid Starlings went to them and got killed. But now I have put a stop to it all, so they can breed in peace.—Sent by F. Gordon Cooke (age 14), Brook House, Painswich, Gloucestershire.

Show Dates Fixed (continued).

*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Opcn O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R. & T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepoole C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** J. Blk., J. Ms., J. Gw., C. C., and J. C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R. G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop).** J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland.** G.R., and J.Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Msn., P.McQ., P.McK., and H.M.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Bk., D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.—**Wellingboro' & Dis. C.B.S.** R.J.H., W.V. and F.H.
*Oct. 1 and 2.—**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.** J.R. and A.S.
*Oct. 2 and 3.—**Burnley and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Oct. 3.—**Longton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Oct. 7 and 8.—**Peterboro' C.B.A.** J.R., J.Wk., and W.Lu.
*Oct. 8 and 9.—**Watford & Dis. C.B.S.** C.A.H. and J.P.
*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood & Dis. C.B.S.** W.V. and W.M.
Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** T.A., H.P.M., A.C., J.P., and P.McQ.
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** T.H.
*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** A. Pth. and J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Haylc & Dis. F.A.** G.G., C.T.
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** J.H.R., C.H.
Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard.** W.V.M.N.
Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B.F.A.** W.M.
Oct. 17.—**Kelty & Blairadam C.B.A.** D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.
*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** W.P.B., A.B.
Oct. 21.—**Kelso.** W.Hy., D. Lse., T. Be., A. Hy., and A. Sl.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)** C.A.H., J.R., H.N.
*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.** J.H.R., and F.My.
Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** T.J.A. and G.G.
*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent.** J.R.
*Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** J.C.B.
*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare.** J.H.P.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** T.H. and H.N.
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge & Cambs. C.B.S.** J.R. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** W.M'S., J.McA., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Ms.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
*Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.** J.B.E.
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and B.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and C.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. C.A.** J.Wr., T.T. A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. C.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.B.E.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. McK., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitchaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Fr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich C.S.** C.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see No. 349.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Cresta, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

About an Aviary.

"Furness."—Your aviary appears to be a very desirable structure, but, candidly, unless the position in which it stands is exceptionally well suited to it, I am afraid it may prove more pretty than practical. The glass roof to the covered portion will be very apt to sweat in cold weather and make the interior very damp unless there is very free ventilation. In summer it will be proportionately hot unless the glass is covered with some shading material. And at all times it will expose the birds to panic. The top of the wall at back of flight should be inaccessible to prowling cats, as the sight of these at such close quarters may cause a panic any time. To ventilate the inner portion I should cut out a panel from each of the wooden ends near the highest point of roof about ten inches long and seven deep, so that the whole may be cut from a single board. Over the aperture nail a piece of perforated zinc outside and inside, arranging them so the perforations do not coincide with each other. This will prevent draught. Above these apertures in the angles at the highest part bore a series of six half-inch holes, triangular shape. Cut out another aperture, twelve by six inches, at the bottom of the wooden portion underneath the glass in the front, at the side of the door. Cover with perforated zinc the same as the other two, and then fit a sliding shutter over each, by which you can regulate the ventilation to suit prevailing conditions. For breeding Canaries and Mules flying loose the aviary would accommodate ten cocks and thirty hens. This would be sufficent to allow for the natural increase as the season advances.

More about Aviaries.

J.S.C.C.—The extreme variations of temperature in your aviary are the sole cause of your birds being continually dropping feathers, and also their failure to breed successfully, and the variations are due to insufficient ventilation, and, probably, to the aviary being built of single wooden walls. If the walls were double, with a little space between them, it would make the interior far less susceptible to outside changes. But if this plan is not feasible you must do the best you can by increasing the means of ventilation, and during the coldest part of the winter you can use the stove to prevent temperature dropping too much at night. A row of half-inch holes about four inches apart may be bored along top of the east and west sides. The two bottom corner panes of glass should be removed from the window on the west side, and the spaces covered with fine wire gauze, or a piece of perforated zinc nailed over on the inside and outside, arranging them so that the perforations are not opposite each other. In addition to this an aperture should be sawn out of the north and south ends, at the bottom, twelve inches long, and six inches deep, and these also covered with perforated zinc as the others, and further provided with a sliding wooden shutter which can be opened or closed to any extent. This should form a fairly efficient ventilation, and very materially improve the condition of your stock.

Hens Gone Wrong.

"Ajax."—You make your colour food a little too strong, and your feeding also is not quite correct, which probably accounts fully for the trouble. You should, however, first see that the birds are quite free from insect pests, and also from draughts; do not give cold baths whilst the birds are in their present condition. Tepid baths may be given in bright, mild weather. In making colour food add one ounce of Natal pepper, and three ounces of soft sugar to 1lb. of the tasteless pepper Give this mixture in the same way as you are now giving the tasteless pepper alone, but use four biscuits to each instead of three as now Add two good teaspoonfuls—but not over-heaped—of the mixed colour. Do not give any maw at all until the end of the year, and withhold all linseed for a few weeks. Instead of these seeds give a small teaspoonful of dry summer rape per bird twice a week. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea every second day until the looseness is stopped. Do not give any more of the medicine you mention, which will do more harm than good.

Makes a Squeaky Noise.

G.Y.E.—The poor bird to which you refer is undoubtedly exposed to chills or draughts, and until these causes are quite removed no kind of treatment is likely to do any permanent good A bird in such a weakened condition is also exceedingly liable to red mite attacks. Therefore examine bird and cage well, and if any insect pests are found thoroughly eradicate them Keep the bird in a comfortably warm, but not overheated, temperature which is fairly regular day and night Give only tepid baths, and withhold these in cold, wet weather, feeding and treating as follows: As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape; twice a week a few grains of hemp and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which mix five drops of sherry whilst the bird is ill, and three times a week a spray of green food or a little seed fruit Give these separately, and on different days, so that a different item is given each day. Keep cage clean, and strewn with gritty sand In the drinking water for the first three days give ten drops of glycerine and as much [illegible] and cover a sixpence; drop this afterwards, and give instead twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus. Shake well when giving, and repeat every second day for a week, or a fortnight if necessary. On alternate days give twenty drops of Parrish's Chemical Food If he recovers now and keeps free from wheeziness next spring you should breed with him again.

A Couple of Weaklings.

G. Beadle.—The two young birds are undoubtedly subject to epileptic seizures, and are probably constitutionally weak You ought to have said how they were fed and treated. Keep in a quiet corner of the room, but see that they are not exposed to any draughts. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, and in addition give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake to each every second day, and on the intervening days a little green food. Keep the cage clean and well strewn with gritty sand. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same amount of chlorate of potash, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for another week, and pure water on the alternate days. Then begin again and repeat the two weeks' course; but with this exception: whenever a more or less severe fit occurs stop all other medicine and give as much bromide of potassium as will cover a sixpence, and twelve drops of glycerine in the water for the next two days. Then begin again with the aperient mixture, and go on as above.

Getting Yorkshires in Condition.

Beginner.—You must, in the first place, be on your guard against getting show birds too proud, or bringing them on too rapidly. As long as the birds keep quiet, healthy and active, and in good, sound condition, you may well be content to let well alone, and keep the birds on the usual stock diet, with plain Canary as a staple, until, say, a fortnight or three weeks before the advent of the show they are to appear at. For a week give a pinch of good summer rape every second day, and a pinch of maw on the alternate days, and twice during the week give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. If there is another fortnight to elapse before the show, repeat this for another week, and during the last week prior to showing, give a small teaspoonful of rape every second day, and a small pinch of inga and maw on the alternate days, and also give the moistened sponge cake every second day, on the days when you are giving rape. On the last two or three days you may give a very small pinch of hemp, but you must be sparing with this, especially with birds which are already none too slenderly built. An ordinary size breeding cage is quite large enough to keep them in regularly, though a few weeks in a large flight does them good and helps to keep down their weight.

To Tell the Sex.

Geo. Sowerby.—As a beginner, your best means of judging the sex of a given bird is to hear it sing, and note that whilst singing the fore part of the neck between the beak and the breast swells out and throbs, and pulsates very plainly as the notes are produced. The external differences are too subtle for a novice to distinguish with much certainty. The cock is bolder and more defiant in bearing, has a fuller and bolder eye, and is better filled in between the lower abdomen and under-tail coverts. Some hens will make fair efforts at singing, but their performances are much more snatchy and broken. You should consult the illustrations and text describing the sexual differences in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," obtainable from the office of CAGE BIRDS at 7d., post free, which will also help you in many other ways.

Ventilating an Aviary.

Scottie.—Thanks, your last sketch is much more "understandable." But if the door faces South then you have transposed the East and West side. The side you have marked East is the West and *vice versa*—the West side being as you name in your letter 7ft. high. If you can manage to cut an oblong aperture through the boarded sides eighteen inches long, and six inches deep in the centre of the East and West wall, and within three inches of the top of each, cover them on both inside and outside with perforated zinc, and fit a sliding wooden shutter over each to use as required in enlarging or decreasing the aperture; it would form about the best means you could adopt. The floor being covered with tin will make it rather difficult to make an ingress in it, but if you can get over this, cut a similar aperture in the centre of the floor, and cover with strong perforated zinc which will both keep out vermin and bear walking over. If you cannot get over the difficulty of making these apertures the next best plan will be to bore a row of half-inch holes along the top of the East and West sides, at intervals of about four inches apart, and similar rows thirteen inches from the bottom of each side—i.e., just over the tin overlay. The first-named plan is much the better, as it gives you full control over the amount of ventilation admitted, which may be regulated to suit any prevailing conditions of temperature.

Colour Feeding Cinnamons.

E.W.—If your birds have already made any progress in shedding their feathers I would not advise you to risk altering the composition of your colour-feed now, or you will probably spoil the birds for exhibition altogether by bringing them out two different shades of colour. The red feed will do very nicely, but if you really wish to prepare a special feed, and the birds have not yet broken deeply into moult, you may do so by mixing four ounces of "paprika" pepper, and two of Natal with each 1 lb of tasteless red, well mixing and blending together with four ounces of soft sugar. If you prefer adding oil to the colour food an ounce of best salad oil may now be added, and again well blended together until all apparent trace of oil has disappeared.

Bird Fever.

"Bird Fever." It is quite possible for your three birds to have died from this plague, although the infection has not spread with the rapidity you expected It may be only awaiting more favourable conditions than those ruling at present to burst into flame, so to speak. Under these circumstances you cannot do better than get Dr. Clarke's handbook on the disease (7d., post free, from our managers), and study its contents well. It tells much more than is possible here There is practically no cure once the disease attacks a bird, and it would doubtless be the wisest course in the end to destroy any bird immediately it is unmistakably attacked, and cremate the body. Of course the cage and everything that has been in contact with the bird must be very thoroughly disinfected. For the present your best course will be to remove the two breeding cages in which the birds died, together with the birds that are in them to another room, where they will be quite isolated from your other birds. Keep the cages thickly strewn with sawdust, and clean out and burn it frequently. Observe the strictest cleanliness in all food and water, and cage appliances If the birds keep well for, say, a month, you may place them in clean, disinfected cages and return them to the bird-room. Then, if the cages vacated are worn ones, your best plan will be to burn them at once, as you would thus destroy the infection in its source Otherwise thoroughly overhaul and disinfect them by means which you will find set out in detail in the handbook mentioned above.

Stuck in the Moult.

A.G.R.—Your Canary has probably caught a chill which has stopped its moult prematurely Keep its cage in a fairly warm place where the heat is regular, and where it is quite free from draughts. See that it is also free from red-mites. If the usual Canary mixture, on which you say it is fed, consists of packet seeds, discontinue it, and feed as you will see advised to several others this week for a general diet. Instead of egg-food give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake three times a week, and well mix five drops of sherry in it each time. Give a spray of seedy chickweed or a few plantain stalks every second day, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half a dozen shreds of hay saffron in each two tablespoonfuls, well shaken together. Give this every day for the first three days, and every second day for a week after. On the alternate days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. At the end of this week begin to give twenty drops of chemical food in the water daily, and continue this for a fortnight.

Lost the Power of the Feet.

Scottie.—Am afraid your bird is already beyond help. I should imagine it is in an overfed condition, and that this is the predisposing cause of its condition. Feed on a diet of plain Canary, and give separately half a teaspoonful of rape twice a week, and every second day a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it. On the alternate days between the sponge cake give a spray of green-food. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts, every day for a week, as will cover a sixpence. After this give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days for another week. You may then begin again and repeat the two weeks' treatment if it appears necessary.

Young in a Bad Way.

H.R.L.—There is something radically wrong in the management of these birds for them to be in such a condition. I have grave doubts of their recovery. Am inclined to think they are exposed to continual draughts in some way, and are probably also worried by red mites. Both these causes must be remedied before any treatment can be of use. Keep birds in a comfortable, but not overheated, temperature, which is not subject to great variations. Discontinue giving hemp, and add to your dietary a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it every second day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same amount of chlorate of potash daily for three days; after that twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, daily for a week, and every second day for another fortnight, or as long as it appears necessary. After the first fortnight you may give the first-named aperient mixture on the alternating days, with advantage. Do not give cold baths at present.

Brevities.

Yorkshire Not Moulting (J. T.).—Treat bird as advised to "A.G.R." Your feeding is not all that could be desired; vary it by making the staple mixture to consist of three parts Canary to one part rape. Give the egg-food, or a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice, half a teaspoonful of maw seed twice, and a spray of green-food three times a week. Alternate these items so that a different one is given each day. Give a tepid bath three or four times a week in mild weather.

Missed Reply? (Scottie).—I'm afraid it is a temporary loss of memory which makes you say you wrote me three weeks ago for advice and have had no reply. I remember your query distinctly, and replied to it with a request for certain other particulars which you promptly sent on; so how can you reconcile this? Your second letter, too, was duly replied to, but was crowded out last week.

Canary seed samples (W. W.).—No. 1 of poor quality and flavour, very small; the number of damaged grains suggests bad storage or damage by mice. No. 2 just passing fair in quality and flavour, but of small size; contains a large proportion of seed of various weeds. The price naturally varies in different localities; but for feeding valuable stock either sample is dear at any price.

Fish tailed Border (Mablue).—The cause of the tail spreading is probably a natural defect, which would tell against it in competition. I don't suppose the arrangement of perches has anything to do with it. Some birds are rather slack in feather for a short time after moulting, so it is possible your bird's defect may arise thus, in which case the defect will disappear naturally as the bird braces itself up. Give it four drops of tincture of steel every other day for a week to help it to get tight in feather.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Featherless Bullie.

R.N.S.T.—Thanks for particulars as to food. I don't think the latter sufficiently nutritious to rear any bird properly. Try giving for two or three weeks a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, and served in a glass or pot vessel only. Or if the Bullie will still eat soft food (either egg-bread, or an insectavorous mixture such as is used for small softbills), give the chemical food on alternate days in this (seven or eight spots in a teaspoonful); plain water, of course, when doing so. Dandelion leaves are not very useful just now. You had far better offer the Bullie ripe Blackberries, haw-berries, privet-berries (when ready), with seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, plantain, dock, thistle-heads, and the like. You ask whether hard-heads are good for this bird, and the answer is yes. Give the bird a nourishing seed-mixture, too—some maw and cracked sunflower every day.

Concerning Some Mules.

Tud It is really practically impossible to glean from any written description an accurate estimate of the value of dark Mules for exhibition purposes. The birds need to be seen. For instance, what you term a "large bird," I myself might think but of average size. It all depends on the point of view, and you yourself may never have seen any of the "giants" which secure the leading prizes at our chief shows. This reminds me, too, that the best way for anyone to arrive at an estimate of the value of any bird for exhibition purposes, is to visit a good show, and look over the specimens there on view. Shinness (or "Yorkshire type") is certainly not a desirable characteristic in a dark Greenfinch Mule, though a bird on the slim side might get well among the prizes if of exceptional colour—a jonque—and quality of feather. The ideal bird is one taking after the Greenfinch in build; stout and chubby in body, and with a very bold head. A six-pointed Goldfinch Mule is a grand exhibition bird, providing it possesses size and colour, and the markings do not "run" (the eyes being a ticklish spot) and are not over-heavy. A young Mule (such as yours is), would have an "orange-coloured" blaze. In keen competition this would, of course, tell against him. He will improve much in colour and size with the next moult, when you should colour-feed him. A very pale blue is a splendid colour for the show-cage (inside and wires).

Birds Which Will Not Moult.

Lark Singer.—Skylarks are not easy birds to moult; that is to say, they often cannot be got to break into moult. Once they commence casting their feathers, they generally get through alright, providing they are being adequately fed. They seem birds, however, on which the failure to moult has little effect, for I have known many go from one autumn to the next in the same "old clothes," as it were, without any diminution of song power or apparent effect on the health. There are many dodges which will "strike" a bird (plunge it into moult), one of the best-known being a change of temperature. Thus, if a bird used to a warmed living-room is left out of doors during one or two cool days and nights (some favour wet nights), he seldom fails to drop into moult. The reverse, of course, also holds good, that is to say, if a bird from outdoors is put into a warmed room, the same result is attained. Some go to the extent of covering up the cages with a dark cloth, keeping this on day and night until the plumage is cast; or the cage is put in a dimly-lighted corner of a warm room, on a shelf (or nail) well up towards the ceiling; or it is put into the cupboard which is found at side of the fireplace in the living-room of so many homes. Out-and-out the surest and best method of dealing with cases of "stuck in the moult," and failure to moult, is, however (in my own opinion), by means of a "steam bath." This is very simply contrived. Impedimenta: A smallish bucket, a kettle of very hot water, a narrow piece of board, a small cage, all wire at top, and a heavy towel (one of the "Turkish" brand). Fill the bucket about two-thirds full of the very hot water; place the board across the top of the bucket; on the board place the cage (the bird, of course, being inside); over the whole drape the towel, and leave for about fifteen minutes. The bird must afterwards be "cooled down" gradually (keep a light cover on the cage) and draughts be carefully avoided. One "bath" is invariably sufficient to cause the plumage to be freely dropped. Its use will often save a bird's life.

About a Raven.

A.P.—A Raven makes a highly interesting and intelligent pet, providing one has proper convenience for keeping it. I do not advise you to try keeping it in a cage; a decent-sized aviary would be the only suitable "cage." For the best plan would be to clip its wing flights, and let it have the run of the garden, as you yourself suggest. I presume the bird could not get through the boundary hedges, or walls, or whatever they may be. A good shelter should be arranged in one corner, provided with a stout perch or two, and under this the food could be placed. There should be also a large pan of water. Plenty of flesh-food must be included in the bird's dietary, which should, broadly speaking, be similar to that advised an inquirer last week concerning Magpies. You will need to be careful about permitting him to get at close quarters with other birds, especially smaller and weaker brethren. He should soon get to know and take an interest in you (as his "feeder"). Down in Devonshire climatic conditions are not likely to trouble him.

Mealworms and Gentles.

Luscinia.—To tell you the truth, I really don't know "how many mealworms should be given a caged Nightingale daily." I never keep count. I have no doubt I could keep a Gale perfectly healthy without a single mealworm a day, and, on the other hand, just as healthy were I to give forty. The latitude in this matter (providing the stock food is really good) is really surprising. It also depends, too, whether other live-foods (gentles, for instance), are being provided The old-fashioned text books which prescribe so much of this and so much of the other, with "three mealworms daily," only move me to smiling. I would back one of the Nightingales I have at present to eat 20 mealworms, all fat and prime, at one "sitting down," and still look longingly for more. Only the other evening I was talking to an esteemed fancier friend of mine, and was astonished to hear him say that each of his Gales consumed over three teaspoonfuls of stock food daily. Now my own cat hardly half that quantity. But when he went on to say that his birds only had three mealworms a day each, the matter was explained; my own get quite three to four times that quantity, to say nothing of other live foods. They will show you how wide a latitude there can be in the giving of live food to Nightingales—of course, I am speaking of birds well on ordinary food. Which of us gets the longer period of song, and the stoutest singers, I wonder? The above remarks apply equally to gentles, though I never give these really freely to my birds. "Scouring," means freeing them from the offensive slime and smell attaching to them when first taken from the ollal. To put them in dry sand for a few days is about the best thing though a better is to buy them ready scoured afterwards transferring them to dry bran for a day or two before giving to the birds. Keep them (the "stock pot") in a cool, dry dark place.

A Muling Failure.

J.E.H It is really difficult to advise you. You seem to have struck up against particularly hard luck during your first season. Next year all may go along in just the reverse way. I don't think the eggs from the linnet were actually fertile—the fact that you found the yolk "stuck in a mass at one end" does not prove it, anyway. I could not venture an opinion as to the age of the hen. That she went about the house keeping business quietly and methodically does not necessarily brand her as "very old." Neither is it true that a singing hen is necessarily no good for breeding purposes. On the contrary, I have personally had several singing hens that were the best of breeders. The behaviour of your young hens is puzzling; strange neither should lay an egg or show a sign of nesting. True, some hens absolutely will not look at a British bird as a husband. I've had some, so I know, as the song says. If you winter all the birds together, I don't think you could go far wrong in giving them another chance next spring. Your feeding seems all right, so far as seeds go (I frequently dealt with this during the season just over), but you make no mention of dandelion leaves and seed, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc., invaluable things for muling couples.

Brevities.

A Couple (Mixed Lot).—1. In a place like yours, the best plan is to keep to one kind of hen, and in your case I should think hen Bullies would be best. It is always doubtful, as no doubt you know, whether any hen British bird will successfully rear her young in captivity. 2, I believe that a policeman is entitled to demand to look over a "catch," on the ground that he suspects protected birds to have been caught. State your question more fully, and address it to our legal department.

A Jackdaw (Jacko).—I do not know that there are any particular sexual distinctions in the plumage of Jackdaws. The hen is a shade the smaller, and less bright and lustrous in the black of the body, and "clean" in the grey of the neck. Why not ask those who told you it was a hen, how they arrive at this conclusion? In young birds (before moulting), I should say it is quite impossible to tell the sexes. I don't see why a hen should not turn out quite as amusing as a cock bird. A friend of mine has an undoubted hen Magpie, and she talks and mimics equal to any male I have heard.

Goldfinches in Suffolk (W.C.)—I believe the Goldfinch is protected all the year round all over Suffolk. In the adjoining county of Essex, however, it is not.

Lark's Song (Anxious).—Your bird will never get out of the "Irish" song it does—that is, imitating Sparrows, etc.—seeing that it has been doing it for years. It is more likely to get worse. Young Larks are very prone to pick up these wretched false notes, and need bringing up strictly under other good singing birds. In buying another, I should choose a steady (kind) old bird. If this did a good song, you could next year bring up some youngsters under him. You must please yourself about giving the other one its liberty.

A Young Goldfinch (J. Thomas).—Upon my word. I never before heard of anyone cutting a piece from off a Goldfinch's tongue. How on earth could doing this help him to crack hemp-seed? The marvel is that the Greypate still lives. I should like to serve the same the "fancier" who persuaded you to let him do it. Give the bird soaked seed for a time, with plenty of thistles, dandelion, maw and niger seeds in addition. It needs dissolved in the drinking water (fresh daily) a piece of citrate of iron the size of a small pea. Quantity of water, two tablespoonfuls.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Not Talking.

Cardiff.—I presume you are dieting the bird as regularly advised in this column; if not do so (see recent issues). Keep the bird in your midst, where it will hear plenty of conversation; at the same time if it is not properly tamed it must not be in such close contact with you as to unduly scare it. Talk to it and constantly repeat to it such short phrases and words as you wish it to speak. Till you can get rid of the bird's being scared at your presence it will not talk much. It certainly should talk and I know very few Greys that do not. The only way to train them is by patience and kindness, on the lines indicated above.

Green Parrot Yawning.

H. C.—The yawning rather points to indigestion, but of this I cannot form any definite conclusion, as you give no idea of how you have been treating the bird. However, give 3 or 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia with 2 or 3 days between each—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, nothing else to drink being given during the day. At the same time you must not continue the aperient if the voidings become watery loose. When not giving the aperient make the drinking-water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for a month at least. The reaching and trying to vomit is so far as I can gather merely the natural habit of bringing the half-digested food up from the crop and enjoying it over again. Diet: Seed mixture—Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari and hemp, 2 parts each of Canary and oats and 1 part each of the others; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. It must have regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water as above. Also give at intervals to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little greenfood, such as green peas, lettuce and any wholesome salad according to season. A few sunflower seeds may be given occasionally as a treat. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, buttered bread, etc., or any kind of animal food whatever. Give it plenty of fresh air, but preserve it from draught.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

No Name.—Just leave the birds to take their own course; it is quite possible you may yet have a nest this year. But your hen is quite young enough yet and it will be all the better for her and also for her progeny if she does not nest till next season. Do not give them any sunflower seed and while they are not breeding only supply oats about twice a week. You make no mention of green food; so long as it can be procured free from frost they should have as much seeding grass (grass in flower) as they will eat. When this fails a little fresh lettuce or a piece of apple to nibble makes a good substitute. Keep the birds out of draught; at the same time they are hardy creatures, and should get all the fresh air possible. The Canaries being in view will not hinder the Budgerigars' nesting arrangements. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockateels," 6d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS office, very helpful.

Birds for an Aviary Cage.

S. G.—I presume you only want a few brightly coloured pets. You would find the following very handsome species of much interest, and though not songsters as we speak of Roller Canaries, for instance, yet keep up an almost continuous low and sweet melody. Pairs of Common Avadavats, Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, St. Helena Waxbills, Orange cheek Waxbills; and cocks only of Grey and Green Singing Finches. Supply Canary, white and spray millet and green food (such as grounsel, seeding grass, little fresh lettuce, etc.), according to season; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and when procurable give them a spray of some non poisonous foliage that is covered with green fly. There are occasional losses with new purchases of Foreign Birds, but the lovely little creatures named above are very hardy, and providing you keep them free from draught, should thrive and do well in the temperature of any ordinary living-room. I should advise you to fix up two or three cocoa-nut shells, which the birds will use as shelters.

Long-tailed Grassfinch.

W. R. White.—(1) The principal body colouring is fawn, lighter underneath, but merging into Vandyke-brown on the wings and rump; head silver grey; the tail is black and long and pointed; vent and under-tail coverts white; each sex is adorned with a black gorge and a band of similar colour across the base of the abdomen; beak, legs and feet red. The sexes are practically alike as to plumage, but the head of the female is usually not so broad as that of the male, and the silver-grey not so pure a hue. If you see a number together they can usually be picked out by their demeanour one to the other and the quaint, long drawn out note of the male. (2) Canary seed, white and spray millet, oats and paddy rice (rice in the husk), greenfood, such as lettuce, grass in flower, groundsel heads, etc., cuttlefish and grit. A roomy box cage is the best type, and if this gives room for exercise, artificial heat will not be necessary. (3) I have a male in my garden aviary which has been out of doors for five years, and is at the present time in exhibition condition. They are being advertised at the present time at 10/- per pair. Furnish your cages with twiggy branches for perches. Give them a 3ft. cage, and they will winter in your out-door birdroom.

What Birds are They?

"Thank you."—Sorry to note you lost your Pintails, but this is not a robust species till well established, and once Finches become troubled with growths round the beak their recovery is very doubtful. I presume it is the Chestnut-headed Bunting that is meant. I have never kept this species, and though I have with Finches, Mannikins, Waxbills, etc., five species of Bnuting in my out-door aviary, yet I should hesitate to mix them with Finches, Waxbills, etc, say within the limits of a C.P. aviary cage. They are about the size of an English Chaffinch, and require much the same treatment—mixed seeds, such as Canary, millet, rape, hemp, oats, paddy rice, green-food, few ants' eggs and an occasional meal-worm (a couple per bird daily) will certainly help to keep them robust and fit). I certainly advise you to give them these, though they will exist for a good period with any animal food. I have kept Aurora Finches with Waxbills in the out-door aviary, but should not attempt to do so in a cage. You would find my booklet "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free from this office, very helpful.

Age and Sex of Parrot.

Constant Reader.—An aged bird of almost any species may be told by its heavily scaled (almost horny) legs and feet. An immature bird may be told by the iris of the eye, which is silver-grey in a young bird, changing to pale yellow as it becomes adult. The naked skin round the eye is of a round shape at the back of the eye in the female; in the male it is extended to a somewhat pear-shaped point. I am not yet convinced that this distinction is constant; nevertheless, I have never come across a male with the bare skin of the face of a round shape behind the eye. The head of the female is also rounder and smaller than that of the male, which will be seen to be comparatively flat, when an undoubted pair are available for comparison. To sum up, a large-headed, flat-crowned bird, with bare skin on the face, and pear-shaped behind the eye, is an almost certain male. Of course in a very young bird these characteristics would be much less distinct and consequently the picking out of the sexes is a very difficult matter.

Outdoor Aviary Queries.

Devonian.—Twenty-four such as Canaries, etc., not for breeding, and those you name would agree well together, providing you have two or three seed hoppers and two water vessels, and the aviary is well furnished all round the back and ends with twiggy branches (pea and bean sticks answer well). Re the Budgerigar Aviary I think two pairs would be better for the start, though it would accommodate three pairs; but this would leave it rather crowded when young were about and under the circumstances I advise either all greens or all yellows, each pair to be procured from a different source; then your young birds from the respective pairs will be unrelated. You will require double the number of husks that you have pairs of birds. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatels," 7d., both post free from this office, very helpful.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (L.R.T.).—Disease of liver, anæmia, inflammation of lungs. This state of things may be hereditary or infectious. Add half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food to two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Green-food should not be given to youngsters in the flight cages.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

No Reply (J. Edwards).—As nothing seems to have been said about any term of approval, we do not see that you have any legal redress. The moral, of course, is that when dealing with strangers, the purchase money should be deposited with us, and a satisfactory term of approval arranged. We are continually impressing this advice upon readers.

Wandsworth and District F.S. (W. Summers).—Your notice of meeting on October 1st, does not reach us in time to be of use. Obviously it would serve no purpose in our issue dated October 3rd.

Photo of Brambling (W. B. Jepson).—This photograph, we regret to say, is not suitable for reproduction in our columns. The contrast 'twixt bird and background needs to be very pronounced, not the one merging into the other.

The Norwich Plainhead (A. H. C. Legg).—We are much obliged to you for your kind letter, and will see if we can get an article concerning the question you mention. By-the-way, we should be glad if you would send your notes on larger sheets of paper; small slips are so apt to get lost at the printers. Accept our heartiest thanks for the many thoughtful deeds undertaken on behalf of CAGE BIRDS. We appreciate kindnesses of this description.

Head Holes (Wire Front).—Any cage-maker would supply them, if you send on a pattern. You should have no difficulty in getting them made in your own town. In fact you could make them yourself quite easily with a pair of pliers and a piece of hardwood to bend to wire round.

Linnets, Etc. (F. F. Amos).—You will find full information on Linnets in Part 1 (Hardbills) of the "British Bird Manual," price 1s. 1d., post free, from this office. We hope to be publishing, very shortly, a book dealing with the other matter you name.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 3—Exeter and Devon—Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent St., St. Thomas, Exeter.
" **3—Watford**—W. Quantrell, 47, Market St.
" **5—Broughty Ferry**—R. Whilton, 2, Churchill Place.
" **5—Great Harwood**—G. Waddington, 68, Edge End Road.
" **6—Battersea**—F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham Road, S.W.
" **6—Great Horton**—H. Schofield, 157, Beldon Road.
" **7—Liskeard**—Dr. W. Curtis.
" **7—Frome C.B.S.**—C. I. Young, Palmer Street.
" **7—Caterham** (extra fee 10th)—J. Kilby.
" **8—Leamington Spa**—F. T. Pritchard.
" **8—Weston-super-Mare**—G. W. Read, Severn Road.
" **9—Selkirkshire**—W. H. Reid, Cannon Street.
" **10—Morpeth** E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.
" **10—Plymouth**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
" **10—Glasgow (City of)**—A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea Drive.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 4—Rochester—W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Rd.
" **5** (1st post)—**Peterboro C.B.S.**—H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln Road.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held at Prince Albert Inn on September 27th, when 16 birds sang. 1st and 3rd, Neat; 2nd, Lauriman. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Dean.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, on September 27th, when 16 birds sang. Judge, Mr. H. Allen. Timekeeper, Mr. F. Robinson. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Thompson.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Ormskirk O.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, Horseshoe Inn, 8.—F. Foster.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Oct. 10, Danix Feru Bar, 7.30. Completing schedule for Open Show.—R. G. Challenger.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 9, Red Lion, 8. Final arrangements for show, etc.—J. Simcock.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Baptist School. Members' Show; birds to be staged not later than 2 o'clock; judge, Mr. J. Bailey, on Oct. 6, at 8; meeting for final Open Show arrangements.—W. Jagger.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 7, 8. Review new schedules of show, appoint officers of show to assist secretary that day.—G. A. Charles.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Temperance Club, 8. Open Show business.—M. Clayton.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 3, Town Hall, 8. Drawing up schedule.—J. Butterworth.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 8, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting, prize-cards, revision of show rules, etc.—J. Winter.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 6, Prince of Wales, 8. Important business.—H. Dobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 6, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Federation team, etc.—W. Stafford.

St. Helens O.S.—Oct. 5, George Inn, 8.15. Fixing catalogue for general show distribution of prize-money from Members' Show, etc.—A. Goodall.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. To receive specials for Members' classes; also confirming same.—Reid and Maddison.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 8, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final arrangements for Open Show; subscriptions due.—A. Hitchings.

S.W. London C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. To further arrange and discuss matter for Annual Autumn Show, which is fixed for Nov. 7; judge, Mr. Rohson.—W. Lilley.

Walsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Oct. 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Fixing of Open Class specials, etc.—J. Johnston.

Walkley and Dist. Amateur C.B.S.—Oct. 5, White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, 7.30. Special meeting. On Oct. 8, a washing exhibition by Mr. W. H. Champion, at 8 o'clock.—C. W. Marshall.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 5, Elephant and Castle, 8. Fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.—Oct. 3, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show business.—J. Gill.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 5, Cross Key Hotel, 7.30. Fixed date of show, arranging for judge.—H. A. Watson.

West of Scotland.—Oct. 3, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30.—G. Smart.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 3, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' Show; judge, Mr. J. Greaves.—E. Broadley.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Schedules and entry forms ready.—F. Howes.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, 6. The Broadway, 8. Arrangements for Annual Show.—H. Smith.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Ormondroyd.—E. W. Johnson.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Central Conservative Club, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Washing demonstration on Borders, Yorks. and Nor., by Mr. F. Wardleworth. All Head.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Selection of Federation team, and back-end show business.—H. Foden.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. G. Greenfield.—W. Richinson.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Clarence Hotel, 5. Table show, judging to commence at 6 p.m.—E. Carlisle.

Battersea C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Final arrangements for annual show.—F. Easterling.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, 8. Appointing stewards for show.—J. Stringer.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Oct. 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean, on "Preparing for Exhibition"; balance sheet for September show, etc.—H. Hill.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Schedule for Old Bird Show. Mr. R.U. Williams will read a paper on the Yorkshire.—A. J. Red.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Crown Hotel, Station-street, 8.30. Allocation of specials for open classes.—J. H. de Maillet.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Oct. 5, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

City of Dundee and Dist. C.B.S. (A.).—Oct. 7, Doig's Rooms, 8. Club show business.—A. Miller.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Boys' Bird Drawing Competition, at Annual Show.—G. Peters.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 3, Crown and Anchor, 7.—Parker and Atkinson.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 6, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Classes for Members' Show on Nov. 14.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Horse Shoe, 7.30. —W. Rutherford.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Oct. 7, George Hotel, 8. Special and final meeting previous to Open Show.—R. S. Black.

Dewshury Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Royal Hotel, 8. Winter Show business.—N. Rayner.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Bull's Head Inn, 8.—F. W. Tomsett.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Fountain Inn, 7.30. Alteration of meeting nights, etc.—W. Ashworth.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.—Oct. 5, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Annual Show business.—G. R. Smith.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Washing competitions for two silver medals, presented by Messrs. W. C. Down (chairman) and P. Steling.—R. H. Folley.

Federation of C.B.S. (Ashton-under-Lyne Centre).—Oct. 10, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, Oldham, 6.30.—A. Ackroyd.

Gt. Harwood Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, Town Gate, 8. Final preparations for Open Show.—G. Waddington.

Guisboro' and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Headquarters, 7. Table Show of Cage Birds, A.V.; discussion on exhibits, to be opened by Mr. G. Jobling; all interested are invited.—G. Atkinson.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 3, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. J. Hartley (Bradford) will give a washing exhibition of Canaries.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Y.M.C.A., 8. Very important show business.—Williams and Easby.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 5, White Hart Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Skinn; fanciers interested are cordially welcomed.—S. Lodge.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, St. George's School, 8. Members' Show business.—T. Allsop.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 7, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Open Show business; members bring a list of specials.—A. Urquhart.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Bird in Hand, 7.30. To finish schedule, and other business of importance.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Open Show arrangements, etc.—A. Bottomley.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 10, Textile Dining Rooms, Oldham, 5.45. Very important business; subscriptions are now due.—W. Adams.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Miner's Hall, 7. All subscription sheets to be in on that date.—J. Pollock.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Lockhart's Cafe, 6.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. H. Wood; Open Show business; also Members' Table Show, 10 classes. Judge, Mr. J. H. Mennard; friends invited.—A. Wilkins.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Headquarters, 7.30. To appoint specials for Open Show.—R. Hall.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 6, White Swan Hotel, 8. Allotting of challenge cups and specials for Open Show; washing exhibition; and address on "Preparation for the Show Bench" (postponed from last meeting) will be given by Mr. Hulse. Members' clearance night.—C. Draper.

Leith O.S.—Oct. 10, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—G. Brown.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Club business and discussion on breeding results.—H. T. Lucas.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Oct. 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Night Show; Mr. W. Hales, judge; also to allot specials for Old Show, etc.—A. Thompson.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 17. Co-operative Class Room, 6.30. Mr. E. Fox will give a washing exhibition.—J. Turner.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, 8.30. Annual Show business.—W. Lang, Junr.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Oct. 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October Show business, specials, etc.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Classification for Open Show, etc.—F. Western.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 8, Lavender Hill, 8.15. Annual Show business.—R. Dear.

Middlesbrough and Tee-side C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Crown Hotel, 3. Washing exhibition; friends and fanciers invited.—A. Wake.

Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Bull Hotel, 8.30. Show business.—J. England.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 7, Cobden Hall, 8.30. Show business—important.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Textile Dining rooms, 8. Entries for Back-end Show, etc.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, 8. Annual Show business.—T. H. Tiffen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW SOCIETY FOR KEITH (N.B.).

SIR, Will you kindly announce in your valuable paper that a Cage Bird Society is being formed in Keith? This is the first society of its kind north of Aberdeen. The first show will probably be held about the beginning of December.

DAVID D. MILNE.

60, Regent street, Keith, N.B.

WILL MULES BREED?

SIR, Seeing a letter headed "Will Mules Breed," in the correspondence columns of the 26th September, and being interested in same, I would like to ask "Mongrel" if he is really sure that it was a Mule the hen Canary was put beside? It seems to me that there must be a mistake somewhere. If not, however, I for one will be very pleased to welcome a "new breed of feathers" on the show bench. So get your friend to trot one out, "Mongrel," and let us have a look at it. Or if you will give your address (as you say they can be seen) some of the fanciers round here, Falkirk, will be pleased to give you a call. What say you, Willie Clubb? I hope "A Mongrel" will oblige, as it has all along been strongly denied that any Mule will breed.

T. R. WALLACE.

AFFAIRS AT BARNSLEY.

SIR,—For a number of years now the Society in Barnsley has had hard work to keep in existence, though it has not been a hard matter to find the cause for same. It has been brought about by so-called fanciers running from one member to another and "back-biting" those who have tried to keep the Society going. At the present time we have 30 good members who have every confidence in our president, Mr. W. H. Lindley, of Wombwell, doing that which is right, and I take this opportunty to thank him for his help and for the advice which he has always been willing to give to those that need it. My reason for writing is because someone has been trying to cause friction between Mr. Lindley and the Barnsley Society. But let me tell them that we have not only got a bit more sense, but we have got a bit more thick-skinned since we started in July last. I appealed through your paper then to these so-called fanciers to come and join us and help make the society a success. But seeing that they will not, let me ask them to at least leave the Barnsley Society and its president alone, then we shall be able to work out our own salvation, and the Barnsley Society will, as I have said before, become one of the best in Yorkshire.

ED. CARLISLE.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

SIR,—The following occurs in my letter which appears in this day's issue of CAGE BIRDS:— . . . "and if holding meetings in a fully-licensed hotel is not a violation, etc." I have been informed that the hotel in question is not fully licensed, and I desire to correct my mistake at the earliest opportunity. I also desire to correct a printer's error. What I intended to convey when writing of Mr. Birse's action was that he had brought home the voting papers, "and looked over them, out of, as he said, 'mere curiosity.'" I am made to say, however, owing to the second parenthesis being misplaced, that Mr. Birse brought home the voting papers out of mere curiosity.

J. P. ROONEY.

SIR,—The letter appearing in last week's issue of your journal over the signatures of Messrs. Carroll and Orr call for an answer, otherwise I had no intention of continuing the controversy. Firstly, I would suggest to those gentlemen that in future they should read my letter they intend replying to before they attach their signaures thereto. I stated that the six signatures should read as two—not "one," as they would have me say. Secondly, I am at a loss to know how they claim to challenge the accuracy of my statement, as I confined myself to the Y.C.C. meetings in my letter, and I have been on the committee since 1904. Messrs. Carroll and Orr have never been on the committee. Where, therefore, does their knowledge come from? Mr. Carroll exhibited two birds in the novice classes last year; Mr. Orr, I think, has never exhibited a bird at our show—certainly none last year. So much for new blood. The letter further says: "It was an act of generosity on their part (Messrs. Sholedice, etc.) to stand-by for the purpose of infusing new blood." Perhaps; but I doubt it. If when the votes were first counted it had been announced that there had been a tie, we should never have had those resignations. No, the party were too hasty. The result of the poll was declared Friday, September 12, with Devitt elected. Next day the resignations were furnished to CAGE BIRDS, so that the announcement would appear on the same day as we were holding the adjourned meeting. But in the meantime (as pointed out in the able letter from Mr. Rooney) the new secretary had "looked over" the voting papers out of "curiosity," and had made his discovery. How some people must have wished they had never sent in their resignations: such heroism wasted! So much for acts of generosity. Now to another matter: Messrs. Carroll and Orr's co-option was, and is, illegal according to rules; also any vote recorded for those gentlemen was due to the fact that their names appear on the syndicate ticket, and they polled, I think, ten and seven votes respectively. I am sorry for treading on their dignity and self-respect so much as to have got them also to resign.

RICHARD F. DUIGENAN, Hon. Treasurer.

(A letter from Mr. Gratton Bray has had to be held over until next week.)

SOME INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS ON WILD BIRDS.

SIR,—Whilst spending a holiday recently on the South Coast, I have had an opportunity of watching some of the birds, and was very struck with the absence of the members of the Chat family on the furze which covers many of the Downs in the locality of the Dyke, near Brighton. The country appears to be ideal for these birds, but I could count all I saw of the Wheatears and Whinchats on the fingers of one hand. On some occasions about the same time of the year I have seen Wheatears by the score in the same places. The Stonechat is usually associated with heaths, etc., where furze abounds, but my friend, Mr. Walter Swaysland, of Brighton, pointed out to me the spot where he had found a Stonechat's nest at Portslade. It was on a small stretch of railway embankment at Portslade Station, within 3 yards of the metals where railway trucks are loaded daily and within 3 or 4 yards of the public roadway. There is not a vestige of furze near, and the only bush is a small hawthorn about 3 feet high. The spot at the present is covered with old thistles and dock weeds, and is about the last place one would expect to find a Stonechat rearing a breod. Another unusual sight to me, also to Mr. Swaysland, was a flock of Martins and Swallows settling and feeding among the furrows of a ploughed field with Wagtails, Pipits, etc. Has any other reader noticed Swallows in ploughed fields?

S. A. SANDY.

CAGE BIRD UNION DISTRICT COMPETITIONS.

SIR,—The Executive Council of the Union have decided to offer medals for competition in each of the districts of the Union, to be won this season, and I shall be glad if you will give publicity to the following short particulars of same. Two or three medals to be competed for in each of the twelve districts, for most points gained at any four selected shows held under C.B.U. rules. Every competitor may select any four shows he pleases in his district, at which he wishes his points to count; the points gained at these four shows only to count. A competitor may show as many birds as he pleases, but only the points gained by the four highest birds shown by him at each of the four shows shall count. The aggregate points gained at the four selected shows shall be his points for the season. Any variety of cage-birds may be exhibited—Canaries, Hybrids, British or foreign. Points to count according to the rules of the show. In case of a tie the most number of 1st prizes to take precedence; in case of further tie, the most number of 2nd prizes, and so on. The competition may commence immediately, but competitors must notify me, at least 7 days before the advertised date for closing entries, at which shows they intend their exhibits to count points. The four shows need not be notified all together. The competition is open to all members of affiliated societies, and any affiliated or licensed shows may be selected for the competition. I am sending particulars of the competition to all secretaries of C.B.U. shows.

Sec. C.B.U. G. W. F. LYTHGOE.

SKELMANTHORPE SHOW.

SIR,—I see in last week's CAGE BIRDS that "Straight 'Un" is advising the fanciers in Bradford to wait another week before sending their birds out for show, as ours at Skelmanthorpe is "rather a distance from that centre," and at the same time giving them an invitation to a washing exhibition at Wibsey. Sir, I should like to be candid with "Straight 'Un," for I think that he has not done a very gentlemanly thing writing as he did just prior to our show. We can't even reply to him before our show is upon us, and the words he has written will certainly have some influence on some people, and that means a few less entries for our show. I think the least that he could have done, seeing that we are all under one Union, was to have kept quiet, even if they are a little afraid of us. Perhaps ours does look a distance away for people who dare not leave "the centre" and go to another show. We always dispatch birds so that they may arrive home the same night, and that is something that we ourselves are not treated to by the others; for at nearly every show we have birds on road too late for our last train down at 10 p.m. That means a walk of three miles on Sunday morning, for we have no Sunday train service here. I hope show secretaries will dispatch our birds off a little sooner in future than they have usually done.

H. KAYE, Assistant Secretary of the Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.

Mr. John Lodge, the secretary of the Skelmanthorpe Society, writes us to the same purpose as Mr. Kaye. We are surprised, and at the same time exceedingly sorry, that they should consider our correspondent "Straight 'Un" intended to in any way prejudice the success of Skelmanthorpe show, and had we thought his paragraph capable of bearing any such construction, it certainly would have found no place in our columns. We venture to think, however, that Messrs. Lodge and Kaye read into "Straight 'Un's" words a meaning they were never intended to convey; and we are confirmed in our opinion by a sentence which appears in that contributor's column this week. What "Straight 'Un" wrote last week was this:—(1) "The fanciers of the Bradford district will have to wait another seven days for a show near home, the first Yorkshire Union fixture, viz., Skelmanthorpe, being rather a distance away from that centre." (2) "Now, ye novices who want a few hints on this subject (washing of birds), you will do well to attend. The Wibsey fanciers will give you a hearty welcome." We find it difficult to construe the first sentence into advice not to enter birds at Skelmanthorpe show, or the second (appearing in an entirely distinct paragraph) into an invitation to attend Wibsey's washing exhibition instead. We regret Messrs. Kaye and Lodge should view them in this light.—EDITOR.

BIRDCATCHING, AND THE PERSECUTION OF BIRD-CATCHERS.

SIR,—Being a bird-catcher myself, I congratulate Mr. G. Fenn on his pluck. I should like to know where the "roughs" come in. I am a man with a family to keep. I work on drains, buildings, and in the garden. When unable to follow this, am I to see my little ones starve? No, not while I see a shilling at bird-catching. I should myself like to see it compulsory to take out a licence for catching, and a bird-catchers' and dealers' protection society formed. As for "close seasons," there are none, not if seen into—look on a gun licence and see. I am a large Mule-breeder, and a net maker, as far as my funds will go, and for anyone to think that a bird-catcher is a lazy man is far from the truth. Let him get my address from CAGE BIRDS, and he shall have the job to carry my pack for me (about 40lbs.) nine miles there and back.

C. B.

SIR,—I was greatly pleased to read "Bird Lover's" letter in your issue of August 29, and also wish to congratulate Mr. Fenn on the stand he has made against the overbearing tactics of the police and R.S.P.C.A. Doubtless many of your readers will remember how I opened a correspondence in your columns some four years ago on this subject, but the majority of your readers did not trouble themselves on the matter, and now that things have gone from bad to worse, perhaps it is not too much to hope that they are waking up. Why not, as "Bird Lover" suggests, let bird-catching be a licensed sport, the same as many others? Neither amateur nor professional would grumble at a small fee per annum for the privilege of being allowed to pursue their sport in peace, and it would, I hope, put an end to these abominable and malicious prosecutions, which are, I consider, a disgrace. It is the old story, I am afraid, "one law for the rich and another for the poor." As "Bird Lover" and others state, the persons who execute this law are ignorant; but why should the bird-catcher be made to suffer for this ignorance? Cannot the C.B.U. take this matter up and do its best to have the law altered? I would suggest the following, viz., that the close season be one period for all counties and districts; that during the open season it should be lawful to take any manner of birds; that, in a case of a prosecution by the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty in bracing birds, that the R.S.P.C.A. shall be compelled to *prove* cruelty—not to be able to do as now, simply state that the birds were braced, to secure a conviction. Now, let professionals and amateurs alike combine to have this abominable law altered—let us have no more confiscation and heavy fines, but a proper close and open season (only not "open" as it is now), and above all things, let us have, if we can, a Bird-catchers' Protection Society which can fight the R.S.P.C.A. and others to secure justice for the bird-catcher. I, for one, will willingly subscribe what little I can towards such an end.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—Being much interested in the correspondence going on *re* "When is a clear not a clear?" I would like to give my views. I think we have much to thank Mr. Weston for, in opening up same. I am at one with that gentleman when he says that a tick must be visible to the eye before he will pass same as a tick. I can't see how a bird that is clear to the eye when it is passing from spar to spar can be exhibited as ticked. Mind you, I say to the eye, not to the hands or mouth, of which you have a nice sketch in this week's CAGE BIRDS, showing the result of handling and blowing. Why, some of our judges (old'uns especially) would need an extra steward along with them to keep "puffing and blowing" for them; everyone has not a pair of lungs like a pair of fanners. I would like to ask why a bird that is all clear to the eye, but has a dark mark on the upper mandible (a sure mark of green blood) and which is visible to the eye, should be allowed to compete in clear classes and a bird that is all clear to the eye on the surface when in its show-cage but with dark underflue kept out? Sir, I think that is doing an injustice. I may say that I have won in a clear yellow class with a bird marked on beak. That is the reason I am sending this note, and I hope to hear from some experienced brother fanciers, as it is by exchange of views that we keep our hobby going. So send your views along respecting dark beaks.

T. R. WALLACE.

(We have received a long letter from Mr. Reid, in reply to Mr. Woollard, which will appear next week.)

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD City's entries did not quite come up to the standard of the last one or two shows. Many members were complaining that they had not above one or two thoroughly fit to bring out. Bradford East had over 100 birds staged, and here the members appeared to be fairly early, a good lot of birds being in grand trim. Many fanciers turned up here to see the new staging being tried, with a view to its adoption at the open show; that is, to have the birds on high tables, so they can be seen without so much of the handling of the cages necessary when they are staged too low. Without doubt the birds will benefit by it. This staging, though new about the Bradford district, is in vogue at some of the large shows in other districts, and where societies have to provide their own trestles and tabling it would perhaps be wise to inspect the same before ordering. Bradford West and Gt. Horton Good Intent were also holding shows, and at each place some nice birds were staged, but the cry of "not ready" was heard in all directions.

THE Green Canary Association has issued the list of shows to be held under its patronage. These include two Yorkshire fixtures, viz., Leeds and Bradford West, both of which are held in the latter part of November, so that Yorkshiremen will have a chance to see the Green Canaries at their best. The G.C.A., like the Yorkshire Specialist Clubs, do not begin their competitions until well into October, therefore the birds get into good trim before the fight for the trophies begins in earnest. The Yorkshire Union trophies and prizes, however, begin at the first show, held to-day (Saturday), at Skelmanthorpe, where we hope to see a good turn-out both of birds and fanciers, and they then run through the whole season.

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THE SHOWS.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

First annual exhibition of young Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries held in the Drill Hall, 30, Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, on September 26th. The weather conditions were most unfavourable, rain falling in torrents for the greater part of the day. Fortunately this did not deter the cream of the Scotch Fancy from turning out with their entries, which numbered 351. The society have a membership numbering 180, and are still adding to their numbers. The old Scottish Metropolitan had reached a stage when it was found necessary that some action be taken to put the association on more up-to-date and modern lines. The present association is the outcome of that feeling, and judging from the large response both in membership and entries the steps taken have met with general approval. All the members have worked together with one aim in view, viz., to make this their first show, the success it proved. The office-bearers are:—Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr J. R. Meikle; acting committee, Messrs. J. Dalgleish, J. M'Lennan, and A Paterson; auditors, Messrs. G. C. T Hope, M Petrie and J. P. Thomson. The judges for the Scotch Fancies were: Messrs. D. Black (Govan), T. Braid (Kirkcaldy), D. Low (Dundee), and A. Nisbet (Galston); for Belgians, Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh). There were 10 classes, 8 for Scotch Fancy, and two for Belgians. Every credit is due to the secretary, Mr. J. R. Meikle, and his able band of workers for the capital arrangements made for the staging of the exhibits, and for the provision made for fanciers and the general public, who patronised the show with their presence and exhibits. Many well-known faces were seen, notably Messrs. J. Smith (Coatbridge), Ronaldson (Belfast), Thornton (Drysdale), and J. B. Kerr, and we were also glad to see Mr. Harry Dougall, who is looked upon as one of the oldest fanciers in Scotland. There was grand quality in the Scotch Fancies in the different classes, the cream of this season's breeding being out. The Derby winner (cup and gold badge), was found in Miss Brown's Buff Pied hen which was first in its class recently at Glasgow, and runner up for the Glasgow cup. It was in the pink of condition to-day. The runner-up was Mr. Wm. Allans (Edinboro.), with a Buff cock, which was first in its class, the Glasgow Derby winner, belonging to Mr. M'Lennan, being to-day placed second. The Buff Pied hen, cup winner of Miss Brown's, after this show becomes the property of Mr. W. Thornton. The blue ribbon in the Belgian class was won by that well known breeder of Belgians, Mr. James Greig (Aberdeen), with a Yell cock, a perfect gem, in lovely condition, and looking a cup winner in every feather. The runner-up was a Buff Hen belonging to Geo. C. T. Hope (Edinboro.), a neat, compact hen, nicely staged. The judges in the Scotch Fancy sections had a difficult task set them, the exhibits being all round of more than ordinary merit. The same remark applies to the Belgian section. The awards throughout met with general approval. The special silver cups were the gift of Mr. Thomas Kay (Edinboro.), for the best young Scotch Fancy.

YELL. CK. CL. ETC. (40): 1, McClure: foul, 1st at Glasgow, grand size, fine thick top end, decided drive, nice droop, wins well. 2, Thornton; shade smaller, nice head, shoulder and back. 3, Gordon; grand size, well filled shoulders. 4, Johnstone; good nerve, nice style. 5, spl., Muir. 6, spl., W. Thornton. 7, spl, Dalgleish. 8, M'Lennan. PIED, ETC., (35): 1, J. W. Thornton; Pied 1st nice size and breadth, grand nerve and droop, lovely pose, nicely staged. 2, 3, McLennan; second pied very nervy, grand reachy style, good size; 3, pied, smaller, fine nerve and pose. 4, McClure; nice size, and breadth, good rib and shoulder. 5, spl. Stratheran. 6, Whitefield. 8, Maxwell. BUFF. CL. ETC. (39): 1, Allan, runner-up for cup, grand size, good shoulder, nervy, decided drive, tail well to perch. 2, M'Lennan; winner of cup at Glasgow, an exhibit of decided merit, little to choose between 1st and 2nd. 3, spl., 4, Dalgleish; grand stamp fine reach; 4th, nice drive and size, should improve. 5, and spl. Hope. 6, Gordon. 7, spl., Pringle. 8, Kirk. PIED ETC. (35): 1, M'Lennan; pied, nice size, rare long drooping neck, well set up, very ready, steady as a rock. 2, 6 spl, Maxwell; very close on first, shade thinner, grand shoulder and neck, fine droop, same ticket at Glasgow. 3, 8th, Howden; third, nice head, good neck, fine shoulder and wings, tail well to perch, good drive, nice condition. 4, Munro; fine nerve, grand size, nice depth, thorough good bird. 5, Burgess. 7, spl., J. Allan. YELL HEN CL ETC. (53): 1, 7 spl., W. Allan, 1st not finished in moult, grand pose, nice top head and drive, good thickness through, will improve. 2, M'Millan; first at Glasgow, shade rough in feather, nice circle and pose, well set up. 3, Hope; fine size, presses hard on second, sure to improve. 4, Dalgleish; clear, good size, nice and deep through. 5, spl., Blair. 6, spl., Dobson. 8, Noble. PIED, ETC. (36): 1, M'Lennan; nice head and neck, well set up, determined drive, tail well to perch, nice long side. 2, W. Allan; Pied, fine length and substance, good head and drive, very nervy. 3, Rodger, grand style, neat shape. 4, Maxwell; nice head and top end, good shoulders, wings and tail. 5, spl., Hope. 6, spl., P. Farrell. 7, Mugnus Petrie. 8, Burgess. BUFF. CL. ETC. (40): 1, Dalgleish; cl. grand size and substance, nice depth through, capital shoulders and back, looks and travels well. 2, 5, W. Allan; grand reach, keeps head well down, looks a shade less substance than winner. 3, Stratheran; nice type, good top end, wings and tail free action. 4, Hope; nice head and circle, good type, fine pose. 6, McClure. 7, Carmyllie. 8, Pringle. PIED, ETC., (52): 1, spl., Miss Brown; Pied, of exceptional merit, first and runner-up for Derby cup at Glasgow, wins cup and gold badge to-day, in grand condition. 2, 5, McMillan; Pied, 2nd very free, nice size, and reach, plenty of substance and good depth through. 3, McClure; fine size and substance, good body and wing. 4, M'Lennan; very free, neat head and drive, will do better. 6, Carmyllie. 7, Dobson. 8, Hope. BELG. CK. (10): 1, spl. Greig; wins silver cup, yellow good size, and depth, fine quality, nice pose, a gem, in grand condition. 2, 3, Fairley; good team, second good shape, fine style and depth, close on winner; third another nice bird. 4, Capt. Philip; Buff, good type and quality, should improve. 5, Cook; 6, Vanderauwera (Belgium). HEN (12): 1, Hope; Buff, good size, nice style, wings and tail, fine pose. 2, Greig; hardly so thick, neat shoulder and wing. 3, McNiven; grand length and shoulder. 4, 6, Fairley; 4th good shape and style, should improve. 5, 7, Capt. Philip. 8, Stavert.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite, it kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

The fifth annual exhibition was held on September 30th and October 1st in the Central Hall—an ideal place for a cage bird show. We were sorry to find on entering the building that the entries had not come up to the committee's expectations. This no doubt may be chiefly accounted for by the fact that very few birds are yet well enough through the moult to allow of their being exhibited; indeed, the great majority of them are as yet only about half-way through. Some few years ago there was a certain amount of "paper grumbling" because the brothers Howe exhibited at Wellingborough, and as a natural consequence captured the cream of the prizes. To meet this difficulty the committee this year wisely appointed them as judges in their respective classes, Mr. H. J. adjudicating upon the Britishers, and Mr. F. Howe upon the Foreigners, whilst Mr. W. Vardy awarded the prizes in the Canary classes. The Canary section was fairly well filled, only one or two of the classes being cancelled. But many of the British classes, including the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and several others, had the "blue pencil" put through them, notwithstanding the fact that 21s. prize money per class was offered by the committee for an entry fee of 1s. 6d. Needless to say, the committee all being genuine fanciers, the exhibits were well catered for, and the officials were ably led by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Howe, who is deserving of great credit for his able management of affairs. Our only regret, therefore, was that they were not favoured with a bumping entry. We noticed one bird had escaped (a Redpoll), and was flying gaily about the hall, and on examining his cage found that the wires were wide enough for a Thrush's cage! The owner will certainly be lucky if he gets him home again safe and sound. The special prizes were awarded as follows:—Sandiford's cup for hottest bird was won by Mr. W. H. Howe; Hyde's special by Mr. Bateman; the L. and P.O.S. silver medal by Mr. Midgley; and their bronze medal by Mr. W. H. Howe.

The Canary Section.

NOR., CL. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Houghton, very fine quality bird, good head, extra fine body properties, carries wings nicely, rare size; 2, Martin, orange buff, smooth as a bottle, extra good head, sound colour; 3, Goodall, nice quality, well made throughout; 4, Williams, very large bird of excellent quality, wee bit long; vhc, Allen; hc, Felce; c, Keech. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Bateman, 1st ticked on neck, very fine quality, rich in colour; vhc, smart buff, on the small side; 2, Mitchell, ticked on breast, nice size, full of bloom; 3, Ette, smart yellow, nice colour and quality; 4, Felce, heavily-marked yellow, trifle long; hc, Claypole. CL., ETC., YELL., BRED 1908 (10): 1, Waters, nearly four-pointed, with extra good head, well set beak, teeming with quality, rare size; 2, Ette, excellent clear, rich colour and quality of feather; 3, Tweddle, another clear, similar to second, but hardly ready; 4, Elliott, very smart 4-ptd., with tick on back of head; vhc, Belcher, well made bird; hc, Mitchell; c, Houghton. BUFF (15): An excellent class; 1, Tweddle, marked on wing, excels in head, nicely carried wings, sound colour; 2, Cooper, another marked bird, grand head, fine sweep of chest, has a broken tail, or might have won; 3, vhc, Popple, clear and typical, excellent body properties; 4, Claypole, smart bird, trifle smaller than winners; hc, Keech; c, Ette. NOR. HEN: Grand class of 20; 1, Midgley, very typical, nice size, in excellent condition; 2, Goodall, another clear yellow, of right stamp; 3, Ette, also clear yellow, very nice and smart; 4, Cooper, grizzle-headed buff, full of quality, and rare type; vhc, Martin; hc, Prudden; c, W. H. Howe. NOR. NON-FED (7): 1, vhc, W. H. Howe, clear yellow, excellent colour and quality; 2, Bateman, grand buff, shown in good condition; 3, Gentle, another fine bird, just beaten in size; 4, hc, W. Howe, nice yellow; c, West. NOR. CK., LIMIT £3 (15): 1, Priestley, clear yellow, hardly ready, excels in colour; 2, Winstone, another good yellow, perhaps just a trifle long in flights and tail; 3, c, Muddiman, grizzle-headed buff, lovely quality; 4, Belcher, rare big yellow, with good body; vhc, Cooper, very smart; hc, Brown. £1 (18): 1, Mann well made ticked buff, cheap; 2, Allen, ticked yellow, excellent quality; 3, Winstone, very nice quality yellow, but hardly through moult; 4, Martin; vhc, c, W. H. Howe; hc, Markham. HEN, LIMIT £1: 1, Wilmot, ticked buff, very nice quality, well made; 2, Charlesworth, nice yellow, good quality; 3, Markham, marked bird, very smart appearance; 4, Packer, excellent quality buff; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hunt; c, Wiggins. NOR. PAIRS, 30/- (7): 1, Painter, yellow cock and buff marked hen, not over large but full of quality; 2, Williams, rare big buff cock, and smart yellow hen, very cheap; 3, Packer, similar pair, also very cheap; 4, Winstone, nicely-matched birds; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Wiggins. CINN. (11): 1, 2, Martin, 1st big buff bird, bit loose in feather, otherwise very good; 2nd, smart bird of good colour, some preferred this to winner; 3, W. H. Howe, good-coloured yellow, nice type, rather unsteady; 4, c, Brown, very fair buff, hardly through moult yet; vhc, King; hc, Ingram. VARIETY CLASS (6): 1, King, very fine buff-marked crested Norwich, crest of excellent formation, and shown in the pink of condition; 2, Axe, similar bird to winner, excels in quality of feather, but hardly equal to winner in centre of crest; 3, Fellows, green crest with abundance of body feather; 4, Bloomfield and Rose, green crest, nicely formed, but would be better if larger; vhc, Peters; hc, 0, Harrison, absent. A.V., LIMIT 12/0 (8): 1, Belcher, cheap yellow Norwich; 2, Markham, cheap buff; 3, Bateman; 4, Smith; vhc, Thring; hc, c, Wigginton. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR. YELL: 1, 4, W. H. Howe, two very smart birds; 2, Charlesworth, good one, beaten only in colour; 3, W. Howe, just a shade smaller, but a nice one. BUFF: 1, vhc, Belcher, well-made bird, in excellent condition; 2, Charlesworth, marked bird of correct type; 3, 4, c, W. H. Howe, nice trio of birds; hc, W. Howe. NOR., 1908 BRED: 1, 2, 4, vhc, W. H. Howe, 1st capital yellow, grand bird; 2nd, good marked buff; 4th, nice clear buff; 3, hc, Charlesworth, marked yellow, correct type. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Martin, 1st variegated buff of rare size and excellent type; 2nd, smaller, but of good quality; 3, hc, W. H. Howe, nice ticked buff; 4, W. Howe, very smart buff; vhc, Charlesworth; c, Smith.

Hybrid, British and Foreign Classes.

MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Miss Davies, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, in rare polished plumage, showing the cross very distinctly; 2, Sharp, very fine large Greenfinch-Bullfinch, shown in rare fettle, a good Hybrid; 3, Winstone, charming Goldfinch-Redpoll, very smart, and rich in colour, well placed; 4, Coffey, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, rather thick when we took our notes, but a good bird; vhc, hc, c, Andrewe, very fine Greenfinch Mule, a Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and a very nice light Canary Mule. GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH AND GREENFINCH classes all cancelled. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Sharp, very smart, rich plumaged Bramblefinch, put up in excellent condition; 2, Colley, another choice Bramble, good colour, not far behind 3, Smith, very good Chaffinch, but hardly ready yet; 4, Hingley, fair Bramble, some distance behind winners, but will improve; vhc, Goodall, nice Chaffinch; hc, Cocks; c, Axe. LINNET (12). 1, Pickles, rare stamp of bird, rich colour, very nicely penciled; 2, Seal, smart, nearly equal in colour and penciling to winner, but beaten in size; 3, Beaty very nice coloured bird, in good condition, hardly so steady as winners; 4, Darker, smart bird, but very unsteady; vhc, hc, Hunt; c, Axe. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Quantrell, very pretty Twite in good condition; 2, Goodall, Lesser Redpoll, rich in colour, nicely penciled, with good bib; 3, 4, Andrews, very pretty fed Siskin, and non fed Mealy Redpoll, one of the largest we have seen; vhc, Wilmot, smart non-fed Siskin; hc, Beaty. VARIETY FINCH AND BLACKBIRD, Etc., classes cancelled. WHEATEAR, ETC. (14), this was the class of the show; 1, 3, vhc, hc, Walsh, splendid quartette, 1 charming black Redstart, in brilliant plumage, 3 sweetly pretty yellow Wagtail, vhc a fine Redstart, hc good Whinchat; 2, Hingley, very fine Wryneck, shown in excellent condition; 4, Cocks, grand little Tree-creeper; c, Miss Davies, smart Blackcap. LARGE BRIT., cancelled. HEN BRIT. (5): 1, Cocks, a good Little Treecreeper, will improve yet; 2, Withers, lovely Bearded Reedling; 3, Belcher; 4, Andrews, both Bramblefinches, very smart birds, and almost equal in merit. PARROTS, ETC. (7): 1, Millsum, lovely pair of Blue Mountain Lorrikeets, in prime condition, a source of great attraction; 2, Hadley, good pair of Barnard's Parrakeets, also attracted much attention; 3, Cooper, a fine Blue Bonnet, much admired; 4, Miss Davies, very similar to third; vhc, Beaty, very nice Lory; hc, Palmer, Grey Parrot, in good plumage; c, Watts. FOR. SEEDEATERS, SMALL (15): 1, Frost, fine specimen of the Paradise Whydah; 2, Beaty, lovely pair of Blackheaded Gouldians; 3, Pyke, very choice Crimson-collared Whydah; 4, Millsum, red-headed Gouldian, in rich plumage; vhc, Watts, Wallians; hc, Cushney; c, Miss Davies. A.S. INSECTIV., ETC. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Beaty, 1 very fine specimen of Green-billed Toucan, shown in the best of condition, 2 rare Magpie Tanager, very pretty exhibit; 3, vhc, Millsum, pair of Magpie Tanagers, in fine condition; vhc, Pickles. LOCAL CLASSES—VARIETY CLASS: 1, W. Howe, large rich-coloured Greenfinch Mule; 2, W. H. Howe, good Cinnamon; 3, c, Martin, smart Goldfinch Mule, will do some winning; 4, W. H Howe; vhc, W. Howe.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Leamington Spa (C.B.U.).—October 15th and 16th, in the Winter Halls. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 20 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Mules 2, Brit. 2, and Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 4th to F. T. PRITCHARD, 36, Portland-street, Leamington Spa.

Frome and Dis. F.A. (C.B.U.).—October 15th, in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J Robson. 23 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Lanes. 1, Bord. 1, Bred 1908 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 7 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 7th to C. L. YOUNG, 8, Palmer-street, Frome.

Watford (C.B.U.).—October 8th and 9th, in the Corn Exchange, High-street. Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and J. Frostick. 37 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 16, For. 3, Sell 2, and 21 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 3rd to W. QUANTRELL, 47, Market-street, Watford.

Selkirkshire (O.F.A.).—October 15th.—Union Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Brockie and R. Thomson. —19 open classes—Bord. 10; Nor. 2; Mule 1; Brit. 3; For. 1; Sell 1; and Juvenile 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close, October 9th to W. H. REID, Cannon Street, Selkirk.

Battersea (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C.).—October 14th and 15th.—Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. A. Patrick and J. Robson.—38 open classes—Crests 2; Nor. 5; Bord. 2; Yorks (champion) 6; (novice) 6. Novice, Nor. 5; Brit. 7; For. 2; Sell 1; Mule 2; and 14 members' classes. Prizes, 12/6, 6/6, 3/-, and (provisionally on 12 or more entries), 2/-, and many specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close October 6th to F. EASTERLING, 5, St. Marks-road, Fulham, London, S.W.

Great Harwood (C.B.U.).—October 9th and 10th.—Unity Club.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and W. Mundell.—34 open classes—Nor. 9; Yorks. 6; Cinn. 4; Liz. 2; Brit. 2. Novice: Nor. 3; Cinn. 2; Yorks. 2; A.O.V. 1; Sell. 2; Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, with specials. Entries close October 5th to GEO. WARDINGTON, 68, Edge End Road, Great Harwood.

City of Glasgow (U.K.B.C.A., S.N.P.C., S.C.C., B.F.C., and the S.B.B. and M.C.).—October 16th and 17th, in the Drill Hall, 138, Stirling-road. Judges, Messrs. D. Low, D. Holden, G. T. Hope, D. Martin, J. Knox, and A. Clark, Scotch Fancies; Geo. Fulton, Belgians; J. Adams, Norwich; J. F. Dewar, Crests, Yorkshires, etc.; M. Craig and A. Muir, Mules, British, and Foreign; and H. Bennett and Geo. Sommerville, Border Fancies. 88 open classes: Scotch 16, pairs 1, sell. 2, novice 2; Belg. 5; Nor., fed 8, non-fed 4, sell. 2, novice 2; Crest 4, sell. 2; Yorks. 2; A.O.V. 1; Bord. 11, sell 1; Mules 7; Brit. 15, For. 3. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, and over 100 specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close October 10th to ALEX. MACDONALD, 115, Rosica-drive, Glasgow (for Scotch Fancies and Belgians), and JOHN YOUNG, 80, High-street, Rutherglen (for Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules, British, and Foreign, etc.).

Bromley and West Kent—October 28th and 29th.—Drill Hall, Bromley.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. —16 open classes—Nor. 4; Crest 1; Yorks. 4; Mule 1; Brit. 3; For. 1; Sell. 2; and 11 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 12th to H. E. STELLER, The Laurels, Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.

Northampton Good Intent (C.B.U.).—October 21st and 22nd, in the Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 23 open classes: Nor. 8, Cinn. 1, Mules 1, A.O.V. 1, Limit 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, Gift 1, and 6 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 12th to G. M. LARKMAN, 210, Wellingboro'-road, Northampton.

Darlington (C. and B.B.F.A.).—October 17th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 24 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 9, Sell. 3, and 5 Members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 12th to R. S. BLACK, 42, Brook-terrace, Darlington.

Kelty and Blairadam (Y.C.C. of Scotland and B.F.C. of Scotland).—October 17th, in the Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Messrs. D. Low, J. Patterson, J. Adams, and A. Farmer. 61 open classes: Scot. 8, Bord. 8, Crest 6, Yorks. 3 (confined to Scotland), Nor. 10, Common 1, Gift 1, Sell. 5, Mules 3, Brit. 12, and Sell. 1, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and a good list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 12th to JOHN FORD, Normand-place, Kelty.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at Douglas Hotel on September 21st, Mr. J. J. Cloke in the chair. The following resolution was passed: "That all Irish shows desiring the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland must apply for same not later than October 5th." The following new members were elected: Messrs. Ross, Clavey, Byrne, Grimes, Brennan and Mr. Lavery. Dr. Lavery was unanimously elected a member of the committee.—W. J. Birse, hon. sec., 9, Clonliffe road, Dublin.

SHOWS.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

The South West London Cage Bird Society enters expressly for its own members, and all benefits arrived from its yearly subscription, and the specials given by donors, are for the encouragement of breeders and exhibitors in the society. Those wishing to join and to exhibit at the Autumn show of November 7th, must send their names and addresses for proposal, not later than October 8th. Write for rules and balance sheet, to LILLEY, secretary, 7, Mysore Road, Lavender Hill, London.—(Advt.)

KILSYTH F.A.

President Hardie occupied the chair at the meeting held on Sept. 19th. The Border Fancy Club, it was reported, had granted its patronage and medal; that the Scottish Cage Club was to hold one of its competitions for Roberts Trophy here on Dec. 19th; and that the Scottish B.F. and M.C. had granted three medals. Satisfaction was expressed with the result of the applications. Classification was revised, a few alterations of minor importance made, and a class for Hen Finch added.—A. D. DUNCAN, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, on Sept. 5th, the president, Mr. Adams, in the chair. This meeting was called for the purpose of arranging the classes for our annual show. The following are the classes arranged:—One class each for Crests and Crest-breds, 12 for Norwich plain-heads (6 for cocks and 6 for hens), six for Yorkshires (3 cocks and 3 hens), one each for Mules, Linnets, and Goldfinches, one for old mule of Norwich D.H., and one for Yorkshires. Mr. T. W. Battye is the judge, this being his third time to judge at this show; evidently he gives satisfaction, as it has never happened in the history of the club for the same man to judge even twice in succession.—A. SOUTH, Assistant Secretary.

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Cocks.

YORKSHIRES, clean moulted, colour-fed, unlighted cocks or hens, separately or pairs, from 10/-.—Found, 41, Effra-rd., Wimbledon.

NOTICE.—grand lot Yorkshires; sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

JAMES THOMAS will sell grand Yorkshire winners; also several cheap healthy youngsters; my noted winning strain.—Bugle, Cornwall.

CARRIAGE Paid, Yorkshires, 8/6; Cinnamons, 7/6; mulers, 5/6; pairs Goldfinch Canary, 10/-.—Sampson, 33, Arundel-terrace, Handsworth, Sheffield.

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks; splendid songsters, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; racy hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; grand value; try one, approval.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-road, Derby.

1908 YORKSHIRES colour-fed cocks from 6/-; hens, 3/6; or exchange good bicycle; approval; stamp reply.—F. Starck, 15, Canterbury-grove, W. Norwood.

COCK and hen Yorkshires, prize strain, need no comment, mated for next year's breeding, 7/6; approval willingly.—Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, London.

TWO pair of grand clear Yorkshires, yellow cocks, buff hens, standard length, 10/- per pair, worth double.—Elijah Jobling, Church-rd., Brompton, nr. Northallerton, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; the best and cheapest obtainable; all on ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

EXQUISITE coloured plate of Cinnamon marked Yorkshires, pronounced by Mr. Battye to be ideal, sent, carefully packed, on receipt of a sixpenny postal order.—F. Carl, 154, Fleet-st., London.

NICE Yellow Yorkshire cock, good breeder, 7/6; equally good Buff, 7/-; three nice pairs of young ones, 9/6 a pair; four good young hens, 5/- each; approval.—W. Whiteside, Ledds Farm, Bacup-rd., Burnley.

FAMOUS YORKSHIRES.

Many of last year's winners were supplied by me at moderate prices. Why pay big prices for no better birds; yellow or buff from 15/6 to 30/6; winners anywhere; approval; stamp.—Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

High-class Yorkshires for exhibition or stock, all clear, ticked, unevenly marked or self-green; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/6; pairs properly matched for breeding typical Yorkshires of any colour, 12/6 per pair.

SAMUEL DEAN, 6, Ash Mount, GREAT HORTON, Bradford, Yorks.

J. WILCOCK

has now ready some grand Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads for sale; show or stock birds.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

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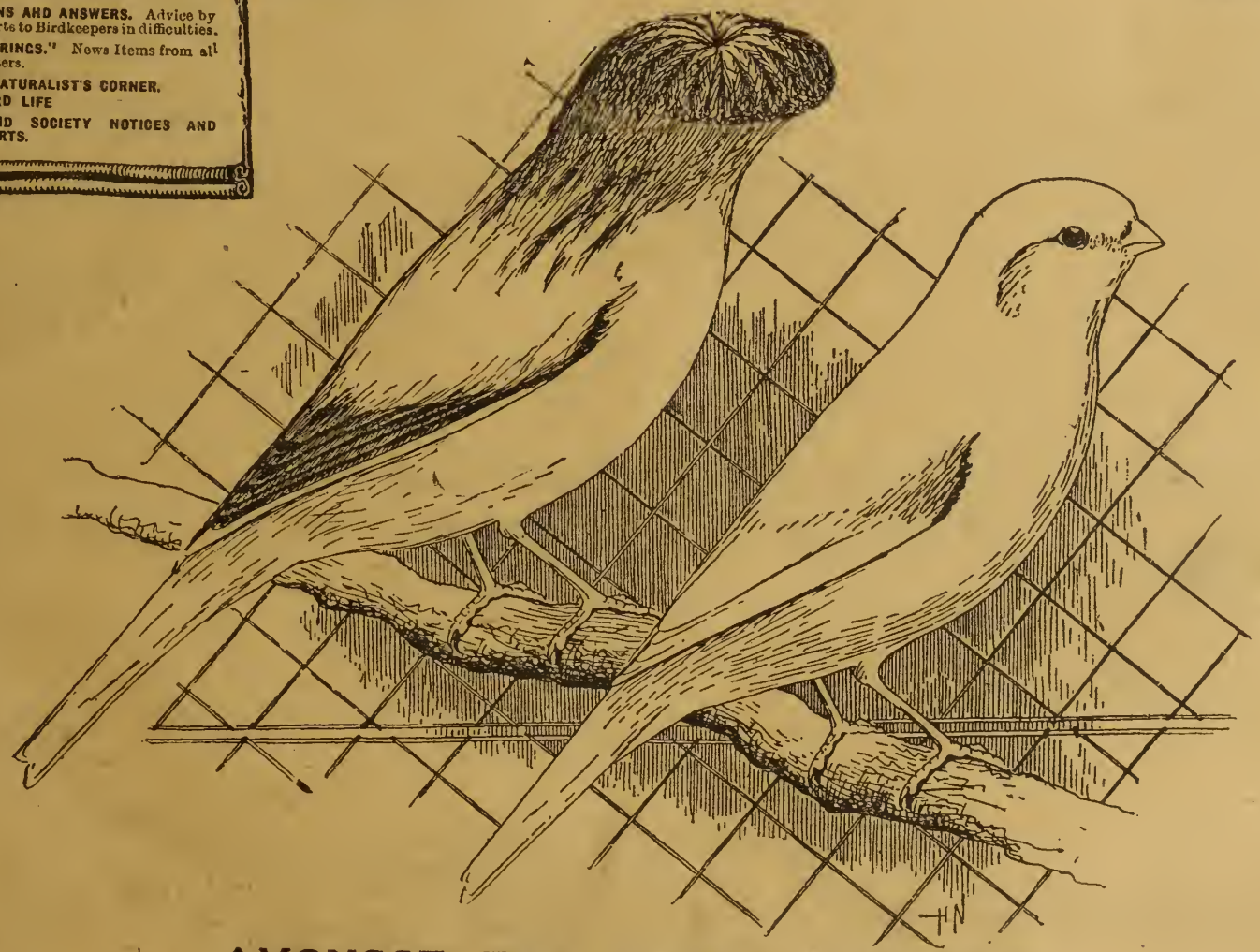
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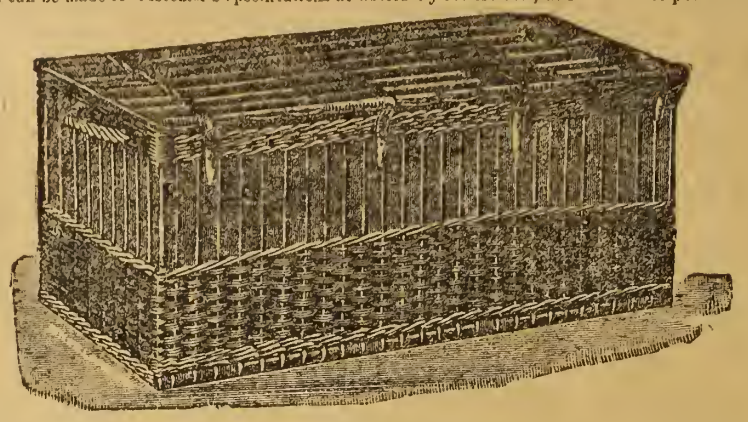
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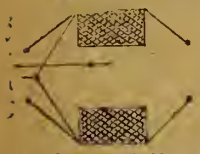
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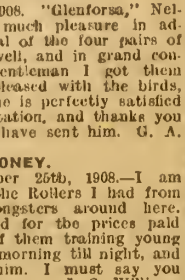
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WANTED to buy for cash, any quantity, any variety of Canaries; will deposit with Editor; send all particulars.—H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED Canaries, exchange enlargements from any photograph.—Carver, Livingstone-place, Newport, Mon.

EXHIBITION Norwich for gent's cycle, grand condition; sell £4; or exchange to value £4 10s.; no rubbish wanted or given.—Cowles, 29, Dock Cottages, Poplar.

WANTED cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, and Yellowhammer for exhibition; cash or exchange Canaries.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

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EXCHANGE five pairs Canaries, two cock Budgerigars and cash, for good cycle; approval.—Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

An extraordinary meeting was held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-street, on September 17tb. Mr. Currah presided, and there was a good attendance. A letter was read from the secretaries of the Sunderland Society relative to the question of "Ticked Birds." After a good deal of discussion, in which Messrs. Macdonald, Maddison, Lowery, and Robson took part, it was finally agreed that it was not a question for this society to settle, but one which should be settled by the Norwich Plainhead specialist clubs. The secretaries were instructed to inform Messrs. Reid and Maddison of the decision. The meeting then proceeded with the show business. The number of specials given by members present left no doubt as to our forthcoming show excelling those of past years. We shall be able to give 10s. 6d. for best bird in each section, and our president has promised a guinea for best bird in the British and Foreign bird sections. Mr. F. F. Hawkins will give a beautiful marble timepiece for most points gained throughout members' classes, and 10s. 6d. for most points in novice members' classes (confined to members residing within a radius of 10 miles of Newcastle). Fanciers will look out for our schedule; in the event of any fanciernot getting one, don't forget to write the secretaries, who will be pleased to forward one.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secs., 60, Grosvenor-gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CLUB REPORTS.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held September 22nd, Mr. James Perry in the chair. Mr. J. Raynes gave a lecture on "The Norwich Plainhead." The lecturer's advice was to purchase pairs properly matched from a breeder one can rely on. Tell him, he said, the amount of money you are prepared to pay, and ask him to let you have as good a pair as he possibly can for your money. The way some fanciers commenced was to send to one place for a Buff cock and to another for a Yellow hen, and then think they had a matched pair for breeding. He followed these remarks with others on the breeding and rearing of young birds. Afterwards he dealt with the moulting and colour-feeding. This part of the lecture aroused a good deal of discussion, in which a number of members took part. All the questions were ably answered by Mr. Raynes, the last question dealt with being the most popular one: "What constitutes a Tick?" On the proposition of Mr. J. W. Howarth, seconded by Mr. R. D. McMurdo, the lecturer was thanked for his services. At the meeting held afterwards, it was decided to hold our back end show on November 28th.

REIGATE F.A.

A lecture was given by Mr. Lugg, of Lewisham, on "British Birds," at Mutton's Hotel, High-street, Redhill, on Sept. 14th. There were a good number of members present, and they greatly enjoyed the treat. The lecturer dealt with the subject of birds in sections, and suggested that questions might be asked at the end of each. Section 1 consisted of Jays, Missel Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Nightingales. He dealt with the feeding and preparing of them for exhibition. Section 2, Larks, Wheatears, Whinchats, Pipits, and Wagtails. Section 3, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins Twites, and Linnets. Great credit is due to Mr. Lugg for the able way in which he spoke of the different birds, which showed that neither time nor trouble had been spared to make the lecture both instructive and interesting, and we had a very good time. In Mr. Lugg the Fancy has a man whose heart and soul is in the keeping of cage birds. Mr. A. J. Kilby, of Caterham, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and Mr. A. W. Bacon seconded it. Mr. Lugg briefly responded by saying that he was only too pleased to be of service to any other brother fancier, and he thought that it was a very good thing to exchange views on any subject.—A. W. BACON.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 24th at headquarters, 147, East India Dock-road. We were favoured by a visit from Mr. Jones, of Leyton, who kindly gave us a washing exhibition, which proved very interesting and instructive. The operations of washing were gone through very thoroughly by the exhibitor, who took great pains to explain matters. He also gave an opportunity for some of the members to try their hand at washing. Messrs. J. Hunt, H. W. Cook, and R. Pinder availed themselves of the opportunity. They were, of course, not so successful as Mr. Jones, but their efforts were attended without fatality, and they did very well. The exhibition was very much appreciated by those present, being all novices, and new to this kind of thing; it was especially interesting for the reason that nearly all present would be doing the same thing very shortly, in anticipation of our annual show, which takes place on 14th November next. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. G. Hunt, seconded by Mr. F Barber, and carried unanimously. The question of joining the Federation of Cage Birds Societies for London was discussed at great length, and it was decided to elect three volunteers to attend the next delegates' meeting of this society, with a view to ascertaining the benefits to be derived by joining the Federation, and the report of the three volunteers should be placed before the next meeting. It was further decided that the entry fees for the annual show should be 1s. for the first cage, and 6d. for every cage thereafter. This was put to the vote, and carried by a large majority. Twenty-five members signed the attendance book, and the meeting closed at 10.45.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

A very fair attendance of members and friends met at headquarters on September 15th to witness a demonstration of washing and staging Canaries and British birds for the show bench by Messrs. Tringham and Adamthwaite. Unfortunately, at the last moment by unforeseen circumstances the latter was prevented from attending. The preliminary business having been dealt with, including a report of the Committee meeting in which it was decided to join the proposed Federation of London Societies, Mr. Thorpe, the president, called upon Mr. Tringham for his demonstration, stating that he, as well as the members were delighted to witness Mr. Tringham, with his usual kindness, not only to the members, but to the Fancy at large, giving such a useful demonstration. Mr. Tringham then commenced upon a clear buff Yorkshire, explaining his methods as he proceeded. An important thing, he said, was to keep the bird's head free from soap and water until the last possible moment, as nothing caused a bird more suffering and distress than to have its eyes and nostrils filled with soap suds. Afterwards he proceeded to wrap the bird in a cloth and laid it in front of a fire; the reason for this, he explained, was to thoroughly absorb all moisture. After washing another in a much quicker style and while the drying process was proceeding, many questions were asked and a short discussion took place upon various other methods of drying. The President said he never rolled a bird; he thought that by drying them thoroughly with a soft cloth and putting them straight into a cage afterwards they recovered much quicker and were sooner on the perch, and did not suffer so much from fright. Mr. J. A. Simpson who also tried his hand expressed his opinion that with rolling he got a certain amount of heat, and that they came out much better. The birds now having dried were handed round for inspection, and Mr. Tringham in explaining the finishing off process recommended a slight spraying now and again, so that the birds were induced to plume themselves. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Tringham for the able demonstration and was unanimously carried, as was a similar vote to Mr. Simpson. Mr. Tringham replying, said it always gave him great pleasure to help a novice, and that they had only to ask and he would be always ready to give them or the Fancy the benefit of his experience. A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

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WEST BROMWICH & DIST. C.B.S.

A very instructive meeting was held on September 15th. Among other interesting items we tried an experiment writing questions on slips of paper. Each member wrote one question and folded it up. The questions were then put into a hat, shaken up, and handed round, each member to answer the question picked. It was decided to continue with the questions at other meetings. Several things that some of the members were in doubt about were thoroughly thrashed out.—T. DUFFIELD, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill gave a washing exhibition and a lecture on the staging of birds at shows at the last meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. He washed two birds, and was eagerly watched by the novice members present. A few questions were asked. Mr. Cowgill referred to the training of young birds from the time of their leaving the old ones up to the time of their being staged on the show bench. A very pleasant evening was spent, which closed with a vote of thanks to the lecturer. H. CLEGG, Secretary.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held on September 8th. A translation from one of the German papers was read by Mr. J. Schluter, on the "Roller, Glucke, and Flute." This proved to be a very interesting lecture, and at the close numerous questions were asked, especially regarding the notes of the Nightingale, and what effect they had on the song of the Roller. The secretary promised to read a paper on the Nightingale song, taken from a leading German authority, at the next meeting. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. J. Schluter for his kindness in translating and reading the lecture.—J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

ORMSKIRK O.S.

At the headquarters of the above new society on Sept. 15th, the following election of officers took place:—Mr. Richard Hunter, Chairman; Mr. W. Withington, Vice-Chairman; Mr. F. Foster, 10, Sunny Fields, Wigan-road, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. Gardner, Hon. Treasurer; Messrs. J. B. Tasker and W. Withington, Auditors. Meetings are held at the Horse Shoe Inn, the proprietor of which is a fancier of forty years' standing and a Manchester and Palace exhibitor. His two sons are also ardent supporters of our society. Twenty-two members are on the books, fourteen having paid quarterly contributions. At Skelmersdale and Bunscough lectures and recruiting propaganda will shortly take place, with table shows. Over a dozen of our members are "wheelers," and the "rambles" on wheels will be looked forward to, and will assist in welding together the good feeling which exists in this new "birdie" organisation.—FLETCHER FOSTER, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held September 26th, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. There was a very large attendance. A letter from the secretary of the United Kingdom Lizard Society intimated that we had been granted their patronage for our open show, and that their four medals would be competed for on that occasion. This makes eight specialist clubs that have granted us their patronage. The secretary of the Cinnamon Canary Club wrote stating that they had decided to hold the Cinnamon Canary Club show in conjunction with our annual open show, November 20th and 21st, and as we are giving ten classes for Cinnamons, six for Champions and four for Novices, we trust that all Cinnamon breeders will support us. The secretary of the South Shields C.B.A., wrote that at their last meeting their members had unanimously decided to adopt the proposition of the Sunderland Society in regard to the question of clear and ticked birds, and that they had worded their schedule accordingly. A favourable reply was also received from the secretary of the Morpeth Society, although they cannot do anything this year in the matter, as they are having no clear classes alone. We also decided to continue the novice class for Goldfinch or Linnet and Canary Mule only, this making 60 open classes at our annual show, which, with 30 members classes, makes a total of 90 classes.—REID and MADDISON, Hon. Secs.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C B.S.

Sixteen members and friends met at Horton Bank Top on Sept. 13th, for a ramble over the Ogden Moors. Owing to the morning being very wet, the attendance was not as large as was expected, but those who were there were on pleasure bent, and a very enjoyable ramble was commenced at 1.30 p.m. Tram was taken to the "Stag's Head" at Queensbury; from here the party proceeded along the road through mountain to the "Old Raggalds." After leaving the "Old Raggalds," the party took to the moorlands, and travelled over the "Swillings" to "Toil Hill" and down into "Causeway Foot." From the latter place the party entered the moor owned and used as a reservoir by the Halifax Corporation, and proceeded to climb up to the top of "Withins," passing on the way through the Golf Links. Going up the hill two or three heavy weights got to the front, and caused some amusement by saying they were breaking the rather strong wind so that none of the party would be blown away; but it was not pleasant for the man who could not get his wind owing to their stopping the draught. On reaching the Withins Hotel, all the party were ready for a lunch, and a big pile of sandwiches was quickly put out of sight. Who was it had four pockets' full of sandwiches, and emptied them before he left? After half-an-hour's stay here, the party proceeded over the moors past the "Loose Pulley," a small hotel standing in the middle of the moors, and bearing the name of the "Delvers Arms." Then they "dropped down" into Oxenhope for tea, and those two heavy weights knew how to walk when one of them wanted to view the landscape over the wall. On reaching Oxenhope tea was taken at the "Bay Horse Inn," and the party left at seven o'clock to walk to Thornton, with their hands full of heather. Thornton was reached at nine o'clock, and the party, after a short stay at headquarters of the Denholme and Thornton Society, arrived in Bradford at ten o'clock, and went their various ways, tired, but well pleased with a very pleasant afternoon's ramble.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The following are the shows at which our silver bowls are to be offered: Kelso, October 21st; Wallsend, November 13th and 14th; Berwick, November 19th; Sunderland, November 20th and 21st; and Gateshead, December 11th and 12th. Other shows receiving patronage are South Shields, October 30th and 31st, and Jarrow, November 27th and 28th. 5s. cash, or medal, will be given to winner of bowl, 5s. cash, or medal, to novice gaining most points in bowl contest, and 2s. 6d. for novice gaining second most points. A novice is not to have won a first prize in open competition up to now. The above are extra specials. All members' fees to be paid at once to make members eligible to compete for club specials; fee, 2s. 6d., payable to ANTHONY HAY, 30, Main-road Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on Sept. 26th. Mr. McLay presided over a fair attendance. A small committee was appointed to select medals for Club Show. Messrs. Andrew Duncan (Shettleston), Wm. Paul (Uphall), Chas. Low (Broughty Ferry), and Jas. McGeachin (Glasgow) were admitted to membership.—R. ADAMSON, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Black Horse Hotel, Lowesmoor, on Sept. 17th, when Mr. W. D. Johnson, of Malvern, took the chair. All the necessary business for our open show was soon well in hand. Three new members were proposed and accepted. A hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman brought our meeting to a close.—A. E. BISHOP, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held at Chapel-street Congregational Hall, Salford, on Sept. 28th. Mr. S. Dean, Secretary of the Yorkshire Union, lectured on "Preparing for Exhibition," before a large number of fanciers and friends. The lecturer spoke for nearly an hour, after which he was asked a good number of questions, which he answered. A vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—Mr. Bladon, President of the C.B.U., was present.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Holy Trinity Schools, on September 17th. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Hampton. Mr. Newnham was then elected chairman for the evening. Mr. Newnham called on Mr. Meades to give his promised lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. A hearty vote of thanks was given to him at the close for his interesting remarks. Mr. Meades having replied, a vote of thanks to the chairman was passed.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

SHIELDS C.B.S.

At our monthly meeting we considered the much-discussed question of "When is a Clear not a Clear?" and we were pleased to have a letter from the energetic Sunderland secretaries dealing with their society's decision on the point. It was unanimously decided to word our schedule this year on the same lines as that recommended, viz., "Clear or Invisible Ticked," and "Visible Ticked or Variegated." This we think will be a boon to fanciers, to know that their birds will not need to be handled by the judge. We have decided to make no reduction in the price of catalogues this year—they will be 6d. both days. We have 56 open classes and schedules will be ready shortly.—WM. DUKE, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M AND F.B.C.

Special meeting held at 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on September 24th, to consider allocation of cups for competition by the members, and the resignation of the secretary. After a short discussion it was agreed to accept Mr. Slack's resignation, and Mr. J. Bertram being elected, now holds the office of secretary and treasurer combined. It was decided to compete for the following cups for most points gained by a member's three highest birds in the Mule section, British bird section, and the Foreign bird section respectively. All points gained by members at the following shows to count, viz., Newcastle, October 23rd and 24th; South Shields, October 30th and 31st; Wallsend, November 13th and 14th; Sunderland, November 20th and 21st; Gateshead, December 11th and 12th; and Jarrow. Members' subscriptions are now due and must be paid by October 23rd and 24th to enable them to compete for club's cups and medals. Anyone desirous of becoming a member please send name and address to the secretary. Subscription 2/6.—J. BERTRAM, secretary, 95, Gainsbro Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, on Sep 25th, Mr. G. Gardner in the chair. A new member was elected, and another nominated. An instructive washing exhibition was given by the noted expert, Mr. W. Shakespeare. The exhibition was very instructive. Mr. Shakespeare washed the first bird very slowly, drawing attention to the principal points as he proceeded. The second bird he washed as it should be done, and in record time, afterwards "capping" all by washing the third bird while blindfolded. The drying cage used by Mr. Shakespeare was of his own workmanship, and was very much admired by all who saw it. Many questions were asked, and Mr. Shakespeare answered them. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and the chairman brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. At our next meeting there will be a washing competition for members, and silver medals will be given in each section; Mr. Shakespeare will act as judge. Fanciers and friends are welcomed. Nominations for membership received by next meeting will allow those nominated to compete at annual shows.—GEO. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

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GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held at the Hall of Science on September 22nd, Mr. H. K. Stubbs presiding. A letter was read from Lady Doughty expressing her willingness to again open the exhibition at the Corn Exchange, on October 20th and 21st and stating that she hoped to see as good an exhibition, if not better, than last year. It is expected that several leading townspeople will assist at the opening ceremony. The special prizes offered for all classes are very good, and the cash specials are also numerous. The next meeting will be held at the Hall of Science, on October 13th, instead of the date fixed for the show as originally arranged.—MOORE AND CROWSTON, Hon Secs.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

A meeting was held on Sept. 21st, 17 members being present. The following gentlemen were elected as officers:—Chairman, Mr. F Washborne; Secretary, Mr. J. Stirrup; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. C. Spilsbury; Treasurer, Mr. Jos. Hallam; Committee, Messrs. Dickinson, Salway, J. G. Garbutt, B. Bowden and T. F. Chamberlain. Subscription, 4/- per annum, payable half-yearly. The society is very anxious to make itself a big success, and ask bird fanciers to join and help the young fanciers to rise in the Fancy. Any fancier will be made welcome at any of the meetings. The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in October, at the Boiler Makers' Arms, Abbey Heyham, Higher Openshaw.—J. STIRRUP.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES N.C.

Monthly meeting held in Good Templars Hall, Ingram-street, September 5th. The president, Mr. Geo. Warlin, presided over a moderate attendance. The following were admitted to membership:—Messrs. G. Gentles (Glasgow), R. McKay and C. C. Irvine (Ayr). The club's patronage was granted to the Whitburn C.B.S., which show is to be held on December 12th. Classification for club show December 5th was extended to 85 classes. Judges for Plainheads, etc., Mr. Geo. Scaife (Fauldhouse); for Borders, Mr. Jas. Laurie (Govan); for Mules, British, and Foreign birds, Mr. Jas. Strachan (Bathgate). Medals were granted to our own club show. It was also decided to print balance-sheet at the end of the financial year, and that same be posted to members.—J. H. ADAM, Secretary.

LEITH O.S.

The monthly meetings were resumed after the summer vacations in the Liberal Club, Hope-street, on September 12th. The president, Mr. Jas. Lumsden, presided over a large attendance, and from the reports of the majority of the members the breeding season seems to have been fairly successful, and a record entry may be looked for at the approaching show on 31st October. The society have secured the use of the new hall in Duke-street belonging to South Leith Parish Church, which is in every way very suitable for a cage bird show. The following gentlemen have been chosen as judges, viz., Mr. Jas. Carson, for Scotch Fancies; Mr. A. Cochrane, Norwich, and Mr. J. W. Bruce, Borders and British. Mr. Dunn (Portobello) has kindly consented to give a washing exhibition on a date, which will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS. Next meeting 10th October.—GEORGE BROWN, Secretary.

UNITED KINGDOM LIZARD C.A.

A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held on Sept. 20th, at Howard Arms, Glossop. It was decided that four good medals be obtained for competition amongst members, two to be competed for in the Championship Section, and two in the Novice Section, all exhibits to have attached the initial plates of the society. The following shows were selected as those at which the medals should be competed for: Oldham, Rochdale (Good Intent), Sunderland, Glossop, Nottingham, and the Crystal Palace. J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-street, Brunswick-street, Oldham, was appointed sole maker of the Club cages; all requisites, such as paint, initial plates, etc., are also to be obtained from him. Next meeting to be held in the Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw-road, Oldham, on the afternoon of the Oldham Show, Oct. 10th, at 5. It was also decided that all subscriptions be paid on or before this date. Members are requested to be present.—GREIG and HARRISON, Joint Secretaries.

YORKS. C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

A meeting was held on September 8th, in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow. The classification and wording of specials for competition at shows under club patronage was finally fixed and are as follows: 1, silver rose bowl and gold medal for most points; three birds only to be nominated and marked "Y.C.C. Bowl" on entry form. The bowl is to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner; 2, gold medal, given by the President, Mr. R. Eastman, for second most points; 3, special, given by Mr. W. Fortune, for third most points; 4, cheque, given by Mr. John McQueen, for most points with birds fed on his pepper. After a discussion re points to count for specials, Mr. Baird moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Hendry, that seven points count at all shows. An amendment made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Marr, to the effect that points count according to each show's awards, was lost. Mr. Baird's motion being carried. The secretary was instructed to see that judges act accordingly. As no special meeting place had been fixed, it was proposed by Mr. Penman, and seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Co-operative Hall be engaged, this being agreed to as the members considered this hall the most central. A vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. R. B. Gibb, terminated the meeting. New members: Messrs. J. Ford (Kelty), and Mr. H. Henderson (Glasgow), making our total 36, with several others promised.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tunbridge Wells.—November 4th and 5th, in the Sussex Assembly Rooms.—Judge, Mr. Allen Silver. 21 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 3 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 27th to HARRY G. WHIBLEY, 56, Benhall road, Tunbridge Wells.

Bideford.—October 21st, in the Market.—Judge, Mr. Geo. Dix. 15 open classes: Belg. or Scot. 1, Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6 Entries close October 12th to S. R. SING, 18, High-street, Bideford.

Kirbymoorside.—October 20th, in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 13 open classes: Yorks. 3, Local Can. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 4, Mules 2, Crest 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 19th to REED and BALAM, Kirbymoorside.

Hucknall Torkard (C.B.U.).—October 16th and 17th, in the Coffee Tavern. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and M. Norwood. 31 open classes: Nor. (non-colour-fed) 2, Nor. (colour-fed) 9, Crest 10, Pairs 2, Mules 1, Brit. 1, Yorks. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 15th to H. MARSHALL and E. MELLORS, 41, Truman-street, Hucknall Torkard.

Potteries (C.B.U.).—October 22.—Large Assembly Room, Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.—24 open classes—Nor. 6; Yorks. 6; Cinn. 2; A.O.V. 1; Mule 1; Brit. 4; Sell. 2; For. 2, and 11 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 17th to J. SIMCOCK, 63, Fenton Road, Hanley.

Owestry.—October 29th, in the Powis Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. Houlton.—6 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Can. 2, and Brit. 1. Prizes, 6/-, (novice 5/-), 3/-, (novice 2/6), and 1/6 (novice 1/-). Fee 1/-. (novice 6d.). Entries close October 19th to MORRIS SMITH and E. A. DOODY, Smithfield-street, Owestry, Salop.

Sunbury-on-Thames.—October 22nd, in the Pretoria Hall, Staines-road.—Judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke.—1 open Nor. class and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 2/-. Entries close October 15th to (REV.) J. MOGG, Fern Cottage, Sunbury-on-Thames.

Western Counties, Plymouth (C.B.U., S.N.P.C., L. and P.O.S., C.C.C. and N.B.B. and M.C.).—October 20th and 21st, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Plymouth.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House, H. Norman and J. Robson. 36 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 8, Crest 7, Cinn. 1, Scot. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 6, Sell. 3; 28 members' classes and 3 Foreign (confined to Three Towns District). Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 10th to THOS. POPE, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

Ramsgate (open to Kent, Surrey, Sussex, and Middlesex).—October 21st and 22nd in the Artillery Drill Hall, High Street.—Judge, Mr. J. Gibbs.—27 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Pairs 1, Mule 3, Sell 4, Brit. 6, For. 2, and 8 local classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Entries close October 10th to THOMAS AND WEBSTER, 29, Chatham Street, Ramsgate.

Newcastle (C.B.U., N.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., and the N.B.B. and M.C.).—October 23th and 24th in the Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland-road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, T. McCreadie, C. Houlton ,and J. Robson.—73 open classes: Nor. 11 and pairs 1, Cinn. 4, Crest 7, and pairs 1, Yorks. 10, Scot. 4, Bord. 8, Sell. 5, Mules 5, Brit. 13, For. 4, and 30 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, and a long list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 19th to CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Queensbury (Y.U. and C.M.C.C.).—October 24th in the Baptist School)—Judge Mr. C. A. House.—15 open classes: Yorks. 8, Cinn. 4, Sell. 3, and 8 novice (limit £5 5s.) classes, confined to members of the Y.U. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 20th to W. JAGGER, 6, California Row, Mountain, Queensbury, Bradford.

Grimsby (C.B.U.).—October 20th and 21st, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe, and F. Medley.—30 open classes: Nor. 8 (and novice) 3, Yorks. 2 (and novice) 2, Crest 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 3, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-. 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 17th to MOORE AND CROWSTON, 39, Lord-street, Grimsby.

Johnstone.—October 17th in the Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. Wm. Ettles.—5 open classes: Common 1, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, and 3/-, and specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close October 10th, to D. RITCHIE, JUNR., Brookfield, Johnstone.

Bridgend.—October 21st in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. D. S. A. Longden.—6 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 14th to STANLEY DAVIES, 53, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend.

Kelso (Border O.S. (N.N.P.C.).—October 21st in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. A. Hay.—26 open classes: Nor. 6, Bord. 9, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 14th to T. C. BENNET, 63, Roxburgh-street, Kelso, N.B.

Accrington (C.B.U., N.P.C., Y.C.C. and C.C.C.).—October 23rd and 24th in the Assembly Room, Central Conservative Club, Cannon-street.—Judges, Messrs. A. G. Davis, and H. W. Battye.—45 open classes: Nor. 16, Crest 1, Yorks. 8, Cinn. (Yorks and Nor.), 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 19th, to J. W. PHILPOTT, 28, Jubilee-street, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington.

Middlesbrough (C.B.U.).—October 24th, in the Oddfellows' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and J. Maddison.—33 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Bord. 2, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 7 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/-, and many specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 19th to A. WAKE, 41, Askeroad, Middlesbrough.

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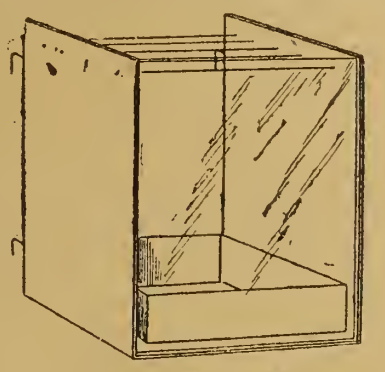
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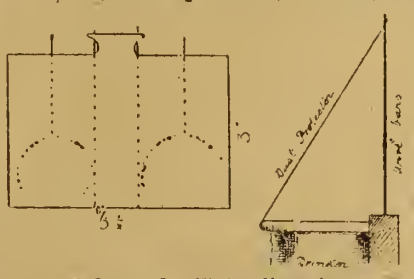
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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MEMBERS' shows were a great attraction on Saturday last, many visitors putting in an appearance "to see where the winners were going to come from," and perhaps to see if any were out that could beat their own picked birds at home—weighing things up a little in readiness for the open shows.

THE names of those desirous of assisting in the formation of "The Green-marked Y.C.C." mount steadily upwards in number, and in every probability a meeting will be called at one of the shows at no very distant date. As things are progressing at present, there can be no doubt but that the formation will take place at the first meeting. The bird itself is well worth catering for, and requires some organised body to look after its interests, more particularly in respect to the hens.

THE first Yorkshire Union show was held on Saturday last under the auspices of the Skelmanthorpe Society, and some real nice birds were to be seen. The surprise of the show was the cancellation of the class for clear yellows, only three entries being received, and the clear buffs came near to meeting a like fate, only five putting in an appearance. The unflighted classes were well filled and brought out a nice lot of exhibits—all there for type and quality. The hen classes had two good leaders, real gems, and I hear a good figure has already been offered for the yellow lady. A grand career is expected for both of them. The novice classes were well supported, the quality throughout being a credit to this section of the Fancy.

I AM exceedingly sorry that my remarks of a fortnight ago anent this Society's show were taken in a spirit contrary to that in which they were written. It was far from my intention to deter exhibitors from either sending birds or visiting the show, and it pleased me immensely to see a far larger number travelling to the show than was the case last year, also that the total of entries reached the same figure as previously.

BARNSLEY C.B.S. forge ahead. They now have finer meetings than they have had for some considerable time, and are arranging to hold three members' shows during the coming season. One of these is fixed for to-day (Saturday), Mr. Rapson, of Barnsley, officiating as judge. Now that this society has got a few earnest workers in its ranks, there is no doubt the membership will increase and that its own record in regard to a healthy condition of affairs will be left in the rear.

THE washing exhibition at the Wibsey O.S. headquarters was well attended, the fact of its being "Wibsey Fair" probably making a little difference in enticing visitors to the village on the hill. Mr. Ormondroyd put three birds through the mill in good style, his efforts being closely watched and thoroughly appreciated by those present. Afterwards one of the youngest, if not absolutely the youngest member of their society, put one through its facings, his style proclaiming him, however, to be no new hand at the job.

GREAT Horton and Wibsey Societies both hold evening members' shows to-day (Saturday), birds in each case to be staged at 8 o'clock, this allowing members to visit the open shows and get their birds home before going to put down their exhibits at the members' show.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

THE SHOWS.

BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

Members' show held on September 26th at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged. There were nine classes for champions, nine for novices, and three for champion and novice. The champions staged 46, the novices 33, making a total of 79 entries. Mr. A. Cooper won most points with four highest birds, 24 points; T. Wood, second, 15 points; Mr. J. Clark, third, 14 points. In novice classes, Wood Dobson, first, 20 points; G. A. Bennett, second, 16 points; H. Garlham, third, 11 points. Mr. A. Cooper won Mr. Hellewell's special for best bird in show with a yellow hen.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wellock; 2, Cooper; 3, Wood; 4, Crabtree; vhc, Clark; he, Clegg. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Wood; 4, vhc, Clark; he, Wallbank. UNEVENLY MARKED: 1, 4, Clark; 2, Wood; 3, Clegg. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Crabtree; 4, Wallbank; vhc, T. Clegg; he, H. Clegg. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Wallbank; 4, Wood; vhc, Crabtree; he, Clark. CINN. MARKED: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Crabtree; 4, T. Clegg. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Wellock; 2, Wallbank. NOR.: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, 4, vhc, he, Clark. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hellewell; 2, Pratt. BUFF: 1, Bennett; 2, 4, Garham; 3, Wood Dobson; vhc, Pratt. UNEVENLY MARKED: 1, 3, Hellewell; 2, Gorham. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Wood Dobson; 2, 3, G. A. Bennett; vhc, A. Bennett; he, Pratt; c, Gorham. CINN. MARKED: 1, 2, Gorham; 3, Hellewell. HEN: 1, 2, Gorham. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Gorham. NOR.: 1, 4, A. Bennett; 2, Dobson; 3, Hellewell. CHAMPION AND NOVICE.—CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, 3, Inman. BRIT.: 1, 2, Inman.—H. CLEGG, Secretary.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The members held a grand show of Canaries in the Park Chapel Schools, on September 26th, when Mr. W. H. Shackleton (Bradford) judged. Entries came up well, no less than 108 birds being staged in 13 classes. A Gift Class, added to the schedule to enable the society to purchase a rose-bowl for the open show on January 30th, contained 7 entries. Some keen competition was witnessed in several classes, the quality of the exhibits being of a very high order. Some of the exhibits were not yet fairly out of the moult. The winners of most points in the champion section were Messrs. Farrar, Hill, White, Laycock and Briggs; and in the novice section, Messrs. Northrop, Warner, Crowther, Dinsdale and Burnfield. A fair number of visitors turned up, and all expressed satisfaction at the new trestles and staging, which enabled everyone to have a good view of the birds without handling them.

CHAMPION.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Priestley; 2, Stables; 3, White; 4, Hill; vhc, Farrar; he, Laycock. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 4, and vhc, Farrar; 3 and vhc, Laycock; c, Briggs. TK. CK. YELL. (8): 1 and he, Cruise; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, Laycock; vhc, Stables; c, Briggs. BUFF. (5): 1, Briggs. 2, Hill; 3, White; 4, Farrar; vhc, Gelder. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 4, White; 2, vhc, Farrar; 3, Hill; he, Gelder; c, Rushworth. BUFF (18): 1, Hill; 2, Laycock; 3, Farrar; 4, Briggs; vhc, Bleazard; he, White; c, Stables. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Crowther; 2, Northrop; 3, Warner; 4, T. Hill; vhc, Metcalf; he, Rhodes. BUFF. (5): 1, Busfield; 2, 4, Northrop; 3, Crowther; vhc, Greenwood. TK. CK. YELL. (7): 1, Northrop; 2, 3, Dinsdale; 4, Greenwood; vhc, Warner; he, Rhodes; c, T. Hill. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Northrop; 3, Crowther; 4, vhc, Metcalf. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Northrop; 2, Warner; 4, Dinsdale; vhc, Stobart; he, Crowther. BUFF (11): 1, Busfield: 2, Warner; 3, c, Northrop; 4, Birch; vhc, Crowther; he, Greenwood. GIFT YORKS. (7): 1, Farrar; 2, White; 3, Hill: 4, Cruise; vhc, Dinsdale; he, Gelder; c, Birch. SELL. YORKS. (12/6), and HEN (10/6) both cancelled.—H. HILL, Secretary.

ST. ANDREWS.

The 16th annual Show was held on October 3rd, in ideal weather. The exhibition being the first open fixture on the East Coast, draws as a rule a grand entry, and although there was a slight decrease in the number of entries owing to the backward moulting season the quality on the whole was good. Scotch Fancies opened the programme and were forward in large numbers; in fact this section was a show in itself, some grand specimens being on view. The quality throughout was well maintained, while the number of exhibits was in advance of that of former years. This variety of Canary has taken quite a new lease of life, and where before one would scarcely get them to pay expenses, they are now a valuable asset at many shows. It is to be hoped that they will always keep their position. The awards were well distributed, but Mr. Thornton managed to keep himself in a prominent position throughout with some choice specimens, especially, a good yellow cock and his Buff piebald hen. The Edinburgh Derby winner, in new hands, we believe, came in for great admiration. Mr. Dalgleish was a close runner up on Mr. Thornton in regard to first awards, but what he lost in numbers he made up for in specials, for in this gentleman's collection turned up the cup winner in the shape of a yellow foul cock, very compactly made. This and the yellow cock were the pick of the lot. The other winners were all good, outstanding specimens of their variety, and all were carefully handled, their exhibition points being brought to the front by two well-known breeders, Messrs. McDougal and Holden, the judges who placed their awards to the satisfaction of all. Norwich and Borders were well represented, some well-known breeders having specimens forward in the Plainhead section. Some good ones were on view here, but the palm of this variety was found in the Buff cock, so beautifully put down by Mr. Chalmers. Crests and Crestbreds were fairly well represented, especially in the cock classes. That well-known Fife breeder, Mr. Reid, held sway in the Crest section, and secured both firsts, his Crest cock being forward for Hyde's special which was secured by Mr. Auchterlonie. Many in these varieties wanted a week or so to finish, being still a bit stubbed in their head gear. Borders were well represented, and here there turned up a gem in the shape of a yellow hen, the property of that well-known breeder, Mr. Patterson, of Churnside, which for type and quality was a beauty. These varieties were ably judged by Mr. McKay, and his awards were well received throughout. Unfortunately, and notwithstanding the fact that British men were well catered for, the committee were reluctantly compelled to cancel some of the classes, because of shortness of entries. However what remained were very representative of the various species, and the judge had a rather difficult task to satisfy the requirements of all the exhibitors; but after careful consideration, he managed to place the coveted cards on outstanding specimens. This section was judged by the new and genial secretary of the S.S.B. and M.C., Mr. A. W. Watson, and his awards were well received. The good management of this show has been referred to on former occasions, and it is impossible to speak too well of it. It is ideal. The hall in which the show was held is the finest, without a doubt, in Scotland for a bird show, while the committee are a genial lot. This year the secretarial reins were in the hands of a young enthusiast, Mr. A. B. McIntyre, and right well did he carry out his duties, having everything in apple-pie order, and doing his best to please one and all. We also noticed Mr. Auchterlonie bustling about as hard as ever; owing to business pressure he is unable to take as active a part as he would like, but when the show comes on he cannot help being among the workers. Mr. McIntyre was ably assisted by some sterling workers whose names unfortunately we are unable to state. The show was well patronised by visitors, and we hope to hear of the sixteenth fixture being a financial success.

Scotch Fancy and Norwich Sections.

CL. YELL. SCOT. FCY. CK. (8): 1, Thornton, grand frame, plenty of substance throughout, rare length of side, good drive, fine top end, and reachy, in excellent feather and condition, good exhibit; 2, McMilan, another lengthy bird, grand side, good position, lacks top end of winner, but good 2nd; 3, Berwick, nice quality and substance, showy specimen, inclined to raise head at times; 4, Low, good stamp, but rather slim, fine free action; 5, Auchterlonie; 6, Carmylie. YELL. PIED. (12): 1, Thornton, high strung specimen, very free in action, grandly drawn, good quality throughout, put down in lovely order; 2, Thoms, another free, stylish bird, of good substance throughout, again well shown; 3, Dalgleish, plenty of substance here, rare depth across, nice size, inclined to be a bit slow; 4, Carmylie, good all round exhibit, nice quality, good depth across, well worth its place; 5, Berwick; 6, Cook. CL. BUFF (15): 1, Curtis, good one, plenty of substance, grand top ended bird, pronounced worker, gets head well down, and drive to perfection, in fine bloom; 2, Dalgleish, another fine mover in extra good condition, grand quality throughout, nice reachy bird, fine side, shade slimer in build than winner; 3, Thornton, again fails in substance to winner, being on thin side, but fine length and very free in style; 4, Ramsay, good all round exhibit, fine action, well put down, grand class throughout; 5, Merrilees; 6, Dobson. BUFF PIED (12): 1, Delgleish, wins in perfect order, well filled up on top end, fine reach, rare drive, plenty of substance, shows to perfection; 2, McMilan, good one, a shade slimer, but extra good in style, very free and rare reach, fine length of side, stylish; 3, Hyde's cup, and local cup, Auchterlonie, another hot one for style, always on the move, free pronounced drive, plenty of length, nice top end and reach, beaten only in substance throughout, well put down; 4, Beattie, good all round, good feather; 5, Berwick; 6, Jule. GREEN OR FOUL (11): 1, 2, and specials, Dalgleish, hot one, extra good in action, very free in hand, massive top end, smartly tapered off underneath, prominently shouldered, reachy neck, gets head well down; 2, Thoms, again free and shapely; in lovely bloom, inclined to be slimmer throughout; 3, Strachan, green, fine substance and quality, rather slow at times, but showy when in position; 4, Beattie, good all round exhibit, well placed; 5, McMilan; 6, Kiell. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, McMilan, in grand bloom, showing at her best, grand substance, fine size for a lady, good top end and side, works freely, nice exhibit; 2, Black, good reachy bird, fine length and side and free, scarcely the depth of winner; 3, Strachan, good substance throughout, fine frame and length, will improve later on; 4, Dalgleish, showy exhibit, beaten in substance, but well up in size; 5, Ramsay; 6, Carmylie. YELL. PIED (6): 1, Carmylie, wins, massive bird, plenty of substance, good top end and reach, rather nervous at times, fine order, well put down; 2, Black, grand length, good drive, not so prominent on top as winner; 3, Brown and Whittet, fails on top end and style to winner, but a grand sided bird, good feather, etc.; 4, Watson, fails to winner only in general finish, but nice quality throughout; 5, Ness. CL. BUFF (14): 1, Keill, well up in size, plenty substance, prominent top end, fine side, good action, grand drive and gets to work freely, stylish exhibit; 2, Thornton, slimmer in build, but a beauty for style, very free, exhibit well staged; 3, Ramsay, good all round exhibit, well up in size; 4, Merrilees, well placed, good showy bird; 5, Wilson and Campbell; 6, Beattie. BUFF PIED (10): 1, Thornton, gem for quality, tight as wax, a regular mould of a Scotch, grand, well filled on back and shoulders, nice droop, well drawn underneath, very stylish, we heard it was the Edinburgh Derby winner in new hands; 2, 3, McMilan, a good one, fine top end, grand shoulder, nice free style, scarcely so good in side as winner; 3, large, plenty of substance, nice action, two good exhibits, well placed; 4, Dalgleish, free bird, but outclassed here; 5, Gibson; 6, Auchterlonie, a grand hen class this. GREEN OR FOUL (9): 1, Thornton, yell. green, sweet one, lovely style, rare action, nice substance, grand drive and side, in excellent condition; 2, Carmylie, green, tight as wax, scarcely so nervy as winner, but fine shouldered bird, good shape and tapered; 3, Low, nice one, shade slimmer got up, but well moulded, nice length and reach; 4, Ramsay, close up; 5, Dobson; 6, Cook. SELL CLASS CK. (20/-) (10): 1, Duncan; 2, Watt; 3, Thornton; 4, Shaw; 5, Keddie; 6, Danskin. HEN (20/-) (8): 1, Gibson; 2, Ramsay; 3, Carmylie; 4, Wilson and Campbell; 5, Jule; 6, Shaw. NOR. YELL. CK. VARGT. (5): 1, Chalmers, hot fed, very level in colour throughout, good stamp, nice head and frontage, shown in rattling order; 2, Douglas, a taking exhibit, short and chubby, good front and wing carriage, unsteady at times, should fine down yet, a likely exhibit; 3, Martin, stoutly made, but not so good in finish as winner, good all round exhibit; 4, Barclay, plenty of size; 5, Davidson. BUFF (7): 1, Chalmers, clear buff, grand stamp, well rounded, good head, fine level wing carriage, shows to perfection, good colour and nicely put down, shade stubbed on neck of it; 2, 3, Martin, good feathered one, little inclined to be flat on head, but all there otherwise; 3, rare bloom, shade long behind, but grandly rounded on front, nice head, and carriage, well placed; 4, Douglas, chubby one, nice stamp, in rare bloom, worth its position; 5, Barclay; 6, Douglas. YELL. HEN VARGT. (5): 1, Sharp, nice fronted bird, good size, well moulded, very level in wing, and carriage in good trim; 2, Chalmers, short and stout, nice neck and wing, carriage fails only in depth on front to winner; 3, Broadow, again nicely got up, well rounded, and good quality of feather; 4, Smart, nice feathered exhibit; 5, Dalling. BUFF (7): 1, Dickson, trifle unsteady, but grandly finished bird, lovely feather, good frontage, well put down; 2, Chalmers, head tick, grand stamp, very short and chubby, good feather, close up; 3, Martin, large one, well made, fine rounded front, beaten in finish by winner; 4, Douglas, smaller got up, shade thinner in front, good feather and finish; 5, McHale; 6, Sharp. CREST CK. (10): 1, 5, Reid, good varet, nice top piece, coming well down all round, full in centre, nicely balanced throughout, in perfect condition, wins; 2, Shillinglaw, grizzle crest, nice length of feather, well up in front and side, but rather sparse yet in centre, will improve; 3, McNaughton, good shapely crest, well up in size; 4, Buchanan, good one, nicely headed, well groomed, had the appearance unfortunately of being blind, which no doubt put it back; 5, Reid; 6, (no name). HEN (5): 1, 4, Reid, beauty, grand top and side, fine leafy feather, grand length, groomed to perfection, staged in masterly fashion; 4, good quality and substance, beaten to-day; 2, Brown, fine fronted bird, rare length of feather, rather thin at back, which spoils her appearance; 3, Ross, grizzle, plenty of size, head gear scarcely up yet, well staged. C.B. CK. (12): 1, McNaughton, good all round, good entrance, well lashed, nice length of feather, coming well down to back, grand body in lovely order, well staged; 2, Low, good lashing, nice and broad at back, good second; 3, Robertson, full fronted bird, fails in length of back, but fine stamp throughout; 4, (no name), nice all round exhibit; 5, Reid; 6, Ross. HEN (5): 1, Shillinglaw, beauty, nice cushion-headed one, grand entrance and fine lashing, condition and shape rare, well staged and groomed, a credit to owner; 2, Buchanan, another good lashed hird, trifle narrow in entrance, but all there, otherwise well placed; 3, Low, good all round, beaten on entrance, neat lash; 4, Brown, plenty of substance, well staged; 5, Robertson. NON-FED (6): 1, Bishop, green plainhead, good quality of feather and nicely moulded, fine size and substance; 2, 3, Reid, crest, nice headed bird, good feathered (surely some mistake here. Is this class not meant for plainheads only? But as schedule reads, exhibitor was quite entitled to competition); 4, Davidson, slashing plainhead, fine substance, good shaped, rather loose in feather; 5, Thomson; 6, Lawrie. SELL. VARGT. (10/-), (12): 1, Kemp; 2, McDougal; 3, Arnott; 4, Calderwood; 5, Sharp; 6, Hoggan.

The Remaining Sections.

BORD. YELL. CK. VAR. (12): 1, Baird, clear yell. about right weight, fine wing carriage, good front, well drawn and tapered, neat exhibit in fine feather; 2, Lambie and Son, yell green, just large enough, but grand quality throughout, deep rich pencilling, and a beauty for type, well staged; 3, Patterson, grand size, lovely silky feather; fine typical specimen, but rather unsteady, which no doubt put it back; 4, Mrs. Wilson, good stamp, shade stronger got up, but lovely quality of feather; 5, Barrie; 6, Whitelaw. BUFF (10): 1, Robertson, in grand bloom, feathered to perfection, fine upstanding, steady bird, good front and head, slightly crosses wings, but all there otherwise, wins; 2, Barrie, good stamp, fine taper and style, neat head and wing carriage; 3, Patterson, good feathered Cinnamon tick, nice shape and style, rather too strong in build, but well placed; 4, Cargul, neatly got up bird, fine taper and front; 5, Dunn; 6, Cousins. YELL. HEN VARGT. (6): 1, and spl., Patterson, undoubtedly the best Border in show, gem all over, correct size, lovely quality of feather, rare head, grand wing carriage, neat moulded front, staged to perfection, easiest of wins; 2, Barrie, Cinnamon mark, stronger got up, but good feather and style, not so well tapered underneath perhaps as winner; 3, Baird, good shapely hen, nice size and type, fails in finish to winners; 4, Spence, nice quality throughout, neat size and style. BUFF (16): 1, Cargill, good one, grand trim, nice headed one, fine front and style, best of carriage, shade drawn on back, but well balanced all round, neatly tapered underneath; 2, 3, Baird, 2, a variegated finished bird; 3, good, clear nice front and fine round bead, good wing carriage; 4, Robertson, again well burnished up, shown to perfection, nice size and well drawn; 5, Bruce; 6, King, a good class tbis. YORKS. CK. AND HEN CLASSES, cancelled. COMMON CAN. VARGT. (5/6) (14), all typical specimens of the household pets: 1, Murray; 2, Kiddie; 3, Chalmers; 4, Miss Wilkie; 5, Mackie; 6, Burn. BRIT. Bullfinch, Goldfinch and Light Mule classes, all cancelled. LINNET (9): 1, McErskin, good bouncing bird, plenty of size, rare front, and shape, nice deep tone of colour splendidly laced on breast, clear win; 2, McQuinton, nicely toned Linnet, well laced, showing flights to perfection, rather soft-looking to-day; 3, Carruthers, lighter shade throughout, but well up in size and markings, in very fine feather, steady, well put down; 4, Brisbane, showy bird of nice tone of colour, in good order; 5, Hoggan; 6, Densmuir. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Brisbane, good Siskin, nice size and tone of colour, neat head, and bib, in the best of order, well put down; 2, Malcolm, Mealy Redpoll well up in size, nicely marked, in tip top feather and condition; 3, Paton, Twite, fine size, good tone of colour throughout, well marked on breast; 4, Laing, large shapely Siskin, nice dense head, fails in bid and finish to winner; 5, Gibb; 6, Finnie. DARK MULE: 1, Baird, hot-fed jonque Greenie Mule, nice size, well put down, gem throughout for quality of feather; 2, Davidson, large Siskin Mule, jonque, nicely marked, scarcely lightened up yet, will be heard of later on; 3, McQuiston, raking jonque Goldie Mule, in lovely order, rather slim got up, but plenty of colour and polish; 4, Duncan, good Siskin Mule, well up in size and neatly marked, slightly broken on breast colour; 5, Wilson and Campbell; 6, Murray. HYB., cancelled. BRIT. SMALL (13): 1, Martin, shapely Redstart, fine size and well-forward in colour, very steady, beautifully staged, credit to owner; 2, Sharp, Bramblefinch, good one, lovely glossy cap, well pencilled, neatly cut underneath, well up in size and in rare bloom; 3, Montague, large well marked Wryneck, in fine condition, showing signs of age on feet now; 4, Finnie, neat Meadow Pipit, rather small, but very steady, and in good condition, sweet all round exhibit; 5, Baird; 6, McErskin. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, 2, Mason, leading with a pair of Red-headed Gouldians, in nice condition, cock slightly broken on head, but hen lovely, a good pair; 2, Superb Tanager, in very nice feather, well up in size, neatly marked; 3, Bruce, black-headed Gouldian, in fine bloom, well marked; 4, Lawrie, Mannikin, getting into fine condition, shade unsteady yet, nice exhibit; 5, Colville and Son; 6, Gowans.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S

The third members' show for the season was held on September 26th in the club rooms. There was a moderate entry, and a good turn-up of visitors. For the four highest-starred birds Messrs. Hartley won a special, the winners of points specials being Messrs. Hartley, H. Schofield, A. Holden, A. Firth, H. Birbeck, and S. Briggs. Mr. John Dawson (Gt. Horton) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Chubb. BUFF: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Walton; 3, Bartle; 4, Newell; vhc, Ketteringham; he, Chubb; c, Whiteley. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, vhc, Holden; 3, Firth; 4, Pinder; he, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Firth; 3, Birbeck; 4, Briggs; vhc, Messrs. Hartley; he, Holden; c, Moore. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Pinder; 2, Kay; 3, Moore. BUFF: 1, Oldfield. YELL. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Newell; 3, Holden; 4, Firth; vhc, Messrs. Hartley; he, Kay. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Whiteley; 3, Birbeck; 4, Holden; vhc, Moore; he, Firth; c, Hanson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: Void. BUFF: 1, Oldfield. A.O.V. CAN.: Void.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

KILMAURS.

The Kilmaurs F. and F.F.S. held their 4th annual open show on September 26th. This young society is engineered by experienced and willing workers, and is sure to come well to the front in the Fancy world. Mr. Gray makes a very capable chairman, and is well backed up by an enthusiastic committee comprising such well-known names as Messrs. J. McNaught, J. Rowan, R. Hunter, W. Gibson, J. Fleming, R. Dunlop, D. Holden, P. Gilmour, H. Lang, J. Findlay, T. Gemmill and W. Montgomerie. Unfortunately for the success of this show, the date clashed with that of the society's comparatively near neighbours Newmilns. This arrangement should and no doubt will, in future be avoided. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk); and for British Birds, Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr). The arrangements were well carried out by the popular and capable secretary, Mr. W. Fleming, to whom is due much of the credit for the success of the show. It struck us as rather strange that, practically in the heart of the home of the Scotch Fancy, and with such a well-known judge of this variety adjudicating, the whole six classes provided were cancelled. The awards gave general satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC., CK. (4): 1, and sp., McFarlane, clear, well-known winner, shown in lovely bloom; requires no description; wins easily. 2, Murray; another good clear yellow, beaten to-day in type, but of lovely quality. 3, John Johnstone; will make a good one when finished moult. 4, Carson; fine typical yellow, but on the small side. HEN and BUFF CK., both classes cancelled. BUFF HEN (5): 1, James Johnstone, clear, nice type, good and tight in feather. 2, McFarlane; another lovely clear buff, not yet quite finished moult, but will be a gem later. 3, Murray; ticked, and a rattling good one; will take same stopping when fully finished moult. VARIEG. CK. and HEN, SELL. (15/-) all cancelled. BORD. FCY. YELL. CL. ETC. CK. (6): 1, Murdock; lovely little yellow, shown in the pink of condition, grand wing, carriage, and position. 2, Findlay; grand ticked yellow, correct type, wonderful mover and well drawn. 3, McGill; nice little Border, lovely head and wing carriage. Will be heard of later. 4, McKean; nice clear yellow, lovely colour, feathered tight as wax, well staged. 5, Parker Bros. 6, Montgomerie. HEN (6): 1, Findlay; lovely little clear, nice head and splendid condition. Wins B.F.C.C. medal for best Border in show. 2, Calderwood; ticked Border of correct type, well drawn, a rare mover. 3, Murdock; another little gem, grand rich colour and lovely feather, well staged. 4, Monaghan; sweet little Border; will be a nice one. 5, 6, Walker. BUFF, CL. ETC., CK. (9): 1, Findlay; right good clear of correct type, lovely head and wing carriage; wins. 2, Wallace; clear, was rather soft when we were taking notes. 3, Murdoch; grand body, but inclines to cross wings. 4, Walker; another clear buff, grand quality feather, rare mover; will make a good one when finished moult. 5, McKean. 6, Montgomerie. HEN (6): 1, Findlay; ticked on wing, shown in lovely condition, grand head and wing carriage correct Border type. 2, McGill; pretty clear, lovely quality of feather, a little gem of the first water. 3, Walker; nice little Border, but rather soft when taking notes. 4, Smellie; marked on head, a true Border all over, well staged. 5, Murdock. 6, Monaghan. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC., YELL (6): 1, Findlay; appeared rather rough in feather, seemed lucky. 2, Smellie; almost a four pointed yellow, lovely quality feather, steady as a rock. 3, Colley and Rutherford; nice yellow variegated bird, good head and wing carriage, lovely condition, well staged. 4, Murdoch; nice one, but rather wild, wants handling. 5, Kelly. 6, Marchbank. BUFF (5): 1, Findlay; nice variegated Buff, lovely quality, little gem of the first water 2, J. and R. McGhee; grand little Border, only wants time. 3, Monaghan; nice variegated, well staged, will win more tickets when finished moult. 4, Kirkhope. 5, Wallace. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Cunningham; former an almost clear Linnet Mule, sightly ticked on wings, grand size, the best Linnet-Mule we have seen out for a long time. An easy win. 2, clear Goldie-Canary Mule, a hen, rather small. 3, McFarlane; almost four-pointed yellow Goldfinch Mule, a little dry in feather, could do with a wash. 4, Doolan; Linnet-Redpoll Hybrid, deep in moult, will make a nice little exhibit when finished. 5, Henry. 6, Guthrie. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Martin; large mealy Redpoll in grand condition. Wins easy. 2, Raine; grand coloured Twite, nice breast markings, just a shade on the small side. 3, Scoular; another mealy Redpoll, large size, very dark in breast markings, in lovely bloom, well staged. 4, McGavin; natural coloured Siskin, grand quality of feather; wants a tub or might have been higher up. 5, Henry; Lesser Redpoll. 6, Johnstone; Siskin. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, Raine; 1st Hawfinch, lovely colour and markings A1 condition, staged in faultless style. Wins easy. 2nd, lovely Bramblefinch, rare, rich colour and spangling. 3, Henderson; another good big Hawfinch, beaten to-day in colour, but in grand form. 4, Melvin; capital house-moulted Bullfinch, rare bloom and colour. 5, Morrison; another Hawfinch, deep in moult. 6, Henderson; Bramblefinch. SOFT BILL, SMALL (6): 1, Montague; Wryneck, looking a little soft when we were taking notes. 2, W. Smith; lovely Song Thrush, steady as a rock, well staged. 3, Taylor; Redstart, could do with a little steadying, nice colour, well staged. 4, Cowan; another Wryneck, rather out of sorts. 5, 6, Hardie, Woodpecker and Wryneck.

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SKELMANTHORPE.

The opening event of the season under the Yorkshire Union rules, took place on Oct. 3rd, at Skelmanthorpe, when the schedule comprised 18 classes, eight open, eight novice, and two selling, these attracting an entry of 231 birds, exactly the same number secured by this society at their show last season. The honour of being the first judge of the season fell to the lot of Mr. T. Bennett, whose awards gave general satisfaction. One astonishing feature of the show was the failure of entries for the clear Yellow Yorkshire class, only three being received, the class having therefore to be declared void, whilst clear Buffs almost underwent the same fate, five entries only being recorded, just sufficient for the class to stand with half prize money. The remaining classes were nicely filled, ten being the lowest and seventeen the highest numbers obtained. The novice classes throughout were well patronised, and here one or two members from the newly-joined societies of the Union obtained a good share of the prizes. The room is in the Working Men's Club, and is excellently adapted for a show, being well lighted, lofty, and free from draught.

The arranging and feeding of the exhibits were carried out in A1 style by the officials, who are a good and genuine lot of fanciers, whose first thoughts are for the welfare of the birds under their care. In Messrs. John Lodge, the secretary, and H. Kaye, the assistant secretary, they have two enthusiastic hard-workers, who do their best for everything concerned. Amongst other busy fanciers, the stewards, Messrs. T. Turton and H. Appleyard, with their "assistants," Messrs. F. Taylor, L. Dyson, M. Peel, Hobson Lodge, Harry Lodge, W. Wadsworth, H. W. Gill, J. Morley, A. Kilner, and S. Morley, deserve special commendation. The exhibits were all in the hands of the railway companies on their return journey by 7.30 p.m. The members' cup for most points in open classes was won by Mr. Milton Peel. Mr. W. H. Shackleton secured the special for best bird in the show; Mr. Hobson Lodge, the miniature goblet for hottest bird fed on Ramsden's pepper; Mr. Markwell the silver medal for hottest bird fed on Sandiford's pepper.

The Open Section.

YORKS CL. YELL.: Cancelled. CL. BUFF (5): 1, Townsend, very slim, rich colour, well up in position, not yet lined down; well done, Mr. Novice, for a first time of exhibiting in open; 2, Shackleton, grand shoulders, lovely quality, well braced wings and neat tail, good condition; 3, Towers grand quality, good round back, rather stronger; 4, Jenkinson, big bird, long flights, neat folded tail, not quite clean under; vhc, Drake. TICK, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Hartley, good length, very clean front, nice quality and position; 2, Shackleton, ticked head, lengthy, well up on legs, good wings and tail, bit slack in condition yet; 3, Gibbons, on small side, very nice quality, leggy, rather uneven in colour; 4 and c, Jenkinson, grand position, typical, nice quality, looking well; vhc, Moss; hc, Lodge. BUFF (10): 1 and 3, Shackleton, leader ticked neck, extra good in position, grand type and quality, 3rd not quite as long but very slim and smart, rich colour; 2, E. Radley, grand shape, quality and colour, neat head, not quite position of winner, but close up; 4, Helliwell, long, slim and very typical, penny about head, as yet far from ready; vhc, Wilson; hc, Drake; c, Ross and Robertshaw. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Peel, tick wing, nice bird, very neat, plenty of leg, grand quality; 2, Dyson, tick wing, rich colour, lovely quality and very shapely; 3 and hc, Ogden Bros., very typical bird, grand feather, nicely mooned, but rather wild; 4, Bray, stronger made, nice shape and quality, very clean feathered; vhc, Lodge; c, Shackleton. BUFF (13): 1, Lodge, a real gem, grand type, well up in position, lovely feather and colour, well braced wings and tail; 2, Helliwell, rather small, but full of quality and colour, takes a fine stand; 3, Bray, stands well, hot colour, type and quality superb; 4, Towers, paler in colour, grand shape, neatly feathered; vhc, Watmuff; hc, Peel; c, Ross and Robertshaw. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Farrar, graud length, correct type, lovely quality, well up in position, splendid exhibit; 2 and 3, Lodge, two neat and typical hens, not quite the length of winner, all there for style; 4, Wilcock, trifle stronger, very neat, good quality, hardly tight yet; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Helliwell; c, Hy. Lodge. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Peel, fine position, splendid shape, feathered to perfection, grand wings and tail, a real beauty; 2, Taylor, lovely colour and quality, grand hen, though not quite so slim as leader; 3, Walsh, tick wing, plenty of colour and quality, stands well, rather stronger; 4, Hy. Radley, paler in colour, nice position, fine quality and very shapely; vhc, Dyson; hc, Wilson; c, Priestley. SELL CK. £1 (14): 1, Hy. Radley; 2, Taylor; 3, Haigh; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Holmes; hc, Hirst; c, Clarke. HEN, 15/-: 1, Wilson; 2, Hy. Radley; 3, Murgatroyd; 4, Turton; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Hirst; c, E. Radley.

Novice Classes.

CL. YELL. (12): 1, Beaumont, nice length, well drawn out, slim, all there for type and quality, a gem; 2, Swaine, nice narrow bird, grand type and perfect in feather; 3, Jeffreys, lengthy, good shape, nice quality, hardly drawn up in wings and tail yet; 4, Gill, very neat, lovely back, well braced wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Jowell; hc, Fergusson; c, Clarke. CL. BUFF (12): 1, B. and F. Worsman, not a big one, but all there for type and quality, good front; 2, Maude Bros., grand position, good quality and type, neat wings and tail; 3, Myers, lovely colour and quality, shapely, trifle stronger; 4, Firth, good shape and position, lovely feather, bit open in back; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Jeffreys; c, Gill. TICK, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, B. and F. Worsman, fine bird, slim, typical, stands well, grand quality; 2, Ellis Bros., nice type and quality, very good exhibit, but requires tightening up; 3, Varley, lengthy, plenty of leg, nice shape and position, hardly ready; 4, Hall, capital shape, well drawn, rich colour and quality; vhc, Simpson; hc, Kaye; c, Gill. BUFF (21) grand class: 1, Ellis Bros., good size, well filled neck, nice type and quality, fine condition; 2, Hobson Lodge, slim, good shaped bird, rich colour and quality, good position; 3, Hiles, another good one, typical, full of quality, stands well; 4, Beaumont, not quite as long, but all there for type and quality; vhc, Bateman; hc and c, Varley. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dunn, graud shape, well up in position, excellent quality, at present just a trifle sharp at front; 2, Rigg, tick wing, bit stronger, nice shape and quality, grandly rounded bird, close up; 3, Clarke, grand type and quality, good position, neat; 4, B. and F. Worsman, paler in colour, nice shape, and plenty of leg, not quite ready; vhc, Hobson Lodge; hc, Beaumont; c, Smith. BUFF HEN (27): 1, Hobson Lodge, tick cheeks, grand shape, feathered to perfection, well up, carries wings and tail well, a gem; 2 and hc, Beaumont, nice size, good type and quality, not quite so good in wing carriage; 3, Clegg, neat shape, nice quality, very nervy, well up in position, close up; 4, Morley, nice quality, not tight enough yet; vhc, Hall; c, Fergusson.

NORWICH CK. (13): 1, Atkinson, buff, grand cobby type, short wings and tail, lovely feather and colour, looks very much like a hen; 2, Clifford, good well monkled buff, rich quality and colour, looks well; 3 and hc, Hammond, unevenly marked buff, nice shape, full of colour and quality, in good trim; 4, Jeffreys, yellow, grand quality and colour, hardly as chubby as winner; vhc, Taylor; c, Greenwood. NOR. HEN (11): 1 and hc, Greenwood, buff, cobby shape, grand colour and quality, the best of heads, good bird; 2, Atkinson, very good shape, nice colour and quality, well through moult, in fact getting to look soiled; 3, Clifford, big bird, not quite as compact, nice shape, good quality; 4 and c, Markwell, buff again, uneven mark, nice quality and colour; vhc, Taylor.

NEWMILNS.

The Newmilns O.A. held their annual exhibition in the Morton Hall, on Sept. 26. The prizes in the Scotch Fancy were awarded by Messrs. William Urquhart, Senr. (Paisley) and R. Price (Barrhead), to the general satisfaction of all. The remainder of the classes were adjudicated by Mr. McKean (Muirkirk), who also gave satisfaction. The quality of the exhibits staged was exceptionally good, especially in the Scotch Fancy section, where a team of twelve from the well-known Fermila Aviary, were staged. The numbers in the Cage Bird section were considerably higher than is usual, much to the delight of the secretary, Mr. R. McDowall, he being a caterer for that section. Much praise is due to him and to the energetic committee for the staging of the cage birds, which were picturesquely arranged.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, Ralston, stylish bird good condition, pressed hard by 2, Findlay, fine build, ready in movement; 3, Campbell, nice bird of Belgian stamp; 4, Mitchell, well placed. BUFF: 1, 2, Findlay, 1, old winner, best in hall, 2 grand stamp all over; 3, Reid, well placed exhibit; 4, Edgar, nice one. YELL. HEN: 1, Hainey, nice head and neck, a good one; 2, Livingstone, fine length of wing; 3, Findlay, nice head and drive; 4, Reid, not yet quite in condition. BUFF: 1, Dykes, typical hen, wins easily; 2, Price, grandly built; 3, Keunedy, well placed exhibit; 4, Reid, good bird all over. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Mitchell, grand length, nice drive; 2, Pearson, hard up, pressed winner; 3, Findlay, nice bird, rather small; 4, Borland, good exhibit. BUFF: 1, Findlay, easy winner, a grand bird; 2, Mitchell, nice exhibit, well placed; 3, Edgar, well up; 4, Paton. YELL. HEN: 1, Findlay, grand model of a Scotch; 2, Edgar, presses winner hard; 3, Pollock, deep in moult, will make up well; 4, Cameron, good bird. BUFF: 1, Price, grand stock hen, good substance; 2, Findlay, nice round hen, with good neck; 3, Smith, modern type, fine reach; 4, McGeachie, some thought it could have been up one. DARK, ETC., CK.: 1, Kennedy, plenty of substance, rather easy win; 2, Paton, hard up, nice reach and droop; 3, Harvey, wins 3rd special; 4, Smith, good body. HEN: 1, Edgar, hard up, fine reach; 2, Findlay, grand type; 3, Nisbet, well placed; 4, Borland, nice young hen. SELL. CK.: 1, Mair; 2, Nisbet; 3, Findlay; 4, Neil. HEN: 1, McGeachie; 2, Neil; 3, Pearson; 4, Dykes. BORDER, YELL. CK. CL., ETC.: 1, Findlay, nice type, good winner; 2, Brownhill, nice exhibit; 3, Millar, well placed; 4, Walker, good fourth. HEN: 1, Brownlie, easy winner, fine bird; 2, Walker, grand exhibit, well placed; 3, Clark, will yet improve; 4, Murdoch. BUFF CK.: 1, nice exhibit; 3, Millar, well placed; 4, Walker, good second; 3, Millar, not yet in condition; 4, Montgomery, grand type. HEN: 1, Mossie, grand type, quite the winner; 2, Montgomery, fine model; 3, Walker, good third; 4, McGill, not yet in condition. SELL.: 1, Mossie; 2, Findlay; 3, Montgomery; 4, Withers. NOR. CK.: 1, Latta, wins easily, fine condition; 2, Tannock, will win yet; 3, Laidlaw, hard pressed; 4, Hopkins, nice exhibit. HEN: 1, Adair, nice model, hard pressed; 2, Laidlaw, will be heard of again; 3, Sanderson, nice model; 4, Rae, grand exhibit. MULE, OR HYB.: 1, Reid, plenty of size, hard pressed by 2, McQuiston, better shade; 3, Sanderson, well placed; 4, Johnstone, nice exhibit. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, McQuiston, 1 a real beauty, plenty of blaze, 2 another nice one; 3, Reid, will do better; 4, Morton, not yet in condition. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, McQuiston; 1 wins easily, 2 good second; 3, McGavin, really nice Chaffinch; 4, Cowan. GIFT: 1, Pollock; 2, Findlay; 3, Withers; 4, Mitchell.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

The society held a Table Show in the Club-room, Half Moon, Northgate, on Sept. 30th. Mr. T. Boyle (York) judged. YELL. YORKS (1908): 1, 2, Stephenson; 3, 4, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Stockton and Fullerton. BUFF: 1 ,2, 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Stockton and Fullerton. YELL. NOR. (1908): 1 and 2, Carrol; 3, Hoseldine. BUFF: 1, 3, Kearton; 2, 4, Holland and Grainger; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Hoseldine. CINN. (cancelled). A.O.V CAN.: 1, Rutherford and Bright. MULE OR HYB. (cancelled). GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, H. and C. Moss (Bullfinch). GREENFINCH: 1, Todd and Son; 2, H. and C. Moss. LINNET: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Todd and Son. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Todd and Son, Siskin; 2, H. and C. Moss, Twite; 3 and 4, Reeks, Twite and Redpoll. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Todd and Son, Whitethroat; 2, Hanson; 3, H. and C. Moss; 4, Reeks; vhc, Holland and Grainger; hc, Henderson, the last five all Brambles. —P. M. CARTER, Assist. Sec.

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BURNLEY.

The 22nd Annual Exhibition was held on Oct 2nd and 3rd, in the Large Show Room, Weavers' Institute, Burnley. Entries came up well considering the early date, and totalled 310 in the 26 classes. They comprised some very fine specimens. We noticed many birds which in the course of a few weeks will be greatly improved, and should do their respective owners some good. The Special for Best Bird in Show was won by Mr. C. J. Ward's Redpoll Bullfinch, "Excelsior," a bird which has a great future before it. That for best unflighted Norwich was won by Mr. R. Leonard with his clear yellow a bird which had many admirers. Others in the Norwich section were won by Messrs. Clews, Godley, Adnitt and Driver, Cook and Mercer, with specimens well above the average. In the Yorkshire section the bird which took our eye most was Mr. Hodgson's yellow hen, a really charming bird. Messrs. Rhodes, Lane, Galling, Wilkinson and Braybrook also staged some grand birds in this section, which were much admired. The Novice Classes, as usual, contained several choice specimens, the most notable being the exhibits of Messrs. Venables, Lucas, Huggins, Parkinson, and Nutter. The British and Foreign Bird Section, as usual, came in for a great deal of admiration by the visitors, exceptionally fine specimens being found in Messrs. Johnson and Sons' Hawfinch, Bousfield's Wryneck, and Cheetham's Superb Tanager. The hall is a very suitable one for the purpose, and the Secretary, Mr. G. Watson, had the arrangements so well in hand that he deserves the praise of all concerned. He was ably assisted by the President, Mr. J. Haythurst, the Vice-President, Mr. J. Jowett, the Treasurer, Mr. J. Carney, and a hard-working Committee, who did everything in their power to make the show the success it undoubtedly was. The weather was exceptional for a winter show, and the attendance was very good. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

Open Norwich and Yorkshires.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1 and spl., Clews, grand size and quality, good head, neck and chest, grand carriage, colour and condition; 2, W. Huggins, red hot colour, fine quality and shape, rare size; 3, Hirst, another fine specimen, hardly ready yet; 4, Loering Bros., good, short thick-set bird, rare colour and quality; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Stone; c, Greenwood. BUFF (8): 1 and spl., Godley, fine size, red hot colour, rare head, neck and chest, grand quality, put down in A1 style; 2, Hirst, rare colour and quality, good shape; 3, Turner, grand colour, nice quality; 4, J. and J. Hopkins; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Hartley; c, Boyle. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, and spl, Adnitt and Driver couple of grand birds, leader eyes and wing marked, superior quality and type, beautiful colour, grand head, neck and chest, real good one; 2, ticked on neck, grand size and colour, not quite ready; 3, Godley, thigh ticked, again grand size and colour, good type and quality; 4, Sutton, wing ticked, good colour and quality; vhc, Hirst. BUFF (13): 1, spl. and c, Braybrook, eyes, neck and wing marked, good size and shape, splendid colour and quality, should improve; 2, Leonard, thigh ticked the correct type, exquisite quality, nice colour and meal close up; 3, Wade, eyes and wing marked, rather smaller, but beautiful type, colour and quality; 4, Beswick and Gaskill, extra type and quality, good colour and size; vhc, Hart'ey; hc, Adnitt and Driver. UNFLIG. YELL. (2), a grand class: 1 and spl. for best unflighted, Leonard, clear, good one, extra colour and quality, grand type, staged to perfection; 2, Lingard, brimful of quality and colour, nice shape and size; 3, Marlor Bros., another clear, hardly the size, but teeming with quality, extra good shape; 4 and c, Shore, splendid colour and shape, nice quality; vhc, Dixon; hc, Marlor Bros. BUFF (22): 1 and spl., Leonard, extra short and thick-set, magnificent head, neck and chest, all front, good colour and quality; 2, Evans, cap marked, grand size and feather, nice colour and shape, a good one; 3 and hc, Dent, clear, fine quality and colour, good head, neck and chest, true Norwich; 4, Mercier, again nice colour and quality, but hardly so bold in head as leaders; vhc, Haylinrst; c, Tweddle. YELL. HEN (22), a hot lot: 1 and spl, Cook, clear, grand one, rare shape and substance, full of quality and colour, will want some stopping; 2, Dent, clear unflighted, another of right stamp, grand bird all through; 3, Worthington Bros., cap-marked unflighted, good quality and colour, nice size and shape; 4 and vhc, Waddington, true pair, 4, clear, of grand type and quality; hc, Thompson; c, Tweddle. BUFF (26): 1 and spl, Mercer, eyes and wing marked, big fine bouncing hen, grand shape and colour, nice quality; 2, Evans, cap marked unflighted, all there for type and quality, fine head, neck and chest, best of carriage; 3, Hirst, neck and wing marked, nice quality and colour, beaten only in substance; 4, Adnitt and Driver, wing marked, beautiful quality and type, very smart typical hen; vhc, Cook; hc,; 3, Waddington. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1 and spl, Rhodes, grand length and colour, splendid quality, very slim and stylish, real good one; 2, Mountain, grand length and quality, nice colour, good back wings and tail; 3, Burns, all there for style and quality, grand position, nice colour, very typical; 4, Halliday, rare quality and colour, grand style and shape; vhc, Hirst; hc, Leonard; c, Galling. BUFF (11): 1, 4, and spl, Lame, leader grand length, very straight and stylish, rattling colour and quality; 4, nice length and colour, fair type, good quality; 2, Aston Bros., another fine Yorkshire, superior quality, nice back wings and tail, grand position; 3 and c, Wilkinson, not a large one, but perfection in every other respect; vhc, Hirst; hc, Schofield. TKD. YELL. (10): 1 and spl., Galling, grizzle on shoulder, grand length and position, fine quality and colour, real good one; 2, Hirst, thigh ticked, capital length standing on clever legs, very slim and stylish, close up; 3, Dooley, thigh ticked, well drawn bird of splendid quality; 4, Fitton, grissle on head and neck shade stronger; vhc, Spencer; hc, Lane; c, Binns. BUFF (10): 1, and spl, Hodgson, wing marked, beautiful shape, A1 carriage, nice back, wings and tail, good quality, typical Yorks.; 2, Yelland, ticked on head, rattling length and position, not quite so smooth in front as we like to see them; 3, Doolcy, ticked on head, grand quality, colour, and length; 4, Tomlinson, nice type and quality; vhc and c, Lanc; hc, Ramsden. YELL. HEN (16): 1 and spl, Hodgson, clear, gem all over, teeming with quality, grand type, good position, best of backs, wings and tail, grand hen wins; 2, Aston Bros., clear, extra quality, nice length and position; 3, Lane, extra long, clear, of magnificent quality, grand position and style, good third; 4, Binns, long, raking hen, hardly ready yet; vhc, Schofield; hc, Rhodes; c, Hillary. BUFF: 1, 3 and spl, Wilkinson, leader marked face and left wings, teems with quality, grand length, lovely back, wings and tail, seemed a trifle soft when we saw it; 3, head and wing marked, very neat and stylish, smart; 2, Halliday, beautiful clear, grand quality and shape, good size, and nice position; 4, Dooley, nice clear, hardly lined down yet; vhc, Spencer; hc, Schofield; c, Leonard. YELL. CINN. TKD. (cancelled). BUFF (8): 1 and spl, Braybrook, marked head and wings, fine length, straight as a rush, rattling quality and colour, 2, Hillary, marked head and wings, very similar to first; 3, Middleton Bros., marked cheek and wing, very neat and stylish; 4, Hirst, marked eye and wings, grand length, splendid quality; vhc, Dobson, hc, Lee; c, Hirst.

All Other Classes.

A.O.V. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 2, and spl, and spl. for best Bird in Show, Ward, leader noted Redpoll Bullfinch, looking exceedingly well, wonderful colour and bloom, good size and shape; 2, well known Umpic II., Linnet-Bullfinch, excelling in size, shape and colour; 3, Godley, slashing Buff cinnamon, grand size and colour, good quality; 4, Law, Goldfinch-Canary, smooth as glass, nice shape, good size; vhc, Godley, Yellow Cinnamon; hc, Harrison and Raynor, Goldfinch-Canary; c, Kirkham, Greenfinch Canary. SELL. (£1) (6): 1 and spl, Adnitt and Driver, varieg yellow Norwich; 2, Bailey, Buff Yorks.; 3, Lane, Buff Yorks.; 4, Todd; vhc, Young; hc Wear. (12s.) (9): 1, 2, and spl, Greenwood, two Buff Cinn.-marked Yorks; 3, Turner, Norwich; 4, Dixon, Buff Yorks; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Wild. NOVICE NOR. YELL A.V. (16): 1 and spl, Venables, variegyellow of capital size and shape, magnificent quality, grand Norwich; 2, Nuttall, marked head and wing, hot colour, good size and quality, nice head, neck and chest; 3, Waddington, clear, another grand specimen, good quality and colour, excellent shape; 4, Clarkson, wing marked, rare colour and quality, very close up; vhc, Smalley; hc, Proctor; c, Dixon. BUFF (19): 1, Lucas, clear unflighted, nice colour and quality, rare shape and carriage; 2, 4, and spl, Huggins; 2, grand clear unflighted, extra short and thick-set, marvellous colour and size, grand quality, very close up; 4, another grand Norwich, rather paler in colour; 3, Proctor, fine colour and quality, good head, neck and chest, nicely staged; vhc, Seed; hc, Riley; c, Nuttall. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Parkinson, clear, beautiful quality, grand length and position, slim, leggy, and good colour; 2, Harrison and Raynor, Cinnamon, head and wing marked, nice length, neat head, good position and style; 3, Hickson, marked back of head, nice neat, smart exhibit; 4, Critchley, good long bird, heardly ready yet. BUFF (13): 1, 3 and spl, Nutter, leader fine long upstanding clear, grand quality and position; 3, another clear, very slim and straight, beautiful quality; 2, Anderson, another finely-drawn clear, tight as wax, straight as a pencil; 4, Pearson, Cinnamon, head and wing marked, another grand Yorkshire, shade stronger. BRIT. HARDBILL (12): 1 and spl, Johnson and Sons, Hawfinch, grand colour, excellent size and shape, well-cut bib, a fine specimen; 2, Hirst, very rich-coloured Yellow Bunting, grand size, well marked, and shown in the pink of condition; 3, and hc, Boardman, Ortolan Bunting, grand feather and condition; 4, Hunter, another fine Hawfinch, well worth its place; vhc, Boyle; c, Mort. SOFTBILL (12): 1, Bousfield, Wryneck, shines like silk, beautifully spangled, good size, well staged; 2, 4 and spl, Walsh; 2, Whitethroat, charming specimen, lovely colour and condition; 4, Wryneck, grand specimen, well worth its place; 3, Law, Misselthrush, grand size and feather, well spangled; vhc, Mort (Song Thrush); hc, Fairbank (Lesser Whitethroat); c, England (Thrush). FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 3, 4, and spl, Cheetham, Superb Tanager, Paradise Whydah, and Green Cardinal, all in very fine order; 2, Walsh, Shama; vhc and hc, England. GIFT (4): 1 and spl, Todd; 2, Bell; 3 and 4, Lingard.

BRISTOL F.S.

The members of the Bristol Fanciers' Society held a show of current year birds at their headquarters on October 1st, when some nice quality exhibits were staged, several of which will no doubt be heard of again. Some of the members could not show owing to their birds not being sufficiently through the moult. The exhibits were nicely staged by several enthusiastic fanciers, amongst whom we particularly noticed that genuine and whole-hearted one, Mr. T. R. Ind, who had on view a nice team of his favourite Lancashires, not for competition. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

YORKS, YELL. (5): 1, res, Keegan, cinnamon wing tick, slim built, stands well, nice narrow well-filled shoulders, clean waist, good wing carriage, takes special for best Canary; 2, Haynes, wing marked, nice shape and feather, good position and stand; 3, Mrs. Garland, clear, splendid feather, full of quality, neat head, wings and tail, not quite ready; 4, Buckland, nice natural colour, good shoulders, feather and position. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, Keegan, cinnamon, wing tick, lovely quality, nice length, well drawn, neat wings and tail, stands well, 3 grizzled on back, lovely quality of feather, nice pipe tail, good wing carriage, 4, Cinnamon wing marked, neat tail, good quality of feather; 2, Mrs. Garland, clear, lovely quality, nice back, neat head, good stand and style, close on the winner; res, Buckland; vhc, Haines. NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Roberts, nice shape and quality, good chest, wing carriage and feather, 2 marked wing, eye and rump, nice feather, neat wings and tail, shade on the small side, 3, good, not the quality of feather; 4, res, Ind, natural colour, deep chest, fair quality. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, res, c, Ind, good team, nice fronted crest leading, followed by a grand bodied one with a neat, well-formed crest, and two good crest breds. NOVICE CANARY (4): 1, 2, 3, Bawn, plenty of substance, grand colour, nice head, not quite fined down, 2, nice shape and feather, good level colour, shade smaller in head, 3, nice feather, good shape; 4, Ambury, very decent Yorkshire. BRITISH (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Barry, grandly spangled Starling, beautiful sheen and very steady, takes special for best bird in show, 2, very rich coloured Bramblefinch, grand feather and spangling, 3, good sized Bramblefinch, paler in colour. MULE (1): 1, Bussey, nice feathered Goldfinch-Canary.

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DATE.	SHOW.		JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
*Oct. 9-10	**Gt. Harwood**	84	W. Vardy and W. Mundell	G. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd'
„ 10	**Broughty Ferry**	45	T. Allinson, J. Strachan, A. Chalmers, J. Pattorson, and P. McQuiston.	R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place.
„ 10	Loanhead N.B.	..	W. Thornton, H. Bennet, Hardie, and J. Winter.	W. B. Smart, 6, Ashfield-place.
„ 10	Paisley	14	W. Muirhead, J. Smith, D. Holden, and R. Prentice.	John Kelly, 7, Underwood-lane.
† „ 10	Great Horton	22	W. Mundell	H. Schofield, 137, Bell Jon-road.
* „ 10	Oldham	16	W. Bowyer	F. Steeple, 133, Balfour-street.
„ 10	Edinburgh and Edinburgh West (combined).			J. Thomson, 11, Yeaman-place.
„ 10	Nottingham Permanent			H. Davis, 17, Northville-street.
* „ 14	**Exeter & Devon**	18	T. Heath and C. A. House	Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-street, St. Thomas.
„ 14	Liskeard	..	S. Tickell	Dr. Curtis, Dean-terrace, Liskeard.
„ 14	Limavady	21		Hall and Wilson, Limavady, Londonderry.
* „14-15	**Battersea**	38	A. Patrick and J. Robson	F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham-road.
* „14-15	**Hayle**	30	G. Gardner and C. Toy	W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows.
„ 15	Selkirkshire O.F.A.	19	J. Brockie and R. Thomson	W. H. Reid, Cannon-street.
* „ 15	Frome F.A.	23	J. Robson	C. J. Young, 8, Palmer-street.
* „15-16	Leamington Spa	23	J. H. Roe	F. T. Pritchard, 36, Portland-street.
„ 15	Kirkby Stephen	..		W. Bird Tyson, Stanroyd, Kirkby Stephen.
* „ 15	Blackwood	11	J. H. Payne	Christmas and Smith, 35, Gordon-road, Blackwood, Mon.
* „16-17	**Bolton**	..	J. H. Roe and C. Houlton	J. Stringer, 27, James-street.
„16-17	**City of Glasgow**	88	G. Fulton, D. Holden, J. Adams, G. T. Hope, J. F. Dewar, D. Law, M. Craig, D. Martin, A. Muir, A. Clark, H. Bennet, J. Knox, and G. Somerville.	A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.
* „16-17	**Bucknall Torkard**	31	W. Vardy, M. Norwood	H. Marshall, 41, Truman-street.
„ 17	**Darlington C. & B. B. F. A.**	24	W. Mundell	R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace.
„ 17	**Kelty and Blairadam**	61	D. Low, J. Patterson, J. Adams, and R. Farmer.	J. Ford, Normand-place, Kelty, N.B.
* „ 17	**Morpeth**	23	W. P. Barnes and A. Brown	E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage.
„ 17	Johnstone	5	W. Ettles	D. Ritchie, Jnr., Brookfield.
„ 17	Northampton H.-in-H.	..	J. H. Roe	A.W. Law, 89, Upper Thrift-street
„ 17	Crook and Dis.	17	E. Branskill and J. Temperley	W. Rutherford, W. Roddymoor, near Crook.
„ 17	Ilford	..	C. A. House	A. Webb, 5, Farnham-gardens, Mead's-lane, Seven Kings.
† „ 17	Sandy Lane	26	E. Radley	B. Buckle, 293, Allerton-road, Allerton, Bradford.
* „20-21	**Western Counties (Plymouth)**	36	C. A. House, J. Robson and H. Norman.	T. Pope, 98, Embankment-road.
* „20-21	**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.**	30	J. H. Roe and F. Medley	Moore and Crowston, 39, Lord-street.
„ 21	Bideford	15	G. Dix	S. R. Sing, 18, High-street.
„ 21	Kelso	26	A. Hay	T. C. Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-street.
„ 21	Bridgend (Glam.)	6	D. S. A. Longden	S. Davies, 53, Newcastle-hill.
„21-22	Ramsgate (open to Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Middlesex)	27	F. J. Gibbs	Thomas and Webster, 29, Chatham-street.
* „21-22	**Caterham**	23	T. J. Ambrose and G. Gardner	J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables.
* „21-22	**Northampton Good Intent**	23	J. Robson	G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro' road.
* „21-22	Eastbourne	22	C. A. House	R. M. Daly, 129, Whitley-road.
* „ 22	**Potteries & Dis.**	24	J. C. Barnes	J. Simcock, 63, Fenton-road, Hanley.
* „ 22	**Weston-super-Mare**	25	J. H. Payne	G. W. Read, Severn-road.
„ 22	Dunstable	..	C. A. House	E. F. Ball, 114, North-street, Luton.
„ 22	Sunbury-on-Thames	1	J. S. Clarke	Rev. J. Mogg, Fern Cottage.
* „22-23	**Bristol C.B.S.**	60	T. Heath and H. Norman	W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze-road, Horfield.
* „22-23	**Cambridge and Cambs**	53	J. Robson and R. J. Howe	T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket-road.
* „23-24	**Accrington**	45	H. W. Battye and A. G. Davis	J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-street, Oswaldtwistle.
* „23-24	**Newcastle-on-Tyne**	74	T. McCreadie, C. Houlton, W. Vardy, and J. Robson.	Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gardens.
* „23-24	**Rochdale O.C.**	59	R. Barrass, L. Butterworth, and C. A. House.	J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-street.
† „ 24	Queensbury	15	C. A. House	W. Jagger, 6, California-row, Mountain.
* „ 24	**Middlesbrough C.B.S.**	33	W. Mundell and J. Maddison.	A. Wake, 41, Aske-road.
„ 24	Edinburgh South	..	J. Cook, J. Carson, and J. Adams.	J. Drysdale.
* „24-26	**Derby**	50	J. H. Roe, J. Bexson, and J. Robson.	W. Stevens, 22, South-street.
„27-28	Dover (£5 limit); open to Kent)		C. A. House	A. S. Horrex, 2, Nansen Villas, Cherrytree-av.
„27-28	Stoke Newington	..	G. Gardner	G. Dowden, 5, Walford-road, N.
* „27-28	Lewes	..		F. Huggett, 26, High-street.
* „ 28	**Torbay O.S. (Paignton)**	30	J. Robson	J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-street.
„ 28	Penrhiwceiber	7	P. Proud	T. J. Evans, 2, Tyr-felin-street.
„ 28	Bromley and W. Kent	16	T. J. Ambrose	H. E. Speller, "The Laurels," Talbot-road.
* „28-29	**Gloucester**	40	H. W. Battye	J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-road.
„28-29	St. Peter's and Broad stairs	..	G. H. Billett	H. Newman, Broadstairs, Kent.
„ 29	**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)**	13	W. Mundell	Road and Calam, Railway-street.
„ 29	Neath	..		C. H. Drury, 7, Wind-street.
† „ 29	**Peterboro' F.A.**	25	J. C. Barnes	F. Jackson, White Horse, Cumbergate.
„ 29	Oswestry (Salop)	6	C. Houlton	Smith and Doody, Smithfield-st.
* „29-30	**Metropolitan**	40	H. Norman, T. Heath, and G. Gardner.	F. J. Martin, 34, Ingelow-road, Battersea, S.W.
* „29-30	**Wolverhampton**	37	J. Robson and F. A. Lester	F. Howes, 25, Leslie-road.
* „30-31	**Manchester**	..	S. R. Connaton, A. Ambler, J. Dobson, J. Trengove and G. E. Waston.	E. H. Jones, 45, Whithy-road, Fallowfield.
* „30-31	**South Shields C.B.S.**	56	H. W. Battye, E. Branskill, and J. Smith.	W. Duke, 336, S. Frederick-street.
„30-31	Hucknall	..		Hardstaff and Hayward.
* „30-31	**York C.B.S.**	32	J. Robson and A. Brown	A. Ward, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-road.

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Oct. 31	**Dysart**	50	W. M'Swinton, J. McLay, J. McAdam, and P. Pettigrew.	J. Logan, 23, High-street.
„ 31	**Alnwick**	..	A. Hay and J. Maddison	Rennison and Broadley, 16, King-street.
„ 31	Arbroath	27	J. Stewart, W. Hampton, and J. Lyon.	J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigean's-road.
† „ 31	City of Bradford	34	H. W. Naylor and P. Mason	F. Rhodes, 112, Fitzroy-road, Bradford.
„ 31	Avonbridge	20	G. Hislop	P. Gentleman.
„ 31	Leith	36	J. Carson, A. Cochrane, and J. W. Bruce.	G. Brown, 1, Coalhill.
„ 31	Wirksworth	..		H. Twigg.
„ 31	Earlston	20	J. Sinton and J. Mason	J. Brockie, 3, Janefield.
„ 31	Falkirk	45	J. Scaife and M. Craig	Wm. Clubb.
„ 31	Larkhall (confined)	21	G. Marlin and J. Livingstone	J. Pollock, 30, Marshall-street.
„ 31	Halstead (£5 Limit)	..	G. H. Billett	W. F. Monk, 93, Owen-terrace.
„ 31	Haddington N.B.	35	J. F. Dewar and D. Hamilton	D. Cockburn, Victoria-road.
* „ 31 & Nov. 2	**Ilkeston**	42	R. Rhodes, W. Vardy, and C. Houltou.	T. Smith, 5, King-street.
*Nov. 2-3	**Rotherham**	..	W. Vardy and W. H. Shackleton	J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-road Masbro'.
*Nov. 3-4	**Barnstaple**	33	J. H. Payne	P. Harris, High-street.
„ 4	Luton	50	J. Robson	E. Cherry, 4, Peel-street.
„ 4	Duns	20	H. Bennet	J. Lawrie.
„ 4	Caerau (open to Glam.)	..	J. N. Harrison	Morris, Stationer,
* „ 4-5	**Cheltenham**	58	T. Heath and J. H. Payne	A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury.
„ 4-5	**Margate**	38	J. North	W. J. Jones, 28, Fort-crescent.
* „ 4-5	**Morecambe C.B.S.**	42	H. W. Battye, W. J. Ferguson, and C. Houlton.	J. H. Ireland, Parliament-street.
„ 4-5	**Portsmouth**	23	J. Dobson and W. Swaysland	J. Woodhouse, 123, High-street.
„ 4-5	Gt. Yarmouth	20	W. E. Greeves	J. Shearman, 156, King-street.
„ 4-5	Tunbridge Wells	27	A. Silver	H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah-road.
* „ 5	**Carmarthen**	21	J. B. Evans	F. King, Friar's Cottage.
* „ 5-6	**Dulwich and Peckham**	44	H. Broadley, G. E. Weston, and J. Robson.	W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-road.
„ 6	Darley Dale	10		Dawson and Hall, Glen View.
„ 6	Maidstone	..	G. Gardner	
* „ 6-7	**Blackburn**	34	J. Walsh, A. Wellings, and T. W. Walton.	J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-street.
* „ 6-7	**Blaydon-on-Tyne**	40	J. McLay and J. Wilcock	G. Havver, 1, Theresa-street.
* „ 6-7	**Sheffield**	34	J. Robson, J. Bexson, H. W. Battye, G. Browning, and E. E. Smith.	Lindsay and Bingham, 202, King James-street, Walkley.
* „ 6-7	**Liverpool O.S.**	..	W. Mundell, W. Vardy, and C. Houlton.	Metcalfe and Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook.
„ 7	**Ayr and Dis**	38	A. Roberts and G. Alston	C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-road.
„ 7	**Bo'ness**	50	J. Winter, T. Todd, A. Gilchrist, and L. J. Arrighi.	F. McGillivray, Gauze-road, Chance.
* „ 7	**Bramley**	26	W. A. Cowgill and A. G. Davis	E. Craven, 37, Whingate-av., Armley, Leeds.
* „ 7	**Cleator Moor**	26	C. Houlton and A. Wellings	J. Byrne, 110, Birks-road.
* „ 7	**Rochdale Good Intent**	28	H. W. Battye and J. Garner	S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-street.
* „ 7	**Stockton**	40	T. Dixon and R. J. Howe	J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-street.
„ 7	Markinch	43	W. D. Hogg, J. Adams, and G. Marlin.	G. Mitchell, Coaltown.
„ 7	Braintree	5	J. F. Hills	F. A. Hunnable, 102, High-street
† „ 7	Shipley	28	J. Greaves	H. Dobson, 6, Caroline-street Saltaire.
„ 7	Brechin	34	J. Sandison, W. Haddow, and A. Mitchell.	G. Walker, 46, Bridge-street.
„ 7	Darvel	24	J. McColl, J. Smellie, and J. Goodfellow.	J. Robertson, Jnr., 5, Hastings-place.
„ 7	St. Boswell's		J. W. Bruce	
„ 7	Airdrie and Coatbridge	25	Hunter, McDougall, and Adamson.	A. Murdoch, 98, Peel-street.
* „ 7-9	**Leicester H.-in-H.**	30	J. H. Payne	C. Draper, 1A, Wilton-street.
„ 10	Sudbury	..	C. A. House	Chas. H. Row, 9, North-street.
* „10-11	**Hastings United**	22	J. Robson and G. Gardner	A. E. Godden, Coylon House-Earl-street.
* „ 11	**Bodmin**	10	S. Tickell	A. E. Jago, Robartes-road.
„ 11	Lowestoft	28	J. H. Payne	
„ 11	Carshalton	..	G. Gardner	D. Jones, 16, Rochester-road.
„ 11	Glastonbury	15	H. Pantley	A. W. D. Cridland.
* „11-12	**Bristol F.A.**	58	C. A. House	G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-street, Newtown.
* „11-12	**Carlisle**	54	J. Hopper, W. Vardy, and W. Laidlow.	W. H. Wright, 35, London-road.
* „11-12	**Swansea**	54	J. B. Evans and C. Houlton	A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-road, Landoro, nr. Swansea.
* „11-12	**Weybridge**	10	T. Heath	H. E. Parrott, Grove-place.
* „ 12	**Leek**	30	J. H. Roe	R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs.
* „ 12	**Merthyr Tydfil**	30	J. Robson	J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon.
* „ 12	**Oakham**	12	C. A. House	J. Hibbitt, Jnr., Melton-road.
„ 12	Gillingham	..	G. Gardner	C. V. Burlton, 14, Irene-terrace, Chatham.
* „ 12	North Berks (Abingdon)	..	W. Greenwood	S. Bowen, 10, High-street.
„13-14	**Glasgow and W. of Scotland**	75	T. Taylor	R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive.
* „13-14	**Preston**	54	P. Robinson, Dr. Herd, and W. Mundell.	W. H. Heathcote, 119A, Fishergate
* „13-14	**Wallsend**	..	W. P. Barnes, J. F. Dewar, and W. A. Cowgill.	J. Johnston, 60, Neptune-road.
* „13-14	**Warrington**	48	H. W. Battye and A. Wellings	J. Emmott, 39, Gorsey-lane.
„13-14	Wakefield R.C.A.	6	E. A. Lester and T. W. Walton	J. Netherwood, 74, Northgate.
* „ 14	**Consett**	39	T. Dixon	W. H. Hutchinson, Jnr., 21, Park-road, Durham.
„ 14	**Kirkcaldy**	50	D. Brown, P. McKenzie, A. Chalmers and P. Pettigrew.	J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-street.
* „ 14	**Tideswell**	14	J. H. Roe	A. Flint, High-street, Tideswell.
„ 14	Leyton	80	C. A. House	B. F. Forse, 31, Thornhill-road.
„ 14	Burton-on-Trent	8		F. Cameron, 104, Sydney-street.
„ 14	N. Manchester	..	A. Wellings	J. Davey, 34, Alfred-street, Harpurhey.
„ 14	Garston	40	W. Mundell	A. Wilkinson, Calthorpe-street, Garston Old-road, Liverpool.
„ 14	Edinburgh East	30	W. Thornton and J. McLay	G. R. Smith, 16, Lockend-road West.
„ 14	Laisterdyke	25	R. Halliday	A. Bottomley, 65, Wilberforce-street.

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Nov.14-16	**Nottingham** ..	75	W. E. Greeves, G. E. Weston, and W. Vardy.	G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside.
,, 17	Chelmsford	..	G. Gardner.....	Ballard and Rippon, Park-av.
,,17-18	Kent County	50	J. North.....	G. Sanderson, 17, Beaconsfield-av., Dover.
,,17-18	**Wimbledon**	40	J. Robson and H. Norman.....	H. Smith, 115, Merton-road.
,, ,18	Welsh C.B.C. (Brecon)	..	T. L. Castree.....	D. H. Tedstone, 4, George-street, Brecon.
,, 18	Reading (30-mile radius)	26	J. Robson.....	G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd-av., Earley.
,,18-19	Lurgan	50	.....	S. M'Colliam, Drumgor.
,, 19	**Selby**	10	W. Mundell.....	J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-street.
,, 10	**Morriston**	28	H. W. Battye and J. B. Evans....	East and Jeromy, Glanhyrd Cottage Tanylan-road.
,, 10	**Worcester**	..	J. H. Payne.....	A. E. Bishop, 14, Barry-street.
,, 19	Herne Bay (7-mile radius; Canaries open)	32	C. A. House.....	W. A. Holness, 26, Mortimer-street.
,, 10	Berwick-on-Tweed ..	30	R. S. Bewick, W. C. Duncan, and J. Elder.	J. Smart, 36, Main-road, Tweedmouth.
,, 19	Sidmouth	10	.....	Collier and Clode, Church-street.
,, 10	Matlock	3	.....	Slater and Turner, Wellington street.
,, 19	Camborne	..	.....	
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Specials in every class in addition to four money prizes. Some classes having two Specials Entry fee 1/6 per cage. Free collection and delivery of exhibits from Railway Station guaranteed. Patronage of S.N.P.C., C.C.C., L. & P.O.S., and N.B B. & M.C.. Entries for Bristol Show, October 22nd., will be sent on in time for Judging.

Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, J. Robson, and H. Norman. Schedules from

THOS. POPE, Hon Sec., 98, Embankment Road, PLYMOUTH.

BRISTOL

Oct. 22nd and 23rd.

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S Second Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Nearly **£100** in Cups, Specials and Cash Prizes. Four prizes in each class: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6. Entrance fee 1/6. Judges: Thos. Heath, Esq. and H. Norman, Esq. Entries close **Monday October 12th.** Note: Exhibitors at Plymouth can have entries for Bristol sent direct by noting Mr. Pope, Sec.

Schedules from **W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Rd., Horfield.**

CAMBRIDGE

C.B.S. OCTBER 22 & 23.

Cage Birds only. Under C.B.U. Rules.

Judges: **J. Robson and R. J. Howe.** Entry fee, 1/6. Good Prize Money. Under the patronage of C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. 6 Norwich, 6 Yorkshire, 6 Crest, 7 Border, 2 Cinnamon, 1 Greens, 1 Pairs, 1 Dutch Frills, 2 A.O.V. Canary, 3 Selling, 3 Hybrid, 12 British, 2 Foreign, 2 Juvenile. **all open.** The Roberts and Rhodes Cups for C.C.C., the Champion Cup L.Y.C.C. The Hardbill Cup, N.B.B, & M.C. and nearly 100 valuable Specials for competition at this Show. Exhibits well looked after. See Schedules for appreciation of last year's management, prize money promptly paid. The finest Hall in England. Schedules ready. **Entries close, OCT. 13th.**

T. S. MOORE, 126, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

The Largest Show of Lancashires and Lizards in the World

ROCHDALE

ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB 28TH ANNUAL SHOW

23rd and 24th OCTOBER, 1908.

(Under C.B.U. Rules.)

13 Classes Lancashires, 9 Lizards, 6 Yorkshires, 4 Crests and Crest Breds, 6 Norwich, 8 Greens, 3 Selling, 2 Mules 1 Pair, 3 Open Novice, 3 Foreign, 1 Stuffed Specimen. Six Gold Medals. Prizes 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee 1/6. **Entries Close, OCTOBER 17th,** Monday morning's post in time. Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, R. Barrass L. Butterworth. The Rochdale Town Hall is one of the best Show Rooms in England. Lofty, well lighted day and night. Plenty of room, no crushing. Under the patronage of L.C.A., L. & L.F.A., G.C.A., Y.C.C., and F.B.C. Schedules from

Mr. J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec., 28, Smith Street, Rochdale.

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, **Saturday, October 17th, 1908.**

Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club. 29 classes. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 12th.** Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Schedules from—

R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

KELSO N.B.

October 21st 1908, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage-birds, and Cats. Judges: Messrs. Huntley, Livingstone, Brown, Hay and Steel. Reduced entrance fee. 35 Good Specials free. Popular Judges. Schedules from **TULLOCH C. BENNET.** Entries close Oct. 14.

NORTHAMPTON

GOOD INTENT 37th ANNUAL SHOW

OCTOBER 21st and 22nd.

Schedule in last week's "CAGE BIRDS." Judge: MR. J. ROBSON. Entries close OCTOBER 12th.

G. M. LARKMAN, 210, Wellingboro' Rd., Northampton.

RAMSGATE

OCT. 21 & 22.

Entries Extended to the 14th. No amalgamation. **Hurry Up with Entries.**

Thomas & Webster, 29, Chatham Street,

CATERHAM, SURREY.

16th Annual Show, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage-birds, will be held **October 21st and 22nd, 1908.** Cat classes second day only, Oct. 22. Judges: Messrs. P. H. Bayliss, A. C. Gilbert, R. Melbourne, T. Lambert, G. R. Bird, Dr. Durrant, W. Kilby, T. J. Ambrose, G. Gardner and Miss F. Simpson. Entries close **Oct 7th.** Extra fee **Oct. 10th.**

For Schedules apply **J. KILBY,** Hon. Sec.

POTTERIES & District. C.B.A.

7th Annual Show, to be held **on Thursday October 22nd,** Under C.B.U. Rules. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for entry fee 1/6. Judge, J. C. Barney Esq. Entries close **Oct. 17th.** Schedules sent outs anyone not received one should apply at once to **J. SIMCOCK, Sec., 63, Fenton Road, Hanley, Staffs.**

EASTBOURNE

SHOW, OCTOBER 21st & 22nd, 1908.

Entries so short obliged to extend to Monday, **October 12th** Fanciers please help.

R. M. OALY, Hon. Sec.,

120, WHITLEY ROAD, EASTBOURNE.

DOVER

Open to Kent, £5 Limit. Oct. 27 & 28.

Full Prize Money Guaranteed. Entries close 15th. **HORREX,** Cherry Tree Avenue.

Weston-Super-Mare

CAGE BIRD SHOW.

(Under C. B. U. Rules).

October 22nd, 1903.

Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq. 25 Classes. Good Specials. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry 1/6. Entries are awful, do not average one a class, compelled to extend to **12th inst.,** remember most of the big guns are at Bristol. Prize Money promptly paid.

Geo. W. READ, Severn Road.

MIDDLESBROUGH & TEESIDE C.B.S.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in the Oddfellow's Hall,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th,

40 Classes, good Specials, including 6 guinea Challenge Bowl. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges, W. Mundell, Canaries; J. Maddison, Newcastle, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 19th.** Schedules apply **ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Asko Road, Middlesbrough.**

DERBY

SHOW, OCT. 24th & 26th. Judges: Messrs. Bexson, Roe and Robson. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 1/6 entry fee. Classes for Novices; please support them.

Entries close, OCTOBER 19th. Schedules now ready.

W STEVENS, 22, South St., DERBY.

PAIGNTON. OPEN CAGE-BIRDS SHOW

Will be held by **TORBAY O.S. Wednesday, Oct. 28th** Schedules ready. If you are overlooked write postcard to J. N. JEFFERY, Sec.,

"Sartor House," Winner Street, PAIGNTON.

Watch our Advertisement next week.

BROMLEY KENT

October 28 & 29.

£5 Limit. 10 Annual Show, Cage Birds, Poultry Pigeons. Schedules ready. Entries close

October 12th, 1908,

Hon Sec., **SPELLER, "The Laurels," Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.**

KIRBYMOORSIDE

YORKS. (October 29th).

Entries Close, October 19th.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats (and Cage Birds 13 classes; Judge, W. Mundell, Esq.) 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and good specials for 1/- entrance fee. For Schedule see next issue, or apply **REED & CALAM,** Secs.

OSWESTRY (SALOP.)

Feather and Fur Association. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c. **Thursday October 29, 1908.** Valuable specials. Judge: C. Houlton, Esq., St. Helens. Prize money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. Entries close **Monday October 19.** For schedules apply to **Morris Smith and C. A. Doody, Smithfield Street, Oswestry.**

SHIELDS

6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OCTOBER 30th and 31st

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges; H. W. Battye E. Brunskill and J. Shepherd. 10 Guinea Challenge Bowl. 56 open classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/. A 2/6 cash special for best bird in each class. Under the patronage of N.C.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C. **W. Duke, 336, South Frederick St., S. Shields.**

MANCHESTER

Hulme Town Hall. **OCTOBER 30 and 31.**

100 Open Classes. Over 100 Open Cups, Medals, etc. Y.C.C. Outside Yorkshire Specials. Three classes for Novices.

Crest C.C. Championship points—Rhodes Cup—Roberts Cup, and other specials. Two classes for Noviecs.

N.P.C. Specials. New Class for unflighted hens—Natural colour classes. Five classes for Novices. 5/- for best Norwich exhibited from Scotland.

Cinnamon Club Specials—4 classes for Novices.

N.B.B. and M.C. Medals—Class for Hen Finches—5/- for best Bullfinch Hen. Cup for most entries in British.

Foreign Club. Medal—Full prize money guaranteed.

Also Lancashire C.A. Medals. L. and L.F.A. Cups. Border Club Medals and E. and W. Border Clubs Specials. Medal for Novices, and L.P.O.S. Medals.

Judges: Messrs. Compston, Ambler, Trengrove, J. Dobson, Ferguson, and Weston. Entries close **October 24th.** Send for Schedule. **Lythgoe and Jones, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.**

HADDINGTON N.B.

17 miles from Edinburgh.

22nd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds on **31st Oct., entries close Oct. 24th.**

Judges:—Border Fancies, Daniel Hamilton Esq., Hamilton; Scotch Fancies, British and Foreign Birds, J. F. Dewar Esq., Edinburgh. Schedules from **DAVID COCKBURN, Victoria Park, Haddington.**

HALSTEAD ESSEX

Open £5 Limit Show. Oct. 31st.

Judges, W. H. Cook and G. H. Bifield (Cage Birds) Entries close **Oct. 20,** to W. F. MONK, 93, Owen Terrace, Secretary.

ALNWICK and District Cage Bird Society,

First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange Alnwick,
Saturday, October 31st, 1908.
19 open Classes, Prize Money, 8/- 4/- 2/- 1/- and numerous Specials, Entrance fee 1/-. Judges; A. Hay, Esq. Berwick, Canaries; & J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mules & British. Entries Close, **Oct. 24th.** Schedules from, **RENNISON & BROADLEY, 16, King Street, Alnwick.**

DYSART 4th Annual SHOW,

OCTOBER 31st, 1908.
In Normand Hall, Extended Classification, 58 Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-. 3/.** Entry money, **1/6,** all Classes. Judges; Messrs. M. Swinton, Scotch fancies; J. McLay, Crests and Plainheads; Wm. M'Adam, Borders; P. Pettigrew, Mules, Hybrids, Brit. & Foreign. Under Patronage of S.F.C. and B.F.C.C. numerous Specials. **Entries close OCT 26th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN,** Hon. Sec., **23, High St., Dysart**

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show in Victoria Hall on **Saturday and Monday, October 31st & November 2nd** (Affiliated to C.B.U.) 42 classes, splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of valuable specials. Prompt payment. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton. Entries close Tuesday Oct. 27. Send for schedules to
Thos. Smith, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.

Look out for the

ROTHERHAM

C. B. S. 11th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, to be held under C. B. U. Rules, on **November 2nd & 3rd. 1908.** in St. George's Hall. Judges; W. Vardy, Esq. & W. H. Shackleton.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

& DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION.
Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. **November 4th & 5th, 1908.** Sussex Assembly Rooms, Yo Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells. Entries Close, **October 27th, 1908.** **H. G. WHIBLEY,** Hon Sec., **56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells.**

MARGATE

11th Annual Show of Pigeons and Cage Birds, open to all England. Classes for Poultry open to the Isle of Thanet only. **Nov. 4th & 5th, 1908.** Judges, Poultry, Clem Watson, Esq. Pigeons, Revd. Lumley, Cage Birds, J North, Esq. **W. J. JONES,** Hon. Sec., **28, Fort Crescent, Margate.**

GT. YARMOUTH

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SHOW (OPEN),
NOVEMBER 4th and 5th.
20 Classes Cage Birds.
Judge, Mr. Greeves. **Entries close Oct. 21.** For Schedules, app'y **J. SHEARMAN, 156, King Street, Great Yarmouth.**

CARMARTHEN

Nov 5th C.B.U. Licence. Warm room, good light. **10/-, 5/-** and **2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** Post card will bring schedule of the 30 classes, and 21 specials. **Fred King, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.**

CLEATOR MOOR FANCIERS SOCIETY

Under C.B.U. License, Fifth Annual open Show of Bantams, Pigeons & Cage Birds, will be held in the Market Hall, on **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, E. H. Crow & J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Wellings; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification, Specials galore in every class. Entries close **Oct. 31st.** Schedules now ready from the Sec., **Jas. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland,**

AYR and District

First Open Show of Cage Birds only. **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston. Great list of specials. Entry fee 1/6.
Prize Money **10/-, 5/- & 2/6.**
Splendid Hall and Railway connections. Under the patronage of Glasgow and Western Counties Club. Entries Close, **Nov. 2nd, 1908.** Schedules from **C. IRVINE,** Sec., **144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

STOCKTON ON TEES AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Fourth Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in Temperance Hall, **Saturday November 7th, 1908.** 38 Classes, specials every Class, Prize money, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-.** Entrance Fee 1/-. Judges, T. Dixon, Canaries, R. J Howe, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 31st, 1908.** Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning St., Stockton on Tees.**

BRAMLEY & Dis. O.S. Leeds

Nov. 7th 1908.
(To be held under C.B.U. Rules.)
Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford,. A G. Davis, Manchester. 27 Classes. prizes **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee **1/-.** Special prizes for each class and Extra Specials given also. Yorkshire County British Bird & Mule Club patronage. Entries close **Nov. 3rd.** For Schedules apply, **E. CRAVEN, 37, Whingate Avenue, Armley, Leeds.**

BRISTOL FANCIERS 18th SHOW

NOVEMBER 11th and 12th.
Crested C. C., Cinnamon C.C. and Yorkshire C.C. patronage. Judges; Messrs. C. A. House and John Robson. Entries close **October 26th.** For schedules—mention section—apply, **G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, BRISTOL.**

SHOW OF THE NORTH.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

C.B.S. Under C.B.U. Rules.
THIRD ANNUAL SHOW ON
Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24.

Under the patronage of the O.P.C., N.C.C., C.C.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., N.C.B.B.M & F.H.C., N.B.H., & M C Money special for every class and **10/6** Section Special, **£1 1s.** for Best British or Foreign Exhibit. 73 Open Classes. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, J. Robson, Thos McCreadie, Chas. Houlton. Schedules from **Curry & Hutchinson, 60 Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

Hello "What's this," "Why its the best Show of the Season," 45 Classes, Class & Section Specials in Galore

ACCRINGTON "My Word Accrington is doing it this time." & DISTRICT C.B.S. Annual Open Show

of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. In the Central Conservative Club's large Assembly Room, Cannon Street, on **Fri. & Sat. Oct. 23rd & 24th, 1908,** under C.B.U. Rules and under the Patronage of the N.P.C., Y.C.C., C.C.C. Club show of the N.P.C. Specials for every class, also **2/-** cash for most points in Nor. Section and **2/-** cash for most points in Yorks. Section. Judges—A. G. Davis, Manchester, and H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. 11 Open Nor., 5 Amateur Nor., 1 Crest and Crestbred, 8 Open Yorks., 2 Nov. Yorks., 4 Open Cinn., 2 Nov. Cinn., A.V. Class, 3 Selling Classes, A.V. Mule, 5 Open Brit., 1 For., 1 Gift Class. The room is only two minutes walk from the station which is on the direct main line from all parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. It is well ventilated, free from draughts, good light by day and light'd by electric light at night. So send your entries to the show of the season, where birds from a distance will have special attention. Shedules now ready from Jas. W. Philpott, Sec., 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.

GLOUCESTER & District C.B.S.

Third Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **Wednesday and Thursday, OCTOBER 28th and 29th.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Affiliated to C.B.U. **Entries close OCT. 24th.** Under the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club Both the Cup and Trophy Competition will be held at this Show. Also open Challenge Bowls value £6 for Norwich Plainheads, Ditto, value £4 for any other variety canary. Ditto, value, £6 for British Bird, Mule or Hybrid. Most points to count for bowls with 4 birds not necessarily nominated. Club Medals will also be given to winners of challenge bowls. See Schedule. Natural Colour classes for Norwich Plainheads. £1 first prize, 10/- 2nd., 7/6 3rd, 2/6 4th. £1 cash special for best bird. Numerous other specials. Schedules now ready from **Hon Sec., J. R. HOUGHTON, "Dargai," Hatherley Road, Gloucester.**

PETERBORO' OCTOBER 29th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds.

Under C.B.U. Licence. 6 open classes for Norwich, One each A.O.V. and Hybrids. £3 3s. Limit classes, 6 Norwich, 4 Yorkshire, 5 British Birds, 1 Foreign. Judge: J. C. Barnes. Walkley, Sheffield. **Entries close, OCT. 19th.**
FRED. JACKSON, Secretary, **"White Horse," Cumbergate, Peterboro.**

WOLVERHAMPTON OPEN SHOW.

Affiliated to C.B.U.
OCT. 29th and 30th. British Roller Canary Clubs patronage. 37 classes. Good Prizo money and specials 3 classes for Borders and Novice Norwich and Yorkshires. Judges: J, Robson and F. A. Lester, Schedules apply **F. HOWES, 25 Leslie Road, WOLVERHAMPTON.**

The Open Show of the Season. The

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

OCTOBER 29th and 30th. 1908. At the **Strathblain Hall, CLAPHAM JUNCTION, S.W.** Ideal Place. Under the distinguished patronage of His Worship the Mayor of Battersea. £50 and five £2 Solid Silver Cups to be Won. All in our actual possession. See the Mammoth Schedule, from **THE SECRETARY, 34, Ingelow Road, Battersea, S.W,** Three Leading Judges.

YORK

C.B.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Oct. 30 & 31, 1908** (under C.B.U. Rules). Splendid Classification, Good Prize Money, 41 Specials; under the patronage of the Y.B.B. & M.C. Entrance Fee 1/-. Entries close **Monday, Oct. 26th** Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Brown. Schedules now ready **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.**

BARNSTAPLE 21st ANNUAL SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules. **November 3rd and 4th.**
Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne. Schedules ready. If not received apply **PERCIVAL HARRIS, Sec., High Street, Barnstaple.**

SHEFFIELD

C.B.S. Under C.B.U Rules. Grand open show of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds held in the Temperance Hall, Townhead Street **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6th & 7th.** Under patronage of L. & P O.S 32 open classes, prize money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-,** also 4 Points Specials to each Section for 1/6 entry. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, W. H. Battye, J. Bexon, E. E. Smith, & G. Browning. Entries close **Nov. 2nd.** Schedules from, **H. LINDSAY, 202, King James Street, Sheffield.**

BLAYDON-on-TYNE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Annual Open Show **November 6th and 7th, 1908,** in Co-operative Hall of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 44 open classes. Good specials for each class. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. McLay. Schedules from **G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.** All prize money guaranteed.

WEYBRIDGE

Fourteenth Annual Open and Members Show. Under C.B.U. Rules. **November 11th and 12th.** Judge: T. Heath. Good classification. Numerous specials. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules now ready, apply—
H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge.

SUDBURY (Suffolk) Nov. 10.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits. The Premier show of Suffolk. Open to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambs. Judges:—W. A. Broomhead and C. A. House' Large classification. Numerous specials. Schedules from **V. MACHIN GOODALL, The "Mount" Sudbury.**

North Berks. ABINGDON. NOV. 12th.

Entries close Nov. 3. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good Classification; many specials. Cage Bird judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. Prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **Mr. T. Bowen, 10, High Street, Abingdon.**

SIDMOUTH DEVON

Open Cage Bird Show, C.B.U. Rules. **Nov. 19th.** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Schedules from **COLLIER & CLODE, Church Street, Sidmouth.**

REMEMBER THE

CROOK ORIGINAL CAGE BIRD, RABBIT and PIGEON SOCIETY'S 4th ANNUAL

Open Show on NOVEMBER 21st.
20 Open Classes. 5 Members' Classes for Cage Birds. Judge: W. MUNDELL, Esq., Cage Birds in separate hall. Specials for nearly every Class. We have a membership of about 70. **A. BOWES, Sec.**

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW, Nov. 25 & 26.

Judge: Mr. Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules shortly. **W. G. Inward, Cirencester.**

NOTICE TO SHOW SECRETARIES.

Receipts are sent on the Friday of each week for payments of 5/- and over. If a receipt is required for any sum less than 5/-, stamp must accompany same to cover postage, etc.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

TWITTERINGS.

Have you seen Glasgow schedule yet? Good prize-money, cups, specials etc.—(ADVT.)

Entries close at Bolton, October 12th. Send for your schedule at once.—(ADVT.)

Fanciers should send at once for Morpeth schedule. Splendid classification: no cancellation.—(ADVT.)

At the Oxford show, to be held on November 26th the cage-birds will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

I have removed from Kingston Road, Wimbledon, writes Mr. F. J. Day, to 58a, Sydenham Road North, Croydon.

At Wellingboro Show, writes our reporter, Mr. W. H. Howe won 1st in Cinnamons, and not Mr. F. Martin, as printed.

Kindly note, writes Mr. T. Harper, that I have removed from Upper Villiers Street to Adelaide Villa, Dudley Road, Wolverhampton.

I have had a record breeding season having reared 177 Borders, writes Mr. Henry Bennet, the well-known Border Fancy enthusiast, of Kelso.

The committee of the Marske and Dis. F.C., writes Mr. T. Kirby, the hon. secretary, intend holding their second show on January 16th, 1908.

Mr. J. A. Bartlett has, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, the hon. secretary, been appointed reporter to the Fancy Press for the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.

The Grimsby C.B.S. are holding their annual open show, writes Mr. H. Emerson, the hon. secretary, on December 3rd, when Mr. J. C. Barnes will judge.

Kindly notify my change of address, writes Mr. John W. Bancroft, from Princess Drive, Marsland Road, Sale Moor, to 25, Skaife Road, Sale Moor, Cheshire.

Please note that I have been appointed secretary of the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., writes Mr. J. Bertram, 95, Gainsbro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Kindly note that entries for the Morpeth Show, to be held on October 17th, writes Mr. E. Cowling, the hon. secretary, have been extended to October 13th.

Entries for the Ramsgate show, to be held on October 21st and 22nd, write Messrs. Thomas and Webster, the hon. secretaries, have been extended to October 14th.

Have you got the Red Book of the season? No. Then for goodness' sake write the secretary, the Metropolitan C.B.A. Open Show, 34, Ingelow Road, Battersea.—(ADVT.)

Entries for the Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S. Show, to be held on October 22nd and 23rd, under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, the hon. secretary, will close on October 13th.

The members will hold their annual show, writes Mr. Lance Hall, hon. secretary of the Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S., on December 26th, when Mr. Thos. Dixon (Bedlington), will judge.

Please notify my change of address from Oakham Road, to 2, Caroline Street. Kate's Hill, Dudley, Worcs., writes Mr. W. H. Raybould, breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires and Norwich.

Kindly state that I have removed from Herbert Street, writes Mr. Joseph Smith, secretary of the Sutton-in-Ashfield and Dis. O.S., to 106, Meden Bank, near Mansfield, Notts.

There is a 2s. 6d. cash special, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman, secretary of the Northampton Good Intent Show, to be held on October 21st and 22nd, for the best bird in classes 125 and 126.

Owing to a printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. J. Simcock, hon. secretary of the Potterics and Dis. C.B.A., our show is made to close at 6 o'clock; this should have read 9 o'clock.

The Dulwich O.S. has given a gold medal, writes Mr. F. Easterling, hon. secretary of the Battersea and Dis. C.B.A., for competition at the Battersea show for the best team of six birds shown by a novice.

The Crested Canary Club's first-year champion points' specials and the Roberts £25 silver challenge cup, writes Mr. W. Stevens, the secretary, will be competed for at the Derby show on October 24th and 26th.

The Sowerby Bridge and District C.B.S. will hold their next monthly members' show of Canaries at the Bull's Head Hotel on October 10th, writes Mr. A. E. Morton, hon. secretary, when those interested are invited to attend.

By a printer's error, the name of the sender of one of the letters published last week on "Bird-catching and the Persecution of Bird-catchers," was inadvertently omitted. The writer was Mr. H. Johnson, of East Dulwich.

Schedules of our annual show, to be held on October 28th and 29th, writes Mr. G. Dowden, hon. secretary of the Stoke Newington F.A., have been sent out; members not having received one as yet will please apply to me for same.

We are looking forward to having a good show on October 24th, writes Mr. Arthur Wake, hon. secretary of the Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S. Our society have gone to the expense of getting new staging, which is of the same kind as that used by Newcastle.

We again had a big loss (two years running) at Wellingborough show, writes Mr. W. Howe, the secretary. I can't make exhibitors out, and should just like to know how much they want in prizes—surely 21s. is enough for a 1s. 6d. entry fee. We are only a small society—not a dozen and a half of us. It did not make any difference Messrs. R. J. Howe and F. Howe standing down, only in the foreign classes. I am almost a downhearted secretary.

TWITTERINGS continued.

We have engaged the finest room in Harrogate in which to hold our open show, writes Mr. Geo. Hy Barnwell, hon. secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S. It is beautifully lighted and newly decorated, and is 50 ft. long by 30 ft. wide. A bumping entry will ensure a successful show.

Mr. C. A. House desires us to thank the many friends who have written expressing their sympathy with him in his bereavement. Their number is far too great for him to reply to all individually, and he therefore asks his friends to accept this appreciation of their kind thoughts and words.

Mr. Cutmore, of the Liverpool Museum, will lecture before the members of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. on October 12th, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. W. Jackson, hon. secretary, when we invite the members and friends of the Manchester societies to be present. The lecture will be illustrated by specimens.

The Walthamstow F.A. will hold their annual show on December 3rd, at the Public Baths, writes Mr. A. B. Forse, hon. secretary. Owing to repeated losses on open shows, this year's show will be for members only. Fanciers desirous of joining should do so before the next committee meeting on October 15th.

Fanciers will please note, writes Mr. Alex Macdonald, secretary of the Scotch Fancy Section of the City of Glasgow O.A. Show, to be held on October 16th and 17th, that former winners of Hyde's prize are debarred from competing for same, and that Scotch Fancy and Belgian exhibitors are eligible to compete for Mr. Queen's Special, No. 37.

We are compelled to extend entries to the morning of October 11th, writes Mr. W. Paull, hon. secretary of the Hayle and Dis. show, to be held on October 14th and 15th. We have not 20 cage-bird entries at the time of closing, and unless exhibitors support us we shall have to cancell a large number of classes. The show is being held under Cage Bird Union rules.

The Linnets supplied by W. Gore, of Gooch Street, Birmingham, are undoubtedly making a great name among contest singers, one fancier having won two rounds of a cup contest besides several other contests with a bird supplied by Mr. Gore for 4d., and another fancier has won 34 prizes this season with Linnets. Both letters are published in Mr. Gore's advertisement of British Birds in this issue.—(ADVT.)

Spalding show is to be held on January 21st, and Mr. C. A. House will again place the cards.

We hear that ten classes of cage birds are to be provided at the Glynllivon Fanciers' Show on August 2nd, 1909.

The framed pictures CAGE BIRDS sent us as special prizes, writes Mr. J. Ford, secretary Kelty and Blairadam Show, are much admired, and will be well worth winning. I wish C.B. every success.

The Nelson and Dis. Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. J. England, the hon. secretary, will hold their annual members' show at the Bull Hotel, Nelson, on December 5th, when Mr. J. Broadley (Windhill), will judge.

We have received from Messrs. Graham and Gould, of 11, Little South Street, Coventry, a copy of their 1909 price list of cages, giving the wholesale and retail prices of the goods supplied by that firm. Breeding cages are a speciality, and those requiring such will do well to obtain one of the price-lists.

The following gentlemen, writes Mr. Charles C. Edmond, junr., secretary of the Cupar and Dis. O.S., have been appointed to judge at our show on December 5th:—Messrs. J. Black (Arbroath), and J. Merrilees (Broughty Ferry), for Scotch Fancies; J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh), for Mules, British and foreign birds; Chas. Camphell (Glasgow), for Norwich; and J. Craig (Brechin), for Border Fancies. A good classification is offered with plenty of specials and medals, and a trophy shield of the Scottish B.B. and M.C. to be competed for.

"British Birds" (shilling monthly).—The October issue of this magazine contains several instructively-written articles, one being from the pen of Emma L. Turner, F.L.S., on "The Green Woodpecker versus the Starling." The article is illustrated by photographs taken by the writer. Messrs. Witherby and Ticehurst continue their observations on "The more important additions to our knowledge of British Birds since 1899," and Mr. W. H. Mullens his on "Some early British Ornithologists." There are also many interesting notes.

Members of the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club should note, writes Mr. Tulloch C. Bennet, that our show at Kelso (October 21st) has been granted the bowl contest, instead of Carlisle, so the following should appear in addition to specials already in schedule: Solid silver bowl to be competed for as per rules; 5s. cash to winner of the championship bowl; 5s. cash to novice gaining most points in bowl contest; 2s. 6d. cash to novice gaining second most points. "Novices" not to have won a 1st prize previous to season 1908.

The Year Book of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. is a model of good taste, utility, and economy, and we must congratulate those concerned in its production on attaining such a useful combination of good points. The club seems to be making satisfactory progress, and we advise lovers of the Yorkshire Canary in the North of England to apply for a copy from the hon. secretary, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who will also be pleased to put up their names for membership. A good number of specials are up for competition at the season's shows.

Fanciers: Note!

Being desirous of making a collection of the different types of Canaries, writes Mr. Alfred Thomas, taxidermist, of 9, College Street, Gloucester, I should be glad if owners of any noted prize-winners which die, and which they do not wish to have preserved, would send the birds on to me. I would send them in return half-a-dozen photographs of the bird when "set-up."

Echoes from Glasgow.

That secretary Fleming (Glasgow Southern) is on his holidays; that he deserves them; that the Glasgow Southern Show will be the best in the history of the club; that there is much speculation re the cup winner; that Corker Hill news is quiet; that there are some gems there; that there is some stir in the "Southorn Camp" as to who has the cup winner; that the members have had a splendid season's breeding; that the cup winner may hail from Bellgrove Street; that it is whispered there is a "dark horse" in Dennistown to be trotted out yet, promising well; that we have had the same "shock" before; that this month will clear the air; that president Tennant (Govan Hill) has had bad luck; that he has lost his 1st and best in hall, Buff hen and Yellow cock; that he cannot account for the loss; that many more can't account for their losses; that Govan Hill club is prospering; that the City Show promises to be a big success; that fanciers will be pleased to learn that old judge and fancier, Mr. Alex. Millar, of Rutherglen, is keeping a little better; that his many friends wish him a speedy recovery; that friend Ward, of Shettleston, has become owner of Johnstone's of Musselhurgh, 3rd (Open Derby) cock; that the Fancy wish him good luck.—SCOTS FANCY.

Have You Your Coloured Plate?

On going over our stock recently, we found therein a varied assortment of remainders of coloured plates which had been used in past seasons. These we decided to give away in to-day's issue of CAGE BIRDS. Therefore

every reader of this number should receive a Coloured Plate

with his copy.

We have also had compiled, as complete as possible, a Guide to the Shows due to be held during the 1908-9 season, and we anticipate this feature will prove helpful and acceptable to a very large number of our readers. It should be pasted up in the bird-room; and supplementary lists may be issued from time to time.

I much regret, writes Mr. R. P. Broome (Sutton), that owing to so many calls upon my time I have had to give up the major portion of my birds and appliances. I have the consolation of knowing they have gone to a good fancier in the person of Mr. H. E. Tringham. I hope at some future time to take up again the breeding of the fascinating Yorkshire. Will show secretaries kindly note the above to avoid expense in sending schedules.

The secretary of the Bristol F.S. Show, Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, writes that the Great Western and Midland Railway Companies have granted the privilege to all visitors to travel from any point within 60 miles, on their respective railways, to Bristol, at a single fare-and-a-quarter for the return journey (minimum fare 1s.), on showing ticket of admission to the show to the booking clerk at the station of booking.

I have removed from 9, Barry Street, writes Mr. A. E. Bishop, hon. secretary of the Worcester and Dis. C.B.S., to No. 14, Barry Street, Worcester, where I have a much more convenient bird-room. Will fanciers please note that all correspondence intended for me should be addressed here to A. E. Bishop, as a Mr. A. L. Bishop has taken my previous address, and we are both bird fanciers, although not related in any way.

Fanciers will be sorry to learn, writes Mr. G. W. MacPartling, that Mr. Hutchinson, one of the esteemed secretaries of the Newcastle C.B.S., has been ill for this last fortnight with quinsy, thus throwing the "heavy end" of getting out the schedules on to a willing comrade in Mr. Curry. Having had a relapse through his anxiety to get out and into harness on show matters, Mr. Hutchinson is only just out once more from the "torture chamber," and with care expects to be on duty at the great event.

Arrangements are now complete for the International contest between the Scottish Norwich P.C.C. and the Norwich P.C., to be held at Glasgow, and West of Scotland's show on November 13th and 14th, writes Mr. J. Brown, the hon. secretary of the former society, and members are requested to note that birds with one small mark on any part of the body must be entered in clear or ticked classes. Birds with two or more marks on different parts of the body must be entered in variegated classes.

To Readers Interested in Physical Culture.

And what right-thinking man or woman is not interested in physical culture and its bearing on their health and general well-being? To these will be of special interest the announcement that the Editor of our contemporary, "Health and Strength," has arranged a tour embracing many of the leading towns of England, during which a simple, yet eminently efficient method of keeping physically fit will be publicly demonstrated by Lieutenant J. P. Muller.

A strong point to be emphasised in the matter is Lieutenant Muller's position. He receives no fee of any kind, and one of the chief points of "My System" (as his demonstration is called) is that absolutely no apparatus of any kind is necessary. Further, whatever sum remains over after payment of the ordinary out-of-pocket expenses will be handed over to some local charity.

The next meeting is at Leeds, then Bradford and Halifax come in quick succession, and we hope our readers in the towns visited (see list) will give Lieutenant Muller's deserving efforts their support, and go and see for themselves the benefits they may derive from practising his system. The prices of admission in all places will be the same—2s., 1s., and 6d. Tickets can be obtained direct from "Health and Strength" offices (12, Burleigh Street, Strand, London, W.C.), or locally. The address of the booking office will be sent by return of post if desired Address all letters: "The Muller Tour," so as to facilitate reply. List of towns and halls:—

Oct. 12.—Leeds—Albert Hall.
Oct. 14.—Bradford—Mechanics' Institute.
Oct. 16.—Halifax—Mechanics' Hall, Crossby Street.
Oct. 20.—Birmingham—Temperance Hall.
Oct. 22.—Oldham—Unity Hall.
Oct. 24.—Liverpool—Hope Hall.
Oct. 27.—Manchester—Free Trade Hall.
Oct. 31.—Hull—Assembly Rooms.

Tell all your friends about the demonstrations, the date, and the place. Make the demonstrations known in your gymnasium or club. If you are a member of any social club or society, get the fact of the demonstrations announced at the next meeting.

THE PAPER FOR ADVERTISERS WHO WANT RESULTS.

Note this Striking testimony to the success of CAGE BIRDS as a PAYING advertising medium.

I have sold the two Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Cornelius Hoyle (Featherstone). One I have sent to Halifax, the other to Scotland. Please thank the many applicants I have been unable to reply to.

I have had a very good sale through your paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken from the first issue, and consider the best paper on birdie matters on the market, writes Dr. Rogerson (Dundee). Those birds advertised last week were snapped up on Saturday afternoon. Thank you for your kindness.

I had 18 applicants for one of my offers through CAGE BIRDS, and 7 for another, doing well out of both. I have always had the best satisfaction when advertising in this paper, and have recommended it to many of my customers. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—JOHN BEATTIE (Scholes, Leeds).

Kindly thank all those who answered my advertisement re Mules, writes Mr. H. Payne (New Southgate), as I received replies from all parts of the country, and my small stock was soon disposed of. This shows the circulation and influence your valuable paper must have. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

The applications for my Cirl Bunting are much too numerous for me to reply to them all, and I shall be glad if you will kindly intimate this through your columns. Letters came from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, to say nothing of England. What better medium than CAGE BIRDS for advertising in could you want or get?—A. G. BROWN (Weymouth).

I have much pleasure in enclosing 25s., the amount for advertising our show for this year, writes Mr. J. Ford, sec., Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. I quickly had no less than 33 postcards for schedules, which says something, considering it was for only the first week's advertisement. I hope we shall finish with a record entry, and wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS every success.

Just a few lines, writes Mr. S. Drake, of Halifax, to express my satisfaction at the splendid results your paper, CAGE BIRDS, has given me this season from my advertisement. I am sure I have been well satisfied at the way customers have turned up, having had over 300 all out of the town. I have enclosed you my order book for proof of same. I have not booked any which I have sold over the counter. You will see that I have sent my rings into nearly every part of the civilised world. Two letters are enclosed, the orders in which I sent away a few hours after arrival of same, to New Zealand and South Africa. So my new ring, which has raised or embossed numbers, and is a very neat ring, has been a decided success. I shall have another improvement for next season.

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Would You Like to Have a Portrait of Your Successful Bird as a Memento?

As first announced in our issue of September 19th, for the forthcoming show season we have been able to make such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of CAGE BIRDS by the best available artist in the country, at the lowest possible cost. Mr. H. Norman, whose work on "Cage Birds" with pencil, pen, and brush has for some years now placed him in the position of premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available (*by arrangement with us*) for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended, and from this it will be seen that north, south, east, and west will be thoroughly and equally represented.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits at any of these shows should be placed at once with our Manager, who will be very pleased to communicate terms, dates, etc., to all desirous of seeing their birds pictured in the leading bird journal.

Apart from the wide publicity accorded to such sketches, there must be something particularly pleasing in the notion of having a permanent, accurate, and skilfully-drawn memento of one of your prize winners. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced.

There is one point we should like to make clear, and that is that exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds at any of the undermentioned shows *conditionally upon their winning a prize*. Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

It will, of course, also be possible for exhibitors to make direct arangements with Mr. Norman at the show in the hour of victory, but it will ensure an earlier reproduction IF THE ORDER IS PLACED RIGHT AWAY AT THIS OFFICE.

For terms, positions, etc., apply immediately to the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

REMEMBER: The first Show will be the City of Glasgow, on the Saturday, October 17th.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Herewith we give the list of shows referred to above, and would again impress upon our intending clients to communicate with our Manager immediately, should they wish to see their birds portrayed on or in CAGE BIRDS this season:—

Ootober 16th.—City of Glasgow
,, 20th.—Plymouth (Western Counties).
,, 23nd.—Bristol.
,, 30th.—Manchester.
Nov. 11th.—Carlisle.
,, 14th.—Nottingham.
,, 25th.—Cardiff.
,, 27th.—Leeds.
Dec. 11th.—Gateshead.
,, 31st.—Ediuboro' (Scottish National)

You have taken a step in the right direction by arranging to have winners from all over the kingdom portrayed in CAGE BIRDS.—R. R. TORR (Plymouth).

Your new idea for sketching prize-winners at the shows I think a very good one, and I hope it will meet with the success it deserves.—R. G. JOLIFFE (Glasgow).

Other appreciative letters concerning our scheme reach us from Messrs. J. Thomas (Bugle, Cornwall), G. Leith (Portobello), E. Barker (Long Eaton), W. Nichols (Norwich), and others.

SHOW DATES FIXED,

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that he show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 9 and 10.—**Great Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Waddington, 68, Edge End-rd.). W.V., and W.M.

Oct. 10.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place). T.A., H.B.M., A.C., J.P., and P. McQ.

*Oct. 14.—**Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S.** (Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas). T.H.

*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Battersea.** (F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's-rd., Fulham-rd.). A. Pik and J.R.

*Oct. 14 and 15.—**Haylo and Dis. F.A.** (W. Paull, 6, Penpol Meadows). G.G. and C.T.

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Bolton O.S.** (J. Stringer, 27, James-st.). J.H.R. and C.H.

Oct. 16 and 17.—**City of Glasgow O.A.** (A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea-drive, Dennistoun.)

*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hucknall Torkard** (H. Marshall, 41, Truman-st.). W.V., M.N

Oct. 17.—**Darlington C. and B. B. F.A.** (R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace). W.M.

Oct. 17.—**Kelly and Blairadam C.B.A.** (J. Ford, Normand-place). D.L., J.P., J.As., R.F.

*Oct. 17.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Fulbeck-cottage). W.P.B., A.B.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth).** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.). C.A.H., J.R., H.N.

*Oct. 20 and 21.—**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.** (Moore and Orowston, 39, Lord-st). J.H.R., and F.My.

Oct. 21 and 22.—**Caterham F.C.** (J. Kilby, Railway Livery Stables). T.J.A. and G.G.

*Oct. 21 and 22.—**Northampton Good Intent** (G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro'-rd.). J.R.

*Oct. 22.—**Potteries and Dis.** (J. Shacock, 63, Fenton-rd., Hanley). J.C.B.

*Oct. 22.—**Weston-super-Mare** (G. W. Read, Severn-rd.). J.H.P.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (W. H. Manley, 2, Luckleaze-rd., Horfield). T.H. and H.N.

*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.** (T. S Moore, 126, Newmarket-rd.). J.R. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee-st., Oswaldtwistle). H.W.B. and A.G.D.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Nowcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.** (Ourry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor-gdns.). T.McC., C.H, W.V., and J.R.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** (J. Butterworth, 28, Smith-st.). R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.

*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.). W.M. and J.M.

*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** (W. Stevens, 22, South-st.). J.H.R., J.B., and J.R.

*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st.). J.R.

*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.). H.W.B

Oct. 29.—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks)** (Read and Calam, Railway-st.). W.M.

*Oct. 29.—**Peterborough F.A.** (F. Jackson, White Horse, Cumbergate). J.C.B.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Metropolitan C.B.A.** F. J. Martin, 34, Ingleton-rd., Battersea, S.W). T.H., G.G., and H.N.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.** (F. Howes, 25, Leslie-rd.). J.R., F.A.L.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester** (E. H. Jones, 45, Whitby-rd, Fallowfield).

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** (W. Duke, 336, South Frederick's-st., South Shields). H.W.B., E.B., and J.S.

*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton-crescent, Fulford-rd.). J.R.

Oct. 31.—**Dysart C.B.S.** (J. Logan, 23, High-st.). W.M.S., J.McA., J.McL., and P.P.

Oct. 31.—**Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place). A.Hy., J.Mn.

*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Smith, 5, King-st.) R.B., W.V., and C.H.

*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence-rd., Masbro'). W.V. and W.H.S.

*Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple** (P. Harris, High-st.). J.H.P.

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Prestbury). T.H. and J.H.P.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate** (W. J. Jonce, 28, Fort-crescent). J.N.

*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament-st.). H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.

Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.** (J. Woodhonse, 123, High-st.)

*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen** (Fred King, Friar's Cottage). J.B.E.

*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** (W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace-rd.). H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop-st.). A.W., J.W., and T.W.W.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.** (G. Harver, 1, Theresa-st.). J. McL., and J.Wk.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** (Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James-st., Walkley). J.R., J.B., H.W.B. and E.E.S.

*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Metcalfe & Hillmen, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook). W.M., W.V., and C.H.

Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.). A.Rs., and G.A.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** (F. McGillivray, Gauze-rd., Chance). J.Wr., T.T, A.G, and L.J.A.

*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** (E. Oraven, 37, Wilngate-avenue, Armley, Leeds). W.A.C., and A.G.D.

*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (J. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd,), O.H. and A.W.

*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** (S. M. Clayton, 55, Percy-st.). H.W.B. and J.Gr.

*Nov. 7.—**Stockton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.). T.D. and R.J.H.

*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand** (C. Draper, 1a, Wilton-st.). J.H.P.

*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl-st.). J.R., and G.G.

*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin** (A. E. Jago, Robartes-rd., Bodmin).

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol** (G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown). C.A.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. H Wright, 35, London-rd.). J.Hr., W.V., and W.L.

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.** (A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-rd., Landore, near Swansea). J.B.E. and C.H.

*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge and Dis. F.S.** (H. E. Parrott, Grove-place). T.H.

*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** (R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs), J.H.R.



Photo by J. BRIGHTY] [Park Crescent, Clapham.

A Group of Officials, etc., at Clapham Show.

STANDING (left to right): Messrs. C. T. Maxwell, Morris, A. Silver (Judge), J. Frostick, J. Robson (Judge), G. E. Weston ("Cage Birds"), R. A. Newley, and M. Thorpe.
SEATED: Messrs. S. H. W. Baker (hon. sec.), W. H. Vale (chairman), E. Hathaway, and A. C. Askew.

[In the centre is the fine trophy presented to the Club by Mr. E. M. Hayward.]

*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynou). J.R.

*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** (J. Hibbert, jun., Milton-rd.). C.A.H.

Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow and West of Scotland** (R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea-drive).

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** (W. H. Heatheote, 110A, Fishergate). P.R., W.M., and Dr.H.

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.** (J. Johnson, 60, Neptune-rd.). W.P.B., J.F.D. and W.A.C.

*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S** (J. Emmett, 39, Gorscy-lane). H.W.B. and A.W.

*Nov. 14.—**Consett** (W. H. Hutchinson, jun., 21 Park-rd. Durham).

Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury-st.) D.B., P.Mck., A.C. and P.P

*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** (A. Flint, High-st., Tideswell). J.H.R.

*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham** (G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington-square, Parkside). W.E.G., W.V. and G.E.W.

*Nov. 17 and 18—**Wimbledon** (H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.). J.R.

*Nov. 19.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.). W.M.

*Nov. 19.—**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.

*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 14, Barry-st.). J.H.P.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 173, Thoreeby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickering, Hill-street). J.R.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Pallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** (J. Ferguson, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.

*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Poolstock). H.T. and A.W.

Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (H. Olegg, 200, Hollings-road.) A.A.

Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.

Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** (Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.). W.Mr., W.Hu., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.

Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.O., A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.

*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.

Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** (Alex. Urquhart, 86, Telford-road). P.P., W.S., and J.G.

*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).

Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (F. J. Bingham, 88, Barden-rd.).

*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 43, Dixon-st.). J.R., J.F.

Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. J. Birse, 34, Clonliffe-rd., Dublin). R.H.

*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.

Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.McL., A.McF., H.B., and P.P.

*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.

Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J.Mn.

Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. O. Torbett, Smallburn).

*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Turner, 35, Market-street, Draycott). J.R. and J.H.R.

*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham). J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., and A.Wd.

*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (G. F. Hardcastle, 63, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Leech and G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst-rd.). J.H.P. and W.G.P.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Ohallenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer). J.R. and T.L.C.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (J. H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H.R.

Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C B.S.** O.H. Emerson, 129, Farebrother-st.) J.O.B.

*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.

Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside-st.) D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McO., and P.P.

*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane). H.W.B. and C.H.

*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (S. A. Dicken, New Inn, Station-st.). J.B and R.J.H.

*Dec, 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.). J.H.P.

Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr, 57, Bonnygate). J. Blk., J Ms. J.Gw., C C. and J.C.

Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 20, College-rd.) J.C.B.

*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).

*Dec. 0.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd). J.H.P.

*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).

Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.

*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truseott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., G.E.W., and J.B.E.

*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.

Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).

Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).

Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.

*Dec: 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H.P.

*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Dufficld, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.

Dec: 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Doncgall Rd. Bellast). G.H. and J. Rk.

*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W.

Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Nell. son, 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Msn., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.

Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd: Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Ediuburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G, A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.

Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.

*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.

Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.

*Jar. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place).

*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S, and W.V.

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TO OUR READERS.

Despite the fact that we have this week provided no fewer than ten extra pages, owing to the great pressure of current matter, and a gratifying though unanticipated jump in our advertisements, we have had to hold over several items of interest which were in type. We shall hope to publish them all next week.

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Belgrave (Leicester) and Dist. F. and F.S.—Oct. 13, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table Show Canaries, A.V. Judge Mr. W. Shepherd.—W. H Riley.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Oct. 10, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Classification for Open Winter Show. —H. Clegg.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 13, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, 8. What effect has the Nightingale's song on the Roller Canary? By Mr. J. W. Norris. Discussion to follow. Roller fanciers invited.—J. W. Norris.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Textile Hall, 7.30. Important show business, including allotment of specials; also question as to an additional class.—T. Clark.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Mackell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Show business, including schedule.—W. S. Negus.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 10, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Important show business.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W, 8.15. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. A. W. Curtis. Visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Half Moon, 8. Special prize list and other business connected with Open Show.—E. Brunskill.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Headquarters, 8.30. Fixing up President and vice-presidents, etc., and schedule for Open Show.—J. J. Mullett.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Oct. 10, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.—J. E. Hudson.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 15, Hall of Science, 8. To complete show arrangements, etc. Fanciers invited.—Moore and Crowston.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Lockhart's 7.30. Show business and Washing Exhibition, by Mr. T. Taylor.—T. Taylor.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 10, Butcher's Arms, 8. Also Members' Show, birds to be staged at 8 prompt. Judge, Mr. F. Self.—J. Holroyd.

Hettun-le Hole and Dist.—Oct. 10, Crown Inn, 7. Election of stewards, and classification for both Open and Members' Shows.—A. J. Notley.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 10, Griffin Hotel, 8. Business very important. Schedules for Oct. and Old Shows, and room for latter.—J. F. Thackray.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 12, St. George's School, 8. Selection of judge, classification, etc.—T. Allsop.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.S. — Oct. 13, Lockhart's Cafe, Jarrow, 7.30. Show business.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Oct. 14, 67, High Street, Dover, 8. Correspondence, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Abbey Inn, Kirkstall, 8.30. To discuss date of Members' Show. —J. Bracken.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Oct. 10, Globe Inn, Oldham Bird Show, 6.30. General business.—J. Rukin.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table Show. A.V. Nor. Buff Unflig., Open; ditto, Novice. Judge Mr. T. H. Pride. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Castle Inn.—E. Tams.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Oct. 17, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Bottomley (Laisterdyke).—R. H. Turner

Musselburgh O.S.—Oct. 10, McDonald's Rooms, 7. —D. Kay.

Nuttingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 14, Cobden Hall, 8.30. Show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Nov. Show business.—J. Davey.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Lockhart's, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. R. Lowery (Gateshead).—Curry and Hutchinson.

Otley O.S.—Oct. 14, Queen's Head. Members' Show.—C. Thornton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Holy Trinity Schools, 8.—W. Pawley.

Preston O.S.—Oct. 12, 119a, Fishergate, 8. November Show. Bird Washing Exhibition, and Novices' Washing Competition.—W. H. Heathcote.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 12, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. W. Cutmore, on British Birds—with Specimens. Friends invited.—W. Jackson.

Peltun Fell and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Colliery Inn, 7.30.—L. Hall.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 15, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Washing display, by Mr. C. Battison; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Rutherham C.B.S.—Oct. 10, St. George's Hall, 8. Schedules to be given out.—J. C. Hayes.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Boiler-Maker's Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Higher Openshaw. Fanciers invited.—J. C. Spilsbury.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Monthly Members' Show.—A. E. Morton.

Stonehouse (N.B.) C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Buck's Head Inn, 7.—J. Govan.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Oct. 13, Headquarters, 8. Annual Show business.—G. Dowden.

Tung and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Holme Lane Hotel 7.30. First and Second Feather Show.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Review of Schedule for Open Show. —T. Dufficld.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' Show. Judge Mr. Thompson, Ogden.—E. W. Johnson.

Yurk C.B.S.—Oct. 12, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Mr. T. Boyle will give a paper on "British Birds." Members please attend. Last meeting before Open Show.—A. Waud.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Sulky Papa.

M.W.B.—It is quite possible the two cocks being in sight of each other, and the young one coming into song, have produced a green-eyed monster in his papa's breast, so that he refuses to emulate his son's vocal efforts. But you must remember that a very large number of old cocks do not resume singing for some weeks after the young ones are well on, and it is likely this is the real explanation of your old bird's behaviour. However, you will doubtless hasten matters by hanging the two cages on the same side of the room in box cages, so that the cocks will be able to see but very little of each other. In the soft food well mix five drops of sherry for the old bird, and add to his drinking water twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. By the way, twice a week will be sufficient to give the soft food as soon as the birds begin to come on song. Give green-food every second day, and see the cages are not exposed to draughts.

Coughing and Sneezing.

M.J.E.—The hen is either exposed to some draught or the moult had rendered her more than usually susceptible to atmospheric changes, as it very often does. The first is probably the correct theory, so first see that this cause is quite removed. Keep the cage in a comfortably warm place; add a fourth part of summer rape seed to the staple diet; discontinue the mixed seed, and the egg for the present; and in place of these give half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which mix five drops of sherry each time until the bird is recovered. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food; continue this for a fortnight.

Stock Mixture for Songster.

"**Singer.**"—If you expect a recipe for an elaborate mixture of numerous seeds, such as you purchase in packets, you will be disappointed. No such mixture is really suitable for a stock mixture for singing birds, which usually means a bird kept continually in a small cage. The best staple diet for such birds is a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape for ordinary birds, and for German-bred birds the proportions should be two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Therefore if you want to keep a stock mixture to serve out to the birds direct, you have only to mix together any quantity of these two seeds in the proportions given. To complete the diet give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, a sprig of green-food, or bit of sweet fruit, every second day, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week. This simple dietary is far more serviceable and wholesome than the most elaborate and varied one you could concoct. On very rare occasions, or if the bird gets a bit roft, a few grains of Inga may be given as a pick-me-up. Similarly when green-food is unobtainable, and fruit scarce, half a teaspoonful of scalded rape may be given occasionally; and an equal quantity of egg-food, or a scrap of bread soaked in milk, and sprinkled with maw seed, may also be substituted on rare occasions for the sponge cake, but, save in exceptional cases, the latter is the better form of soft food, and also the safer.

Will They Survive?

A. B. Carter.—If the Canaries are of any ordinary variety, and not exceptionally highly bred, I have no hesitation in saying they will not only survive, but will thrive and do very well in the outdoor aviary you describe. Figuratively speaking they will not care a rap for the cold, nor turn a feather on account of it. Of course I assume you have one end of the structure, or at least a corner of it, roofed over, so as to form an open shed, to which the birds can retire at will, and roost under. If not you should see that this is done before severe weather arrives, or otherwise hang in a few small boxes with a third part of the lids sawn off and the remaining part nailed down, so that these may form covered roosting places for the birds.

Grooming a Crest.

"**Crest.**"—To properly train and groom a crest that is horny and faulty in shape requires rather skilful handling, and you would do well to try and get an old hand at the business to give you an object lesson. You must wait until the moult is finished, so that there are no quills or sappy feathers in the crest. Then catch the bird three or four times a week, and with a small piece of sponge dipped in hot water, and squeezed as dry as possible, lightly wipe over the crest feathers for a minute or so, going evenly all way round and wiping the feathers in the direction you wish them to lie. Soak the horny feathers in warm water, if necessary, to make them lie down. Now get a fairly large camel-hair brush, warm it before the fire, and brush the crest with it, again brushing in the direction you want the feathers to lie, and go evenly all round to prevent any gaps forming. Continue this brushing until the crest is quite dry, and keep your brush warm whilst doing it. If skilfully done one week's treatment should be sufficient even for a bad crest that is really capable of improvement.

To Deal With Red Mite.

J. K. Bennett.—Yes, powders as you now know are of very little practical use in keeping down red-mites, much less exterminating them. As your cages are so badly infested, get a half-pint of methylated spirit from any druggist, dissolve in it an ounce of camphor, and with a small paint brush saturate the joints of the doors, perch ends, and any suspected crevice, with the solution every second day. Do not mind the odour, as it is perfectly harmless to the birds, and does not last many minutes. Let this suffice until the birds have finished moulting. Then move them into clean cages, and paint the dirty ones all over inside and out with the solution, using it liberally, and working it well into every joint and crevice. Repeat operation next day, and when it is dry, re-paint or distemper the insides, and paint or stain (as the case may be), and re-varnish the outsides. Treat the walls or staging where the cages have stood in same way, and you will be able to start with a clean bill.

Wanting to Sit.

E.W.—Put the hen on a diet of plain Canary, with green-food every second day, and add to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence. You might also remove the hen into another cage, and place a small, snaggy little bush on the floor where she persists in sitting. If this does not cure her devise some plan of fixing a wire front lying flat about two inches off the cage floor, so that she cannot reach the floor to sit down, but has to perch on the wires. This will soon bring her to reason. Of course, you should not keep such a hen within sight or hearing of the cocks.

Continually Moulting.

L. Wright.—You must first of all satisfy yourself that none of these causes affects your bird, viz., draught, damp, extreme fluctuations of temperature, and red mites. If any one or all of these causes are present the first step must be to remove it, or them. Keep the bird in a comfortable, but not overheated, temperature, and feed and treat as follows:—Instead of present diet, which is not suitable, give as a staple a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with five drops of sherry well mixed in it. Give a little green food every second day; a bath two or three times a week, being careful to avoid exposure to chill afterwards; and a regular supply of gritty sand in the cage. In the drinking water give twenty drops of Parrish's chemical food every second day, and on alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Continue this until the feathers cease dropping out, then stop the steel, and continue with the chemical food for a fortnight longer. This should soon put the bird all right.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

D.M.—You have been giving doses of acid of more than double the necessary strength. Your surmise about a probable chill having been caught is doubtless correct, and the position of the cage in the window is most likely at the root of all the trouble. It is, in fact, one of the worst possible positions for a bird to be kept in. You should move it at once to a place in the room where the temperature is equable. Then feed and treat as advised to "L. Wright," with the exception that you should not give hemp seed; on days when you would be giving this, give green food instead. Of course, you must withhold the bread and milk, and let the sponge cake supply its place. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, well shaken together, every second day for a week. After this give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of dandelion juice, and three each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

Singing Hens in Bad Condition.

M. Crofts.—The condition of your hen is rather suggestive of red-mite attacks, so I should advise you to go over its cage very carefully, and examine every nook and crevice. If any small hole or open joint is found, scrape it out with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and you will soon discover whether mites are in the cage or not. If you find any areas covered with tiny white powdery looking spots you may be quite sure there is a colony of red-mites hard by. Of course, if you discover any mites the cage must be thoroughly overhauled to eradicate them before any other treatment is attempted. See reply to another querist on this subject this week for method of extermination. Your feeding is not at all good. Drop it altogether, and adopt the following food and treatment for a few weeks. Keep it in a nice comfortably warm position, quite free from draughts; allow it to bathe two or three times a week; keep the cage perfectly clean, and the floor strewn with gritty sand. As a staple diet give three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and every second day give a little green-food, chickweed preferably, if you can obtain it, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, well mixing with it twice each week for the next month or six weeks the following sulphur powder. Take as much flour of sulphur as will just cover a threepenny piece, and twice as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Well mix these together, and divide into four equal parts. Give one portion in the soft food for each dose. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and as much sulphate of soda, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food.

More Moulting Troubles.

"**Clarendon,**" **Bilston.**—I do not think there is much the matter with your Roller except that it is moulting slowly. A sudden drop in temperature may have checked it a little, and then the recent warm spell would set it off again. It will probably soon finish now. Your feeding is not quite right. Add three parts of Canary to one part of rape as a staple, and only give a very few grains of linseed at a time, and not oftener than twice a week. Well mix five drops of sherry in the egg food each time you give it, and in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water add twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give by the same means four drops of tincture of steel. As soon as the feathers cease dropping, and the bird is in tight plumage again, stop all these medicines.

Wild Seed and Sawdust.

In Doubt.—Sorry I am not enough of a botanist to name the varieties of plant to which the seeds you send belong. The only one I recognise seems to be a species of sorrel, which, in my experience, Canaries never touch in the seed stage. Whether it would be harmful to Canaries in an aviary I cannot say: I should think not. 2. If your aviary is roofed over so that the floor never gets wet, you may certainly use sawdust as a covering for it. But if it is exposed to wind or rain, I should much prefer sand as a covering, which is the best for all outdoor places of any size. If you use sawdust you must not omit a shallow box of gritty sand in one corner, from which the birds can pick what they require for digestion.

Insects and Maggots.

H. Cooke.—I am sorry I cannot determine the exact nature of the trouble. The whitish insects may be the common grey lice, which often infest Canaries; but instead of being found principally in the sand on the cage bottom, they should be found living among the feathers on the birds. But perhaps if you handle the birds to examine them you will find them there. On the other hand, if you gather your own sand from near watercourses, the insects may be conveyed with it. In either case, to get rid of them wash out the cages with a fairly strong solution of Sanitas or Jeyes' Fluid once a week until they have quite disappeared, and give the bird a bath twice a week in which a few quassia chips have been soaked. The maggots are probably the larvae of a small moth, closely allied to the common clothes moth, which is very destructive to feathers, and which will breed in the accumulations in cages, especially during the breeding season when feathers form a part of the debris. The moth, which is a small mottled greyish-brown creature, with a spread of wing of a little over half an inch, may be seen flying about in the room where it breeds. Absolute cleanliness in the cages, and the removal and immediate destruction of all accumulations of feathers and rubbish is the surest way to get rid of them and to keep them at bay. The treatment of the cages for the insects will, of course, also help to rid them of these.

Heating an Aviary.

Japan.—As your aviary appears to be built with only single wooden walls, it will, unless built in a very well-sheltered spot, probably be subject to great variations of temperature, and as it is also comparatively small I think you would be well advised to provide it with thorough good ventilation, with the inlet for fresh air near or upon the floor, and put up heating apparatus in order to be prepared for any contingency. The best and safest means of doing this is by a system of hot water pipes with the boiler and furnace situated outside, so that no fumes of combustion can enter the room to contaminate it. You could get this effected either with a slow combustion stove for heating, or an oil stove, if protected from wind and weather, at a small cost.

Brevities.

Nature of Finess (Novice).—The bird was suffering from paralysis and would be quite incurable after the first seizure. It is very probable that an overfed condition and an inordinate fatness were the predisposing causes. If others appear to be going the same way catch them and see whether their bodies appear blocked up with fat. If they do, put them on a spare plain diet, with plenty of greed food and give a saline aperient in the water three times a week for a few weeks.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Greenfinch for Exhibition.

P. E. F.—I should want to look at any Greenfinch before definitely committing myself to the "best advice" on getting it ready for show. Some Greenlos (I must whisper this) are undoubtedly improved by having a little colour-food. Given a rattling good big bird, however, with a wide, bold head, and a very wide, well-rounded chest, it can be shown with every prospect of winning a prize or two, whether it be a buff or a jonque. It is essential that an exhibition Greenfinch should be very steady. If your bird is not this, then you would do wrong to turn it into an aviary. Any cage should be as large as possible—a good sized flight cage, for instance. The show-cage should be about 12 ins. long, by 11 high, by 5½ wide, of the "Norwich club" pattern, or, preferably, with inch bow at the top, as recommended by the N.B.H. and M.C. A good moult (commenced early and quickly got over) and a free use of the bath are all that are necessary to ensure a Greenfinch having a tight-fitting, sleek jacket. Your bird would seem to be late starting the moult. For food, the most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden) full of seed, thistle and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse should be freely given as in season. On such a menu, nicely varied any Greenfinch should flourish like the proverbial fighting cock.

A Fine Chaffinch.

F. Heal.—I should very much like to see your bird. Why not send it up to one of the London shows? You would have to enter it in the class for rare-feathered birds. The description you give reminds me strongly of a specimen exhibited last season several times as a "Chaffinch-Canary-Mule," but always "wrong-classed." You say it has a mixed "plum-colour, yellow and white back, blue top of head, with white around the face like a Goldfinch's blaze, mixed white and yellow wings and natural coloured breast." I cannot say it is of any considerable value. You should feed it as follows: Let the stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three parts each, linseed, sunflower, summer rape and charlock one part each. Maw, wild seed mixture, niger, thistle, dandelion, etc., can be given now and again, as a treat, with a mealworm or two every day or so. A little ripe fruit is often relished. Hemp is not to be overdone, a pinch now and again being the limit. Of greenfood, a sprig of any of the kinds I am so frequently recommending may be offered, though Chaffie is not as keen on it as most others of the Finches. If he will eat berries—rich-coloured, ripe, privet, black, elder, etc., give same ad libitum. A little of a first-class insectivorous food should also be frequently given; while live food, mealworms, wasp—grubs, gentles, small grubs generally, flies, etc., must be freely offered. Smashed walnuts and other nuts, are very much relished, and such oily foods are most valuable, given at the end of the moult.

Nightingale Show Cage.

A. J.—It is very difficult to describe on paper a Nightingale's show-cage. Besides, different fanciers have different ideas as to what is best. If you don't intend to make it yourself, then you will be quite safe in writing to any good cage-maker advertising in our columns, stating that you want a show-cage suitable for this species, and leaving the matter in his hands. The only kind I object to are those with food and water vessels (made of tin generally), which push in close to the floor of the cage, for then both food and water get smothered in whatever is used as the floor covering, especially if this latter be sawdust. It is then almost impossible for the bird to find any food. I like the pattern where food and water vessels swing in through openings cut into the bottom rail, and are on a level with the two bottom perches. They can still be made of tin (unbreakable). If glass vessels are used they need to fit quite tightly. A third perch should be screwed to the back of the cage, about half-way up, and be in length about half the width (front to back) of the cage. This the bird can "retire" on, and being short, it serves to keep him off the wires. When in position, the three perches form the familiar "triangle" pattern, viewed from front of cage

Siskin and Mealy Redpoll.

F.D.—A "bib" is a crowning point of excellence in a show Siskin, and is a feature a judge always looks for. At the same time it is not by any means indispensable, for one often sees Siskins in the prize money that have no bib, or only a trace of it. A bird without a bib, but of "splendid colour and size," and with "all other points" (as you describe yours) is certainly a suitable bird to exhibit. It would "play second fiddle," of course, if it met another bird with a bib, and as good in other exhibition properties. The latter you will find both pictured and described on the CAGE BIRDS Chart which had the Siskin for its subject—post free, 3d. With regard to the Mealy Redpoll, in my opinion it is neither desirable nor necessary to colour-feed this species. As its name indicates, it is naturally a greyish coloured bird, and I consider that purity of the colour of the plumage where of this tone (the breast and abdomen) ought to be a valuable asset from the show point of view. Size is a vital point with an exhibition Mealy; the bigger the bird the better its chance of success. It should have a good bib (like the Lesser Redpoll), and be heavily laced at sides of the breast and down the flanks.

The Bunting Family.

Ajax.—I think you bought your birds very reasonably indeed. Though they have not much vocal ability, the Buntings are interesting birds to keep, taken on the whole. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though, now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten, but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Corn Buntings will usually eat a little "seeding green-food" (grasses, shepherd's-purse, etc.), and Reed Buntings, too.

Treatment of Linnet.

Y.R.W.—You should read the chapter on the Linnet in the "British Bird Manual," price 1s. 1d., from CAGE BIRDS office. The stock cage I prefer, and use myself, is one not less than 16 ins. long, by 12 high by 8 wide. The pattern is illustrated in the above book. The bottom rail is made very deep, and the seed drawer runs through an opening cut in this—runs from front to back of cage. There are two perches, both on a level, resting on top of this bottom-rail. It is known in the trade as a "Finch stock cage," and all up-to-date cage makers will supply it. The Linnet is best fed on the following lines; at least, this is how I feed my

own, with the best of results. Contest singers have cages and methods entirely their own, and you would need to join (or attend) a singing club to gain an insight into them. It is too lengthy a subject to deal with in these query columns. A good seed mixture is: Canary three pints, teazie two pints, summer rape, chariock and linseed one pint each. A feed of hemp, maw, niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. When newly caught, cracked hemp (fresh made each day) and maw seed should be freely given, with some niger as well; likewise a pan of soaked rape (dabbed as dry as possible in a cloth) should also be provided. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture.

Management of Nuthatch.

E.W.—A very suitable cage for a Nuthatch would be one about 24 ins. high by 16 long, by 11 wide, with a piece of virginian cork in one corner, extending from floor to ceiling. The latter should be semi-circular in form, and arranged so that a "tube" is left at the back, down which the Nuthatch may pop when so disposed. An entrance hole should be arranged at the top (not over large), and another near the bottom. I strongly advise you to have two pieces of cork (or "bark," as some term it) and change them fairly frequently, thoroughly scalding the one last used with boiling water, or stoving it for a time in a fairly warm oven. This is necessary to keep down insect pests. I always fix one perch in my cages, near the bottom, on the opposite side to the cork, and have found my Nuthatches use same freely. If room is no object, then a larger cage, with bark in two corners would, of course, be an improvement. Food and water vessels should go inside. The bird is very fond of bathing, and should be allowed to freely. Its main food should be a good quality of insectivorous mixture, such as is supplied to small soft-bill birds, moistened with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, or other green-food. Several very good "soft-foods" will be found advertised in our columns. Suitable live-foods must also be given, according to season, and a few small nuts (cracked, if necessary) and sunflower and hemp seeds. One particular favourite I had, possessed a wonderful appetite, and very varied tastes. He liked (in addition to the above things) hard-boiled eggs, bits of cake, currants and things, all sorts of nuts, mealworms, live ants' eggs, wasp grub, gentles, flies and tiny beetles, and many kinds of fruit, peeled grapes being a "speciality."

Brevities.

Cutting Jackdaw's Tongue (A. E. Milner).—Do not be guilty of such a barbarous and unnecessary cruelty—unnecessary, because it does not help a bird to become a talker. That it does do so is only an "old woman's tale." Any wretch guilty of slitting a bird's tongue ought certainly to have his (I won't say, or her) tongue slit, too.

Ailing Magpie (P. C. Malthy).—Try the bird with a few Sparrows or mice as food. Also give it two days on saline medicine—a small teaspoonful of sulphate of soda dissolved in a breakfast-cupful of water. After washing the foot with carbolic soap and warm water, rub it gently, but thoroughly, with Zambuk (from any chemist).

Siberian Goldfinch (Avis).—The symptoms you describe are all incidental to the moulting period, and need cause you no alarm. Let him have plenty of thistle daily, and half a teaspoonful of niger seed, and the same quantity of maw seed, on alternate days. It would help him if on alternate days you stirred a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into its drinking water, using a glass or pot vessel. Little fear of the "head under wing" business.

Concerning Mealworms (R. G. S.).—Evidently you are unaware of the fact that it is a very slow business, the establishment of a "mealworm-producing tin." Broadly speaking, it takes close on twelve months—that is, while the beetles lay eggs, and the eggs hatch, and the worms develop to any size. I agree with you they are expensive things to buy; my own bill for them is appalling, although I also breed them. Some such place as a bakehouse is needed to "grow" them to the best advantage, heat being absolutely essential. I had not the good fortune to be born a baker. You will, you see, have to exercise patience.

An Ailing Goldfinch (S. C.).—To be candid with you, I doubt very much whether the growths can be cured (removed) and the feathers induced to grow again. "Close to the eyes" is a nasty position. Further, many of these growths are absolutely incurable; a qualified person, such as a veterinary surgeon, would be the only one able to advise you as to this. You could do no harm, and might do good, if you gently dressed the places daily with a little boracic ointment, obtainable from a chemist.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Cockatoo and its Plumage.

Publican.—You do not give me any particulars as to age, time it has been in your possession, etc. Unless it is a very old bird it appears to be plucking its plumage; is this so? Is it troubled with parasites of any description? If there are any in its plumage you must spray it with quassia solution till they disappear. In any case, this can do no harm, as the quassia solution will make the quills, etc., very distasteful. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food by making its drinking water the colour of port wine with same. A little boiled maize would be helpful to this bird, every other day if it will eat it; before supplying to the bird well dust it with flour of sulphur. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be scalded out for each occasion. Diet: Seed mixture—Canary seed, oats, dari, wheat, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage, also a piece of clean cuttlefish. Also supply such ripe fruit as the bird will eat, plain biscuits, nuts (hazel, Brazil, or walnut—vary the kind from time to time), green food, such as lettuce and other wholesome salads. Persevere with the above treatment; recovery cannot be rapid in such cases, and it is quite hopeless if the birds get supplied with any slops, messes or table scraps. Confine it to the above diet, etc., and as the bird gains in conditions it will recover its plumage. In case of any appearance of constipation, make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day. Hope the bird will soon improve.

Seed-eaters for Out-doors.

H. Thornley.—I do not recollect your previous query; if it did not go astray, it was certainly answered. Only the hardiest species will survive in so small an aviary, which is really only a cage. I should not advise you to attempt to keep more than a dozen or 15 therein. You certainly must purchase the Foreigners at once; they ought to have been put out three months ago to be safe. However, I think you will be safe with the following, and you can add others in the spring: Zebra Finches, Grey Java Sparrows, Ribbon Finches or Cut-throats and British Siskins, Redpolls, Goldfinches and Bullfinches. This will give you a pleasing variety during the winter, and you can add other brighter-plumaged Foreigners in the spring. Supply separately Canary, white and spray millet seeds, rape, hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds, with a little "wild bird mixture" occasionally; also greenfood (a little apple is a good substitute during the winter), but it must not be given frosted; also regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing.

Parrot with Diarrhœa.

G. A. Meyer.—Should like more information re your bird; will you please inform me per return, if the bird is a newly imported one, and how long it has been in your possession? I should risk one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water for one day), also giving a little brandy and water (very weak) in a spoon, say twice during the day. Stop the prepared chalk and put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food over the boiled maize, so that it is fairly distributed over the whole quantity. After giving the magnesia for the one day, well colour the drinking water with the Chemical Food for at least a month. Its voidings should be removed as quickly as possible. Let it have a liberal supply of cuttlefish to chew up; this will help check the diarrhœa. Note.—The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and food vessels should be scalded out on each occasion, great care being taken that no stray bits are left in cage from one day to another. On receipt of your reply I will try to help you further; give me full details as to its present condition.

On Keeping Seeds.

F. Leng.—I do not like the idea of keeping them air tight; I have always found seeds do best in zinc lined bins, or large tins with a loose fitting lid, anything sufficiently close to exclude mice. The room, cupboard, etc. in which the boxes or bins are stored should be dry and well ventilated. (1) Yes, providing they were dry when stored, but I get a month's supply at a time and keep them in a tin in a dry kitchen cupboard, and never have any spoil. If they were at all damp when put in the jars I should imagine they would soon become fusty and the same applies to seeds. (2) Apples, etc., are better stored on airy shelves whole and cut up as required. I cannot advise you as to the cut up fruit; it can be done, but it needs some process of preservation. I am totally unacquainted with the *modus operandi*. (3) I cannot say, It is easily tried, by keeping a small portion for a given period, by both systems. This I can say, if your storage receptacles excludes dust and mice, and your storehouse is dry and well ventilated, seed can be kept fresh and sweet for any period. (4) I do not know of any seed that really needs to be kept air tight; your receptacles can easily be dust proof and yet not necessarily air-tight.

In a Bad Way.

A. J.—I very much fear your bird is in a very bad way, but you cannot do much besides keep it quiet and warm (but not in a vitiated atmosphere). It is suffering from the effects of the voyage to this country. Most Parrots will eat sponge cake; soak a piece about an inch cube in Dinneford's Magnesia, and when partly dry supply to the bird. Give it three or four such pieces every other day, but only one piece on each occasion. Continue the chemical food in its drinking water. This cannot do harm, but do not leave it in the cage continuously. Let it have a good drink three or four times a day. Hang a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), in addition to the seeds you are giving. At present give it the seeds it will eat, but make your mixture thus: 4 parts Canary seed and 1 part each hemp and cornflower. Each morning offer it a little water just chilled, into which you have put 4 drops of brandy to, say, a tablespoonful of water. In fact, the tablespoon is as good as anything to offer it in. Keep its cage very clean and remove its voidings promptly. Unless the trouble has got too firm a hold it should yield to this treatment. Report progress a week hence. In case the bird should die, do not use its cage for another bird till it has been well sterilised.

Amazon in Poor Feather.

W. Charles.—In the first place be sure the bird has no parasites. You had better spray it every other day with quassia solution, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Give three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with a two-day interval between each dose—one teaspoonful in the drinking water—and continue this for a month at least. Make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: A little boiled maize twice a week (this only keeps fresh one day and food vessels must be scalded out for each occasion); for the next month dust this with flowers of sulphur. Seed mixture: Canary seed, hemp, maize, wheat, dari, oats, and sunflower seeds, 3 parts Canary seed and 1 part each of the others; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage, also a piece of clean cuttlefish. Supply at intervals ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and a little green food, as in season. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Many species of Parrots are now in the moult, and probably this is the case with you. If so, the breast feathers will appear through the down in due course. In any case the above treatment will help it into condition.

Foreign Birds Out of Doors.

H. Mowbray.—The aviary figured in "Foreign Birds for Beginners" was intended as a Finch or small Parrakeet (Budgerigar and the like) aviary; it is equally suitable for the larger birds, but of course should be of larger dimensions for these. The Rosella, for instance, is little short of 2ft. across the wings when flying, and in keeping birds out of doors in cold localities, space for exercise is half the battle over. If you could make the open flight three times the size as given in "Foreign Birds for Beginners," with the covered-in portions and shed of the same size, the arrangement should answer admirably, the front to be as near full south as you can arrange. Saffron, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Grey Javas, Cardinals, Budgerigars, Cockatoos, Roselia and Redrump Parrakeets, would all survive the winter in your locality, and would all agree together providing they are not crowded. You must, of course, furnish the aviary with an ample supply of nesting boxes and logs; the birds will use them as night shelters, and during the worst part of the year any exposed portion of the aviary could be screened with a canvas sheet. But if the shed and covered in part are watertight, I do not think you will have any losses owing to severity of the weather, i.e., with the species named above. Note: Unless you can procure birds that have been out of doors all the summer, you must not turn them out till spring, not even your caged Budgerigars. Turn them out then; they can then be left altogether.

Foreigners with Britishers.

W. Lewis.—In the first place, Chaffinches and Blackbirds are dangerous company, and though they may remain amiable for a year or two, sooner or later you'll have to "pay the piper" for keeping them associated together. Zebra Finches are pretty, and are also certain breeders; so are Ribbon Finches and White Java Sparrows, but to meet your requirements as to bright plumage I should advise Gouldian Finches; you will find these fully dealt with in "Foreign Birds for Beginners," post-free 1/1 from this office. The only trouble is getting them acclimatised, and before this is accomplished there are often annoying losses; but you may have luck and succeed straight away. However, it would not do to put them outside at this time of year; you must wait until May, or better keep them indoors in a roomy box cage and turn them out in May. All the following are handsome and would live in your aviary:—Long-tailed Greenfinch, Ruficaudas, Diamond Finches, Common and Green Avadavats, and Grey and Gold-breasted Waxbills. You have breeding space for from 12 to 15 pairs of birds; all the above would agree together, and practically thrive on the same treatment. Put in a cock Green Singing Finch; it may mate with one of your Canaries and give you some handsome Hybrids.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Disheartened).—Ulceration of liver and lungs, possibly of an infectious nature. It would be well to remove the other birds into fresh quarters, and thoroughly disinfect the old aviary, and particularly the floor.

Canary (H. Leech).—Chronic enlargement of liver, recent inflammation involving the lungs.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Exhibitors' Names (P. Wash).—We will give your suggestion our consideration, though we are afraid it is not one that would prove easy to put into practice.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.A. (A. Lupton).—Your notice of meeting, Oct. 6th, reached us after we had gone to press.

A Settlement (R. Secombe).—We were pleased to read the message contained in your letter.

A Service (W. E. Brooks).—Accept our best thanks.

An Unflighted Bird (J. Foster).—An unflighted bird means one that still carries the flight feathers it developed while in the nest. In our opinion this term does not cover the tail feathers—"flight" feathers cannot be held to mean "tail" feathers as well. Therefore, a bird with its first flights intact, but which has had its tail feathers extracted, is still "unflighted" in the meaning of that term.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on October 4th, when 23 birds sang before a crowded house. Mr. H. Allen judged. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Grant. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead. —WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE (London, N.).

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road, on Oct. 3rd and 4th, there were large gatherings of fanciers, and some very good singing was heard. Tubby and Hughes provided winning birds. Free handicap to follow, for which see CAGE BIRDS. —F. WESTMORE, Timekeeper.

FANCIERS' FESTIVITIES.

Barrow and District C.B.A.

The annual supper and social was held on September 16th, at Richard and Gardener's dining rooms, when an excellent spread was provided, which gave great satisfaction. After supper the president, Mr. J. Higgin, who occupied the chair, called upon the secretary to make the presentation. The secretary said it was a pleasure to him to make the presentation of cups won at the late young bird show, as both cups had been won by what he might say were, practically speaking, novice members. It must be very gratifying to those members to attain such honours in such a short space of time, and he hoped they would continue their efforts and win prizes in open competition outside of our own society's shows with honour to themselves and credit to the association to which they belonged. He also hoped this would encourage other young members to follow their example. Both members suitably replied, and thanked the chairman and secretary for their kind remarks and good wishes. The challenge cup for any variety of young Canary except Border Fancy was won by Mr. Fred Henderson, and the Border Fancy cup by Mr. George Large. Mr. C. W. Treadwell then entertained the company with his gramophone, which was much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Treadwell for his excellent entertainment, which concluded a most enjoyable evening.—J. HIGMAN, secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEALWORMS AND SOME STRANGE BEETLES.

SIR,—Some time ago I purchased from a friend of mine some mealworms and beetles. I keep them in a stew-pot, about 12 by 12 inches, giving them dog biscuits, pea-meal, and poultry food. I am anxious to know what some insects are that are in the pot. They are something after the style of a flea, but larger, and do not jump. My friend says he has always had them, and cannot get shut of them, but he is certain they are an insect that ought not to be there. They are brown. I hope one of your readers can give me some information upon them, and say if they are harmful to the worms, also tell me how to get rid of them.

VERY ANXIOUS.

"STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—In many advertisements we see the words "stamp for reply," and I maintain that when a stamp is enclosed it is the duty of the advertiser to answer your letter. I have replied to a large number of advertisements, and always enclosed a stamp, but I am sorry to say that at least half have failed to reply. This I think is very unfair, as well as a waste of money to the one who answers the said advertisements. I answered advertisements in your issue dated September 12, and one in issue September 19, enclosing a stamp in each letter, but neither have had the manners to reply. I should like to know if any of your readers have been served the same way, as I think this kind of business wants putting a stop to.

W. A. W.

[We quite agree with "W. A. W." that letters which contain a stamp for the reply should always be answered, whether the goods are sold or not. As a matter of fact, the value of the stamp is recoverable at law, providing delivery can be proved, as it remains the property of the sender; and the costs incurred would, of course, fall on the person keeping the said stamp. Had "W. A. W." sent us the address of the parties he refers to in his letter, we would have taken the matter up with them on his behalf.—EDITOR.]

BETTER CLASSIFICATION WANTED FOR BORDER FANCIES.

SIR,—I have received a few schedules this last week or so from various societies who have only provided one or two classes for the Border variety. How disheartening it must be to many breeders of this prime favourite of the North to find on opening their schedules that there are only one or two classes (showing clear or ticked, yellow or buff, cock or hen, in one class)! I feel confident that if more classes were provided, there would be more exhibits, as this bird is bred more extensively now. Judging from the reports of last season's shows, the Border Fancy, in my opinion, is as popular as any other variety. In conclusion I thank you for the publication of the above, and trust that societies will cater more as regards classes for this variety 'ere the season is over.

ALTRINCHAM.

SIR,—It is very poor encouragement to find only one, or perhaps two, classes provided for the above variety. If societies wish to make money they must spend money, and give fanciers a chance of proving to them that the Border is nearly as popular as any other Canary. Buffs and yellows should not be shown together, in my opinion.

F. WARDLEWORTH.

THE STAGING OF BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—We have now entered upon another show season. How would it be if every exhibitor, when sending out birds, would adopt a uniform style of shell gravel and seed mixture for the floor of their show boxes, and a uniform water tin? I attended a good many shows last season, and no matter what show I went to you would always hear the grumble: "Oh, look at the floor of the cage; see the hardheads, see the sunflower, etc., etc." If it was not that, it was: "No wonder that bird wins; see the special kind of water tin." I am certain, though some exhibitors did decorate the floor of their cage or had a special tin, it had no influence on the person who was judging, but there are some people who must grumble, especially those who can't take a beating. Now, Mr. Editor, I would ask the principal Scottish British bird exhibitors, when sending out their exhibits this season, to adopt the above suggestion, and so put "paid" to this class of grumbler. I would mention that the ordinary penny water tin, enamelled or varnished black outside and white inside, would do, and it would give the show bench a smarter appearance to see a nice black tin on all the cages. I would also suggest that exhibitors refrain from putting their initials on the cages. I was judging at a show last season, and I noticed a prominent exhibitor had his initials on all his boxes.

Bathgate. JAMES LIVINGSTONE.

A CAPTIVE CUCKOO.

SIR,—It may be of interest to your readers to know that we have on exhibition at this address, 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow, a Cuckoo which has now been in our possession for over four months. He is very tame, will sit on your finger and eat from your mouth. "All sorts and conditions of men" have called to see him, from a "Sir" to a messenger boy, and various Glasgow fanciers are very interested in his progress. The following is what he gets daily in the food line: Two hard boiled eggs, about a quarter-lb. of insectivorous food, a bit of banana and 50 mealworms, morning, noon, and night.

AND. WILSON.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—When I sent in the report of the meeting of the Sunderland C.B.A. and the decision they had arrived at in regard to the question of "When is a Clear not a Clear," I had not the slightest intention of entering into any controversy upon the subject. However, I have no objection to replying to Mr. Woollard's letter of September 26. To begin with, I would like to say that I have no objection to Mr. Woollard's having an opinion of his own; I think he is perfectly entitled to it. So am I to mine, and while Mr. Woollard is prepared to defend his own opinion, so also am I prepared to defend mine. He agrees that some birds will sit and mope all day long after being handled, but he doesn't agree that they should have a prize card to mope behind. Now, Sir, Mr. Woollard has either misunderstood my letter, or he has purposely construed it to suit his own purpose, for in my letter I distinctly stated that no judge who knew his business would handle a bird until he had definitely decided upon its position in the prize list. Mr. Woollard will know perfectly well that birds are constituted like many other living things; some are naturally of a very nervous temperament, while others are just the opposite—morose and sulky. I have seen birds including "young birds," and I have no doubt that Mr. Woollard has, too, that were so very nervous that every time they were handled and then returned to their cages, they would sit either on the cage bottom or on the perch in something very like a fainting fit, and their owners have had to take a mouthful of water and blow it on to the birds in order to bring them round. Mr. Woollard will also know that there are some birds which, after being handled will make practically no attempt to plume themselves at all, especially about the thighs, where pluming is most essential to a bird which has been handled while being searched for a "tick," more especially when the bird has been searched by strange hands and under strange circumstances, such as a show room, for Mr. Woollard should remember that all judges do not think it necessary that birds should be handled, which makes it worse for the bird when the time comes that it has to be handled. I can name at least two well-known Norwich judges who do not handle the exhibits which come under them, except under exceptional circumstances. Mr. Woollard should also remember that some societies give classes for unflighted clear birds, and he will probably admit that these classes do not contain any "old have beens." Yet these young birds are just as liable to these fits of nervousness or sulkiness, as the case may be, as the old stagers, or, as Mr. Woollard terms them, "old have beens"—in all probability more so, seeing that the young birds have not had the same experience as the older ones. If Mr. Woollard admits these things, as in all likelihood he will do, he simply proves that my statement that the handing of birds was now and then responsible for the "our choice for first," etc., which one sometimes reads in the Fancy Press, was quite correct, for as I stated before, no judge who knew his business would handle a bird before he had decided upon its position in the prize list. Surely when Mr. Woollard stated that he would handle every bird that came under him, he did not mean us to suppose that he would handle them first and judge them afterwards? For my own part I do not think that a judge has any right to say what he would do—that is, in his capacity as a judge. I think it is the duty of a judge to judge according to the wording of the schedule, and I know perfectly well that if our schedules state that birds have not to be handled, neither Mr. Woollard nor any other judge will be allowed to handle them, for we consider the wording of a schedule is tantamount to a promise to exhibitors. Of course, if a judge suspected fraud he would be at perfect liberty to handle the bird, but not otherwise. Regarding the buying and selling of the "old have beens," I have nothing to do with this, for up to the present I have not been guilty of doing either. I consider that this matter had no right to be introduced into the discussion, as it is quite foreign to the question at issue, and I think that by introducing it into the controversy, Mr. Woollard has made a deliberate attempt to turn the question into another channel. In reference to Mr. Woollard's insinuation that I must think that judges have very dirty hands, he must surely know that my letter contained no such statement. In fact, if my letter had appeared in full, it would have been found that I laid particular emphasis upon the fact that to handle a bird successfully, in order to keep it as clean as possible and ruffle the plumage as little as possible, it is absolutely necessary that the hands shall be perfectly dry and free from moisture That was my point (and I think the Editor will confirm this). That disposes of another of Mr. Woollard's arguments. Mr. Woollard says I seem to think that it is very simple to make a "ticked" bird into a "clear." Frankly, I do. Surely Mr. Woollard does not suppose that I was alluding to birds which had a very dark underflue or a large number of dark feathers at the thigh? Or did he only *suppose that* in order to be able to cast the slur at me about having to be careful or I would be found out? The above, Sir, are the birds which go into the ticked classes, as there are too many feathers to pull out without fear of detection. The birds I alluded to were those with only two or three dark feathers at the thigh; these are the birds that are made into clears and shown in clear classes. I remember seeing a bird belonging to a well-known exhibitor which was disqualified for having a dark feather on the thigh, and when the exhibitor heard of it he merely remarked: "I thought I had got them all out." Now, Sir, Mr. Woollard, as an old fancier, must know that this sort of thing is of common occurrence. Then why not allow thigh-ticked birds to compete in clear classes, and do away with such trickery, seeing that many of these birds are shown as clears whether it is allowed or not? It does not interfere either with the disposing of your birds or the breeding of them, and it would certainly do away with the handling of short-feathered varieties, such as Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders. For my own part I certainly do not think it is in the interests of exhibitors that their birds should be handled (although Mr. Woollard thinks otherwise), for a man who sends a bird to a show certainly does not do so hoping that his bird may be handled so that he can win a prize. He sends his bird out to be judged, not handled, Mr. Woollard, and if a judge is engaged upon a class of Norwich in which he wants shape, quality, colour, and tightness of feather, he does not need to take the birds out of their cages to look for these points. A man expects his birds to be judged upon the perch, not in the hands. Now, Sir, in reference to the decision of the Sunderland C.B.A. to allow thigh-ticked birds to appear in clear classes, I would like to point out to Mr. Woollard that our members were by no means "led away" by me, as he seems to think, for there are several old, experienced fanciers in the society who are in the habit of carefully considering any question of importance before finally giving their decision. The unanimous decision arrived at simply meant that our members were all of the same opinion, therefore Mr. Woollard has nothing to be surprised at. He may be surprised to learn, however, that another large and influential Northern Society has unanimously decided to adopt the same classes. This is South Shields, who have worded their schedule accordingly. This simply proves that Sunderland does not stand alone, and Mr. Woollard may be further surprised when the other societies hold their meetings. Now, Sir, I hope that Mr. Woollard does not imagine that I consider a thigh-ticked bird is a clear one, for I do not, but I do not think the difference is so great that the two birds should not be allowed to compete against each other. That is why I am (and many others besides myself) of the opinion that the class should read: "Clear or Invisible Ticked," especially as we recognise the fact that the two birds do compete against each other, whether they are allowed to or not, and despite all the handling, for a judge cannot always find what he is looking for. So why handle them at all? I consider the drawing which appeared in CAGE BIRDS last week is a grand argument in my favour, and Mr. Woollard would do well to carefully consider it. If Mr. Woollard has any great objections to clear and thigh-ticked birds competing together, I and many others would be very pleased to hear them. But I would like him to state them in a friendly manner and without trying to cast a slur upon anyone. A man who throws mud about should always remember that two can play at that game, and I should be very sorry to see a friendly discussion end up in a personal wrangle.

WM. REID.

[The sentence Mr. Reid refers to did actually appear in his last letter. We must admit it did not strike us that anyone would construe his remark as printed into an insinuation that our judges were in the habit of handling birds when their hands were in a "very dirty" condition.—EDITOR.]

A NEW CLASS FOR MULES.

SIR,—Permit me to call the attention of exhibitors to a new departure in the classification for Hybrids in connection with the Newcastle-on-Tyne show schedule. Mule-breeding is now so popular that almost every Canary breeder tries a pair of birds for Mules, and many Mules are bred with a light feather, or a few, or not light enough for a variegated class, so that there is no inducement for their appearance on the bench. Mr. Thos. Robson has therefore guaranteed a class for foul dark, or more than half dark Mule. As schedules can only expand in accordance with the amount of support given, it is to be hoped Mule-breeders will take advantage of this opportunity, as even this class will stand further division should results warrant it.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

BUDGERIGAR AND PARRAKEET.

SIR,—Could any reader please let me know through the columns of your valuable paper if a Budgerigar and a Parrakeet are one and the same bird, or two different species? I saw two Parrakeets in a cage for the first time recently, and I have a coloured plate of the Budgerigar and they both look the same.

NOVICE BIRD LOVER.

[Our correspondent is evidently unaware of the fact that "Parrakeet" is a term applied to the smaller kinds of Parrots, especially those with long tails, and not solely to one particular species. Thus the Budgerigar is a Parrakeet (other names for it being the Shell Parrakeet and the Undulated Grass Parrakeet) but there are also many other Parrakeets, for instance, the Ring-necked Parrakeet, Rosella Parrakeet, etc. To put the matter another way, the term "Parrakeet" is not correct as the name of any bird; it is necessary to state *what kind* of Parrakeet before one can gather the exact species. Thus, in our correspondent's case the birds were Shell Parrakeets, more commonly known as Budgerigars.—EDITOR.]

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

SIR,—In reference to the letter appearing in your issue on the 26th September under the signature of Messrs. Carroll and Orr, I beg to state that I am not the Carroll referred to. I did exhibit at the last show of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, but being the only Carroll in the catalogue I wish to state I have never had any correspondence in CAGE BIRDS relating to the club.

JOHN CARROLL.

SIR,—As chairman of the annual general meeting on September 4, I regret that a duty is enforced upon me to make some remarks on letters published in CAGE BIRDS, from Messrs. Carroll and Orr and also from Mr. Rooney. I sincerely wish it were not necessary. If Messrs. Carroll and Orr wish the members to believe they are "Innocents Abroad" when they state that it was an act of generosity on the part of Messrs. Sholedice, Cloke, etc. (who were elected by a great majority) to stand by for the "purpose of infusing new blood into the committee," they must think the members are a very credulous lot! If that is their real opinion, I should have thought it would have been strong inducement to them to "take off their coats," and accept cheerfully the mandate of the members who wish them to be on the committee, particularly has they say they were resolved to "justify the confidence placed in them. What has happened since to cause their resignation I do not know, but trust they will reconsider the matter and "swim in." Mr. Rooney's letter is of another sort. I quite agree with him in much he has written anent the laxity of the powers that be concerning the rules of the Society. That they are not acted upon in their entirety I am convinced; but herctofore, having no voice in the various matters I was dumb. Now, as an elected V.P. for this year, I hope to get in a few words in favour of overhauling these rules, and having better attention paid to them. Mr. Rooney, in the third sentence of his letter says:—"Had Mr. Sholedice and his friends taken the general body of the members into their confidence, it might have led to washing much dirty linen." Well, this latter process always bears a two-fold construction, either that soiled linen might be made clean, or clean water made dirty—which does he mean? I do not know what he has in his mind. When Mr. Rooney comes to the votes for chairman, and my declaring Mr. Devitt as elected chairman, he quite overlooks the fact that it was so declared by me *subject to correction*, and the summary of votes by each scrutineer was also signed by me, subject to correction, and that correction, if any, would be made at the adjourned meeting on that day week. At the adjourned meeting a correction, as stated by Mr. Rooney (one of the scrutineers) was made after carefully going through all the voting papers, and I did very reluctantly decide for Mr. Cloke. I was very sorry to be in the position of having to decide between two esteemed members, but having a great doubt as to the probability of Mr. Devitt's acceptance of the chair, I gave my vote for Mr. Cloke, and I hope that neither I nor any member will regret my having done so; at the same time it would have been far more agreeable to me if the votes by the members had determined the matter. Respecting the voting papers sent in by members who were in arrears, I decided against them, according to rule 3, and such decision was not approved by some members present, and had I "sat tight" the meeting must have ended. But that matter was amicably arranged by members guaranteeing some arrears, other arrears to be paid before the adjourned meeting. Had these not been paid, the voting papers of such members were to be withdrawn; consequently the results of the voting would be affected; hence my signing the papers, etc., *subject to correction*; happily there was no need for any correction, as far as these four or five votes were concerned. As to the auditor, I can assure Mr. Rooney that the auditor's certificate was given in writing to the duly-audited balance sheets; but rule 5 does not require that. I have not seen a printed copy of it.

GRATTAN BRAY.

WILL MULES BREED?

SIR,—A correspondent writes last week in your valuable paper concerning the above, and seeing he lives in the Falkirk district, he can see the "new breed of feathers," as he terms them, any Sunday if he goes to Mr. John Shields, Strathloanhead, Avonbridge. Your correspondent perhaps can tell me this, through your valuable paper: If he paired up a pair of Canaries at the beginning of the season, and the hen laid, but the cock died during incubation of first nest, would all the rest of the eggs she laid during that season be fertile? If that can be, then there might be a doubt whether the cock Mule is the father of the youngsters. If he answers yes to that question, then I think fanciers will not require many cock birds throughout the breeding season. He advises me to run them out to a show. I wonder what class he would show them in? As I do not know much about breeding Canaries, your correspondent might oblige me by answering the above question, and if he says the eggs cannot be fertilised for all the season, then the cock Goldfinch Mule must be the father of the youngsters. But they don't show any Goldfinch; they are just like Canaries. The first two are heavily variegated, the other has turned out almost a clear buff, with a cinnamon mark on wing and head.

THE MONGREL.

(A cock Canary which died while the hen Canary was sitting on her first batch of eggs, could not possibly be responsible for the fertilization of all the rest of the eggs she laid during that season. At the same time, it is puzzling that a Goldfinch Mule should fertilise eggs the young from which turn out to exactly resemble pure Canaries. Further, the fact that all three have light plumage—one Cinnamon mark—points strongly to their being Canaries in reality. It would be interesting to know what were the markings of the cock and hen Canaries. If Mr. Shields keeps these young birds until next season, and they then successfully breed, he can be certain they are really pure Canaries, and not "mongrels" sired by a Mule.—EDITOR.)

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HOW BIRDS MAY "EAT," SLEEP AND BE MERRY.

SIR,—I have kept birds ever since I left school and consider it a most delightful hobby —not cruel, for it has been proved that birds in captivity live twice as long as in their natural state. In this week's CAGE BIRDS I see mentioned about some birds being worried, tortured, etc., by red-mite. I am willing to give five shillings for every red-mite found on my birds. My remedy for this is, every bird has two cages every week. They are changed about, and the cages plunged in boiling water—a simple and sure cure for all insect life. I have seen birds roughly handled, and in people's houses not being treated properly, but not for cruelty—simply out of ignorance of a few simple rules (pity everybody does not know of and be guided by CAGE BIRDS). I will explain how most birds are ill-treated. Many persons, like most mothers with their children, stuff them until they can hardly breathe, and bring on all sorts of complaints. My "tips" are: Keep them clean in every respect, with plenty of clean water, avoid over-feeding, keep birds hung at least a foot below the top of windows, avoid draughts, change their food to a more nourishing diet when moulting. Then they will be able, like King Henry the Eighth, to eat, sleep and be merry. I have just recently lost a Linnet 15 years old, a lovely songster, and a Blackbird that my father taught with the clarionet to pipe distinctly, "Pop goes the weasel"—not the whole song through. I do not object to being awakened by the song of the birds, as I saw from your paper, a few weeks ago, someone took their neighbour to court about. My objections of a night and morning are to the horrid howlings of cats, which I think are more of a nuisance than all the feathered creation put together. The Blackbird died in a fit, simply through my father and mother taking such an interest in him, and giving him everything to eat that they had themselves. So readers, avoid this error, and feed your birds according to CAGE BIRDS' instructions if you value their life. G. HARDY.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 10—Johnstone—D. Ritchie Jnr., Brookfield.
„ **10—Plymouth**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
„ **10—Glasgow (City of)**—A. Macdonald, 115, Roslea Drive.
„ **12—Kelty**—J. Ford, Normand Place.
„ **12—Bolton**—J. Stringer, 27, James Street.
„ **12—Bristol**—W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.
„ **12—Darlington**—R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
„ **12—Northampton**—G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro' Road.
„ **12—Bromley**—Speller, "The Laurels," Talbot Road.
„ **12—Bideford**—S. R. Sing, 18, High Street.
„ **13—Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.
„ **13—Hucknall Torkard**—Marshall and Mellors, 41, Truman Street.
„ **14—Bridgend**—S. Davies, 53, Newcastle Hill.
„ **14—Kelso**—T. C. Bennet, 63, Roxburgh Street.
„ **15—Dover**—Horrex, Cherry Tree Avenue.
„ **15—Sunbury-on-Thames**—Rev. J. Mogg, Fern Cottage.
„ **17—Grimsby**—Moore and Crowston, 39, Lord Street.
„ **17—Potteries**—J. Simcock, 63, Fenton Road, Hanley.
„ **17—Rochdale**—J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 10—(last post) **Battersea**—F. Easterling 5, St. Marks Road, Fulham.
„ **10—Frome**—C. I. Young, Palmer Street.
„ **10**—(Extra Fee) **Caterham**—J. Kilby.
„ **11**—(first post) **Leamington Spa**—F. T. Pritchard.
„ **12—Eastbourne**—R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.
„ **12—Weston-super-Mare**—G. W. Read, Severn Road.
„ **13—Morpeth**—E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.
„ **14—Ramsgate**—Thomas and Webster, 29, Chatham Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]
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THE SHOWS.

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PETERBOROUGH.

The fourth annual exhibition in connection with the Peterborough C.B.A. was held on October 7th and 8th, under C.B.U. rules. The Corn Exchange, wherein the exhibits were staged, is most suitable, possessing good light, and being spacious, centrally situated, free from draughts, and well ventilated. The exhibition was opened by T. J. Slater, Esq. (Mayor of Peterborough). The Deputy-Mayor, T. C. Lamplugh, supported. The birds were nicely staged, and showed to great advantage. Taking into account that the show was a £5 limit, and the season so young, it was rather surprising to see so many birds of exceptional merit on view. Some good ones stood cardless, on account of not being fit. Norwich Plainheads "opened the hall," and in the 10 classes provided for the "thick and chubby ones," 141 birds faced the judge, making selection a rather difficult matter, so near were many of the exhibits to each other in point of merit. Yorkshires did not turn up at all well, six out of the 10 classes having to be cancelled, which was extremely disappointing. Amongst the Cinnamons were one or two fine specimens, while Crest and Crest-breds provided a fair show. The British were fairly strong, a fact which gave pleasure to those who favour our national songsters. Entries totalled 344, against 586 last year, a most disappointing drop for the society. Special for best Canary in show went to Mr. Williams with his cinnamon-marked Buff Yorkshire hen. That for best, other than Canary, went to Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, his lightly-marked Goldie-Can. Mule doing the trick. The president of the society is Mr. S. H. Mays, and vice-presidents Messrs. Heath and Clarke, a trio of excellent officials. The stewards were Messrs. Dawson, Barley, Smith, Popple, Rowles, Watts, Abbott, and Cocks, and each and every one put in good work, and kept the ball rolling in fine style. The hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. Henry Lilley, is the right man in the right place, capable, courteous and obliging, and ever on the move. The exertions he put forth certainly deserved a bumping entry. The members' specials were as follows:—Best in show, H. Popple, with a grand clear Buff Norwich unflighted; 2nd best, S. H. Mays; 3rd and 4th best, S. L. Cocks; best Nor., H. Popple; Foreign, S. L. Cocks; Yorks., A. Watts; Brit., S. H. Mays; Mule or Hybrid, A. Rowles. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson (Can.), J. Wilcock (Yorks.), and W. E. Lowne (Brit.). All are well-known throughout the Fancy, and the judging was over in good time, and cards up quickly, while the awards seemed to please.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Irons, full of good type, grand in feather and colour, nice size, well cut, capital carriage, very bonny; 2, Cooper, good in colour and type, well up in substance, close on heels of winner; 3, Priestley, neat in shape, rich colour and feather, well shown; res., Handley and Son; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Emerson; c, Inch. No. 1, Francis, absent. CL. BUFF (13): 1, Moore, fine size, magnificent shape and feather, delightfully frosted, jaunty carriage, well across, we liked much; 2, Cooper, another right sort, rich tone of colour, good in feather and shape, capital wing carriage, nice under; 3 Allen, true Norwich shape, A1 colour, soft silky texture of feather; res., Francis; vhc, Pepper; hc, Watts; c, Noakes. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Hathaway, marked both wings and head, red-hot, fine substance, A1 feather, capital carriage; 2, Cooper Bros., ticked neck, well up in colour and size, rather free of feather behind, yet nice exhibit; 3, Moakes, marked left wing, A1 colour, good head and neck; res. H. Smith; v, Wright and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Cooper, marked left wing, a bouncer, lovely colour and meal, grand shape, magnificent head, neck and chest, real bargain; 2 Hathaway, marked wings and head, all type, clean cut, in tip-top condition; 3, Wright and Son, marked right wing and head, well up in size, nice shape and meal, good 3rd; r., Popple; vhc, Townsend; hc, Gilbert; c Griffin. YELL. HEN (20): A rare lot; 1, 3, Irons, Clear and Var., respectively, former short and thick set, full of colour, teeming with quality, feathers not quite fully grown in flights, latter feathered to perfection, nice size; 2, Jupe, clear, another lovely damsel, very little behind winner, would win at majority of shows, rare colour; res., Clews; vhc, Smith; hc, Townsend; c, Allen. BUFF (18): A fine lot; 1, Jupe, Clear, nice colour and shape, beautifully frosted, A1 wing carriage, clean cut, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 2, Cooper, capmarked, fine feather and colour, well mealed, good one; 3, Irons, clear, nice type and colour, quality and frosting; res., Wright and Sons; vhc, Moore; hc, Handley and Son; c, Hathaway. CL. YELL. 1908 (10): 1, Smith, grand feather, very shapely, good substance and carriage, rare colour, promising youngster, take care of him; 2, Belsher, possesses great merit, very little inferior to winner, will be heard of again; 3, Keech, nice exhibit, shapely, capital quality, good in colour; res., Osborne; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Williams; c, Pennells. BUFF (15): 1, Popple, short and thick-set, rattling feather and colour, grand back and wing carriage, clean under, good sweep, a gem; 2, Popple, A1 colour and quality, nice size and shape, good front, well mealed, very taking specimen; 3, Emerson, neatly moulded, nice colour and feather, should moult out well another year; res., Handley and Son; vhc, Barber; hc, Allen; c, Osborne. TKD. YELL. 1908 (12): 1, Moore, marked neck, rich colour and quality, short and thick set, grand back and wing carriage, a gem; 2, Barber, var., true type, full of colour, close feather, nice size; 3, Pepper, marked wing and head, fine bouncing specimen, shapely; res., Hathaway; vhc, Freestone; hc, Goodman; c, Griffin. BUFF 1908 (21): 1, Bott, marked wings, eye and tail, grand substance, cobby, red hot, finely frosted, jaunty carriage; 2, Freestone, marked eyes, short and thick set, capital colour and meal, nice size, cheap at catalogue price, £2 2s.; 3, Keech, marked neck, round as a ball, beautifully feathered; res., Moore; vhc, Handley and Son; hc, Smith; c, Murrell. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. 1908 (8): 1, Williams, thigh tick, grand slim bird, well up, smooth as glass, full of nerve, a gem; 2, Brotherhood, marked right wing, shade longer than winner, straight as a rush, grand back, flights and tail; 3, Edmondson, marked right cheek, capital colour, good length and position; res., Spencer; vhc, Peake; hc, Bentley; c, Gaucher. BUFF (11): 1, Elsegood, marked neck, lovely salmon tinged colour, rattling type and length, magnificently mealed, smooth as a bottle, gem; 2, Lindsay, marked both wings and head, well up, good in feather and style, very close up; 3, Gaucher, cap marked, lengthy and capital position, line back and flights, will improve a lot; res., Williams; vhc, Hartley; hc, Murrell; c, Broadley. YORKS. CINN CK. (6): All Yellows these; 1, Bentley, marked both wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, lengthy and slim, rare colour, well up on leg, a gem; 2, Towers, marked wings and neck, lengthy, capital position, A1 back and flights; 3, Hartley, marked both wings and neck, straight as a rush, good length, rare back and wings; vhc, Williams. HEN (6): 1, Williams, Buff, marked both wings and head, line long drawn specimens, magnificent colour and feather, stands like a rush, gem of gems; 2, Towers, Yell., marked wings and head, very lengthy, straight as a gun-barrel, slim, capital feather, will improve; 3, Hewson, Buff, ticked left eye, well clothed, good back and flights; res. Bentley; vhc, Spencer; hc, Abbott. NOR. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Brown Bros., 1st rattling quality, very shapely, good substance, fine depth of colour, very bonny; 3rd, capital feather, nice shape and condition; 2, Hairstow, soft silky texture of feather, good type, nice polish; res., Ingram; vhc, Howe. BUFF (7): 1, Bairstow, excellent feather, rattling depth of colour, capital shape and size, A1 wing carriage; 2, vhc, Brown Bros., possessing rare feather, good sound colour, nicely burnished, shapely, well put down; 3, Howe, good feather, nice shape and substance, will improve; res., Ingram; hc, Cullington; c, James. CREST (8): 1, Mason, buff, cl. body, dark crest, massively built, capital feather, crest large and well radiated; 2, Quinton, Buff, var., D.C., nice quality, crest round, fine droop, good centre, not far away; 3, Smith, Buff var. D.C., large bodied bird, capital feather and shape, crest smaller but very neat; res., Peters; vhc, Palmer; hc, White; c, Harrison. C.B. (5): 1, Peters, Buff, almost green, nice Norwich shape, A1 quality, fine width of skull, well browed; 2, Mason, Yell., marked wings and head, lovely feather, good substance, rattling head character; 3, Harrison, Buff, almost green, nice quality and shapely; res., White; vhc, Palmer.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE: 1, spl, Brotherhood, Buff Goldie-Can., marked both wings, tight as box, good shape and size, in romping condition; 2, hc, Pitt, Buff Goldie-Can., lightly var., possessing more substance than winner, grand shape, in fine trim; 3, Pitchford, Buff Goldie-Can., very shapely, nice size, paler in colour, looks like a hen, worth its place; r, Andrews; vhc, Goodman; hc, Inman. GREENIE (8): 1, hc, Rouse, good depth of colour, nice substance and shape, capital feather, put down well; 2, res, Mays, shapely, good quality, not quite so rich in colour, but not far away; 3, Poole, neat shape, good colour and feather, worth its place; vhc, Hexter; c, Cocks. LINNET (16): A fine lot this. 1, Fox and Thompson, lovely depth of colour, delightfully pencilled, rare feather, A1 shape and size, very bonny; 2, Boyle, another bonny specimen, beautiful colour, good size and shape; 3, R. J. Howe, neat shape, nice size and feather, one we liked; res, vhc, Fox and Thompson; hc, Jeffreys; c, Prior. REDPOLL (9): 1, R. J. Howe, magnificent Mealy, wonderful size, delightfully pencilled, shown in grand condition; 2, Henshaw, a Lesser, slashing colour, good shape and size, well marked, must have pressed; 3, Osborne, a Mealy, nice shape and size, well marked, shown in fine trim; res, Rowles; vhc, James; hc, Seal; c, Andrews. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (15): All Brambles these. 1, Osborne, massive, delightful shape, beautifully ticked, rare colour, shown in pink of condition; 2, Henshaw, grand colour, A1 shape, nice substance, profusely ticked, not very far behind; 3, Chick, best colour in class, neat shape, smaller, good 3rd; res, Cocks; vhc, Andrews; hc, Seal; c, Pryor. HEN (9): 1, c, Cocks, Bullie, capital shape, fine colour, dense, well-cut cap, nice size, breeder of a capital Linnet-Bullie this late season, we heard; 2, Judd, Siskin, smart, good pencilling, nice size and shape, pretty exhibit; 3, Chick, Hawfinch, well up in size, good shape, shown for all it was worth; res, hc, Howe; vhc, Inman. LARKS, ETC. (8): 1, R. J. Howe, Pipit, specimen of the highest order, grand shape and size, lovely colour and markings, a gem; 2, Williams, Wagtail, in rattling trim, staged well, good enough to win at most shows; 3, res, Mays, Pipit, good colour and markings, well staged; vhc, Fowell; hc, Hadley; c, Milne. WHEATEAR, ETC. (11): 1, res., Milne, winner, one of the best Wrynecks we have seen for many a day, shown in the highest possible trim, a credit to its owner; res, grand Blackcap; 2, spl best British (members'), Mays, lovely Gold-Crested Wren, shown in capital style; 3, c, Cocks, fine Tree Creeper, beautifully marked, rare size, put down well; vhc, Jackson; hc, Fowell. FOR. SEEDEATER (9): 1, c, Handley, Electus Parrot, in good bloom and staged well; 2, Cooper, Parrakeet, not in full feather yet; 3, Cocks, Whydah (cock), in good order, staged in capital style; res, Cheetham; vhc, Peters; hc, Miles and Son. SELL., £2 (9): 1, Peters, grand Crest for the price: 2, Francis; 3, Cocks; res, Harrison; vhc, Mason; hc, Quinton; c, Dawson. 25/- (13): 1, Hathaway, good Yell. Nor.; 2, Mann, cheap Buff; 3, Brott; res, W. P. Barnes; vhc, Cocks; hc, Cullington; c, Webb. 15/- (15): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Townsend; 3, Hathaway; res, Howe; vhc, W. P. Barnes; hc, Jeffreys. MEMBERS' NOR. (7): 1, 2, Popple; 3, Dawson; res, Malton; vhc, Barker; hc, Webb; c, Barley.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nottingham).

The twenty-ninth annual open Show was held on October 3rd, in the large Club Room at the Admiral Duncan. We found a grand display of the feathered tribe, and although the entries did not come quite up to expectations (no doubt the early date had something to do with this), the quality of the exhibits well made up for this; 130 birds were entered and only 1 was absent. The Norwich and Crests made a fine display. There were also several very nice mules and British birds. The committee and the secretary, Mr. Wm. Healey, who is deserving of great credit, are all true fanciers and therefore had the exhibits well staged at a nice height, so that they could be seen without the necessity of much handling of cages, which is a good arrangement. The stewards, Messrs. Drake, Walmsley, H. Beardall and T. Harrison, deserve the greatest praise. Mr. T. Barker awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR (5): 1, Pitt; grand head, neck and chest, fine quality of feather, rare size—some thought it a hen. 2, Smith; similar to first, but colour, nicely braced wings and tail, close up. 3, Sharp; good bird, shade flat in head and rather longer, good colour and quality. vhc, Butler; grand bird when ready. hc, Brefitt. BUFF. (5): 1, Smith; grand head, colour and quality, all there, nice wings and tail. 2, Pitt; large, loses only in colour, will no doubt improve. 3, Butler; good bird, rare size, crosses wings a trifle. vhc, Pepper; close up, hc, Barwise. YELL. TKD. ETC. (4): 1, Butler; grand colour and quality, nicely marked, well put down. 2, Birch; wing marked, rare stamp, good all through; close race this. 3, Sharp; good one, shade flat in head. vhc, Smith. BUFF. (8): 1, Birch; cap and wing marked, rare substance, good type and quality, wins well. 2, Butler; head and wing marked, rare feathered bird. 3, Sharp; cap and wing marked, nice bird, but not quite ready. vhc, Collings. hc, Smith. c, Hill; all good ones and will be heard of again. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Collings; yellow, nearly all green, good head and chest, nice wings and tail, make good stock bird for colour. 2, Sharp; var. yellow, shade longer. 3, Smith; good bird, but bit rough. vhc, Hill; hc, Thompson. c, Butler. UNFLIG. (19), a grand class: 1, Severn; buff, marked wings and eyes, wonderful colour and quality, large bird for a youngster, good braced wings and tail, nicely cut up. 2, Pepper; real little gem, beautiful shape, nice feather and type, hard to find fault with. 3, Smith; grand colour, nicely moulded, shade small perhaps, but all there. vhc, Hunt. hc, Birch. c, Collings; all capable of winning. A.V., HEN (13): 1, Birtle; clear buff, grand colour and quality, nice wings and tail. 2, c, Butler; nice yellow ticked of grand type, good colour and quality. 3, Hunt, very fine hen, shade flat in colour or would no doubt have gone up a bit. vhc, hc, Severn; former nice yellow. YELL. DARK CREST: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Wood; almost green, grand crest, veiny feather, good centre, nicely rounded, fine frontal. 2, Bowers, similar, but not quite so dense or good in formation of crest. 3, Hayes; nearly green. vhc, Goode; crest in pen yet. LIGHT (3): 1, Wood; buff grizzle crest, well formed, lots of nice feather, easy win. 2, Bowers; very fine bird, well shown, hardly ready yet. 3, Wayte; just fails in frontal to leaders. A.V., HEN (2): 1, Wood; nearly green, very fair crest, plenty of body feather. 2, Goode; var., close up, not much to choose between them. YELL. C.B., CK. (5): 1, Goode; var., grand head, plenty of feather excels in quality, well shown. 2, Bertie; clear, grand head, properties close up. 3, Var. well placed, but should improve and go up a bit next time. vhc, Wigginton. hc, Wayte; both good. BUFF (4): 1, Davis, green, plenty of skull, nice feather, of good substance. 2, Beardall; marked eyes and wing, good one, but hardly ready yet. 3, Goode; var., grand skull, plenty of feather, and well made. vhc, Hayes. HEN (3): 1, Holmes; marked on left wing, of good substance, nice feather, right sort to breed with. 2, Beardall; var., must have pressed winner hard. 3, Holmes; heavily marked, another good hen. UNFLIG. CREST (4): 1, Mais; wings marked, dark crest, good all round, should make up well. 2, Bowers; green, nice crest formation, not far behind. 3, Mais; good bird but rather thin in crest. vhc, We could not find. C.C. (4): 1, Wigginton; var., buff, good Norwich type, plenty of feather, good skull for a youngster. 2, Davis; var., excellent head and neck somewhat larger than, and close on heels of, winner. 3, Bowers; yellow, good bird deserves his place. vhc, Holmes. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, Pitt; goldie Canary, buff, marked wings and eyes, very nice Mule, looks like hen; 2, var., another Goldie Canary, larger and in grand form. 3, Beardall; yellow, dark, good colour. vhc, Smith and Trueman; nice Redpoll Canary. hc, Thompson; dark Goldie Canary, of good size; c, Goode; a Greenfinch Canary. NOR. STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, Severn; yellow marked cock and clear buff hen, well matched. 2, Butler; clear, yellow cock, buff marked hen, a good pair. 3, Birch; yellow marked cock, and clear buff hen, another good pair. vhc, Sharp; yellow cock, and buff marked hen. BRIT. HARD BILL (8): 1, Harrison; good plumaged Bramblefinch, in excellent condition. 2, Smith and Trueman; nice Chaffinch, good feather, good colour, but rather small. 3, Goode, yellow Bunting, well marked, will improve yet in colour. vhc, Harrison; a good Linnet. hc, Marriott. c, Chambers. SOFT-BILL (3): 1, Harrison; nice Song Thrush, good feather, beautifully marked, very steady, well shown, wins easily. 2, Goode; Nice yellow Wagtail. 3, Harrison; very nice grey Wagtail. FOR. (2): 1, Walmsley; lovely Spice Finch, having marks very distinct. 2, Healey; lovely pair of Budgerigars.

BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

The Bath and District Fanciers' Association held their annual members' show of young birds in the Corn Market on September 24th. The exhibits were nicely staged in a room to themselves, and were well cared for by a few enthusiastic fanciers. The entry was not so large as it would have been had the show been held a little later, as several of the members could not show through their birds not having finished moulting. The quality was first-class, several really nice birds being staged, and they should do well later on. The hen which won in the Buff Norwich class, and secured the special for best Canary in the show, is a gem, and as the owner is a novice he is to be heartily congratulated on his success. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

NOR. YELL. (2): 2, vbc, Tristem and Taylor, winner grand in colour and feather, nice shape and quality, good wing carriage. BUFF (4): 2, hc, Spoor, leader a ben, grand in shape, well up in size, rare head, neck and chest, nice quality of feather and beautifully mealed, good wing carriage; 3, vbc, Tristem and Taylor, bot colour, nice shape, and feather, good wings and tail. TKD. MKD. OR GREEN (5): 2, vbc, Tristem and Taylor, buff, slightly ticked on thigh, good shape and quality, nice head, neck and wings, short, compact tail, smart exhibit; 3, Spoor, thigh ticked yell., nice shape and feather, level colour, trifle smaller in head; bc, c, Folwell. YORKS., TKD., ETC. (1): 3, Folwell, lengthy, heavily marked, good style. NOVICE CAN. (4): 2, 3, vbc, Spoor, leader buff Norwich, good shape and colour, nice quality, good back and flights; 3, buff Norwich, better in head, not so full in chest, good in quality; hc, Butcher. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 2, Beak, nice face, good cheeks and bars, well tanned on chest; 3, vhc, S. E. Jones, nice bars and buttons, not beaten for blaze; bc, Russell. LINNET (6): 1, 3, hc, c, S. E. Jones, nicely pencilled, grand feather, good shape, steady; 3rd, grand feather and nicely pencilled, not quite so bold; vhc, Barry Bros. BULLFINCH (1): 3, S. Jones, nice cap, back and bars, rich-coloured breast, close run for special for best Hardbill. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Russell, Mealy Redpoll, in superb condition, shines like satin, nicely marked; 3, c, S. E. Jones, Twite, nice feather and markings; vhc, S. Jones; hc, Swift; c, Russell. MULE (2): 2, vhc, S. Jones, nice Twite-Canary, good feather and size. BRIT. SMALL (5): 2, spl best British, S. Jones, a grand Tree Pipit, beautifully marked and well shown, very steady and in good bloom; 3, vbc, Barry Bros., grand-coloured Bramblefinch, nice shape and feather; hc, Gibbons; c, S. E. Jones. LARGE (4): 2, Barry Bros., Starling, lustrous and well spangled, in good trim; 3, vhc, S. Jones, Hawfinch, grand bib, nice size, not up in condition yet. SELL. (3): 2, hc, c, Folwell.

GOSPORT.

This show was held in the Connaught Drill Hall on September 23rd, and was generally very successful, but the entries in our section were only moderate, although up to the local average. If numbers were poor the quality was not, and some very creditable specimens were staged. Mr. F. C. Harvey made a most able and courteous secretary, and received most loyal support from his assistants, Messrs. Cooper and Brown, whilst the committee attended well to the needs of the exhibits. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Smith, 1st nicely radiated, well-drooped green, lovely colour and quality; 2nd, variegated, nice centre and droop, when finished a better bird than 1st, but not ready to-day; 3rd, nice-bodied, even-marked, shorter in crest. CREST-BRED (4): 1, 3, Smith, an limeuse variegated, grand shape, and plenty of feather; 3rd, good head and feather, looked seedy; 2, vhc, Hinds, nice shape and feather, hardly so stout. HATCHED 1908 CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Knapp, two nice green Crests, winner the neatest, with care should make very useful birds; 3, Smith, variegated Crest-bred, nice shape and feather; hc, Hinds. NOR. (1): 1, Hinds, shapely, good-feathered buff. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, spl, Smith, lovely little green, rare shape, style, and feather, and a good showy yellow. A.O.V. BRED 1908 (4): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Smith, nice stylish yellow Yorkshire, and a chubby, though pale Norwich; 3, Hinds, good-bodied Buff Norwich, not so fine in feather. A.O.V. (1): 1, spl, Hinds, nice shaped variegated cinnamon. MULES (5): 1, spl, Constable, grand shaped, rich-coloured, fine quality dark Jonque Greenfinch-Canary; 2, hc, Crosbie Smith, shapely, nice-feathered variegated buff Goldie; 3, vhc, Smith, big, good-coloured buff, dark Goldie. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, spl, Hinds, nice rich colour, good shape and style. BRIT. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, spl, Hinds, grand shaped, nicely-marked Bramblefinch, and a well-marked, nice-feathered Meadow Bunting. PARROT, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Goater, large, good-coloured grey, capital eye, nice tail, in fine feather; 2, Mathias, very rich-coloured Blue Bonnet Parrakeet, hardly through moult; 3, hc, Jenkins, very rich-coloured, nice-feathered Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, Miss Hordern. FOR. A.O.S. (9): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Harris, lovely pair of Long-tailed Grass Finches, in rare bloom, and a rich-coloured, well-marked Red-headed Finch; 2, hc, Smith, splendid pair of Yellow Budgerigars, large and shapely, and beautiful colour; c, Crosbie-Smith. SELL., 10/- (5): 1, Harris; 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, Hinds.

DALKEITH.

The Dalkeith and Dist. C.C. held their annual exhibition of young birds on Oct. 3rd, in the Foresters' Hall. This hall is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being well lighted from the top and clean. Cage birds were tastefully arranged in a square in the centre of the hall, the back of the staging being all covered in, which entirely kept out any draught. Entries totalled up to 285, being about the same number as that of last season. Quality throughout the show was well maintained. The winning Scotch Fancy yellow cock, which secured the coveted gold medal for best Scotch Fancy in the hall, was well staged by one of our best breeders, Mr. Johnstone. Another very taking exhibit was the 1st and spl. Buff Pied cock belonging to Mr. J. King. Borders were here staged in strong force, and must have given some trouble to the judge to find the winner. Taken all over, the birds in these classes were not so well through the moult as one could have wished, which may account for some of them changing places later on. The gold medal in the Border section was again won by Messrs. A. and J. Thomson, with a clear Buff cock. The special winner and runner-up to medal winner was Mr. J. Ewings' 1st Buff Variegated cock. The Norwich classes contained some really grand specimens, and the gold medal winner here turned up in a good yellow cock, belonging to Mr. A. Gardiner. The President is Mr. W. B. Smart, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Ewing, to whom is due much of the success of the show, and the Committee consists of the following well-known fanciers: Messrs. J. Hamilton, W. McAdam, A. J. Thomson, J. Briggs, J. Carson, and J. H. Beveridge, etc. Before closing the exhibition Mr. W. B. Smart presented the successful gold medal winners with their handsome specials, congratulating them on being the happy owners of such promising birds, and he hoped future wins were yet in store for them. The Scotch Fancies were ably judged by Mr. J. Dalgleish (Leith), while Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) gave general satisfaction in the Border classes. The Norwich and the British birds were well handled by the well-known "Auld Reekie" fancier, Mr. T. Knight, and his awards were well received.

Mr. Dalgleish's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (5): 1st, spl, and 2nd and spl, Johnstone, winner good in size, well-rounded top, broad rib, wins well; 2, similar stamp, lighter in build; 3, Noble, plenty of body, heavy top; 4, Carson, good top drive, square shoulder very hare yet; 5, D. Noble. BUFF (3): 1, D. Noble, very heavy in top end, broad and heavy frame, wonderful drive; 2, J. Noble, finer drawn, tight feather, good sweep and drive; 3, Carson, good in body and rib. YELL. HEN. (4): 1, 3, J. Noble, 1, strong back and shoulders, nicely rounded; 3, smaller, but a good one; 2, D. Noble, similar style, good depth of chest, fine reach; 4, Carson. BUFF (3): 1 and 3, Johnstone, leading with a real shapely one, solid, well filled back, good in reach and tail; 2, R. Fisher, large body, plenty feather, rather plain on top. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, D. Noble., good length of body, nice bird. BUFF (3): 1 and spl, 2 and 3, King, leading with one of the best turned ones we have seen out, full of nerve, grand circle, an easy win; 2, more erect, finer feather, neatly turned rib and tail; 3, trifle lighter in build; 4, J. Noble, nice size body, good in top; 5, D. Noble; 6 and 7, J. Yule. YELL. PIED HEN (4): 1, J. Noble, fine reachy neck, neat head, takes a good stand; 2, Fisher, long-ribbed, good tail, nice bird; 3, Smart, neat style; lighter made; 4, Rowe. BUFF (9): 1, J. Noble, nice size, decided drive, well-filled-in shoulder; 2, D. Noble, good in body substance, plainer shoulders; 3, Carson, neat style, nice bird; 4, Jardine; 5 and 6, J. Yule; 7, King. FOUL. CK. (3): 1, King, well up in size, good top, well turned rib; 2, J. Yule, very compact; 3, Carson, another nice exhibit. HEN: 1, Smart, a fine bird. GREEN CK: 1, Jardine, nice bird. HEN: 1, spl, and 2, Carson, winner very good type, neat head, well turned rib and tail.

Mr. Gilchrist's Classes.

BORD FCY. CL. ETC.—YELL. CK (23): 1, Bickerstaff, very jaunty, neat head, sound colour, wins well; 2, 3, and 4, Steel; 2, neat body, graceful pose, rather heavier in tail; 3, very similar exhibit; 4, very fine wing tick, well moulded body, neat taper; 5, Smart; 6, A. and J. Thomson; 7, Rowe. HEN (27): 1, Rowe, A1 style and finish, neat head, good level colour, wins well; 2 and 4, Hamilton, former grand back and tail, lovely feather; 4, paler in colour, not so well finished in moult, but a nice exhibit; 3, Smart, very fair type, good feather, fails just a trifle on chest; 5 and 7, McAdam, 6 might have gone up a bit perhaps, lovely type and feather, neat pipe tail, well tapered throughout; 6 and spl, A. and J. Thomson. BUFF CK. (22): 1, gold medal and spl, 4 and 5, winner clear, fine head, back and wings feather of the finest, well staged; 4, tick head, lovely feather, deep sound colour, not much behind winner; 2, Hamilton, well finished feather, neat head, good carriage; 3 and spl, McAdam, cheek mark, lovely feather, neat wings and tail; 7, Yule. HEN (20): 1, 2, and 5, A. and J. Thomson, winner best moulted, neat head, good wings, inclined rather to droop tail; 2, stouter body, grand feather; 3, Nelson, finely-drawn specimen, bold carriage, not much behind winners; 4, Smart, neat body, short wings, close, well-filled tail, sound, mealy Buff; 6, Steel. YELL. VARGT. (18): 1, 3, 4 and 6, A. and J. Thomson, leading with a gem of a three-pointed bird, neat markings, grand type, well up in bloom, an easy win; 2 and 7, Harper, wings and head mark hardly finished moult, good type; 5, Pearson. BUFF (10): 1 and spl, Ewing, wings, eyes and head mark, well-rounded head, neat body, sprightly action; 2, J. Hamilton, similar type, not quite so well moulted; 3 and spl, A. and J. Thomson, grand feather, well finished; 4, J. Yule, grizzle, fine feather, takes good position; 5, Steel; 6, Nelson; 7, McAdam. EVEN MKD. (8): 1, spl, and 5, Bickerstaff, winner nicely marked Buff; 2 and 7, Harper, very neat yellow even, A1 type and feather; 3 and 6, Steel, best mark in class, hardly finished moult; 4, Nelson, taking style, neat wings and tail. GREEN (20): 1 and spl, 3, 4 and 6, A. and J. Thomson, very fine team, leading with fine grassy green, good type and pencillings; 3, real good Buff Green, best of pencillings; 4, another yellow grass; 2, McAdam, very fine grassy hen, good type; 5 and 7, Nesbit.

Mr. Knight's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1 and gold medal, Gardiner, real beauty, full of colour, very nicely rounded head and body, wins well; 2, Sinclair, also well up in colour, fails to winner only in shortness of body and flights; 3 and spl, Pearson, neat, chubby body, short flights, pinched on skull a nice bit; 4, Bolton, well-finished feather; 5, Smart; 6, Pearson; 7, Hoggan. BUFF (12): 1 and 4, Bolton, former A1 chubby type, well-formed head, well filled out in body; 4, similar type; 2, Steel, lovely feather, good in head, a little long in back; 3, Pearson, better make in body, well rounded, short in flights, hardly ready; 5, Smart; 6, T. and W. Nisbet; 7, Pearson. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Beveridge, very sweet exhibit, lovely feather and colour, grand head; 3, Bolton, shade larger body, good bird; 3 and 5, Smart; 3, very neat, best of feather and colour; 4, Pearson, good head, back and flights, lacks polish; 6, McAdam; 7, Gardiner. BUFF: 1, Beveridge, very chubby in body, neat wings and short tail, fine mealy feather; 2, 4 and 6, Pearson; 2, similar type, hardly so well through moult; 3, Smart, hot colour, good feather, well up in size; 5, Gardiner; 7, Sinclair. VARGT. CK. (11): 1, spl, and 2, Smart, brace of beauties, full of type and finish, well placed; 3 and spl, Gardiner, neat, chubby body, full head, not much behind; 4 and 7, Sinclair, very fair type, good feather; 5, McAdam; 6, Bolton. HEN (8): 1 and 3, Gardiner, leading with a grand variegated real bully type, good head and close feather; 3, lightly yellow marked, A1 type, almost as good as 1st; 2, Pearson, very chubby Buff Vargt., neat, round head, full chest, very neat one; 4 and 5, Smart; 6, McAdam; 7, Sinclair. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, spl, and 5, Smart, leading with neat Yell. Goldie and Can., well up in blaze and colour; 2 and 6, Sinclair, former good-sized Linnet Can., very fair colour, fine bird; 3, Beveridge, Vargt. Goldie Can., nice size, good feather; 4, Hoggan, Greenie-Can., neat shape, good, deep colour. BRIT. (24): 1 and spl, Gardiner, Hawfinch, very neat marking, rather small bib, good feather, and much admired; 2 and 4, Steel, former very neat Meadow Pipit, in good feather; 4, Yellowhammer, good size and colour, not the best of head markings; 3, Gardiner, Starling, in lovely plumage, might have beaten its stable companion; 5 and spl, Pearson, good coloured Bramble; 6 and spl, A. Sinclair.

GERRARD'S CROSS.

Two interesting classes for cage birds were those provided at Gerrard's Cross on September 24th. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (10): 1, 4, Ince, two high, level-coloured yellows, capital quality, winner the better shaped; 2, res. Oldford, very smart, racy, nice-feathered yellow Yorkshire; 3, vhc, Spring, chubby, huff Norwich, nice feather. BRIT. (8): 1, res, Poole, lovely little Whitethroat, in grand condition; 2, Barrow, large, well-feathered, nice-coloured, Nightingale; 3, 4, Martin, rich-coloured, well-marked Chaffinch and Redpoll; vhc, Spring.

DULWICH O.S.

An interesting evening show was held at headquarters on September 23rd. The quality of the exhibits is a forerunner of what is to be at the forthcoming annual show when the members' classes will indeed be a warm lot. The Linnet 1st and special, shown by Mr. F. Bisley, will take a lot of beating this season, as will Mr. Slade's beautiful Crest "Beauty," the winner of the special for best in show

NOR. CHAMPION: 1, 2, 3, Woolhouse; grand trio not yet at their best. NOVICE: 1, 2, Foster; two grand specimens; 3, Mrs. Mazzoni; another gem. YORKS.: Messrs. Wall and Brooks had it all their own way with some beauties. Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni showed a great Tit in beautiful condition and two good Hybrids. FOR.: A very interesting class. 1, and spl, Woolhouse; an American Cowbird, shown in faultless condition and plumage; 2, 3, Foster; exceptionally fine pair of Mannikins and Cutthroats, shown in grand condition. GOLDFINCH: Mr. Garlick took the prizes.

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KINGS HEATH AND MOSELEY.

The King's Heath and Moseley F. and F.S. held their annual Young Stock Show on Oct. 3rd last, at the Red Lion Hotel, Vicarage-road. The two classes for Yorkshires were very well supported, and contained several birds of much more than ordinary merit. There was a keen fight for possession of the Challenge Cup, between Messrs. Richardson and Paddock, the latter eventually taking the trophy with his clear Buff over the former's eye-marked of the same colour. The arrangements had been admirably carried out by the Secretary, Mr. H. E. Patterson. Mr. A. J. Goodwin judged, and gave general satisfaction

YORKS. CL.: 1st and reserve, Paddock, leader Buff, good length, A1 quality, well filled-up neck and shoulders, good back and wings, nicely folded tail; res., another Buff of beautiful proportions, feather of lovely quality; both very steady, and showed nicely; 2nd and vhc, Richardson; 2nd, yellow of correct stamp, nice level colour throughout, grand quality of feather, good back and wings; 3rd, Burke, Buff, built on strong lines, nice head and neck, A1 quality of feather, bit pale in colour; vhc, hc, Pugh. TKD., ETC.: 1, special, and vhc, Richardson; leader Buff marked both eyes, grand length and position, nice wings and tail, good quality of feather, a taking exhibit; 2nd, Burke, ticked yellow of great length, well up on leg, good head and neck, and nice position; 3rd, res., Pugh, 3rd, wing-marked Buff, nice quality of feather, good length, well-filled-up neck and shoulders; res., ticked yellow of good length; vhc, hc, Paddock

LONGTON.

First annual exhibition held in the Town Hall on Oct. 3rd. The room is a capital one for the purpose. Entries came up very well, only a few classes having to be cancelled, and the quality throughout was really fine. The Norwich classes contained many exhibits of exceptional merit, and many of them are certain to be heard of again. The special for best Norwich fell to Mr. Whetstone's unflighted buff, which well deserved the honour. Several claims were made for this bird, the catalogue price being £10 10, and it eventually changed hands at £11 5s., its owner being most reluctant to part with it even at that. We believe this is a record price for a Norwich in the Potteries district. Another notable sale was the winning unflighted yellow, which was only catalogued at £2 10s., but which realised £5 15s. We wish the plucky purchaser the success he deserves. Quite a number of good birds were far from ready yet, and so could not do themselves justice. This remark applies throughout the classes. Yorkshires were a nice lot, the winners being well selected; but some of those behind will be to the front when properly fit. Mules were few in numbers, but quality was all there, several well-known winners being staged. British birds turned up well, and contained several birds which could hold their own in any company. The Foreign bird class was well filled, and proved very attractive to visitors. The show was most ably managed. Mr. E. Tams, the hon. secretary, deserves great credit for the way in which the arrangements were carried out. He received very valuable assistance from a strong hard-working committee, who spared no efforts to make the show a thorough success. Those comprising the committee were as follows: Messrs. H. Tams, C. Birks, J. Edwards, J. Davis, A. Hallam, C. Hodson, J. Seirs, Eccleston, Boyle, J. Rowley, H. Perrins, T. Hallam, T. Bold, G. Walters, H. Oakes, C. Hayes and C. Plant. Hyde's special was won by Mr. C. Birks. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Roe.

The Canary Classes.

OPEN CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, R. Hall, well-known wing tick, looking well, good win; 2, Hathaway, very fine clear, rare size and colour, well placed; 3, G. Hall, very similar bird, not quite the substance; 4, Clewes, neat compact clear, very shapely, nice quality; vhc, Greaves. BUFF (15): 1, Greaves, bouncing clear, grand type, teeming with colour, in grand form; 2 and hc, R. Hall, heavily vargt., well-known winner, close up; 3, Weaver, very fine clear grand shape, lovely colour and quality; just beaten in size; 4, Oakes, another grand clear, well worth his place; vhc, Hathaway; c, Clewes. HEN YELL. (7): 1, Clewes, tkd. head, lovely shape and quality, nice carriage, well shown; 2, Wootton, unfl. clear, fine size and shape, should improve; 3, R. Hall, vargt., hot colour, nice size and quality; 4, Davis, good clear; vhc, Williamson; hc, Wild. BUFF (12): 1, Hathaway, nice typical clear, good quality, nice colour; 2, Wootton, a bouncer, fine size and shape, very close up; 3, Dent, neat, cobby clear, lovely feather, well shown; 4, G. Hall, good shapely clear, vhc, Weaver; hc, Howe; c, R. Hall. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Bellamy, splendid clear, fine shape and size, grand colour, takes special second best Nor.; 2nd, Emery, another grand clear, splendid shape and size, teeming with colour, should do some winning; 3, R. Hall, vargt., grand shape, lovely colour and feather, well placed; 4, Yates, sweet clear, gem for type, lovely quality, hot colour, only beaten in size; vhc, G. Hall; hc, Crimes; c, Scott, a grand class. BUFF (23): 1, spl. best No. 2, Whetstone, tkd. head, bouncing for size, fine shape, grand colour and quality, wins well. Howe, very fine clear, lovely type, well up in size, worth his place; 3, Rathbone, mkd. wing and eye, very typical, nice colour and quality; 4, R. Hall, cobby clear, very typical, nice size and shape; vhc and hc, Cooper; c, Emery. YORKS YELL. (7): 1 and sp., Foden, grand clear, lovely type, beautifully drawn, good position, rare quality; 2, Burke, slim and stylish, fine length, grand feather; 3, Hawley, nice shape, good length and position, not ready yet; 4, Brotherhood, nice clear, good length and position; vhc, Tennent; hc, Robinson; c, Goldstraw. BUFF (8): 1, Hawley, sweet clear, very typical, well drawn, should be heard of again; 2, Dobson, slim and stylish, nice feather, good stand; 3, Williams, rare shape, lovely feather, worth his place; 4, Wilson, very neat, good position, beaten in length; vhc, Howes; hc, Collier; c, Foden. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Goodall, fine length and position, nicely drawn, well put down; 2, Dobson, smart and racy, good position, nice quality; 3 and 4, Hawley, very neat and typical, fine stand, good quality; vhc, Foden; hc, Piggott; c, Maitland. BUFF (9): 1, Peake, neat clear, good position, nice quality; 2 and hc, Wilson, clear, nicely drawn, good position, lovely feather; 3, Collier, very smart, well drawn, good quality; 4, Hawley, neat and typical; vhc, Foden; c, Rowley. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1 and 3 and sp., Brotherhood, wing mark leading, fine length and position, lovely quality, well staged, latter neat typical clear, nice position, grand quality, close up; 2, Peake, neat and typical, lovely quality, well placed; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Foden; hc, Dutton; c, Piggott. BUFF (10): 1, Williams, very fine clear, rare length, well drawn, nice quality, should do some winning; 2 and hc, Sutton, vargt., very typical, lovely feather, in good form; 3, Howes, tick wing, nice type, lovely stand and quality; 4, Foden, very lengthy, good quality and colour, close up; vhc, Peake; c, Piggott. BORD. (6): 1 and vhc, Hopgood, very neat clear, smart and typical, wins well; 2, 4, hc, Hancock, nice wing tick, yell., and self cinnamon, very typical, good quality, worth their places; 3, Williams, vargt. buff, very sweet shape, excellent quality, well put down. SELL. 20/- (7): 1, Rathbone; 2, Williamson; 3, Birks; 4, Greaves; vhc, Hall; hc, Burton; c, Potter. SELL. 10/- (10): 1, Whetstone; 2, Emery; 3, Perry; 4, Hall; vhc, Yates; hc, Birks; c, Roberts.

NOVICE.—YORKS YELL. (12): 1, Millincamp, mkd. head, neck and wings, very lengthy, good position, nice colour and quality; 2, Goodall, smart, clear, lovely quality, rare stand, not quite the length of winner; 3, Robinson, vargt., good length, nice colour; 4, Critchley, neat, clear; vhc, Perrins; hc, Maitland; c, Mear. BUFF (7): 1, Holmes, typical clear, nice stand, good quality; 2, Goodall, vargt., fine length, nice feather, and colour; 3, Seeding, tkd head, fine length, good type, should improve yet; 4, Perrins, typical clear, nice quality, beaten only in length by former; vhc, Robinson; hc, Hickson; c, Rowley. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Wallace, marked wing and breast, rare shape, grand colour and quality, in fine trim; 2, Hickson, clear, good size, nice colour and condition; 3, Hallam, typical clear, well up in size; nice quality; 4, Ibbs, rare size and shape, not ready; vhc, Hall; hc, Toplass. BUFF (15): 1, Critchley, heavy vargt., fine size and shape, rare colour and quality, should be heard of again; 2, Hall, nice cobby clear, well up in size, nice feather; 3, Toplass, nice shape clear, not quite ready; 4 and c, green, nice clear; vhc, Potter; hc, Bevan.

Mules, British and Foreign.

LIGHT MULES (5): 1, Brotherhood, fine Goldie-Can., nice size, lovely colour and condition; 2, Tams and Son, same cross, almost clear, well-known winner, looking well; 3 and vhc, Hallam, nice four-point, excellent colour and quality; 4, Pitchford, uneven mark. HYBRIDS (5): 1, Bingley, nice Goldie-Bullie, not over large, shows parentage well, in good form; 2, Allerton, said to be a cross between Redpoll and Siskin, caught wild, in nice condition; 3, Pitchford, well-known Siskin-Greenie, shows parentage distinctly; 4 and vhc, Tams and Sons, Goldie-Green and Goldie-Bullie, both in nice feather. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Bancroft, grand Finch, very forward in condition, should do a lot of winning, stands out here; 2, Hallam, smart bird, not so large, or bright in blaze, but well merits his position; 3, Perry, nice blaze and tans, good bars, should improve yet; 4, vhc and hc, Tams and Son, three smart Finches, not so forward as leaders, should do well later on; c, Potter. LINNET (12): 1, Walsh, gem for colour and markings, fine shape and carriage, in the pink of condition; 2, 4, vhc and c, Tams and Son, fine team of birds, leader rare size, shape and colour, just beaten in bloom, should do well later; 3 and hc, Hunt, nice shapely bird, good colour and pencilling, very steady, well earns its place. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Walsh, very fine Twite, wonderful size and colour, lovely bloom and condition, wins easily; 2, Osborne, charming Redpoll, rich colour, nicely marked, well placed; 3, Tams and Son, nice Siskin, well marked, in good form; 4, Bancroft, nice Redpoll, fine condition, close up; vhc, Perrins; hc, Hingley; c, Machin. A.O.S. BRIT., HARD BILL (13): 1, Walsh, grand yellow Bunting, rare size, grand head markings, rich colour, steady, in rare form; 2, Osborne, very fine Bramble, nice size, good markings, steady, in excellent condition; 3, Perrins, nice Chaffinch, rich in colour, in grand feather, worth his place; 4 and hc, Dowler, very large Snow Bunting, well staged; vhc, Mycett; c, Hukes. SOFTBILLS (9): 1, Williams, grand Cornish Chough, fine specimen, in rare bloom and condition; 2, Walsh, Nightingale, good specimen, most suitably staged; 3, Walsh, pretty Whitethroat, again put down in fine form, close up; 4 and c, Poole, Ring Ousel and Whitethroat; vhc, Mort; hc, Brotherhood. FOR. (11): 1, 2 and c, Hadley, grand Eclectus Parrot, leading, second, very fine pair of Barnard's Parrakeets, two fine exhibits, much admired; 3 and 4, Stocker, lovely black-headed Gouldian, fine specimen, in grand feather, well shown, and a capital superb Tanager, hard lines to meet the winners; v, Rose, fine scarlet Tanager; hc, Harrison.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS CK.: 1, 2, 3, Plant. HEN: 1, Perrins; 2, Plant. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Heyes; 3, Rowley. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hallam; 2, Tams. LINNET: 1, Reeves; 2, 3, Tams A.V. BRIT.: 1, Tams, 2, Reeves. MULE: 1, Hallam.

MONTREAL C.B.A.

The young bird show of the above association was held on September 14th in their hall, 3, Craig-street East. There were over one hundred exhibits staged, and some very promising youngsters of the different varieties faced the judges for the first time. Mr. Jas. Sonne and Mr. A. Lindsay judged the Scotch fancies and Yorkshires, Mr. F. Weichbolt and F. H. Brooks judging the Norwich, Crests, Lancashires, Borders, Lizards, Mules and Germans.

SCOTCH FANCIES: 1, C. McGregor; 2, 3, J. Ainslie. YORKS.: 1, 2, J. Moore; 3, J. Ainslie. NOR.: 1, 2, R. Vincent; 3, J. Ainslie. LANCS.: 1, J. Moore. LIZARDS: 1, 2, 3, A. Lindsay. MULES: 1, 2, 3, J. Ainslie. GERMAN: 1, 2, D. Bruce; 3, J. Ainslie.—D. BRUCE, Hon. Sec.

ST. HELEN'S O.S.

The members' show was held in the spacious club room of the George Inn, Water-street, on September 26th, when close on 60 birds were staged. All the birds were in full view facing a good light. The quality was A1. Judging commenced at 11 o'clock, by Mr. J. Chisnall (St. Helens), who gave great satisfaction. Chief amongst the awards was a Yorkshire Buff belonging to Mr. Dickenson, that the judge bestowed great praise on, in fact pronounced the best finished bird in the show. Mr. Gibbie came next and took six firsts out of twelve birds. From all appearances he is one of our coming men, as he seems to bestow both care and great attention on his birds. Another to do remarkably well was Mr. Grice, who took five firsts. Amongst his winners were some typical birds that with care and a little more attention will be heard of again. He also took special prize for most points gained at the show. In the Crested classes two or three birds of a handsome class, belonging to Mr. Lomax, were to the front. He took two firsts and a third with three of them. Mr. Beskett, our worthy chairman, had several birds there.—A. GODDARD.

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CLAPHAM.

The members of the Clapham and District Association, and indeed, all concerned, are to be congratulated upon the result of their annual exhibition held in the Avondale Hall, Clapham, on October 1st and 2nd. We have had scarcely time to realise that the moulting season has been with us ere the London show season opens with a splendid success by this Association. When the early date at which the show was held is taken into consideration, the entry was excellent, and the display of quality equally so. As a venue for a show, the Avondale Hall is about as good as anything conceivable. Plenty of light, lofty, well-ventilated, and free from draughts. It was eminently suited to the purpose. Moreover the general tidiness of the hall had been improved upon by a display of plants, etc., which lent a charm to the whole. The list of specials offered, was a long one, including many valuable prizes, not the least of which was the silver cup, presented by Mr. Hayward, for most points throughout the show. This valuable trophy was won by Mr. C. T. Maxwell. P. M. Thornton, Esq., M.P., is the society's president, and the list of officers is an influential one, with Mr. W. H. Vale as an excellent chairman and Mr. Stephen H. W. Baker, hon. secretary. The latter gentleman deserves praise for the extremely able manner in which he carried out his duties, having a thorough grasp of matters of detail, and a kindly answer to any inquiry. The working committee were Messrs. Askew, Brighty, Clark, Carter, Cutting, Francis, Frostick, Honeysett, Maxwell, Newley, Priest, Sandy, Sexton, Thorpe, Vale and Yeoman. Most of these gentlemen worked throughout the night prior to the show. Masters, Clark, Askew, and Hathaway, all of them young fanciers and sons of fanciers, were most useful in the work of preparing for the show, and last, but by no means least, Mrs. Brighty did excellent service, being instrumental in the sale of admission tickets, the result of which was to bring up the gate receipts to a substantial amount. With regard to the exhibits themselves, the quality was high throughout, Norwich Plainheads provided the strongest section in the show, and although many of the birds were not yet at their best, there were many of great promise. The probabilities are, however, that in a week or two's time the positions of some of the winners will be reversed. In the clear classes Messrs. Rennie, A. J. Kilby, Ellis, Martin, Hopkins and Allsopp and Spinner staged some rattling exhibits. Type and quality were, however, most conspicuous in the ticks, etc., Messrs. Hodder, Rennie, Rippon, Sheldon, Graves, and Hopkins and Allsopp being well to the fore. Yorkshires were not numerous, but the quality was good. The open Norwich classes contained some capital exhibits, and Yorkshires came up better than the champions as regards numbers. Borders were nice classes with some smart birds amongst them, and Crests and Crest-breds were excellent in quality.

The Hybrid section was nicely filled, and some very smart exhibits were on view, including a said-to-be example of the Siskin-Bullfinch mating. The British bird classes were really exceptionally good, and contained some high-class exhibits, especially so the Bramblefinch and Goldfinch classes. The fixture is full early for Britishers, but there were some very forward birds staged, several of the Goldies being almost in full colour, while the Hawfinches seemed very forward. The insectivorous classes were very attractive, while of the Foreign section, it must be said that it was simply superb. A magnificent team was staged by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, his King Bird of Paradise being the centre of an admiring crowd of visitors. All the exhibits were packed and dispatched well before midnight, and the staging taken down, although the show closed only a little before 10 p.m. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver.

The Open Section.

OPEN CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Rennie, plenty of size, grand quality of feather, very pleasing in colour, splendid quality body feather; 2, Kilby, deeper colour, lovely glossy feather, just a shade inclined to flatness on bead; 3, Ellis, nice type and quality, very nice; vhc, Hodder; hc, Richardson; c, Rippon. BUFF (15): 1, Martin, chubby body, nice feather, perhaps a trifle free in feather; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, "The Temptress," very natty and compact, grand close feather; 3, Spinner, grand boxy feather, rich in undercolour, gets a trifle too upright when moving; vhc, Richardson, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Woolhouse, Rippon, C. Francis. TK., ETC. (10): 1, Hodder, 3-pointed buff, topper, grand type, level back, well filled in neck, neat head and clean at chest and thighs, good undercolour, well across perch, with rattling carriage; 2, Rennie, somewhat similar bird as to markings, good all through; 3, Rippon, ticked, full of quality, scarcely so stout, but good; vhc, Harris; hc, Francis; c, Rippon. UNFLIG. (26): 1, Sheldon, buff, a beauty for type and quality, well filled neck, good back, clean chest, neat head, rich undercolour; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, yellow, nice quality; 3, Craves, ticked buff, good quality; vhc, Bellamy, Ellis; hc, Kilby, Rennie; c, Moore, Richardson. YORKS CL. YELL (3): 1, Easterling, slashing yellow, bolts up like a rocket, not yet quite fit for tubbing, which will improve it; 2 and 3, Cutting, nice, but scarcely the quality of winner. BUFF (5): 1, Easterling, lovely bloomy feather, nice undercolour, rare style, good back, neck, etc., well up; 2, Smith, another lovely feathered bird, hardly so good behind leg as winner; 3, Mabey, we missed noting by accident; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Rennie. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Easterling, ticked yellow, grand position, rich quality, smart bird, hardly finished tail, hardly so good behind leg as winner; 3, Smith, variegated, full of quality and style, well cleaned out; vhc, Mabey; hc, Elsmore; c, Davis. UNFLIG (8): 1, Davis, buff, very finely drawn, lovely feather, sweet head, a beauty; 2, Easterling, grand pose, hardly so fine drawn as leader, but well after it; 3, Elsmore, yellow, lovely quality, nice position; vhc, Smith; hc, Davis; c, Walsh. CRESTS (13): 1, Slade, "Beauty" by name and by nature, variegated, massive crest of fine formation, richly veined leafy feather, good centre and back, and will be better yet; 2, King, heavily variegated, another lovely bird, nice vein, hardly so rich as winner, good formation—two rare birds these; 3, Lazarus, clear body, dark crest, very leafy, dense, and veiny, trifle horned at back, else a gem; vhc, Broad, good enough to win at plenty of shows; hc, Peters; c, Mugford. C.B. (5): 1, King, variegated, grand skull, fine length, trim back; 2, Peters, clear, fine body, noble head, beaten in length of feather; 3, Lawton Platt, green, handles well; vhc, Gale; hc, Slade. BORD. FCV CL., ETC. (13): 1 and 3, Brownlie, leader very dainty jaunty yellow, well packed, close and shiny, a little swelt; 2, Roberts, ticked buff, sweetly pretty, but not quite the brand of winner; vhc, Wardleworth, Saytch; hc, Morgan; c, Wardelworth. A.O.V. (7): 1 and 3, Cohhy, leader evenly marked, of very sweet build and carriage, had the pull in markings, 3rd, stylish yellow green; 2, Brownlie, we liked for shape and carriage, but not quite the winner's equal in markings; vhc, c, Brownlie; hc, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Baker, very nice yellow Hulgian; 2, Bexson, jonque cinnamon, of nice colour; 3, Martin, no note; vhc, Baker; hc, King; c, Smith.

OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Lovegrove, plenty of chest, good quality, drops tail occasionally; 2, Lee and Kearney, even all through, grand quality; 3, Bevan, typical Norwich all over, just a bit browsy in feather, probably the result of insufficient rinsing; vhc, Brookes; hc, Harper; c, Inch. BUFF (16): 1, Thomas, beautiful silky feather, rich undercolour and mealy top, good chest, head and neck; good Norwich; 2, Dixon, tight in feather, hardly so stout, rich undercolour; 3, Lovegrove, grand quality and bloom, just a trifle pinched; vhc, Bevan; hc, Lee and Kearney; c, Harper. TKD., ETC (11): 1, Harper, good shape; 2, Lee and Kearney, variegated; 3, Cox, nice; vhc, Gerry and Davis; hc, Priest; c, Watcham. UNFLIG. (31). 1, Lovegrove, ticked yellow, rare colour, type and quality, good one; 2, Thomas, yellow, not quite the quality of winner, or so typical, rare colour, just a trifle slack at present; 3, Beavan, ticked buff, of good type and quality; vhc, Bellinger, Luff; hc, Bellington Brooks, Burgess, Foster; c, Cook. Bevan. YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, Brooks, stands well, nice quality; 2, Ayers, good whip; 3, Whiteman, well upon leg; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Devins; c, Warley. BUFF: 1, Warley, lovely quality and position, sweet bird; 2, Buckingham, neat and nice; 3, Devins, neat; vhc, Mole; hc, Bedford. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, Warley, buff, rare carriage and whip, when wound up ought to be nice; 2, Forse, beautiful cinnamon ticked, stands at a lovely angle, sweet head, nice feather, good one; 3, Devins, very fine quality, nice pose, but a little "necky"; vhc, Haines; hc, Simpson; c, Buckingham. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Askew, stylish yellow, good quality clean front and thighs, nicely folded tail; 2, Warley, bit longer, nice style; 3, Adams, quick mover, full of life; vhc, Brooks; hc, Forse; c, Morrison.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

HYBRID, LIGHT (10): 1, 3, Lees, leader almost clear jonque, grizzled on both wings, excellent face and body colour, good size and shape, fine bird, but not lit yet in region of neck; 3, lightly-varieg., Linnet-Can., nice quality, stylish, well-built and shapely; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, "Sunset," the well-known buff Goldie-Can., mkd. eyes and wings, in grand form, rich colour, exquisite quality, like wax, big, stylish bird, some thought unlucky to be defeated; vhc, Goodall, most promising, even-mkd Goldie-Can., only a baby, should do well next season; hc, Williams; c Caines. DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET (9): 1, Caines, good natural-coloured jonque Linnet-Can., fine quality, tight feather, slim in build; 2, vhc, Horsey, nice hot-coloured buff of same persuasion, good carriage and condition, excellent size and build; 3, c, Mrs. Kirkin, another good exhibit for condition and quality; vhc, hc, Cooper, latter a nice cinnamon-feathered Linnet Mule. A.O.V. DARK (14): 1, Lees, real good buff Greenie-Can., fine size and shape, all quality, rich tone of colour; 2, Lea, rattling big buff Siskin-Can., wonderful size, plenty of colour, nicely marked, good shape, needs tightening up a little, when it should want beating; 3, Gerry and Davis, another buff Greenie-Can., loses in size only, fine colour and quality, very shapely and stylish; vhc, Maxwell, grand jonque Siskin-Can., will improve yet; vhc, Best; hc, Botting; c, Parsons, one of the best cinnamon-feathered Greenfinch-Cans. we have seen, very big and shapely, lovely shade of colour, hard lines, only fault one or two tail feathers not quite full length. BULLFINCH HYB. (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Askham, cock and hen, Canary-Bullies, leader beauty for size, shape and colour, latter wonderful size and build, both in nice trim, a credit to the exhibitor; 3, vhc, Cunnell, former a really nice Goldie-Bullie, big, and of good shape, fine colour and quality, latter stated to be a "Siskin-Bullfinch," but we could not identify it as such, in fact we made it a "baby" Goldie-Bullie, an exceptionally light coloured one, time will show whether this is so or not, we believe it was bred in an aviary containing several species of birds. A.O.V. (3): 1, Cooper, very smart Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, excellent shape and style, full of colour, shows parentage distinctly, well shaped; 2, Vale Twite-Greenfinch, also a bird of good size and built, in very nice condition, a bit of a puzzler to fix its parentage; 3, Askew, promising Linnet-Greenfinch, not yet at home in a cage.

GOLDFINCH (14), some very forward birds in this class: 1, Maxwell; large Finch, massive skull and big square blaze, beautifully buttoned, and well browned on the breast, will deepen a little in colour later. 2, Botting; another grand bird splendid face and good body, colour throughout, shows itself well, but just loses to the winner in buttons and depth of yellow in flights. 3, hc, Prior; former a very nice Finch, loses in head properties to-day, but is better in buttons than second, will improve. vhc, Smith; a nice style of Finch, good blaze and buttons. c, Prosser; good stamp, wants a little longer to fine down. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Askew; typical Britisher, nice cap and breast colour. No other awards given. The winner in the members' class could have won here. LINNET (16), good class, and contained some fine specimens: 1, Longden; good size and beautifully pencilled, nice colour throughout but spends too much time on the cage bottom. 2, Wickham; richer in colour, good size, and very steady, but fails in pencilling, otherwise a nice exhibit. 3, Maxwell; grand stamp of Linnet in high condition, splendid markings on throat, well pencilled, rich brown through, and shows himself well, might have changed places with first. vhc, Gunnell; big Linnet, well pencilled, but light in colour yet. vhc, Pankhurst; similar type. h.c., Clark; very nice Linnet, good size and well pencilled, very steady. hc, Bizley, nice stamp. c, Robbins, Vale. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, Howe; Mealy Redpoll, moderate size, but very nicely marked, good quality, very steady. 2, Botting; rich coloured, well marked Twite; good size, very steady and in fine trim, pressed hard to win. 3, Frances; Siskin, good size, well laced cap, nice markings, and colour. vhc, Cutting; large Twite, nice markings, will no doubt deepen in colour. vhc, Frostick; Sweet little Redpoll, nicely marked and in great condition. vhc, Moore; another fine Redpoll. hc, Longden. Pankhurst, Frances. c, Ennis. BRAMBLEFINCH (25), a very hot lot, must have given the judge some work to sort them out: 1, Longden; rare big Bramble, beautifully spangled on back and well marked on sides, not quite up in colour yet, biggest in the class, nice condition. 2, Hurst; another clinker, better in breast colouring, but hardly as good in thigh marks, but pressed hard. 3, Carter; capital spangling, full of condition, medium size and very steady. vhc (2), Chick; splendid colour, both about equal in all points except thigh marks, one has a slight advantage in this, good birds. vhc, Maxwell, Prosser, Frostick. hc, (2), Prior, Francis. c, Askew, Cadic, Hathaway, and Howe. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, Frostick; hot coloured Chaffinch, medium size, very forward and as steady as a rock. Claimed at catalogue price. 2, Gerry and Davis; larger than winner, but beaten in colour, good, smart bird. 3, Young; another good stamp of bird, pale in colour yet. vhc, Wickham; nice type, will improve. hc, Maxwell. c, Sear. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Maxwell; monster for size, good colour and shows himself well; colour fed. 2, Prior; lovely natural coloured Greenie, loses in size to winner, capital colour, very bright in yellow of flights and tail. 3, hc, Francis; former a good Greenie, just loses in size and colour, in splendid condition. vhc, Cadic. HAWFINCH (7): 1, Hurst; a gem, perfect bib, stands well, perhaps a shade pale in colour. 2, Simpson; good type richer in colour than winner, but does not show itself to the same advantage. 3, vhc, Maxwell; hot coloured bird, loses in size, very steady. vhc, larger bird, but not yet ready. c, Howe. A.S. BUNTINGS (7): 1, Chick; Cornbunting, a real topper, very rich in colour and good markings, capital size; 2, vhc, c, Maxwell; moderate Cirl Bunting, rather pale in yellow head markings, rather lucky. vhc, yellow Bunting, good natural colour. 3, Sandy; yellow Bunting, rich colour (fed), good head and cheek markings, well pencilled back, good size, very steady, hard lines. c, Francis. BEN SEEDEATERS (10). 1, 2, Chick; former a sweet little Siskin, beautifully pencilled, in perfect order, grand Hawfinch follows, nice size, good bib and fine colour throughout. 3, Sandy; another Hawfinch in fine condition, very steady, a shade smaller, perhaps. vhc, Frostick; very fine and large Hawfinch, hardly fit yet. vhc, Gunnell. vhc, Howe. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, Price; lovely Thrush, very distinct in spots, grand size, and rich colour, very steady, wins well. 2, Lugg; nicely spotted Starling, plenty of sheen, stands well. 3, Frostick; another fine Thrush, shown in first-class order, beaten only in size. vhc, Withers Bros.; another excellent Thrush. hc, Askew. hc, Howe. c, Fleming. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (9): 1, Francis; a splendid Gale, rich colour, fine size, stands well, wins easily. 2, Hathaway; sweet little Blackcap, fine silky plumage, good cap, very steady. 3, Burrows; 'Gale very good bird, just loses in size and colour to winner, nice condition. vhc, hc, Frostick; two good 'Gales, hardly ready yet. c, Maxwell. (Some of the exhibits in the class and in the other Insectivorous classes use food tins fixed on the cage bottom and cover the bottom with fine sawdust so that it is utterly impossible to keep the sawdust out of the food. We understand Mr. Howe's bird died during the show, possibly through the sawdust out of the food. Exhibitors would do well to use food and water pots well off the cage bottom, or discontinue the use of sawdust). LARK OR PIPIT (7), all Tree Pipits but one, a Skylark, bred by the exhibitor himself last season: 1, Quantrell; Tree Pipit, are size and rich in colour and markings, beautifully shown. 2, R. J. Howe; same species, another nice bird for size and colour. 3, Withers Bros.; similar stamp of bird. vhc, Maxwell. c, Askew; "home-bred" Skylark. MAGPIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Maxwell; the well-known Chough and Magpie, both old winners, and looking fit to do battle anywhere. 3, Quantrell; Magpie, nice and clear in whites, plenty of sheen, loses only in size. c, Vale Magpie, not yet fit, will press winners hard when ready. INSECTIV. SMALL (11): 1, 2, hc, (2) Maxwell; grand team. 1st the old champion yellow Wagtail, fed to perfection and as steady as a rock. 2nd, capital black Redstart, very fine colour, good size, stands well. hc, grey Wagtail and Redstart respectively, all shown in Mr. M.'s usual style.

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2, vhc, Howe; former a sweet Treecreeper, quite at home on the baize cage lining, latter a fine blue-headed Wagtail, good white eye marks, nice size and colour (natural). c, Gardner. LARGE (6): 1, R. J. Howe; fine big Waxwing, very taking exhibit, grand wing and tail tippings; much admired. 2, Maxwell; nice Wryneck, well pencilled on breast and well coloured and marked on back, nicely shown. 3, Francis; fine Fieldfare, very steady, rich colour; Chick; another, grand Fieldfare, but not so large. This class also contained a well-marked Mistel Thrush and a lovely young Hoopoe, the latter attracting much interest, and many inquiries as to what it was, and why it stood cardless.

PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Maxwell, two very rare exhibits, Masked Lovebird leading, followed by a Black-throated Lorrikeet, both beautiful birds, in simply faultless condition; 3, vhc (2) Cooper, former magnificent Blue and Gold Macaw, a grand fellow, quite a favourite with visitors, especially children with desires to have their fingers amputated, his companions were a splendid Black-headed Caique and Barnard Parrakeet; c, Box. WAXBILL, ETC. (16): 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell, a practically unknown Grosbeak, catalogued as a "Gaboon Blue-billed Weaver," though its real identity, we believe is uncertain, general scheme of colour, black, with a bright red face and front, and a beak shaded bluish, attractive looking, but none too tight in plumage, and many thought rarity should not have placed it over the exquisite pair of Violet-eared Waxbills which came second, truly living gems, anything more resplendent in the way of beautiful colouring is difficult to imagine; vhc, came a very fine pair of Melba Waxbills; 3, Watts, charming Queen Whydah, in full dress, and a most attractive exhibit, well staged; hc, Mrs. Galloway, sweetly pretty Olive Cuban Finch, a tiny gem; c (2), Mrs. Hodgkins, very nice Aurora Finches and Paradise Whydah. A splendid class this, many good birds having to be content with nothing, Mrs. Galloway's rare Black-faced Serin Finch undergoing the unusual experience of standing cardless. A.S. INSECTIV (6): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, another wonderful trio, King Bird of Paradise leading, moulted out more beautiful than ever, if that be possible, perfect everywhere, even in its "wires," words fail us to describe its glowing loveliness, undoubtedly the attraction of the show, 2nd, about the best Black-backed Tanager we ever saw, like a piece of painted china, 3rd, very rare Rufus-throated Tanager, another gem of a bird, to say that they were staged to the best possible advantage is perhaps superfluous; vhc, Watts, a "nameless" Tanager, large bird, all-green in colour, excellent condition; hc, Cooper, very nice Necklace Tanager.

CAGE MAKERS' CLASSES.—HOUSEHOLD OR FANCY (7): 1, 2, Hathaway, former really neat, light, but strong and durable Parrakeet's cage, in the designing of which every effort had been made to prevent the bird destroying the framework; 2nd, very light, well finished and furnished Blackbird or Thrush cage, roomy and airy; 3, Newley, Linnet and Finch cage, beautifully finished and arranged for lightness and durability; vhc, hc, c, Newley. SHOW (21): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hathaway, three very well thought out and nicely finished cages—the first for a Wagtail, and in this the perch arrangements are perfect; 2nd for a Nightingale, cosy and suitable; 3rd, for a Parrakeet; vhc, hc (2), c, Newley; c, Palmer and Sons. STOCK OR BREEDING (18) and this lot comprised some excellent ideas: 1 and 3, Hathaway, Wagtail stock cage and a Budgerigar breeding cage respectively; 2, vhc (2) and c, Newley, former a 48in. Norwich breeder, with the most modern equipment, and only priced at 15/6; hc (3), Palmer and Sons.

SELL. CAN (30/-): 1, Dr. Sidgwick; 2, Bellinger; 3, Roney; vhc, Peters, Hawes, Luff (2); hc, Greenwood and Benson, Baker and Gooch; c, Rennie. BRIT. AND FOR. (30/-): 1, Maxwell; 2, Howe; 3, Hodgkin.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—In this section there were some smart birds staged, Messrs. Morris, Priest and Rogers sent a fine team, and annexed the majority of the prizes. The Yorkshires of Messrs. Yeoman, Thorpe, Brooks and Wall were of good level of merit. As is the case at most shows now, the members made quite an equal display in many respects to that of the Champion section. British were a nice show, and so were the Hybrids, Messrs. Cooper's and Cutting's teams of the latter being very meritorious, while as to the British, mention of the names of Messrs. Francis, Frostick, Carter, Cutting, Maxwell, etc., is a sufficient guarantee of quality. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CK. (9): 1, Morris; 2, Priest; 3, Rogers; vhc, hc, c, Baker and Cooch. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Priest; 2, Rogers; c, Baker and Gooch. UNFLIG (3): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Miss Tanner; vhc, Rogers; vhc, hc, c, Baker and Gooch. YORKS CK. (13): 1, Yeoman; 2, Wall, 3, Thorpe; vhc, Brooks, Thorpe; hc, Askew; c, Mrs. E. Hayward. HEN (7): 1, hc, Brooks; 2, Thorpe; 3, Masters; vhc, Mrs. Hayward; c, Yeoman. UNFLIC. (9): 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Thorpe; vhc, Masters; hc, Cutting; c, Yeoman. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, Miss Tanner; 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, Askew. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, hc, Baker and Cooch; 2, Askew; vhc, Wall. GOLDIE ETC. (4): 1, Francis, 2, Cutting; 3, Bighty. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Cutting; 2, Frostick; 3, hc, Francis; c, Clark. A.O.S. SEED-EATING BRIT. (6): 1, Askew; 2, Francis; 3, Clark. INSECTIV LARGE (2): 1, Francis; 2, Cutting. SMALL (4): 1, 3, Maxwell; 2, Frostick; c, Rogers. HYBRIDS (13): 1, 3, hc, c, Cooper; 2, Cutting; vhc, Tutty.

STONEHOUSE (N.B.) C.B.S.

A grand table Show was held in the Public Hall, on September 26th. There was a large turnout. Mr. W. Johnston (Blackwood) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CAN. (6): 1, and spl., Cuthbertson; 2, 3, McAlpine. COMMON (5): 1, 3, and spl., W. Cunningham. 2, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, and spl., Nelson. 2, Whitelaw. 3, Swan. BRIT. (17): 1, and spl., Sorbie. 2, McAlpine. 3, Clark.—JOHN GOVAN,

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Third competition show of the season held on September 26th at The Flying Dutchman Hotel. Sixty-seven birds were staged, all of good type and quality. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged.

OPEN.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Ludbrook; 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, 4, vhc, Lingley; hc, Hirst. BUFF: 1, Ludbrook; 2, 4, vhc, Lingley; 3, Fortnam; hc, Naylor. A.V. YELL. YORKS. (except clear): 1, Fortnam; 2, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, Lingley. BUFF: 1, 4, Ludbrook; 2, c, Wharton Bros.; 3, Fortnam; vhc, Lingley; hc, Hirst.—NOVICE.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Helliwell; 2, Brown; 4, Bromham; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Horsfield. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, 3, J. Horsfield; 4, S. Horsfield; vhc, Brown; hc, Greenwood; c, Helliwell. A.V. YELL. YORKS. (except clear): 1, Bateman; 2, Brown; 4, Plowright; vhc, J. Horsfield; hc, West; c, Bromham. BUFF: 1, 3, Bateman; 2, Brown; 4, J. Horsfield; vhc, Plowright; hc, c, Slater. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fortnam; vhc, hc, c, Holmes.—F. RHODES, Sec.

Some Observations on the Linnet.

By GEORGE A. WIDDAS.

The Catching, Boxing and Managomont of this popular Bird are dealt with in this article.

The Linnet being one of the most adaptable to cage life of all our British seed-eating birds, it is sought after by fanciers for show purposes and for mule and hybrid breeding, as well as by those not in the Fancy for its song.

The Song of the Linnet.

As songsters, few birds are perhaps more variable than Linnets, which have a very considerable compass and sing in a continuous manner, though some, of course, can only repeat two or three unconnected notes, which may be of the harshest tone. The song of caged-up Linnets is much improved in the second year, and reaches its best in the third; but wild young Linnets, five or six months old, can sing a song worth listening to; I have known them to do this whilst I have been out catching them, and I have caught them after they have sung against my call birds for a few minutes, and have often thought they would make good call birds. But after they have been caged and looked after well, it is some weeks before they start to sing, and then only in short half-timid snatches, as though they were afraid to open their mouths, so to speak.

As time goes on the young birds get more courage, and if you have a few good birds for them to sing against, it is surprising how they pick up the different notes of their compauions.

Both Showy and Useful.

For show purposes, the Linnet's size, plumage, and markings are essential points, but not many possess them all to a nicety They have many variations of colour, as the following "local" names imply, viz., the "Lemon Linnet," the "Saffron," the "Red," the "Sulphur," the "Grey," and the "Brown." The last-named is the one chosen for show purposes. But he must be a nice, large bird, with nut-brown back and shoulders, plenty of lacing down front and good clear markings; and, above all, he must be steady and in good condition.

Most of them are obtained from catchers and dealers, who have large quantities pass through their hands during a season, whilst a few are hand- or Canary-reared ones.

The Linnet is also one of the most useful birds, both in bird rooms and aviaries, for Mule and Hybrid breeding. Numerous crosses have been obtained by it. As a father, he is generally a good feeder, and looks well after his young. He is almost the first bird chosen by a novice for crossing, and many a full-fledged fancier has become such by his initial success with his Linnet-Canary Mules.

Distinguishing the Sexes.

Many questions are asked as to how to tell a cock Linnet from a hen Linnet, so I will take the young in their first feather, which, to novices, are the hardest to distinguish. They are both very much alike, but a safe guide to follow when buying cocks is to see that the white on the wings runs right up to the quill; if it doesn't, the birds are undoubtedly hens, though exceptions are met with, which only, however, prove this rule. There is also more white in a cock's tail feathers than in those of hens.

After the moult, which they are about clear of by the end of October, the cocks show a good nutty-brown colour on the shoulders, and their breasts are mottled; on turning the broast feathers back, you will find them well blotched with dull red. This mottled look is formed by a slight edging of light brown, a kind of fringe, as it were, which, as spring advances, is worn away, leaving a clear red breast. The young hens after the first moult are a shade lighter than the old ones, and are well pencilled down the front.

As the breeding season advances, the cocks assume a glossy blood-red on the top and fore part of the head, though some have been known to breed without either the red cap or the breast red; but this is generally only the case in the North of England. Cocks when caged never retain, nor do the young bred under such conditions acquire, the fine crimson on the head and breast which Linnets as wild birds posses, and such as are caught possessing it speedily lose it when kept in captivity.

The Linnet when Breeding.

The Linnet appears to breed twice in the year, the first eggs being laid in April. I have seen nests with eggs as late as the end of August. The eggs are from four to six in number, and are of a French white ground colour, more or less tinged with green, and speckled or blotched with light reddish-brown or pale purplish-red. The nest is usually formed of fine twigs and fibres outside, and is mixed with moss and grass stalks, being lined with hair, or vegetable down. It is generally built in a low bush.

When the broods of young are reared and summer is over, different families unite to form large flocks, which resort to the more enclosed districts, visiting alike stubbles, fallows, and land where certain vegetable seeds have been grown. Then is the time the birds are caught up by bird catchers, or by those who only catch a few by way of a hobby.

On Catching Linnets.

There are several ways of catching the Linnet. The three chief ones are: by the trap cage and call bird; the limed twigs (which to my mind is a dirty way of procuring them, and causes undoubted suffering to the captives until they loosen their limed feathers); and lastly the day or clap-nets, as used by the professional man for taking large quantities which are sent to the dealers in London and the provinces. These nets in practised hands are accountable for a severe diminution in the flocks of Linnets in August, September, and October.

Some of these men have earned for the profession, if one can call it that, a very bad name, because of the sometimes cruel way in which they treat their birds, but I am glad to say I don't know of any such personally.

It may interest readers if I give them a rough idea of the methods adopted by a man I know who makes a living by catching Linnets. Jack B—— lives in a neat little cottage on the outskirts of an agricultural town of moderate size, and towards the end of July he prepares for his season's work. He will have mended his nets, gone over the ropes and gear to be sure there is no failure, and above all he will have picked out ten of his best call birds, that is, those that are well on song, these will receive his best care and attention.

In the meantime he will have had some long country walks to find where the birds are feeding and to gain the necessary permission from the farmers to catch them. When the opening day of the season arrives he is up and about long before daybreak putting up his "pack," as he calls it, and after a hearty breakfast he is off.

If he has to go a long journey he calls into requisition a very light hand-cart, with very light springs, so that the birds do not get jolted too much. Having arrived at his grounds, he soon has a spot cleared and is busy "knocking down," and before it is quite daylight he has everything in its place, his brace birds in the nets, and call birds in a half circle in front of them. When the clear call of a wild bird is heard, it is soon taken up by his call birds, and over the hedge comes a family of five, say. Jack draws his watch line and shows his birds to the wild ones. When they see the brace birds feeding they take a short sweep round and drop into the nets, never dreaming of danger, being only eager for food. A quick pull and the nets are over them, and Jack is soon taking them out, and placing them in a store cage, which is well supplied with seed and water. So his luck goes on, until about noon, when he packs up and away he goes home. He keeps his birds up until he has enough to send away to the dealers, and weather and health permitting, such is his daily life until the end of February.

(To be continued.)

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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After the Moult.

The moult in many cases will be already at its close, and every week will add to the number of birds of every class which have only as it were the finishing touch to add to their annual change.

It is just at this time that special care is necessary to keep the birds from going wrong. In the first place, the weather begins to get very cold and wet, and we have chilly days interspersed with mild, bright, and sunny spells; which in itself, is a dangerous source of chills if special care is not taken to regulate the temperature and ventilation of inside rooms. The nights also are becoming generally cold, which serves to aggravate any adverse conditions prevailing during the daytime.

What should be aimed at is to moderate the amount of exposure to the outside elements at night and during these inclement spells, and ventilate the rooms freely during mild and bright periods. Wherever there appear any signs of wheeziness among the birds, it is best to avoid giving cold baths during chilly weather, as whenever there is any tendency this way at this time, it requires but little to excite it to become a grave menace to a bird's health.

To Fix and Refine.

It is also at this time when the moult is rapidly drawing to a close that the final touches of the quality and colour of plumage are given by the colour-feeder, who wishes to make the most of his birds; and what fancier does not feel this desire? A few grains of nice clean and bright linseed about three times a week is an excellent and simple means of adding a permanent lustre and quality to the plumage.

These descriptive adjectives may perhaps be considered a trifle whimsical, but when one has handled a few samples of the dusty, useless, puny seed of this kind, that is considered good enough for birds, the need for some specialisation will be apparent. But do not overdo this seed as it is apt to set up diarrhœa and cause the cages to become unpleasant. Soon after the plumage is fully grown, the linseed may with advantage be replaced by a cube of carrot stuck in the wires for the birds to peck at, which also has a good effect in making the plumage close and tight.

To make the colour given by the colour-food more durable, and to prevent its fading as soon as it otherwise would, a small crystal of sulphate of iron should be dissolved in the water two or three times a week, and preferably on those days when linseed is not given. With a little care in properly alternating these two items, they will be found to counteract the undesirable effects of each other, as the linseed, especially when given in any but the most limited quantity, is apt to prove very relaxing to the bowels, whilst the iron is decidedly constipating in effect.

The former, when properly used, is the plumage refiner so to speak for the fancier to pin his faith on. The iron not only makes the colour more durable and lasting, but also helps very considerably to tighten the feathers at the end of the moult, besides acting as a useful strengthening tonic for the bird at a time when one is most likely to be needed.

Useful Forms of Iron.

It is often asked how and in what form iron should be given to the birds. Although certain forms of iron are undoubtedly more easily assimilated than others when dealing with the human race, it may not follow that the same result would be found among birds. There is, in fact, far too great a tendency abroad in these days to argue from man to birds in the question of the medical treatment of our pets, notwithstanding the fact that any given drug may have, and in some cases is already known to have, a strikingly different effect on birds from that which it produces on the human race. Therefore, if one only avoids the time-honoured custom of keeping a rusty nail in the water, which is obviously most useless if one observes the first principles of success and gives fresh pure water daily, it probably matters not a jot what form of iron is used for this particular purpose.

The pure sulphate of iron already mentioned is a very convenient and easily administered form, and is doubtless still one of the best for general utility. A crystal about the size of a large hemp seed dissolved in each two tablespoonfuls of the drinking water, or, if a number of birds are to be catered for, a small teaspoonful in a pint of water, is all that is required.

Next to this, Parrish's Chemical Food, which for all practical purposes may be regarded as simply an iron solution, is about the best form to use, giving twenty drops in each ounce of water. It might well be given almost, or quite double this strength if the birds will take it freely. This is the real crux of the matter. It is perfectly safe to give the medicine double the strength named, but if one does this, and the birds object to it, and abstain as much as possible from drinking, no advantage will be gained, but quite the reverse, as, under these circumstances, the birds will consume a much smaller quantity of the medicine than if only half the quantity had been given, and the birds had partaken of it with less restraint.

It may be pointed out here that in order to obtain the best results from this medicine it should either be given in distilled water, or the water should be well boiled and allowed to stand until cold before being used.

Another useful form of iron which may be given in the egg-food during the finishing-off stage is the saccharated carbonate. This, in itself, has good colouring properties but it is not every bird that can be got to take it voluntarily with freedom. The ammoniated citrate is yet another available form, and when given in solution of the strength of about as much as will lie on a threepennypiece dissolved in an ounce of water for drinking, is an excellent general tonic and appetiser. It has, however, the disadvantage that there is a tendency to prevent the dropping of feathers, so that it should not be given as long as the birds have any apparent number of feathers to shed. But when all the feathers have been shed, and the completion of the growth is all that has to take place, it forms a really good colour-fixer and tonic combined.

Such forms of iron as the commonly used solution known as tincture of steel are still more powerful in stopping the moult, and are consequently so much the more objectionable for use in this connection,

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Chapter XIX.—My Andaman Starlings.

The higher we get up in the world the more we are watched; the rooster on the church steeple is of more consequence, although he is only tin, than the rooster in the barnyard. I feel somewhat like the church rooster each time I have to chronicle a new success. All the same, I cannot but feel that I deserve my triumph, for although Fortune sometimes shows the way, it is Energy that achieves success. Fortune never takes anybody by the hand, but she often allows us to take her by the hand; and opportunities are made quite as often as they happen.

I might begin this article after the manner of Lord Macaulay: "Every schoolboy knows the position of the Andaman Islands." I frankly confess I was not in the position of the omniscient young prig, as I had to ask where they were, like Rose Dartle, for the sake of information. I found on consulting the map that the Andaman Islands are in the Bay of Bengal, not far from the Nicobar Group, whence, I suppose, come the Nicobar Pigeons.

Andaman Starlings are, I believe, exceedingly rare. Besides my own pair, I have only seen one other, an aged cock in the possession of a friend of mine, Mr. W. E. Stevens. As, therefore, the inquiring will be no wiser for the name, I will briefly describe the bird.

The Andaman Starling is a fascinating, graceful, pretty bird, with greenish-black wings and tail, a brownish-dash on the rump, a snowy waistcoat and head; yellow beak, blue at the base, yellow understandings, and pearl eyes. It would be difficult to imagine a more striking bird, and visitors to my aviaries always admire them immensely. The hen may be distingnished from the cock by her slightly grayer back and more slender and feminine head build. I know of no other distinctions.

Andamans are very tame and friendly birds, and by no means afraid of us humans. Mine will come within a yard of me at any time, and give their peculiar call-note.

One day I received a letter from a dealer in Preston, offering me a pair of Andaman Starlings, and telling me to look alive if I wanted them. Those who know me in the past will have no difficulty in guessing what my answer was, and a few days later the Andamans were at home at Micklefield.

For the time being, as the weather was bad, I put them into an indoor aviary in the birdroom, and they soon made themselves perfectly happy. They have two great weaknesses—tubbing and cockroaches; they are always ready to apply water to their outer man and black clocks to their inner. Fortunately I can gratify the latter craving, as our kitchen fairly lifts at night with cockroaches. To parody a favourite Yorkshire obituary notice:

"We find them here, we found them there,
We find these beetles everywhere."

With the advent of warmer weather I enlarged the Andamans' home into a big garden aviary, leaving them in company with a pair of Turquoisines. In the inner aviary there were three large logs intended for Parrakeet breeding. No. 1 was taken possession of by the Turquoisines; No. 2 by the Andamans, and also No. 3 at a later period. That my readers may understand the selection fully, I may say in passing that the neighbours on one side were a pair of Pagoda Mynahs, and on the other a pair of American Mocking Birds. All these reared families; so you may guess I had my hands full.

As the summer drew on, the Andamans showed that they intended to increase and multiply and replenish their earth. I one morning saw one of them carrying straw into the central log; so I took the hint and supplied some nice likely nesting material. They quickly fell to, and from time to time I saw an oddment of straw sticking out of the hole, so that I knew things were going merrily as the proverbial marriage bell. If I showed any undue interest by looking at the log from a distance, a warning note was soon uttered, which sounded very like that "wicked little cuss word" that Frenchmen are so fond of using—sacré—very much drawn out.

The hen only did the sitting, and, so far as I could tell, she sat for about thirteen days. No doubt readers of an inquiring turn of mind will want to know what the pretty eggs were like? I regret that I can furnish no information on the point, as I knew that to look would be as much as the nest was worth, and later, as events proved, the colour of the eggs was put beyond my power to guess, as they all hatched out. If, as is the usual custom, the egg shells were carried out, I never had the good luck to find them, so no doubt they were dropped in the long coarse grass and so escaped my notice.

Some weeks later, however, the Andamans went to nest again, and I examined the eggs, and found them to be of a deep bluish colour and oval in shape.

The youngsters were fed assiduously by both parents; they rose early and later took rest, but they did not carry out the Davidic maxim, by eating the bread of carefulness; for they evidently believed that the good of all the land of Egypt was theirs. The way mealworms disappeared was a caution to rattlesnakes. Like silver in the days of Solomon, they were nothing accounted of.

Guide books tell us that mealworms are too stimulating; that so fed, sooner or later unnatural parents throw their unhappy offspring out of the nest and begin nesting again. I often think of the words of Mrs. Glegg in the 'Mill on the Floss,": "Mr. Tallivir does'nt want to hear your opinion nor mine neither. There's folks in the world as know better than everybody else." That is my candid opinion of the advocates of non-mealworm treatment. I have had a fairly large experience and no mean measure of success, and I say without hesitation that I owe it all to disregarding such advice and following the teaching of Nature.

At first, the Andamans went about their domestic duties with a beautiful disregard to privacy, but as the days went on and the young began to lift up their voices, the parents grew worried and anxious, and if I happened to enter at feeding time I could hear them say "hush" as plainly as we should say it ourselves, if we wanted a youngster to be quiet.

The cock was often called to order for seeming, I took it, too venturesome, and I noticed after a time, that when engaged on domestic duties, like Agag of old, he went delicately. Feeding commenced very early in the morning, as I always left a good supply of grub out over night. I did this by putting the mealworms in deep pots, whence there was no escape, and where they could always be found by the anxious parents. Hour after hour throughout the day provender was carried to those hungry little mouths that were always, like Oliver Twist, "asking for more."

At the time I was in ignorance as to the number of the new family. I ventured to think there might be two, but it was only a blind guess. All I knew was that, if these birds were to be reared—whether many or few—they must have all they asked for. I may here note, in passing, that the excreta, after the first few days, was carried out to the very end of the outer flight and deposited on the woodwork; and it was by looking at this that I daily learnt how affairs were going on within that log of mystery. For the first few days the excreta was swallowed by the old birds

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*Just in Time.

A most curious experience attaches to a pet Canary belonging to my father, who, I may say, possesses many of these pretty creatures. It happened one afternoon to gain its freedom from its cage, only to be pounced upon by Mr. Thomas Cat, who had evidently been watching the proceedings. My father was just in time to notice the cat's disappearance over the back wall with the little Canary a firm prisoner between his teeth. Quick to notice its danger, he soon followed, and caught the cat. Just in time he took the bird, and found to his delight it still lived, and I am pleased to say it is none the worse for its adventure. —Sent by Elsie Tozer (age 14), 38a, Kend Road, Ford, Devonport.

** The Swallow's Message.

A certain poet once told a pretty story of a Swallow that built her nest in his garden. She had injured herself in some way, for the poet found her weakly and hopping along the ground one morning in the early autumn. He carried her into the house and carefully fed her until she was well and able to fly again. Before setting her free, however, the poet fastened to her wing a piece of oiled paper, on which he had written "Swallow, little Swallow, I wonder where you pass the winter?" The next spring the Swallow returned to her nest in the poet's garden, and the poet soon coaxed her with crumbs to come to him, for she had remembered her kind friend. Attached to her foot he found another tiny piece of oiled paper, bearing these words, "In Florence, at the house of Castellari. Cordial greetings to the friend in the North." The Swallow had herself brought back an answer to the poet's question, evidently written by a lover of birds in the far Italian town.—Sent by Kate Townsend (age 13), 73, Gt. Western Road, Gloucester.

My health has been too precarious all the summer for me to give full attention to my bird-room, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman (Dulwich), but am pleased to say I am picking up now. Should my wonted good health be vouchsafed me, I shall enter upon the forthcoming season with all my old zest.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

After the Harvest.

Now the harvest is past, the fields look somewhat bare, although the yellow stubble is in places broken, where the plough has already turned up the rich brown earth. Clouds of Rooks and dainty Wagtails are busy on these patches, and near the coast the Gulls do good service. Sometimes they may be seen almost dropping on the heels of the ploughman, and a pretty picture they make, their snow-white plumage forming a striking contrast to the surroundings, and giving life and animation to the scene. In the doings of the birds there are signs of the coming winter everywhere. The cheeky Sparrow and a few of his companions have returned from the fields, but there are many more to come yet, and it needs a sharp spell of frost before the majority return. But even throughout the winter there will always be big flocks to be seen in the open. Within the last week there has been quite an influx of Thrushes and Blackbirds. Many of these have no doubt left their northern breeding quarters, and drifted south, like many other species. Instinct tells them that the southern countries are safer, for although we get severe weather at times, it does not last so long, and there is generally a sheltered valley somewhere almost untouched by frost and snow. I know an old chalk pit, now overgrown with trees and underwood, situated between the hills, where the cold wintry blast is seldom felt. This sheltered spot is literally alive with bird-life in severe weather. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Fieldfares, Redwings, Tits, and all the Finches may be seen here at such times, and no doubt the shelter thus afforded the birds, saves the life of many of them.

British Buntings.

The British list gives eight species of Buntings, but, needless to say, one is not likely to see them all during one short season, for two of them have only been recorded two or three times, and one—the Black-headed—is a very rare visitor. Although they are rather clumsy cage birds, the writer confesses to a particular love for them, in the open, and many pleasant rambles have been made particularly interesting by their presence.

Late Broods of Partridges.

The cutting of the corn often reveals natural objects a little bit out of season. The other day a brood of very young Partridges narrowly escaped destruction from the reaper. They scuttled off to the nearest hedgerow, which fortunately was not far distant. Should they escape rats and wandering stoats, the parent bird will no doubt keep them there as long as possible, for in the open without the protection of the tall corn, they have much to fear from predatory birds, which at this season are constantly on the move.

The Solitary Water Rail.

Among the many birds returning southwards during the autumn is the skulking Water-rail. The haunts of this bird are the swampy marshes where the reeds, rushes, and other water plants thrive. The Water-rail is a solitary bird. One may sometimes catch a glimpse of him after sundown, as he comes forth from the vegetation, where he has been skulking during the day. He swims from one bed of reeds to another, and runs over the half-submerged water plants or flies round his haunts in the gloom, occasionally uttering his peculiar grating note. These birds nest among the rushes and coarse vegetation near the water. The nest is most difficult to locate, and is generally found by accident, as the sitting bird glides off the eggs long before the intruder is in sight.



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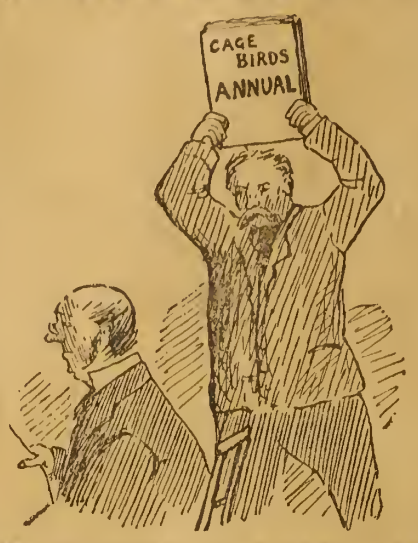
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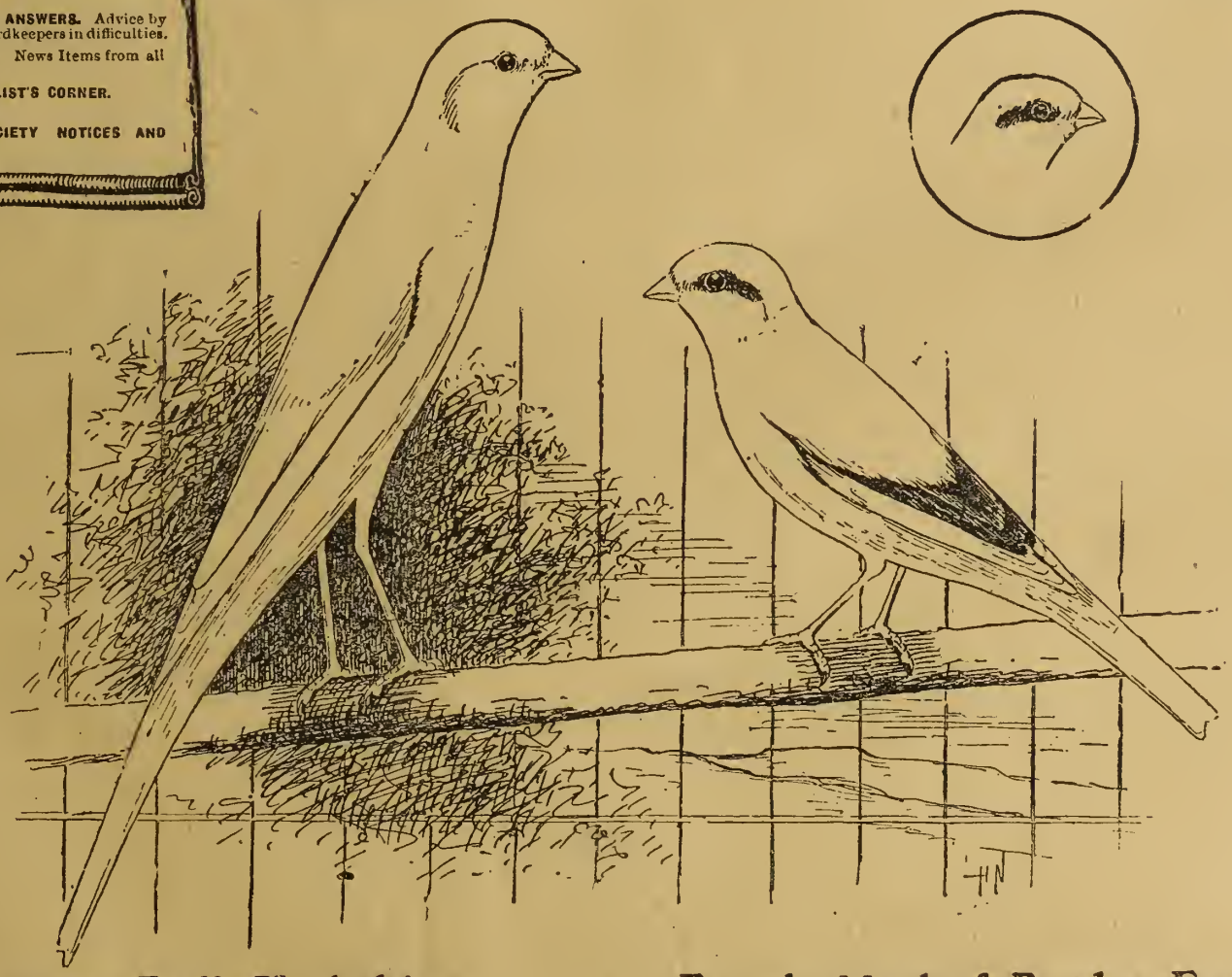
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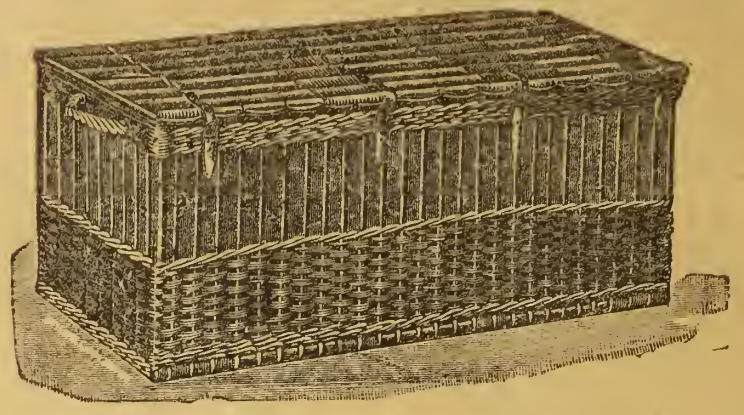
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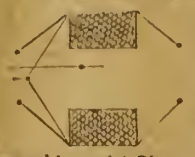
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Thos. Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham

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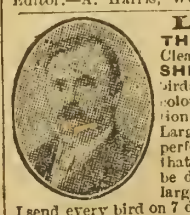
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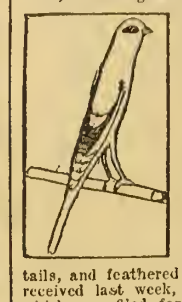
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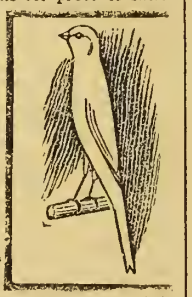
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WANTED, big, bold, good, up-standing Skylark; must he very steady.—Law, 97, Cheapside, London, E.C.

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WANTED typical colour-fed Norwich and Cinnamons; state lowest price.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED suit; exchange two hand-reared hen Bullies; cock Goldies; colour-fed Canaries.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, cash offers, or good exchange, for 30 Yorkshire Canaries, 1908 bred.—Lyon, 91, Promenade, Bridlington.

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WANTED cash offers for twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, genuine Mule breeder; approval, deposit.—Jarvis, 118, London-rd., Grays, Essex.

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NOTICE.—Wanted any quantity of cock Goldfinch Mules or cock Linnet Mules for cash; or exchange.—Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

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WANTED for outdoor aviary pairs of Snow, Ortolan, Cirl, and Corn Buntings, Serin Finches, Crossbills; state price.—Dr. Dodd, Wimborne, Dorset.

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WANTED genuine cock Goldfinchs from catchers; best prices given; no hens wanted; good orders guaranteed.—Shea, 51, Warner-street, New Kent-road, London.

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PAIR of buff and yellow-marked Norwich, 1908, 6/6; will exchange cock for good yellow hen.—Spink, Beechwood-rd., West Hartlepool.

WANTED Crested and clear Crest-bred hens; exchange yellow Crested and Crest-bred cocks; approval.—Runacres, Lorne-road, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE few high-class, typical Norwich Canaries, for exhibition British; must be good; approval.—Newlands, Dove Holes, Buxton.

NOTICE—What offers in Canaries for suit length, tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6? —M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire hens, for two Buffs, or sell 6/6 each; approval both ways.—Burrows, Coastguard, Kingston-on-Sea, Brighton.

WANTED steady hard or softhill British for exhibition; will exchange Lancashires, Norwich; sib hens.—Law, 87, Merefield-street, Rochdale.

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GLASGOW & WEST. COUNTIES N.O.

Monthly meeting in Good Templars' Hall, Sept. 26. The club'n patronage was extended to Stonehouse, C.B.S. show, held Dec. 12th. After some business of a minor nature, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.—J. H. ADAM, Secretary.

MORPETH C.B.S.

The final meeting of the Morpeth C.B. Society was held last Friday evening, when we had a most enthusiastic meeting. Our show is fast approaching, and it is to be hoped our bold venture in choosing an early date will meet with a good share of support. Fanciers should remember that our show is well secured, and there are attractive points in the schedule. We just want a good entry to make our show a big success, so we appeal to all bird lovers to rally round us.—E. COWLING, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY F. & F. UNION.

The adjourned annual general meeting was held at Sittingbourne on Sept. 30th. There were delegates present from the Gravesend, Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Sheerness Societies. Mr. Dulf (Sheerness) proposed, and Mr. Ambrose (Sittingbourne) seconded, that the resolution of Sept. 2nd be confirmed, and that the Union be wound up. It was left in the hands of the Secretary to sell the cups for such sum as would meet the liabilities, but if possible to give preference to those who had won a cup twice and who might desire to purchase it. Mr. Ambrose, Sittingbourne, moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his services in carrying on the work of the Union, and also a vote of sympathy with the cup winners, who had now lost the chance of winning the cups outright. This was seconded by Mr. Batchelor, and carried.—W. J. DUFF, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM O.B.S.

On Oct. 1st some 30 members and friends met at headquarters to witness an exhibition of washing Canaries for show, by Mr. W. J. Cranfield. Mr. H. E. Tringham, who was in the chair, said that at the forthcoming annual show a novelty had been promised, the committee having provided a class for Dutch Frills. In calling upon Mr. Cranfield he said there was no need for him to introduce that gentleman to the meeting as he was well-known to all as a keen fancier and one ever ready to help. Mr. Cranfield then proceeded with his washing exhibition, having everything ready, bowls, hot-water tank, drying cage, etc. He is very thorough in his method, and explained every stage of the process in a very lucid manner. After Mr. Cranfield had got his bird into the drying cage, the competition which had been arranged commenced, each gentleman entering into the spirit of the thing and doing his level best to capture one of the two prizes, Mr. J. Harry winning the first prize, a silver medal. This gentleman handled the bird in a very dexterous manner. He eventually informed the meeting that it was only the second bird he had washed in his life, which argues well for his future in staging birds for show. Mr. J. Cole won second prize, and this gentleman's method was also very thorough. Mr. Reeves proposed, and Mr. Legg seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cranfield for the trouble he had taken and the very able exhibition he had given. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Tringham, both for acting as judge for the competition and his duties in the chair, and another to those gentlemen who had brought birds to be washed.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The Crested Canary Club'n support for 1908-9 is as follows: The club's two ten-guinea bowls for the best current year Crest and Crest-bred respectively (to be won three times) will be competed for at Gateshead on December 11th and 12th; judge, Mr. T. Heath. The ten 21s. specials for best current year Crest or Crest-bred that has not previously won a first prize, and which must be bred by the exhibitor, purchased young birds not being eligible (no member can win more than one of these specials during any one show season, neither can he claim any of the cash specials offered by the club at any show at which he may have won one of them), will be competed for at Plymouth, October 20th and 21st; Cambridge, October 22nd and 23rd; Newcastle, October 23rd and 24th; Cheltenham, November 4th and 5th; Bristol, November 11th and 12th; Nottingham, November 14th and 16th; Norwich, November 28th and 30th; Horticultural Hall, December 4th and 5th; Gateshead, December 11th and 12th; and the Crystal Palace, February 5th to 9th. If any of the above shows fail to provide one class each for 1908 Crests and Crestbreds, they will forfeit the 21s. special. The first year champion points specials will be competed for at Exeter, October 14th, judge Mr. T. Heath; Derby, October 24th and 25th, Mr. J. Robson; Manchester, October 30th and 31st, Mr. J. Dobson; Dulwich and Peckham, November 5th and 6th, Mr. Robson; Wimbledon, November 17th and 18th; Mr. Robson; and Swindon, November 26th and 27th, Mr. Robson. The specials are of the value of 21s., 10s. 6d., and 5s. for the first, second, and third most points scored at these six shows. The following cash specials will be offered at all the above-mentioned shows, as well as at Bristol, October 22nd and 23rd, judge Mr. T. Heath; Hastings, November 10th and 11th, Mr. J. Robson; and Long Eaton, November 28th and 30th, viz., 5s. for best Crest, not the property of the 21s. special winner, 5s. for best C.B., 2s. 6d. for second best Crest, 2s. 6d. for second best C.B., 5s. for best Buff clear body wing-coloured Crest, 5s. for best clear body C.B. with dark or grizzle cap, 5s. for best Yellow Crest, 5s. for best Yellow C.B. Novice Competitions: Mr. R. Rhodes again presents a silver cup, value 42s., for most points scored by a member at all shows providing at least two novice classes (one for Crests, and one for Crest-breds). A handsome plated teapot will be given to all novice members who win their three first prizes in any one show season. The following cash specials will also be given at all shows providing two novice classes, viz., 5s. for best Crest and 5s. for best C.B. not the property of winners of the above. Note: There must not be less than four competing members in any one class for any of the club's specials (both champion and novice), or the specials will be withheld, and, according to the resolution carried at the annual general meeting, all specials given for young birds must be competed for by birds bred by the exhibitor (purchased birds debarred). The Roberts £25 silver challenge cup for most points scored at the twenty following shows, only one bird in each class to count, to be won three times: Plymouth, Manchester, Cheltenham, Norwich, Cambridge, Nottingham, Derby, Bristol Fanciers, Horticultural Hall, Gateshead, Edinburgh (Scottish National), Newcastle, Swindon, Sheffield, Leicester, Cardiff, Preston, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Birmingham, and Exeter.—JOHN TYSON, Hon. Sec., 169, Sloane-street, London, S.W.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. "Breeder and Exhibitor." 12, Launder Terrace, Grantham.

GEO. BENNET., 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 30 years experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, 8, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, The Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DODSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adultt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30, years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

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ENTRIES EXTENDED TILL FIRST POST MONDAY OCT. 19th.

Up to time of writing NOT 2 per class. Fanciers kindly support the Palace of the West. The Show is held in one of the finest Halls in the Kingdom, free from draughts; electric light. Specials for all varieties and prize money guaranteed. Exhibitors at Plymouth can have birds sent on to Bristol by noting Mr. Pope. Judges, Messrs. Heath and Norman. Prizes: 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Entrance Fee, 1s. 6d. CRESTED NORWICH.—Class 1, Crest, a.v.; 2, Crest-bred, a.v.; 3, Crest-ored, Bred 1908; 4, Crest or Crest-bred, Novice. NORWICH PLAINHEADS.—Class 5, Clear Yel.; 6, Clear Buff; 7, Tick., Mark. or Var. Yel.; 8, Tick., Mark. or Var. Buff; 9, Hens, yel. a.v.; 10 Hens Buff, a.v.; 11, Yell., a.v., unflgh.; 12, Buff, a.v., unflgh.; 13, a.v., non-fed Nor.; 14, Novice, a v. Plainheads. YORKSHIRES.—Class 15, Cock, Yel., Clear or Tick.; 16, Cock, Buff, Clear or Tick.; 17, Cock, Yel. or Buff Mark. or Var.; 18, Hens, Yel., a.v.; 19, Hens, Buff, a.v.; 20, Yel., a.v., nnfl.; 21, Buff, a.v., unflgh.; 22, Novice, a.v. York.; 23, a.v., non-fed York. SCOTCH FANCY.—Class 24, Cock or Hen, a.v. BORDER FANCY.—Classes 25, Clear or lightly Tick. Yel. or Buff Cock; 26, Clear or lightly Tick. Yel. or Buff Hen: 27, a.o.v. Canary. MULES OR HYBRIDS.—Classes 28, Canary-Mule, Clear Tich., Mark. or Var. (excluding Canary-Bullfinch); 29, Canary-Mule, Dark Goldfinch or Greenfinch; 30, Canary-Mule, Dark Linnet, Siskin, Redpole or Twite; 31, a.o.v. Mule or Hybrid (including Canary Bullfinch). BRITISH.—Classes 32, Goldfinch; 33, Goldfinch Greypate; 34, Bullfinch; 35, Greenfinch; 36, Linnet; 37, Linnet Field Moulted; 38, Siskin, Redpole or Twite; 39, Hens, a.v. Hardbill; 40, Bramblefinch or Chaffinch; 41, a.o.v. Hardbill; 42 Blackbird, Thrush or Starling; 43, a.o.v. Softbill, smaller and including a Lark; 44, a.o.v. Softbill, larger than a Lark. FOREIGN BIRDS (Single or pairs).—Classes 45, a.v. larger than a Cardinal; 46, a.v., smaller than, and including a Cardinal. SELLING CLASS.—Classes 47, Pairs mat. for Breed., a.v., price not to ex. £3; 48, Single or Pairs, a.v., price not to ex. £1; 49, Single or Pairs, a.v., price not to ex. 10s. SURPLUS STOCK CLASS.—Entry Fee, 6d. per Bird. Prize Cards only in this Class. W. H. MANLEY, 2, Locksaze Rd., Hornsea.

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(Under C.B.U. Rules.)

13 Classes Lancashires, 9 Lizards, 6 Yorkshires, 4 Crests and Crest Breds, 6 Norwich, 8 Greens, 3 Selling, 2 Mules 1 Pair, 3 Open Novice, 3 Foreign, 1 Stuffed Specimen. Six Gold Medals. Prizes 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee 1/6. Entries Close, OCTOBER 17th, Monday morning's post in time. Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, R. Barrass L. Butterworth. The Rochdale Town Hall is one of the best Show Rooms in England. Lofty, well lighted day and night. Plenty of room, no crushing. Under the patronage of L.C.A., L. & L.F.A., G.C.A., Y.C.C., and F.B.C. Schedules from

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THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE Cage Bird Society's Annual Open Show, Friday & Saturday, **October 23 & 24.**

73 Open Classes for Cage Birds of every description. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C., N.C.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., N.C.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.B.B. & M.C. and C.C.C. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, J. Robson, T. McCreadie and Chas. Houlton. No Cancelling. Prize Money Guaranteed. £10 10 0 Silver Bowl. £1 1 0 Best Bird in Show. £1 1 0 Best British or Foreign Bird. 10/6 Best Bird in each section. Novice Cinnamon Class, Novice British Finch Class, &c. But you ought to see our Schedule. Entries close Monday, October 19th. Schedules can be had on application. Send Entries on, we will classify. ***CURRY & HUTCHINSON,*** **Secs., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.**

If you miss visiting

NORTH LONDON C.B.A's 6th Annual Show you will regret it. To be held on **OCT. 16th and 17th** at the Library Hall, Church St., Stoke Newington. This is the show for quality in all sections. R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

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(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in the Oddfellow's Hall,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th,

40 Classes, good Specials, including 6 guinea Challenge Bowl. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges, W. Mnndell, Canaries; J. Maddison, Newcastle, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 19th,** Schedules apply **ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.**

DERBY

SHOW, OCT. 24th & 26th. Judges: Messrs. Bexson, Roe and Robson, Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 1/6 entry fee. Classes for Novices; please support them. **Entries close, OCTOBER 19th.** Schedules now ready. **W. STEVENS, 22, South St., DERBY.**

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Full Prize Money Guaranteed. Entries accepted to 1st post Oct. 19th. HORREX, Cherry Tree Avenue.

The Great One Day Show of the South West.

PAIGNTON. 2nd OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW will be held by the TORBAY O.S. (C.B.U. Rules), **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th.**

Popular judge, Mr. J. Robson, London. Prize money, first 10/-, second 5/-, third 3/-; entrance fee 1/6; many special prizes and valuable extra specials.

24 cash prizes for Norwich Plainheads.
16 " " " Yorkshires.
9 " " " Crested and Crestbreds.
6 " " " Foreign.
15 " " " British.
9 " " " Mules—Hybrids.
9 " " " Selling Classes.

Entries close Tuesday, **OCTOBER 20th,** schedules ready; if you are overlooked, write postcard to **J. N. JEFFERY, Sec., "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.**

HALSTEAD ESSEX Open £5 Limit Show. Oct. 31st.

Judges, W. H. Cook and G. H. Billett (Cage Birds). **Entries close Oct. 20, to W. F. MONK, 03, Owen Terrace, Secretary.**

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Entries extended to OCTOBER 21st.

Only Average two a Class. A good chance for the Novices. Good Specials. Money paid within 7 days. Judge—J. Dobson, Esq.

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OCTOBER 29th.

CAGE BIRDS SECTION

Judge, W. MUNDELL, Esq.

First prize, 8/-, second 4/-, third 2/-, and five good specials. Entrance fee 1/-.

Class.
60—Clear Yellow or Buff Yorkshire Canary.
61—Ticked or variegated do
62—Canary, any other variety.
63—Canary, any variety, exhibitor to reside within 6 miles of Kirby.
64—Norwich, any variety, plain head.
65—British Goldfinch.
66—British Bullfinch.
67—British Linnet, Grey or Brown.
68—Light Mule or Hybrid.
69—Dark Mule.
70—Crest or Crest-bred, excluding Lancashire Coppy
71—Any other variety British Bird not named (Hawks and Owls excluded).
72—Selling Class, Bird and Cage not to exceed 10/-.

UNDER C.B.U. RULES.

Exhibits entered for York will be forwarded direct from our show if requested. Please enter from above. Entries close Oct. 19th.

REED AND CALAM, Secs.

OSWESTRY (SALOP.)

Feather and Fur Association. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c. **Thursday October 29, 1908.** Valuable specials. Judge: O. Houlton, Esq., St. Helens. Prize money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. Entries close **Monday October 19.** For schedules apply to—**Morris Smith and C. A. Doody, Smithfield Street, Oswestry.**

HARRINGTON and District Fanciers' Society, in Temperance Institute. First Show held **Oct 29th and 30th,** under C.B. Union Rules. Poultry, 21 classes. Prize money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, entry fee 2/-; Judge, Mr. R. Cape, Lancaster. Pigeons, Flying Homers, 9 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry fee 1/6 pair; Judge, Mr. A. McCreadie, Arleedon. Cage Birds, 24 classes, prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry fee, 1/6; Judge, Mr. E. Brunskill, Darlington. Grand list of Specials on every class. Entries close **Oct. 22.** Apply early for Schedules to **W. IRWIN, Hon. Sec., Killarlie, Harrington, Cumberland.**

MANCHESTER

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OCTOBER 30th and 31st.

100 Open Classes. Over 100 Open Cups, Medals, etc. Y.C.C. Outside Yorkshire Specials. Three classes for Novices.
Crest C.C. Championship points—Rhodes Cup—Roberts Cup, and other specials. Two classes for Novices.
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Foreign Club. Medal—Full prize money guaranteed.
Also Lancashire C.A. Medals. L. and L.F.A. Cups. Belgian C.A., Border Club Medals and E. and W. Border Clubs Specials. Medal for Border Novices, and L.P.O.S. Medals.
Judges: Messrs. Compston, Ambler, Trengrove, J. Dobson, Ferguson, E. G. Wright, and Weston.
Entries close October 24th. Send for Schedule,

LYTHGOE & JONES,

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17 miles from Edinburgh.

22nd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds on **31st Oct., entries close Oct. 24th.**
Judges;—Border Fancies, Daniel Hamilton Esq., Hamilton; Scotch Fancies, British and Foreign Birds, J. F. Dewar Esq., Edinburgh. Schedules from **DAVID COCKBURN, Victoria Park, Haddington.**

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OCTOBER 29th and 30th, 1908.

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6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OCTOBER 30th and 31st

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges; H. W. Battye H. Brunskill and J. Shepherd. 10 Guinea Challenge Bowl. 56 open classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-. 3/-, 2/, A 2/6 cash special for best bird in each class. Special, value guinea for most entries. Under the patronage of N.C.C. N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C.
W. Duke, 336, South Frederick St., S. Shields

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Open Show, **Saturday, October 31st, 1908,** in the Feversham Street Council Schools (five minutes from Central Stations) Under Yorkshire Union Rules Y.C.C. Cup Competition and Patronage of the O.N.P.C.C. 34 Classes. Yorkshires, Norwich, Judges—P. Mason, Windhill; H. S. Naylor, Bradford; Entries close **Tuesday, October 27th.** Schedules with pleasure. **F. Rhodes 112, Fitzroy Road, Barkerend Road, Bradford.**

ARBROATH

4th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

OCTOBER 31st. 1908.

Scotch Fancy, 10 classes, Norwich, 10 classes, British, 8 classes, Foreign, 1 class, Mules or Hybrids, 1 class. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Entry money, 1/6. Judges Messrs. J. Stewart, Scotch Fancy; W. Hampton, Norwich; J. Lyon for British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids. Entries Close **October 26th.** Schedules from **J. S. Napier, Hon. Sec., 52, St. Vigeans Road.**

EARLSTON N.B.

Show of Bantams, Pig. and Cage Birds. **Oct. 31, 1908.** Jgs.: Bantams and Pig., T. Walton, Esq, Slisden; Bor. Fan., J. Linton Esq., Selkirk; other var J. Mason, Esq., Peebles Eotries close, Oct. 24. Schedules Sec., Jno. Brockie.

AVONBRIDGE

O.S., will hold their Fifth Annual Show of Cage Birds on **Oct. 31, 1908,** Judge—Gollan Hislop, Stirling. For Schedules apply to **PETER GENTLEMAN, Secretary.**

ALNWICK

and Dis. Cage Bird Society,

First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, in the Corn Exchange Alnwick, **Saturday, October 31st, 1908.**
19 open Classes, Prize Money, 8/- 4/- 2/- 1/- and numerous Specials, Entrance fee 1/-. Entries Close, **October 24th.** Schedules from, **RENNISON and BROADLEY, 16, King Street, Alnwick,**

DYSART

4th Annual SHOW,

OCTOBER 31st, 1908.

In Normand Hall, Extended Classification, 56 Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-. 3/.** Entry money, **1/6,** all Classes. Judges; Messrs. M. Swinton, Scotch fancies; J. M'Lay, Crests and Plainheads; Wm. M'Adam, Borders; P. Pettigrew, Mules, Hybrids, Brit. & Foreign. Under Patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C. Glas and W.C.N.C. M.B. and F.B.C. Numerous Specials. **Entries close OCT. 26th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN, Hon. Sec., 23, High St., Dysart.**

MARKINCH

Bird Show on **Nov. 7th,** in Masonic Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. D. Hogg, Oakley, J. Adams, Dundee, and G. Marlin, Hamilton. Entries close on **Oct. 31st.** Schedules from **GEORGE MITCHELL,** Sec., Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

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Annual Open Show of Can., Mules, Birt. and For. Birds. In the Central Conservative Club's large Assembly Room, Cooeon Street, on **Fri. & Sat. Oct. 23rd & 24th, 1908,** under C.B.U. Rules and under the Patronage of the N.P.C., Y.C.C., C.C.C. Club show of the N.P.C. Specials for every class, also 21/- cash for most points in Nor. Section and 21/- cash for most points in Yorks. Section. Judges—A. G. Davis, Manchester, and H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. 11 Open Nor., 5 Amateur Nor., 1 Crest and Crestbred, 8 Open Yorks., 2 Nov. Yorks., 4 Open Clnn., 2 Nov. Clnn., A.V. Class, 3 Selling Classes, A.V. Mule, 5 Open Brit., 1 For., 1 Gift Class. The room is only two minutes walk from the station which is on the direct main line from all parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire. It is well ventilated, free from draughts, good light by day and light d by electric light at night. So send your entries to the show of the season, where birds from a distance will have special attention. Exhibitors note that classes 36 and 37 are made to read **20/- and 12/6 pair,** selling classes. This is not so as they are intended for single birds only, selling classes. Sheduldss now ready from Jas. W. Philpott, Sec., 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire. Eotries close, Oct. 19,

GLOUCESTER

& District C.B.S. Third Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **Wednesday and Thursday, OCTOBER 28th and 29th.** Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Affiliated to C.B.U. **Entries close OCT. 24th.** Under the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire Conary Club Both he Cup and Trophy Competition will be held at this Show. Also open Challenge Bowls value £6 for Norwich Plainheads, Ditto. value £4 for any other variety cauary. Ditto. volus, £6 for British Bird, any variety. Most points to count for bowls with 4 birds not necessarily nominated. Club Medals will also be given to winners of challenge bowls. See Schedule. Naturol Colour classes for Norwich Plainheads. £1 first prize, 10/- 2nd., 7/6 3rd, 2/6 4th. £1 cash special for best bird. Numerous other specials. Schedules now ready from **Hon. Sec., J. R. HOUGHTON, "Dargai," Hatherley Road, Gloucester.**

PETERBORO'

OCTOBER 29th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Under C.B.U. Licence. 6 open classes for Norwich, One each A.O.V. and Hybrids. £3 3s. Limit classes, 6 Norwich, 4 Yorkshire, 5 British Birds, 1 Foreign. Judge: J. C. Barnes Walkley, Sheffield. **Entries close, OCT. 19th.**
FRED. JACKSON, Secretary, **"White Horse," Cumbergate, Peterboro,**

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Affiliated to C.B.U. **OCT. 29th and 30th.**

Classes Nor. 9, Clnn. 1, Crest and Crestbred, 1, Yorks. 6, Border 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Novice 2, Light Mule 1, Dork 1, Hybrid 1, British 4, Foreign 1, Roller 3. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, for 1/6 entry, and a grand lot of Specials. Judges; J. Robson and F. A. Lester. Entries close **October 24.** Schedules—
F. HOWES, 25, Leslie Road, WOLVERHAMPTON.

YORK

C.B.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Oct. 30 & 31, 1908** (under C.B.U. Rules). Splendid Classification, Good Prize Money, 41 Specials; under the patronage of the Y.B.B. & M.C. Entrance Fee 1/-. Entries close **Monday, Oct. 26th** Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Brown. Schedules now ready. **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.**

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Soc. will hold their next Annual Show **Nov. 4 & 5.** Judges: Poultry, W. H. Cook, Esq.; Pigeons, C. A. House & Lt. Barrett, RN.; Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, T. B. Mason, Esq., Cage Birds, J. Dobson, Esq., and W. Swaysland, Esq. Schedules, now ready. **J. WOODHOUSE, Hon. Sec., 123, High Street.**

CHELTENHAM

November 4th & 5th.

Under C.B.U. Rules and Crested Canary Club Patronage.
Judges—Mr. J. H. Payne and Mr. T. Heath. 54 Open Classes. Entries Close, **October 27th.**
Schedules from—**A. S. TREASURE, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue, Cheltenham.**

MORECAMBE

Cage Bird Society (Under C.B.U. Rules),

Annual Show, November 4th & 5th, 1908.

of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Judges—Messrs. Battye, Ferguson, and Houlton. Prize Money 1st, 10/-, 2nd, 6/-, 3rd, 4/-, 4th, 2/-, V.H.C., H.C., C. 2/6 cash Special in every class. 46 Classes. Numerous other Specials. Open Challenge Cup. **Entries close October 28th, 1908.** Prizs money paid out during show. Schedules—Jno. H. Ireland, Parliament Street, Morcambe.

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show in Victoria Hall on **Saturday and Monday, October 31st & November 2nd** (Affiliated to to C.B.U.) 42 classes, splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of valuable specials. Prompt payment. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton. Entries close Tuesday Oct. 27. Send for schedules to
Thos. Smith. 5. King Street, Ilkeston.

Look out for the

ROTHERHAM

C. B. S. 11th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, to be held under C. B. U. Rules, on **November 2nd & 3rd. 1908.** in St. George's Hall. Judges; W. Vordy, Esq. & W. H. Shackleton, Esq.
Sec., J. C. HAYES, 9, Florence Rd., Maebro'.

BARNSTAPLE

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

Under C.B.U. License,

NOVEMBER 3rd & 4th.

Entries Close, OCT. 21st.

Judge, J. H. PAYNE, Esq., Gloucester.

Sec: Percival Harris, High Street, Barnstaple.

LUTON

C.B. Society THIRD ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, NOV. 4.

Under C.B.U Rules. Judge: J. Robson. Good prize money and specials galore. Entry Fee, 1/6. Entries close **October 28th.** Under the patronage of the F.B.C. Send for schedule from **E. CHERRY, 4, Peel St., Luton.**

GT. YARMOUTH

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SHOW (OPEN),

NOVEMBER 4th and 5th.

29 Classes Cage Birds.

Judge, Mr. Greeves. **Entries close Oct. 21.** For Schedules, apply **J. SHEARMAN, 156, King Street, Great Yarmouth.**

MARGATE

11th Annual Show of Pigeons and Cage Birds, open to all England. Classes for Poultry open to the Isle of Thanet only. **Nov. 4th & 5th, 1908.** Eotries close Oct. 21. Judges, Poultry, Clem Watson, Esq. Pgeons, Revd. Lumley, Cage Birds, J Nortb, Esq. (No amalgamation). **W. J. JONES,** Hon. Sec., **28, Fort Crescent, Margate.**

Carmarthen

NOV. 5th.

C. B. U. Licence. Warm room, good light. **10/-, 5/-** and **2/6.** Entry fee **1/6.** Post card will bring schedule of the 21 classes, and 21 specials. Judge, J. B. Evans, Esq., Swansea. Entries close **Oct. 30th. Fred King, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.**

DARLEY DALE

AND DISTRICT FANCIERS SOCIETY

5th Annual Open Show, Nov. 5th, 1908.

Cage Birds, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbits, Mice and Cats under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge:—Cage Birds J. H. Roe. Entries close **October 29th.** Schedules from **Hon. Secs. DAWSON & HALL, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.**

LIVERPOOL O.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U.

First Great Open Show. **NOV. 6th and 7th.** Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., N.P.C. Cup Competition, G.C.A.E. and W.B.F.C. Specialist Judges, Mundell, Vardy and Houlton. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Cash Special of 2/6 every class, beside Section Specials. Finest List ever put before the Fancy. Schednles will be sent to all exhibitors last Manchester Show, members of above clubs and members of B.B. & M.C., others apply to Metcalfe and Hilmen, 105, Silvsrdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

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AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Fourth Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in Temperance Hall, **Saturday November 7th, 1908.** 38 Classes, specials every Class, Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee 1/-. Judges, T. Dixon, Canaries, R. J Howe, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 31st, 1908.** Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning St., Stockton on Tees.**

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Members Annual Show to be held **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 1908.**
49 classes. Schedules will be out shortly **LILLEY,** Secretary, **5, Mysore Rd. LAVENDER HILL.**

BRAMLEY

& Dis. O.S. Leeds **Nov. 7th 1908.** (To be held under C.B.U. Rules.)

Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford,. A. G. Davis, Manchester. 28 Classes. prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Special prizes for each class and Extra Specials given also. Yorkshire County British Bird & Mule Club patronage. Eotries close **Nov. 3rd.** For Schedules apply, **E. CRAVEN, 37, Whingate Avenue, Armley, Leeds.**

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First Open Show of Cage Birds only. **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston. Great list of specials. Entry fee 1/6.

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Splendid Hall and Railway connections. Under the patroooge of Glasgow and Western Counties Club. Entries Close, **Nov. 2nd, 1908.** Schedules from **C. IRVINE, Sec., 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

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FANCIERS SOCIETY

Under C.B.U. License, Fifth Annual open Show of Bantams, Pigeons & Cage Birds, will be held in the Market Holl, on **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Bantams, J. F. Eotwistle; Pigeons, E. H. Crow & J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Wellings; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification, Specials galore in every class. Entries close **Oct. 31st.** Schedules now ready from the Sec., **Jas. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

LEICESTER

Hand in Hand C.B.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on NOV. 7th & 9th. Splendid Classification (under C.B.U. Rules). Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq. Gloucester, Good Special List. Schedules ready shortly. **CHAS. DRAPER, Sec., 1A., Wilton Street, Leicester.**

BRAINTREE

Eighth Annual Show, **Saturday, Nov. 7th, 1908.**

Good classification for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds (25 limit, 20 miles radius), also open classes in each section. Numerous specials, including nine silver challenge cups. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 28th F. A. HUNNABLE,** Hon. Sec.

DARVEL SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits will be held on Saturday, **NOV. 7th.** Entries Close **Nov. 2nd,** Cage Bird Judges, J. McColl, J. Smillie, and J. Goodfellow. Schedules from Sec., **J. Robertson, Jr., 5, Hastings Place, Darvel, N.B.**

NEWTOWN St. Boswells.

2nd OPEN SHOW.

PIGEONS AND CAGE BIRDS.

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER.

Grand classification. Numerous specials. Best Judges. For Pigeons Mr. Thos. Brown, Duns., Border Fancy Mr. James Nell, Kelso., Norwich, British, etc, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Entries close **31st Oct** Schedules from **R. ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec.**

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Show. NOV. 10th. Judge: Mr. T. Irons. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Eotry fee, 1/-. Entrias close **Nov. 3rd.** Schednles from Anthony, Stratford-on-Avon.

SUDBURY

(Suffolk) **Nov. 10.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits. The Premier show of Suffolk. Open to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambs. Judges:—W. A. Broomhead and C. A. House' Large classification. Numerous specials. Schedules from V. MACHIN GOODALL, The "Moont" Sudbury.

BRISTOL

FANCIERS 18th SHOW

NOVEMBER 11th and 12th.

Crested C. C., Cinnamon C.C. and Yorkshire C.C. patronage. Judges; Messrs. C. A. House and John Robson. Entries close **October 26th.** For schedules—mention section—apply, **G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, BRISTOL.**

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LOWESTOFT

21st Show.

November 11th & 12th.

CAGH BIRDS SUFFOLK ONLY.

(Under C.B.U. Rules).

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne, C. Watson, J. High, F. Larke, M. Evangelisti. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules apply E. L. A. Crow **London Rd., Lowestoft.**

MALTON (YORKS)

13th Annual Open Show **Thurs., Nov. 12th, 1908,** 13 Classes for Cage Birds. 4 Money Prizes. Good Specials. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford. Entries close **Nov. 5th** (certain). Schedule, &c., apply **Geo. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton Malton, Yorks.**

North Berks.

ABINGDON. NOV. 12th.

Entries close **Nov. 3.** Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good Classification; many specials. Cage Bird judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. Prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **Mr. T. Bowsn, 18 High Street, Abingdon.**

THE SHOW OF THE SOUTH.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Cage Bird Show.

(Affiliated to the Cage Bird Union.) **Thursday and Friday, NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.** Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, H. Broadley, G. R. Weston. Under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C., Y.C.C. S.Y.C.C. C.C.C., B.F.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. **140 VALUABLE SPECIALS TO BE COMPETED FOR.** Schedules ready, send for one and judge for yourself. Entries close October 31st.

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Affiliated to C.B.U. Annual Open Show **November 6th and 7th, 1908,** in Co-operative Hall; of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 44 open classes. Good specials for each class. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. McKay. Schedules from G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. Under C.B.U Rules. Grand open show of Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds held in the Temperance Hall, Townhead Street **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6th & 7th.** Under patronage of L. & P.O.S 32 open classes, prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also 4 Points Specials to each Section for 1/6 entry. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, W. H. Battye, J. Bexon, E. E. Smith, & G. Browning. Entries close Nov. 2nd. Schedules from, H. LINDSAY, 202, King James Street, Sheffield.

BONESS 4th Annual Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds, November 7th, 1908. Norwich, 10 Classes, Judge, J. Winter, Edinb. Scotch Fancy, 9 Classes. T. Todd, Glasgow. Border Fancy, 8 Classes, A. Gilchrist, Coldstream. British and Mules, 22 classes, L. J. Arrighi, Cramond. 3 cups and medals. Numerous other specials. Entries close. OCTOBER 31st. Schedules ready, apply, F. McGILLIVRAY, Ferry View, Chance, Bo'ness.

OAKHAM Eighth Annual Open Show, NOVEMBER 12th. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats and Cage Birds under the Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Grand Classification. Entries close, NOVEMBER 2nd., (certain). Get a Schedule before entering anywhere else, from J. Hibbitt, Junr. Melton Road, Oakham.

WEYBRIDGE Fourteenth Annual Open and Members Show. Under C.B.U. Rules. November 11th and 12th. Judge: T. Heath. Good classification. Numerous specials. Entries close October 30th. Schedules now ready. apply— H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge.

WALLSEND & MID TYNE C.B.A. Fourth Annual Open Show (Under C.B.U. Rules) NOVEMBER 13 & 14. Entries Close November 9; 57 Open Classes for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds; four money prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/- and 2/- and 2/6 Cash special, for best bird in each class; also 10 Guinea Challenge Cup for most points in open classes, and numerous extra specials. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C., B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Jas. F. Dewar and W. A. Cowgill. Schedules from JAMES JOHNSTON, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

SUNDERLAND November 20th and 21st. Under the patronage of 8 Specialist Clubs. (Cinnamon Club Show). 60 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- for 1/6 entry. 2/6 special each class, and 20/- for most points in show. Judges, J. H. Roe and A. G. Cameron. REID & MADDISON, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW Palace of Wales, Nov. 12th 1908.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules, under Patronage W.C.B.C. Splendid classification. **Full Prize Money Guaranteed.** Schedules will be sent off next week to last year Exhibitors, others please send P.C. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. J. THOMAS, Sec., 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr Tydvil.

KIRKCALDY C.B.S. Open Show, Nov. 14. Judges: D. Brown, Scotch Fancy, 11 classes; P. McKenzie, Border Fancy, 8 classes; A. Chalmers, Norwich, 2 classes; P. Pettigrew, British and Foreign, 12 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Grand list of Specials. Splendid Hall and Railway Connections. J. W...SON, Sec., 21, Salisbury Street, Kirkcaldy.

BURTON-ON-TRENT FANCIERS' SHOW, November 14th, 8 miles radius. Judge: A. G. Davis. F. Cameron Sydney Street.

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READING & Dis. C.B.S. Seventh Annual. 30 mile radius of Reading (Berks) and Members Show of Cage Birds. C.B. & F.B., etc. Nov. 18. Splendid Specials. Ent. close Nov. 11. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 35 classes. Sch:—Sec. Mr. G. A. CHARLES, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading, Berks.

SELBY Thursday, NOV. 19th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds. £5 Limit. Judges: Messrs. R. Stanthorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close Wednesday November 11th John Hy. Dixon, 77, Brook Street, SELBY.

WIGAN and District Cage Bird Society. Annual Open Show. (Under Cage Bird Union Rules) of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds. November 20th & 21st, 1908 in the Orange Hall, Leader's Buildings, King St. Judges:—Messrs H. Tams and A. Wellings. For schedules apply W. RIDGE (Hon. Sec.) 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

CALASHIELS N.B. 48th GREAT OPEN SHOW. of Pigeons and Cage Birds, will be held Nov. 21st, 1908, when the under-noted specialists will judge Cage Birds; Scotch Fancy Canaries Mr. Robert Wright, Greenock and Mr. David Brown, Edinburgh. Border Fancy Canaries Mr. Peter McKenzie, Kelso. Norwich, etc. Mr. Anthony Hay, Tweedmouth. Schedules ready 2nd Nov. from the Secretary, ALEX. SMITH, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW, Nov. 26. Judge: Mr. Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules shortly. W. G. Inward, Cirencester.

LESMAHAGOW LANARKSHIRE, N.B., 28th November, 1908. Grand Show of Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, etc. Under patronage of B.F. Club. Judge, Mr. Brockie, Earlston. Schedules now ready. Apply— J. S. CUNNINGHAM, Sec., Main Street, Lesmahagow, N.B.

LONG EATON AND DIST. C.B.S. OPEN SHOW to be held in the People's Hall, on Saturday & Monday, Nov. 28th & 30th, There is to be 42 classes to consist of Canaries and Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules ready shortly. J. TURNER, Sec. 35, Market St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY

LUDLOW (SALOP) Open Cage Bird Show. DECEMBER 17th, 1908, Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Good Classification. ENTRIES CLOSE, DECEMBER 5th. Send for Schedules at once from P. H. OAKES, Globe Cottage, LUDLOW.

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Allow me to thank you for the bumping pennyworth of this week. The plate I got is splendid, while the "Guide to the Shows" is really a great idea, and will be a boon to us all.—T. R. Wallace (Falkirk).

Somehow or other Cage Birds was not delivered to me this week until Tuesday, and I felt quite miserable without it, as I look forward to it every Friday, and read its interesting pages from first to last. I wish it every success.—D. Thomas (Portmadoc).

Allow me to congratulate you on this week's Cage Birds. It far exceeds all others and is of great value, so much so that I purchased six more copies with different plates. Your "Show Guide" is splendid, and might be called a "glancer"—you can tell all about a forthcoming show at a glance. We all try to demand success, but you do more—deserve it.—And, Wilson (Glasgow).

TWITTERINGS.

Kindly announce that I have removed, writes Mr. W. Ormondroyd, to 53a, Beckside Road, Lidget Green, Bradford.

Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helen's), is, we hear, one of the judges elected to officiate at Widnes Show on December 18th and 19th next.

Kindly note that I have removed from 10, Rosebery Gardens, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders, to Sunnybank, Worcester Road, Sutton, Surrey.

The Buff hen that got 1st and special at Great Horton Show in a class of 50 and was greatly admired, was bred by Mr. T. Bentley, of Cleckheaton.—(Advt.)

Entries for Dover Show, to be held on October 27th, writes Mr. A. S. Horrex, the hon. secretary, will be accepted up to first post on Monday next, October 19th.

"Dutch Frills" exhibited in London. First since 1738. Supported by Messrs. Brooks (Cambridge), Williams (Liverpool), Dulwich and Peckham Great Open Show.—(Advt.)

The London and Provincial O.S. are holding a Members' Autumn Show, at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Thursday next, when the admission will be free. Fanciers are welcome.

We are giving tickets of admission to all the schools in Birkenhead to attend our show, to be held on November 14th, writes Mr. J. Richardson, the secretary of the Birkenhead C.F.A.

We have added another class for British Softbills, writes Mr. E. Craven, hon. secretary of the Bramley and Dis. O.S., which makes 28 classes in all. Schedules are now ready.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. will hold a Members' Table Show on October 19th, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary, when all members should please attend and bring their friends.

Mr. Dunn (Portobello), will give a washing demonstration on October 19th, when we hope to see a large turnout of members, writes Mr. George Brown, secretary of the Leith O.S.

We have beaten record at Battersea Show, writes Mr. F. Easterling, the secretary, not only in number, but we have the largest class of Unflighted Novice Yorks down South, 42 entries, beating the Palace.

Kindly mention that class 10 in our schedule is for novice Norwich Plainheads. writes Mr. F. Howes, hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton Show, as some fanciers have written asking if Crests can compete.

At a special committee meeting, held October 12th, I was requested to forward our thanks to you for the fine report you gave us of our show, held at Clapham, on October 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. S. H. W. Baker, the hon. secretary.

At the Morecambe C.B.S. Annual Show, writes Mr. J. H. Ireland, the secretary, we are giving 46 classes, with very good prize money and cash and other specials, including challenge cup, rose bowl, etc., and we hope to have a bumping entry.

We have practically no cage-bird entries at present, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman secretary of the Northampton Good Intent Show, to be held on October 21st and 22nd under C.B.U. rules, and we will accept entries up to first post on Saturday, October 17th.

Entries for our show, to be held on October 20th and 21st, under C.B.U. rules, are coming in very slowly, writes Mr. Thos. Pope, hon. secretary of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth). We do not average two per class, and we cannot understand it.

Classes 36 and 37 in our show schedule, writes Mr. J. W. Philpott, hon. secretary of the Accrington Show, to be held on October 23rd and 24th, are made to read "20s. and 12s. 6d. pair selling classes." This is not so, as the classes are intended for single birds only.

We are giving three silver medals, one for Yorkshires, one for Norwich, and one for British Birds, writes Mr. Ed. Carlisle, secretary of the Barnsley C.B.S., for those gaining most points in the three shows which we are holding. These shows are the Table Show in October, another in November, and an ordinary Members' Show about Christmas time.

NEXT WEEK!!

The Next Issue of CAGE BIRDS will be

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We are compelled, writes Mr. W. H. Manley, hon. secretary of the Bristol C.B.S. Show, to be held on October 22nd and 23rd, to extend entries to first post, October 19th. Exhibitors coming from a distance can have the advantage (by showing admission ticket) of cheaper fares from Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bath, etc., on the Midland Railway on the Thursday and Friday, and also on the Great Western Railway on Thursday, this being Market day; the rate on these lines will be a single fare and a quarter for the double journey.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM WARD, Jun. (Highgate, N.)

It is with sympathy and regret that I have to inform you of the death of William Ward, junr., at the age of 21 years, writes Mr. Geo. H. Neal, hon. secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. He was the son of our vice-chairman, and also a member of our society, though not known greatly in the Fancy at large. He loved birds and was one of the first to join us in starting the society. It was on September 28th that he was taken bad with terrible internal pains, which necessitated his removal to the Great Northern Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He came through the operation, but sank slowly and passed away on October 3rd. The funeral took place on October 9th, at the Finchley cemetery, and the society was represented by Messrs. Andrews, Neal, and Mrs. Woods. I am sure the deepest sympathy will be extended to those who are left to mourn his loss.—Geo. H. Neal, hon. secretary.

We hear from Mr. C. Irvine, secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C., that at the monthly meeting to be held in the Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, on Monday, October 19, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. Dan Swan will give an exhibition of washing birds. This being the first in Ayr, the society is expecting to see a full turnout of members and friends.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cinnamon Canary Club will be held at Manchester Show, on the Saturday afternoon, October 31st. Will members kindly make an effort to attend.—R. J. Pretty, hon. secretary.

An L. and P.O.S. Resignation.

We are asked to announce that Mr. H. Lambert Brown has resigned the secretaryship of the L. and P.O.S., and that Mr. J. W. Ramsden will carry on the duties of secretary until the annual general meeting in December. Members are desired to forward their entries for next week's Table Show to Mr. Ramsden, at 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

We have this week been favoured with an unusually large influx of small advertisements late on the Wednesday morning, and these we have reluctantly, owing to great pressure of shows, etc., on our space, been compelled to hold over until our next issue. We shall be grateful if our advertisers will help us during the busy winter season by always posting their announcements when possible to reach us by Tuesday's post, otherwise, although we shall make every effort to include advertisements received on the Wednesday, we are unable to GUARANTEE insertion in our issue of the same week. Will senders of those advertisements which reached us this Wednesday, and who find their announcements not appearing, kindly accept this explanation.



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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
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*Oct. 29.—**Peterborough F.A.** J.C.B.
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Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
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Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
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*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
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Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T. A.G. and L.J.A.
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*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Invernese O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D. W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk. A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** J.C.B
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hu., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.



Mr. W. P. Barnes, of Grantham, with some of the Cups and Trophies secured by his birds.

Mr. W. P. Barnes is known both as a Judge and Exhibitor, his latest success being the winning of the Challenge Cup at the 1908 Cambridge "Mammoth" Show.

*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** J. Blk., J. Ms., J. Gw., C. C., and J. C.
Dec 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.S., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop).** J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland.** G.H., and J.Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W. and C.H
Dec. 19. **Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Msn., P.McQ., P. cK., and H.M.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Bk. D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.** H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S. and W.V.

(For List containing names of judges and names and addresses of secretaries, see last week's issue).

In the schedule of Gloucester Show (October 28th and 29th), writes the secretary, Mr. J. Houghton, the novice class, which originally was class 38, has been changed to class 11, so by the latter change it has altered all the numbers of our special prizes, which go up a class in consequence.

A Chance for Non-Colourfoodites.

At the Gloucester C.B.S. Annual Show, on October 28th and 29th, owners of natural colour Norwich Plainheads have an exceptional opportunity, for Dr. Ancrum has guaranteed the following prize-money for two classes (Yellow and Buff):—First, £1; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 7s. 6d.; 4th, 2s. 6d.; with a special of £1 for best non-fed Plainhead in the show. The entry fee is only 1s. 6d., as usual. The worthy doctor's generosity ought to meet with an excellent response from exhibitors.

The Suspension of Exhibitors.

When at the recent Peterborough Show, writes a correspondent signing himself "One Who Was There," I was disgusted to notice that certain London fanciers who were lately suspended by certain London societies after having had birds disqualified for being stained, were permitted to win prizes here at a show held under the rules of the Cage Bird Union. I thought that was what the C.B.U. was formed to stop! I heard that the show officials said that no notice of suspension had been received from the Union secretary, so they had no option but to take the entries. What about all the suspended exhibitors, I would like to ask? Who knows who they are? How are secretaries to know whose entries to refuse? I also heard it stated that these very exhibitors above referred to intended showing birds at forthcoming open London fixtures. What a farce!

(We understand that a meeting of the C.B.U. committee for the London district will have been held, to deal with the case our correspondent quotes, before these lines appear in print.—EDITOR.)

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Would You Like to Have a Portrait of Your Successful Bird as a Memento?

As first announced in our issue of September 19th, for this show season we have made such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. H. Norman, the premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available (*by arrangement with us*) for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize*. Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

REMEMBER; The next Shows will be Plymouth, Oct. 20 and 21, and Bristol, Oct. 22 and 23.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
October 20th and 21st.—Plymouth (Western Counties).
October 22nd and 23rd.—Bristol.
October 30th.—Manchester.
November 11th.—Carlisle.
November 14th.—Nottingham.
November 25th.—Cardiff.
November 27th.—Leeds.
December 11th.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

The Members' Annual Show will be held on November 7th, writes Mr. Lilley, secretary of the S.W. London C.B.S., when 39 classes will be provided.

Our "Guide to the Shows."

Readers should make the following additions and corrections to the "Guide to the Shows" issued last week. Additional judges: Widnes, December 18th and 19th, C. Houlton; Manchester, October 30th and 31st, Messrs. Wright and J. Ferguson; South Shields, for J. Smith read J. Shepperd; Cirencester, November 25th and 26th, J. H. Payne; Sidmouth, November 19th, J. Robson; Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st, A. Cochrane, and for Watts read F. A. Watt. The Edinburgh Northern Show should be dated November 14 h (not 21st), with Messrs. P. MacDougall, W. Urquhart, and Holmes as judges, and T. Purdie, 42, Stewart Terrace, Edinburgh, as secretary. Braintree, November 7th, is a £5 limit, 20-mile radius show.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Central Conservative Club, 8. C.B.U. Medal Competition. Members' entries; final arrangement for show, etc.—J. W. Pimpott.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Paper by Mr. C. C. Blackshaw.—B. Head.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—Oct. 19, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. D. Swan. Distribution of schedules, etc.—C. Irvine.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 20, Temperance Rooms, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. S. Hadwin, and Washing Competition, Champion and Novice.—J. Richardson.

Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Drawing of Members' Specials.—G. Havver.

Bradford (East) O.S. — Oct. 20, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' Washing Competition; 3 prizes; paid on sliding scale; entry fee, 3d. per bird.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 17, 7.30. Open show arrangements.—E. Craven.

City of Wakefield O.S. — Oct. 17, Crown and Anchor, 7. Final arrangements for Members' Show.—Parker and Atkinson.

Civil Service F.A.—Oct. 20, Raglan, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8.30. Annual show, etc.—A. Watson.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 19, Headquarters, 8.30. Distribution of Members' prize money.—S. H. W. Baker.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 22, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Allotment of specials, etc.—G. Peters.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Oct. 21, Crown Hotel, 7.—A. Bowes.

Dulwich O.S.—Oct. 21, "Herne," Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8. Committee meeting to finally pass schedule for annual show, and to allot specials. Election of new members, so as to be eligible to compete in members' classes at annual show.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Ealing, Hanwell and District F.S.—Oct. 22, headquarters, 8. Evening show of all sections; no entries accepted after 5 p.m., Oct. 22.—W. Bird.

Garston B.B.A.—Oct. 21, Albright's Cafe, 8. Final business for Old Show, allot specials, etc.—A. Thompson.

Green Canary Assn.—Oct. 22, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Old Show business.—S. Hadwin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 24, Miners' Hall, 6. Allocation of specials.—J. Pollock.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Headquarters, 7.30. Open show and members' specials.—R. Hall.

London and Counties O.A.—Oct 20, Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. Lecture by G. H. Boaler, Esq., of Messrs. Jas. Carter and Co., on "Seeds." Fanciers and friends invited.—R. J. Pretty.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Co-operative Class Rooms, 6.30. Open show business, etc.—J. Turner.

Liverpool O.S.—Oct. 20, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Open show business. Schedules ready; members to receive same at meeting.—Metcalfe and Hillman.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Oct. 19, Mr. Kirkpatrick's Office, 3, Tib Lane, Cross Street, 7.45. Washing demonstration, by a few of the old hands, and some hints on staging.—E. H. Jones.

Mansfield C.B.C.—Oct. 23, Victoria Hotel; intending members and friends invited.—J. F. Duckworth.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 22, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.15. Most urgent and important show business.—R. Dear.

Morriston and District F.S.—Oct. 24, headquarters 7.30.—D. Jeremy.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Oct. 21, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Enrolling of new members and club business.—J. Bertram.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 21, Cobden Hall, 8. Important show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Oct. 24, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30.—R. G. Challenger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Temperance Club, 8. Alloting of specials and passing of schedule for open show.—S. M. Clayton.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 17, 8.—J. Butterworth.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 22, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Printing estimates, etc.—J. Winter.

Shields C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—W. Duke.

St. Helens O.S.—Oct. 19, George Inn, 8.15. Schedule of general show, etc.—A. Goodall.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Mr. W. W. Taylor will give a Washing Exhibition; friends and fanciers invited.—A. E. Morton.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 24, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Preparations for Annual Show.—Reid and Madison.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Members' Show. Judge Mr. Hartley (Bradford) —J. Smith.

Wakefield Roller C. C.—Oct. 19, Elephant and Castle, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Wandsworth and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Headquarters, 8. Open Show business, alloting of specials, etc.—W. Summers.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Cruise, "His Experience of Canary Breeding."—E. W. Johnson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Adelphi Inn, 8. Show business.—W. Ridge.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Election of stewards, and other show business.—F. Howes.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

An Old Friend.

A. G., Kent.—1. Your bird is doubtless rendered a little more than usually susceptible to weather changes by moulting. You must see it is protected from draughts; do not give it cold baths during wet, chilly weather until it is quite over the moult. Give the hemp two days a week only, and about double the quantity you now give each time; on two other days give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and on remaining days each week a little green-food or sweet juicy fruit. Give these items alternately, so that a different one is given each day. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, every second day for a week, well shaken together. 2. If your cold room is free from draughts and damp, and your birds have not been hitherto accustomed to an artificially-heated room, it will be quite safe to keep them there through the winter.

A Puzzler.

G.W.—Am sorry I cannot quite make out your query. You wish to know what use is Scotch—something I cannot decipher—or French fly for Canaries? If you mean Scotch oatmeal, it is a very valuable item for a change occasionally for birds in large flights or aviaries, but for birds confined in small cages it is often objectionable, and apt to give rise to digestive troubles. Where it is found that the birds can take it in limited quantities without harm it should be very useful as an item in the dietary of large, big-bodied birds in particular. If by French fly you mean the dried flies of commerce that are used as food for soft-billed birds, I have never used them for Canaries, and do not expect Canaries will touch them. Mine certainly would not on the few occasions when I offered some. If they did eat them, I should imagine the flies would be practically worthless as food. An occasional mealworm is of far more service, and, after tasting one, Canaries are not slow to kill and devour them with evident gusto. If this is not quite the information you desire please write again, and give a few more particulars.

Swollen Behind.

Novice.—Your hen is suffering from old-standing constipation, and your feeding is probably at fault. As you are silent on the latter point, however, I cannot tell where you go wrong. Adopt following treatment until the trouble is removed. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Every day give a little green-food—watercress, lettuce, or chickweed, for preference. Keep the cage clean, and well strewn with gritty sand. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of lemon juice, well shaken together, every day for the first three days, and every second day afterwards for a week, or until the twitching you mention has quite disappeared. Then you may drop this and substitute five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Continue this diet for a short time after the bird has quite recovered; then you may revert to the general dietary frequently given in this column. See that there are no insect pests to worry the birds.

Yorkshire Gone Blind.

"Anxious."—Your Canary is suffering from cataract on both eyes, and it is certainly rather an uncommon case for it to go blind at its very first moult. I do not think anything you can do will be of any avail, but just for your own satisfaction you may try the following: Get a chemist to mix you six grains of red oxide of mercury in half an ounce of spermaceti ointment. Catch the bird two or three times a week, and apply a tiny piece of the ointment, about the size of a small pin's head, to each eye, and hold the bird for a minute or two whilst the ointment melts and works its way round the eyelids. The ointment is poisonous, so be careful with it. You might let me know the result. Keep the bird in the same cage, and even if the sight is not recovered it will soon get so much accustomed to its surroundings that it will seem to forget its great loss, and, if a cock, will probably sing as well as though its sight were perfect.

A Damaged Foot.

Crested Cock.—It is possible the bird being so wild and nervous hurt its own foot in fluttering about on its journey to you. You should have reported the injury to the vendor at once, and it is likely he might have been able to suggest the cause and a remedy. Early treatment is of the greatest importance in such cases. Without seeing the foot it is impossible to say what the result of the injury may be, but I anticipate it will be serious. Keep the bird in a fair-sized, but not very large, box cage, and hang in a quiet part of the room until the bird has grown steady. Be patient with it, and every now and again gently place a tiny scrap of green-food in the wires so it may quickly learn to associate your approach with this tit-bit. Every night after it has settled down to roost, darken the front of the cage, and quietly pick him up off the perch, and hold the foot for a minute or so in a warm solution of boric acid say, a teaspoonful of acid dissolved in half a teacupful of hot water. Dry on a soft rag, and gently rub in a drop or two of warm olive oil. You might also give it a saline aperient, as advised to "Novice" in this issue, in its drinking water twice a week.

General Knowledge.

J.R.B.B.—To go fully into all details of management is scarcely possible here. You would doubtless find one of CAGE BIRDS cheap manuals on Canary keeping very useful. In brief, the following is most suitable for a bird kept for singing purposes only whilst moulting. Staple food, mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, or, in the case of a German-bred Roller, this may be varied to two parts Canary to one part rape. Twice each week give a few grains of hemp twice a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or of egg-food, and three times a week a spray of green-food. These extras should be given alternately and on different days, so that a different one is given each day. Towards the end of the moult a few grains of linseed may be substituted for the hemp. Clean gritty sand should always be provided. For green-food, chickweed, flowering heads of groundsel, plantain stalks, shepherd's purse, lettuce, watercress, in the order named are preferred. For birds that have no young to rear crushed sponge cake is the best soft food, being much safer and cheaper. As long as the bird is in vigorous health, and shows no signs of wheeziness, and is not exposed to draught, a bath may be given three or four times a week. But if there appear any signs of wheeziness only tepid baths should be given, and these only in mild weather. A temperature of sixty degrees is quite high enough for all ordinary purpose during moult. The sponge cake recommended is the ordinary cake made by all good confectioners. It can be bought in small cakes at a penny each, or in larger ones at so much per pound. It is best after being kept a day or two (so that it will crush more easily) than when newly made. Plantain stalks in the half-ripe state are very good for Canaries.

Brevities.

Defective Toe (S.E.).—The injured toe will certainly tell against the bird more or less according to the keenness of competition, and the extent of the injury. But as it is the result of an accident, and is not congenital, the bird should lose the least number of points for it. A bird equal in all other points, and with perfect toes, will always take precedence of it. Glad to help you at any time.

Lump on Neck (C. York, Tyseley).—The substance is probably a small tumour, and in the position you name would, I fancy, be easily removed by a "vet.," or anyone having a little skill and a fair knowledge of the part; if the bird was worth it, it would be much the best plan to get a "vet." Failing this, I would advise you to leave it alone lest you make things worse. It may not grow any bigger, and will not be at all likely to affect the young. If not interfered with the trouble will be practically certain to be permanent.

Lagging Moult (Hibiscus).—You cannot do better than keep the birds in a rather warmer temperature, but be careful not to raise the heat considerably at one sudden bound at this stage of the moult, otherwise you will probably throw them deep into a new moult. Bring the heat up gradually from eight to ten degrees higher, and see that there is no suspicion of draught. Continue the colour-food, and add a few grains of linseed twice a week to diet, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a week or two.

Three Undesirables (G. S., Paulton).—Am not at the moment aware of a possible candidate for the specimens. Recent compulsory reduction of space compelled me to reduce my own stock, or I might have had them for experiment. Why not try a course of high feeding, coupled with hypophosphites warmth, and the sulphur treatment mentioned recently? This might put on new plumage. In any case, do not attempt to breed with such birds, even if they did grow new feathers. There would be too great a risk of perpetuating the undesirable features.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Young and Old Linnets.

Learner.—"Experience" is the best teacher of "how to sex Linnets." These things cannot really be taught on paper; and this applies to a great number of species. When Linnets are absolutely in nest feather, it takes a clever and experienced man to tell cocks from hens, as all the youngsters are alike in plumage then. They are very light (pale) in colour and "fluffy" looking in feather and the markings are very thick and streaky looking. The best guide for the novice is to choose a bird with a good edging of white to the tail feathers, and which has the white on the flight (wing) feathers extending right back to the quill (shaft). When the young have moulted their nestling plumage, the "whites" still remain a fairly good guide, but whereas the hens remain grey in colour, and heavily streaked with markings on the breast, the cock develops a nut-brown back and wing butts, and signs of red are soon to be observed on the breast feathers, especially if ruffled with a finger, the tips of the feathers having a "mooned" appearance—an edging of colour disposed in a shape resembling that of the new moon. Any red feathers on the breast infallibly denote a cock—unless, of course, the "red" has been applied by human hands. A three-year-old cock Linnet in the breeding season develops a really gorgeous crimson head and breast. To sum up: In an adult bird always look for good whites, a rich nut-brown back, and a "mooned" breast, and you can't go wrong.

Muling Matters.

E. Horne.—Your question is not easy to answer, because you do not say whether you want "experimental" pairs or pairs already known to have been successful. Of the former I should plump for the Greenfinch-Hawfinch (or sexes reversed), and Hawfinch-Bullfinch, as the most attractive "possible" Hybrid pairs. Of the latter you could hardly better Bullie hens, mated to either Redpoll, Siskin, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Canary and Linnet cocks. One of the "very stout cinnamon-bred" Yorkshire hens, if not from heavily-marked stock, might answer for mating to a cock from your Sib-bred strain, with a view to crossing any suitable youngsters into the the latter, to bring the size up a bit. If the Sib-strain is a proved light Mule producing one, then the said youngsters should be tested with a Finch before being crossed in. Probably the Norwich hens, and certainly the self Cinnamon hen, are fit only for dark Mule breeding.

Feeding a Mixture.

Cage Birds.—I shouldn't have thought you would have found the British birds eat much millet. I know my own turn their noses up at it. Still, you don't give much else—Canary, rape and millet make a poor menu for aviary birds, especially outdoors. I am afraid you will not find it answer well during the winter. You can easily improve on it. I advise you to keep the canary, rape, and millet in one dish, and to add one part of linseed to it during the winter. In another dish, give only hemp; in another, teazle, another sunflower and safflower mixed in equal parts. This would be something like a dietary, and you would find the method the most economical, as mixed seed always results in very heavy waste. You could give an occasional feed of niger, maw and "wild seed mixture" (see advertisement columns). These, with the green-foods I recommend, would keep your birds in the best possible condition.

Show Points of a Nightingale and Redstart, etc.

Beatrice. Size and shape, of course, are essential points, and these you can only gauge by comparing your birds with other examples, when on the show-bench. They should be cobby (stoutly-built), with broad heads, and wide well-rounded chests, and perfect feet. The Nightingale should be a warm, rich brown tone of colour all over, deepening to reddish at root of tail, the only allowable exception being a silvery whiteness at the throat, and in the region of the abdomen. In the Redstart, the head should be bluish-grey, and the back also, though tinged with red; the root of the tail should be as fiery a red as possible, and the region of the lower breast a deep, warm orange red; the cheeks, throat, and upper breast should be a rich glossy black, there being white fringes here-abouts. There should be on the forehead, and extending round above the eyes, a white band, and this should be of nice width (plain) and clearly defined (cut) at the edges. There only requires to be a sparse mottling of white on the breast, by-the-way. The depth of the red depends largely on colour-feeding, which helps very much to attain it. You do not put water in the show-cage while travelling to the show, it would only get spilled over the cage bottom, and make an awful mess. Exhibits are given water as soon as they reach the exhibition; see that they get a drink just before starting—easily ensured by leaving them without water for half-an-hour or so before packing them, and then offering water. You don't bother about stating the age of British birds—few know it—that clause applies to the Canaries. I like damped cocoa-nut fibre (obtainable at florists' shops) as a covering for the cage bottoms. Press it down hard.

A Lesser Whitethroat.

Birdy.—It is usual, of course, to put a good supply of insectivorous food in the cage when despatching a bird to a show. But all shows worthy of the name feed the birds while they are there. Many exhibitors, however, send a supply of any special food they may be using for their birds. The Lesser Whitethroat I have always found a particularly easy bird to keep in health and good plumage. The chief show points are size and shape, perfection of plumage and condition, perfect legs and feet, while the colour, broadly speaking, should be a warm grey above and clean, pure white below, the latter being sharply defined from base of beak down sides of throat and breast; having a good "mask," as it is termed. Feed on the same lines as other small insectivorous birds. Briefly, my method is as follows: As a stock food powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupae, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. Personally, I use one hard-boiled egg, minced fine, among the stock food of about each dozen to eighteen birds, and about three table-spoonfuls of crumbled home-made sponge-cake, with some vegetable ingredient. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, greenfly, live ants' eggs etc.), one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, and, more occasionally still (practically only in the winter), a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. In place of Osborne biscuits, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet), obtainable very cheaply from most grocers, may be used. Excellent ready-made foods, too, may be bought through our columns.

Brevities.

In an Aviary (C. Lees).—The cock birds you mention would be suitable (though the Greenie and the cock Siskin would be better), with 8 or 9 hen Bullies. If any prove persistently quarrelsome, you will have to remove them. Note reply to "E. Horne."

Bullfinch not Moulting (G. O.).—Yes; the Bullfinch ought to have started to moult by this. Still, there are many Finches, I expect, which are in the same boat as he is. I can only refer you to the reply given "Lark Singer," the week before last, entitled, "Birds which will not Moult."

Goldfinch Mule not Moulting (F. Carlin).—I can only refer you to the reply given "G.O." above. Probably the old age is the real cause, and it looks a very serious case, seeing that the bird is "asleep nearly all day." Am afraid its chances of recovery are small.

Blackcap in Winter (John Pye).—A friend of mine kept a Blackcap Warbler in health through the winter in an outdoor birdhouse, and he had frequently to "thaw out" the water-pots. According to this, your own bird should thrive in the unheated indoor room.

Linnet-Goldfinch-Hybrid (M. Kendall).—Young bred between a Linnet and a Goldfinch are not at all uncommon. Whoever told you the contrary (said it "could not be done") were, to say the least of it, singularly ill-informed in the matter, for such Hybrids are very frequently exhibited at our shows. For replies by post, please note rules.

House Sparrow for Exhibition (A Reader).—Yes; you are quite right; the House Sparrow is a most difficult bird to get steady, and an adult is not worth bothering with. Hand-rear a nest of youngsters; keep the best cock bird and let the rest go. A real good, steady, full-coloured two-year old male would stand a fair chance of receiving a prize or two. Most fanciers smile at them as show-birds, however.

Looseness of Bowels (M. M. R.).—Get an ounce of crystals of citrate of iron from a chemist, and dissolve daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will just lie on a threepenny piece. This will correct the looseness of the bowels, and "tone" the bird up. Give a little stronger, if it seems necessary, but watch the excreta carefully, and don't overdo it. Feeding is alright, though you should add a little maw seed.

A Dead Linnet (W. B. Jepson).—If blood oozed from the Linnet's mouth, it must have broken a blood-vessel, ruptured its lungs, or something equally serious, and no treatment could pull round a bird so afflicted. As regards the other birds, the plan of mating is quite alright. With regard to the feeding, the seeds and plan advised "Cage Birds" this week, would answer admirably in your case, as the millet (provide it in sprays as well) would just suit the Zebra Finches.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot Is It?

Cymro, Pontypridd.—Your bird is the Rose-breasted, or Roseate Cockatoo. It is known by both names. The majority of this species do not make good talkers, though such frequently occur; still, they are not the rule. It is, however, a species that soon becomes chummy, and makes a droll and amusing pet, and usually becomes quite an accomplished acrobat. If you keep it, as soon as it becomes tame, say in your ordinary living room, where it will hear plenty of conversation, etc., it will soon do something in the talking line, and may turn out one of the talented ones. Feed it on the mixture given in reply to "A. Atkins," together with ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, and a little green-food, wholesome salads as in season. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food, and the bird should thrive and do well. It is a hardy species, but must not be subjected to draught.

Breeding of Budgerigars.

T. A. F.—Am afraid you can hardly do as you suggest, though Budgerigars are not over particular about the husk being examined. I rather doubt if they would submit to the eggs being removed as laid, even though they were fooled with the dummy egg. I am of opinion that the squashing of the young did not take place till after death; even in their native wilds the same difference occurs as to the eggs hatching one at a time and mostly at intervals of a day or more. Both parent birds and young would benefit by the number being reduced to five, so that the wastage is more apparent than real. Why not try the experiment? But though some may tolerate the interference, there will be others that will not, but will promptly desert their eggs. One pair of birds I possessed would let me handle the young and the old birds remain in the husk while I did so; but with two other birds I lost both egg and young by interfering with them.

Identification Wanted.

Mexican.—It is very difficult to name foreign birds from an incomplete description, and in this instance it might apply to several, as also the nest. However, I have little doubt but that they are African Firefinches. The spherical nest is common to so many species as to be of no value for the purposes of identity. The Firefinch is of more slender build than the Cut-throat, and has a much less powerful bill. The rearing of these charming little Finches is not common, though it is not rare. Hope you will be successful; if so, please send an account of same to Editor of CAGE BIRDS; there are many readers who would be interested in such an account.

An Improving Amazon.

S. G. Manning.—Am glad to note treatment has proved effective, in what appeared to be an almost hopeless case. Till the bird has completed its moult keep up the Parrish's Chemical Food by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with same; if this should occasion constipation, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize will put matters right. It is quite right to spray the bird with tepid water; even in winter this should be done, choosing a genial day, and guarding carefully against draught. Almost any material will do for a cover. If I had to

purchase I should get some dark coloured sergecloth. At the present time I am using old damask curtains for such purpose; my cages are square and over one corner the cover always hangs, so that the bird has continually a swing retiring place. Keep up the Chemical Food till the bird is in good feather, and let it have a liberal supply of such ripe fruit as it will eat.

What Birds are They?

"Kurmuba."—(1) Your assumption is quite right; the bird is the Giant or Long-tailed Weaver. It is a native of South and South-Western Africa. (2), This is the Common Grey Waxbill, and a native of Senegambia, and ranges from the River Niger, across to North-East and Equatorial Africa and Southwards to Lake Tanganyika. The St. Helena Waxbill is larger, has a longer tail, is a little darker in hue, and the scarlet or rose-coloured patch on the under surface, covers the whole abdomen, extending upwards to the lower breast. (3), Apparently a Firefinch; but I can hardly say from your details: it is probably *Estrilda minima*. However, it may be some near species. It is undoubtedly a Firefinch, but I will keep your query in mind, and if I see any reason to doubt the above identification will inform you in next issue. You have a handsome trio.

Gouldians Going Light.

E. M. G.—I should say the old birds are leaving them to look after themselves before they are well able to do so. Keep up the boiled seed, but note that such soon goes sour (it only keeps fresh one day); also put about a dozen drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in it. If they will eat the following it will materially help you to save them: crumble some plain biscuit, take a teaspoonful of Mellin's Food, and add sufficient boiling milk to make it just sloppy. You could also with advantage make the drinking-water the colour of pale port wine with the chemical food. You must watch they do not become constipated; at the first signs of this give them half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in a tablespoonful of water. But if you can get them to take the milk sop there will be no danger of constipation and I think you will save the birds. It may be possible the parent birds are not robust, but you can do nothing more than above. In any case I should not permit them to nest again this year.

Treatment for a Cardinal.

F. C. T.—Canary and millet seeds, with a little hemp and a few sunflower seeds occasionally; they should also have a little of some good soft food mixture, ripe fruit, and one or two meal-worms, or other insects daily. This species has a wide range and is common in Southern Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia. It is a hardy and sprightly species and with its handsome plumage is a general favourite. No, they do not often attempt to breed and when they do so, even if young are hatched out, they seldom rear them, but throw them out when a few days old, and go to nest again. However, there have been occasional successes, and if you get your birds to hatch out, you will have to keep up a constant supply of live insect food and supply it often, say every couple of hours, such things as genties, live ants' cocoons, earwigs, smooth caterpillars, beetles, mealworms, wasp-grub, etc. If they could have an aviary to themselves, containing growing shrubs and bushes, the prospects of success would be much brighter and the task of keeping them going with live food not so heavy.

Alexandrine Parrakeets.

F. Dover.—You have a true pair of Alexandrine Parrakeets, which stand a reasonable chance of breeding in your aviary. They have powerful beaks, and it would be a wise precaution to cover your woodwork on the outside (if the birds are already occupying the aviary), with wire netting; this would give you opportunity of repairing any outlet they might make, and prevent the possible loss of the birds. You cannot put up Parrakeets for breeding, say, as you do Budgerigars; ultimately they will breed, but you have to exercise patience, and wait sometimes two or three years before they do so. One of the causes of this is that Parrots and Parrakeets mature slowly, and are not freely adult till some such period has passed. Give a little maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds as extras to your present diet; when groundsel is frosted or unobtainable, a leaf of fresh lettuce is very suitable. I should also offer ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts; all are wholesome, will help to vary the diet and keep the birds fit and contented. Pleased to note you find CAGE BIRDS interesting and useful; many thanks for your appreciative remarks.

A Grey Pulling Feathers.

A. Atkins.—I fear some Parrots pull their feathers out of pure cussedness, and with some individuals the habit is most certainly incurable. As your dietary appears to be fairly correct, I can only suggest your spraying the bird with quassia solution; this makes the plumage distasteful, and if you sprinkled the plumage with maize flour while it was damp, it would have the effect of cooling the skin, if heated, and finding the bird occupation in picking the flour out of its feathers instead of pulling them out; it is at any rate worth trying. Unfortunately such birds often break out again when apparently cured. The following seed mixture will be best—2 parts each Canary seed and oats and 1 part each dari, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds, also such ripe fruit as the bird will eat. The treatment must be persevered with as recovery in such cases is never rapid. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a month or longer.

Grey Parrot With Diarrhœa.

G. A. M.—Only give the weak brandy and water as an occasional stimulant, whenever the birds appear to want it. Am glad to note there is an improvement. Continue treatment already advised. The chemical food will act as a tonic, and also as a check to undue looseness. Most certainly the bird has improved, and the improvement will be more marked a week hence I think. It will do the bird good and not harm, if the chemical food is continued for a month or more. Do not give milk sop, except under conditions already stated, and it must not be continued for any lengthy period. Please report progress in a week.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Young Bird Show (A. Wilkins).—We should have been very pleased to reproduce the photograph you so kindly send us, but unfortunately it is not clear enough to print satisfactorily in CAGE BIRDS.

Cutting (D. Thomas).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (C. McK., Glasgow).—Chronic softening of liver, feverishness, inflammation of lungs, general malnutrition and feebleness of age.

Canary (H. S. Robson).—Septicæmia or blood-poisoning, general anæmic weakness. Some soft food and Parrish's Syrup of phosphates might have put it in a better condition of health.

Canary (W. Rae).—Diseased liver, general inflammation, or "chill." Hen.

Canary (A. Sinkins). — Softening of liver, apoplexy.

Bullfinch (Miss A Yalden).—Chronic softening of liver, and rupture of blood-vessels, which is apoplexy.

Canary (M. M. M.).—Inflammation of liver and spleen, ending with apoplexy, being the symptoms of "Bird Fever."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Barnstaple (C.B.U. and U.K.B.C.A.).—November 3rd and 4th, in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 33 open classes: Belg. 3, Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Crest 5, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 4, and 1 local class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 21st to PERCIVAL HARRIS, Exhibition Office, High-street, Barnstaple.

Halstead (£5 Limit).—October 31st, in the Queen's Hall.—Judge, Mr. O. H. Billett. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, A.O.V. (1908) 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close October 20th to W. F. MONK, 93, Owen-terrace, Halstead.

York (C.B.U., Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—October 30th and 31st, in the Exhibition Buildings.—Judges, Messrs. A. Brown and J. Robson.—32 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Cinn. 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell 4, Novice Can. 2, and 9 members classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 26th to A. WAUD, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford-road, York.

Haddington.—October 31st, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and D. Hamilton.—35 open classes: Scot. 8, Bord. 9, Ner. 2, Crest 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 7, Mules 1, For. 2, and Gift 1, and 2 Canary classes confined to the Burgh. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 24th to D. COCKBURN, Victoria-road, Haddington, N.B.

Wolverhampton (C.B.U., and B.R.C.C.).—Oct. 29th and 30th, in the Co-operative Hall, Stafford Street.—Judges, Messrs. F. A. Lesser and J. Robson.—57 open classes: Nor. 10, Crest 1, Yorks. 7, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell 4, Mule 3, Brit. 3, For. 1, Gift 1, Roller singing 3, and 12 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and (conditional upon 12 or more entries), 1/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 24th to F. HOWES, 25, Leslie-road, Wolverhampton.

Gloucester and District (C.B.U. and S.Y.C.C.).—October 28th and 29th in Goddard's Assembly Rooms, Northgate-street.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.—38 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 4, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 6, Bord. 2, Sell. 4, Brit. 6, Mules 2, For. 2, and 2 members' Canary classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (except in the two nat. col. Nor. P.H. classes, where Dr. Wayland Ancrum gives the prizes of £1, 10/-, 7/6, and 2/6), and a long list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 24th to J. HOUGHTON, Dargai, Hathcrley-road, Gloucester.

Metropolitan C.B.A. (C.B.U.).—October 29th and 30th, at the Strathblaine Hall, Clapham Junction, S.W.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, O. Gardner, and H. Norman.—40 open classes: Crests 2, Nor. 5, and novice 5, Yorks. 5, and Novice 5; A.O.V. 1, and novice 1, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 3, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 24th to THE SECRETARY, 34, Ingelow-road, Battersea, London, S.W.

Peterborough (C.B.U.).—October 29th in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). —26 open classes: Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1; the following subject to £3 limit: Nor. 6, Yorks. 4, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell 2, and 1 A.V. (local and members). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 19th to FRED JACKSON, Cumbergate, Peterborough.

Dover (£5 limit, and open to Kent) (K.C.C.B.A.). —October 27th and 28th in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—30 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Bord. 3, Liz. 1, Mule 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, extra stock 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1, 1 Novice Canary (10-mile limit), and 1 members' A.V. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Entries close first post October 19th to A. S. HORREX, 2, Nansen Villas, Cherry Tree Avenue, Dover.

Bristol C.B.S. (C.B.U.).—October 22nd and 23rd, in the Vestry Hall, Pennywell-road.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and H. Norman.—50 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 10, Yorks. 9, Scot. 1, Bord. 3, Mules 4, Brit. 13, For. 2. Sell 3, Surplus Stock 1, and 15 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 19th (first post) to W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze-road, Horfield, Bristol.

Rochdale O.C. (C.B.U., L.C.A., F.B.C., Y.C.C., L. and L.F.A., and G.C.A.).—October 23rd and 24th in the Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House, L. Butterworth, and R. Barrass.—59 open classes: Lancs. 12, Liz. 8, Yorks. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 6, Yorks. green 4, Nor. green 4, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Sell 3, Novice Canary 3, Brit. 2, For. 3, Stuffed 1. Prizes, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, and 2/-, many specials and gold medals for Yorks. one of stuffed specimens, one for foreign and two for greens. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 17th to J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith-street, Rochdale.

Manchester (C.B.U., L.C.A., L. and L.F.A., Y.C.C. N.P.C., C.C.C., Cinn.C.C., U.K.B.C.A., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., and L. and P.O.S.).—October 30th and 31st, in the Hulme Town Hall, Stretford-road.—Judges, Messrs. S. R. Compston, of Macclesfield (Lancs., Liz., etc.); A. Ambler, of Morecambe (Yorks); J. Trengove, of Rishton (Norwich); J. Dobson, of London (Crests, Cinnamons, etc.); E. G. Wright, late of Edinburgh (Belg. and Scot. Fancies); W. J. Ferguson, of Lancaster (Borders, etc.); and O. E. Weston, of London (Hybrids, British and Foreign). —103 open classes: Lancs. 9, Liz. 6, Yorks. 9, and 3 Amateur; Yorks. green 4; Nor. green 4; Nor. P.H. 11, and 5 Amateur; Crest 4, and 2 Novice; Cinn 4, and 4 Novice; Belg. 3, Scot. 2, Bord. 7, Sell 3, extra stock 1, gift 1, Mules 6, Brit. 11, For. 4, and 34 members', novice and amateur classes. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; and a grand list of specials. Fee 2/-, except sell classes, 1/- (late fee entries, 3d. extra). Entries close October 24th, to LYTHGOE AND JONES, 25, Stamford-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Great Yarmouth (C.B.U.).—November 4th and 5th, in the Winter Gardens, Marine Parade.—Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves.—17 open classes: Nor. 5, Nor. Cinn. 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, and For. 2, and 6 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 21st, to J. S. SHEARMAN, 156, King-street, Great Yarmouth.

Harrington (C.B.U.).—October 29th and 30th, in the Temperance Institute.—Judge, Mr. E. Brunskill.—24 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 6, Bord. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell 2, and Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 22nd to W. IRWIN, Ellerslie, Harrington.

Derby (C.B.U., and N.B.B. and M.C.).—October 24th and 26th, in the St. James' Hall, St. James'-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Benson, J. H. Roe, and J. Robson.—43 open classes: Nor. 8, and Novice 1; Crest 5, and Novice 1; Yorks. 6, and Novice 1; Cinn. 4, and Novice 1; A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2, and Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 19th to W. STEVENS, 22, South-street, Derby.

South and North Shields (C.B.U., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., N.B.B.M. F.B.C. and N.N.P.C.).—Oct. 30th and 31st, in the Congregational-hall, Ocean-rd., South Shields.—Judges, Messrs. H. Battye, E. Brunskill, and J. Shepherd.—56 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 7, Pairs for Crest Breeding 1, Cinn. 4, Bord. 4, Scot. 2, Yorks. 7, Liz. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell. 4, and 37 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 26th to WM. DUKE, 336, So. Frederick-street, South Shields.

Cheltenham (C.B.U., C.C.C.).—November 4th and 5th in the Drill Hall, North-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and T. Heath.—54 open classes: Crest 12, and 2 Novice; Cinn. 4, Nor. 8, Yorks. 4, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mules 3, For. 3, Sell 7, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 27th to A. S. TREASURE, and H. HOPE, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue, Cheltenham.

Morecambe (C.B.U., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and F.B.C.).—November 4th and 5th in the Albert Hall, Victoria-street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, W. J. Ferguson and C. Houlton.—43 open classes: Nor. 7, and Novice 1, Yorks. 7, and Novice 1, Bord, 7, and Sell 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 9, Gift 1, For. 3, Sell 1, and 3 Novice members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 2/6 cash specials in each class and other specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 28th to J. H. IRELAND, Parliament-street, Morecambe.

Carmarthen (C.B.U.).—November 5th in the Assembly Rooms.—Judge, Mr. J. B. Evans.—21 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, A.O.V., 1, Can. (confined) 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1, extra stock 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and a long list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 30th to FRED KING, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 17—Grimsby—Moore and Crowston, 39, Lord Street.
" 17—**Rochdale**—J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.
" 19—**Newcastle-o-T.**—Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.
" 19—**Middlesbrough**—A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.
" 19—**Derby**—W. Stevens, 22, South Street.
" 19—**Kirbymoorside**—Reed and Calam.
" 19—**Oswestry**—Smith and Doody, Smithfield Street.
" 19—**Accrington**—J. W. Philpott 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle.
" 19—**Peterboro'**—F. Jackson "White Horse," Cumbergate.
" 20—**Paignton**—J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street.
" 20—**Halstead**—W. F. Monk, 93, Owen Terrace.
" 21—**Barnstaple**—P. Harris, High Street.
" 21—**Gt. Yarmouth**—J. Shearman 156, King Street.
" 21—**Margate**—W. J. Jones, 28, Fort Crescent.
" 22—**Harrington**—W. Irwin, "Ellerslie," Harrington.
" 24—**Manchester**—Lythgoe and Jones, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.
" 24 **Haddington N.B.**—D. Cockburn Victoria Park.
" 24—**Metropolitan**—34, Ingelow Road, Battersea S.W.
" 24—**Earlston**—J. Brockie.
" 24—**Alnwick**—Rennison and Broadly, 16, King Street.
" 24—**Gloucester** J. R. Houghton "Dargai," Hatherley Road.
" 24—**Wolverhampton**—F. Howes, 25, Leslie Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 21—Bromley—Speller, "The Lanrels," Talbot Road.
" 17 (1st post)—**Northampton G.I.**—G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro' Road.
" 17 (1st post)—**Plymouth**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
" 19—**Potteries**—J. Simcock, 63, Fenton Road, Hanley.
" 19 (1st post)—**Bristol C.B.S.**—W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.
" 19—**Dover**—Horrex, Cherry Tree Avenue.
" 20 (1st post)—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.

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[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A QUESTION FOR BIRD-CATCHERS

SIR,—Will one or other of your numerous readers kindly inform me through your valuable columns the best place to go to for catching Woodlarks, and the best feed to use for the purpose? I live in the Newton Abbot district, and should be very grateful for any information respecting these questions.

CONSTANT READER.

JUDGING THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

SIR,—I have had a walk round the shows, and have watched the judging, and in my opinion the judges could take a great deal more out of the exhibits. If they are not handled properly, they don't show themselves. Some judges are afraid to waken up the bird. If it does not waken up of its own accord it is defeated. Later on a fancier who can "work the oracle" comes along and shows up the awards of the foreroon to the judges' disadvantage. In feeble hands the hardest up bird will "lean" over the perch. I may be told I am drawing the long bow, but I am not. The handling of the cage deftly makes all the difference in the world. Standing by, I overheard one exhibitor say: "I will never again give this show an entry nor contribute a special." Needless to say there was cause for his disgust. Our judges require to be sharpened up, and I pen this note to put them on their metal. While on this subject I would like, further, to record my disapproval of dealers being appointed as judges in the various sections; they are ruling Borders and wild birds. Do dealers know birds better than practical breeders? I hear a lot of grumbling on the points I have raised.

LISTENER.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. H. LAMBERT BROWN.

An Appreciation of the L. and P.O.S. Secretary.

SIR,—I learn that Mr. H. Lambert Brown, the popular secretary of the L. and P.O.S. has just retired from that position. This news will be received with very great regret, not only by fanciers in all parts of London, but by bird-lovers throughout the country, as Mr. Lambert Brown, by virtue of his office, was one of the best-known men in hirdy circles. He has had a long and honorable connection with the L. and P.O.S., as secretary. The position he has vacated is indeed by no means a sinecure, but Mr. Brown always discharged his onerous duties with an urbanity, tact, and skill which were the admiration of all, and everybody always had a good word for his courtesy. He was particularly a good friend to novices, many of whom he has assisted by friendly advice to attain a prominent position in the Fancy. The writer once had ample proof of this. The occasion was the autumn show of the L. and P.O.S. at Camberwell, at which I was lucky enough to win the society's Novice Championship Diploma and Medal. On informing Mr. Brown of my good fortune, he became as enthusiastic as myself, and, although an entire stranger to me, he at once gripped my hand, pleasantly remarking: "May this be the forerunner of many more wins." I naturally felt elated at receiving congratulations from such a high quarter, and I attribute much of my subsequent success on the show bench to those encouraging words. It is in connection with the great annual shows at the Crystal Palace in co-operation with Mr. Ramsden that Mr. Brown will be best remembered, and it was very gratifying to him last year to secure the recent entry of 2,398—which was 235 in excess of the previous season's splendid total. He, however, was not content with this, and, as showing his whole heart was in the work, said he would not rest until a total of 3,000 had been reached. There is every reason to hope that this number will not only be obtained but will he exceeded at the next great reunion at Sydenham, inasmuch as it is to be a Jubilee Show. Thus, one cannot but lament the fact that Mr. Brown will not, in his secretarial capacity, see the realisation of his cherished ambition. Nevertheless, it is to be sincerely hoped that, if not at the helm of affairs, Mr. Brown will still give the L. and P.O.S. the benefit of his ripe business experience and acumen.

J. B. WATERMAN.

"STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—I have been very much interested in the letters on the above subject. I may say that I have done a lot of exchanging through CAGE BIRDS, and I always enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply, but I am sorry to say that some of the advertisers have not the courtesy to reply. Only the other week I answered an advertisement, but up to the time of writing I have had no answer. If your offer is not accepted, the least the advertiser can do is to reply when you enclose him a stamp to do so.

MANNERS

CARMARTHEN SHOW.

SIR,—Permit me to state that the advertisement which appeared in your last issue under the heading "Carmarthen Show, Nov. 5," does not apply to the show which is held annually in December under the auspices of the Carmarthen Agricultural Society. Our show has always been advertised as the "Carmarthen Show," and is, and has been, *the* "Carmarthen Show" for over 50 years. This explanation is necessary in view of enquiries which have been addressed to me by old supporters of our show. JACK FRANCIS, hon. sec.

A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS this week that you have given us a list with the shows and judges in, and I am glad to say this is a great improvement on other ideas, as we can follow the shows all through the season now without any trouble. But I am sorry to see you have made a mistake over the City of Bradford show. You have put H. Naylor down as the first judge, when it ought to be P. Mason the first, and H. Naylor the assistant. I hope you will see that it is put right in your next issue.

Windhill. P. MASON.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

SIR,—I was rather amused at Mr. Duigenan's letter in your issue of the 3rd inst. Certainly it must have touched his dignity when he even condescended to reply to one belonging to the so-called "syndicate." Evidently Mr. D. does not like good measure. If he had been aware of the resignations of Mr. Orr and myself, he would likely have stated that "eight members" would have counted as "one," leaving one over. Now, Mr. Orr and myself have been connected with the Fancy in Ireland for a number of years. I have never shown a bird of any kind at the Y.C.C. shows. Mr. Duigenan states I have. Now I leave it to your readers to decide whether they think it proper for Mr. D. to presume, because he does not know a man, that he is not new blood. In my opinion Mr. Duigenan's new blood would cease to be new blood at all, it would be so contaminated. Of course, it is immaterial to me whether Mr. D. doubts whether it was an act of generosity or otherwise which prompted the "six members" referred to in my last letter to resign. Nevertheless, the fact remains, it is the club's loss. From information to hand I am in a position to state that the annual election results had nothing at all to do with the resignations; and further, that most of those gentlemen are responsible for a motion on the club's minute book, which, if Mr. D. would kindly peruse, for his own edification, would elucidate matters. He then would clearly see that it is to his own interest to have those members where they are at present. Another point I would like to call Mr. Duigenan's attention to is, that Mr. Orr and myself were not co-opted on the committee of he Y.C.C. of Ireland—except it was at Jones' Road. No; we were duly elected by large majorities, which Mr. D. could have supplied him from the secretary, who, I understand, would be only too willing to grant him the required information. According to the official list of members sent out with the voting papers, there are over seventy members on the roll, and, in my opinion, a "syndicate" who succeeds in getting eight members on the committee—representing, as they do, more than half the total members—is not to be despised, even by Mr Duigenan. At this stage I would like to point out that, looking at the whole matter from a business standpoint, I fail to see what all this vindictiveness on the part of one official will lead to. I therefore appeal to the general management, in the best interests of all concerned, to either help Mr. Duigenan to put a better face on matters or repudiate his actions. Personally, I do not wish to trouble you further on the matter, as I am willing to let Mr. D. retain the honours of his own victory. DANIEL CARROLL.

SIR,—At a committee meeting held on October 5th, the following resolution was adopted: "That rule 14 be strictly enforced in future." For the benefit of those not acquainted with the rules, the following is a copy of same:—"XIV. No member shall be allowed to pass disparaging remarks concerning another member, or in any other way make himself offensive to his fellow members. Any complaint he may wish to make must be made in writing and sent to the Secretary with a deposit of 5s. If the committee consider the complaint frivolous the deposit may he forfeited. Any member breaking this rule may for a first offence be cautioned, and on a second complaint shall be suspended from membership by the committee."

W. J. BIRSE, hon. sec.

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A STRONG & HEALTHY FAMILY.

SIR,—After seeing the breeding results from many parts of the country in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I thought it might interest you and your many readers to hear what good results I had from one pair of Yorkshires. This is my first year of breeding. The hen laid eighteen eggs in all. Fourteen of them hatched out, and the youngsters are at present all fine, healthy birds. Two eggs were clear, and two were broken. I followed the advice given by Mr. S. Drake, of Halifax, in his article on "Seeds and their Effects," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS on March 17th and 24th, 1906. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since November, 1905, and have got many valuable hints from it. I wish it every success in the future.

FRITZ.

THE USE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Yorkshires in the North.

SIR,—It has often been asked of what use specialist clubs are. I think if fanciers will study the schedules of the northern societies this year, they will find the answer, especially if they compare this year's schedules with those of three or four years ago. Four years ago the usual number of classes provided for Yorkshires was two, this year we have five and six classes, and the Newcastle Society have found the response from exhibitors so great that they have this season extended the number of classes to ten, thus proving that with better and extended classification exhibitors can with more confidence send their birds, and entries are more numerous than is the case when there are fewer classes. This extended classification is the outcome of the formation of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club, which grants its patronage to shows which give five classes for Yorkshires, and which is guaranteeing six classes for novices during the coming show season. Anyone who would like particulars may have the handbook of the club sent to them post free by applying to me at 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And What is a Tick?

SIR,—I wish to tell Mr. Reid that I never intended to cast any slur upon him or upon anyone else, and am sorry he took my remarks as such. I simply wrote as in a plain and common way of speaking. I also wish him to know that if I did not read his letter of September 19th just as he meant it, the words are there and I have not tried to alter them; but I would like to ask Mr. Reid where he got his facts from when he wrote: "Surely, when Mr. Woollard stated that he would handle every bird that came under him," as I have never stated any such thing, and should not handle a bird any more than was necessary. Mr. Reid seems to think it such a terrible thing to handle a bird. I will say this, that if anyone is nervous or afraid to handle a bird he had best leave it alone; but I don't think there are many judges so nervous as all that. As to the two well-known judges whom Mr. Reid says he could name that do not handle exhibits which come under them, all I can say is that if the schedule reads clear, then the birds are not judged properly, as it is impossible to tell if they are clear without handling them. As to young birds fainting more than old ones after being handled, I may say such a thing has not come under my notice; in fact, I don't remember one case. Of course, if a bird is sick, or anyone is clumsy at catching it so as to cause it to dash about the cage, that is another thing. Mr. Reid says there are some birds which, after being handled, will make practically no attempt to plume themselves, especially about the thighs where pluming is most essential in a bird that has been handled while the judge has been searching for a tick. How Mr. Reid must think birds are mauled about while being searched for the tick to me seems ridiculous, as I think a tick is easily to be found without the slightest injury to the bird, providing one's sight is alright. Now I think Mr. Reid must be a novice or he would know that if a bird is clean and alright, even if it is ruffled a bit through being handled, it can put itself right in a few seconds. If you watch a bird shake itself you will find that every feather goes into its place, or at least they all should do; it is then or never. Mr. Reid says a judge has no right to say what he would do; now, after what has been said, I think it far better for a judge to say what he would do beforehand rather than wrong class birds and "say what he would do" afterwards. Mr. Reid admits that birds with very dark underflue should be shown in the ticked classes; now what does Mr. Reid mean? Whether very little or very much, dark underflue is dark underflue, and you will most frequently find plenty of it above the thighs, and at or near the vent, the tail coverts, and under the wings which cannot be seen without the handling of the bird. Mr. Reid writes, "If Mr. Woollard has any great objections to clear and thigh-ticked birds competing together, I and many others would be very pleased to hear them." Now, Mr. Reid could not have read my letter of September 12th, or he would not need to ask this; but as Mr. Reid has shown us how he can back his opinion, I shall be pleased to show how I can back mine. My wishes are for the advancement of the Fancy, and I will ask, is it to the advancement or the retrogression of the Fancy for a bird that has reached perfection (namely, the clear) to be brought down on a level with a bird that has all this dark underflue? I say it is decidedly retrogressive, and all right-minded fanciers will agree with me. Mr. Reid dwells much upon thigh ticked birds being shown with clear birds and upon schedules reading clear or invisible ticks, arguing thence that these will do away with fraud. Now, if Mr. Reid is not prejudiced I will prove to him that this will not be so; but, on the other hand, the adoption of his suggestions will encourage fraud. A tick on a bird's thigh may not be noticed by most people, especially when the bird is in the breeding cage; but in a show cage, and under the close scrutiny of a judge, they would not have to turn round many times before the tick could be seen in most birds, even if only a few feathers (and a judge would be sure to look at them closely, because he would know that close scrutiny would be used by fanciers when the show was opened, especially by exhibitors that had not won). And what about your invisible ticks? They would then be wrong classed, and quite right too. But here is where the plucking could come in, because they would know that the judge not being permitted to handle them they could do practically just as they liked, without any fear of disqualification. A. WOOLLARD.

BETTER CLASSIFICATION WANTED FOR BORDER FANCIES.

SIR,—Upon reading the current issue of our valuable weekly, CAGE BIRDS, I observe the same old complaints are commencing regarding the classification for the "little wee gem," the Border. As representative of the Swansea and District C.B.S., I beg to inform Messrs. "Altrincham" and Wardlesworth that our society did their utmost last year to satisfy the complainants, even to the extent of altering the classification; with the result that our classes were an entire financial failure! Seeing that our society offered as prizes both cups and medals, and also, as a further inducement, altered their classes to suit competitors, I thought it very unfair that we did not obtain sufficient support from exhibitors to make our show a success. Seeing that the shows in South Wales are chiefly got up and supported by working men, we are apt to be disheartened by continually paying for losses. I am, however, very pleased to inform Messrs. "Altrincham" and Wardlesworth that notwithstanding previous failures, our society offers at our show on November 11th and 12th, even a better classification, especially in the Border section, where we intend giving nine classes. Providing exhibitors of the Border Fancy give us sufficient support, I will do my utmost to further extend the classification.

ALF HITCHINGS, Sec.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the correspondence regarding the better classification of Borders, and as one who has taken an interest in Borders for some years, I strongly advise committees to give them a full classification, as from my own experience, I have found that the classes always filled. I am glad to see that several of the London societies are giving their classes now (as it is not so long ago that we had to exhibit them down south in the A.O.V. class), and I hope that the Border men will give them their utmost support, and so encourage them to extend their classification in future. R. BROWNLIE.

SIR,—In your last week's issue there appeared two letters under above heading. As they both emanate from the same town, and both make the same complaint there is no need to take them separately. It would be interesting to know the real reason for the cry of the writers. The English and Welsh Border Club is giving its patronage to no less than 15 shows this year (see card enclosed), each of the shows giving full classification to include all varieties of Borders. I venture to think these shows will provide quite enough competition for one season. The writers know this quite well, and this is why I ask for the *real reason*. I know there are birds in Altrincham fit to compete for their lives, and in a chat I had a little while ago, they assured me they were more than anxious to meet the best. No, Messrs. "Altrincham" and Wardlesworth, the cry of no classification won't do! Let us have the real reason, please?

S. HADWIN.

(This correspondence appears to have been seized upon by astute secretaries to get in a nice little advertisement for their particular shows—and we don't blame them. But obviously we cannot find space to print all their letters. We don't mind saying, however, that Border Fancy men are advised to get schedules of the Cambridge C.B.S., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Metropolitan C.B.A., Morecambe, Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., Welsh National, and Dulwich O.S. shows, and see the good things provided for them.—EDITOR.)

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WILL MULES BREED?

SIR,—I was very pleased to see the reply from the gentleman signing himself "Mongrel" *re* the question, "Will Mules Breed?" and beg to thank him for same; also for the address asked for, and the invitation to go and see the birds, but on principle I cannot accept the invitation, as I rather like to keep Sunday sacred to Him who has given us all the beautiful birds. As to his first question, I need not deal with that, as you, Mr. Editor, have answered it. As to the second question, what class he would enter them in? Now, Sir, I did not ask him to enter them in any class at all. I simply asked him to "trot them out," not for competition, but so as to let us have a look at them. Still, assuming for argument's sake, the birds are what "Mongrel" holds them to be, *i.e.*, a cross between a Goldfinch Mule and Canary hen, these, although having two distinct names (I am speaking of the first cross here) are yet of the same tribe (Finch). Although the young were paired back to a Canary hen, and young were produced, these are still a cross between two Finches, and the same as any other cross between two Finches, would be called "Hybrids." If they had been a cross between a Goldfinch Canary Mule and, say, a hen Bullfinch, then that would have been a poser. In my opinion this last mixture would have to be called "tri-bred," being a cross between three finches of different species (which, in my opinion, it is impossible to produce, as also the cross between Mule and Canary). I am not going to advise "Mongrel" to enter them in any particular class, but to take them to the show at Avonbridge, not for competition, when it will cost him nothing, and there get the opinion of the judge and others. It would be a good attraction for the show. I would now like to ask (in addition to the question as to the colour of the cock and hen Canaries) if there were any youngsters reared from the eggs which the hen was incubating when the cock Canary died, also the colour of same? I hope "Mongrel" will oblige with these particulars, and I thank him in anticipation.

T. R. WALLACE.

SIR,—Hybrid birds will breed, increase, and multiply; then why not Mules? But all the same, I have always found that when a hen Canary has been paired to a Mule and hatches young, the owner, or some familiar friend, has changed the eggs from some other Canary, and the young hatched do not take after the supposed male parent. I have had cock Mules pair with hen Canaries, and I have had hen Finch Hybrids pair with various British Finches and lay eggs, but never have I had such an egg hatched.

J. H. VERRALL.

A WORKING MAN'S SUCCESS WITH ROLLER CANARIES.

SIR,—I have kept the German Roller for some years, but only for his song. Two years ago I thought I would try my hand at breeding Germans, and accordingly bought two hens, one of which turned out a good one. From this hen I bred five hens and four cocks. This year I have bred from these another five hens and two cocks, and I think I have done well, all things considered. I am a collier and away from home 12 hours every day, during which time no one enters the room. I have thirty-eight youngsters, all in the pink of condition, bringing up my total from seven last year to 45 this. I have only lost one after getting them on the sticks, thanks to the "milk sop dodge" which I learned from CAGE BIRDS; in fact, I have gained all my information from your splendid journal, of which I have been a reader from the first.

JOHN CANNING.

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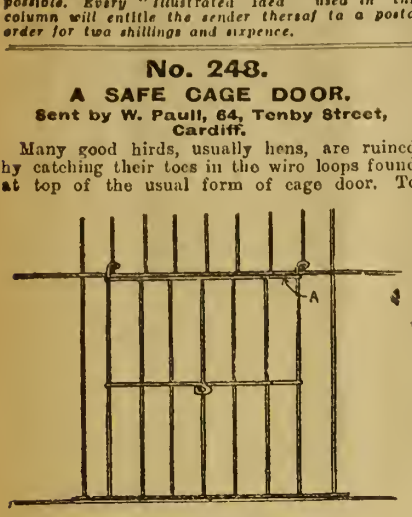
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Many good birds, usually hens, are ruined by catching their toes in the wiro loops found at top of the usual form of cage door. To



A Safe Cage Door.

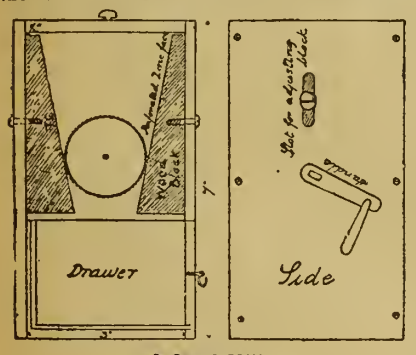
prevent this, solder a wire across the door top as shown at A. Then cut off all the loops except the two outside ones. These should he squeezed with pliers until the loop is too small to admit a too. .Doors thus altered will fall with their own weight only, and thus save the loss of birds by a door heing inadvertently left open.—Wm. Paull.

No. 249.

A SEED MILL.

Sent by J. Clarke, 2, Stoneville Terrace, Hartslands Road, Sevenoaks.

I am sending a sketch of a hemp or other seed mill, which I thought would he of use to fanciers. I am using the mill myself with great success, and it only cost me one penny, and that was for the penny grater tacked on the roller. It can he made to crack the shell



A Seed Mill.

of the hemp, or to crush the hemp fine, by adjusting the hlocks up or down hy screws back and front. On the wedge-shaped hlocks are pieces of perforated zinc. It is 7 ins. high and 3 ins. wide, while the drawer at hottom is 3 ins. deep. I have a lid to fit at the top. The side view shows the handle, also the slot in which the screw works that serves to adjust the zinc-faced wood hlocks, hetween which and the roller the seed is crushed. The diagrams will, I think, explain the working, and the machine is quite easy to construct hy any fancier handy with simple tools.—J. Clarke.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held on Oct. 4th, when 20 birds sang.—1 Lauriman, 2 Sissons, and 3 Farrar. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings.—W. Dean, Secretary.

Usual week-end contest held on October 11th, when 16 birds sang. 1st, Sissons; 2nd and 3rd divided between Sissons and Lauriman. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Dean.—W. Dean, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on October 11th, when 25 birds sang. Judge, Mr. H. Allen. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Hawkridge. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd shared by Clegg and Stead.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Please state, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, hon. secretary of the South Shields C.B.S., that Mr. H. W. Battye will judge the open Canary classes, and Mr. E. Brunskill the members' Canary and selling classes; while Mr. Shepherd judges the British and Foreign Bird classes.

Fanciers who are gardeners—if only to the extent of a few flowers in the "back yard"—will do well to get a copy of the price-list of seeds and plants sold hy Messrs. James Carter and Co., "the King's seedsmen," of 237, High Holborn, London, W.C. Their seeds have a reputation of many years' standing as the choicest quality only, while the price is extremely moderate. Hints on planting are given in the price-list, and special care is taken in the selection of plants that will thrive in town gardens.

"Cage Birds" Prizes for the Amateurs of Yorkshire.

The cash prizes wo aro this season offering to tho amateurs in the ranks of the Yorkshire Union, will all bo paid over to the winners at tho end of the show season. We are influenced to this decision by a letter received from tho secretary of tho Y.U., on consulting him regarding tho point. Mr. Dean writes: "I should suggest that all tho 'Amateur Prizes' bo paid at tho end of tho season. My reason is, that as no competitors may win moro than 10s., but when they have won this will still go on marking for tho yearly prizes, therefore tho various secretaries will not know who aro really entitled to the said prizes, nnd mistakes will ho liablo to occur. If paid out at tho end, however, all can ho properly balanced."

Echoes from Edinboro'.

That tho Edinboro' Combined Show on Saturday last was a gigantic success; that the management aro well pleased; that everybody was pleased—visitors and exhibitors alike; that tho judges had a tight job; that their decisions gavo general satisfaction; that there were one or two growlers; that they are always to be met with; that they had nothing to growl about; that several exhibits changed hands; that McMillan's Buff Pied hen was generally voted the cup winner; that the judges voted otherwise; that Stewart, of Glasgow, is its likely owner; that it will take some heating; that the first and special Siskin Mulo the judge thought the hest he had seen for some years; that he was right; that Whitefield was out for the first time since his illness; that everybody was glad to see him well again; that he seemed happy with his luck on Saturday; that he had every reason to he; that the Paisley first, Yellow Ticked cock, has gone to Partick; that we wish Fulton, its new owner, good luck with it; that it is sure to improve; that secretaries Thompson and Camphell know their duties; that they deserve much credit for their conduct of the show; that Kenneth McLellan was in splendid form.—Scotch Fancy.

THE SHOWS.

EDINBURGH (Combined).

The Edinburgh Western and Edinburgh O.S. combined show (being the sixty-first of the Ediuburgh, and the twenty-third of the Edinburgh Western) was held in the Artillery Hall, Grindlay-street, on October 10th. Office Bearers—Edinburgh Western: President, Mr. T. Ballantine; vice-president, Mr. W. Morris; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Johu P. Thomson. Edinhurgh: President, Mr. G. C. T. Hope; vice-president, Mr. J. Hardie; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Camphell; committee of management, Messrs. W. Ailan and Dalgleish; auditors, Messrs. J. Hardie and W. Allan. The judges were: Edinburgh, for Scotch Fancy and Belgians, Messrs. J. Fulton, D. Black, J. Smith, T. Arnot; for Nor. Mules and Brit. Birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew; and for the Edinburgh Western, for Scotch Fancy and Belgiaus, Messrs. A. Paterson, P. McDougal, J. Watson, R. Wright; for Borders and Mules, Mr. J. Goodfellow; for Nor. and Mules, Mr. J. F. Dewar. The entries were not quite up to high-water mark, compared with those of former years, in the Scotch Fancy sections, but Borders and Nor. were much in advance. But what was lacking in numbers in the Scotch Fancy section was amply made up for in the latter sections. It would be almost impossible to find a hall better suited for show purposes, it being entirely free from draught, and well lighted—an ideal hall in every respect. The birds were staged to perfection, and the whole arrangements of the show reflects the greatest credit on the two secretaries, Messrs. J. P. Thomson and Mr. Walter Campbell, and their able band of assistants, everything being in the best of order, and the staging of the exhibits simply perfect. In the Edinburgh Association, in the Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Mules, and British birds, the uumber of entries showed an increase of 43, compared with last year. Some of the classes did not, in point of entries, quite equal those of last year, but the quality here was excellent. Edin.-West, in these sections showed a slight decrease in numbers, which were also amply made up for in the Norwich, Border, etc., sections; also by a welcome revival in the Belgian section. The competition in the Border and Norwich sections, all over, was very keen; the judges had great difficulty in arriving at their decisions. The Scotch Fancies were rather disappointing; there were a few outstanding birds staged in these, all over. Many of the birds were not quite through the moult, which accounted for several good birds being "shelved"; when finished, no doubt many of them will yet be in front. The winner of the blue ribbon was Mr. Wm. Whitefield's Yell. Pied cock, being 1st, with four specials to its credit, winner of club silver cup, Hyde's special (teapot), gold badge, dinner cruet, and special for best yell cock. The best opposite sex and runner-up was Mr. P. Blair's yell. hen., being 1st with two specials. Both these birds are of excellent merit, and almost perfect examples of what is aimed at for an ideal Scotch Fancy. In the Border classes the cup presented by Councillor J. T. R. Wilson, was won by Mr. E. Denholme, with a lovely Border, staged in perfect condition. There was a fine array of special prizes, there being no less than 87 specials for competition of a high-class description. The judges' awards were well received. There was a large turn-out of visitors and fanciers—ladies being much in evidence. The prizes were presented by Kenneth McLennan, Esq., after a few racy remarks.

The Edinburgh Western Awards.

YELL. CK. (10): 1, Proudfoot, nice size, drive and droop, not finished in moult, wins easily; 2, Rose, grand size, nice shoulders and back, just a bit slow; 3, Morris, not finished in moult, looking bare; 4, Bowman, slender type, fine nerve, good style; 5, 8, Marshall; 6, Whitefield; 7, spl, Aitchison. YELL. PIED (17): 1 and specials, 3, 8, Whitefield, 1st rare size, wins well, grand, thick top end, decided drive, long droop, a gem, 3 good size and top end, grand length of wing, will improve; 2, D. and J. Burgess, nice size, good body and reach, wants handing; 4, spl, Morris, just lacks size and nerve to winners; 5, Thomson; 6, spl, Rose; 7, spl, Niven. YELL. TKD. (5): 1, McLennan, very neat model, plenty of nerve and style, not finished in moult; 2, spl, Blair, shade thinner throughout, close up on first, will improve; 3, spl, Douglas, nice and hard up, fine reach; 4, D. and J. Burgess, thicker through, good bird, will improve; 5, spl, Aitchison. YELL. GREEN (2): 1, Whitefield, nice size and top end and style, fine droop. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 4, 5, spl, D. and J. Burgess, 1st, hard up, good drive, nice long side and wing, fine style and pose, 4th could do with more size, plenty of style, will yet be in front; 2, spl, McLennan, nice top end and drive, good thickness through, bird of promise; 3, spl, Rose, very fair exhibit, deserves its place; 6, spl, Proudfoot; 7, spl, Marshall; 8, Bowman. BUFF PIED (10): 1, spl, McNiven, nice pose, top end and drive, rare thickness through, shade unsteady; 2, 6, D. and J. Burgess, 2 nice pose, hard up, good length of wing, keeps tail well in, nice exhibit; 3, Aitchison, very typical bird, shade to the plain side; 4, Morris, nice size and depth through, good droop, fine nerve; 5, 7, Thomson; 8, Kirk. BUFF TKD. (3): 1, Marshall, fine size, shade short in reach, nice wing and tail; 2, 3, D. and J. Burgess, 2nd shows plenty of nerve and style, fine top end, 3rd a nice exhibit, wants steadying, good bird. BUFF GREEN (3): 1, D. and J. Burgess, not finished in moult, nice size and thickness through; 2, Tait, nice drive and top end, fine pose, just fails in thickness to first; 3, Rose, very neat, grand droop, nice wing and tail, lacks size only. YELL. HEN (8): 1 spl, P. Blair, fine team, first nice size and depth through, grand length of wing, neat head, good droop, 2 equally good, little between them; 3, 4, Rose, 3 wins well, nice top end, decided drive and style, fine pose, close up, 4th small, very neat; 5, Stavert; 6, Proudfoot. YELL. PIED (10): 1, Blair, grand body, rare depth through, nice size and wing, good all round; 2, Morris, not finished, promising well, will do better; 3, spl, 7, spl, D. and J. Burgess, very neat, nice model, only wants more size to be in front; 4, Aitchison, plainer a bit to winner, wants handling, good one; 5, spl, C. Kirk; 6, spl, Thomson. YELL. TICK. (6): 1, 2, Whitefield, very fair team, first grand body and wing, well set, fine reach, 2, not so thick through, fails just here; 3, Kirk, very nervy and neat, decided droop, fails only in size to winners; 4, spl, Marshall, very promising exhibit, will yet come to the front; 5, Bowman. YELL. GREEN (5): 1, McNiven, nice size and top end, hard up, fine length of wing, good pose, keeps tail well in, wins well; 2, spl, Whitefield, very close up to winner, very neat, nice depth through, wants steadying; 3, Tait, good, all-round bird, shade restless, will improve 4, BUFF HEN (7): 1, spl, McLennan, nice size, decided drive, grand top end and depth through, fine wing and pose, value for 1st; 2, spl, Proudfoot, another good bird, scarcely the style of first, will improve after some handling; 3, A. Marshall, fine size, shade plainer to winner; 4, Rose, lovely size and droop, just a shade stiff. BUFF PIED (10): 1, 3, spl, McNiven, first rare top end, well set up, fine length of wing, tail well to spar; 3 good bird all over, wants size; 2, 4, spl, 5, spl, 6, spl, D. and J. Burgess, 2nd may yet, in the opinion of some, prove a cock, grand size and top end, fine length of wing, 4th, nice size and style, fine reach, neat head. BUFF TICK (7): 1, 4, D. and J. Burgess, first decided droop, nice pose on perch, grand circle, not quite finished in moult, very promising. 4, plain, will improve; 2, 5, Stavert, 2nd wants steadying, fails here only, fine size, nice wing and head, but restless; 3, Proudfoot, very neat, fails in size only to winners, should improve. BUFF GREEN (7): 1, Blair, wonderful size, shade short in neck, good depth through, nice wing, and pose; 2, McNiven, grand style, fails only in size to winner, nicely set up; 3, 4, D. and J. Burgess, 3 very neat, nice model, will improve, 4 plenty of size, but just lacks style; 5, Aitchison; 6, Stavert; spl, 7, Spittal. BELG. A.V. (9): 1, spl, buff cock, good size and depth, good quality, fine pose; 2, 3, 4, 5, McNiven, 2nd nice shape, but not the substance of first, 3 just fails in top, buff cock, 4 yell. hen, very sweet. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. CK. (13): 1, spl, 7, Douglas, grand shape, quality and style, fine, silky feather jaunty carriage; 2, Aitchison, nice feather, tight wings, lovely finish and carriage; 3, Brodie, nice quality and feather, smart exhibit, shade long to first and second; 4, Denholme, nice style, good feather, nice and compact; 5, spl, Blackie; 6, Miss Hay; 8, Andrews. HEN (9): 1, 3, Blackie, first grand colour and quality, fine feather, tight as wax, very jaunty, 3 good colour and head, nice style and front; 2, Aitchison, nice feather, neat shape, barely so tight in feather as first, perhaps; 4, Brodie, rare colour and head, nice style and front; 5, 6, 7, Marshall. BUFF CK. (23): 1, 4, 6, Cherry, first a model, grand quality neat shape and feather, full of style, 4th good style and quality, neat head and back; 2, 5, 8, Denholme, 2 good shape wings and tail, nice feather, fine quality and shape; 3, spl, Whitefield, nice exhibit; 7, spl, Blackie. HEN (21): 1, 8, Whitefield, first clear, in grand feather, good style, plenty of go, neat model, tight as wax; 2, spl, 3, 4, spl, 6, spl, Denholme, 2nd clear, neat head, fine front, good back, nice style, 3rd clear, tight, stylish, nice feather, good wing and tail, 4 nice colour and feather; 5, Cherry; 7, Marshall. VARGT. GREEN, ETC. (14): 1, 5, 6, Aitchison, 1st variegated, smart, nice shape, nicely marked, neat and stylish, in lovely condition; 2, 3, 4, Denholme, tick, nice colour, grand style, very jaunty, 3 Cinnamon, nice, tight feather, good colour and style, 4, variegated, nice type and finsh, nice exhibit; 7, 8, Thomson. YELL. NR. COL. FED (13): 1, and specials, Brodie, first grand colour, lovely feather, nice wing, fine front, smart shape, good carriage, gem for quality, 2 a gem for colour and quality, grand chest and neat head, presses close on first; 3, 4, 6, spl, Blackie, 3 lovely colour, grand size and shape, good wing and tail, nice front, 4 shapely, good feather, well braced up; 5, Thomson; 7, Robertson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Blackie, first nice head and chest, good wings and tail, nice quality and colour, 2 nice shaped head, fair chest and wing carriage, fine feather, not quite the colour of first, 3 built on the same lines; 4, spl, Thomson, very fair quality and shape; 5, spl, Douglas; 6, 7, spl, Brodie; 8, spl, Kirk. NON-FED. NOR. (11): 1, 7, Bowman, first nice shape, good carriage, grand size and feather, in tip-top condition; 2, 3, Wishart, 2 fine carriage, rare shape, in lovely feather, 3 barely size of winner, neat shape; 4, 6, Ballantyne, 4 nice shape, grand carriage and quality of feather; 5, 8, Brodie. CREST (6): 1, 2, 6, Todd, first Dark Crest, nicely finished and regular, wins well, 2 neat, regular Crest, in lovely condition, fails only in droop to first; 3, Thomson, on same lines as second, in lovely condition; 4, Kirk, 4 having type of Crest, but will no doubt improve; 5, Jeffrey. CREST-BRED (9): 1, 4, Kirk, first grand skull, nice cushion and brow, splendid body, in tip-top condition, will take some beating, 4 fine leafy feather; 2, Todd, rare size, good second, grand head, broad and well-cushioned; 3, Wishart, green, grand for size, shade smaller in head, taking exhibit, well staged; 5, D. and J. Burgess; 6, 7, Lile. MULES (4): 1, spl, McLennan, Siskin Mule, nicely marked, little gem, staged in grand condition; 2, 3, 4, Bowman, Linnet Mules, a grand lot, all well placed, shown in lovely condition, 2nd nice type, feathered like wax.

Edinburgh Association Awards.

CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Paterson, good head, fine reach, determined drive, tail well in, nice, long side, grand depth through, wins well; 2, McMillan, nice length and substance, good head and drive; 3, spl, Allan, nice size, grand top end, fine nerve, well placed; 4, Thornton, neat head, good top end, good shoulders, wings and tail, very restless; 5, spl, Dalgleish; 6, spl, Sinclair; 7, spl, Henry; 8, Farrel. YELL. PIED: 1, 2, Thornton, first neat shape, grand reach, nice shoulders, well filled in, splendid substance, fine droop, 2 lovely depth, grand length, drives well, very neat head, 3, Petrie, grand body, lovely wings and tail, fine free action, good type, shade more size wanted, will improve, 4, Howden, good drive; 5, Hope; 6, Carson. YELL. TKD. (11): 1, spl, Thornton, grand size, neat head, tip-top action, wins well; 2, Paterson, grand size, very free, neat head, good chest, nice length; 3, 6, Dalgleish, 3 nice size and reach, plenty of substance, very fair depth through; spl, 4, Kerr, free action, nice size, grand drive, neat head; 5, 7, Hope. YELL. GREEN (8): 1, Howden, well set-up, nice reach, fine shoulders, hard up; 2, Thornton, lovely size and substance, barely so free in action as first perhaps; 3, Farrel, creditable size and substance, good body, fine drive, neat wings, will do better yet; 4, McDougall, grand body and front, good drive. CL. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Dalgleish, splendid size and substance, rare depth through, capital shoulders; 2, spl, 6, 7, Allan, 2nd grand reach, keeps head well down, barely so thick through as 1st; 3, Hope, grand type, good top end, wings and tail, free action; 4, Thornton, very stylish, good size and shape; 5, 8, Petrie. BUFF PIED (16): 1, 3, Howden, first grand head, good drive, fine length of wing, tail well in, nicely staged; 2, Glendry, barely so lengthy as winner, good, free action, neat head, nicely filled shoulders; 4, Dalgleish, shade plain to winner, long side, fine shoulder and back and tail; 5, Munro; 6, Paterson; 7, Hope; 8, Caldwell. BUFF TKD. (4): 1, Hope, grand bird, nice style, good reach and wings, hard up, fine worker; 2, Dalgleish, fine depth and length, drive well, good, neat head; 3, Allan, nice wings and tail, good shoulders, not quite so free in action perhaps, but will improve; 4, Farrel, barely the substance of winners, nice size and good drive. BUFF GREEN (4): 1, Hope, fine head, splendid reach, grand shoulder, determined drive, plenty of substance, nice pose; 2, Carson, very smart, head well down, nice length through, nice, long wings, well laid on, tail close in, nice style; 3, Farrell, good body, top end and shoulder, perhaps a shade stiff behind. CL. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 3, and spls, Allan, first in open Derby, perfect model, looking its best; best hen in half, wins 5 specials to-day; 2, McMillan, very fair hird, wins its place; 4, spl, 5, Hope, 4 fine size and depth through, good shape and substance, works well; 6, 7, Hendry; 8, Paterson. YELL. PIED (16): 1, 3, Farrell, first hird of great promise, fine head, good lengthy neck, well set, nice shoulders, grand back, wing and tail; 2, Allan, very free action, just fails in thickness through, should improve; 4, 6, Kerr; 4, nice body and front, fine drive; 8, McDougall; 9, Hendry. YELL. TKD. (7): 1, Sinclair, grand substance and top end, plenty of nerve, fine, free action, head well down, nicely staged; 2, Dalgleish, grand shape, fine droop and length of wing, neat in feather; 3, Paterson, free in head and neck, good depth; 4, Hope, fine top end, good shape and drive, will yet do better, sure to improve; 5, Wright. YELL. GREEN (10): 1, Rodger, grand size and substance, good head and neck, works well, shade stiff when we saw it; 2, Hope, nice size and style, nice free action, good shoulders and wings, close on first; 3, Kerr, neat style, good neck and shoulders, and fine hack, good drive, wins its place; 4, Petrie, nice, long body, good front and drive. CL. BUFF (14): 1, Allan, grand size and top end, good substance, fine length of wing, well carried, wins well; 2, Paterson, good shape, barely so thick through as first, head well down; 3, 4, Thornton, third nice head and neck, grandly filled shoulders, wonderful length of wing, not so free in action to first, 4 neat head, good size and shoulders, quick action; 5, Petrie; 6, Dalgleish; 7, Farrel; 8, Rodgers. BUFF PIED (19): spl, 1, Millan, fine head, reachy, rare depth, good length of wing, pretty pose; 2, Paterson, barely the substance through as first, but will improve undoubtedly; 3, 7, spl, Hope, third close up on second, very neat model, will improve; 4, Farrel, nice size, very fair bird all-round, lacks style to winners, just wants handling; spl, 5, 9, Kerr; 6, spl, Petrie; 8, Carson. BUFF TKD. (10): 1, 9, Allan, first grand size, neat head, nice neck and shoulders, good length of wiug and tail, well in to spar; 2, Hope, nice, free mover, good top end, grand back and wings, smart style; 3, 8, McDougal, third well up in size, nice shoulders and stamp; 4, 5, Dalgleish, fourth nice size, good reach, tail well under; 6, Paterson; 7, Grahame. BUFF GREEN (6): 1, 3, Howden, first grand size, broad top end, nice style and droop, tail well to perch 3 plenty of nerve and action; 4, 5, Sinclair, fourth slender type, fine nerve, good style. BELG. CK. (1): 1, spl, Thornton, good shape, nice style and depth, fine condition. HEN (4): 1, Hope, good-sized yell. hen, nice style, fine wings and tail, neat pose; 2, Thornton, barely so thick, neat shoulders and wings; 3, Grahame, fine yell., grand length, nice shoulders. YELL. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Carson, grand colour, lovely feather, nice wing, fine front, good shape and carriage; 2, Campbell, good type, grand chest, neat head and wings, well staged. BUFF (13): 1, 2, spl, 5, spl, first nice quality, good shape and size, wonderful carriage, very smart, second close on first, perhaps a shade fine in bead, but in grand form; 3, spl, 7, spl, Allan, third fine head and chest, good carriage, might have done better; 4, spl, 6, spl, Carson, wonderful chest, very full in head, good pose, neat wings and tail; 8, spl, Duff. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Allan, grand style, fine quality of feather, good chest, neat head, nice wings, in lovely condition; 2, Ross, neat style, nice colour and shape, shade open in feather, grand wings, close up; 3, Watson, close and fine in feather, neat shape, good colour, shade narrow in head; 4, Watson, good chest, good bird. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Foster, grand quality, plenty of substance, in fine feather, and staged in lovely condition; 2, Duff, good chest, nice head, sweetly moulded; 3, Ross, good shape and substance, wonderful wings and tail; 4, Campbell, typical hen, well up in quality all over. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Foster, first Crest-bred, good skull, nice cushion and brow, grand body, in tip-top condition, 2 fine size, grand head, rare body; 3, Carson, very nice Border, very jaunty, grand feather, very fine exhibit. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, spl. 3, Foster, Goldie-Mule, nicely marked, a real beauty, 3 in grand feather and condition; 2, Ross, another Goldie-Mule, good stamp, nicely marked, barely so good in colour perhaps as first, but a good bird. DK. MULE (6): 1, 2, spl, McMillan, fine brace of Linnet Mules, in rare condition, well staged; 3, Ross, Goldie Mule, fine feather and markings, nice, compact exhibit. A S. BRIT. (16): 1, spl, 4, spl, Foster, first Goldfinch, fine, square blaze, very steady, nice chest and wings, 4 Bullfinch, first-rate stamp, staged in grand order; 2, 5, 7, 8, and spls, Allan, Yell, Wagtail, in prime condition, in lovely feather, staged to perfection; 3, spl, Carson, Greenfinch, fine colour and chubby, in grand feather and condition; 6, spl, Campbell.

The balance-sheet for the year 1907-8 issued hy the Cockermouth and Dis F.S. discloses a halance of £5 1s. 1d., against 15s. 5d. brought forward from the previous accounts, reflecting great credit on the officials of the society.

EXETER.

A capital show was that of the Exeter and Devon Society, which was held in the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on October 14th. The entries came up well, and the quality was splendid. Norwich were very hot stuff, and, judging by the birds staged here, Western breeders have had a real good breeding season. In each of the classes some birds of splendid type and quality were shown, and the competition was very close. Exeter has long had a reputation for turning out good Crests, and the mantle of some of the older breeders, such as Browning and Bailey, has descended upon some of the younger men, and in Messrs. Evans Bros. the Ever Faithful City has breeders of whom she may well be proud. Yorkshires made a nice display, and birds of shape and style were well to the fore. Mules, although good, were hardly equal to some displays which we have seen in the West in the days of Sleep and Doel, yet they were birds of which their owners may well be proud. British came up well, and contained a choice assortment. The management was splendid, the committee working most strenuously to do all they possibly could for the comfort of the exhibits. Those who worked hard and well were Messrs. Brooks, Mahrs, Botterill, Besley, Coulman, Jackson, James, Patten, Reynolds, Roberts, Riley, Saunders, Smith, Stiling, and Sclater. Mr. T. Heath judged in his usual painstaking manner, and there was general satisfaction expressed with his awards.

Critique.

BORDERS (11): 1, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Hammacott and Card, 1st very neat, smart, shapely buff; 3rd, nice slim stylish cinnamon yellow; 3, c, Hocking, neat, stylish, nice coloured green. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Redwood, grand clear, lovely colour and shape, full of quality; 2, Dawe, hardly so good in head, but magnificent body, rare colour and feather; 3, Veale, ticked headed yellow, grand stoutly built bird, sound rich colour, capital quality; vhc, Tucker; hc, Banbury; c, Luxton. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Redwood, grand shaped clear, rare lovely colour and quality; 2, Banbury, big bouncing clear, beautifully frosted, nice rich colour; 3, vhc, Tucker, grand bodied clear, very hard and tight in feather, nice colour; hc, Veale; c, Fox. HEN (5): 1, Redwood, charming little buff, rare shape, as tight as wax; 2, Bailey, fine feathered chubby yellow, real beauty; 3, Dawe, wing-marked yellow, grand even colour; vhc, hc, Mitchell. CREST, CL. BODY (9): 1 spl, Bale, nice distinct centre, very evenly radiated, well drooped, and shown in perfect form; 2, vhc, hc, Evins Bros., capital centre and front, nice droop; 3, Tope, big-headed grey, mass of feather; c, Piper. MKD. (15): 1, vhc, and three spls, including best in show, Joyce, grand variegated, lovely centre, very dense, grandly rounded and drooped; 2, c, Pipor, marvellous youngster, when ready will be a stormer; 3, hc, Evins Bros., grand shaped green, densely feathered, nice quality. C.B. CK. (14): 1, spl, Piper, grand-shaped green, nice width of front, nice length and width of feather; 2, Tope, eye ticked, immense head, wealth of feather, hardly so fit; 3, Bole, lovely quality green, grand shape; vhc, Ryder; hc, Hobbs; c, Cornish, absent, Cockram. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, two spls, vhc, Lashbrook and Stevens, long well-drawn bird, nice head and back, neat tail; 2, Parnell and Sons, lovely quality and style, rare shape and feather, nice colour; 3, Stiling, long and slim, nice colour and quality; hc, Miller; c, Thomas. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, grand quality of feather, very neat in shape, stands well, in grand fettle; 2, Parnell and Son, very hot in colour, nice racy stylish; 3, Miller, very nice quality and plenty of style; vhc, Lashbrook and Stevens; hc, Lovell; c, Stiling. VARIEG. (12): 1, spl, Keegan, very smart, racy wing-marked yellow, lovely colour and quality; 2, 3, Miller, grand clear yellow, rare shape and style, in nice fettle; 3rd, grizzle shouldered buff, grand shape and feather, nice carriage; vhc, Elston. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Lashbrook and Stevens, sweet buff, grand head and neck, lovely quality of feather, rare style; 2, Marshall, very smart yellow, nice head and wings, stands well; 3, Lovell, another good stylish, neat-headed buff; hc, Miller; c, Stiling. MULE LIGHT (8): 1, 3, spl, Browning, very nice quality, ticked yellow, and a four-pointed buff of grand shape and marking; 2, Lees, well-known wing-marked yellow, in nice form; vhc, Pearse; hc, Commins; absent, Smith. DARK (8): 1, 2. Browning, yellow Greenfinch-Canary and yellow Goldfinch-Canary, two very rich coloured, fine-feathered birds of nice size, in rare form; 3, Roberts, smart little Siskin-Canary, grand colour and feather; vhc, Lashbrook and Stevens; hc, Lees; c, Commins. HYBRID (7): 1, 3, spl, Browning, Linnet-Bullfinch, and Greenfinch-Bullfinch, two fine hybrids, of grand shape and nice feather; 2, Collins, very smart, nice feathered, good coloured Redpoll-Goldfinch; vhc, Lees; hc, Teed; absent, Smith. NOVICE A.V. (9): 1, spl, Burrough, very nicely shaped Crest, capital droop and plenty of feather; 2, West, charming buff Norwich, grand colour and type; 3, Johnson, fine shaped, nice quality Crest-bred, plenty of feather; vhc, hc, Pennington; c, Jones. LADIES A.V. (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Luxton, wing marked yellow Norwich, grand quality and colour, nice shape; 2, vhc, hc, Miss Finch, neat variegated Crest, nice shape and droop; 3, Miss Read, very smart buff Norwich, capital shape and feather; c, Miss Middleton. PAIRS PLHD. (5): 1, spl, Bailey, capital pair of Norwich, rare shape and quality, nice colour; 2, 3, Stiling, long, shapely, stylish Yorkshires; vhc, hc, Stone. CRESTS (5): 1, 3, Evins Bros., wing-marked Crest cock, and a variegated C.B. hen, and a variegated C.B. cock, and wing-marked Crest hen, two grand pairs; 2, Hobbs, clear bodied Crest hen, and a green C.B. cock, nice shape and feather; vhc, Cornish; hc, Tope. A.O.V., cancelled. BRIT. GOLD. (8): 1, Commins, nice shape and capital colour, good blaze and crest; 2, Sargeant, hardly so large in blaze, good back and bars; 3, Laskey, neat shape, not up in colour, nice style; vhc, Webber; hc, Westcott; c, Martin. LARGE (6): 1, Rye, grandly marked Magpie, very rich and lustrous in colour, in rare form; 2, Rees, fine Thrush, rare colour, shape, and marking; 3, Bonus, a spangled Dove of nice shape and colour; vhc, Pickard; absent, Smith. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Leon and Son, grandly marked, rich-coloured Wheatear, in rare bloom; 2, Commins, anuther grandly-feathered Wheatear; 3, vhc, Teed, neat little Siskin, nice colour and marking; hc, Gregory; c, Martin. FOR. LARGE (9): 1, spl, Browning, very handsome Ring-necked Parrakeet, in lovely colour and feather; 2, 3, Sloman, handsome grey Parrot, and yellow-billed Toucan, in grand feather, two very handsome birds; vhc, Teschemaker; hc, Kerswell; c, Martin. SMALL (12): 1, spl, Milsum, very handsome blue Tanager, grand colour and feather, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Sloman, Paradise Whydah, and pair of yellow Budgerigars, two beautiful exhibits, full of quality; vhc, Harris; hc, Miss McLeod; c, Perkins. SELL. 42s. (7): 1, Piper; 2, 3, hc, Evins Bros; vhc, Read; hc, Taverner. 21s. (12): 1, Bailey; 2, Jones; 3, Marshall; vhc, Tope, Miss Price; hc, Evins Bros., Luxton; c, Thomas, Adams. 10s. 6d. (11): 1, Adams; 2, Harris; 2, 3, Jones; vhc, Evins Bros., Tucker; hc, Browning; c, Patten.

HAYLE.

Very few counties can compare for natural beauty of scenery with the county of Cornwall, and no body of fanciers anywhere can excel the Cornishmen in the heartiness and enthusiasm with which they pursue their hobby. Hayle show, on October 14th and 15th was in every way a success. It was held in the excellent Public Hall, from the windows of which you can see stretching away in the distance the rolling waves of the Atlantic. Glorious sunshine favoured the fixture, and a splendid entry of about 450 exhibits, with quality of the highest order, delighted the committee and pleased visitors. There were close upon 100 Norwich Plainheads in the open section, and the Plymouth bird-rooms were well represented, so that the light in this section was very keen. Yorkshires numbered 56, in four classes, and Cinnamons 28 in two classes—just fancy this, in far away Cornwall. Mules and Hybrids were good, and the British and Foreign came up splendidly. The members' and local sections were as keenly contested as the open, and it was a delight to see the splendid spirit of sportsmanship displayed by losers as well as winners. H.H. Trevithick, Esq., is president of the Association, and amongst the patrons are most of the influential people of the district. Mr. W. Paull is an ideal general secretary, and what he does not know about the management of a show of this kind is not worth knowing. Mr. L. Cock, secretary of the cage bird department, is also an admirable official, and he was most assiduous in his attentions to the arrangements, and Messrs. J. Kemp, T. Rowe, R. T. Hancock, J. Hampton, J. Angwin, J. Hooper, A. W. Thompson, R. Hollow, W. Symons, T. Jordan, W. Glanville, and L. C. Mabbott, one and all, as committeemen, did their best to make everything run smoothly. Never could there be more efficient management or better stewarding. The light was excellent, and judging was got through in good time. At the luncheon some excellent speeches were made, one and all being loud in their praises of the success of the cage bird section, of the excellent entry, and the high class quality. Mr. George Gardner judged the open classes, and Mr. C. Toy the members', local and selling, and their awards seemed very favourably received.

Mr. Gardner's Classes.

NOR. YELL (14): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, short, chubby body, buff texture of feather, lovely colour, cleanly moulded head, neck and chest, good colour, wings well braced, a good one; 2, Strout, bonny hird, scarcely so stout as winner, but a gem for colour; 3, Spillman, variegated, lovely type, quality and colour, feathers like silk, blaze of colour; 4, Kilby, smart, rich colour, grand quality; vhc, Coad; hc, Symons; c, Veale. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, bonny type, AI wings, head, chest, and wing covering, lovely under-colour; 2, Veale, fine shape and quality, nicely frosted, not quite the under-colour of winner; 3, Yates, close on the heels of 2nd, rich colour and quality; 4, Spillman, good quality, nice shape of body, scarcely so good in head; vbc, hc, Coad; c, Sherman. TKD., ETC., BUFF (14): 1, spl, Rickard, ticked on wing and one leg, chubby, bold chest, head and neck, nice short legs, wings and tail, good quality; 2, Symons, capped bird, might have been wound up a bit tighter, but a blaze of under-colour for a buff, and nice type and quality; 3, Gill and Pethick, feathered like a Java, rich under-colour, not quite so chubby as those above it; 4, Pope, ticked bird of high quality of feather, not quite so well cleaned off at chest and waist as leaders; vhc, Garland; hc, Ferrall; c, Rickard. NOR. HENS (21), grand class, from which two sets of winners might have been selected; 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, yellow, teeming with quality, rare type, great depth of colour, neat head, neck, and wing carriage; 2, Tottle, ticked yellow, full of colour, grand tone of feather, not quite so nice in head as winner, but little in it; 3, Strout, buff, chubby and good quality of feather, but not yet wound up to concert pitch; 4, White, ticked yellow, typical and full of quality, falls a trifle in neck; vhc, Pearce; hc, Coad; c, Veale. YELL. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, blaze of colour, right to the root of the beak, splendid feather, nice wing bracing and short legs and tail, a gem; 2, 4, Spillman ,both ticks, splendid leather, former excelling in most respects; 3, Kilby, a twister for body, lovely buff, flowing feather, just tips its wings across, which kept it back; vhc, Phillips; hc, Cheshire; c, Farrell. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Rickard, bouncer, short, thick-set, bonny in all ways; 2, Spillman, grizzled on back, fine quality of feather, richly mealed, rattling shape; 3, Gill and Pethick, closest feathered bird of the three, but not quite the substance just yet, will want some stopping later; 4, Garland, variegated, of correct shape and quality; vhc, Tottle; hc, Coad; c, Budge. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Ellis, ticked, stands well, nicely drawn, good quality; 2, Rodda, very stylish, fine-drawn bird, gets into good position, full of quality; 3, Mitchell, variegated, trifle stronger, but nice feather; 4, Mitchell, not quite so stylish, but good; vhc, Pope; hc, Thomas; c, Wills. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Harris, tight as wax in feather, very bloomy, poses well, but a little stronger than some; 2, Veale, clear, also of nice action and quality; 3, Wills; 4, Ellis, two neat and good quality Yorkies; vhc, Rodda; hc, Oakey; c, Rodda. UNFLIG. (15): 1, spl, 4, Ellis, former fine position, quality and colour, goes to work well; 2, Rodda, huff, rare style, but not quite so nicely filled in at back as one likes; 3, Veale, good mover, and full of quality; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Thomas; c, Harris. HENS (15): 1, spl, Pope, sweet Yorkie, well moulded, straight and slim, neat all through; 2, Boak, ticked yellow, very full of life, shows up beautifully, best of quality; 3, Harris, grizzled on head, stands well, just a shade stouter—three grand hens, these; 4, Oakey, fine position, dips a wee bit in the neck; vhc, Pencombe; hc, Mitchell; c, Thomas. CINN. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Pope, soundest in colour, fine head, well hurnished, chubby; 2, 3, Medlin, leader purest in colour, both good shape; 4, Ellis; vhc, Burton; hc, Pearce; c, King. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Medlin, hold, good coloured hird, only needs a little more time to put the gloss on; 2, Pope, barely so pure in colour, perhaps better head; 3, King, nice, pure colour, unflighted, will go up as the days go by; 4, White, good colour, not body enough; vhc, Pope; c, Sherman. CRESTS (8): 1, spl, King, variegated, nicely centred, droops well, good tons of feather to crest, wins; 2, Symons, nearly green, with long frontal crest, which, however, narrows at the back; 3, Lawry and Lee, deep, veiny Crest, inclined to be square at back, good body; 4, Belman, neat but a little hairy; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Belleman; c, Menadin. C.B. (8): 1, 2, 3, Menadin, grand, big-skulled green hen leading, nice cushion, wide, leafy feather, with rich vein, a smart team; 4, King, grand hird for length of turn back; vhc, Lawry and Lee; hc, Symons; c, Hobbs. PAIRS A.V. (12): 1, spl, Symons, Crest and Crest-bred, the Crest-bred grand one; 2, Coad, topping pair of Plainhead Norwich; 3, Thomas, well matched pair of Yorkies; 4, Carhis, another pair of Norwich; vhc, Burton; hc, Belleman; c, Thomas. MULES, LIGHT (8): 1, Gill and Pethick, clean Goldie-Canary; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Collins, very pretty light Linnet Mule leading; 4, Rowe and Hancock. DARK (including Hybrids) (10): 1, spl, 4, vhc, hc, c, Collins, winner well-known Greenfinch-Bullfinch, in nice featber and colour; 4th, Greenfinch Canary, good colour, scarcely so tight as some; 2, Pascoe, Goldie-Bullie, fairly nice colour; 3, Mahbott, Linnet-Bullie, nice and bright in colours, hut unsteady in cage at judging. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, spl, 2, Roberts, two rattling Scotch Fancies, winner particularly fine top and circle; 3, vhc, Best, the former yellow Belgian; 4, Harris; hc, Angwin; c, Richards. GOLDIE, ETC. (14): 1, spl, hc, Ellis, winner Goldfinch, nice lustrous face and bars, colours well defined and lustrous; 2, Miss Gills, Goldfinch, wide blaze, nice shape, good bars, huttons, and chestnut, not yet up in lustre, or would have won; 3, Dale, Bullie, very clean at thighs, nice poll, might have more colour; 4, c, Rowe and Hancock, former Goldfinch, loses in lustre; vhc, Hollow. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Hancock, leader capital Hawfinch, clean cut bib and colours distinct; 2nd, smart, well defined and coloured Yellow Bunting; 3rd, pretty Siskin, neat bib; 4, Collins, Brambling, nice in colours; vhc, hc, Gaved; c, Collins. BRIT. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 3, Rowe and Hancock, leader very smart Blackcap Warbler; 3, no name; 4, Collins. FOR., LARGE (9): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, grand coloured lustrous King; 2, Thomas, pair of very nice Blue Australian Mountain Lorrikeets; 3, Richards, a fine African Grey Parrot; 4, Cooper, Blue Lorrikeet; vhc, Clarke; hc, Thomas; c, Couch. SMALL (7): 1, spl, Collins, Long-tailed Whydah, in tip-top feather; 2, Millsum, very beautiful Tanager; 3, Collins, Pintail; 4, Woolcock, Gouldian Finch; vhc, Strout; hc, c, Woolcock. The Foreign birds made a charming display.

Mr. Toy's Classes.

SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, Belleman; 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Farrell; vhc, Lawry and Lee; hc, Rowe and Hancock; c, Burton. SELL. (15/-) (15): 1, Johnson; 2, Boak; 3, Yates; 4, Belleman; vhc, Farrell; hc, Thomas; c, Kemp. SELL. (10/-) (16): 1, Farrell; 2, Angwin; 3, Sherman; 4, no name; vhc, Coad; hc, Richards; c, Kemp. CONFINED TO ST. IVES (Parliamentary Division). This section contained some capital quality, and the competition was well sustained. NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, White, good team; res., vhc, Phillips; hc, Batten; c, Pearce. NOR. 1903 (7): 1, 2, res., White; 3, Batten; vhc, hc, c, Phillips. YORKS. (9): 1, hc, Curgwin; 2, Batten; 3, Tonkin; res., c, Mitchell; vhc, Gendall. CONFINED TO HAYLE.—Here, too the quality was of a highly meritorious order, and competition close, as often happens in local classes. The Norwich were a fine lot, full of quality, and Mr. Toy found not a little difficulty in placing the cards aright. NOR. (10): 1, res., vhc, Kemp; 2, no name; 3, Glanville; hc, Paull; c, Oatey. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl, 2, Kemp; 3, c, Glanville; res., vhc, Paull; hc, Oakey. BUFF (12): 1, res, Kemp; 2, hc, c, Oatey; 3, Paull; vhc, Glanville. YORK. (9): 1, spl, 3, hc, Oatey; 2, vhc, c, Ellis; res., Veale. YORKS. UNFLIG. (14): 1, 3, Veale; 2, c, Ellis; vhc, hc, Oatey. NOR. NAT. COL. (14): 1, Richards; 2, 3, Oatey; res., n, King; vhc, Williams; hc, Ellis. YORKS. NAT. COL. (10): 1, spl, Glanvillo; 2, res., hc, Oatey; 3, Angwin; vhc, Ellis; c, Glanville. BRIT. A.S. (12): 1, spl, Maddern, topping Missel Thrush, a real beauty; 2, Rowe and Hancock, pretty Siskin, much admired; 3, Symons, grand little Linnet; res., Hooper; vhc, Rowe and Hancock; hc, Glanville; c, no name. CAN. MULE A.V. (9): 1, Rowe and Hancock, a nice bird, well staged; 2, Hooper, another good one; 3, Oatey; res., Symons; vhc, Allen; hc, c, Hollow.

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BATTERSEA.

The third annual open show of the Battersea and Dist. C.B.A. was held at the Town Hall on October 14th and 15th. The officials are to be congratulated upon such a splendid exhibition, despite the early date, which no doubt handicapped many of the exhibitors, the birds not being quite through the moult yet. The total entries numbered about 570. Competition was very keen, especially in the Yorkshire section, where there were 24 entries. The exhibits were all well arranged, and the light was good. No words would be too strong in praise of Mr. Easterling, the hon. secretary, who worked hard, and was well backed by a good working committee. The prize-money was paid out on the first night of the show, this being a unique feature of this particular fixture. Mr. A. Patrick judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. J. Robson the remainder.

(Our report of the Canary and members' sections had not come to hand at the time of going to press.—EDITOR.)

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDFINCH (8), a strong class for quality: 1, Maxwell, one of the largest Finches, nice square cut blaze, beautiful rich tanning, good huttons and shape, the Clapham winner; 2, Wickham, good condition and colour, nice tanning; 3, Smith, lovely polish blaze, not quite so large; vhc, Botting, some thought might have changed places with 2 and 3; hc, Adamthwaite; c, Allen. LINNET (21), a strong class this: 1, Pankhurst, very large, trifle fat, which spoils its shape, rich colour; 2, Priest, nicely marked, trifle open in the breast, in good condition, very steady; 3, Frostick, nice, steady Linnet, somewhat pale in breast colour yet; vhc, Maxwell, one of the largest in class, good in body markings, shape and colour; hc, Carter; c, Lyons. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Botting, nice size, beautifully marked, good shape and colour, much admired; 2, Francis, Siskin, fine, large bird, nice cap, beautifully pencilled on thighs; 3, Easterling, lovely jonque Redpoll, full of colour, nice bib; 4, Francis, Twite, deeper colour than winner, distinctly marked, not so steady, which no doubt put it back; vhc, c, Cutting, good Redpoll and a Twite; hc, Page, Twite. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Withers, Hawfinch, nicely cut bib, not over large perhaps but steady, and in nice colour; 2, Francis, Bullfinch, grand colour, breast very rich, and just a trifle unsteady; 3, ——, nice, yellow Bunting, good size, nice colour, in forward condition, excellent head markings; 4, Wickham, Chaffinch, very bright in colour, steady, fine condition, on the small side, the Clapham winner; vhc, Carter, Bramble, in fairly good order, will improve; hc, Sandy, yellow Bunting, well staged; c, Askew. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Maxwell, Blackbird, lovely crocus beak and eye, dense colour all over, and steady, staged to perfection; 2, Francis, Missel Thrush, very bold, steady as a rock, nicely spotted; 3, Frostick, Song Thrush, nicely spotted on the sides, perhaps not quite so even on the breast as some, very steady; vbc, Askew, Misel Thrush; hc, Dell, good song Thrush; c, Askew, nice Starling. A.O.S. SOFT BILL LARGE: 1, Cook, one of the best Great Grey Shrikes seen this season, a topper for size and pureness of white on breast, lovely eye marks, in the pink of condition, a credit to its owner; 2, Maxwell, Wryneck, Clapham winner, nice deep colour all over, well marked on back and breast, steady, and in perfect feather; 3, Cox, Redwing, lovely colour and markings all over, very steady, not one of the largest, still a nice one; vhc, Dewhurst, greater spotted Woodpecker. The other awards could not be found. SMALL: 1, 2, Maxwell, yellow Wagtail, almost too well known to need describing, one of the largest and best coloured "wags" out, fed to perfection, wins hands down, 2, Black Redstart, very good size, good dense colour, beautiful bird; 3, Francis, Nightingale, very steady, showing that nice russet colour on back so greatly admired in a 'gale; vhc, Quantrell, Tree Pipit; hc, Fulbrook, Pied Flycatcher, both greatly admired. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, Smith and Son, sulphur-breasted Toucan, very steady, in good condition, greatly admired by the ladies present, someone asked could this bird talk, having such a large beak? 2, Cook, Brazilian Green Jay, lovely colour, greatly admired, very tame, handsome bird, staged to perfection; 3, Dewhurst, lovely pair of Coleys, mouselike birds these, and very interesting by the way they hang up to top of cage, in nice condition; vhc, Maxwell, black-throated Lorrikeet, very rare. A.O.S. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, Maxwell, 1, Black-backed Tanager, a living picture, wants to be seen to be believed, in shimmering condition, perfect gem, shown in faultless style; 2, Masked-faced Lovebird, very rare, only recently known to the scientists, rarest bird in the show; 3, Watts, Queen Whydah, very nice condition, perfect tail, faultlessly staged; vhc, c, Hodgin, Paradise Whydah and Cordon Bleus; hc, Frost, same species. HYB. DARK: 1, vhc, Askham, 1, Canary Bullfinch hen, nice size and colour for a hen, in good condition; 2, Cutting, Redpoll Greenfinch, quietly claimed at catalogue price, an interesting hybrid, very nice bird, cheap; 3, hc, Lamb, 3, Redpoll Greenfinch, not quite up in colour yet, quill feathers will improve yet; hc, very interesting exhibit, said to be bred from a cock Canary and hen Siskin, a Cinnamon coloured Canary-Siskin; 4, Gunnell, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, trifle small, only a young bird, yet so will improve and do better another year. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, Lamb, 1, very nice four-pointed Buff, nice condition, will improve in colour; 2, yell. six-pointed, very hot colour, fed nicely; 3, Withers, Buff, four-pointed Goldfinch Canary, nice quality and size; vhc, Askham, fine Canary Bullfinch, cock; c, Goodall, nice Goldfinch Canary

SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members held their third monthly show at Headquarters, "Bull's Head" Hotel, on October 10th, when close on 60 birds were staged. Some very good birds were shown; but most are not yet through the moult. Mr. Driver, Robertshaw, placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The specials were carried off by Messrs. J. Robertshaw, Taylor and Haigh, J. W. Priestly, C. Pickles, T. Sunderland and E. Sutcliffe:—

CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, and spl. J. Robertshaw; 2, 3, Taylor and Haigh; 4, Harry Crossley; vhc, hc, Priestly; c, E. and G. Crossley; BUFF: 1, and spl., Messrs. Taylor and Haigh; 2, 3, 4, J. Robertshaw; vhc, Messrs. E. and G. Crossley; hc, Morton; c, H. Crossley. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL.: 1 and spl., 3, 4, C. Pickles; 2, vhc, Wild; hc, Tasker; c, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, and spl., 4, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, hc, C. Pickles; vhc, Wild; c, Fawcett. OPEN UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, and spl, 2, Sunderland. MORE DARK THAN LIGHT: 1st, and spl, Priestly; 2, Taylor and Haigh; 3, J. Robertshaw; 4, E. and G. Crossley.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec

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BROUGHTY FERRY.

Fonrth Annual Show, held on Oct. 10. It was well up to that of former years. The entries, taken throughout, were good, while the quality of the exhibits was in many cases better than has been seen here on previous occasions. Scotch Fancies were well represented by North country breeders, some very outstanding specimens being on view. The classes were all well filled, and in many cases competition was of a very close nature. The Buff piebald-cock of Mr. Ramsay's came in for a great deal of admiration. The yellow green hen of Mr. Low's was another bird of exceptional merit. Mr. Carmylie succeeded in capturing the local cup for best young bird, with a very stylish buff-green hen, and his win was also very popular. Messrs. Strachan (Arbroath) and Allison (Aberdeen) judged this variety, and their awards were well received Norwich, Crests, and Crest-breds were forward in large numbers, and contained some high-class specimens. In the Crest section the pick of the lot was a grand hen shown by Mr. Wallace. The Young Bird Cup was secured by Mr. Reid, Falkland, who now seems to hold a master hand in this variety in Fifeshire. The Plainheads were extra, some splendid specimens being shown. Cinnamons, though not many, were good, the winner being a Jonque, full of pencil work, and having plenty of colour and substance. These varieties were judged by Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), and his awards were received with every satisfaction. Borders followed, and were forward in good numbers, being represented by many well-known fanciers of the midget of the Canary tribe. The seven classes contained 106 entries in all, which is good for so early in the season, and the committee desired us to thank the exhibitors through "their paper, C.B." The pick of the section turned up in the grand yellow cock bird shown by the veteran, Mr H. Bennet. This bird won the Young Bird Cup, which now becomes, we believe, the property of the exhibitor, who also succeeded in capturing the first in the yellow ben class. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged these classes, and took great pains in selecting the winners, and very little was left for anyone to find fault with. Mules, British and Foreign birds followed, and here a very representative crowd faced the judge. The winner in the Hybrid class was a Greenie-Bullie, shown by Mr. Sharp. Canary Mules drew a better entry, and were headed by a Var. Linnet shown by Mr. Bruce. Britishers were a grand lot. The Bullfinch class, for the time of the year was extra good. Goldfinches were a rather medium lot; in fact, below the average of what we generally see here. Linnets were strong, and were skilfully handled. Foreign birds were good, the small class winner a grand Whydah, while the first in the large class was won by a Toucan, in fine order; this bird is rather an uncommon exhibit at Scotch shows, and was greatly admired by lovers of tropical varieties. Mr P. McQuiston judged these varieties, and pleased the majority in so doing. The hall is an ideal one, and the show was again skilfully conducted by Mr. Robt. Whitton, the capable secretary, who had everything in apple-pie order, being ably assisted by his willing stewards, among whom we noticed Mr. Curtis doing two men's share. The show was well patronised by fanciers, among whom we noticed Messrs. Chapman (Newcastle), Reid (Falkland), Craig, Bowden, Grewar, Gerrard (Forfar). The fonrth show should prove financially to be one of the best ever held in Broughty Ferry.

The Scotch Fancy Section.

CL. YELL. OR FOUL CK.: 1, Low, good one, well up on top end, finely packed on back, nice length of side, good droop and drive, well put down; 2, Thoms, head tick, plenty length, again well up in position and style, just fails in depth to winner; 3 and 4, Carmylie; 3, good one, very stylish, nice length of side and good position, shade slim in build; 4, nice substance and quality, plenty of size; vhc, McGregor; hc, Merrilees; c, Hamilton. PIED, ETC., OR GREEN: 1, Black, very full, shade slim, but grandly built, gets to work and stylish, nice length of side, rare taking exhibit; 2, Carmylie, strong across, well tapered, plenty off side, and substance; 3, Thoms, good one, plenty substance, but a little straight in appearance; 4, Hamilton, nice style, just beaten across in depth hy winner; vhc and c, Thoms; hc, Muir. CL. BUFF OR FOUL (12): 1, Lamb, good, all-round exhibit, plenty of substance, fine style, scarcely ready yet, splendid top end, and stylish, could be greatly improved in the staging, however; 2, Carmylie, good top end, strongly built, plenty of depth across, grand length of side; 3, Curtis, graudly sided, well filled up in back, nice depth throughout, well staged, inclined to raise head at times; 4, Ramsay, nice size and style, well staged; vhc, Kiell; hc, Black; c, Curtis. BUFF, GREEN OR PIED (9): 1, Ramsay, topper, splendid style, very free, of massive build, grand depth throughout, rare length of side, grand exhibit; 2, Fotheringham, another fine top-ended bird, grand reach, well cut, fine driver, well up in substanee; 3, Shanks, another good and close up; 4, Haye, plenty of size, nice front; vhc, Merilees; hc, Carmylie; c, Muir. CL. YELL. OR FOUL HEN (10): 1, Black, good substance throughout, nice shoulders, fine length, very reachy, a good one; 2 and 3, Carmylie, grand substance, fine depth across, well packed in shoulder, nice length of side, good worker, neat exhibit, very nicely tapered, stylish, plenty of go, fine top-end and reach; 4, Ramsay, well up in size, not quite so prominent on shoulders as winner; vhc, Curtis; hc, Keill; c, Merrilees. PIED OR GREEN (8): 1, Low, free exhibit, gets well to work, nice reach, good shoulder, fine length of side, neat in drive, stylish throughout; 2, Carmylie, long-sided, rare length, good in shoulder, lacks style of winner; 3 and 4, Black; 3, strong made-up bird good, size throughout, and full; 4, plenty of size, rare depth across, lacks style of winner, inclined to raise head; vhc, Merrilees; hc, Keill; c, Brown, and Whiter. CL. BUFF OR FOUL (16): 1, Kiell, good stamp, plenty of substance, fine top-end, well up in style, nice length of side, free, in grand trim, wins; 2 and 4, Ramsay; 2, very stylish, nicely moulded hird, very clean and compact, well placed; 4, heaten only in style, good stamp, fine shoulder and side; 3, Carmylie, plenty of size, rare length of side, shade slimmer in build, well staged; vhc, Henderson; hc, Low; c, Merrilees. BUFF PIED OR GREEN (13): 1, McGregor, good one, fine depth throughout, rare shoulder and wings, fine side, very free exhibit, nicely put down; 2 and Cup, Carmylie, hot one, full of style, long snaky appearance in neck and head, and drives to perfection, plenty of size, well put down; 3, Thoms, good one for style, nicely made, fine hack and shoulder; 4, Merrilees, plenty of suhstance, well up in length, falls only in style to winner; vhc, Kiell; hc, Hamilton; c, Low. SELL. CKS. (£1) (11): 1, Duncan; 2 and 3, Mitchell; 4, vhc, Beattie; hc, c, Ross. HEN (£1) (12): 1, Ramsay; 2, Crichton; 3, Campbell and Whitton; 4, Fotheringham; vhc, Muir; hc, Merrilees; c, Lamh.

The Norwich and Crest Sections.

CREST CK. DARK (17): 1, McLay, wins, good top piece, nicely centred, coming well forward, good back, and side, plenty of substance, well put down; 2, 3, Reid, 2nd and cup for young bird, grandly frosted, feathered to end of beak, nice side, well groomed, well staged; 3, good shapely bird, fine head for style, rather thin in feather compared with winner; 4, Shillinglaw, grand feather, good substance, well staged; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Whitton; c, Findlay. HEN (11): 1, Wallace, undoubtedly a gem, great length of feather, coming over beak and carried round head well to back, inclined to raise a few feathers in centre, nice stamp, hot one all round; 2, 4, vhc, Reid, 2, lovely shaped crest, as round as possible, nicely laid on, not a feather out of place grand body and shape, fails only in length to winner; 4, good quality, very likely bird, good for a baby; 3, Watt, rather horny in appearanct, good length of feather, nice side, good on back, plenty substance; vhc, Whitton; c, Veitch. CREST-BRED CK. (11): 1, McLay, slasher for size, clear, grand substanee, enormous lashing, well up in feather, nice broad entrance and back, skull, fine length of side feather, in A1 order, well staged; 2, 4, Reid, grandly lashed, fine broad skull on top, plenty of substance, good one all over; 4, grand skulled bird, but lacks length of feather, good stock specimen; 3, Low, fine full-fronted bird; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Holton; c, Wallace. HEN (6): 1, Shillinglaw, wins easily, good headed hird, fine wide entrance, plenty of length of feather, good substance, well put down; 2, Law, nice cushion-headed bird, good at back, but just lacks entrance and lash of winner; 3, Welsh, well lashed, plenty of feather, but shade narrow at entrance, good quality; 4, Sanderson, neat all-round exhibit; vhc, Low; hc, Whitton. CL. OR GRIZZLE CREST (7): 1, S. G. Bruce, leader, clear, good, lengthy top piece, nicely radiated, fine exhibit; 3, plenty length of feather, broad on head; 2, Shillinglaw, Grizzle, good frontal, inclined to be thin in centre, and just fails in side and back to winner; 4, Watt, Grizzle, again neat, and in fine order; vhc, Veitch; hc, Mather; c, McNaughton. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (£1) (15): 1, Reid; 2, Low; 3, c, Henderson; 4, Law; vhc, Ross; hc, Sanderson. PLAINHEADS, CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Rae, wins, in rare order, good sound colour throughout, fine front and wing carriage, neat head, splendid carriage, well staged; 2, McLay, head tick, rather inclined to be flat on front of head, hot colour, well up in body; 3, Hector, stout one, well huilt, finely rounded; 4, Murray, neat made hird, good stamp throughout; vhc, Brown; hc, South; c, Fleming. BUFF (10): 1, Jeffrey, hot-coloured one, grand body, rare chest and shape, fine level wing carriage, neatly tapered off, good all-rounn exhibit; 2, Thomson, slimmer in build, but a demon for colour, neatly finished; 3, McLay, nice one, lovely top-ended bird, good chest, neck and head, good solid colour; 4, Harris, slimmer in build, but in really good order, well placed; vhc, hc, Bowman. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Bowman. clinker, enormous size for a lady, round as a marble rare head and neck, full front, lovely wing carriage and taper, a real gem; 2, Gowans, splendidly shaped, lovely front, scarcely so well taperod; 3, Grewar, nice one, well up in size, and good shape; 4, Soutar, shade smaller, but nice body; vhc, Murray; hc, Strachan; c, Thomson. BUFF (17): 1, Grewar, neck tick, grand stamp, great body throughout, fine front, good head and neck, beautiful carriage; 2, McLay, slimmer in build, and not quite so full in front as winner; hot-coloured and good one; 3, Thomson, similar to 2nd, again in fine feather; 4, Irvine, good one, grand body and shape, in rare order, worth its place; vhc, Burnett; hc, Murray; c, Strachan. YELL. VARGT. ETC. CK (10): 1, Scott, vargt., good shape, nice head and front, inclined to cross wings at times, well tapered, and teeming with quality; 2, Thomson, hot one for colour, neatly moulded, fine front and carriage, very taking exhibit; 3, Harris, heavy vargt., hot fed, good all-round made bird, shade smaller; 4, Winter, good feathered bird, slimmer got up, heaten in this company; vhc, Sloan; hc, Sandison; c, Hector. BUFF (16): 1, McLay, heavy vargt., grand headed bird, well up in front, good deep chest, nicely tapered, good back and wing carriage, rather slack in vent, yet; 2, Mitchell, in rare bloom, plenty of size, hot in colour, very level throughout; 3, 4, Jeffrey, nice shape and colour, good head and front, in grand feather, well put down; vhc, Strachan; hc, Sloan; c, Dickson. YELL. VAROT. ETC. HEN (5): 1, Turnbull, wins, hest size and colour, good body, plenty of substance, neat in feather, fine quality of feather throughout; 2, McLay, large size, good shape, not so well finished off as winner; 3, vhc, Lyall, nice quality of feather, well up in size; 4, Sloan, neat all-round specimen, in fine bloom. BUFF (16): 1, Milne, grand size, plenty chest, fine rounded head, neat wing carriage, staged in lovely order; 2, Bowman, again well moulded, plenty of substance; 3, Harris, neat one, fine shape and style, slimmer in build; 4, Sloan, in lovely order, grand feathered bird, good all-round properties, slightly drawn in front; vhc, Murray; hc, Hector; c, Bishop. CINN. (6): 1, Rae, Jonque, rare size and shape and teeming with quality, deep colour, lovely lacing, well put down, wins easily; 2, 4, Cruikshanks; 2, buff, nicely laced, plenty of suhstance, good shape and quality; 4, Jonque, neatly marked, and well up in size; 3, Fyffe, nice one plenty of size and colour, fails trifle in lacing; vhc, Bowman; hc, Henderson.

The Border Fancy Section.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl hest cock, and cup for best young birds, Bennet, gem of the first water, lovely fine head and neck, back well filled, nicely carried wings, colour, quality, and condition perfection; 2, 4, Craig, very close up, similar type, good colour, a shade down in condition; 4th, another good one, nice type and carriage; 3, Gerrard, good one, fine type, good head and neck, nice colour and quality of feather; vhc, Tait, a good bird; hc, Peters, not ready yct; c, Rae. BUFF (21): A grand class; 1, McKenzie, beauty, rare good head, nice free neck, well modelled back and front, nicely balanced wings and tail, hard to find a fault with; 2, Munnock, shade down in colour, but all there for quality, type, and condition, shapely; 3, Bennet, another good one, lovely quality and condition, just a shade slimmer got up, little unsteady at times; 4, Robertson, nice size and shape, head, back and wing carriage perfect; vhc, Craig, nice colour and quality, tips wings a little; hc, Brockie, scarcely finished, good model; c, Auld. A.O.C. CK. (17): 1, Brown, beautiful five-pointed Buff, marked eyes, wings and cheek, good head, well-rounded back and front, nice easy style, fine marking; 2, spl, McKenzie, five-pointed yell., fine wing marking, type, quality, colour and condition all perfect; 3, spl, Craig, three-pointed buff, both eyes, one wing, fine stamp all over; 4, Brockie, another good ycll., rare good stamp, well carried wings; vhc, Auld, yell., fine markings; hc, Cousins; c, Easson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): Another class of gems; 1, 4, Bennet, former clear lovely colour, quality and condition, shining like wax, model all over; 4th, ticked on wing, very aimilar in huild; 2, spl, Craig, beauty, lovely shaped head, front and back, as round as we could wish to see, runs winner close; 3, McKenzie, built on same lines, beautiful head, free neck; vhc, Dunsmore, good stamp, takes jaunty position; hc, Dargie, not ready yet; c, Lamble and Sons. BUFF (18): Another lot of Daisies; 1, spl, McKenzie, model all over, in grand condition, like a piece of silk, nice jaunty carriage, splendid wing carriage; 2, vhc, spl, Craig, close up, very taking head, fine in neck, well rounded back and wings to match; vhc, shade stronger; 3, spl, Bennet, foul, yet another good one, nice head carried with a jaunty air, well filled back; 4, Easson, lovely front and back, right size, just a shade down in quality; hc, Brown, loul, grand condition; c, Robertson. A.O.V. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, evenly-marked buff hen, lovely markings, colour, quality and condition, nice type, in rare trim; 2, Barrie, cinn. mark on wings and head, nice level colour, in fine condition, just a little clinked at vent; 3, Craig, lovely buff, three-pointed, true model for shape, nice condition, very steady; 4, Lappin, five-pointed buff, rare good one, marked eyes, wings and tail, markings well balanced, fine type; vhc, Easson, nice stamp; hc, Irvine, scarcely ready yet; c, Craig. SELL. (13): 1, spl, Irving; 2, Brown; 3, spl, McKenzie; 4, Walker; vhc, Craig; hc, Rae; c, Bruce. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Carmylie, good yell. Belgian, nice free head and neck, carried well down, very ready to respond; 2, Welsh, coppy yellow, in fine condition, crest of nice centre and shape; 3, spl, Ker, we think a new variety, good condition.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Section.

HYB. (2): 1, Sharp, lovely Greenie-Bullie, grand colour and size, much admired; 2, Duncan, Goldie-Greenie, a good specimen well staged. CAN. MULE (15): 1, Bruce, light variegated Linnet Mule, good size, shown in lovely condition, wins easy; 2, Baird, Greenfinch Mule, grand depth of colour, nice substance and shape, well put down; 3, Kemlo, variegated Linnet Mule, in lovely bloom, well staged; 4, Couper, yellow Siskin Mule of grand size and lovely colour; 5, Nicoll, nice dark buff Goldfinch Mule; 6, Duncan; 7, Davidson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Couper, grand Finch, well forward in condition, good shape and style, worth its place; 2, Towns, smart bird, not quite so large, nor bright in blaze, but well merits his position; 3, 4, Campbell and Wilson, well up in size, lacks somewhat in colonr and blaze, should improve. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Thomson, lovely house-moulted hird, grand hreast colour and cap, well staged; 2, 3, Cullen, other two house-moulted gems, shown in lovely condition, presses winner hard; 4, 6, Strachan, former nice field-moulted Bullie, just a little rough at thighs, wants steadying; 5, Watson; 7, Mackie. LINNET (15): Good class, and contained some fine specimens; 1, Calder, grand size, beautifully pencilled, nice colour throughout, has the habit of looking at back of cage; 2, Crockatt, grand stamp of a Linnet, in high condition, splendid throat markings; 3, Carruthers, nice colonred Linnet, well pencilled, rather open on hreast; 4, Pendrigh, very steady; 5, Couper; 6, 7, Dryden. SISKIN, ETC. (25): Very strong class, which easily contained two sets of winners; 1, Pendrigh, well-known natural-coloured Siskin, the Scottish National winner, in lovely bloom, grand size, little beauty; 2, 6, Smith, Twite, Scottish National and Palace winner, great size, lovely colour and markings, hard lines to run up against such a good Siskin; 3, Malcolm, Mealy Redpoll, large size, beautiful condition; 4, Law, colour-fed Siskin, rather small, shown in capital hloom; 5, Munro, Twite; 7, Raine, Redpoll. A.O.S. FINCH (10): 1, spl, Raine, charming Hawfinch, shown in lovely condition, well staged; 2, Sharp, well-known Bramhlefinch, a gem, lovely spangling, grand size, well put down; 3, Pendrigh, Hawfinch, well up in size, but beaten here, looking a bit soft to-day; 4, Calder, Greenfinch, fine size and colour, not finished moult yet; 5, Watson, nice Bramble-finch; 6, Smith, Hawfinch; 7, Gentleman. A.S. SOFTBILL, SMALL (1): 1, Fulton, Missel Thrush, shown in lovely condition, very steady. A.O.S. SOFTBILL, SMALL (10): 1, 3, Pendrigh, former Redstart, rich colour, fine size, steady as a rock, wins easy; 3, Yellow Wagtail, marvellous condition, well staged, credit to their owner; 2, 5, Gray, nice Yellow Bunting, good colour and head markings, shown in lovely bloom; 4, Brisbane, Yellow-hammer; 6, Baird; 7, Henderson. FOR., SMALL (10): 1, 4, 5, Gavin, winner Whydah, in full dress, nice taking exhibit, well staged; 2, Colville and Son, pair of lovely yellow Budgerigars, in faultless condition; 3, Gowans, nice long-tailed Whydah; 6, Whyte; 7, Nicoll. LARGE (5): 1, Whyte, Toucan, very rare exhibit in Scotland, in grand condition, great attraction to visitors; 2, Winton, nice Amazon Parrot; 3, Cairncross, Grey Parrot; 4, Curtis, another Amazon; 5, Smith.

LOANHEAD.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S. held their second annual exhibition and competition in the Masonic Hall on October 10th. The president is Mr. A. Jardine, and the hon. secretary Mr. W. B. Smart. This society is well deserving of praise for the manner in which the fanciers and membera connected with it have been at the trouble to work it up, and this gathering of a splendid collection of cage birds went far to make them hope for still further improvement in the future. The Masonic Hall is an ideal one for such an occasion, being very compact and well lighted from the top. Exhibits were comfortably screened round with the best quality of white paper, which gave the hall a neat and clean appearance. Taking into consideration that this society only has as yet about 20 members, it speaks well for each one individually that each came so well to the show bench with so good a muster. Entries totalled about 260, which included Scotch and Border Fancies, Norwich, British, and Mules. We again came across most of the leading winners at Dalkeith show held a week earlier. In the Scotch Fancy section a valuable cup, given hy the ex-Baillie Frichael, was competed for, and was secured this time by Mr. J. Noble with a very neat yellow cock hird, while his 1st yellow hen was runner-up. Not a few of the visitors preferred her to the cup winner, but, at the same time, it was generally admitted she was not so quick in coming to hand and drawing when required as was the cock bird, for he is very nervy and quick. In the Norwich section yellows were again to the fore. Mr. A. Gardner again secured gold medal for best Norwich with his clear yellow cock bird, the Dalkeith winner. Borders were in full force and looking very bright and perky. The Thomson firm seem to be unheatable at these gatherings just now, and they again secnred gold medal for best Border with a lovely buff foul cock in faultless feather. Mules and British classes had a choice variety shown in them, hut not a few of the birds could have done with a little more time to finish up in moult. We were given to understand that the challenge cup given to the society by the ex-Baille Frichael goes to a different section of this show each season, so that it will make fanciers over all sections anxious to try the best they can to produce the quality to win it. Mr. W. Thornton (Edinburgh) acted as Scotch Fancy judge. Mr. James Winter, secretary of the Scottish National Show, had the handling of the Norwich, Mules and British, while Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) officiated in the Border classes. Their awards were very well received.

The Scotch and Border Fancies.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (4): 1, cup, J. Noble, very nervy, good reach, a splendid exhibit; 2, spl, Carson, grand top end, well set back on legs, not out of moult yet; 3, Small, very fair one, neatly turned, good nerve; 4, D. Noble, smaller and not quite so good in top, but a grand bird. HEN (3): 1, spl, J. Noble, neat in head, good back and rib, a fine exhibit, greatly admired; 2, D. Noble, very decent size, also a nice exhibit. BUFF CK. (3): 1, D. Noble, lengthy body, good reach and style, will do a lot of winning; 2, J. Noble, heavy top, good breadth, a bird to be proud of; 3, Carson, similar type, nice exhibit, somewhat short in body. HEN (2): 1, Jardine, only about seven weeks old as yet, in neat feather, should make a nice one, good size and reach, gets well down; 2, J. Noble, good bird, solid body. FOUL CK. (2): 1, Ynle, well up in size, could do with more top perhaps, but much and deservedly admired. HEN: 1, Smart, very neat, fine nerve. YELL. FIED OR GREEN CK. (2): 1, J. Noble, good exhibit, very backward as yet; 2, D. Noble, heavier build, good frame, nice one. HEN (3): 1, J. Noble, smart action, neat head and neck, well filled in shouldera; 2, Smart, similar type, trifle thinner in frame. BUFF CK. (8): 1, J. Noble, well up in size, neatly-rounded shoulder; 2, Small, neat bead and fine reachy neck, well turned rib; 3, D. Noble, similar stamp to first, much admired; 4, 5, Yule. HEN (7): 1, J. Noble, fine erect back, head gets well down, good action; 2, 3, Carson, neatly turned, full of nerve; 4, D. Noble, good size, well rounded; 5, Jardine; 6, 7, Yule. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, 2, Thomson, winner lovely colour, light feather, good carriage; 2, good type, pale colour; 3, Rowe, neat wing carriage, chubby in body; 4, Nelson, neat jaunty carriage, fails only in colonr and finish to winners; 5, 6, Smart; 7, Masterton. HEN (25): 1, spl, 2, 6, Rowe, pair of real gems, well moulded in body fine finish; 3, McAdam, similar style, A1 feather, close up; 4, 7, Ynic, 4, very neat head, tick paler in colour, neatly tapered; 5, Sinclair. BUFF CK.: 1, medal, 3, spl, 4, 7, Thomson, leading with a lovely head tick, level mealy colour, good exhibit; 3, shade longer in wings, neat head, well-placed wings; 4, best of head, fine rounded chest, trifle pale in colonr; 2, spl, Hamilton, well-balanced carriage, full round head, neat pipe tail, very sweet; 5, spl, McAdam, another good tick, splendid body feather; 6, Hogan. HEN (16): 1, 6, Thomson, winner very neat wing tiek, well tapered body, grand style; 2, Smart, shade stronger build, fine mealy feather, close up; 3, 6, (no name), 3rd, best of type and feather, bit unsteady; 4, Smart, well-rounded body, neat wings and tail; 5, Yulc; 7, Nelson. YELL. VARIEO. (17): 1, 4, 5, spl, Thomson, leading with Dalkeith winner, lovely type and markings, best of feather; 4, good type, heavier markings; 2, McAdam, neat three-pointed well-drawn body, hardly so good wing carriage perhaps; 3, spl, 6, Harper, grizzle variec., fine head, body and wing earriage; 7, Masterton. BUFF (10): 1, McAdam, neat three-pointed well-moulded body, not quite ready yet; 2, Ynle, grizzle variec., finely-tapered body, neat wings and tail; 3, Nelson, five-pointed, good feather, nice type; 4, Hamilton, neat style, smart carriage; 5, Small; 6, Smart; 7, Harper. EVEN MARK. (3): 1, 2, Harper, former best of type, feather, and finisb, lightly marked; 2, good head, fine rounded body, not well finished as yet; 3, Masterton, level markings; 4, Nelson. GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, 2, 5, spl, Thomson, leading with well-pencilled grassy green; 2, very neat buff green, again well pencilled; 3, sp, Pearson, very neat grass green, short flights; 4, 7, McAdam, neat, well-pencilled grassy hen, good type; 6, spl, Nelson.

The Norwich, Mules and British.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, and gold medal, Gardiner, Dalkeith winner in rare bloom, typical specimen, all over, wins easily; 2, Sinclair, hardly the substance of winner, but all there for type and quality; 3, 4, Pearson, hoth nice birds, extra good wing carriage, fail just a little in head; 5, Smart; 6, Hoggan. HEN (12): 1, 3, Pearson, very sweet hen leading; 3, same type, but not the finish of winner; 2, 4, Smart; 2, short wings and tail, nicely rounded head, hardly so well finished as winner; 4, chnbby build, feather, will improve yet; 5, Gardiner; 6, 7, Beveridge. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, Pearson, again leading with a very useful brace in rare bloom; 3, 4, Smart, pressing hard on winners, will improve; 5, Hoggan; 6, Sinclair. HEN (9): 1, Gardiner, excelling in quality of feather, very nice type; 2, 3, 7, Pearson, another pair of beauties, well placed; 4, Beveridge, pressing hard on leaders, wee bit long in harrel; 5, Smart; 6, Sinclair. VARGT. ETC.: 1, 3, Smart; 1, real good Norwich, plenty of size, rich in type and quality, was runner-up for the medal; 3, very smart exhibit, wants more time to finish; 2, Gardiner, yellow cap and wing marked, short and chubby, well staged; 4, 6, Sinclair, two good Greens; 5, Pearson; 7, McAdam. HEN (10): 1, 2, Gardiner, typical yellow leading, shown in rare form; 2, large buff hen, just lacking in finish to winner; 3, 7, Smart, and a smart little lady she is too, only wants a little more substance; 4, Pearson, nice quality buff; 5, McAdam; 6, Sinclair. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Smart, Yellow Goldfinch, male, good colour, with little more size would be a wonderful bird; 2, Gardiner, Siskin Mule, shown in nice condition, good size; 3, 5, Sinclair, pair of nice Linnet Mules; 4, Hoggan, Greenfinch Mule, out of condition, will improve; 6, Beveridge; 7, Hoggan. BRIT. (25): 1, 2, 5, 2 spls, Gardiner, 1, very good specimen of a Hawfinch, put down in A1 condition, good sound colonr and markings, feather shining like silk, a popular win; 2, Starling, also put down in spanking condition, very steady; 5, 7, Nelson, Mealy Redpoll; 3, Pearson, Bramble-finch, in grand order; 4, Sinclair, real good Chaffinch, presses hard; 6, Hoggan.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Members' show held Oct. 10th, at Clarence Hotel. Mr. Rapson judged. There was only a poor entry, the general explanation being that birds were not ready. The principal point-winners were: R. Jackson, 22; Crossland Bros., 22; F. Race, 20; and E. Carlisle 16 points in Yorkshires. E. Thorp had 18 points in the British Bird class. One pleasing feature was the presentation by Mr. Bairstow to E. Thorpe, of the silver medal which he promised for the best Norwich exhibited at our Nest Feather show in July.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Carlisle; 2, Crossland Bros; 3, Race; vhc and hc, Jackson. BUFF: J. Jackson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1 and 2, Crossland; 3, Race. BUFF: 1, Crossland Bros. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN.: 1, Jackson; 2, vhc, Race; 3 and hc, Barnes. BUFF: 1, 3, Carlisle; 2, Jackson; vhc and c, Race; hc, Barnes. NOR. (void). A.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1 2 3, vhc, Thorpe.—ED. CARLISLE, Secretary.

GREAT HORTON.

The Great Horton Good Intent held their annual show in the Church Schools, Southfield Lane, on October 10th. It is a very good room, with a nice light. Entries turned up well, 383 in twenty-one classes. The Novice Yorkshire Fanciers had six classes provided for them, in which they made 164 entries, and this section in itself made a grand show. Mr. Harry Schofield, the hon. sec., is a very able and obliging official, while Mr. T. L. Whiteley, the assistant secretary, lent valuable aid. Mr. R. Halliday and Mr. Holden were also in attendance all day, and looked after the birds in the best possible style, while they had them very nicely staged. The show was crowded with visitors during the afternoon. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) was the judge.

The winners of specials in open classes were: Messrs. H. H. Towers, Ogden Bros., L. Watmuff, R. Sutcliffe and Son, L. Briggs, W. H. Shackleton, F. Armstrong. In the Novice Section Messrs. F. Hammond, J. H. Greenwood, A. Hiles, and A. Gill topped the bill, after a hard struggle. Messrs. J. W. Webb, J. Farrar, W. Beaumont won the three selling class specials. Winners of members' specials were: Messrs. Hartley, H. Hill, A. Holden, G. R. Rushworth, H. Schofield, A. Firth, R. Halliday and J. Kay. CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of Yorkshire, Mr. H. H. Towers secured the 6/- for most points; Mr. F. Sluter 4/- for second most points.

The Open Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Townend, rich colour, stands well upon leg, good wing and tail, a little coarse in feather, wants more time to finish moult; 2, Wilson, long bird teeming with quality, grand position, a little patchy in colour; 3, C. and C. T. Parks, very stylish, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Willock, very pale in colour, long flight and tail, nice carriage, good head; vhc, Towers; hc, Shackleton; c, Sutcliffe and Son. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Shackleton, very stylish, grand boxy feathers, pair of grand wings, good tail, wins; 2, Drake, shade on the stout side, but full of quality, well packed wings and tail, grand position, well up on leg; 3, and c, Briggs, pale colour, well on leg, full of quality, grand wings and tail, a shade stout; 4, Towers, very typical, good head, long flights and tail, full of quality, not quite in condition; vhc, Messrs. Hartley, bit loose in feather yet; hc, Lingley. TICK. YELL. (7): 1, Towers, ticked on neck, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, very stylish; 2, Watmuff, ticked on head, rich colour, excellent position, and feather, good head; 3, Messrs. Hartley thigh ticked, full of quality, long flights and tail, wants a little more time to fine down; 4, Hill, cheek ticked, pale colour, grand quality of feather, very stylish; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Bearpark; c, Dean. TICK. BUFF (14): 1, and vhc, Slater, 1st, wing ticked, very rich colour, long flights and tail, nervy, fails a trifle on head; 2, Loug, thigh ticked, long flights and tail, good head, full of quality, very typical; 3, Drake, grizzled head, a bit on the stroug side, but rich colour, full of quality and stands well; 4, Hill, wing marked, pale colour, nice quality, stands well, compact wings and tail; hc, Halliday; c, Coates. UN. MARK.: 1, Watmuff, buff, eye and wing marked, boxey feather, grand wings and tail, good head, position A1.; 2, Haigh, unevenly mkd., yell. stands well, long flights and tail, rich colour, full of quality, head good; 3, Briggs, unevenly mkd. buff, feathered like wax, full of nerve, grand position; 4, Ogden Bros., eye and wing mkd. yell., long stylish bird, pair of good wings well on leg, rich colour; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Shackleton; c, Self. HEAVY VARIEG. (9): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., 1, yellow, well on leg, grand wing and tail, good on head, full of quality, rare position, wins; 4, varieg. yell. good type, full of quality, very long flights and tail; 2, Armstrong, buff varieg. teeming with quality, compact wings and tail, rich colour, stands well up; 3, Slater, yell. varieg. long flights and tail ,good head, full of bloom; vhc, Bearpath; hc, Haliday; c, Messrs. Hartley. CLEAR, ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, feathered like wax, stands beautifully, grand wings and tail, round head, a perfect lady; 2, Farrar, close up, pair of good legs, neat head, full of quality, well packed wings and tail, rich colour; 3, Hill, slim, grand wings and tail, good back, little open on chest to-day, good colour; 4, Wilson, long slim bird, well on leg, good head, full of quality, wants more time; vhc, Mann; hc, Cosey; c, Slater. BUFF HEN (11): 1, Towers, eye and wings, full of quality, rich colour, good head, grand wings and tail, wants fining down; 2, Shackleton, very typical, well on leg, good wings and tail, some thought might have won to-day; 3, vhc, Walsh, very stylish, good wings and tail, full of quality, neat head; 4, Wilson, a good bird, looking well, slim, typical, much admired; hc Slater; c, Wilkinson. CINN. MARK. CK. (7): 1, Chittenden, eye, wing and tail marked buff, full of quality, grand position annd shape, wins; 2, Ogden Bros., eye, wing and cheek mkd. buff, rich colour and quality, good head and wings, bit stouter; 3, 4, Wilcock, eye and wing, quality good, neat head, well on leg, piped tail; 4, yell., blaze of colour, capped and wing marked, not quite tight enough; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett; hc, Kaye; c, Thornton. CINN. MKD. HEN (13): 1, Ogden Bros., blaze of colour, long, slim, full of nerve, feathered like glass, a yellow; 2, Fawcett, eye and wing marked buff, rich colour, boxy feather, grand position, nest head; 3, Gleder, eye and wing, yellow, boxy, typical, good wing carriage, neat tail; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing buff, very hot colour, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Wilcock; c, Towers. SELL YELL. CK. (£1) (10): 1, Webb; 2, E. and F. Ellis; 3, Ingham; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Holden; hc, Wellock; c, Casey. BUFF CK. (15/-) (15): 1, Furrar; 2, Bartle; 3, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Schofield; vhc, Pratt Bros.; hc, Wood; c, Radley. HEN (12/6) (13): 1, Beaumont; 2, Addy; 3, Warburton; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Schofield; hc, Walsh; c, Holden.

The Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (28): 1, Priestly, pale colour, grand position, full of quality, good wings and tail, neat head; 2, Gill, rich colour, very slim, long flights and tail, good head and chest, very stylish; 3, Gibson, full of nerve, pair of grand wings, stands well up, boxey feather; 4, Clark, well on leg, neat wings and tail, clean cut away, full of quality; vhc, Birkett; hc, Beaumont; c, Helliwell. CL. BUFF (26): 1, Horsfield, boxy feather, good round head, compact wings and tail, very clean on breast, grand position; 2, Chapman and Bateman, stylish good head and chest, grand wing carriage, nice piped tail, good one; 3, Gill, pale colour, feathered like wax, neat head, nice wings and tail, A1 position; 4, Holroyd Bros., blaze of colour, grand back, wings and tail, open on breast a little, neat head; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Green. TICK. ETC. YELL. (27): 1, Hall, eye and wing, blaze of colour, long flights and tail, very stylish, good one, much admired; 2, B. and F. Worsman, well on leg, neat head, good wing carriage, pale colour, very typical; 3, E. and F. Ellis, well on leg, good head and wings, full of quality, nice shape; 4, Brown, long and typical, with good wings and tail, quality A1; vhc, Staples; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Clark. BUFF (33): 1, Firth, eye tick, rich colour, boxey feather, well on leg, very stylish, good head, nice wing carriage; 2, Beaumont, eye tick, full of quality, neat wing carriage, and piped tail, round head, stands well up; 3, Townley, shade stronger, well on leg, long flights and tail, neat head; 4, Holes, wing marked, rich colour, full of quality, nicely placed wings, good tail; vhc, Northrop; hc, Holroyd Bros.; c, and spl., Lodge. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (42): 1, Hills, a real lady, feathered like wax, well on leg, grand wings and tail, neat head, fine shape; 2, Dunn, rich colour, well on leg, full of quality, slim, grand position, very nervy; 3, Green, capped and wing marked, good flights and tail, boxy feather, rich colour, neat; 4, White, shade stouter, grand feather, good flights and tail, stands well; vhc, Clark, hc, Gleder; c, Shepherd. BUFF HEN (50): 1, Clegg, pale colour, full of quality, grand position, good wings and tail, nice one; 2, Nichols, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and tail, good stand; 3, Webb, pale colour, position A1, good head, full of quality, close up; 4, Lodge, another real good hen, boxy feather, full of nerve, and good wings and tail; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Beaumont; c, Wood; this was the best class in the show, many good birds having to be left out of the cards. NOR. CL. ETC. CK. (11): 1, 2, Hammond, buff, marked, full of quality, good head and chest, well across perch; 2, variegated buff, boxy feather, good head, chubby, grand wings and tail; 3, Fortnam, good stamp, nice body, and style; 4, hc, Greenwood, shapely, full of quality; vhc, Clifford; c, Markwell. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Greenwood, rich coloured buff, grand head and chest, short and chubby; 2, Hammond, good quality and type, pale colour, neat; 3, Fortnam, nice stamp of bird, stylish, good quality; 4, Markwell, good shape and carriage; hc, Clifford; c, Taylor.

ROCHESTER.

"A truly grand success; the best show all round we have ever had." Such was the verdict of the officials—and they ought to know—concerning Rochester, etc., Fanciers' Society's Show, held on October 8th and 9th in the New Corn Exchange of the historical Kentish city, the fame of which has been spread far and wide by the Pickwickian annals. The fine hall, which on many an occasion has vibrated with the tones of the voice of the great tenor Maas, resounded with the music of the birds as the autumn sunshine danced and glinted through the plentifully arranged windows. The room in which exhibits were staged was an ideal one, having plenty of room and light, and no need for crowding. There were 1,100 entries all told in all the sections, 200 of which were cage birds. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hurdman, gripped the reins like a veteran, notwithstanding that the work was comparatively new to him. He met with the able and experienced assistance of the committee, who one and all are fanciers. The chairman, Mr. J. Giles, was indefatigable, while the cage bird stewards, Messrs. H. W. Casemore (vice-chairman), G. A. Acland, J. Morris, and W. J. Thompson, spared no effort to have everything in apple-pie order. We would make one suggestion to the committee for another year, and that is, that they have the cage birds arranged in tiers at one part of the hall instead of placing them upon the other live stock pens so high up as to somewhat mar the opportunities of a good view. The Norwich came up well, and the quality was of a very high standard, considering it was a £5 limit show. The Softbills were A1, for it was here the winner of the members' cup for best in show was found, it being a most magnificent Missel Thrush, shown by Mr. Acland in the very pink of feather and very steady. The runner-up for the cup, and a very close runner-up, too, was Mr. H. W. Casemore, with a beautiful Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Canary and Hybrid Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 2, and Hyde's special, Marshall, rich colour, beautiful tone of feather, neat head, in fine bloom; 3, Gibbs, even hotter in colour, scarcely so bonny and chubby, but lovely silky feather; 4, Taylor, very good type, if not quite so compact in wing carriage; vhc, Rippon; hc, Thompson; c, Stewart. BUFF (8): 2, Gibbs, bird of true Norwich type, perhaps not so big as some would liked to have seen, but has soft rich tone of feather, with bright pure undercolour, daintily frosted; 3, Taylor, very similar build, but just loses in finish, i.e., in undercolour; 4, Marshall, fine quality, close up; vhc, Whent; hc, Acland; c, Lancaster. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): A grand lot for quality; 2, Taylor, ticked one wing, rare front, neat head, close and compact, beautiful back and rump, and being an unflighted bird will improve yet; 3, Gibbs, looks like the old ticked yellow, splendid shape, but trifle open and loose in wings—like boots, we all wear out as the years go by; 4, Berry and Mitchell, variegated, of grand silky feather, that would be an acquisition to any breeder's stud; vhc, Taylor; hc, Acland. BUFF (8): 2, Rippon, ticked, beautiful undercolour, fine texture of feather, very sweet; 3, Taylor, very similar, but hardly so rich in tone; 4, Whent, romping variegated, frosty feather, thick-set, grand colour producer; vhc, Chandler; hc, Taylor; c, Berry and Mitchell. UNFLI. (19): 1, spl, best Norwich, 2, Taylor, 1st ticked hull, grand chest, neck and head, well packed all through, bold and rich; 2nd, also a good one, hardly so full all over; 3, Marshall, ticked yellow of rich colour and fine feather, will make a still better bird by and bye; 4, Farrow, very neat and nice buff; ex. 4, Berry and Mitchell; vhc, Taylor; hc, Marshall; c, Ainsworth. NON-FED (6): 2, 4; Holmes, former a yellow of nice glossy feather and good shape; 3, Woodcock, another really good yellow, larger, but not so compact in feather nor so good in wing carriage; vhc, Woodcock; hc, Richardson; c, Whiffen. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (3): 2, Reeve, stands well, nice tail, neat head; 4, Shiers, not quite so smart and full of go. TKD., ETC., CK. (4): 2, Gibbs, ticked yellow, fine position, beautiful feather, well posed; 4, Hawes, buff cinnamon ticked, most lovely feather, like wax, n close race; vhc, Austen; hc, Johnson. YORKS. HEN (3): 2, Reeves, lovely yellow, rare pose, beautiful tone of feather, well braced wings and whip tail; 4, Gibbs, ticked hull, scarcely wound up yet, lovely feather, fine position; vhc, Johnson. YORKS. UNFLI. (11): 1, spl, 2, 3, Johnson, a topping team, ticked yellow leading, full of life, goes well up, finely cleaned out, a right nice Yorkie this; a creditable trio all; 4, ex. 4, Reeve, cinnamon variegated, and a green variegated, both smart and of fine quality; vhc, Sales; hc, Gibbs. CREST (3): 3, Thompson, neat, good body; 4, vhc, Whiffin. BORD. FCY. (7): 2, 3, 4, Dr. Bowles, three little gems, the leader a waxy-feathered dapper little buff, jaunty as could be, very sweet; vhc, hc, Bacon; c, Jenner. LIZ. (5): 2, Ward, silver, best ground and most work; 4, Austin, gold, rich ground colour, fails just a trifle in spangling; vhc, Dean; hc, Whiffin; c, Heritage. NOR. A.V. NOVICE (9): 1, 2, Wade, both yellows, rich colour and quality; 4, Meades; vhc, c, Hunt; hc Woodcock. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (9): 1, 4, Ward, leader six-pointed yellow Goldie-Canary; 2, hc, Smith, lightly variegated buff of the same cross; vhc, Whent; c, Casemore. DARK (10): 1, Parson, cinnamon Greenfinch-Canary, in lovely feather; 2, Marshall, rich-coloured, well-fed Greenfinch-Canary; 4, Whent, Linnet-Canary, in good feather; ex. 4, Curd, cinnamon Linnet-Canary, probably a hen; vhc, Acland; hc, c, Casemore. HYBRID (5): 2, res for cup, and spl, and 4, Casemore, two Goldie-Greenies, the former rich in tone of colours, feather like wax, nice Goldfinch blaze; 3, vhc, Taylor, former Siskin-Greenfinch, not quite in such good form, fine colour; hc, Curd. A.O.V. (3): 2, Marshall, nice yellow cinnamon; 3, Taylor, evenly-marked Norwich; vhc, Casemore. SELL., 20/- (13): 1, Marshall; 2, Thompson; 3, Whent; 4, Boreman; vhc, Farrow; hc, Taylor; c, Fryer. 10/- (7): 2, Taylor; 3, Dean; 4, Chandler; vhc, Fryer; hc, Acland; c, Whent.

The British and Foreign Bird Classes.

LINNET (12): 1, Pankhurst, well ahead of all else in class; 2, Abbott, very bonny, not so nutty, very steady; 4, Wickham, nice, needs time to get colour up; vhc, Acland; hc, Marshall; c, Casemore. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 2, Wade, nice Mealy Redpoll; 3, Acland, Twite, good colour for a hen, and well-marked; 4, Pankhurst, Siskin; vhc, Pankhurst; hc, Weaire. GOLDIE (5): 2, Wickham, very lustrous, nice blaze, steady, might have a little more chestnut, perhaps; 3, 4, Casemore, couple of good Finches that need time to be heard of again; vhc, Parson; hc, Anderson. BULLIE, ETC. (5): 2, Casemore, bonny Greenfinch, plenty of size, steady, and rare colour; 3, Mrs. Young, nice Bullfinch, hardly up in colour yet; 4, Abbott, another Bullie; vhc, Weaire; hc, Mrs. Young. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 2, spl, Mrs. Young, spanking Chaffinch, when fully up in colours will be a teaser; 3, Wickham, yet another Chaffy, rich in colour, hardly fined down; 4, Weaire; vhc, Hunt; hc, Wade. A.V. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 2, Webb, very steady Lark; 4, Carr, large and nice 'Gale; vhc, Brett; hc, Wade. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 2, cup, and 2 spls, Acland, magnificent Missel Thrush, as tame, gentle, lustrous, and full-coloured as need be—a bird to reckon with in any show; 3, Brett, beautifully spotted Song Thrush; 4, Webb; vhc, Mrs. Young; hc, Dray; c, Bond. FOR. (6): 2, Wade, Long-tailed Whydahs; 3, Mrs. Young, Atlas Weaver; 4, spl, Casemore; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, c, Weaire. GIFT (2): 3, Mrs. Young.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The October monthly show was held at the North-road Lecture Hall, on October 1st, when there was a splendid show of cage birds. Many grand specimens were strong candidates for the special prizes given by the association, which were eventually won by Messrs. Gravatt and Dandridge with birds that will take some beating at future shows. The judge was Mr. W. Swaysland.

YORKS.: 1, 3, Dandridge; 2, Pearson. NOR.: 1, Mrs. Eyles; 2, 3, Dandridge. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Gravatt; 2, 3, Dean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Dandridge.—A. ALLFREY, Hon. Assist. Sec.

LIVERPOOL BIRD BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The most successful night show of Canaries held within recent years took place at the Oldham Hall on October 8th, when over 40 birds were staged. Mr. Hales judged, giving every satisfaction. The principal winners were Messrs. Handley, Metcalf, Isaac, Nimmo, J. Royden, T. Royden, Thompson, Dickinson, Richardson, Rushton, and J. Lloyd. After the birds were judged, a judging competition took place, several of the prominent members entering same. The winner of the 1st prize was Mr. Gregory, who is a novice; 2nd, C. Hillmen; and 3rd, J. Walker. Winners of silver medal for Yorkshire, Mr. Metcalf; for best Greens (Norwich), Mr. Isaac.—A. THOMPSON, Sec.

PAISLEY.

The Paisley and Dis. O.A. held their sixteenth annual exhibition of Scotch Fancy Canaries on October 10, in the George A. Clark North Minor Hall. Hitherto the show has been held on the first Saturday in October; the change to the second Saturday is an advantage, a week in the moulting of Scotch Fancies making a difference. The entries showed an increase in number of 30, compared with that of last year. In style the quality all through was distinctly in advance, but the size has slightly receded; few giants are now to be met with. The difficulty to secure a combination of size and style is as great as ever. The undersize of Belgians used for crossing has much to do with the problem. Considerable interest was manifested towards the close of the judging; a referee had to be called in, namely, to decide on the best young bird. The Cup and Gold Badge were ultimately won by Mr. Kennedy, jun., of Paisley, with a Buff Green cock of exceptional merit. The Silver Medal and Gold Badge were won by Mr. Montgomery, of Corkerhill, with an outstanding Buff hen, which was at a disadvantage, eight feathers having been knocked out of the tail. With some of the visitors she was the first favourite. Mr. Kennedy, the esteemed president, who is a keen and practical Fancier, was in evidence in the work of the day, his kindly word inspiring all who came into contact with him. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. Kelly, is an ideal office-bearer, being active and methodical. He gets through a large amount of business with ease, and to his efforts, backed by those of an able and efficient committee, is due the success which attended the event. The judges, Messrs. Holden (Muirkirk), Muirhead (Bonnybridge), Prentice (Clydebank), and Smith (Howwood), are to be congratulated upon the awards, which, generally speaking, were well received. In the afternoon, exhibitors and visitors were present in large numbers, and from their remarks it is evident that the display was much appreciated.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (13): 1, Thornton, reachy, erect, decided drive, good top, rare depth of side wing and tail fine action; 2, McClure, erect, fine round prominent top, rare droop, splendid front and crouch, grand body, and active; 3, Smith, erect, grand top, fine droop, nice body, wing and tail; 4, Calder, finely positioned, good drive and top, nice body, and quick; 5, Urquhart, nice all round; 6, Ralston; 7, Jackson; 8, Allison. HEN (10): 1, Thorntou, beauty, and leads easily, erect, fine head and neck, grand top, fine lovely condition; 2, McClure, erect, good droop, fine shoulders, body, and wing; 3, 8, Robertson, good substance throughout, prominent top, and good body; 4, Livingstone, fine frame, good style, will improve; 5, Drew, finely positioned, lovely bloom; 6, Main; 7, Maxwell. YELL. PIED CK. (15): 1, Blue, grand reachy exhibit, erect, fine head, long neck, grand shoulder, body, wing, and tail, in best of condition; 2, Urquhart, erect, nice drive, good back, rare substance, and active; 3, Maxwell, splendid all round, free exhibit in lovely condition; 4, Bowman, erect, good top, fine drive, shapely all through; 5, Kennedy, grand drive and side; 6 Pearson; 7, Mitchell; 8, Kennedy, sen. HEN (14): 1, 5, Bowman, 1—erect, rare drive, fine neck, grand top, clean front, nice body, wing and tail, 5—fine quality throughout; 2, Nairn, another fine erect bird, good reach and top, grand body; 3, Black, well got up, good type, plenty of action; 4, Burnside, free drive, good top, shoulder, and wing, always on the move; 6, Caldwell; 7, Graham; 8, McEachern. FL. CK. (13): 1, McClure, erect, decided drive, round prominent top, grand body, wing, and tail; 2, Reid, upstanding drive, pronounced good top, grand substance, rare mover; 3, Menzies, fine hard up type, fine drive, good top, grand substance; 4, McClure, erect, good drive, finely position, and plenty of substance; 5, McAdam, erect, grand top, smooth in feather; 6, Henry; 7, Kerr; 8, Allison. HEN (12): 1, McClure, erect, grand substance, decided drive, good top, fine depth of chest, rare front; 2, Strathern, stylish, gets to work freely, good substance, grand top; 3, Barnett, neat, compact, nervy, lady, nice style; 4, McAdam, hard up, rare top and droop, thin in body, close in feather; 5, Caldwell, showy, and good substance; 6, Moore; 7, Robertson; 8, Bowman. GRN. CK. (11): 1, 8, Kennedy, Cup winner, long reachy exhibit, well circled and finely positioned, grand body and tail, deep in moult; 2, Maxwell, erect, fine reach and top, grand body, quick; 3, Nairn, up-standing, good drive and top, plenty of substance, stylish; 4, Smith, grand, well-filled in back and shoulders, good type; 5, Strathearn, finely staged; 6, McLennan; 7, Begg. HEN (8): 1, Strathearn, massive frame, erect, decided drive, grand body and wing, slow in movement; 2, Maxwell, very stylish, erect, determined reach, good top, fine body and wing; 3, Thornton, in lovely condition, correct, rare droop, fine top, nice body, wing, and tail; 4, Urquhart, erect, good rank and droop, nice substance; 5, Bowman, smart and showy; 6, Burnside; 7, Hannay; 8, Paton. BUFF CK. (16): 1, McClure, finely positioned, decided reach, good top, fine depth of chest, rare body, wing and tail; 2, Montgomery, grand frame, erect, decided droop, good solid top, exceptional length of body; 3, Menzies, another grand bird, erect, good top, body and wing, quick in action; 4, McAdam, rare type, will improve; 5, Black, neat, compact exhibit; 6, Blue; 7, Hill; 8, Urquhart. HEN (16): 1, Montgomery, exceptional quality, erect, decided droop, grand, well-filled shoulders, rare depth, fine body and tail, winner of medal much admired; 2, Dalgleish, erect, fine drive, good top, nice body, well staged; 3, Grahame, another well put down exhibit, grand form and action; 4, Drew, nice size, stylish and quick; 5, Calder, nice all over; 6, Thornton; 7, McDonald; 8, Arthur. BUFF PIED CK. (18): 1, Petrie, erect, decided reach, good top, rare body, wing, and tail; 2, McClure, erect, fine droop, grand top, plenty of substance; 3, Jackson, grand exhibit, rare substance, nice type; 4, Borland, good size, erect, decided reach, good top, nice body; 5, Black, compact, and well knit together; 6, Paton; 7, Grahame; 8, Nairn. HEN (9): 1, Thornton, Derby winner, in lovely condition, erect, fine drive and top, good body, nice wing and tail; 2, Montgomery, erect, fine reach, good top, nice body and wing; 3, Smith, well placed, good style and ready; 4, Burnside, plenty of substance, nice style; 5, McAdam, stylish, and fine action; 6, Main; 7, Kennedy; 8, Prentice. SELL. CK. (16): 1 and 4, Nell; 2, Penrson; 3, Higgins; 5, Campbell; 6, McEachern; 7, Bennett; 8 Allardice. HEN (21): 1, Kennedy; 2, Smith; 3, Robertson; 4, McEachern.

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A record entry greeted the judges at the fourth show of the Watford and Dist. C.B.S. on October 8th and 9th, and the quality was quite equal to that seen at shows of greater pretensions and more extended history. The figures were 480, which read 100 better than those of 1907. Norwich were an exceptionally good lot, birds of rare type and beauty of feather being seen. The pick of the bunch were Mr. Jeff's handsome yellow, which won Ramsden's colour feed special, and Mr. Goodall's buff cock and yellow hen, two charming birds, with lovely silkiness of feather. Messrs. Tams and Son headed a grand class of unflighted birds with one of the real Bullfinch type. Crests and Crest-breds although few were good, the winners in each class being possessed of wonderful feather properties. Some very typical and stylish Yorkshires put in an appearance, but the majority of them had not tightened up, and it is quite possible a week or fortnight will make a lot of difference in the placings. A Yorkshire does not show its quality until it has quite finished its moult. Mr. Mountain sent a rare stylish yellow from Yorkshire, and Mr. H. Davis put down a lovely pair of hens. Hybrids were "hot stuff," and the much-discussed "Chaffinch-Canary" was the sensation of the section. Finches were not big classes, but the quality was magnificent, the birds showing far more bloom and colour than is usual at this season of the year. The soft bills were a quality lot indeed, and Mr. Frostick's task of placing them was not one to be envied. Mr. R. J. Howe's Waxwing is one of the very best, the tipping of its flights and tail being exquisitely beautiful. Mr. Watts staged a splendid team of Foreigners, in a manner which deserved the highest credit. The whole of the arrangements were admirably carried out by the committee, under the direction of Mr. J. Goodall as show manager. Mr. W. Quantrell made an efficient and ever-courteous secretary, and the most efficient band of stewards included the following ardent fanciers:—Messrs. R. J. Pretty, H. B. and R. J. Withers, A. G. Frost, W. Buckingham, W. Shirley, A. T. Sears, J. Goodall, and R. J. Watts. CAGE BIRDS stall was most tastefully arranged, and presided over by Miss Goodall and Miss Watts. The Judges were Messrs. C. A. House (Canaries and Mules) and J. Frostick (British and Foreign), and on the whole their awards seemed to give complete satisfaction.

The Open Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, and Ramsden's spl, vhc, Jeffs, beautifully finished right through, and hard to find fault with, rare depth and width of chest, very even in colour, and as tight as wax; 2, Silk, very fine, silky feathered bird, of rich, even colour, built on more slender lines; 3, hc, Hodder, lovely type and carriage, sound, rich colour, not so fit; c, Kilby. BUFF (10): 1, Goodall, magnificent body, rare finish of feather, level colour, wants just a bit more fulness of head to make him unbeatable; 2, Wright, charming bird, not so large, but grand shape, hot in colour, but not so well polished, a bargain at catalogue price, 20s.; 3, Silk, fine, bold bird, of rare shape, nice even colour; vhc, Welch; hc, c, Spall. VARIEG. (6): 1, spl, Lees, lovely saddle marked yellow, very chubby, sound and bright in colour, nice, close-fitting coat; 2, Hodder, eye, head, and wing marked yellow, chubby, magnificent colour and feather; 3, Gilbert, eye and wing buff, nice shaped body, beautiful colour and feather; vhc, Jeffs; hc, Shirley; c, Moss. UNFLI. (15): 1, Tams and Son, very short, compact, ticked-headed buff, grand chest and shoulders, capital head, very short and tight in feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Spall, very high quality yellow, grand, rich colour, nice shape, but awfully wild; 3, hc, Webb, again a charming yellow, full of colour and quality, rare type, but wild and had damaged his tail; vhc, Lewin; c, Howe. HEN (12): 1, spl, Goodall, rare bodied yellow, very even in colour, nice silky, compact feather, fails just a wee bit in head; 2, Wright, wing marked buff, beautifully mealed, grand shape, not tightened up yet, like his yellow cock, only entered at 20s.; 3, Jeffs, very high quality yellow, beautiful colour and shape; vhc, spl, best vhc in Norwich section, Silk, lovely little lady, full of quality and capital shape, hardly ready; hc, Lees; c, Hodder. CREST (9): 1, Jones and Crest, very heavily feathered green, neatly centred, very evenly radiated, dense and well drooped; 2, King, nice, veiny crest, well drooped, lovely quality, but not quite so dense or long as winner; 3, Bloomfield and Rose, heavily feathered green, not so neat in centre, well drooped, good quality; vhc, hc, Mrs. Pearse; c, Fellows. C.B. (6): 1, King, very dense feathered, big headed variegated, of good shape; 2, 3, Mrs. Pearse, two beautiful quality variegateds, plenty of long, broad feather; vhc, Jones and Crest; hc, c, Fellows. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Mountain, long, slim, stylish bird, capital head and back, neat tail; 2, Harris, much hotter in colour, but not fined down in feather, grand shape and style; 3, Alford, very smart and racy, lovely feather, not down in tail; vhc, Easterling; hc, Tringham; c, Forse. BUFF (7): 1, Tringham, beautifully feathered, very stylish, and well moulded; 2, Burton, very nicely cut away, grand style, very hot in colour, hardly so neat in head; 3, Rigg, beautiful feather and style, nice shape, hardly ready; vhc, Silk; hc, Easterling; c, Baffin. VARIEG. (6): 1, Burton, slim, well tapered, Cinnamon-marked, grand quality of feather, rare style, good colour; 2, Webb, buff Cinnamon-marked, very nice shape and style, grand feather; 3, Tringham, variegated, and a good one, too, when he has been washed; vhc, Davis; hc, Mountain. UNFLI. (16): 1, spl, Askew, grand, slim, well-built yellow, good head, back, wings and tail, neat and smart right through; 2, vhc, Beeney, the two best feathered birds in the class, superb wing and tail carriage, but just a shade short in tail; 3, Harris, a rattling good shaped yellow, rather wild; hc, Davis; c, Forse. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl, Davis, head and cheek marked buff, and a yellow, two beautiful birds, the former excels in shape and feather, whilst the latter is best in style, but loses in formation of skull; 3, Harris, lovely quality buff, grand carriage, just a shade stout in waist; vhc, Burton; hc, c, Easterling. A.O.V. (7): 1, Goodall, very smart Lancashire Plainhead, capital shape and substance, nice carriage; 2, Silk, rare feathered yellow Cinnamon, rich colour and nice shape; 3, Bott, very pretty little Border Fancy.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

HYBRIDS—LIGHT CAN. (7): 1, Andrews, the disputed "Canary-Chaffinch," in grand feather; 2, 3, Lees, well-known grizzle winged yellow Goldie, and unevenly marked Linnet, both in rare form; vhc, Gilbert, ticked necked buff, wonderful colour and quality, on the small side; hc, Tams and Son; c, Goodall. DARK (7): 1, Coffey, very rich-coloured, high quality jonque Linnet, in rare form; 2, Askew, grandly feathered, nice coloured Greenfinch; 3, Fullbrook, very large, well marked shapely buff Linnet, but lacks colour; vhc, Andrews, another good Greenie Mule; hc, Caines; c, Lees. BRIT. HYBRID (7): 1, Coffey, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, magnificent colour and condition, not a feather out of place, grandly marked and showing unmistakable signs of parentage; 2, 3, Ward, well-known Redpoll-Bullfinch, and Linnet Bullfinch, "Unique II.," both wonderful colour, former seemed a bit stuck in feather or would have won; vhc, Fullbrook, very handsome Gold-Bullfinch; hc, Hingley; c, Andrews.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Tams and Son, very bright and rich in face, nice tanning, capital bars and buttons, in fine feather; 2, 3, Prior, two charming Finches, fine faces, beautifully marked, and grandly feathered, but lacking the colour of winner at present, will turn the tables later on; vhc, White; hc, Goodall; c, Quantrell. BULLFINCH (7): 1, White, beautifully-coloured, grand cap, nice, soft-hued back, good bars and tail, in rare fettle; 2, Lee, a bigger bird, of beautiful shape and colour, lovely cap; 3, Francis, very rich and clear in breast, clean-cut cap, nice back and bars; vhc, Barrett; hc, Howe; c, Withers Bros. HEN (6): 1, Howe, large, splendid shape and feather, grandly marked; 2, c, Withers Bros., a bird of lovely colour and marking, hardly so large; 3, hc, Quantrell, good shape and marking, not tightened up in feather; vhc, Swain. GREENIE (10): 1, Pickles, grand shape and size, beautifully feathered, and full of colour; 2, Coffey, rather more depth of colour, grand shape, hardly so fine in feather; 3, Howe, fine, big, bold bird, with plenty of colour, not yet fit; vhc, Goodall; hc, Osborn; c, Livingstone. CHAFFINCH (12): 1, Gerry and Davis, very nice one, beautifully rich in colour, grandly feathered, and well marked; 2, Hurst, hardly so forward in colour, but grandly marked and magnificent feather, a very big, shapely bird, will need beating later on; 3, Sears, in splendid fettle, nice shape, size and colour; vhc, c, Withers Bros; hc, Francis. BRAMBLE (16): 1, Coffey, fine, big, bold bird, grandly feathered and spangled; 2, Gilbert, richer in colour, grand feather and marking, not so large; 3, Chick, very well spangled and nice in colour, but we could not get him to stand; vhc, Carter, Hingley; hc, Livingstone, Prior; c, Darvill, Howe. LINNET (13): 1, Tams and Son, beautiful colour, nicely marked, grand feather and very steady; 2, Morrison, very nice shape, larger, but just beaten in colour and marking; 3, c, Pickles, very fine shape, feather and colour, we liked the commended bird as well as any in class, but needs its beak trimming; vhc, Quantrell; hc, Goodall. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, White, very rich coloured, grandly feathered Siskin, neatly marked and steady; 2, Quantrell, sound bright-coloured Twite, beautifully marked, and shows well; 3, Bancroft, charming little Redpoll, beautiful colour and marking; vhc, Francis; hc, Cutting; c, Morrison. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Hurst, very large and grandly feathered Hawfinch, ideal bib, a fine fellow, looks like being difficult to beat; 2, Withers Bros., another very shapely, rich coloured Hawfinch, hardly so deep in bib; 3, Sandy, grandly marked, rich coloured Yellowbunting, in splendid form; vhc, Chick; hc, Watson; c, Carter. LARK, ETC. (5): 1, Smiley; 2, Quantrell, two splendid Tree Pipits, 1st perhaps the clearest in marking, but 2nd the richest in colour, both beautifully shown and either could have won; 3, Goodall, well marked, showy Skylark; vhc, hc, Withers Bros. NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (7): 1, Francis, large, steady, well-feathered, nice-coloured Nightingale; 2, Hingley, another fine, large, good-coloured 'Gale, but not quite so neat; 3, Burrows, smaller 'Gale, but rare feather and style; vhc, Withers Bros.; hc, Miss Hopwood; c, Nobes. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, c, Fullbrook, very handsome gold-crested Wren, in grand fettle, nice colour; 2, Howe, beautiful Tree Creeper, in grand form; 3, Goodall, nice, bright-coloured, well-feathered Redstart; vhc, Withers Bros; hc, Shirley. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): 1, Watts, certainly the largest Thrush in the class, and good in shape, shows white feathers on head, in grand form; 2, Howe, magnificent ebony-coloured Blackbird, splendid bill and eyes; 3, Withers Bros., very rich coloured, beautifully spotted Thrush, splendid shape and style; vhc, Miss Hockey; hc, Fenn. A.O.S. (5): 1, hc, Howe, one of the finest Waxwings ever staged, grand crest, most brilliantly marked; 2, Williams, very handsome Chough, in grand form; 3, Quantrell, splendid Magpie, grandly marked, and beautifully shown; vhc, Francis. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, hc, Chick, very handsome, well-marked Hawfinch; 2, Withers Bros., a novelty, pretty Bearded Reedling; 3, Howe, finely marked, good coloured Missel Thrush; vhc, Sandy; c, Bancroft. PIED, ETC., cancelled. FOR. PARROT, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Millsum, lovely pair of Blue Mountain Lorrikeets, fine large birds, grandly feathered, and very rich colour; 2, 3, vhc, Watts, pair of blue-crowned Hanging Parrots, a Lineolated Parrakeet, and a Redrump, a grand team, in splendid form; hc, Fullbrook. WAXBILLS, ETC. (7): 1, Watts, very handsome Queen Whydah; 2, Frost, showy, nice plumaged Paradise Whydah; 3, Drowley, pretty pair of Mannikins; vhc, hc, Goodall; c, Fullbrook. SOFTBILLS (3): 1, 2, 3, Watts, a splendid trio, Archbishop Tanager, Indian Shama, and a curved-billed Olivaceous Tanager, three beautiful birds, and shown in grand condition. SELL 40s. (8): 1, Howe; 2, Watts; 3, Goodall; vhc, Fellows; hc, Shirley; c, Miss Hewat. GIFT (10): 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Shirley; vbc, c, Watts; hc, Quantrell. MEMBERS' CHAMP. NOR. (4): 1, spl, Rigg; 2, Goodall; 3, Shirley. NOVICE CL. ETC. (15): 1, hc, spl, Ball; 2, 3, Wright; vbc, Fillyard; c, Withers Bros. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, Wright; 2, Irwin; 3, Bolt; vhc, Groves; hc, Freeman. CREST CHP. (1): 1, spl, Rigg. NOVICE (9): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Campling; 3, Youens; hc, c, Lowe. YORKS. CL. (8): 1, spl, vhc, c, Adams; 2, 3, hc, Buckingham. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, vhc, c, Buckingham; 2, Rigg; 3, bc, Adams. NOVICE, YELL. (11): 1, spl, Perkins; 2, hc, c, Willis; 3, Cox; vhc, MacLachlan. BUFF (12): 1, Perkins; 2, 3, c, Sears; vhc, Wright; hc, Cox. A.O.V. (8): 1, Perkins; 2, 3, vhc, Sears; hc, Parrish; c, Cox. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, spl, Brandon; 2, Goodall. HYBRID (7): 1, spl, Withers Bros.; 2, Buckingham; 3, Frost; vhc, c, Goodall; hc, Tucker. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, Withers Bros. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Withers Bros.; 2, 3, Goodall; vbc, Buckingham; hc, Sparrow; c, Swain. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, Withers Bros.; 2, Shirley; 3, Tucker; vbc, Buckingham; hc, Sparrow. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Withers Bros.; 3, Shirley. FOR. (6): 1, Watts; 2, 3, Mrs. Quantrell; vhc, Sparrow; hc, Frost. GOLD, ETC. (3): 1, Tucker; 2, Sparrow. SELL. 10s. (7): 1, Watts; 2, 3, Swain; vbc, hc, Buckingham; c, Tucker. PARTRIDGE'S CLASS (29): 1, Ball; 2, hc, cup, Wright; 3, Sears; vhc, Youens; c, Willis. GLEESON'S CUP (18): 1, hc, Quantrell; 2, 3, cup, Goodall; vhc, c, Withers Bros.

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GREAT HARWOOD.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.A. held their ninth annual open show on Oct. 9th and 10th, in the Unity Club, a grand room for the purpose. The Norwich classes were fairly well filled, and contained some exceptionally good specimens, birds of grand type and quality being seen in every class. The unflighted yellow and the young yellow hen of Mr. J. Trengove's, are a couple of gems, and will want some stopping in any company, as also will Mr. Huggins' Unflighted Buff, Mr. Godley's Yellow and Buff, Mr. Evans' "Sign of the Cross," and Messrs. Mercer and Evans' Buff hens. We were sorry to see such a poor collection (as regards numbers) of Yorkshires, not one class containing sufficient entries to entitle it to full prize money; but what was short in numbers was made up for in quality, not a bad one being staged. The Yorkshiremen were competing for the Y.C.C. Cup, and they sent some "clinkers" to represent them. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger staged a couple of hens practically faultless, and secured both firsts. Mr. E. Radley's noted unflighted of last season has moulted out into a storming clear yellow, and should continue his winning career. Mr. Shackleton's ticked Buff is another real gem, and a very hard nut to crack. Cinnamons made a fine show, some grand teams being staged by Messrs. Godley, Dormer, Wilson, and Bentley. The Amateur or Novice Classes contained some rare birds, Messrs. Waddington and Fowler cleverly capturing the prize in the Norwich section, Mr. Anderson in the Yorkshire class, and Messrs. W. E. Seed and Hill in the Cinnamon section. Mr. Godley's noted Crest-bred headed the A.O.V. class in fine style, closely followed by the splendid Goldfinch-Bullfinch of Messrs. Tams and Son. Mr. A. Hirst's beautiful Yellow Bunting won in the British Hardbill class, and Mr. Walsh's champion Wryneck the Softbill class. The Special prize-winners were as follows: Hyde's, Mr. A. Bentley; Sandiford's Cup, Mr. W. Sherrington; Ramsden's Medal, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger; Mr. Wainman's, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger; and Cottier's, Messrs. T. Seed, Godley, Marsh, and Fowler. Mr. G. Waddington is an enthusiastic young fancier, and makes an ideal secretary, having everything in first-class order, and being extremely obliging and courteous to all. He was well supported by Mr. J. Marsh, assistant secretary, Mr. R. Welling, treasurer, Mr. F. Sharpe, and an energetic committee. Messrs. W. Vardy and W. Mundell judged, and their awards were well received.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Radley, long and slim, full of quality, rich colour, grand wings and tail, good head, full of nerve; 2, Hirst, rare blaze of colour, on the stout side, good wings, piped tail; 3, Bailey and Swanger, good head, well braced wing, piped tail, full of quality; 4, Halliday, rich colour, bit open in feather, long drawn, stands in rare position; vbc, Wilcock; hc, Shackleton. BUFF (cancelled). TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1 and 4, Bailey and Swanger; 1st wins Ramsden's colour spl, full of quality, grand position, good wing carriage, a gem; 2, Priestley, capped, shade stout, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Hirst, well up on leg, rare position, good wings and tail, full of nerve; 4, Bailey and Swanger, shade strong on head, rare quality, stands well; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Radley; c, Shackleton. BUFF: 1, Shackleton, ticked on cheek, feathered like wax, A1 position, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Bailey and Swanger, cheek ticked, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, position A1; 3 and 4, Radley, third just wants a little more handling, long and typical, full of quality; 4, long flights and tail, well up on leg; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Halliday; c, Wilkinson. YELL. HEN (6): 1 and 2, Bailey and Swanger, cheek marked, rich colour, feather, neat head; 2, good head properties, grand wings and tail, very typical; 3, Leonard, wing tick, trifle loose on throat, very stylish; 4 and hc, Wilcock; vhc, Wilkinson. BUFF (8): 1, Bailey and Swanger, rich colour, very neat head, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 2 and 3, Shackleton, pale colour, very typical, also full of quality, would look better with a good tubbing; 3, very typical, feathered like a Java, on the small side; 4, Halliday, rich colour, wild, which went against the bird; vbc, Wilkinson; hc, Radley; c, Priestley. AMATEUR OR NOVICE YELL. (cancelled). BUFF (6): 1, Anderson; 2, Procter; 3 and vhc, Hargreaves; 4, Hartley. SELF CINN. YELL. (11): 1, 3 and hc, Godley; 1, grand type, full of quality; 3, blaze of colour, big bouncing bird; 2 and 4 Dormer, rich colour, very typical, rather on the small side; 4, grand type, full of quality and colour; vhc, Riding; c, Hargreaves. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc and c, Godley; 1, grand feather, full of colour, good bead and chest; 3, rich colour, nice quality of feather, big bird; 2, Bentley, pale colour, grand type, good bead, wings and tail; 4, Dormer, very wild, rich colour, good head and chest. UNFLIG: 1 and 4, Dormer, yell., good head, rich colour, grand feather, very typical; 2, Wilson, buff, good head and chest, sound colour, just a bit loose on thighs; 3, Hargreaves, yellow, sound colour, very typical, wants a little more substance; 4, yellow rich, sound colour, good head and chest; vhc, hc, c, Godley. CINN. HEN.: 1 and 4, Dormer; 1, buff, a real gem, full of quality, grand head and chest, sound; 2 and vbc, Godley, yellow, very rich colour for a hen, grand type; 3, Bentley, buff, sound colour, typical, full of good quality; 4, yellow, rich colour, good head, nice wings and tail; hc, Wilson; c, Hargreaves. AMATEUR OR NOVICE CINN. (16): 1, Seed, good head, grand shape, rich coloured buff, will make a fine bird; 2, Heys, yell., rich colour, grand body, very typical; 3, Marsh, buff, bit browny, rich, sound colour, good wings and tail; 4, Roberts, yellow, very wild, rich colour, grand body, good head; vbc, Walsh; hc, Wagstaff; c, Hill. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Hill, buff, sound colour, good head and chest, plenty of substance; 2, Roberts yellow, very wild, rich colour, nice head, good chest; 3, Wagstaff, buff, very typical, sound colour, grand head and chest; 4, Walsh, buff, we thought a good hen, sound colour, grand on head and chest; vbc, Marsh; hc, Heys; c, Birtwistle.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, and spl, Godley, red hot colour, good size and quality, grand bead, neck and chest; 2, Trengove, rattling colour, fine quality and shape, close up; 3, Sherrington, nice short, typical specimen, splendid quality and colour, good exhibit; 4, Bentley, another grand bird, hardly ready yet; hc, Shore; c, Hirst. BUFF (8): 1, 4 and spl, Godley, leader Burnley winner in grand bloom; 4, grand shape and quality, nice colour, shade brown in head; 2, Houghton, slashing bird, good quality, and well mealed; 3, Turner, grand size and colour, nice quality; vbc, Coventry, grand bird; bc, Sherrington; c, Mercer. NOR., TKD., ETC., YELL. (cancelled). BUFF (14): 1, Trengove, eyes and wing marked, fine size, nice shape, good quality and colour; 2, vhc and spl, Mercer, head and wing marked, rare colour and size, grand quality; 3, Evans, well-known "Sign of the Cross," looking grand, extra fine shape and quality, rare head and chest, some thought might have won; 4, Cook, ticked back of head, rare colour and shape, good quality; hc, Turner; c, Senior. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): Trengove, slight grizzle on neck, a gem all over, shape, quality and carriage the very best, nice level colour, extra short and compact; 2, Waters, marked eye and wings, better colour, grand quality and shape, good second; 3, 4 and spl, Seed; 3, clear beautiful shape and quality, not quite ready; 4, variegated, grand colour and quality, smart exhibit, vhc, Tweddle, another grand youngster; hc, Houghton; c, Cook. BUFF (13): 1 and spl, Huggins, clear, marvellous colour, fine head, neck, and chest, grand quality and shape, wins; 2 and c, Mercer; 2, grizzle on head, big, bold bird, splendid quality and colour, well across the perch; 3, Tweddle, wing marked, red hot colour, fine shape and size, shade long; 4, Seed, wing marked, dark tail, good shape, colour and quality, not fined down yet; vhc and hc, Dent. YELL. HEN (cancelled). BUFF (16): 1 and spl, Mercer, eye and wing marked, Burnley winner, big bouncing hen; 2, Evans, clear, beautiful type and quality, rare shape, grand head, neck and chest, bonny hen; 3, Shore, another clear, brim full of quality and colour, nice shape, bit weak in head; 4, Trengove, the old eye-marked hen, hardly at its best yet, grand hen when fit; vhc, Waters; hc, Huggins; c, Godley, a good class this. UNFLIG. HENS A.V. (13): 1, Trengove, yellow, marked on neck, teems with quality, nice level colour, superior shape and carriage, good head, one of the right sort; 2, hc and spl, Dent, clear yellow, again grand shape and quality, nice size and colour, not far behind; 3 and c, Worthington Bros., clear yellow, nice bird all through, trifle smaller; 4, Cook, marked head, wings and tail, beautiful quality and shape, smart young hen; vhc, Waring. AMATEUR OR NOVICE YELL (14): 1, c and spl, Waddington, clear, grand colour, nice quality and shape, good head, well staged; 2, Venables, real grand variegated, only fault a trifle behind in colour; 3, Nuttall, head and win marked, nice head, beautiful colour and quality, beaten little in substance; 4, Almond, clear unflighted, rattling shape and quality; vhc, Hill; bc, Roberts. BUFF: (14): 1, bc and spl, Waddington, clear of grand size, nice rich colour, well mealed, fine shape, rare quality; 2, Fowler, wing marked, good bold-fronted bird, well across perch, nice colour and quality; 3, Proctor, clear, unflighted, extra shape and colour, nice quality and carriage; 4, Lucas, clear, nice colour, good quality and shape; vhc, Hill; c, Smalley. HEN (13): 1, Fowler, variegated, yellow, grand colour and size, nice quality and shape; 2, Venables, clear yellow, correct shape, good quality and colour; 3, vhc, hc and spl, Waddington; 3, cap-marked yellow, extra good type and quality, nice head and neck, grand chest, wings and tail, a good one; 4, Huggins, clear Buff, beautiful shape and quality; c, Coupe.

BRIT. A.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Hirst, Yellow Bunting, a grand specimen, fine size, colour, and markings, and shown in A1 style; 2, Johnson and Son, Hawfinch, lovely bloom and condition, excellent size and shape; 3, 4, vbc and spl, Walsh; 3, Linnet, nice size and good rich colour; 4, Yellow Bunting; c, Bentley. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, 3 and spl, Walsh; 1, Wryneck in the pink of condition, grand colour, and well spangled, great admired; 2, Lesser, Whitethroat, rattling specimen, in the pink of condition, also much admired; 3, beautiful Nightingale, tight as wax, and nice colour; 4, Bousfield, Wryneck, seemed a trifle out of condition, but a very fine specimen; vbc, Bentley; hc, Law. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE (6): 1, 4 and spl, Godley, leader the old variegated Crest-bred, grand bird, will improve yet; 4, Clear Crest; 2, Tams and Son, Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, showing both crosses, distinctly good condition and feather; 3, Simpson, well laced, yellow-green Yorksbire; vbc and hc, Hardy. SELL. (£1) (9): 1, 2 and spl, Bentley, Norwich and Cinnamon respectively; 3 and 3, Greenwood, Yellow Norwich; 4, Godley, Buff Cinnamon; vbc, Walsh; hc, Leonard. (12/6) (8): 1, Worthington Bros., Buff Norwich; 2, Barnes, Buff Norwich; 3, Waddington, Buff Norwich; 4, Godley, Buff Norwich; vhc, Bentley; hc, Turner; c, Riding. GIFT CLASS (6): 1, Worthington Bros.; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Walsh; 4, Godley; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hargreaves.

BRIMINGTON.

The cage-bird section of this show held on October 7th attracted a very fair number of entries. There were many visitors to this part of the exhibition. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Baker, had the arrangements all well in hand, and is deserving of great praise for his successful management. Mr. P. L. Gladwin judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction:—

YORKS. CK.: 1, Trueman; 2, Goucher; 3, Wilson. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Goucher; 3, Trueman. A.O.V.: 1, Pooles, and 2, Trueman.

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The Belgian Canary: Its Breeding and Management.

By R. J. BAKER.

I have often wondered why it is so comparatively little is written about this interesting and elegant variety of Canary. In my opinion much good has been done in the way of increasing the number of breeders and exhibitors of this lovely variety by the Fancy Press. What has brought the Norwich Canaries, the stylish Yorkshires, and the jaunty little Borders to their present height of popularity? I venture to reply, nothing but the manner in which these varieties are constantly kept before fanciers' eyes in our Fancy papers. There you will see article after article giving the experience and advice of some of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of the varieties I have mentioned.

Now, I do not doubt for one moment but that some writers about the Belgian Canary have done more to kill the interest in it, rather than to popularise the breed, by their mistaken ideas concerning its management, breeding, and other matters. I also think that if Belgians were depicted on paper as they are, and not as some people fancy them to be, we should not have them called the names they often are at the present time. I well remember, not long ago, a sketch of a Belgian appearing belonging to one of the most successful Belgian fanciers of the present time. Now, I have seen this very same bird on the show bench with "first prize" affixed to its cage, and I honestly say that the shape and position of the bird I saw in the flesh, and the sketch depicting it on paper, were about as much alike as daylight is to dark.

I will endeavour to place before my readers as plainly as possible the way in which I manage my Belgians. In the first place any would-be Belgian fancier will need to have plenty of patience; I am sure there is not any variety of Canary so sensitive, and once a Belgian is frightened, it will take a lot of gentle handling and training to steady it again. Some birds you will find more timid than others, and these will need your best attention. I would say, run them into a show cage at every opportunity you have, and you will find this is the only possible way to get them over their timidness; talk to them, try the training stick in the bottom of the cage, but if they won't stand this, don't fluster them; by perseverance you will find eventually they will become quite willing to respond to the training stick as often as you please.

But I must firmly impress on your minds never to handle a bird in a show cage roughly, or speak harshly to it; neither on any account whatever, should you attempt to lift a cage containing a bird by the top, as this upsets them more than anything else I can think of.

The Training Process.

The training of Belgians does not occupy the great amount of time some people imagine; if it did so I am afraid some birds would not see the training or show cage very often, as I know several of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of Belgians are working men, with only a limited amount of time to devote to their hobby.

Now the training of these birds should commence as soon as they leave the parent birds. When about five or six weeks old, let one be run into a show cage. Perhaps it will be a little awkward at first, but get them up on the top perch, and as a rule they don't give much trouble, as they seem to know what they have got to do. Place the bird about on a level with your eye, and insert the training stick carefully. You will then soon see the legs begin to become rigid, the back and tail becoming stiffer, and in fact it will seem to strain every nerve to do more than it really can.

This is the Belgian all over, and let me say that a Belgian, to be successful on the show bench, must be very free, that is, quick and ready to show when required. But do not let me be misunderstood. Birds that fail in this point of showing quickly make fine stock birds, providing they are bred from good parents, and, of course, you do not get a winner in every nest in this variety, any more than in any other variety of Canary.

What About the Temperature?

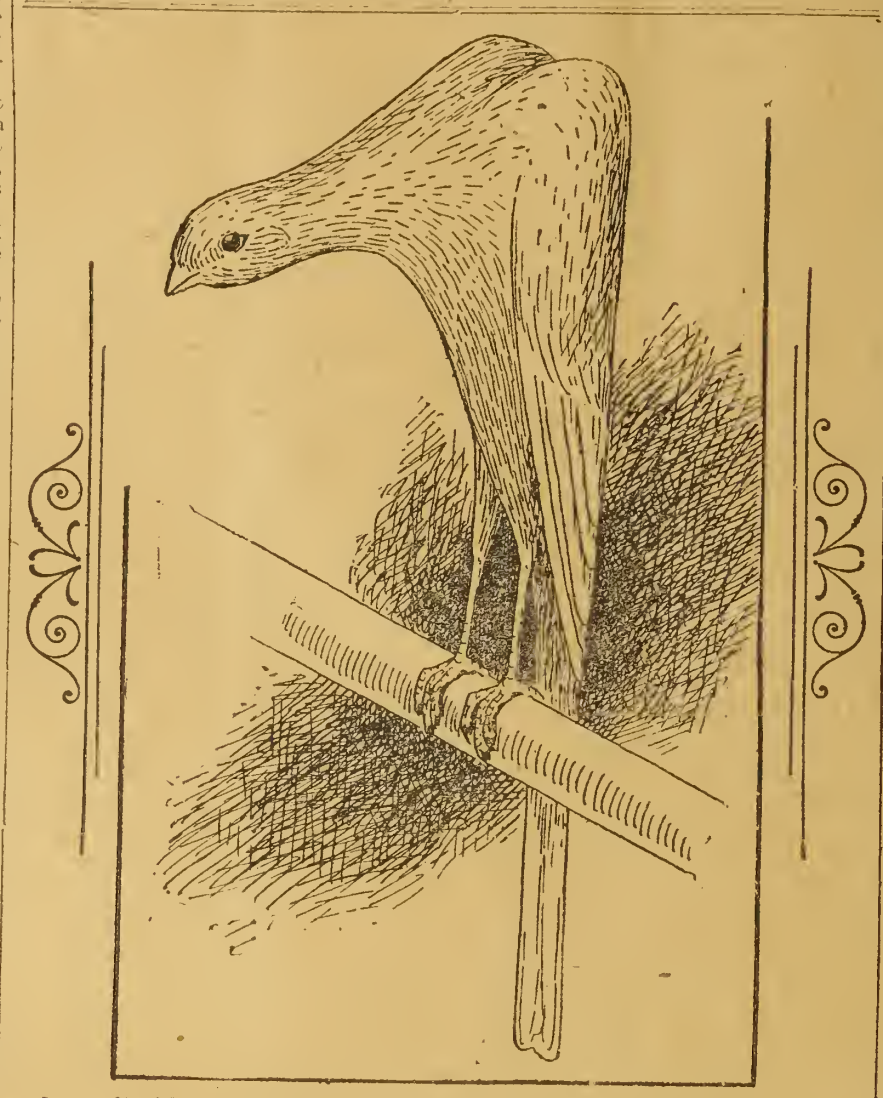
I am now going to touch on a point that has always been argued against the keeping of Belgians; that is, whether the rooms in which they live require to be kept at a certain temperature by the aid of artificial heat. Now I am writing what I have experienced when I say that I find Belgians require no artificial heat whatever. At the time of writing I see the thermometer is at 36 degrees in my birdroom which is situated north-west, and I can hear my birds singing and chirping as much as to say, "This is the weather we like; it freshens us up, after the muggy weather we have been having." Surely no-one thinks that birds require artificial heat when they are like this?

Run your birds in flights, and at night throw an old rug or blanket over them, and with good plain feeding you will find they will not do amiss.

I believe that artificial heat is the cause of many hens going wrong during the early part of the breeding season, and not alone those of one variety. They are got into such a forward condition, that before it is really suitable weather, the hen shows signs of nesting, so that the owner cannot wait any longer and in goes the cock bird, and in a short while an egg appears. Then there is much rubbing of hands. But wait; the hen lays two or three more eggs, then commences to sit, and the owner seems as if he weighs two stone heavier as he goes on his way, counting how many weeks he will be ahead of his mates. One morning, however, he is brought to his bearings; Jack Frost has been busy while he has slept, and he finds the hen—on the eggs, no doubt, but—, fit to put in the dustbin. Or perhaps the owner is a little more fortunate, and is able to save the hen; but she is left suffering from a violent chill and is rendered useless for the remainder of the season.

This sort of thing, this giving of artificial heat, I firmly believe, causes many hens to go wrong. Therefore, my advice is to do without artificial heat, and your birds will be the better.

(To be continued.)



From a Sketch.] An Ideal Belgian Canary. *[By R. J. Baker.*

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A TALK ABOUT GREENFINCHES, TWITES AND BULLFINCHES.

A paper by Mrs. Morrison read before the City & Suburban A.C.B. in their recent Essay Competition.

I should like to tell you of some of my British birds, and their doings. First, I should like to talk of my Greenfinches—a species that is far more entertaining than is generally supposed.

Greenies as Scavengers.

I have had both wild-caught and Canary-reared Greenies, and although I have a weakness for the latter, they being more easily tamed, I must admit they are more nervous than well-trained fresh-caught birds. One can teach Greenies to do practically anything he wishes a bird to do. With a little patience I can get mine to walk in and out of their cages, and up and down the table, and act as scavengers to the rest of the birdy family. They will run from one end of the table to the other to pick up a seed or scrap of green food that other birds may have dropped from their cages.

They seem to thrive on Canary, teazle, and rape seeds, a little hemp and a liberal supply of sunflower seeds, of which they are very fond, and frequently a little green food, completing their staple diet.

In the Breeding Season.

They take very kindly to hen Canaries for mates in the breeding season. They feed the hen and help to build the nests. One of my Greenfinches will even take his turn in sitting on the nest when allowed; but I think it safer, I may say, to remove him when the hen begins to sit in earnest. Then he will begin a series of shrieks that go through your head, and add greatly to your troubles, if it is necessary to keep your birds as quiet as possible.

But I find he will immediately desist on finding a new mate introduced. She must, however, be as near the colour of the original one as possible, or my gentleman will have nothing to do with her; but if the lady suits, he will at once begin the same operations as before.

The young ones of this cross are merry little things, and much more entertaining than young Canaries. Leaving the nest when 14 days old, they soon begin to look after themselves, and after this age seem more hardy than the Canaries.

Next I will tell you of my Twites. I think them such cheery little chaps. They keep all the rest of the feathered family lively. No bird is allowed to sulk or mope when Mr. Twite is anywhere about. He hops around, twittering merrily all day long.

Twites soon steady down, but never seem to get too sedate. They also seem to take kindly to the hen Canaries in the breeding season.

Like other Britishers, of course, they won't all mate up, but when they do take to a hen Canary, they seem very devoted. They will help pull the nesting material about, but do not, however, assist much in the building operations, preferring to dance round and round the edge of the nest-pan, pulling little bits out.

After the hen has her full number of eggs I remove Mr. Twite, but he will still continue to feed the hen through the wires of the partition when she comes off the nest; but after a few days he begins to call for a new mate, and I found him not at all particular whether his new lady-love was dark or fair. The offspring of the Twite-Canary, like those of the Greenfinch-Canary, seem hardy little scraps. Once out of the nest, which is also on the 14th day, they never look at the nest again, and pop around the cage after the hen like hounds after a fox, determined not to be outdone in the matter of grub.

They are very lively at first, but soon settle down and quickly learn to do for themselves, and take to the bath naturally.

About Bully Hens.

I should like, in conclusion, to say a few words about my Bully hens. My quiet, sedate Madame Bullfinches are real friends. They quickly take to cage life, especially if they are run with other birds.

But I would advise you never to put two hen Bullies together. I have done so more than once, and could hardly see "which was which," for the feathers that were flying about. They will take kindly to most mates in the breeding season, but (and I have tried a good many) luck in the way of fertile eggs is very scarce.

They will build in practically any kind of nesting box, or pan, but never seem to finish a nest, although you provide them with everything that a Bully can wish for. They will sometimes lay in the nest, but more often on the ground or floor of the cage. Therefore sawdust instead of sand must be used during the nesting time, but at other times I find they keep their feet (or claws) cleaner with sand. This latter seems to be a general trouble with Bullfinch hens. They are not fond of bathing, and soon get their toe-nails clogged up.

They lay any amount of eggs during the season, usually from five to seven each clutch. They will nest in cages even in the first year of their cage life if they have settled down, but they dislike being disturbed once they have started, preferring the same mate through the season.

I have kept birds since I was six years old, and can only say I get more fond of them the more species I go in for. I think the society a great help, as it encourages one to try and keep their birds always up to the mark.

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 187.)

White-Throated Song-Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*).—This species is a little larger than the well-known Chingolo Song-Sparrow. It has a longer tail than *pilcata*, and is much more graceful in form. It is a greyish-brown bird, striated with blackish-brown; lores, yellowish; throat pure white.

The hen may readily be distinguished by her greyish throat, greyish yellow lores, and thickly speckled breast. Habitat: Eastern United States.

Little Sparrow Bunting (*Spizella pusilla*).—An uncommon species, of which I have only seen skins. Its plumage is of a warm-brown colour thickly striated with darker brown; the under surface is much paler, and the striations less distinct. Beak, legs and feet are pinkish.

A well-known and experienced aviculturist who has kept this species, records the sexes as being similar in plumage. Habitat: North America. All the Song-Sparrows subsist largely upon seed diet, but should also have access to some good insectile mixture, and be given regularly a few live insects.

Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*).—This is a quietly-clad bird, but is yet handsome in appearance; and when the fine carmine crest is erected, it is almost brilliant. As to song, there is but little of it, and this is rather scrappy; nevertheless, it is a favourite with most aviculturists. Its confiding demeanour and its quiet, chaste beauty secures it a place in most collections. It has been bred in an English aviary.

Adult Male: Upper surface dark slaty-grey, paler on the lower back and rump. wing coverts and quills, greyish-brown; tail black; top of head, black; with a longitudinal band of shining carmine extending from the forehead to the nape (this band it has the power to raise in the form of a crest); sides of head, pale greyish; eyelids, white; throat, breast and sides of body, grey; remainder of under-surface white; upper mandible greyish-fawn colour; lower mandible, whitish-fawn; legs and feet, brownish-flesh colour.

Adult female: Slightly smaller, and her plumage generally browner than that of the male; her crest also is brown. Diet: Seed, insectile mixture, fruit, and live insects. Habitat: Brazil, Venezuela and Columbia.

Red-Crested Finch (*Coryphospingus cristatus*.—A beautiful, rare and also quarrelsome species, which should not be associated with birds smaller or weaker than itself, and even with larger species it will need watching, or a tragedy may occur. They have not much song, but are nevertheless pleasing birds, and also confiding with those that supply their needs.

It is similar in form to the preceding species, and differs chiefly in the body plumage, being vinous. The crest is glistening carmine. The female is duller and browner in hue ond her crest is brown.

This Bunting in a wild state favours open country, and builds its nest at the top of thickets of scrub. The eggs are white, and three or four form a clutch. It has not been bred in this country. Diet: As preceding species. Habitat: Brazil, Peru, Boliva, Ecuador, Paraguay, and N. Argentina.

The Tropical Seed Finch (*Oryzoborus torridus*).—The birds of this genus cannot by any means be described as other than plain. This species bears a striking resemblance to the Black-headed Mannikin. I have at present one of this species, flying loose in my general aviary, where it has done well, and, in spite of its formidable beak, has not interfered with its smallest fellow captive. So far I have not heard its song, which I opine, does not amount to much; its chief attraction is its rarity. It was introduced to English aviculture by my esteemed friend, Mr. E. W. Harper, in the summer of 1907.

The male may be briefly described as black on the upper surface, and deep cinnamon on the under surface; large beak, blackish-horn colour; legs and feet, blackish brown. Total length, 5 inches; tail, 2⅛. It appears smaller, however, than the measurements indicated.

The female is olive-brown above, merging into the reddish-brown of the rump and upper tail coverts; wings and tail, blackish-brown; under surface lighter cinnamon than that of the male. Habitat: Brazil, Amazonia, Guiana, Venezuela and Ecuador.

The remaining species of this genus are as follows:—*maximiliana*, entirely black and blackish-brown, save for a white speculum on each wing; *crassirostris*, glossy black, with white wing speculums, slightly smaller than *maximiliana; occidentalis* glossy black, but may be distinguished from the above by its smaller size, smaller wing speculum and black under wing-coverts, which are white in both the preceding species; *nuttingi*, black, differing from preceding species in having no white wing speculum; *funereus* black, small white wing speculum, under-wing coverts and edge of the wings white; and *atrirostris*, black with steely gloss, small white wing speculum, short black bill, tail slightly rounded.

The Genus (*Loxigilla*).—I must pass with only the briefest mention of a few of the species. The Purple Grosbeak (*violacea*) also called the Rufous-throated Tanager by Lathan. The general colour is purplish-black, the line over eye being brick-red. Throat and ventral region are deep chestnut.

The Black Sparrow (*noctis*) known as the Rufous-chinned Finch. General colouring black, with throat and chin bright brick-red. Female mostly olivaceous-brown. The species *propinqua* is similar to *noctis*, but smaller, with the brick-red areas more restricted. In the *anoxantha*, the general colour above is yellowish-green, with black head and golden yellow upper tail coverts; lores, eye region, ear-coverts, throat and breast, sooty-black; remainder of under-surface, ashy-grey, slightly washed with olive and yellowish-green; under tail coverts, chestnut. Total length 4⅝ inches. Female lacks the black head of the male. *Protoricensis*: General colouring black, save for the top of head, throat and under tail-coverts, which are chestnut-rufous. The species, *grandis*, is similar to *protoricensis*, but a little larger and having the chestnut-rufous areas of a darker hue.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

The second show of the season under Yorkshire Union rules is now numbered with the past, and the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. have added one more to the list of successful shows held by this society. The entry, though good, fell short of that obtained last year, when this society established a record by an entry averaging 24 per class. This year the average was 18 per class for the 21 classes provided, the total number of exhibits being 383, put down by 138 exhibitors. The surprise of the show was the large entry in the novice classes, no less than 206 birds being staged in the six classes for Yorkshires, giving an average of 34 per class, compared with which the entries in the open classes sound very meagre, only 115 birds being staged in the 10 classes, averaging but 11½ per class.

The largest entry in any one class was 50, this being in Novice Buff hens, whilst that for Yellow hens contained 42, truly a marvellous display. The figures quoted are all in favour of the novices, the "back-bone of the Fancy," as they are termed, and should establish conclusively that their cry for "more classes" is a cry not to be neglected. Even here, however, much of the power is in their own hands if they would but use it. There is a minimum limit to the classes to be provided for novices, but *no maximum*, and if the novice members of societies would only attend their meetings and take a hand in the making up of the classes, and hold out for their just reward, much could be done.

Novice fanciers of the Cinnamon-marked variety of Yorkie are also assuming a "fighting attitude" regarding their rights. When these poor chaps wish to compete, they have either to exhibit in the open against all the champions (in an endeavour to secure a prize given by their own society) or show amongst the Ticked and Green-marked birds in the novice classes—and seldom indeed do they get in here. But now they are going to see if they cannot have novice classes provided for their own especial variety.

Ways and means of curtailing the show season now make one of the problems engaging the attention of a large number of fanciers in Yorkshire. Several schemes have been mooted, but one that will find favour with all seems hard to get. There is always someone who will be hurt. At one time it is the society holding the show, at another it is the small exhibitor; and thus the game goes merrily on. The fancier who can find a good, workable, "hurt-nobody" scheme to get over this difficulty will earn the everlasting gratitude of the 1,200 odd members composing the Yorkshire Union. Bradford City O.S. are making arrangements for a discussion on the above subject, to take place on Saturday, November 14th, the opener being Mr. H. J. Chittenden.

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*The Robin and His Cheese.

While my father and I were out recently we saw a Robin, which I thought was very tame. We went into a shop to know the history of the bird, and the man told us he had been feeding it since it was a nestling, and now it came on the counter for its bit of cheese as if it were a customer.—Sent by Charley Tye, 25, Smith Street, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.

*Cleverness of Birds.

A gentleman, it is recorded, was one day walking by the shore when he saw two Turnstones busily endeavouring to turn over a dead fish fully six times their size. They were boldly pushing at the fish with their bills, and then with their breasts. Their endeavours were, however, in vain; the object remained immovable. On this they went round to the other side and scraped away the sand from beneath the fish, and they carried on their mining operations till they were able to turn the fish over.—Sent by N. Tebb, Sandfield, Putney Heath Lane, Putney, London, S.W.

**Pussy's Strange "Baby."

A most remarkable freak of cat nature was to be seen at the residence of a Mr. Moss (Islington), showing how the deadliest enemies can become close companions. A Sparrow had sought refuge in the area of the house. Here a cat was affectionately nursing her young kittens. To the utter astonishment of its owner, the cat made violent love to the Sparrow, entirely deserting her offspring, who have since died from neglect. The cat and Sparrow were to be seen daily playing together and eating and drinking off the same plate. The young visitor became so tame that it went out regularly for its fly and returned in safety. When not in evidence, all the lady of the house had to do was to call "Bob," and from some neighbouring corner this precocious bird used to come home.—Sent by V. Pearson (age 14), 17, Lawson Terrace, South Shields.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

After the Harvest *Continued.*

Green-birds appear to be unusually plentiful this autumn. The glorious summer has been favourable to so lusty a bird. Brood after brood of Green-birds has been successfully reared, and now they are gathered into flocks of various dimensions and may be seen out on the stubble; at a distance they appear like Sparrows, but anyone conversant with the ways of wild birds can easily distinguish them. The Sparrows are suspicious, fidgety and flighty, constantly on the move, keeping together when in flight almost as compactly as Starlings, while Greenfinches act differently; when disturbed they take wing and scatter in small parties, some flying off to the nearest hedgerow, others to the buildings, or remain in the air until the danger is past; they then return to the feeding ground, arriving from all quarters, in parties of a dozen or so, or just two or three together. The flight is drooping, and they glide more freely than Sparrows. The moulting of wild birds is a most difficult process to watch. Occasionally one may see a bird with a somewhat ragged appearance, or may note a deficiency of wing feather when the birds are in flight; but, as a rule, we see very little of the process; the reason, no doubt, being that individual birds are not daily under observation. Among all the familiar wild birds, I think the Missel Thrushes show most signs of the moult. They are big birds, and generally in small flocks at this time of the year; consequently they quickly attract attention. Some I have had under observation this autumn looked particularly ragged, and did they lose as many flight feathers at once as they do body feathers, would find it a difficult matter to fly. We have had an unusually large number reared in our district (Carshalton, Surrey) this season, and with those on migration, they form a goodly company.

The Silent Flycatcher.

The Spotted Flycatchers appear to be the most silent of all our smaller migrants. It is seldom we hear a note from them in the open.

The Punctuai Nightjar.

It is said that the Nightjar commences to utter its peculiar jarring note at exactly the same time each evening, that is at sunset, according as the day lengthens or the twilight advances.

Autumn Songsters.

If we should be fortunate enough to get a good autumn, bird music will increase, for many birds which cease to sing about midsummer recommence again when they have moulted, if the weather is at all favourable.

Strange Nest of a Skylark.

A strange nesting place of a Skylark was recently noticed. It was on a bank, and was placed in a hole formed by the root of an elm tree, and was more like the nesting place of a Robin or Wagtail than that of the Skylark. The bird loves the open field, with the waving grass or corn in which to shelter its treasures.

Habits of the Shrike.

In Stanley's "History of Birds," the author relates the following interesting account of the habits of the Shrike, the prey was a Hedge Sparrow:—"Having seized its victim, he immediately killed it, and then bowered with it in his bill for a short time over the hedge, apparently occupied in selecting a thorn suited to his purpose. Upon disturbing it, and advancing to the spot, he found the Sparrow already firmly fixed by the tendons of the wing at the selected twig. In another instance a Shrike was observed busily occupied near a thorn hedge. On examination three frogs and as many mice were found regularly spitted on thorns."

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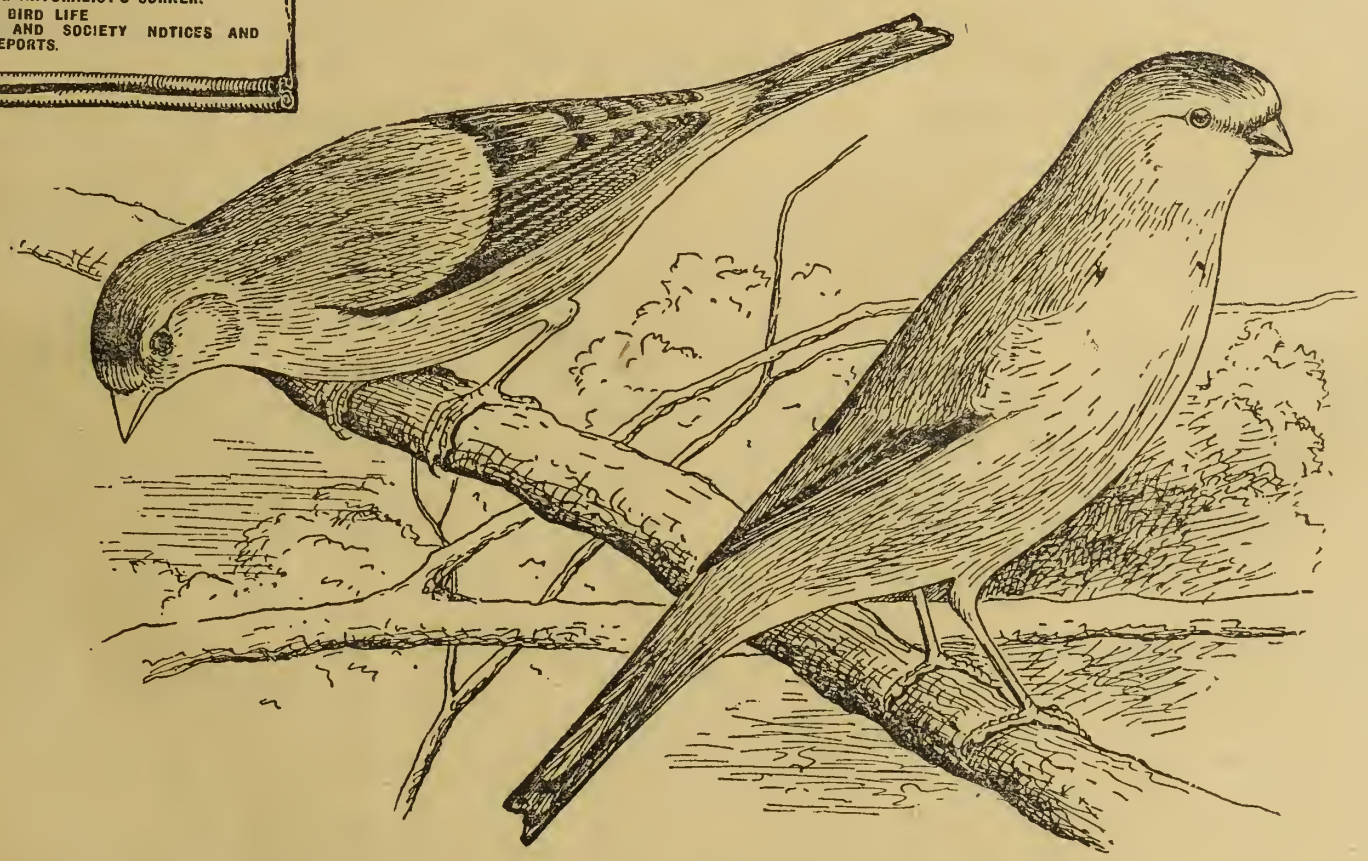
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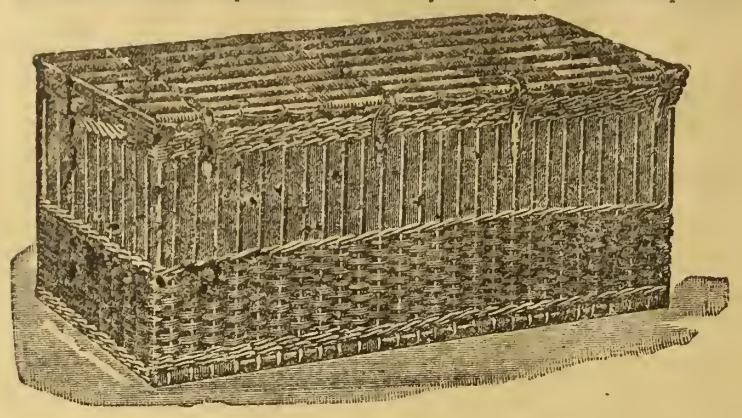
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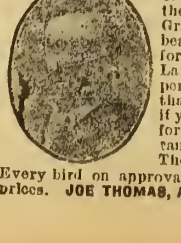
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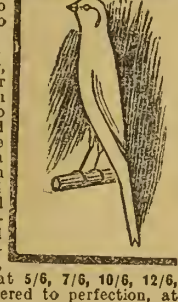
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TWO nice Norwich hens, 8/-; or exchange cock Greypates.—Harding, Wensleydale, Southend-on-Sea.

FOUR pairs of good Yorkshires; offers or useful exchange.—J. Caton, 33, Clifford-st., Burley-rd., Leeds.

WHAT offers in Scotch Fancy or Yorkshire for two pairs of Crests. — Young, 49, Sycamore-rd., Hants.

EXCHANGE new set carvers for Norwich or Yorkshires; no rubbish wanted.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

EXCHANGE two clear Norwich hens for cock Goldfinches, or sell 6/- each.—Boyle, 57, Priory-lane, Dunfermline.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries, cages, for boots, clothing; hargain.—Fred Schofield, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CANARY and Goldfinch Mule cocks and cages, sell 10/6; or exchange, offers first.—Lisle, 25, Elmington-rd., Camberwell.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries, 7/6, 10/6, or 12/6, 15/- pair; or exchange.—Chapman, 59, Henley-road, Edmonton.

TWENTY-ONE wood carving tools, as new, 16/-; exchange cold-room Canaries.—Fry, Chandos-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

GOOD Canaries for sale, or would exchange for blankets, or anything useful for home.—4, Swainson-st., Blackpool.

PAIR of Crest, fit for show, 36/-; or exchange for unflighted large Buff Norwich hen.—Rippon, 62, High-st., Chelmsford.

EXCHANGE Norwich cocks, 6/6 each, for plush curtains, stair carpet, or household utensils.—Tilley, 46, Oban-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE light muling hen, reliable strain, for breeding Goldfinch, or sell 7/6.—John Rankine, 36, Bruefield-st., Dunfermline.

EXHIBITION and stock Norwich for sale, cheap, or exchange moulted exhibition British.—Heatou, 27, Minshull, New-road, Crewe.

GRAND pair Norwich Buff cock, Yellow hen, 1967, 14/-; exchange gent's flannel shirts.—W. Harrington, Oxford-st., Cardiff.

PAIR Norwich, good size, type, and quality, 12/6; cock Woodlark, rare songster, 3/-; exchange.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

EXCHANGE Canaries, for bed-linen; good second-hand not objected to; stamp particulars.—J. R., 23, Chequer-street, Luton, Beds.

PAIR Yorkshires and double breeding cage, cock a winner, cards sent, 17/6; exchange.—Cowper, Jacob's Well-lane, Wakefield.

CLEAR body dark Crest cock, also variegated crested cock; exchange Crest-bred hens.—Runaeres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft.

THREE pairs of Canaries, outdoor bred, 7/- n pair; exchange anything useful; genuine.—Wright, 17, Mill-st., Diglis, Worcester.

GRAND pair of exhibition Norwich, both buffs, value 35/-; exchange good yellow Norwich cock.—Pedder, 119, North-st., Luton.

EXCHANGE ten Norwich Canaries for toy Pom. or Collie pup, prize bred; or sell cheap.—Chapman, Victoria-st., Sacriston, Durham.

GOOD Cinnamon cock Canary, two hens, hen Goldfinch, 11/6; exchange good Goldfinch note Mule, first.—Jones, 13, Peel-st., Abergele.

PRIZE Norwich and prize-bred, sell; exchange anything useful to trade.—Handley, Coach Builder and Undertaker, Walsoken, Wisbech.

THREE pairs of young Yorkshire Canaries, 6/- a pair; exchange, no livestock; approval, deposit.—T. Rose, Sutton Veny, Warminster.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, Hirst and Ambler's strain; exchange; must be good quality Crests or Plainheads. See Yorkshires Middleton.

FOUR new separate bound volumes Familiar Wild Birds, each, containing forty coloured plates, sell 8/-.—Kinsella, Rectory, Ferns, Wexford.

TWO Norwich hens, cock Goldfinch Mule, 11/-; or exchange cock Linnets or Norwich cock Canary.—29, Bushey-close, Harlington, Middlesex.

WHAT offers in Crests or Norwich for two cocks, four hens, Yorkshires; all healthy birds; approval; birds first.—Livesey, Shildon, Co. Durham.

NOTICE—What offers in Canaries for suit length, tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6?—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

THREE Border Cannries, 1908, two clears, one marked, also Cinnamon bred hen, 16/- the four, or exchange.—F. Ling, River View, Ouiton Broad.

NORWICH Canaries, Buffs, one cock, 6/6; two cocks, 7/6 each; three hens, 3/- each; or useful exchange.—White, 37, St. Paul's-rd., Shipley, Yorks.

EXCHANGE four large hen Canaries, 1907 birds, clean moulted, all bred Mules this season, for new Finch box cages.—Messer, 4, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE large Buff variey. Crest-bred hen for large 1907 yellow Norwich cock, or sell 15/-; Norwich first.—Hardman, 34, Ribson-rd., Nelson, Lancs.

EXCHANGE large buff Yorkshire cock and three Roller hen for large pair Norwich yellow cock, buff hen; Norwich first.—Dorsey, 72, Water-st., Nelson, Lancashire.

YELLOW and Buff Yorkshire cocks from 7/6, fed 1908, singing, or exchange for bicycle, must be good; approval each way.—Starck, 62, Tburlestone-rd., West Norwood.

SIX Norwich Plainhead cocks, outdoor reared, 26/-; exchange anything useful, blankets and sheets preferred; approval.—J. Ward, 2, St. Cuthberts-rd., Layerthorpe, York.

EXCHANGE pair of good Norwich Canaries for a good Airedale dog pup or Irish Terrier dog pup, about six months, dog first, or sell 16/-.—Carter, 53, Deacon-st., Nuneaton.

WILL sell or exchange for anything useful, 6 hens, 2 cocks, Yorkshires, 1 Norwich hen, pair Chaffinches, 3 York. show cages, 5 breeding cage fronts.—Brett, Stables, Beckenham Park, Kent.

SALE or exchange pair Norwich, cock a winner, and bred winners; pair Mule breeders, 10/6; Yorkshire cock and three hens 15/-; stud pom dog, bicycle, or anything wanted.—Bennion, 374, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

MUST part nine cock Canaries, eight hens, cock Goldfinch Mule, seven cock Goldfinches, flight cage, single breeder, two show cages, best cash offer secures the lot; or useful exchange, anything.—P. Reynolds, Priory-rd., Carisbrooke, I.W.

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BLAYDON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Co-operative Hall, on October 16th, Mr. Jno. Hands, presiding. A letter was read from the Sunderland Society *re* "When is a clear not a clear." It was decided that the matter remain over to some future meeting, as it was a question which could not be settled at one meeting. Our schedule was read over as printed, and gave every satisfaction to members. There are 44 classes, all guaranteed, and no amalgamation, so we are hoping for a good entry.—GEO. HAVVER, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting held at headquarters Sept. 24th, Mr. Handley in the chair. The Secretary, on behalf of the subscribers, presented the society with the two Novice Cups for competition this season. The Chairman suitably acknowledged same. The following notices of motion were given in to come up at General Meeting: By Messrs. J. Walker and W. Hale—To alter Rule 8: "That any two members showing together shall both pay subscriptions, and their partnership shall be registered by the 1st of September, with the Secretary, and shall hold good for the following show season. In the case of partnership, points shall count as one." By Messrs. Hadwin and Deacon: "That we take in the Green Border as a section, similar to the Yorkshire and Norwich Greens." By Messrs. Bretherton and Nimmo: "That nothing goes on voting papers except election of officers." By Mr. J. Abbott: "That the drinkers be stamped with the letters G.C.A." Will members please give these motions their serious consideration.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

LONDON FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

An enthusinstic meeting of delegates was held at the Feathers' Hotel on October 7th, for the purpose of further considering the scheme for the governing of the London societies. Mr. H. E. Tringham (Dulwich and Peckham) again very ably presided. The meeting was an unqualified success, and there can be little doubt now but that the success of the Federation is assured. The firm manner in which Mr. Tringham directed the meeting, and his ruling on the many intricate points raised, were such as were calculated to bring credit to the delegates on their choice of chairman.

The secretary, *pro tem.*, Mr. P. Adamthwaite, stated that he had sent the revised rules to 30 London societies, and had at the same time extended an invitation to them to join the Federation. As a result, 21 societies had replied in some form or the other. Nine societies definitely decided to affiliate, nine were withholding their decision for the time being, one stated "no decision arrived at," and two had decided not to affiliate. The replies of the societies who were withholding their decision were such as to lead him to believe that in the near future each would affiliate; and the result of this meeting was being eagerly looked for.

The draft scheme was then further considered. There were very few suggested amendments, but what there were, were of the utmost importance. Four new rules were added; one allowing the Council of the Federation power to co-opt six persons to its numbers, either temporarily or for a period of one year, all to be eligible for re-election at the annual meeting of the Council; one dealing with members failing to discharge their liabilities to their societies; one concerning the clashing of shows; and one dealing with the notification of autumn shows held by affiliated societies. The question of the levies to be imposed upon all members of the Federation was discussed, and the delegates instructed the secretary to inform societies "that in the opinion of this Council the annual levy per member will not exceed one penny."

The most important business of the meeting was that arising out of a question put by Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. He asked whether the rules of the Federation would in any way whatsoever supersede, or interfere with, those of the Cage Bird Union where societies were holding open shows? The answer, made by Mr. Adamthwaite, was in the negative. If a society was holding an open show under the rules of the union, he said, the Federation would not interfere in the settlement of any question that might arise; but members' classes would come under the jurisdiction of the Federation. The delegates were unanimous in agreeing to this understanding, and Mr. Hodson, the original speaker, said he had no hesitation in stating that so far as his society was concerned they would join the Federation. (Applause.) He saw no reason, nor any possibility even, and he believed none of them saw any, why the Federation and the Union should clash. (Hear, hear.)

It was decided that, for the time being, the Metropolitan police area be taken as the area of the jurisdiction of the Federation. At 11.35 the chairman declared the Federation to be an acknowledged fact, amid a scene of great enthusiasm. It was moved by Mr. A. C. Burn (City and Suburban A.C.B.), and seconded by Mr. Hodson (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), "That this meeting wishes to put on record its high appreciation of the work done by Mr. Adamthwaite, the secretary, *pro tem.*, in the formation of the Federation." This was carried with acclamation. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting, representatives of eleven London societies being present.

CLYDEBANK O.S.

Monthly meeting held recently in McGill's Rooms, Kilbowie Road, Mr Thomas E. Dean (president) presiding. The following judges have been appointed for the show on November 14th:—Messrs. R. G. Wright (Edinburgh); M'Swinton (Methil); A. Nesbit (Galston), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge). The visiting committee gave a very satisfactory report of the young birds. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—A. KIRKWOOD, Secretary.

ULSTER O.S.

The committee held their first meeting in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast, on October 6th. In the president's absence Mr. J. Stewart occupied the chair. The secretary read letters from judges nominated at the annual meeting. Messrs. J. Arnott (Sanchie), and W. Mundell (Bradford), will place the cards at the coming show on December 4th and 5th. Several other matters were discussed, and in the opinion of those present our coming show will be one of the best held.—ROBERT TRIMBLE, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Mr. T. Wright in the chair. A paper was read by Mr. T. Bryne on "The Washing, Staging, and Keeping in Health of British Birds." The Secretary reported that the annual show would be held in the Exhibition Buildings, one of the finest halls in the North of England on October 30th and 31st, and would be opened on the first day at 1.30 p.m. by Mr. H. H. Riley Smith, J.P. He had also been fortunate enough to secure the patronage of the Lord Mayor of York (Sir J. S. Rymer, J.P.), the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Canon Watson, G. D. Faber, Esq., C.B., M.P., Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., the Hon. L de Yarburgh Bateson, etc. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairmnn brought a very pleasant evening to a close. —A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held nt the Globe Inn, Oldham, on Oct. 10th. fanciers being present from Hazel Grove, Glossop, Oldham, Denton, Rawtenstall, etc.. Mr. Garner in the chair. We finally settled shows for Club patronage. The following have been granted Challenge Cups and Medals, viz.: Oct. 23 and 24, Rochdale O.C., Lancs. and Lizards; Oct. 30 and 31, Manchester, Lancs. and Lizards; Nov. 7, Rochdale Good Intent, Lizards; Nov. 12 to 14, Nottingham, Lancs. and Lizards; Nov. 28, Littleborough, Lancs. and Lizards; December 4 and 5, Lizards; Feb. 5 to 9, Crystal Palace, Lancs. and Lizards. New member, Mr. H. Oooke, Stoke-on-Trent. Next meeting in connection with Littleborough Show, Nov. 28. Time and place later in Fancy Press. A vote of thanks to chairman concluded the meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

At the Cup Competition held nt the late Bolton Show, several members (whom I have written to) were exhibiting in cages not made by the Club's maker; other cages had not the regulation water tin. The Committee request me to say that they will not recognise them, and any member not using the Club's cage and drinker when showing under our rules will forfeit points and prize-money won at that show. There will be a general meeting at the Accrington Show on Oct. 24 (time and place to be posted in the Norwich Section), to consider the "Tick question"; the Cage Bird Union, as to whether we ought to be affiliated or not; and any other business that may be presented by any member, verbally or in writing, addressed to me at the show. Quite a number of members have not paid their yearly subscriptions; I should be glad if they would forward same at once; members in arrears and winning a prize are liable to forfeit same.—J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held October 10th in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. John Farrar presiding over a good attendance. A letter from the secretary of the Wallsend Society was read, relative to the "Clear and Ticked question," which stated that their members were of the same opinion as ours, viz., that it was time something was done in the matter. But they regretted their inability to adopt the proposed classification this year, as their schedules were already drawn up and in the course of preparation. A large amount of business was then got through in connection with our forthcoming annual open show on November 20th and 21st. Several additional specials were also forthcoming for the members' section. The annual subscriptions of 5s. should be paid by October 31st to entitle members to exhibit in members' classes. This will not only relieve the secretaries from the unpleasant duty of asking for contributions, but will also prevent possible disputes at the time of making entries. If any members is quite unable to pay his contribution, and will kindly notify the secretaries, they will make arrangements which will enable him to show his birds and compete for all specials.—REID and MADDISON, Hon Secretaries

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The inter-club contest will be held at the February show of the L & P.O.S. The society has given us cash to defray all expenses that the club may be put to in connection with paying out extra prize money to our members at contest. The committee are anxious to extend this club's influence as much as possible amongst the breeders of the Norwich Plainhead, so that they may, if funds will permit, extend their patronage to sixteen societies next show season instead of twelve, as this present season. Will secretaries help us in this matter to their own benefit by giving the secretary names of all gentlemen who wish to belong to the club? Novice fanciers should note that Bristol has written cancelling the patronage we extended to them, but hope to receive same next year. Messrs. Conner Bros. have been asked not to show, at societies receiving our patronage, for two years, as the committee have suspended them until such time elapses. The secretary will endeavour to attend the shows the club are patronising so as to come in personal touch with all country members, and to bring forward to committee any cases that come under the jurisdiction of the club. Will members be careful to see that they have club perches in their cages, and to only use Canary seed during showing or exhibiting time.—F. S. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on Oct. 18, when 24 birds sang. Judge, Mr. H. Allen; Timekeeper, Mr. Lacey. 1 and 2, Stead; 3, Hardcastle.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held Oct. 18, when 25 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2 and 3, shared between Sissons and Lauriman. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Wood; Timekeeper, Mr. A. Jennings.—W. DEAN, Secretary.

THE SHOWS.

BIDEFORD.

Held in the Market on Oct. 21. The cage birds were very disappointing, as regards numbers, so many shows being held the same day, but quality was well in evidence. Mr. Sing makes an ideal secretary, while Mr. Symons made a capital steward. Mr. Dix placed the awards.

YORKS. N.P.B. AND CREST AMALGAMATED (10): 1, spl, best bird in show, F. German, Yell. Yorks, tick neck, real gem, blaze of colour, good quality, beautifully drawn, staged to perfection; 2, West, buff Norwich, bonny bird, good quality, nice Bullfinch type, beautifully frosted; 3, Pincombe, another yell. Yorks, real good bird, hardly the condition of winner; 4, Pedlar, yell. Nor., real hot one, but a bit slack; vhc, Pedlar; vhc, c, Gilling; c, West and Pedlar. FINCH (11): 1, spl, Davey, Hawfinch, real topper, feathered like a Java; 2, 3, Poole, 2nd, another Hawfinch, larger bird than winner, good one when fit, rather unsteady; 3rd, Bullfinch, very nice bird; vhc, c, Kivell; 4, Hughes; vhc, Lock; c, Taylor. FOREIGN (16): 1, Symes, grey Parrot, beautiful plumage; 2, Meredith, a collection of beautiful birds; 3, Beresford, good Sulphur-crested Cockatoo; 4, Meredith, nice Java Sparrows. LOCAL (14): 1, spl, Symons, crest of good quality; 2, Kivell, good yell. Yorks; 3, Davey, useful Crest; extra 3, Kivell, another nice Yorkshire; 4, German; vhc, Master Meredith; vhc, c, Langmead; vhc, Davey; vhc, Symons.

CATERHAM.

Annual show, held October 21st and 22nd, was very successful. Mr. James Kirby, the highly-esteemed hon. secretary, seems to have earned and retained the goodwill of patrons and exhibitors alike, while his management of the show and the affairs of the society are pronounced excellent. The chairman of committee is Mr. J. W Rolls, and as for the committee they are true fanciers one and all. The show was well-arranged. The entry was a good one, considering the multiplicity of events on the same dates, and the quality was high-class throughout. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 3, Kilby, the former lovely quality, ticked wing, feather like wax, nice chest and head, a good little 'un; 3rd, larger, clear, bonny shape, rich blooming feather; 2 (no name), very typical bird, full of rich undercolour; vhc, Dell; hc, c, Corder and Crisp. YELL. (7): 1, spl, hc, c, Kilby, winner a grand unflighted clear, fine body, rare chest, neat head, the Hayle 3rd, carrying his wings better to-day; 2, Silk, very close feathered, good chest, nicely fed, a good one; 3, Spinner, another typical bird, fine quality of feather, good head, seemed a bit slack; vhc, Silk. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Green, a raking bird, very straight, just a bit strong, but lovely feather, and well on the leg; 2, Dell, very racy sweet bird, stands well; 3, Harris, not quite so well finished, should do better later; vhc, King and Rogers; hc, Harris; c, Horsey. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, Green, beautiful quality, nice pose, carries wings nicely, rare whip; 2nd, not quite so level all through, but lovely feather, straight, leggy; 3, Tillett, somewhat similarly built to winner, scarcely so good behind leg; vhc, Jupe; hc, Harris; c, King and Rogers. CREST-BRED (8): 1, hc, Fellows, grand bodied, fine headed bird, nearly green, nice length and density of head feathers; 2, Green, clear, very dense, good skull and tarn back; 3 (no name), green, nice width of skull, well lashed, good body; vhc, Hale; hc, Fellows. A.O.V (9): Grand class; 1, 2, 3, Green, very beautiful buff coppy leading, spanking body, and staged in tip-top fettle; 2nd, equally bonny Lancashire Plainhead, massive body, noble head; 3rd, very neat Lizard; vhc, Silk; hc, Bacon; c, Eagle-Bott. HYBRIDS (6): 1, 2, hc, Gunnell, leader a very fine-faced Go'die-Bullie of great promise; 2nd, nice dark Linnet-Canary; 3, Batchelor, dark Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, rich in colour; vhc, Fellows; c, Terry. GOLDFINCH (8): Fine class; 1, spl, hc, Gill, nice clear, deep, flush face, rattling bars, glossy in feather; 2, 3, Gunnell, if anything wider in face, need a little more time; vhc, Sandy; c, Nume. BRIT. A.O.V. (17): Difficult class to judge; 1, Gunnell, splendid Yellowhammer, in the pink of feather, charming colour and marking; 2, Osborn, equally beautiful Reed Bunting, well marked, very tame; 3, Cook, Shrike, not yet in full bloom, charming bird; ex. 3, Dell, capital Song Thrush; vhc, Miss Haywood, Jenner; hc, Darvill (2); c, Russell, Mrs. Sandy. FOR. (4): 1, spl, Mrs. Cooper, brilliant plumaged King Parrakeet; 2, Mrs. Sandy, Mexican Jay; 3, Cook, Brazilian Green Jay, both in charming feather; vhc, Mrs. Soper. SELL. 20/- (9): 1, vhc, hc, Green; 2, Jupe; 3, Kilby; c, Tillett. LOCAL.—CAN. OR MULE A.V. (8): 1, spl, Kilby, very swell Yell. Nor.; 2, 3, Green; vhc, Cosier and Crisp; hc, Kilby; c, Bottel. BRIT. (6): 1, Knight, clinking good Bullfinch; 2, Cosier and Crisp; 3, vhc, hc, Green.

CROOK.

The Crook and District C.B.S. held their annual show in the Mechanics' Hall, on October 17th. Norwich and Yorkshires formed a fine section some very nice specimens of both varieties being staged. Competition in all the sections was keen. The Crest, etc., class contained some good birds, notably Mr. Atess's Crestbred hen (winner at the last Palace show), which took the medal for best bird in show. British though not numerous were very good in quality. The secretary is Mr. W. Rutherford, and the ability with which he handled the affairs reflected great credit not only on himself, but also on the society. Mr. E. Brunekill judged.

NOR. (12): 1, sp, Wilson, clear yellow, grand shape, colour and quality; 2, Todd, a lovely quality buff, rare size, beaten in shape; 3, Forster, red hot colour, grand quality, nice style, bit loose in feather, takes special for hottest coloured bird; 4, Faggett; vhc, Gregor; hc, Rutherford; c, Atess. UNFLIG. (20): 1, spl, Wilson, yellow, grand shape, colour and quality, short and thickset; 2, Browson, clear buff, nice shape, rare quality, showing lovely meal; 3, Holland and Grainger, neck ticked yellow, short and thickset, good wings and quality; 4, Lee; vhc, Forster; hc, Raine and Edwards; c, Heavisides. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, hc, Bright, eye ticked yellow, real good one, well up on leg, good quality and stylish; 2, vhc, Stevens, clear buff, A1 quality, good wing carriage, nice pipe tail; 3, Elliott, ticked on eyes, yellow, good style and quality, slightly guttered on back; 4, Saunders and Son, buff green; c, Adams. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Stevens, stylish clear yellow, good quality and colour; 2, 3, 4, Bright, buff, leading close up, good shape and quality, beaten in position; 3, buff, good quality and position, wings not so well carried; vhc, Watmough; hc, Adams; c, Elliot. CREST OR CB. (9): 1, sp, and sp. for best in show, and 3, Atess, clear body Crestbred hen, a gem, grand skull, feather dense, and of excellent length; 3, Crestbred, well lashed, grand feather; 2, vhc, Todd, variegated dark Crest, good droop, dense, well radiated; 4, Siddle and Dawson; hc, c, W. Todd. GIFT CLASS (4): 1, sp, Clough and Rutherford; 2, Hemingway; 3, W. Todd. SELL (20/-) (5): 1, sp, H. Todd, cheap pair Crest and Crestbred; 2, Wilson, again a cheap pair Norwich; 3, Stevens; 4, Kilner; vhc, Siddle and Dawson. (10/-) (12): 1, sp, W. Todd, Crest, a bargain. 2, Carter, Yorkie; 3, H. Wilson, Norwich; 4, Dobinson; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Rutherford. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Todd and Son, yellow greenie-Canary, grand quality, hot colour; 2, Raine and Edwards, greenie Canary, buff, nice quality, beaten in size; 3, Rutherford, Siskin Canary, nicely laced, good colour; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Heaviside, rather a poor class this. COR. (6): 1, sp, Naisbett, blue-fronted Amazon, grand colour, perfect condition; 2, Reeks, Rufous tailed Grassfinch; 3, Walton Amazon, not the colour or condition of 1st; 4, Winter; vhc, Baxter. LINNET (7): 1, sp, Mogie, a gem, grand nutty brown, good shape, well laced; 2, Todd and Son, good size and shape, not quite so bright in colour; 3, Reed, colour and shape very good; 4, Dargue; vhc, Clough and Rutherford; hc, Forster; C. Hutchinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, sp, Rutherford, Bullie, rare size and shape, pale colour, not ready yet; 2, Dargue, Goldie, nice size, shape and blaze, good coloured body; 3, Clough and Rutherford, Goldie, rough, wants time; 4, Hutchinson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, H. Wilson, plenty of size, nice stamp, good colour; 2, Todd and Son, good size and colour, beaten in condition; 3, Hutchinson, nice quality, size and shape, narrow head; 4, Dobinson; vhc, Holland and Grainger; hc, Rutherford. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, sp, P. C. Forster, grand Bramble, rare colour, size, and spangling; 2, Carter, nice Chaffinch, good size and steady, not up yet in colour; 3, Dobinson; 4, Rowlands. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, sp, P. C. Forster, grand big Twite, good markings and shape; 2, Dobinson, Mealy Redpoll; 3, Reeks, Redpoll; 4, hc, Carter; vhc, R. Forster; hc, Clough and Rutherford; c, Bambridge. HEN A.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Reeks, grand Bramble, rare size, wants some beating in hen classes; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin; 3, Kilner, Bullie; 4, Holland and Grainger; vhc, P. C. Forster; hc, Rutherford; c, Wallinger.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. (7): 1, H. Hodd; 2, Atess; 3, Rutherford; 4, Gregor. YORK. (7) 1, 3, 4, Bright; 2, c, Elliot; vhc, Adams. CREST OR CB. (7): 1, H. Todd; 2, Clough and Rutherford; 3, 4, Atess. BRIT. (7): 1, 4, Rutherford; 2, Rowlands; 3, Hutchinson. NOVICE A.V. (12): 1, Gregor; 2, Adams; 3, Rowlands; 4, Clough and Rutherford.

EASTBOURNE.

A magnificent building for a show is the Pavilion, Devonshire Park, in which the show of the Eastbourne Society was held on October 21st and 22nd—grand top tight, no draughts, and well ventilated. The entry was not what it should have been considering the classification, but doubtless the multitude of shows this week pressed hardly on Eastbourne, which is not over well situated. As it was the entries were about the same as last year, whilst the quality was splendid. The show is run by a most excellent body of fanciers, and everything was done that could be to make the venture attractive and successful. There was a capital attendance of the public on the first day, and when we left the shillings were rolling in merrily. The committee were Messrs. E. J. Horn (chairman), C. Taylor (vice-chairman), C. Trywell, C. Attree, J. A. Howard, C. Packett, J. Tucknott, E. J. Speare, R. L. Newman, G. Tutt, J. Hobden, W. Wood. C. Cole, and E. Gausden, and a grand lot of workers they proved themselves, whilst Messrs. R. M. Daly and J. Gibbons, the hon. secs., were most energetic and courteous in the discharge of their duties. Mr. C. A. House judged.

Critique.

YORKS, YELL. (7): 1, 2, hc, Jackson, very smart and stylish, tight and silky in feather, nice head, wings, and tail, rather pale in colour; 2nd, more colour, grand shape and carriage, not quite ready; 3, Miss Dawson, much warmer in colour, capital shape and feather, bit wide in tail; vhc, Morris and Son; c, French. BUFF (6): 1, Sales, lovely quality and shape, neat head, rare wings and tail, stands well; 2, Bond, capital shape and position, not quite so fit; 3, Coombs, another nice stylish bird of good shape, hardly ready; vhc, Taylor; hc, Newman; c, Stubberfield. TICKED, ETC. (6): 1, hc, spl, Taylor, very racy, grand quality, three-pointed buff, tapers well away and stands well; 2, Knapp, thigh ticked buff, capital shape and quality, rather pale in colour, nice carriage; 3, Nagel, neck ticked yellow, good shape, colour, and feather, not so steady; vhc, Dawson; c, Neale. HEN (7): 1, Bond, cheek and wing cinnamon-marked, buff, rare style and quality, stands well, pale in colour; 2, Sales, head, neck, and wing yellow, grand slim body, stands well, but drops wings; 3, Coombs, head, cheek, and wing yellow, nice shape and carriage, fails on chest; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Cole. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Coombs, very neat non-fed buff, grand shape and carriage, feathered like glass; 2, 3, Pearson, two nicely-feathered buffs, somewhat stouter, but capital feather and style; vhc, Nagel; hc, Bond; absent Jackson. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Miller, rare chubby bird, lovely rich even colour, beautiful silky feather; 2, Bellamy, rare shape, colour, and quality, hardly so neat in head; 3, Terry, very nice shaped body, grand feather, pale in colour; vhc, Godden; hc, Hedges; c, Colls. BUFF (8): 1, Douch, grand shape, rare colour and feather, neat wings and tail, and shows well; 2, Ellis, very nice short chubby body, neat head, grand colour and feather; 3, Miller, very rich colour, beautifully mealed, grand type, not well washed; vhc, Spinner; hc, c, Burton. TICKED (8): 1, Lees, grand little saddle-marked yellow, beautiful even colour, rare shape and quality; 2, Pennells, very chubby, close feathered, well mealed, sound coloured, cheek marked buff; 3, Douch, ticked-headed buff, beautiful soft feather, nice type and colour; vhc, Ellis; hc, Burton; c, Spinner. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Upton and Button, grand chubby shaped buff, very neat and smart in feather, rare style and colour; 2, Bellamy, capital little yellow of rich even colour and grand shape, not so silky in feather; 3, hc, Ellis, wing and cheek marked buff, nice type, beautiful feather and colour; vhc, Spinner; c, Douch. HEN (7): 1, 3, Bellamy, two grand-bodied yellows, beautiful quality of feather, grandly coloured, and very showy; 3rd, loses in head; 2, Morris and Son, short compact buff, as tight as wax, splendid wings and tail, nice even colour; vhc, Ellis; hc, Spinner; c, Colls. CREST (14): 1, spl, spl best in show, Upton and Button, variegated, grand body well covered with long dense feather, big circular well drooped crest, neat centre; 2, Mrs. Haysom, green with pied tail, beautiful quality, neat centre, rare front, nice droop, hardly so massive; 3, Bond, even marked, lovely shape of body, beautiful quality, nice wing crest, has a slight twist; vhc, c, Miles; hc, Miller. CREST-BRED (8): 1, Donne, heavy marked, very densely feathered, grand shape and width of skull; 2, Mrs. Haysom, rare shaped, saddle marked, plenty of feather, but not ready; 3, Upton and Button, ticked eye, rare shape and feather, a bit soft; vhc, Dean; hc, Hedges; c, Bond. MULES. LIGHT (11): 1, Gammon, big bodied, nice coloured variegated yellow, well feathered; 2, Neale, variegated buff, beautifully feathered, not so large; 3, hc, Adams, another nice shaped, well feathered yellow, variegated; vhc, Goulden; c, Durrant. DARK (10): 1, spl, White, grand shaped, well marked dark buff Linnet, beautiful quality of feather; 2, Hobden, another nice coloured, well marked buff dark Linnet, not quite so large; 3, vhc, Wraight, good buff Greenfinch, nice shape and feather; hc, Adams; c, Taylor. BRIT. GOLD., FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, spl, 2, c, Hobden, 1st fine big rich-coloured bird, grand button, nice feather; 2nd, very bright and smart, hardly so large in bluze; 3, vhc, Tugwell, not so large in body, beautiful colour and marking; hc, Hedges. CAGE-MOULTED (8): 1, spl, Harris, a real beauty, lovely rich clean cut blaze, grand bars, beautiful buttons, grand feather; 2, Goulden, brighter and richer in body colour, beautiful feather and style, not so large in bluze or rich in bars; 3, Carter, a magnificent Finch, rare colour and moulting, but not quite ready; vhc, Swaysland; hc, Hedges; c, Tugwell. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Harris, rare shape, size and marking, splendid feather, and nice rich nutty-brown colour; 2, Carter, large bird with most exquisite marking, but not so rich in colour; 3, Hobden, fine big well-marked bird of nice colour, loses on throat; vhc, White; hc, Cole; c, Hedges. FOR. (6): 1, Mrs. Colls, very handsome, Alexandrine, very rich clear colour, grandly marked, and lovely feather; 2, Durrant, rich, clear coloured Blue Mountain Lory, in nice form; 3, Swaysland, pretty little pair of Black-headed Gouldians; vhc, Cockle; hc, Bradford; c, Harris. MEMBERS', YORK. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Newmnn. NOR. (6): 1, spl, hc, Cole; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Hedges; c, Colls. BRITISH (11): 1, spl, 3, Cole; 2, vhc, Hobden; hc, Colls; c, Hedges. NOVICE (6): 1, spl, Hagar; 2, vhc, hc, Freuch; 3, Burnett.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent.)

The Nottingham Permanent O.S. held their annual open show on October 10th, at headquarters, the "Grapes" Inn, Platt Street, the day being an ideal one. The room was packed with exhibitors and visitors all day long. The exhibits themselves were of the highest class, especially in the Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds. One hundred and thirty exhibits faced the judges, Messrs. J. C. Ley (Crests and Cresthreds), and Wm. Vardy (Norwich Plainheads, etc.), whose awards gave everyone satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. Davis and his willing band of workere did exceedingly well, and the success of the show is due to their efforts in no small measure.

CL. YELL. NOR.: Butler, nice type, rare head, well filled in neck, splendid wing and tail carriage, nice quality; 2, J. Smith, another good one, loses only in head properties; W. N. Nutt absent. BUFF: 1, Butler, nice Norwich all over. TICK, ETC. YELL.: 1, Butler, lovely colour and quality, nice type, drops tail a little, otherwise a good one; 2, Birch, rare type, colour and quality, close up; 3, Severn, good all round exhibit, head a little flat. BUFF: 1, Birch, cap and wing marked, rare quality and colour, nice wing and tail carriage; 2, Butler, smaller than winner, nice type, colour, and quality; 3, Severn, similar marked bird, nice exhibit, shown in grand condition; vhc, Sharp; hc, Hill. HEAVILY MKD. ETC.: 1, Severn, Crest, rare good Norwich typo, good head and neck, lots of substance, right one; 2, Sharp, yellow, not the substance of winner, still a good bird for a yellow; 3, hc, Smith, rare type, not so large as former, otherwise a good bird; vhc, Hill; c, Birch. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Bertie, clear, nice size head and neck, splendid wing and tail carriage; 2, vhc, Birch, another good one, also a clear, not the substance of winner, typical, close up; 3, Nuttall, nice little Norwich, good type wings and tail, clean cut away behind, loses in substance; hc, Sharp; c, Thompson. BUFF, another good class: 1, Bertie, fine exhibit, teeming with quality and colour; 2, Thompsnn, another rare good exhibit, a little weak in neck and head, splendid quality; 3, Birch, one similarly marked to winner, nice quality and colour; vhc, Sharp. YELL. HEN: 1, Smith, rare little hen, nice type, quality and colour, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Severn, stout body, but loses a little in quality of feather; 3, Butler, another useful hen. BUFF, another grand class, containing some toppers: 1, Severn, gem of gems, splendid type, rare head and neck, best of wing and tail carriage, splendid quality, full of bloom; 2, vhc, c, Bertie, another topper, loses in colour to winner, nice type, quality, and wing carriage; 3, Birch, another good hen, lacks substance of former only, a good exhibit; hc, Hill, nice little typical exhibit. STOCK PAIRS NOR.: 1, Severn, large yellow cock, Buff mkd hen, rare good stock pair, well balanced; 2, Butler, similar to winners, not much to choose between them; 3, Sharp; vhc, Buck; hc, Hill; W. Nutt absent. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, H. Davis, good one, looks like a hen, rare length of crest of right kind of feather, useful hen. BUFF CK.: 1, Wood, green, very heavy large crest, grand centre, in right place, beautiful hack; 2, Nuttall, another good one, not quite the length and droop of winner. LIGHT CREST: 1, vhc, Wayte, yellow, large, neat, well shaped crest, good body for a yellow; 2, Bowers, Buff, good exhibit, large heavy crest and centre; 3, Wood, larger crest, but not the droop of former two, a useful bird for stock. HENS: 1, Wood, another green, good one, splendid round heavy crest, good centre, long front, a grand hen; 2, Wood, clear body, dark crest, not quite ready yet; 3, good, useful hen, very heavy crest, with good stout body. YELL. C B. CK.: 1, Good, fine exhibit, marked, grand size, splendid leafy feather; 2, Bertie, clear, good bird, very stout, right kind of feather, grand head piece for a yellow; 3, Bowers, another bonny bird, good head and feather. BUFF, a rare class containing some good ones; 1, Nuttall; 2, Davis, both greens, grand exhibits, wonderful substance, splendid body and head feather, and heads of the bull dog type; 3, Good, good useful bird, loses in head to winners; vhc, Bertie; hc, Wood; c, Beardall. C.B. HENS: 1, Davis, good hen, substance head and feather all that could be desired; 2, Bowers, another good one, close up; 3, Holmes, loses only in quality and length of feather, nice body, well staged; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Howsley; c, Beardall. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Bent, fine exhibit, splendid front, centre, and back, looks like winner of the society's first feather show; 2, Bowers, another useful bird close up to heels of winner; 3, vhc, Davis, not quite ready, weak at sides; hc, Wayte; c, Nuttall. C.B.: 1, Hemsley, good wide head, rather flat; 2, Davis, not yet in condition; 3, Bowers, useful exhibit; vhc, Wyate; hc, Nuttall. STOCK PAIRS (for crest breeding): 1, Good, a grand pair. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Bertie, a team of good Cinnamons. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Caunt, Bullie-Goldfinch, in the pink of condition, might have been a better colour; 2, Beardall, dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, Enoch, light Goldfinch Mule, looks like a hen, excellent condition. LINNET: 1, vhc, Harrison, fine bird well pencilled; 2, Beardall, another fine bird well staged; 3, Marriott, worth its place. GOLDFINCH: 1, Good, a grand Goldie, lovely blaze; 2, Smith, also a good one; 3, Marriott, will improve yet. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Harrison, splendid Thrush in the pink of condition. FOR.: 1, 2, Caunt; 3, Warmsley.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

The 55th annual show was held on October 16 and 17, and proved a great success. Entries were well up to those of former years, all the classes being well represented, and very closely contested. Norwich Plainheads were strong classes, some grand birds being shown. Here Mr. McFarlane had a strong hand, and accounted for a goodly number of the prizes. Mr. Adams (Dundee) judged these varieties, and succeeded in pleasing the majority of exhibitors. Crests, Crest-breds, and Yorkshires followed, and here were found some hot ones, the cup winner being a beauty of a Crested cock. Crest-breds were a grand lot, every class containing choice specimens. Yorkshires, etc., were well filled classes, many good specimens being on view. These were judged by Mr. J. F. Dewar, and his awards were popular. Borders followed, and brought together a record entry, such a collection being seldom seen. Every class contained two sets of winners, and the birds must have been hard to separate. Mr. Smillie cleverly secured the B.F.C. medal with a topping Buff hen. These classes were under the jurisdiction of Messrs. Sommerville and Bennet, and right well did they do their duty. The Mules, British and Foreign were a show in themselves, such an entry and such quality being seldom on view. The pick of the Mule section was a gem of a clear Siskin, shown by Dr. Galloway, and bred from the pair that produced last year's sensations (we believe). The winning Hybrid was claimed at catalogue price. British were strong, but nevertheless the veteran, Mr. P. McQuilston, held a master hand, and had a good share of the spoils. The runner-up for cup was the blue-headed Wagtail, shown by Mr. G. G. Henderson. Foreigners were a gorgeous lot. These classes were judged by two well-known exhibitors, Messrs. Craig and Muir, and their awards were well received. The votes for the Challenge Cup resulted as follows: Crest cock, 22 points; blue-headed Wagtail, 17; Hybrid, 15; and Norwich Buff cock, 15. Sales were numerous, the yell. Nor. cock, 1st, being claimed at £5. The Green-cheek-Bullie fetched £9 9s. 9d., and the Scotch fancy pair in Breeding class at £20. The show was held as usual in the Stirling Road Hall, a very suitable place for a bird show, being roomy and well lighted. The arrangements for staging were grand, the birds being free from draught. The stalls of the various caterers for the Fancy gave a finish to the show. Mr. Young, the noted Norwich breeder, had a go at the Norwich, etc., section, as Secretary, and the way he worked was a credit to both himself and the Society. The Society is formed of a high class of fanciers, every one being keen to work for a good finish, and the way the arrangements were carried through reflected great credit on one and all.

In the Scotch Fancy Section the entries numbered 263, this being a slight increase over that of last year. The quality was distinctly in advance. In certain classes the leading exhibits pressed hard upon each other. The introduction of Novice classes was an experiment, but the result did not seem to justify the venture, though good birds entered the competition. In the Selling classes were a meritorious lot, which brought out smart bidding at the auction. The Belgians were not up to the standard wanted by Scotchmen, neat and good in position, but on the small side. They totalled 55. The President, Mr. Jardine, is the right man for the position, and has justly earned for himself golden opinions; frank, ready, and master of the situation, he kept the work of the day well in hand. Mr. Alex. Macdonald, the secretary of these two sections, has been many years in office, and is quite at home with the duties, in fact, a most excellent official. He could have dealt with many more Scotch Fancies and Belgians. The Scotch Fancy Committee were assiduous and painstaking, and got through the business of the day with credit. The prize for best bird in the hall was won by Mr. McClure, with his renowned winner, the yellow cock, and the bonour was fully merited, and popular. The Cup and Medal for best young Scotch Fancy or Belgian was won by Mr. Allan (Edinburgh), with a young yellow hen of exceptional merit and quality. The cup for best young piebald or green cock was secured by Mr. Kennedy (Paisley) with the same Buff Green cock that won the cup at Paisley Show. These cup contests were very keen, and those present followed the judges closely. It is a decided advantage to be in attendance during the judging, and every young fancier should spend a couple of hours during the judging at the City or other big shows. The judges were severely tried, but were equal to the occasion, and finished in good time. They did their level best to place the exhibits in order of merit, and it goes without saying that they succeeded. The Scotch Fancies were taken by Messrs. Low (Dundee), Holden (Muirkirk), Hope (Edinburgh), Knox (Glasgow), Clark and Martin (Rutherglen); the Belgians by Mr. Fulton (Partick).

The officials responsible for the splendid success of the show, and whose services the society are fortunate to be able to command, were: President, Mr. Andrew Jardine; vice-president, Mr. David Black; sec. for Scotch Fancy and Belgians, Mr. Alex. MacDonald; and for Nor., Yorks, Brit., etc., Mr. John Young; committee, Messrs. Cliff Bell, J. W. Anderson, Alex. M'Millan, Wm. Morton, J. J. M'Ilwain, A. M'Lachlan, Thos. Todd, Thos. Thomson, R. M'Quillan, Arthur Baird, James Ward, John Muir, John Park, Chas. Hunter, G. Marlin, J. M'Lay, A. Chalmers, H. Henderson, G. Smart, Alex. Begg, J. Lappin, J. Munro, G. M'Phail, Wm. Griffiths, John Roulstone, and Wm. Hutchison.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian Sections.

YELL. CK. (15): 1, McClure, grand size, erect pose, fine drive, neat head, prominent shoulder, long body and wing, wins easily; 2, Thornton, erect, good drive and top, exceptionally long in side and wing, grand tail; 3, Allan, grand drive, good top, body, and wing; 4, Smith, losing ground, good quality, fine style all over; 5, Stewart, grand size, fine quality; 6, Urquhart, well up, free and ready; 7, McCaig; 8, Calder, in good form. HEN (12): 1, Allan, erect, sweet head, firm neck, decided droop, nice shoulders, body and wing; 2, McMillan, grand size, erect, fine droop, good neck, top and body; 3, Findlay, reachy, grand body, fails only in top; 4, Lang, very good all over, nervy, takes good position; 5, Pringle, nice model, plenty of size and quality; 6, McMillan, neat and typical; 7, Taylor, 8, Thornton. YELL. PIED CK. (10): 1, Blue, superior finish, positioned, neat head, long neck, sound solid top, good drive, substantial body, very nervy, graceful in movement; 2, Urquhart, erect, fine droop, top and body, free and steady; 3, Ward, good quality, erect, nice drive, firm top, body and wing; 4, Thoms, modern type, fine quality, quick; 5, Hutchison, typical, grand all over exhibit, value for position; 6, McLennan, good body and wing; 7, Kennedy; 8, Cook. HEN (9): 1, McLennan, sweet model, well up, nice drive, solid top, good body, wing, tail, to perch; 2, Black, nice type, erect, fine drive, neat head, good body, wing and tail; 3, Fleming, grand size and substance, wins position with ease; 4, Lang, good all over type, nice quality; 5, McCallum, erect, fine drive, and ready; 6, Bowman, nice size and type; 7, Nairn; 8, Allan. YELL. FOUL CK. (13): 1, Ronaldson, wins with ease, grand model, fine head and neck, prominent shoulders, good drive, long body and wing; 2, McClure, well-known winner, grand style, very ready, wins; 3, McLennan, erect, fine drive, top, body and wing, commands place; 4, Thomson, superior model, erect, rare drive, well set back, giving prominence to shoulder, lovely front; 5, Dalgleish, fine top, free in action, nice body and wing; 6, Pringle, fine size and style; 7, McAdam; 8, Muir. HEN (10): 1, Ward, neat and compact, well built, smooth in feather, nicely positioned, grand nerve; 2, Renwick, erect, rare drive, good top and body; 3, Muirhead, nice type, rare quality, quick; 4, Smith, wins here, good all over quality, free in movement; 5, McAdam, modern type of Scotch Fancy, erect, nice drive; 6, Thornton, good size and style; 7, Dunlop; 8, Wilson. YELL. GREEN (12): 1, Strathern, leads with ease, erect, fine nerve and temper, decided droop, full of quality; 2, Hendry, lovely Green, graceful in movement, fine quality; 3, Hunter, well set up, good top, body, and wing; 4, Maxwell, fine quality, well built, full of merit; 5, Reed, fine drive and top, well up; 6, Ward, quick, but steady; 7, Jardine; 8, Collins. HEN (11): 1, Anderson, erect, decided drive, neat head, free neck, good top, body and wing; 2, Muir, similar in style, rather hack in size, but wins; 3, Thornton, reachy type, neat head, long neck, fine body and wing; 4, Urquhart, erect, good size and quality; 5, Renwick, very fine body, ready, presses winners; 6, Maxwell, neat and typical; 7, Paton; 8, Ramsay. BUFF CK. (15): 1, McClure, well known winner, an easy first in the best of company, in excellent form, grand model, fine size, always ready; 2, McLennan, medium size, full of merit, credit, rare droop, good body, wing and action; 3, Findlay, grand size, erect, fine quality all through; 4, McLennan, well up in size, erect, good drive, top and body; 5, Dalgleish, erect, finely set on perch, good drive; 6, Kirk, in first-class company; 7, Neill; 8, McCallum. HEN (12): 1, McLennan, rare type, fine nerve, erect, grand droop, neat head, reachy neck, solid top, good body, wing and tail; 2, Ward, medium size, smart, compact, well-built, a beauty; 3, Dalgleish, erect, good drive, top, body and wing, takes rare position; 4, Black, good throughout in quality; 5, Hunter, merits position, erect, nice head and neck; 6, Pringle neat, modern type, well built; 7, Clark; 8, Young. BUFF PIED CK. (14): 1, McMillan, grand size, erect, decided drive, neat head, nice top body and wing, nervy, but steady in working; 2, Black, erect, nice drive, top body and wing, good quality; 3, Banks, fine size, grand body and wing; 4, McLennan, a beauty, grand size, drive, top, and body; 5, McClure, really good quality and substance, fine body and wing; 6, Muir, good all over quality, well staged; 7, Morrison; 8, Paton. HEN (9): 1, McLennan, well known winner, rare size, erect, decided droop, grand solid top, great substance, fine worker; 2, McMillan, erect, good drive, fine top body and wing; 3, Allan, good size, splendid type, wins here; 4, McClure, fine type, wins position with ease; 5, Fulton, erect, fine easy reach, good top body and wing; 6, Renwick, good and smart, fine model; 7, Morrison; 8, Nairn. BUFF FOUL CK. (9): 1, McClure, tried winner, wins with perfect ease, grand type, fine nerve and action; 2, Findlay, erect, decided drive, good top body and wing; 3, Reid, fine quality all through and wins position with credit; 4, Paton, erect, fine quality, free in movement; 5, McElhenney, nice typical model; 6, Ronaldson, well built, and good substance; 7, Hainey; 8, Wilson. HEN (15): 1, McClure, a real model, grand size and substance, takes splendid position, very ready in movement; 2, Muirhead, erect, decided droop, fine action; 3, Urquhart, wins here, erect, good top, body and wing; 4, Pringle, fine size and quality, free in movement, well built; 5, Pringle, wins here, good all through; 6, Muirhead, good type; 7, Fernie; 8, Strathearn. BUFF GREEN CK. (11): 1, 4, Kennedy, 1st Paisley cup winner, fine old Glasgow type, well circled, takes nice position on perch; 4th, well built, good quality; 2, Smith, erect, decided drive, good top, body and wing; 3, Maxwell, fine quality, very ready; 5, McMillan, smart and tidy, nice size and quality; 6, Nairn, wins here; 7, Maxwell; 8, Smith. HEN (10): 1, Strathearn, grand size and substance, erect, decided drive, neat head, rare top and body, great depth of chest; 2, Porteous, capital follower, good quality, takes fine position, nervy; 3, Muir, well built, fine action, free, good body; 4, Spiers, wins here, grand size and quality, will be beard of again; 5, McGregor, fine quality and ready, when handled much admired; 6, McIlwain, erect, good bird; 7, Hutchison; 8, Ward. PAIRS (14): 1, Renwick, splendid erect pair, well matched, might have won singly in respective classes; 2, Muir, equally yoked, lovely pair, fine quality, and in capital condition, heavy in top, rare length of side; 3, McIlwain, fine pair, well up, good drive, top and body, nicely mated; 4, Thornton, grand fourth, excellent type, and suit each other; 5, Hope, fails in size, but of good style, very quick in motion; 6, 8, Gray, a pair to be proud of; 7, Thoms. NOVICE CLASSES.—CKS. (5): 1, Easton, nice all-round Scotch Fancy; 2, Watson, fine typical average exhibit, value for place; 3, McCormick, very fair size and style; 4, Paton; 5, Turnbull. HENS (4): 1, Easton, good size and substance, erect, nice top and drive, grand body; 2, Dickson, neat and typical, smooth in feather, very tight; 3, McCormick, small but fairly typical; 4, Turnbull, nice style, quick mover. SELL. CK. (23): 1, Davies, gem for the class, erect, good top, drive and body, wins with ease; 2, McLauchlan, not so very far behind, similar in type, nice drive and top, very fine worker; 3, Hannay, good quality, grand size and style; 4, Jardine, neat and typical, nice throughout, very smart; 5, Ralston, good quality; 6, Halney, smart and nice; 7, Carson; 8, Thomson. HEN (18): 1, Jardine, rare quality, erect, fine reach, good top, body and wing; 2, Shaw, fine quality, good drive, top and body; 3, Smith, smart stylish hen, quite at home in working; 4, Knox, reachy, fine action, well posed; 5, Strathearn, nice all over hen, nervy; 6, Reid, good substance, likely breeder; 7, McAdam; 8, Carson. BELGIAN YELL. CK. (15): 1, Fairley, sen., reachy type, fine head, rare neck, grand droop, could do with greater thickness through chest, tail well under perch; 2, Greig, nice type of Belgian, lacks size a little, but good quality; 3, Robertson, neat, compact, and well built, inclined to small side; 4, H. S. Fairley, typical, smart, and close in feather; 5, McIlwain, very good stamp; 6, Ronaldson, in lovely condition; 7, Neill; 8, Maxwell. HEN (8): 1, Fairley, sen., Belgian caste, heavy top, rare droop, nice body and wing; 2, Greig, good style, neat head, free neck, nice body and wing; 3, Cook, grand size, fair type, lively in motion; 4, Thomson, neat and smooth in feather; 5, Robertson, neat and very typical; 6, H. S. Fairley, neat and quick; 7, Fairley, sen.; 8, J. Fairley. BUFF CK. (9): 1, H. S. Fairley, rare type, close in feather; 2, Fairley, sen., good quality, neat and ready; 3, Ronaldson, nice type, good top, body and wing; 4 (no name), very fair size and quality; 5, Cook, good average Belgian; 6, Young; 7, Neill; 8, Kennedy. HEN (9): 1, Robertson, grand top, nice body and wing; 2, Kean, small and typical; 3, Greig, smart, close in feather; 4, Jardine, good style, very ready; 5, Fairley, sen., nice style; 6, H. S. Fairley; 7, Ronaldson. A.V. BRED IN 1908 (13): 1, 4, Greig, 1st very good type for a young bird; 4th, fine type and free; 2, McIlwain, nice quality; 3, Ronaldson, neat and typical, will improve; 5, Robertson, good quality, a nice one; 6, 7, 8, Fairley, sen., wins here

The Norwich and Crest Sections.

NOR. CL. YELL., ETC., CK.: 1, Rae, bouncer for size, rare substance, neat head, fine wing carriage, shapely bird, teeming with colour, grandly fed (claimed); 2, 3, McFarlane, 2nd grand type, shapely exhibit, fine wing carriage, good head, 3rd again neat size, grand colour, rather thin in neck; 4, vhc, McLay, good one, well rounded, teeming with quality; 5, Murray, plenty of size; hc, Ireland; c, Steele. BUFF (26): 1, 2 spls, 3, McFarlane, 1st wins, topper for size, grand colour and feather, rare head, bouncing front, lovely wing carriage, well cleaned out below, 2nd another hot fed one, plenty of size, neatly got up; 2, spl, Davidson, hot fed one, fine quality, neat head, rather long in feather; 4, Latta, again plenty of colour, nice quality of feather; 5, spl, Chambers, nice short chubby bird; vhc, Watson; hc, Ireland; c, Malcolmson. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. CK. (10): 1, McFarlane, large green, plenty of substance, nice body and wing carriage; 2, Chalmers, unflighted hot fed one, finely rounded, nice head, fine wing carriage; 3, Latta, nice size, good quality of feather; 4, Sloan, good size, well up in chest properties; 5, Patterson, nice stamp of a Norwich; vhc, Thomson; hc, Calderwood; c, Gilbert and Son. BUFF (21): 1, Davidson, large one, in extra good condition, fine full front, tip-top wing carriage, beauty for style, well cleaned out; 2, Calderwood, nicely feathered, well finished off, neat head, good colour; 3, Donnell, again in grand bloom, gem for quality of feather, full chested; 4, spl, Watson, hot one all over, lovely shape, perfect feather; 5, Patterson, in rare bloom, neat made exhibit; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, McFarlane; c, Cameron. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (23): 1, spl, 3, spl, McFarlane, leader wins, a beauty and no mistake, lovely rounded bird, immense properties, neat head and very even wing carriage, beautifully made, 3rd neck tick, very fine stamp, well up in colour, two grand exhibits; 2, spl, Malcolmson, good substance throughout, nice shape, well moulded; 4, Cameron, plenty of colour, well up in size, snipy looking in head, in fine order; 5, Bishop, wing tick, rare shape, round as possible; vhc, Miller; hc, Muir; c, Watson. BUFF (29): 1, 2, McFarlane, leader very full chested, in rare bloom, nice warm tone of colour, well shaped, very nicely tapered, 2nd very short in feather, fine stamp, good colour and feather; 3, Thomson, good-looking hen, shade soft when taking notes; 4, spl, Roberts, plenty of size, nice head, fine wing carriage; 5, Fraser, grand order, fine coloured one; vhc, Bishop; hc, Scaife; c, Foster. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Smith, in rattling bloom, grand head, finely moulded, sweet carriage and shape, well put down; 2, McFarlane, rare body, fine full front, good wing carriage, neatly tapered; 3, Chalmers, rare colour, nice feather, good shapely exhibit; 4, Davidson, nice quality throughout; 5, spl, McLay, good all round; vhc, Sloan; hc, Steele; c, McAuley. BUFF (15): 1, Milne, plenty size and colour, good shape, neat head, fine wing carriage; 2, Murray, rather plain looking, nice size; 3, Sloan, grand shape, well rounded, good colour, neatly tapered, rather loose in flights; 4, Cameron, sweet hen, fine round head, grand front; 5, Fraser, green, lovely shape, nice quality of feather throughout; vhc, hc, Thomson; c, Chalmers. NON-FED CK. CL. (15): 1, spl, Malcolmson, buff, wins, grand type and quality, bouncing size, marvel for condition; 2, Aitchison, yellow, well up in size, very neat in bead properties; 3, spl, Murray, buff, again plenty of size, grand shape; 4, Roberts, shade smaller but all there for shape; 5, McFarlane, nice taking exhibit; vhc, Sloan; hc, Braidwood; c, Clapperton. VARIEG. (5): 1, Winter, yellow, a good one, fine size and quality of feather, good bead, well carried wings, in rare bloom; 2, Winter, buff, plenty of size, well up in condition; 3, Thomson, smaller got up but well moulded, finely staged; 4, spl, Roberts, heavy bird, lovely feather, good in shape and quality; 5, Malcolmson, large buff, good feather. NON-FED HEN (8): 1, Calderwood, buff, wins, in romping order, fine stamp, nicely rounded, perfect feather, neat size, lovely quality; 2, spl, Roberts, yellow, good stamp all over, fine quality feather, plenty of substance; 3, Sinclair, buff, neat and in good order; 4, Ferguson, shade smaller but good; 5, Fraser, nice all round hen; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Kidd; c, Buist. NON-FED VARIEG. (9): 1, spl, 5, spl, Winter, leader yellow, in tip-top bloom, grand size, plenty of substance, well staged, good one, 5th nice one, fine shape, good head, level wing carriage; 2, Jardine, another grand one, rare front, large well rounded on body, neat carriage; 3, Soutar, buff, in fine order, plenty of substance, well got up; 4, McFarlane, neat exhibit, well balanced all round; vhc, Potts; hc, Sanderson; c, Malcolmson. SELL. CK (15/-) (28): 1, spl, Davidson; 2, Chalmers; 3, Binnie; 4, hc, spl, Muir; 5, Thomson; vhc, Donaghy; c, Griffiths. HEN (15/-) (18): 1, Milne; 2, Cubly; 3, Smith; 4, Marr; 5, c, Powell; vhc, Hood; hc, Donnghy. NOVICE CK. (36): 1, McEwen, large buff, plenty of substance, good full front, neatly rounded, grand head, fine wing carriage, well staged; closely followed by 2, Jeffrey, grandly fed buff, exquisite feather and shape, very stylish; 3, spl, Mitchell, yellow, shade slim, nice size, good quality of feather; 4, Sheridan, buff, nice size and quality; 5, spl, Johnston, large buff, good quality throughout; vhc, Varty; hc, Wilson; c, Sinclair. HEN (21): 1, Wilson, good yellow, fine substance, grand shape, very round, free from roughness; 2, Mitchell, buff, plenty of substance, well forward in feather, not so neatly finished; 3, Maxwell, yellow variegated, good stamp but lacks finish; 4, Henderson, nice buff for quality and condition; 5, Simpson, yellow, good colour and size, marvellous condition; vhc, Hutchison; hc, McNaughton; c, Kidd. CREST CK. (11): 1, challenge cup, Noble, grand all over, rare head gear, coming well forward, nicely packed at back, fine side droop, good body and quality of feather, real tip-top specimen; 2, spl, Adamson, grand sided bird, finely cushioned at back; 3, McLay, lengthy feather, beautifully groomed; 4, 5, Shillinglaw, nice laid on top piece, good radiation, 5th nice looking, had been washing; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Dykes; c, Loudon. HEN (17): 1, Montgomery, gem for a head piece as far as grooming is concerned, nice centre, fine even round crest, splendidly put on; 2, Joel, similar, with finely laid on crest; 3, spl, Wallace, marvel for length of feather, very leafy, comes well over beak, carried far down side and continued to back, does not lie as well as winners; 4, vhc, Noble, good lengthy top piece, well finished; 5, spl, Park, good all round crest; hc, Oram; c, McInnes. C.B. CK. (16): 1, spl, 4, McLay, slasher, leading somewhat easily, dense lash, noble entrance often described, looking better than ever, 4th another good one, nice lashing; 2, Wallace, another topper again well lashed, carried nicely back and plenty of it; 3, spl, Burnett, wonderful skull, nice and round, good entrance; 5, McNaughton, another hullie-headed one, fine skull; vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Montgomery; c, Lappin. HEN (9): 1, 2, Young, leader variegated, good wide entrance, plenty of substance and length of feather, likely specimen, 2nd clear, very neat one, fine full head and entrance, close up in lashing; 3, Shillinglaw, grand wide entrance, rare skull; 4, McLay, nice head, taking bird; 5, Dick, grand back lashing, neat head, well rounded; vhc, Thomson; hc, Burnett; c, Loundon. SELL. CRESTS (£2) (12): 1 (no name); 2, Noble; 3, c, Boyd; 4, Joel; 5, Chalmers; vhc, Adamson; hc, Lappin. C.B. (£1) (8): 1, Thomson; 2, McPhail; 3, Clark; 4, c, Boyd; 5, Park; vhc, Johnston; hc, Thornton.

The Border Fancies.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (30): 1, Thomson, neat, round head, well filled front, grand bloom; 2, Allan, lovely feather, free, jaunty pose, level colour, close up; 3, McKenzie, paler colour, well placed short wings, trifle unsteady, otherwise good exhibit; 4, Patterson, very neat head, well defined neck and chest; 5, spl, Marchbank, good colour, fine wing carriage; vhc, McWatt; hc, Clark; c, Harper. HEN (23), A class of beauties, grand symmetry throughout: 1, spl, Patterson, lovely moulded body, neat head, fine and free, very level colour; 2, Robinson, another beauty, sweetly moulded, free jaunty carriage; 3, Harper, similar type, neat action, good all round exhibit; 4, Nixon, bit unsteady, lovely feather and type; 5, McCredie, well drawn body; vhc, Calderwood; hc, Walker; c, Auld. BUFF CK. (29), another very strong class: 1, Patterson, well rounded in head, front and back, neat wing, and tail, wins again with condition; 2, Alexander, close up, grand feather, good sound colour; 3, McKenzie, very neat head, well placed wings; 4, Barrie, nicely rounded body, free style, not far behind winners; 5, Laidlaw, shade flat in front, good one; vhc, Walker; hc, Guthrie; c, Hutchison. HEN (34): this class contained a large percentage of real good ones, and not a few likely winners had to take a back seat: 1, B.F.C. medal, Smillie, real independent style about her, both when sitting and when handled, neatly rounded head, well set on wings, A1 taper; 2, Alexander, another taking exhibit, rather brighter in colour, lovely feather and carriage; 3, spl, McKenzie, close up, beautifully rounded neat head, well filled back; 4, Tait, wee bit stouter in build, sweet head, fine pose, lovely feather; 5, Patterson, best of bloom, well tapered body, shade slimmer; vhc, Hamilton; hc, spl, Shields. EVEN MKD. (20): 1, McWatt, lovely close feathered buff, well balanced markings; 2, Patterson, Cinn. yellow A1 type, neat eye marks, best of feather; 3, McKenzie, feathered like wax, splendid type and markings; 4, Findlay, another very typical yellow, grand feather, rich colour, fails a little on right eye; 5, vhc, Haddow, a brace of beauties; 6, A1 type, lovely feather, neatly tapered markings; hc, Millar; c, Calderwood. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (24): 1, spl, McKenzie, very neat and pointed, good type, and wing carriage, feather perfection; 2, and B.F.C. Novice Medal, Simpson, rare feather, well rounded body, close up; 3, Thomson, very close feather, neat markings, not quite so bright in plumage; 4, Hadlow, about the finest in class, neat markings, fine, free pose, hardly closed in feather yet; 5, Smillie, grandly finished feather, A1 style, shade on long side; vhc, McWatt; hc, spl, Patterson; c, Watt. BUFF (31), another class containing a large number of grand exhibits: 1, Walker, nearly even, close feather, A1 style and carriage, very neat; 2, Patterson, three pointed, grandly moulded, in perfect bloom; 3, Jeffrey, Cinn. variegated, A1 style, well tapered, feathered like boxwood; 4, Thomson neatly marked five pointed, in lovely feather, close up; 5, McAdam, three pointed, all there for type, not ready yet; vhc, Clark; hc, Turnbull; c, Auld. FOUL YELL. (9), the only weak class in section: 1, Marchbank, neat bead, tick, finely rounded body, well tapered; 2, Patterson, head tick also, well placed wings, clean tail, fine level colour, trifle rough on front; 3, Robinson, similar build, shade longer in wings; 4, Lappin, black cap, grand colour, bit unsteady; 5, spl, Duncan, wing tick, easy carriage, well finished feather, shade longer; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Dempster; c, McGeachan. BUFF (20): 1, McCredie, eye tick, staged in lovely condition, very close feather, well laid on wings; 2, spl, Patterson, tick on eye, warmer colour, well rounded, taking exhibit; 3, spl, Massie, wing tick, finer drawn

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body, jaunty carriage, in grand feather; 4, Harper, wing tick also, similar in type; 5, Clark, head tick, finely drawn body, close pipe tail, well shown; vhc, Thomson; hc, Robinson; c, Hamilton. GREEN OR CINN. VELL. (22): a grand muster of Greens, but there was a falling of type in the Cinnamons shown here; 1, spl, 2, McMillan, winner excelling in type and bloom, well pencilled, sound grassy colour; 2, good in markings, bright in grass colour; 3, Brownlie, very level colour, neatly defined lacings, shade stronger in body; 4, Thomson, well known winner, A1 colour, just fails in under markings; 5, spl, Young, beautifully laced, grassy hen; vhc, Hutcheson; hc, spl, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Lawrie. BUFF (14): 1, Thomson, splendid type, sound body colour, well laced; 2, Bishop, Cinn. very typical, pure colour, nicely marked; 3, spl, Arnot and Jamieson, well modelled Green, neatly pencilled, close up; 4, Young, shade stronger in build, fine feather; 5, McGhie, Cinn. good pencilling, pale colour; vhc, Amos; hc, Findlay; c, Hamilton. SELL. (10/-) COCK (8/-) HEN (25), contained some very fine birds: 1, Brannigan; 2, Walker; 3, Alexander; 4, Tait; 5, Kelly; vhc, spl, Findlay; hc, Brownlie; c, Robinson.

The Remaining Sections.

YORKS. CK. (11): 1, spl, Martin, raking yellow, hot fed, well drawn, gets well up on leg, nice wing carriage, neat front; 2, vhc, Mason, another yellow, fine and slim, well drawn; 3, Penman, buff, in grand bloom, lovely stamp, very stylish, beautifully drawn; 4, Muir, cinnamon, lovely quality of feather, rare type; 5, Fitton, buff, plenty of length, well forward in colour; vhc, Mason; hc, Patterson; c, Webster. HEN (9): 1, Martin, again leading with a topper, buff, grand quality throughout, fine style, well drawn; 2, Patterson, raking yellow, plenty of size finely drawn; 3, Fitton, wing tick yellow, nice shade of colour, fine order, well drawn; 4, Penman, plenty of length, great sided bird, in lovely bloom; 5, McRobbie, slashing yellow, good hot colour and stylish; vhc, Webster; hc, Chisholm; c, Braidy. A.O.V. CAN (15): 1, Buist, good jonque cinnamon, grand body, well fed, lovely tone of colour, grand pencilling, well put down; 2, Fitton, Lancashire Coppy, plenty of size, nice top piece; 3, spl, 5, c, Fyfe, 3rd buff cinnamon, good pencilling, nice tone of colour, 5th jonque cinnamon, good shape and colour; 4, vhc, spl, Dandie, Silver Lizard, nice cap and spangle, good flights; hc, Philips. MULES, ETC. LIGHT OR VARIEG. (15): 1, Dr. Galloway, gem of a clear yellow Siskin-Canary, rare size and colour, well put down; 2, Arrighi, lightly ticked Goldie-Canary, grand size, good colour, rare shape, fine specimen; 3, spl, McFarlane, four-point yellow Goldie, well up in size, plenty of colour; 4, 5, spl, vhc, hc, Douglas, 4th slashing clear buff Goldie, looks like a hen, 5th six-pointed buff, good order; 6, Dr. Galloway, topping light varieg. Twite-Canary, rare size, very lightly marked; also No. 15, McQuiston, noted two-point Linnet, in new hands; two were passed for Canaries, entered as clear Linnet Mules. DARK GOLDFINCH-CAN. (9): 1 (no name), grand colour throughout, dense face, well up in size, beautifully put down; 2, Coffey, larger if anything and hot in colour, good one, rather soft looking; 3, vhc, Lawrie, 3rd slashing buff, rare body and shape, plenty of colour; 4, 5, Buchanan, yellow, well up in size, good flush face, 5th good natural coloured one that should be heard of yet. DARK LINNET AND CAN. (14): 1, Hamilton, grand jonque, well marked, rare breast and wings, plenty of size, splendid order, good one; 2, Brown, plenty of size, rare shape, nicely finished, neat markings, good colour buff; 3, spl, Dick, another hot jouque, rare tone of colour, light flight in wings, well placed; 4, Fitton, lovely quality, grand colour; 5, Coffey, rare size, beaten in finish, good exhibit; vhc, Ovenstone; hc, Buchanan; c, McCaw. DARK GREENFINCH AND CAN. (19): 1, spl, 2, Leigh, leader the old jonque, in rare bloom, fine level colour, plenty of size, in A1 trim, flight scarcely down yet, 2nd slashing buff, well fed, plenty of front, nicely made up, again in fine bloom, good pair; 3, Johnston, yellow, shade smaller in size, rather hard looking in feather, nice shape and position; 4, Arrighi, large romping yellow cinnamon, should make up a good one; 5, Peters, buff, nice quality of feather, good colour, etc.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Baird; c, Henry. CAN. MULE A.O.V. (21): 1, Whiteford, jonque Siskin, good one, grand deep colour throughout, splendidly pencilled, fine feather, very good cap and cheek markings; 2, McCaw, Twite, plenty of size, lovely markings, nice warm shade of colour; 3, Thomson, Junr., Redpoll, fine size, well up in colour; 4, Fraser, Siskin, buff, rare size, hot colour ,lovely markings; 5, Leigh, jonque Siskin, large as winner, not so distinct in lacing; vhc, Scott; hc, Cowan; c, Menzies. HYB. BRIT. CROSS (including Can. Bullie) (8): 1, spl, Sharp, greenie Bullie, rattling bloom, very distinct cap and wings, lovely tone of colour throughout, well up in size, exceedingly well staged (claimed at catalogue price); 2, 4, Arrighi, 2nd greenie Bullie, shade larger than winner, completely eclipsed for colour and markings, 4th Linnet-Bullie, showing cross distinctly; 3, Smillie, Goldie-Bullie, nice flush face and good body colour; 5, Overstone, well-known Canary-Bullie, looking nice, fine colour and markings; vhc, Clarkson; hc, McGhie. A.O.V. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (15): 1, Coffey, Bramble-Chaffinch, sweet taking exhibit, showing cross very distinctly, nice colour and markings; 2, Buchanan, Redpoll-Goldie, sweet nice exhibit, showing splendid blend of colour; 3, Martin, Siskin-Greenfinch, another splendid exhibit, lovely tone of yellow-green and well up in size; 4, Whiteford, Goldie-greenie, fine size, well marked, scarcely up in blaze yet; 5, Rankin, Goldie-Linnet, very nice bird, finely blended in colour; vhc, Douglas; hc, Darey; c, Galloway. In this class we noticed several rather high coloured specimens, especially those of the Goldfinch persuasion, which found a place on the top shelf. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, Tams and Son, real dense face, fine size, carried well back, good cut cheeks, nice full front, lovely tannings, glossy wing bars, well up in size, beauty and no mistake; 2, spl, Henderson, nice type, fine full front, large face, scarcely up yet; 3, Raine, grand colour, very expansive blaze, nice tannings, scarcely up yet; 4, McMinn Bros., darker toned, shade narrow looking in face, in rattling bloom; 5, McQuiston, good dense face, grand colour and markings throughout; vhc, Colbron; hc, Brown; c, Wilson. BULLFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, McQuiston, gem all over, fine breast, grandly cut cap, topping bars, very pure in white on rump, staged in grand bloom; 2, spl, Thomson, nice clean cut cap, shade narrower in head, longer in build, well up body colour, good throughout; 3, Cullen, plenty of size, good cap, very nice wing bars; 4, Laidlaw, grand one, fine stamp of a Bullie, neat and chubby, well forward in colour; 5, Henderson, lovely body, rare shape and size; vhc, Raine; hc, Dunsmuir; c, Wilson. LINNET (42): 1, spl, Erskine, grand all over, lovely shade of colour, beautifully spangled, rare breast markings, nice wing flights; 2, McQuiston, lovely tone of colour, rare size, very nicely pencilled; 3, Kearton, nice size, good ground colour; 4, Patterson, nice size and shape, grand flights, lovely back markings; 5, Crockatt, grand ground colour, plenty of work; vhc, Brown; hc, Colbron; c, Calder. SISKIN (17): 1, Bishop, nice one, finely laced on sides, good cap, nice tone of colour, neat wing bars, plenty size, well put down; 2, Arrighi, topper for size, rare bib, nice colour throughout, good cap; 3, Henderson, dense cap, good colour; 4, Barclay, sweet colour, well marked; 5, McGavin, good natural coloured one; vhc, Cullen; hc, Mason; c, Roddie. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, McQuiston, hot fed Twite, fine size, dense colour, nicely laced, good head; 2, Martin, Mealy Redpoll, lovely shades of colour, neat bib; 3, Walson, Twite, sombre-looking, but good size; 4, McGillivray Bros., enormous Mealy Redpoll, large expansive bib; 5, Dickie and Smith; vhc, Calder; hc, Kirkwood; c, Risborough. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Bald, in grand bloom, fine bib, lovely shade of colour, rare markings, plenty of size; 2, Cairns, larger than winner, but not so distinctly marked on head.; 3, spl, Henderson, nicely marked, good shape, very stendy; 4, Mills, sweet exhibit, in grand bloom; 5, Walson; vhc, McCulloch; hc, Clarke; c, Gow. GREENFINCH: 1, McQuiston, topper, grand dense colour throughout, very level shade, lovely wings, neatly made, marvel for condition; 2, hc, Aitken, bouncer for size, well up in colour, rare shape and condition, buff; 3, Wilson, smaller n little, but nice quality throughout; 4, Goodfellow, nice shape, good, full-fronted, plenty of substance; 5, spl, Sharp; vhc, Buchanan; hc, c, Strachan. CHAFFINCH (14): 1, Livingstone, gem, great size, well up in breast colour, noble bold front, good glossy cap, shimmering in condition; 2, Colbron, very nice cap, good wing bars, well up in body colour; 3, Milne Bros., plenty of colour, nice shape; 4, Sinclair; 5, Laidlaw; vhc, Simpson; hc, Aitken; c, Muir. BRAMBLEFINCH (22): 1, Longden, good one, lovely colour, nicely spangled, good dense cap, well cut on breast, could be better tapered perhaps; 2, c, Wilson, fine shape, good quality of feather, nice colour; 3, spl, hc, Arrighi, smaller a shade, but a demou for colour, very warm shade; 4, Alston, good Finch, stylish make; 5, spl, Coffey; vhc, Sharp; hc, Arrighi; c, Wilson. YELLOWHAMMER (16): 1, Gray, good one, fine rich tone of colour, lovely clear head markings, neat, tinge of browning on chest, in lovely order; 2, Pendrigh, hotter in colour, grandly marked on back and breast, grand size and quality; 3, Brisbane, nice one, a gem of a breast; 4, Martin, another gem for colour, good head markings; 5, Ward; vhc, Menzies; hc, Workman; c, Cullen. A.O.S. BUNTING (13): 1, McQuiston, slashing Common Bunting, fine tone of colour, grand markings, steady as possible, well put down; 2, Crockatt, Meadow Bunting, very good head markings, in fine bloom; 3, Ross, Cirl Bunting, lovely head markings, fine polish; 4, Brown, Corn Bunting, fine colour and markings, steady; 5, Arrighi; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Binnie; c, Taylor. BRIT. SOFTBILL. SMALL (25): 1, spl, Henderson, exquisite Blue-headed Wagtail, in lovely bloom, rare colour and size, runner-up for cup; 2, spl, McQuiston, topping Wryneck, well marked, good size, splendid order, well staged; 3, spl, Taylor, Crested Tit, in fine bloom; 4, Cuming, Willow Warbler, in rare order; 5, Pendrigh, tip-top Redstart for size, colour, and cop; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Anderson; c, Henderson. LARGE (21): 1, Crockett, Waxwing, in grand bloom, fine markings, well up in colour, A1 bib, and extra steady; 2, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, large size, regular demon for colour; 3, Tait, interesting exhibit, Nutcracker, very steady, and in grand trim; 4, Pallock, well marked Magpie, fine clear widths, topper for size; 5, c, Brown, noted strain, grand Missel Thrush; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Raine; c, Brown; many good birds had to be kept out of the prizes. BULLFINCH HEN (9): 1, Arrighi, clinking Russian, great size and substance, enormous head, grand colour throughout; 2, Sharp, good Brit. Bullie, nice dense colour throughout; 3, McLennan, Russian, fine size, good colour; 4, Brisbane, neat Britisher, good all round; 5, Connelly; vhc, Livingstone; hc, Duncan; c, Tannoch. HEN BRIT. FINCH (20): 1, McQuiston, his last year's winning Corn Bunting, in grand bloom; 2, Pendrigh, Grey Wagtail, nice size and quality of feather; 3, Alston, Black-headed Bunting, fine bloom; 4, Bald, romping hen Greenfinch, rare size, plenty of colour; 5, Reid. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (17): 1, spl, McQuiston, dense face, very expansive blaze, pure in whites, good wings, lovely buttons; 2, Arrighi, another hot one, plenty of size, well cut; 3, McMinn Bros., grand shape, fine dense face; 4, Barclay, again smooth in shape, well forward in colour; 5, McInnes; vhc, Pendrigh; hc, Telfer; c, Tams and Son. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, spl, Alston, pair of Many-Coloured Parrakeets, in tip-top form, nice taking exhibits; 2, Proudfoot, good King Parrot, in fine bloom; 3, Duncan, Indian Hill Mynah, in nice order; 4, Wilson, Swainson's Parrakeet, beauty for colour and variety; 5, Campbell, Black-headed Caique; vhc, Webster; hc, c, Wyhte. SMALL (13): 1, 3, Carrich, Parrot Finch leading, sweet exhibit, in grand bloom, nice one; 3, pair of Double-banded Finches, in fine feather; 2, Mason, well-known Red-headed Gouldian Finch; 4, Henderson, Festive Tanager, splendid exhibit; vhc, Alston; hc, c, Whyte.

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Champion Open Classes.

CREST (11): 1, spl, J. J. King, a fine unevenly marked, very big, and nice shaped top piece, densely built up of good broad feathers, fine body; 2, Slade, similar bird, variegated, rare good frame, very expansive crest, not so neat as the leaders; 3, vhc, Upton and Button, a good quality bird, crest of nice size and shape; c, Smith. C.B. (8): 1, King, a whopping variegated, very good feather properties, fine width and shape of skull; 2, Slade, almost clear, must have pressed very hard, beautiful body, head and feathers; c, Smith, will improve, very nice green; vhc, Lewis; hc, c, Campling. NORWICH YELL. CK. (12): 1, Young, tkd, very nice shape and style, good in colour and quality; 2, Hodder, beauty for feather properties, well cut away, stout body, very neat, close run; 3, Morris, another very good bird, not in the best of form; 4, hc, Rippon, close up on the day, excellent quality, good shape; c, Battison. BUFF (14): 1, Rennie, a clinker all over, very fine quality, well built, and in grand order; 2, Morris, good one for type, grand under colour and meal, very neat; 3, 4, Hodder, two splendidly typical birds, of rare good quality, very close up to leaders; vhc, Rippon; hc, Woolhouse; c, Curtis. HEN YELL (11): 1, Rennie, again a beauty, very cobby and neat, fine wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Young, another excellent hen for shape and style, well built; 3, Meades, the right type, though a shade small, very neat and shapely; vhc, Morris; hc, Easterling; c, Sheldon. BUFF (14): 1, Bellamy, short, thickset, bouncing bird, rare feather, well frosted, real nice one; 2, Cooper, good head and well rounded chest, full of quality, fine carriage; 3, Hodder, very stylish and well feathered, neat head, A1 type; 4, Morris, excellent for colour and quality, close, compact, stylish; vhc, Curtis; hc, Ellis; c, Rorke. UNFLIG. (25): 1, Rennie, some thought a wee bit small, rare good build, however, the correct shape, and full of quality; 2, Morris, also in good bloom, and a model for shape, very neat, close up, both duffs; 3, Hodder, green, very promising, true to type, good body, fine carriage; 4, Sheldon, splendid buff, beauty for quality and colour, pressed hard; vhc, Meades; hc, Battison; c, Taylor. BORD YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, a trio of beauties, very natty and good in quality, travel the perches in grand style, clear leading followed by a Cinn.; vhc, Elwood; hc, Honeycutt; c, (no name). BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, three more very fine exhibits, in great form; vhc, hc, Hall; c, Elwood. YORKS. CL. OR TICKED, YELL. (16): 1, Bennett, fine quality, nice position and good carriage; 2, Mabey, another good bird, not so neat in wings, very stylish; 3, Knight, good feather and carriage, excellent length, some thought might have been higher up; 4, Rennie, good one for shape and carriage; vhc, Parrott; hc, Crisp; c, Jones. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Rorke, nice bird for shape, carriage and quality; 2, Parrott, also shapely and nice in quality; 3, Jones, neat bird, good position; 4, Knight, fine head ticked, very neat and stylish; vhc, Warley; hc, Mabey; c, Crisp. MKD. OR VARIEG. (12): 1, Bishop, green marked, nice stylish bird, good in position; 2, Rennie, rare good quality, shapely, close up; 3, Mabey, another marked, plenty of quality, well made; 4, Crisp, Cinnamon marked, all there for shape and style, very sweet, hard luck; vhc, Burton; c, Smith. UNFLIG. (28): 1, Davis, a lovely buff, grand feather, very shapely; 2, vhc, Cross, yellow, of good style and quality; 3, Bishop, nice position and feather; 4, Rorke, another excellent yellow; hc, Crisp; c, Holbrook. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Davis, lovely shape and feather, A1 style, wins well; 2, Bennett, another good one for position and quality; 3, Elsmore, nice shapely hen; 4, Rennie, also typical and neat; vhc, Parrott; hc, Jones; c, Knight. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Rennie, very neat and well drawn, grand carriage and quality; 2, Holbrook, Cinn. marked, good shape, length and position; 3, Elsmore, good quality and style, well up on leg; 4, Bishop, good, upstanding bird; vhc, Crisp; hc, Burton; c, Davis. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Green, grand coppy and plainhead Lancs., both of grand substance and length of side, correct in coppy and skull; 3, Baker, fine stamp of Belgian, grand position, very nervy, pressed hard for second place; hc, Sidgwick; c, Wickham.

Open Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. TICKED. YELL. CK. (25): 1, Baker, grand wings and tail, neat and nice position; 2, Rogers, good in type and colour, excellent position; 3, Edwards, shapely, good carriage; 4, Allen, nice type; vhc, Page; hc, Thorpe; c, Whiteman. BUFF (17): 1, Found, beauty for type, length and condition; 2, Pitcher and Faux, good in position, fine length and quality; 3, Edwards, good shape and type; 4, vhc, Allen; hc, Carson; c, Adams. MKD. (19): 1, Edwards, marked yellow of good position and quality; 2, Allen, neat marked yellow, nice position, well drawn; 3, Forse, another yellow of good quality and shape; 4, Found, fine buff, pressed hard; vhc, Creamer, Lewis; hc, Whittome; c, Thorpe. UNFLIG. (42), a grand class: 1, hc, Edwards, beautiful shape and position; good feather, wins well; 2, Pitcher and Faux, another smart one, grand wings and tail, fine pose; ex. 2, Baker, very nice shape and quality; 3, ex. c, Shetler, good position and shape, nice length; ex. 3, Adams, stands finely, shape A1, nice neat type; 4, Lewis; cx. 4, Beeney, two more excellent exhibits; vhc, Harwood; ex. vhc, c, Franks; hc, Honey. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Adams, neat stylish, good length; 2, King, better in condition, nice shape and position; 3, Rogers, correct type, neat and stylish; 4, Jeffries, good shape and feather; vhc, Carson; hc, Smith; c, Allen. BUFF HEN (28): 1, Allen, grand length, position and quality, nice one; 2, Rogers, good shape and length, another fine hen, close up; 3, Franks, nice colour, shape and quality; 4, vhc, Adams; hc, Buckingham; c, Whittome. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Lovegrove, nice shape, good quality and colour; 2, Schofield, good colour and shape, not quite so clean cut; 3, Luff, lacks the size, still good for shape and quality; 4, hc, Lee and Kearney, typical, well feathered bird; hc, Jordan. BUFF (11): 1, Kates, sharply, clear of nice size, still good cal; 2, Cook, nice shape and colour, good feather; 3, Hart, marked, good quality, very neat; vhc, Schofield; hc, Burgess; c, Leak. HENS (14): 1, Keates, a very nice buff of good feather and shape; 2, Pawley, good shaped yellow, not quite so large, excellent quality; 3, Lovegrove, good shapely buff, not so tight yet; 4, Litchfield and Sons, neat shape and style; vhc, Knight; hc, Luff; c, Morris. UNFLIG. (22): 1, hc, Jordan, fine yellow, grand shape, colour and quality; 2, Litchfield and Sons, real good buff, of nice substance, quality and feather; 3, Lee and Kearney, well-built marked buff, good feather; 4, Horwood, good stamp of bird; vhc, c, Lovegrove.

MEMBERS' CHAMPION, YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Easterling; 2, vhc, Warley; 3, c, Mabey; hc, Wall. BUFF (7): 1, Askew; 2, hc, Mabey; 3, Warley; vhc, c, Easterling. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Easterling; vhc, hc, Mabey; c, Warley. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Barnett; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Easterling; c, Baker and Gooch. BUFF (5): 1, Barnett; 2, 3, vhc, Easterling; 3, Baker and Gooch. HEN (6): 1, Barnett; 2, Baker and Gooch; 3, Warley; vhc, hc, c, Easterling. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. CK. (11): 1, hc, Holloway; 2, Whiteman; 3, vhc, c, Mrs. Gill. BUFF (8): 1, Ralph; 2, Whiteman; 3, vhc, Taw; hc, Thorpe; c, Holloway. HEN (12): 1, Mrs. Gill; 2, Ralph; 3, Thorpe; 4, Founder; vhc, c, Taw; hc, Whiteman. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, c, Luff; 2, hc, Palmer; vhc, Priest. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Priest; 2, hc, Luff; vhc, c, Palmer. HEN (12): 1, 3, vhc, Luff; 2, c, Priest. SELL (5): 1, Cutting.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members Show held Oct. 10th, at Butchers' Arms. In all 58 birds were staged. Mr. Fred Self awarded the prizes, and gave general satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Lister; 3, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2 and vhc, Lister; 3, Waterworth; 4, Young. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Messrs. Hartley. BUFF: 1, Young. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Waterworth; 2, Lister. BUFF: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Young. NOVICE SECTION: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Kellett; 2, Gibson; 3 and 4, Whitaker; vhc, Pullan. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2 and 3, Snead; 4, Simonett; vhc, Gibson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Gelder. BUFF: 1 and 2, Gelder; 3, Gibson; 4, Pullan. CL. YELL. HEN: 1 and 4, Gelder; 2 and vhc, Oliver; 3, Simonett; hc and c, Whitaker. BUFF: 1 and 4, Crabtree; 2 and c, Whitaker; 3, Simonett; vhc, Oliver; hc, Gibson. A.S. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Lister.—J. HOLROYD, Scc.

Not only is CAGE BIRDS useful to those who want to sell out, writes Mr. J. Lepla (Newmarket), but also to those who want to buy. I bought over 100 Canaries through my last advertisement. I look forward to each issue of CAGE BIRDS as I do to my morning paper.

NORTHAMPTON (Good Intent).

The 37th annual show was held in the Corn Exchange (a very suitable building) on Oct. 21 and 22. There was a fairly good entry. Norwich classes contained birds of excellent merit, as also the British, although these were not so well patronised. The committee consists of a number of well known fanciers, ably led by their genial and energetic secretary, Mr. G. M. Larkman. The Britishers were very ably looked after by that veteran fancier of British birds, Mr. G. Hobbs. Mr. J. Robson made the awards.

Open Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Jells, 1st, nicely moulded, rare size for a yellow, rich quality; 3rd, just beaten in colour; 2, Cooper, grand colour, excels in head and body properties; 4, Cooper, smart, as tight as wax; vhc, Ette; hc, Claypole; c, Nason. BUFF (8): 1, Watson, grandly made and lovely meal, typical; 2, Mitchell, very fine, ticked on breast, sound colour; 3, Cooper, smart, tight as wax, excellent quality; 4, Breitenfeld, well made, but does not do himself justice; vhc, Claypole; hc, Law; c, Mills. NOR. VARGT. (5): 1, 2, Mitchell, 1st, rare colour, extra wide head; 2, fine large variegated, beaten only in quality; 3, Cooper, lovely quality, rare size, good head; 4, Jells, large variegated, will make a good stock bird; vhc (no name). UNFL. YELL. (19): 1, Gilbert, clear, good type and colour, would not, however, show himself, not properly trained to show cage; 2, Ball, finely moulded, marked on wing, rich colour; 3, Mitchell, clear, nice stamp; 4, Breitenfeld, very large, nice colour and quality; vhc, Cooper; hc, Ette; c, Griffin. BUFF (16): grand class, this, several good ones cardless; 1, Bott, some made this the most typical Norwich in show, grand head and body, short and well-carried flights and tail, good colour and condition; 2, Lawrance, lovely clear, beautifully moulded; 3, Cooper, very fine marked bird, rare size; 4, Ette, excellent clear, smooth as a bottle; vhc, Howe; hc, Dickens; c, Cooper, might have been higher but for the loss of half his tail. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Ette, wonderful body, grand one; 2, Howe, well made damsel, extra good head, teeming with quality; 3, Irons, very nicely coloured, hardly equal in substance to winners; 4, Jells, excellent type, nice quality; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Barron; c, Payne. BUFF (11): 1, Towers, excellent clear, rare stamp, excels in size and quality; 2, Breitenfeld, very pretty damsel, choice quality; 3, Ette, lightly marked on head, we liked much; 4, Cooper, one of the best, correct type; vhc, Hall; hc, Cooper; c, Irons. NATURAL COLOUR: 1, Fennell, fairly good yellow, nice colour, well staged; 2, Jeyes, yellow. This bird is marked Ramsden's in catalogue. What Ho! It certainly won't take the special for hottest bird; 3, Muston, smart buff; 4, Jeffs, heavily-marked buff, the best bird in this class was No. 6, the judge knows best why he passed it. CINN. (9): 1, 3, 4, Brown Bros., 1st, rare-coloured yellow, very smart; 3rd, good yellow, beaten in colour; 4th, nice made buff, rather pale on breast; 2, Howe, equally good buff, nice quality; hc, Nason; c, Exton. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Lawrance, very smart Goldfinch Mule, marked on wings, otherwise clear, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Winstone, Canary Bullfinch, nicely coloured; 3, Baker, dark buff Goldfinch Mule, rare size; 4, Sargeant, looks like a Siskin Mule or Hybrid. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Baker, very fine evenly marked Norwich, rare size and condition; 2, Gilbert, similar to first, hardly equal in size; 3, Lawrance, Cinnamon, few light feathers in tail; 4, Andrews, very smart Border Fancy. NOR. YELL. (£3) (13): 1, Mitchell, very fine clear, excellent type and quality; 2, Priestley, almost equally good; 3, Winstone, nice type and colour; 4, Keech, excellent colour, wee bit long; vhc, Ette; hc, Packer; c, Muddiman. BUFF (14): 1, Packer, rare stamp; correct type, cheap; 2, Irons, another finely moulded bird, excellent quality; 3, Ette, fine large bird, correct type; 4, Muddiman, marked on head, rare body; vhc, Griffin; hc, Mitchell; c, Packer. SELL. (15/-) (18): 1, Muddiman; 2, Breitenfeld; 3, Payne; 4, Towers; vhc, Winstone; hc, Cartwright. BLACKBIRD ETC. (3): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, very fine Thrush, in prime condition, grandly marked, equally good Blackbird; 3, Ketchley, very nice Thrush, lacks the polish of winner. BRIT. LARGE (6): 1, Andrews, one of the best Hawfinches we have seen this season, shown in lovely bloom, and in faultless condition; 2, Cocks, very choice Fieldfare, excellent condition; 3, Burrows, very fine large Missel Thrush; 4, Swingler and Blackwell, rare good Hawfinch; vhc, Howe; hc, Tabor. GOLDFINCH ETC. (3): 1, Andrews, very fine Goldfinch, rare size, excels in blaze and body colour; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, very nice Goldfinch, hardly ready yet; 3, Baker, smart Goldfinch. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Howe, very rich-coloured Bramble, in prime condition; 2, Gilbert, another smart Bramble, not quite so rich in plumage; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, also a good Bramble; 4, Townsend, rich coloured Chaffinch; vhc, Hill and Towers. SMALL HARDBILL (4): 1, Howe, excellent Linnet, rare size, colour and markings; 2, Law, another good Linnet, not equal in colour; 3, Sargeant and Underwood, smart fed Siskin; 4, Westley, similar to third. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Howe, 1st charming Treecreeper, shown in Mr. Howe's usual good condition; 2nd, equally charming blue-headed Wagtail; 3, Westley, excellent Nuthatch, well staged in suitable cage; 4, Cocks, very pretty Blue-throated Warbler. FOR. LARGE: 1, Howe, celebrated Toucan, in good form; 2, Millsum, excellent pair of many-coloured Parrakeets; 3, Mrs. Hollis, green Parrakeet. SMALL: 1, Millsum, blue bird, shown in fine condition; 2, Howe, superb Tanager, also in excellent condition; 3, Lawrance; 4, Hill and Towers.

Members' Classes.

£2 LIMIT NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Towers, two very nice birds, former excels in body; 3, Talmage, nice stamp, bit throaty; 4, Watson, smart and clean; vhc, hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, French. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Towers, two very nice ones, former better in body qualities, good colour; 3, Talmage, fine large bird, trifle longer; 4, vhc, Tompkins, nice quality; hc, Bounds; c, French. MKD. ETC. (11): 1, 2, Swingler and Blackwell, 1st well-made marked bird, correct type; 2, grizzled-headed yellow, also good; 3, Watson, heavily marked buff, suitable for stock; 4, Towers, buff, nice quality; vhc, French; hc, Mason; c, Towers. HEN (15): 1, vhc, Isom, well-made marked buff, excellent type and quality; 2, 4, Swingler and Blackwell, two clear buffs, nice quality; 3, Talmage, good yellow; hc, Mason; c, Tompkins. BRIT. A.S. (6): 1, 2, 4, Swingler and Blackwell, very nice Songthrush, large Bullfinch, bit too fat, well spotted Starling; 3, Hobbs, excellent Yellowhammer. A.V. (4): 2, Swinger and Blackwell, dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, French, Green Norwich.

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22nd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds on **31st Oct., entries close Oct. 24th.**

Judges:—Border Fancies, Daniel Hamilton Esq., Hamilton; Scotch Fancies, British and Foreign Birds, J. F. Dewer Esq., Edinburgh. Schedules from **DAVID COCKBURN, Victoria Park, Haddington.**

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OCTOBER 31st, 1903.

In Normand Hall, Extended Classification, 56 Classes. Prize Money, 10/-. 5/-. 3/. Entry money, 1/6, all Classes Judges; Messrs. M. Swinton, Scotch fancies; J. M Lay, Crests and Plainheads; Wm. M'Adam, Borders; P. Pettigrew, Mules, Hybrids, Brit. & Foreign. Under Patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C, Glas and W.C.N.C. M.B. and F.B.C. Numerous Specials. **Entries close OCT. 26th.** Schedules from **J. LOGAN,** Hon. Sec., 23, **High St., Dysart.**

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Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 1908.

Cage Birds, open, 4 classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Special. Cats, 3 classes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6 and Special. Entries 1/-. Entries close November 2nd, 1908. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett.

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The Great One Day Show of the South West. Fanciers, do you intend this to happen to **PAIGNTON** Open Cage Birds Show to be held **Wed. next, Oct. 28th,** by the **Torbay O.S.?** We hope not. Do send along your entries and help us to retain our fixture, we have the money, but that isn't a Show, enter your birds and you will receive your prize money in full within 3 days of Show. Entries do not average 1 per class. If you post not later than Saturday we'll gladly accept. For classes, prize money and entrance see review of schedule in this issue of "CAGE BIRDS." No amalgamation of classes. Remember last year, our largest class did not exceed 12 entries, but full prize money was paid within 3 days of Show. Please support this deserving society which possesses a committee of genuine cage bird fanciers.—Address to—

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Under C.B.U. Licence. 6 open classes for Norwich, One each A.O.V. and Hybrids. £3 3s. Limit classes, 6 Norwich, 4 Yorkshire, 5 British Birds, 1 Foreign. Judge: J. C. Barnes. Walkley, Sheffield. **Entries extended to OCT. 23.**

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DON'T FORGET

WOLVERHAMPTON On OCTOBER 29th & 30th.

In the Co-operative Hall; C.B.U. Rules. Fanciers' please help. Entries accepted Tuesday October 27th, (first post). Send along I will classify. See last week's Advert. for classes etc. **F. HOWES, 25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.**

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in Victoria Hall on **Saturday and Monday, October 31st and November 2nd.** (Affiliated to C.B.U.) 42 classes, splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of valuable specials. Prompt payment. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton. Entries close, **Tuesday, October 27th.** Send for schedules to—**Thos. Smith, 5, King Str et, Ilkeston.**

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Under C.B.U. Rules and Crested Canary Club Patronage.

Judges—Mr. J. H. Payne and Mr. T. Heath. 54 Open Classes. Entries Close, **October 27th.**

Schedules from—**A. S. TREASURE, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue, Cheltenham.**

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Cage Bird Show. **Oct. 31st, 1908.**

Entries very short, compelled to extend until 1st post Tuesday Oct. 27th, 1908. Send on entries, we will classify. **Rennison and Broadley, 16, King St. Alnwick.**

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Open Show, **Saturday, October 31st, 1908,** in the Feversham Street Council Schools (five minutes from Central Stations) Under Yorkshire Union Rules Y.C.C. Cup Competition and Patronage of the O.N.P.C.C. 34 Classes. Yorkshires, Norwich, Judges—P. Mason, Winthill; H. S. Naylor, Bradford; Entries close **Tuesday, October 27th.** Schedules with pleasure. **F. Rhodes 112, Fitzroy Road, Barkerend Road, Bradford.**

EARLSTON N.B.

Show of Bantams, Pig. and Cage Birds. **Oct. 31, 1908.** Jgs.: Bantams and Pig., T. Walton, Esq, Silsden; Bor. Fan., J. Linton Esq., Selkirk; other var J. Mason Esq., Peebles Entries close, Oct. 24. Schedules Sec., Jno. Brockie.

ARBROATH 4th Annual Open Show.

OCTOBER 31st, 1908.

Classes for Scotch Fancy, Nor., Can., Brit. and For. Cage Birds etc. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Judges:—Messrs. J. A. Stewart, W. Hampton and J. Lyon. Entries Close **October 26th.** Schedules sent out. Anyone omitted should apply at once to **J. S. Napier, Secretary. 52, St. Vigeans Road. Arbroath.**

LARKHALL C.B.A. Show of Canarics, Mules,

Hybrids, British & Foreign birds. Miners Hall Larkhall, **Sat. Oct. 31st,** Judges, Canaries, G. Marlin, Hamilton. Other Var. J. Livingstone, Bathgate. **Jas. POLLOCK,** Sec.

MANCHESTER

October 30th and 31st, 1908.

Send your entries to-day.

Can only be accepted after the 25th at an extra fee of 3d. per entry.

LYTHGOE & JONES,
25 Stamford Street, Old Trafford,
MANCHESTER.

SHIELDS 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, OCTOBER 30th and 31st.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges; H. W. Battye E. Brunskill and J. Shepherd. 10 Guinea Challenge Bowl. 56 open classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/, A 2/6 cash special for best bird in each class. Under the patronage of N.C.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C. Schedules, **W. Duke, 336, South Frederick St., S. Shields** Class:—1 Nor. clear yel. or invis tick, 2 do. buff do., 3 do. yel. vis. tick. or var., 4 do. buff do., 5 do. hen, any col., 6 do. clr. yel. tick or var. unflid., 7 do. buff do., 8 do., any col. nov., 9 crest. buff or buff mrkd with dk. crest, 10 do hen, 11 do. cock or hen bred 1908, 12 do. a.o.v., 13 do. plainhd. cock for crest. breedg., 14 do. hen do., 15 do. cock or hen bred 1908, 16 do. pr. for crest brdg., 17 Can. yel., 18 do. buff, 19 do, yel. or buff cock unflgtd., 20 do. hen do., 21 bor. fcy. clr. yel. tick., or var., 22 do. buff do., 23 do. hen any col., 24 do. any col., bred 1908, 25 Scotch fcy. cock any col., 26 do. hen do., 27 Yorks. clear yel. or invis. tick., 28 do. buff do., 29 do. yel. any other var., 30 do. buff do. 31 do. hen any col., 32 do. any col. nov., 33 do. cock or hen bred 1908, 34 lizards silver, 35 do. gold, 36 Canary a. o. v. not prev. mentd., 37 prs. for breed. purposes other than crests, 38 clr. or markd. canary mule, 39 drk. canary mule, 40 by. any var., 41 Brit. g-ldfinch, 42 do. Bullfch, 43 do. Greenfch, 44 redpole, siskin or twite, 45 Brit. finch a. o. v., 46 br. or grey linet, 47 song thrush, blackbird or starling, 48 small insectivorous British, 49 skylark, 50 a. o. v. British bird, 51 large foreign, parrots &c., 52 foreign single or pairs smaller than a cardinal, 53 sciil g class 20/- bird and cage, 54 do. 15/-, 55 do. 10/-, 56 do. 7/6.

Fanciers' don't forget

ROTHERHAM

C. B. S. 11th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, to be held under C. B. U. Rules, on **Nov. 2nd & 3rd. 1908.** Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/-. Judges; W. Vardy, Esq. & W. H. Shackleton, Esq. Entries close October 28th. Send for a Schedule to **J. C. HAYES, 9, Florence Rd., Masbro'.**

BARNSTAPLE

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

Under C.B.U. License,

NOV. 3rd & 4th.

Entries extended to OCT. 26th.

Judge, Mr. J. H. PAYNE, of Gloucester.

Sec: Percival Harris, High Street, Barnstaple.

ST. COLUMB Cage Bird Show.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1908. Good classification. Specials in nearly every class. Judge, C. F. Telling, Bristol. Schedules to be obtained from **WILFRID L. SALMON, Hon. Sec.,** Dinas View, St. Columb.

LUTON O.S. Society THIRD ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, NOV. 4.

Under C.B.U Rules. Judge: J. Robson. Good prize money and specials galore. Entry Fee, 1/6. Entries close **October 28th.** Under the patronage of the F.B.C. Send for schedule from **E. CHERRY, 4, Peel St., Luton.**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

& DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, **November 4th & 5th, 1908.** Sussex Assembly Rooms, Ye Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, Entries Close, **October 27th, 1908. H. G. WHIBLEY,** Hon Sec., **56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells.**

MARGATE

Nov. 4th & 5th, 1908. Entry Fees for Pigeons and Cage Birds, 1/6, prizes 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. Lumley, Watson and North. Entries positively close Oct. 26th.

W. J. JONES, Hon. Sec.,
28, Fort Crescent, Margate.

DARLEY DALE

AND DISTRICT FANCIERS SOCIETY

5th Annual Open Show, NOV. 5th, 1908.

Cage Birds, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbits, Mice and Cats under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge:—Cage Birds J. H. Roe. Entries close **October 29th.** Schedules from **Hon. Secs. DAWSON & HALL, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.**

CARMARTHEN

November 5th.

C. B. U. Licence. Warm room, good light. 10/-, 5/- and 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. Post card will bring schedule of the 21 classes, and 21 specials. Judge, J. R. Evans, Esq., Swansea. Entries close **Oct. 30th. Fred King, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.**

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. Nov. 6 & 7.

Under C.B.U. Patronage of L. & P.C.S. **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-,** also 4 points specials to each Section. **20/- in Cash** for best bird in Show, and other specials. Entries close, **November 2nd, 1908.** Schedules sent out this week.

H. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec., **202, King James' Street, WALKLEY, Sheffield.**

NEWTOWN St. Boswells.

2nd OPEN SHOW.

PIGEONS AND CAGE BIRDS.

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER.

Grand classification. Numerous specials. Best Judges. For Pigeons Mr. Thos. Brown, Duns., Border Fancy Mr. James Neil, Kelso., Norwich, British, etc. Mr. J. W. Bruce, Colustream. Entries close **31st Oct.** Schedules from **R. ROBERTSON. Hon. Sec.**

BRECHIN

Forty-Fifth Grand Annual Show, will be held on **Sat. Nov. 7th, 1908.** Splendid Classification in all Sections. Schedules now ready, apply,

Geo. Walker, Secy., **46, Bridgo St., Brechin.**

PARTICK and District Cage Bird Club. Members' Youth Annual Show

to be held in **Tradss Halls, Anderson St, Partick. Sat., NOV. 7th.** Splendid Classification. Judges: M. Craig; J. Jeenes. J. Headerson, Sec., 85, Byras Rd., Partick.

MARKINCH Bird Show on Nov. 7th, in Masonic Hall.

Judges, Messrs. W. D. Hogg, Oakley, J. Adams, Dundee, and G. Marlin, Hamilton Entries close on **Oct. 31st.** Schedules from **GEORGE MITCHELL,** Sec., Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

LEICESTER

Hand-in-hand C.B.S. 9th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on

November 7th & 9th,

under C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Splendid classification. 3 Norwich natural colour, 3 Norwich hen, 1 crest, 1 any variety, 12 open Norwich, 7 British, 2 foreign, 3 selling. Good cash special list. Prize money guaranteed (as in previous years) paid within 3 days. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Schedules ready.

CHAS. DRAPER, Sec.,
1a, Wilton St., Leicester.

STOCKTON ON TEES

AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Fourth Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in Temperance Hall, **Saturday November 7th, 1908.** 38 Classes, specials every Class, Prize money, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee 1/-. Judges, T. Dixon, Canaries, R. J Howe, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 31st, 1908.** Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning St., Stockton on Tees.**

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Members Annual Show to be held **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 1908.**

49 classes. Schedules will be out shortly **LILLEY,** Secretary, 5, Mysore Rd. **LAVENDER HILL,**

BRAMLEY

& Dis. O.S. (scale **Nov. 7th 1908.** (To be held under C.B.U. Rules.)

Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford,. A G. Davis, Manchester. 28 Classes. prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Special prizes for each class and Extra Specials given also Yorkshire County British Bird & Mule Club patronage Entries close **Nov. 3rd** For Schedules apply, **E. CRAVEN, 37, Whingate Avenue, Armley, Leeds.**

AYR

and District

First Open Show of Cage Birds only **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston Great list of specials. Entry fee 1/6.

Prize Money **10/-, 5/- & 2/6.**

Splendid Hall and Railway connections. Under the patronage of Glasgow and Western Counties Club Entries Close, **Nov. 2nd, 1908.** Schedules from **C. IRVINE, Sec., 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

CLEATOR MOOR

FANCIERS SOCIETY

Under C.B.U. Licouse, Fifth Annual open Show of Bantams, Pigeons & Cage Birds, will be held in the Market Hall, on **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Bantams, F. Entwistle; Pigeons, E. H. Crow & J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A Wellings; All British, Charles Houlton A grand classification, Specials galore in every class. Entries close **Oct. 31st.** Schedules now ready from the Sec., **Jas. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

BRAINTREE

Eighth Annual Show, **Saturday, Nov.7th,1908.**

Good classification for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits. Cage Birds (£5 limit, 20 miles radius), also open classes in each section. Numerous specials, including nine silver challenge cups. Popular Judges. Entries close **Oct. 28th F. A. HUNNABLE,** Hon. Sec.

DARVEL SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits will be held on Saturday, **NOV. 7th.** Entries Close **Nov. 2nd,** Cage Bird Judges, J. McColl, J. Smillie and J. Goodfellow. Schedules from Sec., **J. Robertson, Jr. 5, Hastings Place, Darvel, N.B.**

SUDBURY

(Suffolk) Nov. 10 Poultry, Pigeons. Cage Birds and Rabbits. The Premier show of Suffolk. Open to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambs. Judges.—W A. Broomhead and C. A. House' Large classification. Numerous specials. Schedules from V MACHIN GOODALL, The "Mount" Sudbury.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Show. NOV. 10th. Judge: Mr. T. Irons. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/- Entries close Nov. 3. Schedules from A. M. BAILEY, Stratford-on-Avon.

BODMIN

NOVEMBER 11th.

Judge, Mr. S. TICKELL.

A. E. JAGO, Secretary, Robartes Road, Bodmin.

BRISTOL

FANCIERS' 18th SHOW,

WED. and THURS., NOV. 11th and 12th. (C.B.U. Rules, Crest. C.C., Cinn., C.C. and Y.C.C. patronage.)

Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and John Robson. Note Prizes:—10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. Entry Fee 1/6. Challenge Cups value £50, 14 Pint Tankards 10/6 each, other specials value nearly £10.

NOTE.—Practically all our cups and specials are not confined to members, but OPEN TO ALL.

Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Art cards, specially designed for us, sent out free with all prize money.

Entries close **October 26th.** For schedules apply—mention section—to **G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, BRISTOL.**

Support one of the Oldest and Best Shows.

CARLISLE

C.B.S. 33rd Annual Show under C.B.U Rules, on **Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 11th & 12th,** under the Patronage of B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.—55 Open Classes. Judges—J. Hopper, W. Vardy, W. Laidlow. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors, others please apply. Entries Close **Thursday, Nov 5th. Prompt Payment of Prize Money. W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, Carlisle.**

LOWESTOFT

21st Show.

November 11th & 12th.

CAGE BIRDS SUFFOLK ONLY.

(Under C.B.U. Rules).

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne, C. Watson, J. High, F. Larke, M. Evangelisti. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules apply E. L. A. Crow. London Rd., Lowestoft.

MALTON (YORKS)

13th Annual Open Show **Thurs., Nov. 12th, 1908.** 13 Classes for Cage Birds. 4 Money Prizes. Good Specials. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford. Entries close **Nov. 5th** (certain). Schedule, &c., apply **Geo. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton Malton, Yorks.**

North Berks.

ABINGDON. NOV. 12th.

Entries close Nov. 3. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good Classification; many specials. Cage Bird Judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. Prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of Mr. T. Bowen, 10, High Street, Abingdon.

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Soc. will hold their next Annual Show **Nov. 4 & 5.** Judges: Poultry, W. H. Cook, Esq.; Pigeons, C. A. House & Lt. Barrett, R.N.; Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, T. B. Mason, Esq., Cage Birds, J. Dobson, Esq., and W. Swaysland, Esq. Schedules now ready. **J. WOODHOUSE, Hon. Sec., 123, High Street.**

THE SHOW OF THE SOUTH.

DULWICH & PECKHAM

C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Cage Bird Show.

(Affiliated to the Cage Bird Union.) ***Thursday and Friday, NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.*** Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, H. Broadley, G. R. Weston. Under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C., Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C. C.C.C., B.F.C.C., E.W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. **140 VALUABLE SPECIALS TO BE COMPETED FOR.** Schedules ready, send for one and judge for yourself. Entries close October 31st.

W. HODSON, *Show Manager,* **209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, S.E.**

BLAYDON-on-TYNE

& DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Annual Open Show **November 6th and 7th, 1908,** in Co-operative Hall; of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 44 open classes. Good specials for each class. Judges: J. Wilcock and J. McLay. Schedules from G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed.

LIVERPOOL

O.S. First Great Open Show Affiliated to C.B.U.

November 6th and 7th.

St Martin's Hall, Scotland Rd., Liverpool. Finest Hall in England for a Cage Bird Show. Specialist judges: W. Mundell, W. Vardy and C. Houlton. Under the patronage of the N.P.C. Cup Competition, Y.C.C., G C.A. and E. and W.B.F.C. Prize money 10/- 6 -, 4/-, 2/-, 1/6—cash Special every class. Also grand list of Section Specials. If you have not received a schedule send for one at once. Railway Birds will leave Hall before 6 p.m. 10/- for best Goldfinch; 10/- for best Bullfinch; 10/- for best Britisher; 10/- for best Foreigner. Entries close Nov. 2nd. METCALF and HILLMEN 105, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

The Show of the season. Every one catered for at—

BLACKBURN

Twelth Annual great Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under C.B.U. Rules.

Will be held in the Orange Hall on **Nov. 6 and 7, 1908.** Under the patronage of the N.B. B. and Mule Club, the Cinnamon Canary Club and the British Roller Canary Club. 50 Classes. Special in every class. Two silver cups. 13 Novice classes. 4 Roller classes. Extra Specials and Section Specials. Prize money 10/-, 6 -, 4/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6 per cage. Judges: A. Wellings, Prescot, J. Walsh, Blackburn, T. W. Walton, Leeds. Schedules now ready from J. W. MARSDEN. 44, Troop Street. Blackburn.

P.S.—Ask the Morecambe Sec. to forward your birds on to Blackburn.

The finest one day show in the North.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

12th Annual Show of Canaries and British Birds **Nov. 7th 1908.** (Affiliated with C.B.U.) 38 open classes. Under the patronage of the L.L.F.A., L.C.A., O.N.P.C., U.K.L.S. Prize money 22/- per class, with cash special every class, section specials and extra specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, J Garner, Hazel Grove. The finest show-room in England. All birds judged as staged. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Schedules when ready from, **Sam M. Clayton, 55, Percy Street, Rochdale.**

BONESS

4th Annual Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds, **November 7th, 1908,** Norwich, 10 Classes, Judge, J. Winter, Edinb. Scotch Fancy, 9 Classes. T. Todd, Glasgow. Border Fancy, 8 Classes. A. Gilchrist, Coldstream. British and Mules. 22 classes, L. J. Arrighi, Cramond. 3 cups and medals. Numerous other specials.

Entries close. OCTOBER 31st.

Schedules ready, apply, **F. McGILLIVRAY, Ferry View, Chance, Bo'ness.**

HASTINGS SHOW

November 10th and 11th.

Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judges: J. Robson and G. Gardner. Entries close **Nov. 4th.** Schedules ready. **A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec., Ceylon House, East Street.**

WEYBRIDGE

Fourteenth Annual Open and Members Show. Under C.B.U Rules. **November 11th and 12th.** Judge: T. Heath. Good classification. Numerous specials. Entries close **October 30th.** Schedules now ready. apply—

H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place. Weybridge.

Don't Forget

SWANSEA

NOV. 11th & 12th C.B.U. Rules.

Finest Classification given in Wales. See Schedule. 45 classes. Judges: Chas. Houlton & J. B. Evans, Esq. Specials galore. 6 Handsome Silver Cups value £10.10.0 to be won outright. See Schedules.

Alf. Hitching, Secretary, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore Nr. Swansea.

OAKHAM

The popular Show of the Midlands. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats and Cage Birds.

NOVEMBER 12th.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Under C.B.U. Rules. Entries close, **NOVEMBER 2nd.,** (certain). Schedules apply, **J. Hibbitt, Junr.,** Melton Road, Oakham.

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW

Palace of Wales, NOVEMBER 12th 1908, Under Cage Bird Union Rules, under Patronage of W.C.B.C. 28 classes for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds Cup. Money specials galore Full Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries Close **NOV. 5th.** Don't forget to enter for the singing contest. Judge, J Robson Esq. **J. THOMAS,** Sec.

GLASGOW

and West of Scotland N.M.B. & F. Bird Club.

The Palace Show of Scotland, On Friday & Saturday, 13th & 14th Nov.

Norwich Plainhead International—England *v.* Scotland. Border Fancy International—England and Wales *v.* Scotland. 93 Classes and over 250 Specials - Open to the World. Schedules will be out to-morrow Saturday. If yours not to hand write at once to the Secretary. **Entries close 7th November, 1908.**

R. A. Brown 103, Roulea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

WALLSEND & MID TYNE

C.B.A. Fourth Annual Open Show (Under C.B.U. Rules) **NOVEMBER 13 & 14. Entries Close November 9.**

57 Open Classes for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds; four money prizes, 10/-, 5 -, 3/- and 2/- and 2/6 Cash special, for best bird in each class; also 10 Guinea Challenge Cup for most points in open classes, and numerous extra specials. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C., B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Jas. F. Dewar and W. A. Cowgill. Schedules from **JAMES JOHNSTON, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.**

TIDESWELL

C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British, **Saturday, November 14th,** in the Bagshaw Hall, one of the best rooms in the County. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Good Classification. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/- and 2/6. 1/6 Entry. 2 Cup and numerous Specials, and remember only One-day Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules ready from—

BAGSHAW & FLINT, High Street, Tideswell, Buxton.

NOTTINGHAM

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW. Under C.B.U. rules.

NOV. 14th and 16th, 1908.

68 classes. Prize money 22/- per class. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Numerous Cups, Medals and other valuable specials. Under Patronage of the Crested Club, Cinnamon Club, N.P.C., N.B.B. & M.C., L. & L.F.A., F.B.C., L. & P.O.S. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, W. Vardy, and G. R. Weston. Novice and Selling Classes.

Hon. Sec., G. E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.

GILLINGHAM,

KENT, NOV. 12 and 13. (Under C.B.U. Rules and patronage of K.C.C.B.A.) Open to Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq Entries close Oct 31. **T. F. RAMSEY, Selborne Rd., Gillingham, Kent.**

WARRINGTON

and Dis. C.B.S. under C.B.U. Rules will hold their 13th Ann. Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds on **Fri. & Sat. Nov. 13 & 14,** in Conservative Club, Sankey St., under the patronage of C.C.C. & O.P.N.C.C. (Bradford). 42 open classes including 8 open novices classes, 4 York., 4 Norwich. Specials given in all open classes. Exhibitors will do well to compare our schedules with others before making entries elsewhere. Judges, H. W. Battye, & A. Wellings. Prize money **10/- 5/- 3/- 2/-.** Prize money paid same day as show. Ent. fee **1/6** per cage. Ent. clo. 1st post Mon. **Nov. 9.** Sch. now ready apply **J. EMMETT, Sec., 39, Corsey Lane, WARRINGTON.**

PRESTON

O.S. The Annual Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit. & For. Birds will be held in the Public Hall, on **Friday and Saturday, November 13th & 14th, 1908.** 58 Classes. 12 Open Novice Classes. Good Prize Money, 5 Cups and numerous specials. Cup for Novice Section. Judges—Dr. Herd, Wm. Mundell and Parker Robinson. Schedules ready shortly. Entries close **November 9th. Secretary, W. HY. HEATHCOTE, 119a, Fishergate, Preston.**

CONSETT

Blackhill & Dis. P. Pgs. R. & C.B.S. 12th Open Show. **Nov. 14th, 1908.** C.B. 36 classes. Judge, T. Dixon, Esq., Bedlington. Affiliated to C.B.U. All prize money guaranteed. For schedules apply **W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jun. Sec. 21, Park Road, Consett, Durham.**

KIRKCALDY

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 14th

Judges: D. Brown Scotch Fancy, 11 classes; P. McKenzie, Border Fancy, 8 classes; A. Chalmers, Norwich, 22 classes; P. Pettigrew, British and Foreign, 12 classes. Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, and 2/6.** Grand list of Specials. Splendid Hall and Railway Connections.

J. WILSON, Sec., 21, Salisbury Street, KIRKCALDY.

CLYDEBANK

Ornithological Society,

22nd annual Show of Scotch Fancies on **Nov. 14th, 1908.** In Town Hall Clydebank Judges, Messrs. E. G. Wright, Edinburgh; M. Swinton, Methil. A. Nesbit, Galston; W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge; **A. KIRKWOOD,** Sec., **24, Livingstone Street.**

READING

& Dis. C.B.S. Seventh Annual, 30 mile radius of Reading (Berks) and Members Show of Cage Birds. C.B. & F.B., etc. **Nov. 18.** Splendid Specials. Ent. close **Nov. 11.** Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 35 classes. Sch:—**Sec. Mr. G. A. CHARLES, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading, Berks.**

SELBY

Thursday, NOV. 19th.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. £5 Limit.

Judges: Messrs. R. Stanithorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell.

Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close Wednesday November 11th **John Hy. Dixon, 77, Brook Street, SELBY.**

MORRISTON SHOW

(Cage Birds only), held under Cage Bird Union Rules. **November 13th.** Judges; H. W. Battye, Esq., J. B. Evans, Esq. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** Entry Fee **1/6.** No cancelling or amalgamation of Classes. Prize money guaranteed. Plenty of Specials; 45 Classes. Schedules will be sent to last year's Exhibitors, others please apply. Entries close **November 12th.** For schedules apply **Jeremy & East,** Glanrhyd Cottage, Tanylan Rd., Morriston, R.S.O.

BERWICK

and Dis. Poultry, Pigeons, and C.B.S. Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

Second Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed, on **Thursday, 19th Nov 1908.** 38 open Classes for Cage Birds. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6-** & numerous specials. Entrance fee **1 6.** Entries close **13 Nov.** Judges:— Scotch Fancies, John Elder, Esq., Berwick. Borders and Mules, W. C. Duncan Esq., Coldstream. Norwich and British, R. S. Bewick, Newcastle. Schedules from **SMART & GRAY, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

BUCKHAVEN & DIS.

OPEN SHOW.

Pity., Pig., & C.B., Nov. 21. S.F., 9 classes. Judge—A. Leslie, Bord. Fan., 7 classes. Nor., 13 classes. A.O.V., 1 cls. Brit.; 9 cls. For., 3 cls. Judge, J. Patterson. Sched. John Lawrie, Sen. 3, Andersan Lane, Buckhaven.

WIGAN

and District Cage Bird Society. **Annual Open Show.**

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules)

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Second annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on Sat., Nov. 28th, 1908. Under C.B.U. rules. Judges: W. Vardy of Nottingham, Canaries; and W. G. Pooleof Stratford-on-Avon, British and Foreign Birds. There are 28 classes in all. 20 Canaries, 6 British and 1 Foreign class. Entries close November 21, 1908. Please write for schedules of—
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There will be 42 classes to consist of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Crested Canary Clubs. Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. Robson and J. H. Roe. For Schedules apply J. TURNER, 35, Market St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY.

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Oct. 27-28—Lewes Fanciers (License)
28—Torbay
28-29—Gloucester C.B.S.
29—Peterborough F.A. (License)
Kirbymoorside (License)
29-30—Metropolitan C.B.A.
Wolverhampton C.B.S.
Harrington (License)
30-31—Manchester.
North and South Shields; York
Oct. 31-Nov. 2.—Ilkeston.
Nov. 2-3.—Rotherham.
3—Southend.
3-4—Barnstaple (License)
4—Ct. Yarmouth (License); Luton
4-5—Cheltenham. Morecambe
5—Darley Dale (License)
Carmarthenshire (License)
5-6—Dulwich and Peckham
6-7—Blaydon-on-Tyne; Blackburn; London and Counties; Liverpool O.S.
Sheffield
7—Bramley; Stockton-on-Tees
Rochdale Good Intent.
Cleator Moor (License)
10-11—Hastings United
11—Evesham (License); Bodmin
11-12—Bristol Fanciers; Carlisle; Lowestoft; Swansea; Weybridge (License); Gillingham (Kent) (License)
12—Merthyr Dowlais; Oakham; North Berks. (License)
13-14—Preston; Warrington; Wallsend
14—Consett, Blackhill
Tideswell Improvement
14-16—Nottingham
17-18—Wimbledon
18—Smethwick (License)
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TWITTERINGS.

Don't forget York Show. Send off your entries at once to A. Waud, secretary.—(Advt.).

Schedules for the South Shields Show, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, the secretary, have all been sent out.

A record entry at the Rochdale O.C. Show, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, the secretary, thanks to Yorkshire and Liverpool Greens. 730 exhibits in all.

The Deal, Walmer and Dis. F.A. are holding their fourth annual show (open to Kent) on November 18th and 19th, writes Mr. W. Wadhams, the secretary.

The schedule of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. Members' Show, to be held on October 29th, provides 36 classes. The show is to be held in the Public Hall.

The Camborne Fanciers Society, cage-bird section, are holding their show on November 19th, with Mr. C. E. Silk as judge, writes Mr. C. J. Allen, the hon. secretary.

Entries are coming in very slowly, writes Mr. F. Howes, hon. secretary of Wolverhampton Show, and we have extended the date of closing to first post Tuesday, October 27th.

In penning my report of Hayle Show, writes our representative, I inadvertently referred to both 2nd and 4th prizes Unflighted Yellow Norwich as "ticks." This was not so, for both were Clears.

Entries are practically nil in the cage-bird section of the Peterboro' F.A. Show, to be held on October 29th, writes Mr. Fred Jackson, the hon. secretary; and we have extended date to October 23rd.

Kindly state, writes Mr. J. J. Gifford (Cambridge), that I have sold my Yellow Unflighted Yorks. cock, 1st at Cambridge, August Bank-holiday, to Mr. A. E. Bishop (Worcester), for a good figure.

We are informed that one of the exhibits, a Thrush, at the recent Johnstone Show, died in its cage through pecking the green paint from the inside of its cage. The owner of the bird was Mr. Ralston.

The members of the Provincial Roller Canary Club, writes Mr. W. Whittaker, the hon. secretary, have decided to adopt no special cage this season. Therefore our show will be open to any style of cage.

We have a 5s. cash special "for rarest foreigner," condition (but not brilliancy or excessive steadiness) to count, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, secretary, Cheltenham Show. This has been given since schedules were printed.

We have now a total membership of 50, and much of our success is due to the reports appearing in CAGE BIRDS from time to time, writes Mr. Jas. Pollock, secretary of the Larkhall C.B.A. We intend holding an open show next season.

Mr. Geo. F. Hardcastle has resigned the office of secretary to the Sale Open O.S., owing to business pressure, writes Mr. James Irlam, and all communications for the society must for the present now be addressed to me at 101, Harley Road, Sale.

We are asked by Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S. Show, to announce that the copies of the C.B.U. rules were received by him too late for insertion in their schedules. The rules will, however, be sent out with the labels.

At the Douglas and Isle of Man C.B.S. Annual Show, to be held November 12th, 1908, writes Mr. W. H. Kill, the hon. secretary, Mr. Thos. Hogg will judge the Canary section, while Mr. Jno. Gale (of Ramsey, I.O.M.), takes the British and Mule classes. Both being local judges, I feel certain that fanciers can enter with the utmost confidence, as they have had a life experience of all varieties, and are fully qualified.

I have sent schedules to all exhibitors at our last show, writes Mr. J. C. Hayes, hon. secretary of the Rotherham C.B.S., and any one not having received one will please send me a postcard, when I will send one along. We look for a bumping entry, as we have got a good hall, first-rate accommodation, and two first-class judges, viz., Messrs. Vardy and W. H. Shackleton. Members will note that entries close on October 24th.

In the advertisement of our show, which appeared in your paper last week, writes Mr. R. Robertson, secretary of the Newtown, St. Boswells F.S., the date appeared as November 9th. This was a mistake for November 7th, on which date we are looking forward to a good entry.

Owing to shortness of entries, writes Mr. J. Shearman, secretary of the Gt. Yarmouth Show, to be held on November 4th and 5th, we have extended the closing date to October 26th. Fanciers will also note that class 131a, Yorkshire Canary A.V., was omitted from our schedule. This is our 20th show.

This is the first time that the Y.C.C. cup patronage has been given to a northern show, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, so that we expect the cream of the Fancy at Newcastle. Local fanciers should be present as early as possible on the Saturday (if they cannot get on Friday), as many birds have to leave by early trains in order to reach home that night.

A sample of the mealworms he is offering for sale through our advertisement columns, reaches us from Mr. J. Jones, 17, Cranborne Street, Brighton. We have rarely, if ever, inspected finer. They are of exceptional size, and absolutely clean and healthy. Mr. Jones states that he has been a breeder of mealworms for 12 years, and has a grand stock, produced in bran and middlings.

In your "Guide to the Shows," issued on October 10th, you give date of Tredegar Show as January 21st, which is quite correct, but the secretary should be J. Griffiths, 3, Glynn Terrace, Tredegar (Mon.). I should like you to put this right, as applications for schedules, etc., may be received by the wrong person. We intend holding this show under Cage Bird Union rules. Mr. Melhuish is to be the judge.

OBITUARY

Mr. JAMES FORD (Freuchie).

It is with deep regret I have to inform the Fancy of the death of Mr. James Ford (Freuchie), which took place there on October 7th, aged 79, writes Mr. C. Berwick (St. Andrews). A true and genuine fancier, he was well known in former years as an exhibitor at all leading shows, but of late he didn't trouble to run his birds out, rather preferring to have them in the house beside him. A fancier of the Olden school, it was an honour to have his acquaintance. I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with him lately. Many reminiscences of fanciers in bygone days were brought up. Some have gone before while others are still going the round of the shows. While lighting his pipe he turned to me and said: "Man, I canna be here lang mysell noo"; but I turned him off that strain and told him we would have him at Edinburgh New Year Show yet. He laughed and said: "Weel, maybe I would like to gang, but I doot I'll no be able." Little did I think then it was to be the last time I would shake his hand, as within a fortnight I had notice of his death. The funeral took place at Falkland Churchyard, and was followed by a few fanciers in the district. The sympathy of all who knew him goes out to his sorrowing relations.

The secretary of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S. is Mr. C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr, and not R. McKay, 51, Queen Street, as it appears in C.B. ANNUAL, writes Mr. Robt. McKay, as I am the president.

Kindly note that I have removed from George Street, Kates Hill, to 80, Dock Lane, Dudley, Worcs., writes Mr. Rd. Russon, where I shall be pleased to see any old or new friends who may care to pay me a visit.

At Lesmahagow Show, to be held November 28th, we have taken an extra hall specially for the Canary section, writes Mr. T. S. Cunningham, the secretary. Having a nice few Border fanciers in the district we are looking forward to a good show; this is a new branch of our society.

At Great Horton show on October 10th a mistake was made in putting the prize cards on class 19, Novice Section, Buff hens, writes Mr. H. Schofield, the secretary. The 3rd prize card was on cage No. 26, instead of No. 23, as it should have been, according to judge's slip. Some got catalogues marked wrong.

By the generosity of our chairman, writes Mr. H. G. Whibley, hon. sec. of the Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A., ornamental prize cards will be issued in the cage-bird section. The awards during the show will be announced on small gummed slips, which will be placed on the cages, thus allowing visitors full view of the exhibits.

Those printers again! By some unaccountable means the names of Messrs. Archie Godfree (chairman), and J. Rushmer (vice-chairman), and Messrs. Cornish and Adams, the hon. secretaries of the Exeter Society, were omitted from our report of their show. We much regret the omission, for a better quartet of workers the Exeter and Devon Society does not possess.

We were recently favoured with a visit from one of our old-time West-country Crest fanciers and breeders, Mr. W. Radmore, of Plymouth, once a noted exhibitor of the variety, and for some years a judge at the Crystal Palace show. We were pleased to hear that he had again started to woo the "old love," and had succeeded in breeding an exceptionally promising lot of young Crests and Crestbreds during the season just past. Mr. Radmore has been able to acquire a few stock birds from his own former strain, and is hopeful of again exhibiting in the near future.

Kindly state that I have removed from Buxton Avenue to The Border Fancy Aviaries, 1, Liverpool Terrace, Crewe, writes Mr. Thos. L. Hancocks. In consequence of this I am forced to part with many of my birds. Shall be pleased if secretaries will note, and forward schedules to the correct address.

Mr. Carter (Dulwich), and myself are appointed stewards of the British and Foreign sections at the forthcoming show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. (November 5th and 6th), writes Mr. E. S. Lugg, and fanciers can rely on their most delicate exhibits having every care and attention.

Though I informed you of the Brighton F. and F.A. Show, I am not the secretary, writes Mr. C. Pearson, but only a member, the secretary being Mr. Fred Perrin (Market Street, Brighton). We have added to the classification classes for natural colour Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders.

A big batch of testimonials from delighted clients has been sent for our inspection by Mr. W. A. Gore, the well-known dealer, of 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham. From the post-marks on the envelopes we note that all are of quite recent date, and so large a number shows that his birds and goods give wide satisfaction.

It may interest some of your readers to learn that I received the specials which I won at Crook C.B.S. Show, held on October 17th, fully two hours before I received my birds back on the same day on which the show was held, writes Mr. J. Foster (Darlington). I think this speaks well for the management, and it would be well indeed if others would follow this example, at least as far as possible.

The Dulwich O.S., we learn, have hit upon a novel idea for visiting in a body the various shows around the London district. They engage a motor waggonette and all start from their headquarters and return together. Clapham, Battersea, and Watford Shows have been visited. Mr. Bonar Law, M.P. for Dulwich, who is president of the society, has sent a substantial cheque towards the expenses of the forthcoming show.

The Crested Canary Club handbook reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Tyson (169, Sloane Street, London, W.), and as usual is produced in really excellent style, and contains very full details of the doings of the club up to the present season. The balance-sheet shows that the C.C.C. is in a very flourishing condition financially, a fact on which the officials are to be congratulated. The secretary will be pleased to send a copy to anyone interested.

Great Entry at Newcastle.

Just as we go to press this wire comes to hand: "Newcastle Show has secured a great entry, 1,600 birds.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, secretaries."

The Swift in Captivity.

Looking over my old diaries, writes Mr. J. H. Verrall, I came across a reference to the death of my Swift. I picked this bird up from the ground, unable to fly, and fed it on raw beef and flies; it lived a fortnight. I should think this about a record for such a bird in captivity.

A Postponement at Northampton

I went to Northampton to report the Hand-in-Hand Show, writes our representative, but found upon arrival that the fixture had been postponed. I had previously written the secretary upon the matter, but he did not advise me as to the postponement.

Hotter than Hot!

The judge who handled the Hybrids at Glasgow City Show, writes a correspondent who signs himself "Painter and Paperhanger," unfortunately forgot his blue spectacles, and two or three of the exhibits so dazzled his eyes that he was obliged to pass them by, and put them "on the shelf." They *were* scorchers!

Which is Which?

Overheard at a recent Scottish Show.

First Joker: "Whit dae ye think o' the Scotch Fancies?"

Second Joker: "Whit dae ye think? Mon, there's none."

First Joker: "Whit are they, then?"

Second Joker: "Belgians."

First Joker: "An' whit are the Belgians?"

Second Joker: "The're Scotch Fancies."

They both have a hearty laugh, and listeners standing round say: "Quite right."

Golden Orioles in Essex.

On Monday, October 12th, on a lonely marsh near a wood about three miles from Brightlingsea, in Essex, I saw two Golden Orioles, writes "Essex" to a weekly contemporary. These birds are, of course, rare visitors to England, but I have never heard of one being seen here so late as October 12th. Was their appearance a tribute to our exceptional weather? The birds were too shy to let me come nearer than about a hundred and fifty yards, but I watched them comfortably for some time through strong field-glasses.

A Sad Loss.

We regret to say that our lovely Crested Cock, 1st Watford last week, died on the second day of the show, from inflammation, write Messrs. Jones and Crest (Ipswich). It was the first time he had been shown, and had he lived he would undoubtedly have made a name for himself. Mr. Jones was at the show, and is pleased to say the members of the committee did all they could to bring him round; it was no fault of the management of the show, as that was perfect in every respect, and the members are a lot of real good fanciers, who were as sorry as he was over our loss.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B., and A.G.D.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S** T. McC., C.H., W.V., and J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24.—**Rochdale O.C.** R.B., L.B., and C.A.H.
*Oct. 24.—**Middlesbrough C.B.S.** W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 24 and 26.—**Derby C.B.C.** J.H.R., J.B., J.R.
*Oct. 28.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** J.R.
*Oct. 28 and 29.—**Gloucester & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B.
Oct. 29,—**Kirbymoorside (Yorks.)** W.M.
*Oct 29.—**Peterborough F.A.** J.C.B.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Metropolitan C.B.A.** T.H..G.G., and H.N.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., R.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. H.
Oct. 31. **Dysart C.B.S.** W.M.S., J.McA., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mn.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** W.V. and W.H.S.
*Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.** J.B.E.
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and E E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T. A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.** C.A H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.H., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** J, Blk., J. Ms., J. Gw., C. C., and J. C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop).** J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland.** G.H , and J.Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W. and C.H
Dec. 18. **Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Msn., P.McQ., P. McK., and H.M.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Bk., D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Jan 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Jan. 12.—**Diss and Dist.,** J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.** H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S. and W.V.

(For List containing names of judges and names and addresses of secretaries, see issue, No. 352).

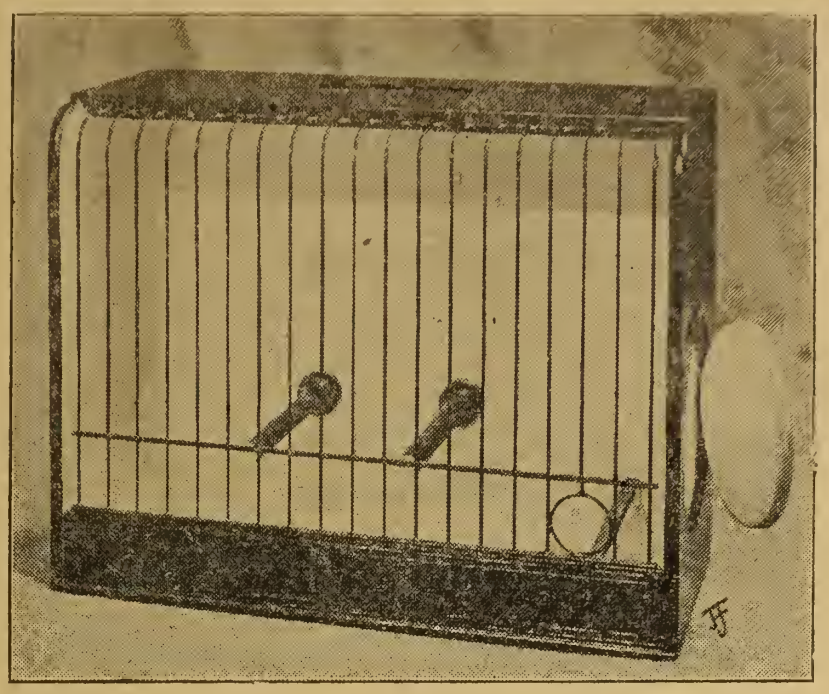


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A Standard Show Cage for British Hardbills.

THE above photograph depicts the standard pattern show-cage for Hardbills adopted by the National British Bird and Mule Club, after a lengthy discussion, and the appointing of a special committee to give the matter full consideration. Its adoption is the outcome of a feeling amongst keepers of British birds that the many odd patterns and sizes—to say nothing of "funny" designs and perches—in common use among exhibitors of these birds do not look well on the show-bench, to say nothing of giving rise to expressions of opinion that they "influence" the judges. Hence this effort to secure uniformity. It is not to be taken as an attempt to dictate to fanciers on the point, or to imply that cages of other patterns at present in use must be thrown on one side; all the N.B.B. and M.C. hope for is that members of the club and other exhibiting fanciers will, when they are ordering new cages, purchase those of this standard type. Any cage-makers will make them, and the colour of the inside and wires is left to the choice of the exhibitor. The particulars supplied by the Club are: Small size, for bird up to size of Twite, 11 in. long, 9½ in. high, 5 in. deep; second size, for birds up to size of Bullfinch, 12 in. long, 10 in. high, 5 in deep; third size, for Buntings and Bramblefinches, 13 in. long, 11 in. high, 5½ in. deep; large size, for such birds as Hawfinch and Crossbill, 14 in. long, 12 in. high, 6 in. deep. The two smaller sizes to be made with fronts of 16 gauge wire ⅝ inch mesh, bottom rail 1¾ in. high, and one crossbar 1½ in. above bottom rail. The two larger sizes with fronts of 14 gauge wire ⅝in. mesh; bottom rail 2in. high, and crossbar 2 in. above bottom rail. All cages to be fitted with two perches only, plain turned, with boss on back end, and secured to back of cage so as to be on a level with the crossbar. They must have a trough, and not drawer, for seed, in right-hand end. Water hole to be on third wire from right-hand end (between 2nd and 4th). All fronts to be bowed at top for about one inch. No crossbar along top portion of front.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 24—Manchester—Lytbgoo and Jones, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford. Extra fee after 25th.
" **24 Haddington N.B.**—D. Cockburn Victoria Park.
" **24 Portsmouth**—J. Woodhouse, 123, High Street.
" **24—Wirksworth**—H. Twigg, 30, St. John Street.
" **24—Earlston**—J. Brockle, 3, Janefield.
" **26—Arbroath**—J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigians Road.
" **26—South Shields**—W. Duke, 336, South Frederick Strdet.
" **26—Bristol F.A.**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown.
" **26—York**—A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road.
" **26—Dysart**—J Logan 23, High Street.
" **26—Margate**—W. J. Jones, 28, Fort Crescent.
" **27—Tunbridge Wells**—H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road.
" **27—Cheltenham**—Treasure and Hope, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
" **27—City of Bradford**—F. Rhodes, 112, Fitzroy Road, Barkerend Road,
" **27—Ilkeston**—T. Smith, 5, King Styeet.
" **28—Morecambe**—J. H. Ireland, Parliamen Street.
" **28—Rotherham**—J. C. Hayes, 9, Florence Road Masbro.
" **28—Luton**—E Cherry, 4, Peel Street,
" **28—Braintree**—F. A. Hunnable, 102, High Street.
" **29—Oswestry (Salop)**—Smith and Doody, Smithfield Street.
" **29—Darley Dale**—Dawson and Hall.
" **30—Carmarthen**—F. King, Friar's Cottage.
" **30—Sudbury**—V. Machin Goodall, The Mount.
" **30—Weybridge**—H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.
" **31—Newtown St. Boswells**—R. Robertson.
" **31—Stockton-on-Tees**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street.
" **31—Gillingham**—T F. Ramsey 11, Selbourne Road.
" **31—Dulwich & Peckham**—W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, S.E.
" **31—Markinch**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown.
" **31—Cleator Moor**—J. Byrne, 110, Birks Rd.
" **31—Boness**—F. McGillivray, Ferry View, Chance.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 23—Peterboro'—F. Jackson, "White Horse," Cumbergate.
" **25**—(First Post) **Paignton**—J. W. Jeffrey, "Sartor House" Winner Street.
" **26—Metropolitan C.B.A.** F. J. Martin, 34, Ingelow Road, Battersea.
" **26** (First post)—**Kirbymoorside**—Reed and Calam.
" **26** (First post)—**Gloucester**—J. R. Houghton "Dargai" Hatherly Road.
" **26—Barnstaple**—P. Harris High Street.
" **27** (First post)—**Wolverhampton**—F. Howes.
" **27**—(First Post) **Alnwick**—Rennison and Broadley, 16, King Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Peterborough, Clapham, Watford.

"There is only one" Dulwich and Peckham Show, and that will be held November 5th and 6th. No connection with any organisation of similar name.—(ADVT.)

Fanciers should send at once for schedule of York Show. Entries close October 26th.—(ADVT.)

Exhibitors.—Metropolitan entries not one a class. Closure extended to Monday next. £50 in prizes, and five £2 solid silver cups to be won outright, one each for Norwich, Yorks, Borders, British, and Foreign. Enter at once, and birds win their winter's keep. Secretary will classify. Exceptional opportunity for amateurs and novices. See last week's review of schedule. Secretary, 34, Ingelow Road, Battersea, S.W.—(ADVT.)

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—E. Carlisle.

Belgrave (Leicester) and Dist. F. and F.S.—Oct. 27, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8.—W. H. Riley.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Round House Inn, 8. Classification and other show business.—F. Mitchell.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Oct. 27, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8. Discussion on Disease of Canaries, led by Mr. J. Wilman. Friends welcome.—A. Livesey.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Oct. 24, I. Club Show.—R. Whitton.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 24, Flying Dutchman, Members' Show, 8 Yorks, 1 Nor., 1 Brit.; judge, Mr. H. T. Naylor (Bradford). Birds staged at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 8. Allotting of Members' Specials.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 26, Church Institute, 63, Paddington Street, W. Marylebone, 8.15. Judging Competition in Yorkshires. Silver medals presented to each section.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S. — Oct. 24, Crown and Anchor, 2. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. Whiting (Bradford).—Parker and Atkinson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Half Moon, 8. Table Show; 12 classes, and other business for open show.—E. Brunskill.

Dulwich O.S.—Oct. 29, Herne, Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. Washing Exhibition, free; all invited.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 27, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Committee business.—S. A. Dicken.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Fountain Inn, 7.30. Open show and schedule members' show, Oct. 25.—W. Ashworth.

Glasgow and West of Scot. N.M.B. and F.B.C. — Oct. 27, Good Templars Halls, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Stewards for open show, etc.—R. A. Brown.

Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Howard Arms, Glossop, 8.—F. Greig.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30. Balance sheet of open show, etc.—G. Waddington.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 24, Griffin Hotel, stage at 8. Monthly show: Class 1, Clear Mkd. Yell. Yorks.; 2, ditto, buff; 3 and 4, ditto for Novices; 5, Clear Mkd. Yell. Nor.; 6, ditto, Buff; 7 and 8, ditto for Novices. Judges, Messrs. H. H. Sutcliffe and S. Hirst (Halifax).—J. F. Thackray.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) O.S.—Oct. 24, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Show business, etc.—A. Cant.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 27, Lello's, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—W. Simpson.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, "Rechabite Hall," Pine Street, 7.30. Classification for back-end show. Members kindly note change of meeting-place.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park, N.W., 8.30. Washing Competition, for members, silver medals being given in each section. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. Fanciers and friends welcome.—G. H. Neal.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, White Lion, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 26, St. George's School, 8.30. Show business.—T. Allsop.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 28, Crown Mission Hall, 7. Open show business. Allotting of specials, etc.—A. Urquhart.

Keighley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Table Show.—W. Wright.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 24, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, corner of Commercial Street, 8. Special meeting; final arrangements for show; all members urgently requested to attend.—T. Carter.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table Show, A.V. Nor. Yell. Unfig. Open ditto. Novice. Judge, Mr. Edwards. Washing competition; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Final arrangements for Table Show, etc.—D. John.

Middleton O.S.—Oct. 26, Old Boar's Head, 7.30. Mr. R. Williamson is providing a "Hot-Pot" for that night.—H. Thomas

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Show business.—R. H. Turner.

Musselburgh O.S.—Oct. 31, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Bird washing exhibition, by Mr. Dunn, and washing competition; open to members.—D. Kay.

National B.B. and M.C.—Oct. 29, "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Headquarters, 8. Schedules for show; members must be paid up before they are allowed to show.—J. Davey.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 28, Cobden Hall, 8. Show business; most urgent.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Report of back-end show, etc.—F. Steeple.

Ormskirk O.S.—Oct. 27, Headquarters, 8. — F. Foster.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 26, Chapel Street, Congregational Hall, 7.45. Classification for open show.—W. Jackson.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Headquarters, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture by Mr. Allan Silver. Fanciers cordially invited.—H. W. Cook.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 31, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Schedule for contest.—W. Whittaker.

Sale Open O.S.—Oct. 26, Technical School, Tatton Road, 8. Confirmation of classes, and other important show business.—J. Irlam.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Oct. 24, Station Hotel, 7.30. To arrange classes for members' shows.—H. Dobson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Boiler-Makers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Higher Openshaw. Washing exhibition, by Mr. F. Washbourne. Fanciers invited.—J. C. Spilsbury.

South-West London C.B.S. — Oct. 29, Plough Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by members.—Lilley.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Oct. 29, Workman's Hall, 8.—G. Sheldrick.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Oct. 29, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show, etc.—A. Hutchings.

Jarrow, and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Oct. 27, Lockhart's Cafe, Jarrow, 7.30. Very important show business.—R. Blore.

West Auckland C.B.and P.F.S.—Oct. 24, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show arrangements.—J. Gill.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. Broadhurst; friends invited.—J. Duffield.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Oct. 27, Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, 8.—F. Bowman.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's** *first post at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., A.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires. Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Swelling Around Eye.

A.G.—Unless you understand something of the anatomy of the parts, the best advice I can give you is to leave the swelling severely alone and trust to Nature to repair the mischief. In the hands of a veterinary surgeon, or one who had dissected birds, and had at least a superficial knowledge of the part, it would probably be a simple matter to open and evacuate the contents, but the question is whether the bird is worth the cost of having it done. An amateur at the business might easily make matters worse, and the most I would advise such a one to do is to carefully pluck out the feathers from the top of the swelling so as to lay the skin bare, bathe it in warm water a minute or two, dry carefully on soft rag, and just touch the bare spot with the tip of a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine.

Hope Deferred, etc.

W.W.D.—Your patience has certainly undergone a long test, and has doubtless given way and brought you at last to the heart-sickening point. But hold on to a good thing (hope is certainly one of them) a little longer, and I feel sure your patience is about to be rewarded. The "good spirits," coupled with a "good deal of twittering," is probably the prelude to renewed song. To help on this desirable end discontinue your present mode of feeding, and adopt the feeding and general treatment advised to "Mrs. L. Smith." In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, six of syrup of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight. Also add five drops of sherry to the sponge cake each time you give it until the bird is in song.

Injured Health.

M. J. Gallagher.—It is likely the bird's health has been seriously injured by hanging in the window, and your treatment and the unsuitable room have not helped to mend matters. If you cannot keep the bird in a brighter and more suitable room you must at least try to find a position for it where it can get a fair amount of light from the window, but will be quite away from all draughts and in a fairly equable temperature. Perhaps a box cage hanging on the wall immediately opposite the window will answer these requirements, or, as the room is so poorly lighted, if it is quite free from draughts, a backcage, with wires in front and sides only, hanging on the wall at the side of the window, or in the above-named position, would do. Continue giving your staple diet as now, and in addition a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, well mixing five drops of sherry in it each time until bird is well, and on each of the other days a scrap of green food. Discontinue linseed and all other items save those named. Give fresh water every day, and for the first week add twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, two days in every three. After first week give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and five drops of tincture of steel on alternate days for a week, at the end of which time drop the tincture; but you may continue the chemical food for two or three weeks longer, if it appears necessary Examine the cage well for red mites.

Crest-bred and Norwich.

Going Blind.—1. The crest-bred is suffering from cataract, and is probably quite beyond the help of any remedy, but you may, if you wish, just for your own satisfaction, try the ointment recommended to "Anxious" in our last issue for a Yorkshire going blind, and use it the same as is there advised. 2. The Norwich has probably been in a draught or caught a chill in some way. Keep it in a comfortably warm and equable temperature now, and give it a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it every second day. In the drinking water add twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days five drops of tincture of steel. Give the steel on days when you are not giving the sponge cake.

Tired and found Wanting.

Ginger Bob.—Try following treatment, which I have little doubt will succeed where the aconite has failed. Keep the bird in a comfortable and equable temperature, and in addition to its usual seed diet, give it a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry in it every second day, and on the alternate days add five drops of tincture of steel to its drinking water. Discontinue this as soon as the feathers have ceased dropping out. To cure the cold add twenty drops of whisky, ten of syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus to its water every second day, and give this on the days when you are not giving the steel. Shake it well to break up the oil. If the cold is very bad you might omit the steel altogether for the first week, and give the last-named mixture daily until the cold is relieved.

Quite Laconic.

M.M.R.—'Tis said that "brevity is the soul of wit," but too much of it in a query is not very conducive to giving a really practical and helpful reply. A little more insight into your treatment would certainly have helped me to understand better what caused your bird's looseness of bowels, and to have advised with more confidence. Try following: Give hemp two a week only, and not more than half a teaspoonful each time; and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Give no green food until looseness is removed. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts, for one day only, as will cover a sixpence. After this dissolve a piece of gum arabic the size of a pea and as much carbonate of bismuth as will lie on a sixpence in the water each day for three days. If this does not remove the trouble write again and give a few particulars.

Norwich Acting Strangely.

C.F.—You do not say how the hen is fed, and this might have helped to explain the origin of the trouble, which is doubtless of an epileptic nature. Feed as advised to "Bird," but omit the hemp, and give instead a small piece of bread dipped in milk, with two drops of the emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine, five each of dandelion juice and tincture of gentian, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week; then omit it for a week, and give it again the third week. But when an attack comes on stop this medicine if you are giving it at the time, and give instead twelve drops of glycerine and as much bromide of potassium as will cover a sixpence in the water each day for four days. Then start at the beginning of the above treatment over again.

Cramp or Fit?

Mrs. L. Smith.—If you had described the bird's ailment, and said what mixed seeds you fed it upon, it would have helped me to give a more explicit reply. Try following treatment for a week, and if the bird does not rapidly improve write again and give the necessary particulars. For staple diet feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed. Twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp; twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake; and three times a week a spray of green food. Give these extra items on different days, and alternate them so that a different one is given each day. Keep its cage clean and strewn with gritty sand, and see that it is quite free from red mites. Keep in a comfortable temperature, but do not overheat it nor subject it to draughts. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, five of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence each day for the first three days. After that omit the lemon juice, and substitute twenty drops of whisky and give every second day for a week; on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food, continuing the latter for a fortnight.

Not Moulting.

J.R.D.—Place the bird in a cool part of your kitchen for a few days, but not in any draught, then move it into the warmest corner, but again see it is free from draught, and do not put it where it is very warm during the day and proportionately cold at night. When you put it in the warm place begin to give it twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of hay saffron in its water three times a week. If it begins to go off song and show signs of coming moult give it a vapour bath, as you will see described in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS, and keep its cage covered and the bird warm afterwards, and the moult should run its course satisfactorily. As you say you feed as advised in this column for Rollers you doubtless give it crushed sponge cake twice a week. Add to this one of the following powders each time for the next fortnight, and it should help on the moult. For powders take as much flower of sulphur as will cover a threepenny piece, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, mix well together, divide into four equal parts, and give one part for each dose, well mixing it in the soft food.

Bad from Birth.

Bird.—If I had a Norwich hen that sat humpy all day, breathed heavily, and had been in this condition ever since it was hatched, I should not think it worth troubling to cure. A dose of chloroform would perhaps be the most merciful treatment, as it will probably never be of any use, but always a source of worry and anxiety. Your feeding will not help to make matters better for a bird that is evidently one of the physically unfit, so if you want to try further treatment proceed as follows. As a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp, twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and three times a week a spray of watercress or other green food. Give alternately, and on different days, so that a different one is on hand each day. Keep cage clean and strewn with gritty sand; see it is quite free from red mites. In a comfortable but not overheated place, and quite free from draughts. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days; after that five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. Drop the acid at the end of week, but continue chemical food for a fortnight. At the end of the fortnight begin over again and repeat the fortnight's treatment. Report progress at end of month.

Samples of Rape Seed.

H.F.—The sample is not summer rape at all, neither is it the ordinary kind of winter rape, though in appearance it resembles the latter. It is seed of some kind of brassicæ, but I do not profess to know of what species without growing some to see the plant. I should scarcely think the seed was the cause of your four birds dying unless you had been using it some time. For birds in large aviaries, especially seed-eating Britishers, I should not be afraid to use it in fair quantities. Summer rape is a much smaller seed than the sample you send, and is of a reddish-brown colour.

Better and no Worse.

C.N.W.—Am glad to hear the cock has got on so well under the treatment. That the hen has not made quite so good progress may be due to the fact that the moult has taken a little more out of her than out of the cock, and consequently she is not in such a favourable condition for throwing off the trouble. It would materially assist her to place her in a room with a fire until the moult is quite finished. If you cannot manage this without subjecting her to draughts or great fluctuations of heat, cover cage over at night in the room where she now is, and do not give her cold baths. Continue present treatment except that you must omit the glycerine from the eucalyptus mixture, and replace with ten drops of oxymel of squills, well mixing in the sponge cake each time three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion. This should enable her to make a more speedy progress, but you need not be surprised if a little wheeziness remains until the moult is quite over.

Obstinate Diarrhœa.

G.C.L.—Withhold green food for a fortnight, and add to your present dietary of plain Canary seed a small teaspoonful of rape twice a week, a few grains of hemp or two other days, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake three times a week. Discontinue the bread and milk and other items you mention. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day only. After this give twenty drops of whisky, a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea, and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls of water for three consecutive days, and every alternate day after until the diarrhœa has quite ceased. Shake this last mixture until the gum is dissolved. When the primary trouble is overcome, you may give five drop doses of tincture of steel every second day for a week to brace up the system. Keep the bird in a warm corner during the first few days' treatment, as the prolonged diarrhœa will make her very susceptible to chills.

Squeaking and Wheezing.

G.H.—As you say the birds are quite healthy and the squeaking noise they make is not wheezing, I am somewhat at a loss to know what it is. Is it a nervous squeak they make from fear when you are amongst them? If so, you can do nothing but by careful training accustom them to your presence. Am inclined to think, however, that the trouble is in reality wheeziness, and that they are exposed to either damp or draughts. Try and ascertain this, and remedy it if you find this suspicion correct, and withhold cold baths until the moult is finished. In addition to present diet, give a small teaspoonful of summer rape to each bird twice a week, half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and a spray of green food three times a week. Give these separately and alternately so that they have a different one each day. In the drinking water give ten drops each glycerine and oxymel of squills, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea for a few days. Shake until the gum is dissolved.

The Dreadful Plague.

Bewildered.—There does not appear the least doubt about your having a virulent form of septic fever among your birds. Sorry I cannot hold out much hope for your getting rid of it. Your best course lies in absolute and thorough cleanliness and disinfection right through, and in dealing with the trouble generally as advised in Dr. Clarke's handbook (7d. from this office). Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape, with a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it each day, and a little green food every second day. Cover cage floor all round with a thick layer of sawdust, and remove and burn it at least every second day; every day would be better. Disinfect all food and water vessels by boiling them frequently, and cremate any bird that dies at once. In the drinking water give thirty drops of brandy and as much boric acid every second day as will cover a sixpence until the plague is over. It may help the birds to win. Be careful not to introduce any fresh birds until some time after the plague has been obliterated and everything about the cages and room most thoroughly disinfected.

Bareness and Silence.

E. Pettie.—Am afraid you will not do much good with the bird that has lost its plumage. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable temperature; see its cage is quite free from red mites, and out of the reach of draughts. Give it a tepid bath in mild weather in which you have added enough Condy's Fluid to make the water light pink. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, and every second day give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days a spray of green food after the end of the first week. Withhold the green food for the first week whilst the diarrhœa is being got over. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts for one day as will cover a sixpence, and for the next three days a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea, and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence. Shake until the gum is dissolved. After this give twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a month. If the new plumage is not apparent at the end of this time write again and enclose this reply. Feed the German cock as advised above for a week or two, but instead of the oil in the crushed cake give five drops of sherry. In the drinking water give every second day for a fortnight twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Blackbird with Fits.

J.D.—I have not been troubled with birds that have had fits, so my personal experience in the matter is slight. A friend of mine had a Thrush which suffered more or less badly from them, at intervals, and the trouble began just after the moult. He had not been feeding the bird properly, however; when he changed its diet it recovered. He gave it bromide of potassium as medicine (on my advice), and doubtless this helped; it is reputed to be an excellent remedy for fits in birds. I invariably find, however, that the food of birds addicted to them is faulty (poor). You, for instance, give bread soaked in milk, wretched fare for any Blackbird other than a nestling. Get a bag of "Melox," or Spratt's Puppy Meal, from a corn-dealer's, and use this, softened with hot water, mixed into the other food you mention. The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture. If you try the potassium, get a 10 per cent. solution of it from a chemist's, and when the bird has an attack, give 8 or 10 drops direct into the beak. Further, for the rest of the day stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water. But you must improve the feeding.

Concerning a Nightingale.

Mrs. H. Le W. Barré Bayly.—I have had many Nightingales in my time, and all my birds have been affected adversely by the winter's cold. I should certainly advise you not to try and keep your bird in a cold room when you have a heated one available. In severe spells of frost, indeed, I always snugly cover over the cages of my own 'Gales before departing for the Land of Nod. There can be no possible object in keeping your 'Gale in a dark place; these birds are as fond of light and sunshine as we ourselves are. If they are restless at the period of migration, then it is wise to keep them in a sort of "subdued corner." If your bird is a male, and used to cage life, also thoroughly over the moult, he should begin to warble a little very shortly. I recently had one or two which had made a beginning. The cock Canary is not likely to affect him—adversely, at any rate. Of course, you must provide all the live-food you possibly can for the bird, especially in the summer-time; it is absurd to say they "will not sing" on artificial food. I know very well this is not true. By the way, have just noticed you say your bird is "very wild"; well, he won't sing until he settles down (assuming it to be a male) to captive life. You should cut up the mealworms and rub them well into the stock-food. My general methods of feeding were given last week in the reply to "Birdy."

A Mixed Medley.

Mixed.—1. What a problem! How to "catch birds in an aviary too small to get inside, and too large to reach them from the outside." Hanged if I know. I can give you some good advice: either after the aviary so that you may enter, or smash it up. Here are three ideas: If the birds are small softbills, a spring net trap might be effective, though you might catch all the rest of the aviary ere you got the particular bird desired. If they are hardbills, then a trap-cage might answer, though the same objection applies. If you can use a net, like a small butterfly net (obtainable from many bird-shops) in the place, then this might help. 2. The sitting hens in an aviary will not hurt if they get the same seeds, etc., as the rest of the inmates. Anyway, short of netting them in, it is obviously impossible to prevent the good ladies taking whatsoever they listeth. 3. Almost weekly I explain to some reader or other that hen British birds are very unreliable in the matter of sitting on their eggs, and rearing their young to maturity, when in captivity, and this applies to all other than exceptionally extensive, well-shrubbed aviaries. Odd hens, here and there, behave all right. 4. You must read up articles on Hybrid breeding; the matter is too extensive for these columns. There is a very good one in the "Annual." 5. No known nest-box will prevent eggs being smashed if the birds are intent on smashing them—"trick" boxes excepted, of course.

Loss of Linnets.

Hoping to Learn.—To learn how to successfully keep alive every fresh-caught Linnet one buys is, as I expect you are aware, rather too much to hope for. Still, I have not personally lost a single one yet this season, and I have invested in a fair number; indeed, I think it has been an exceptionally good season for "straight," "hard" youngsters, as the dealers term them. Possibly you do not give your birds crushed seed, soaked seed, and a fair helping of wild seeds, when first caged, then gradually weaning them on to the dry, hard seed. You should certainly do this, for if at first given a diet comprising nothing but the latter, they are very prone to stomach derangement of some kind or other, and this digestive trouble results (sometimes only after weeks in captivity) in the birds "going light" (wasting away), though apparently eating a heap of seed—the food is not assimilated, consequently mal-nutrition is the inevitable result. A friend tells me he has been very successful with the following medicine: one ounce each of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian, mixed; dose, half-a-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. You could give this a trial; but don't wait until a bird is three-parts dead before you do so.

A Freak Goldfinch; also Red Mite.

A Beginner.—Are you quite sure your freak Goldfinch is genuine? You say you bought it from some "gipsies," who asked a big price for it, but eventually sold it you, together with a cock Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid, for 3s. the lot. A rare bargain, if true. But the "sweeping reduction" smells suspicious. They are not the kind of folk to give much away, and the fact that they asked a "big price" in the first place seems to show that they knew such a freak would have its value. I should feel inclined to wager the cock Mule is really a hen, and the freak really a fake. However, you naturally are the best judge as to the latter, and if it is genuine, then such a Goldfinch is certainly worth exhibiting in a class for rare feathered birds. It would stand no chance in an ordinary Goldfinch class. Couldn't say anything about value without seeing it. Red mite are easy to keep down, and to free cages from, providing they are not left lurking in crevices of the walls, etc., of the room. All you need is one part of turpentine and half-a-part of paraffin, mixed. Use a flat (1½in. or 2in.) paint-brush, and run the mixture into every joint and crevice (don't miss wire holes) in the cages. Not a mite will survive, while their eggs will be killed, too. Quassia is of little use for cages. As regards rubs, which is the use of making them only to break them? They are very plain.

A Trio.

Saddler.—1. I don't think there is much wrong with your Thrush—a touch of "indigestion" may be. It is a good plan to give the majority of Softbills a little saline medicine occasionally, and I expect a dose or two will soon put your own bird to rights. Try a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. 2. It is most difficult to break Goldfinches of the habit of cautiously getting on the wires, and roosting there. A piece of glass fitted from cross-bar to top of cage will prevent the latter; or a perch (one of the movable kind) should be stuck between the wires just at the spot where the bird clings, if necessary coaxing him down on to it. If in a good big stock cage, there ought to be no fear of an exhibition Goldie "spoiling his tail in the wires." He ought to be too steady to do that. 3. Plants are harmful if their presence results in the atmosphere being a very damp one.

A Stock Mixture.

Mixture.—I really cannnt see that two or three hoppers (or pans) are very much more trouble to fill and attend to than one. Certainly the great saving they ensure makes it well worth our while to have them. You should at least keep the hemp in one pan mixed sunflower and safflower in another, and the rest of the seeds in a third. This would be a really excellent compromise. However, here is the mixture you desire: Canary four pints, hemp and teazle three pints each, charlock and summer rape one pint each, linseed (in winter) one pint, sunflower and safflower up to about a pint each, the exact quantity depending on the number of Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, and Bullfinches there are in the place. Of course, you would give other seeds (wild seed mixture, for instance), now and again for a change, and live food and soft-food for the Buntings. Then your aviary inmates should flourish like the fabled green bay tree.

Cure for Scaly Legs.

T. McD.—The "cure for scaly legs" is to remove the scales. I have often in this column explained how to do it. It is quite easy, providing one has confidence in the handling of birds; and it need cause the bird but very slight pain, but rather bring great relief in its train. I usually heat a little oil fairly hot (enclose it in a suitable vessel, and immerse the latter in boiling water), soak the legs well in this, and then pick off the scales with my finger-nails, also sometimes using curved nail-scissors and a pair of nail clippers, which occasionally come in handy. Afterwards I wash the feet and legs in warm water, dry them and anoint them with a little healing ointment—Zambuk, boracic, or mild carbolic. Last week I scaled a bird's legs quite easily after soaking them in a lather made with carbolic soap and hot water. It is quite easy, if common care is exercised, so as not to violently wrench a leg or a toe, which, of course, may spell dislocation. If any blood be inadvertently drawn from one or other of the toe joints, touch the spot (after washing) with Friar's Balsam, or "New Skin."

Young and old Greenbirds.

A.B.—All Greenfinches take after the hen in colour when in nestling plumage; therefore youngsters are not easily sexed by those not well acquainted with such matters. If you see the brood together, then the young cocks are invariably perceptibly brighter (more yellowish) in tone of colour than the young hens. This is an accurate sign of sex, which, however, is not very helpful to the uninitiated when they see only one young bird at a time. Experience is needed then. 2. It seems incredible that anyone living in the country should say that the Greenfinch does not sing. Yet you state that "most people about here say they will not." Those folk must be written down as shockingly inaccurate observers. Why, an old cock Greenbird "breezing" away in the spring, when his soul is stirred by love's fires, can be heard half-a-mile off—more or less. Further, he sings very freely in captivity. I don't intend, however, to convey to you that the Greenfinch has a fine voice and melodious ditty—his music is more forceful than elegant. Still, I love to hear him singing whilst on the wing, in a kind of love flight, which he is fond of doing in the breeding season.

Show Cage for Nuthatch.

British Birds.—There is no accepted "correct pattern" for a Nuthatch's show-cage. Most exhibitors follow their own ideas. You don't want to have any perches, however, but the back lined with bark for the bird to cling to. A very nice cage would be one of the familiar box pattern (wired at front only), about 14in. long by 14 to 16in. high and 10 to 12in. from front to back. I like the cage this shape (like those Woodpeckers are usually shown in) The inside uncovered by the bark should be coloured French grey. The bark, by the way, should be as flat a piece as possible; there should be no space between the bark and the cage back. If a "tunnel" is left there, then the Nuthatch, if at all possible, will find his way inside it, and the judge will seek in vain to find out his good points. The case outside should be black. The food and water vessels should be made of tin, and swing into the cage through openings cut into the bottom rail of the cage-front; this is the usual style in show-cage for most of the softbills.

Management of Goldfinch Mule.

J. R. B. B.—I think you are quite right in giving the Goldfinch Mule a little "richer" seed diet than that usually given a Canary. If you go on the following lines so far as the general feeding of the bird is concerned, it should thrive admirably. I feed my own Goldie Mules in the same way. Mules will certainly thrive well in the all-wire household cages; at the same time, the box pattern cage (especially that known as the Finch stock cage) is unquestionably the best. A good seed mixture at this season of the year is:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed, and increase the teazle. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given, flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The three first-mentioned may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's purse.

Brevities.

Muling Linnets (B.G.).—It is entirely wrong for anyone to say that Linnets will not breed until they are two years old. I think you must have misunderstood the matter, and that what was meant to be conveyed was that they would not breed until housemoulted. Even this is far from correct, however, though certainly house moulted birds are the best for Muling purposes

Linnet Ailing (Anxious).—If your bird is now in a warm room, change his quarters to a cold one (say, a bedroom), or hang him outside for a night or two if you can ensure his being well protected from rain and cats. If he is in a cold room, then hang him in a warm corner of a heated room. No doubt if he got well started in the moult, he would soon pull himself together again.

Thrush Not Singing (H.S.).—The case is a curious one. If two Thrushes cannot see each other, it does not usually make any difference to their song; still, many cases have been known where one bird has "sung down" another. It reads almost as though you have got a hen. Hang the bird out in the sun two or three days, which ought to bring him out. Failing the latter, I think you will be quite justified in purchasing a successor—with, I hope, better luck.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Pennant in Poor Plumage.

Grimston.—Unless it is a case of the so-called "French moult," it will recover its plumage a little later, and as it is at present it will take no harm if kept out of draught. At the same time, except when it is really warm I should hardly put it outside, as there is a slight chilliness apparent when still, even in the sun, and of course it does not (I take it) take much exercise. Don't keep it in your warmest room. Any sunny room will do if the cage is kept out of draught. I should have another try with the chemical food; take the water away over night, and then try it in the morning, only slightly colouring the water to begin with. Try it with a little boiled maize (see that this does not go sour, or any stale bits get left about, as it only keeps fresh one day); if it will eat a little of this you can dust it with flowers of sulphur, for a few days, and then spot chemical food over for another few days; "ring the changes" on these. If it will not take the maize, your present diet is very satisfactory (let it have cuttlefish), and if it is not a case of constitutional weakness, it will recover its plumage in due course. Any dryish place on the skin can be lightly annointed with clean vaseline or cold cream. I should still try it with a little bit of such fruit as you have at table Pennants have always taken a little; at the same time it is not really necessary, if they are taking green food freely. Hope there will soon be an improvement.

Budgerigars Out of Doors.

"**Budgerigar.**"—I do not think your Budgerigars will take any harm if left out, without any further protection than that afforded by the shelter. Of course if the wire netting front of aviary faces a very exposed windy situation, it would be better to put say a screen half wood and half glass before it. However I don't think this will be necessary. You will not be the first one that has kept Budgerigars out of doors all the year round, north of the Tweed. Give them oats regularly and a little hemp as well, in addition to their ordinary diet, when the cold weather really sets in. Keep a watch on the birds during the first sharp bit of frost we get, and I think you will find them quite indifferent to it. Of course if you have young in the nest, when the weather keeps very open, there will not be much chance of their being reared, and such late birds are seldom of much use, and lack stamina. I consider all birds that are now fully fledged will be perfectly safe out of doors.

Red-crested Cardinal.

E. Butler.—If you have a closed shelter house attached to your aviary, which could be closed at night, and the Cardinals are in good condition, you could safely put them outside. However, if they have come to hand in rather a ragged and generally unfit condition then you had better keep them in a roomy box cage indoors for the winter, turning them out in the spring. You might add oats, hemp, and sunflower, as extras, in small quantities, to your dietary, also a little greenfood, such as lettuce, chickweed, etc. The only Domino Finch I know is the Spice Bird, and while this bird agrees on the whole with the description you give, it has its undersurface more or less regularly scaled with crescentic, or oblique markings. The name Domino Finch is almost forgotten; it took me a good time to rake it up, as my memory played me false. The sexes are alike as to plumage, but the male can be picked out by his prodigious efforts at song (very little sound produced). Canary and millet seeds, with greenfood, grit, cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing will suffice to keep these pretty little birds in condition for years. Both species are hardy if not subjected to draughts.

Dietary of Grey Parrots.

J. A. Restall.—You will readily understand that all seed mixtures must be mixed with common sense, however plainly given; environment modifies cases to such an extent—for instance, the Parrot continually in cage and another allowed to range about for short periods daily or several times a day, with a possible fly round the room. This latter bird could have quite a generous diet compared with the former. The diet you enumerate is a very wholesome one, and your birds should thrive on it. And I don't think you can improve upon it, save that you appear to be overdoing the sunflower a little; the birds like it undoubtedly, but it is an oily seed and unless your birds get plenty of exercise I should cut it down one half. In my seed mixtures, even for Parrakeets out of doors, I never permit hemp and sunflower combined to form more than a fifth part of the whole mixture. However, from the above you will be able to come to a safe conclusion as to whether your conditions meet the case of a presumably generous diet. I am rightly not permitted to recommend any special advertiser, but I may say this, either buy locally or where you can go and see it first, and buy only an alert, clear eyed, lively bird, and one that is so without any stirring up. Hope your handsome birds will continue to thrive, and that you'll have luck with your proposed purchase.

Budgerigars, Cockatoels, etc.

Novice.—(1) I never care to remove all the nesting husks for such birds as Budgerigars, etc., as they use these as night shelters during the bad weather. Still, it is equally dangerous to let them breed during the winter months, for besides exhausting the old birds, their progeny lack the stamina of those reared during the normal breeding season. If you have a good shelter shed for them to retire to at night and during severe weather, it will be quite safe to remove the husks as soon as the young have flown, with any eggs there may be. (2) The ring-neck is as large as a pigeon, but slimmer and has a long tail. I do not consider they would be safe with small birds in such an aviary as yours. (3) You could keep a pair each of Rosellas and Cockatoels with your Budgerigars, and the lot combined would make a very nice show series. These would agree and thrive together practically on the same diet.—"Popular Parrakeets," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatoels," 7d., both post free from this office, will fully meet your requirements.

Brevities.

Cage for Yellow Budgerigars (G. Nevill).—A cage about 15 inches long and enamelled black outside and sage green inside suits most birds, as well as any colour; such however is largely a matter of personal taste, and I have given you mine. I may say, however, there are very few birds which the above combination does not suit.

A Recovered Parrot (C. A. M.).—Glad to note treatment has been effective, as I feared the case was hopeless, and that the bird could not recover. Continue chemical food as stated, follow directions already given as to diet, and you should have no further trouble with the bird. For a bird to get into the condition yours had done, it had certainly had something unwholesome, inadvertently given. Examine your corn and refuse.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Seed Sieve (Jas. Thompson).—We cannot quite understand your sketch.

Cutting and Information (H. Smith).—Thanks for your kindness. We will give the information you supply our careful consideration.

Bird-catching (Bird-catcher).—We have sent your query along to our legal expert. We only reply by post under conditions mentioned in rule 7 at head of Query pages.

Breeding Cage (W. P. Farquhar).—You do not give sufficient explanation of the breeding cage. For instance, What is the "moist stuff which keeps the eggs moist, instead of them drying up"?

Letters (A. Mallett).—We are very pleased to hear from you, and thank you for your kindness.

Cutting (B. W. Ground).—Thanks for your thoughtfulness. We will certainly use if space permits.

Breeders of Birds (H. T. Russell).—It is contrary to our rules to recommend any particular breeder or breeders. If you consult our "Annual" (post free sixpence), you will find several breeders' cards therein, and can make your selection there from.

Information (Nottingham Reader).—We are very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken, and will make inquiries into the matter. We do not like anonymous communications, however. Why did you not give us your own name and address?

Bird-Catching (N. Underwood).—Note latter part of reply to "Bird-catcher" this week. Your friend must surely have misunderstood the remark of the magistrate. We have not a copy of the order under the W.B.P.A. as it applies to your county; send a request for one, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, to the town clerk or chief of police. You will then see what birds are protected all the year round; species not scheduled you can, of course, legally catch in the open season.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (H.J., Rochester).—"Cbill" or inflammation of the liver and lungs.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Earlston (B.F.C.C.), Oct. 31st, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Linton and J. Mason. 23 Open Classes: Bord. 8, Nor. 2, Sell. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, and For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24th, to J. BROCKIE, 3, Jancfield, Earlston, N.B.

Dulwich and Peckham (S.N.P.C., Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., C.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B and M.C.), Nov. 5th and 6th, in the Rotherhithe Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. H. Broadley (Keighley), Yorkshires; J. Robson (London) for other Canaries; and G. E. Weston (London) for British, Foreign, Hybrid and Selling. 51 Open Classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 7, Crest 4, Bord. 8, Lanes. 2, Dutch 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 8, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Extra Stock 1, and 36 members' classes (champion 15, and novice 21). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, and a long list of specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31st to W. HODSON, 209, Crystal Palace-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.

Paignton (Torbay O.S.) (C.B.U.), Oct. 28th, in the Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 Open Classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 6, Crest 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 3, 21 members' and 3 juniors' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24th to J. N. JEFFERY, "Sartor House," Winner-st., Paignton, Devon.

Dysart (S.C.C., B.F.C.C., and the Glasgow and W.C.N.C.M.B. and F.B.C.), Oct. 31st, in the Normand Memorial Hall.—Judges, Messrs. M. Swinton, W. M'Adam, J. M'Lay, and P. Pettigrew. 54 Open Classes: Scot. 8, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Nor. 10, Crest 4, Yorks. 2, Sell. 7, Mules 2, Brit. 10, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 3/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 26th (local Oct. 28th) to J. LOGAN, 23, High-st., Dysart.

Alnwick, Oct. 31st, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. A. Hay and J. Maddison. 19 Open Classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 2; 10 members' and 2 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 26th (first post) to RENNISON AND BROADLEY, 16, King-st., Alnwick.

Bodmin (C.B.U.), Nov. 11th, in the Market Hall and Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. S. Tickell. 19 Open Classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Cage of Four 1, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 3rd to A. E. JAGO, Robarts-rd., Bodmin.

Glastonbury, Nov. 11th, at the Assembly Rooms.—Judge, Mr. Hamilton Paulley. 15 Open Classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 2nd to A. W. D. CRIDLAND, Glastonbury.

Darvel, Nov. 7th, in the Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. McColl, J. Smillie, and J. Goodfellow. 27 Open Classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 2, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Nov. 2nd to J. ROBERTSON, Junr., 5, Hastings-pl., Darvel, Ayrshire.

Bristol F.A. (C.B.U., C.C.C., Crest C.C., and Y.C.C.), Nov. 11th and 12th, in the Drill Hall, Queen's-rd. Judges, Messrs. C. A. House and J. Robson. 47 Open Classes: Nor. 7, Crest 12, Cinn. 4, Yorks. 7, Lancs. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, Sell. 3, and 9 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 25th to G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown, Bristol.

Carshalton, Nov. 11th, in the Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 3 Open Classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 2nd to D. JONES, 16, Rochester-rd., Carshalton.

Deal, Walmer (confined to Kent), Nov. 18th and 19th, in the Drill Hall, Deal.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield. 10 Open Classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, and one each radius novice and members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Nov. 5th to W. WADHAMS, Norbury, Church Path, Deal.

Burton-on-Trent F.S. (8 mile radius), Nov. 14th, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis. 17 Open Classes: Nor. 8, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 7th to F. CAMERON, 103, Sydney-st., Burton-on-Trent.

Merthyr Dowlais (C.B.U., W.C.B.C.), Nov. 12th, at the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 25 Open Classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, Bord. 2, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Unflig. 1, Novice Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 3, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 10/-. 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/0. Entries close Nov. 5th to J. THOMAS, 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr.

Sheffield (C.B.U. and L. and P.O.S.), Nov. 6th and 7th, in the Temperance Hall, Townhead-st.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, H. W. Battye, J. Bexson, and E. E. Smith. 33 Open Classes: Yorks. 7, Nor. 7, Crest 4, Mules 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. (except For. 10/-, and 5/- in one class and 10/-, 8/-, and 4/- in the other); 20/- cash special for best bird in show and other spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 2nd to LINDSAY AND BINGHAM, 202, King James-st., Sheffield.

Malton, Norton, Nov. 12th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 12 Open Classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and 1 local Can. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 5th to G. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine-st., Norton, Malton, Yorks.

Keynsham, Nov. 7th, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell. 10 Open Classes: Brit. 3, Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Scot. 1, Crest 1, Mule 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/0. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31st to H. W. G. BELSTON, West View, Keynsham.

Portsmouth (C.B.U.), Nov. 4th and 5th, in the Hampshire Fortress Engineers' Drill Hall, Hampshire-ter.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 23 Open Classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 3, Sell. 2, and 8 members' and local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, and 3/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24th to J. WOODHOUSE, 123, High-st., Portsmouth.

Liverpool O.S. (C.B.U., N.P.C., Y.C.C., and E. and W. B.F.C.), Nov. 6 and 7, in St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell (Yorks), W. Vardy (Nor), and C. Houlton (Mules and Brit.). 52 open classes: Yorks. 12, Nor. 16, Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and a long list of specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 3 (first post) to METCALF AND HILLMEN, 105, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

Newtown St. Boswells (B.F.C.C.), Nov. 7, in the Baillie Memorial Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Brnce and J. Neill. 33 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Mules 3, Bord. 11, Sell. 1, Stock 1, Brit. 8, For. 3, and 3 District and Selling Classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/3. Entries close Oct. 30, to ROBT. ROBERTSON, Newtown St. Boswells.

North Berks (C.B.U.), Nov. 12, in the Corn Exchange, Judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 1, and 2 members'. Prizes 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 3, to T. BOWEN, High Street.

Ilkeston (C.B.U.), Oct. 31 and Nov. 2, in the Victoria Hall, Bath Street. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Rhodes, and C Houlton. 38 open classes: Nor. 9, Crest 8, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and 4 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 27, to T. SMITH, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.

Luton (C.B.U., F.B.C.), Nov. 4, in the Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 21 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 4, For. 4; 23 Radius classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 2. Gift 1, and Novice Can. 3; and 5 members' cup classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 28, to E. CHERRY, 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.

Sudbury (confined to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambs.), Nov. 10, in the Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 11 classes: Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1. Brit. 3, For. 2 (not confined), Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 30, to V. MACHIN GOODALL, The Mount, Sudbury.

Ayr and Dis. (Glasgow and W.C.O.S.), Nov. 7, in the Masonic Hall, Nile Street. Judges, Messrs. Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston. 38 open classes: Scot. 2, Crest 2, Nor. 4, Yorks. 1. Bord. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Mules 2. Brit. 13, For. 3. Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 2, to CHAS. IRVINE, 144, Prestwick Road.

Arbroath, Oct. 31, in the White Hart Hall, Kirk Square. Judges, Messrs. J. Stewart, W. Hampton, and J. Lyon. 30 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 8, Brit. 7, For. 1, Mule 1. Sell. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24, to J. S. NAPIER, 52, St. Vigean's Road, Arbroath.

City of Bradford (Y.U., Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.), Oct. 31, in the Feversham Street Council School, Leeds Road. Judges, Messrs. P. Mason and H. S. Naylor. 26 open classes: Yorks. 16, Nor. 6, Sell. 4, and 8 Novice classes (confined to members of the Y.U.). Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 27, to F. RHODES, 112, Fitzroy Road, Barkerend Road Bradford.

Reading (30-mile radius).—November 18th, Palmer Hall, West-street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 26 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 3, Sell. 2, Gift 1, and 9 Members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 11th to G. A. CHARLES, 4, Talfourd-avenue, Earley, Reading.

Oakham (C.B.U.).—November 18th in the Poultry Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—12 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Sell. 1 and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 2nd to J. HILBITT, Junr., Melton Road, Oakham.

I am pleased to inform you that I am having a record sale for my show cages, through my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Have had orders from all over the country, which speaks volumes for your paper as an advertising medium.—J. MARTIN (Castle-Douglas).

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR UDDINGSTON.

SIR,—At a meeting of fanciers held in the Reading room, Uddingston, on Friday, Oct. 16th, it was arranged to form a society called the Uddingston and District Ornithological Society. Another meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 23rd, at 7 o'clock, in the same place, to enrol members. Fanciers are invited to attend.

WM. CAMPBELL, Secretary.
Croft Bank Lodge, Uddingston.

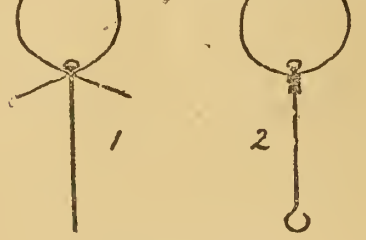
A QUESTION FOR BIRD-CATCHERS

SIR,—Will you please allow me space in answer to the would-be Woodlark catcher? The best trap for catching these Softbills is the spring net trap, which can be had from almost any of the advertisers. First go out and locate the haunts of these birds, taking with you a quantity of game meal. Then select your best patch of ground and throw your game meal about for feeding the birds. Continue this for a few days, then take out your net traps (about three in number which you can purchase for 4s.), and set same on your chosen spot about 6 feet apart. Always go out early in the morning, and in this fashion you can ensure success. Your correspondent will find that his birds will thrive well on game meal when they are caught. I wish him every success.

G. ANDREWS.

SIMPLE SWIVEL FOR BIRD BRACES.

SIR,—I am enclosing a rough sketch of a simple bird brace swivel. First get a short length of brass wire, similar to that used for rabbit snaring, and an ordinary pin. You will please notice that the sketch is made larger than the actual swivel, so that it can be clearly described. Both ends of the wire are to be twisted the same way (either to the left or right). In sketch No. 2, the end



Swivel for Bird Brace.

of pin is cut (say a quarter of an inch) then bent to form an eye to attach to brace. I find that this kind is lighter than the usual watch-key swivel, and can be made to suit one's requirements. The only tool required is a pair of ordinary cutting pliers.

D. J. THOMAS.

THE JUDGING AT SCOTTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Listener" remarks on the judging of Scotch Fancy Canaries. I think it is high time something was done regarding the judging of Norwich Plainhead classes at the bigger shows. I was present during the judging at a recent Glasgow show and watched the operation of placing the tickets. I won't call it "judging" the exhibits, as there were dozens of birds in the various classes which were positively never looked at, far less examined as to their merits. Now, what is the hidden reason of this? Is it because judges are too much rushed for time that they have to hurry over their classes and thus cannot give the birds justice, or what? Another point should be looked into, and that is that the member of committee appointed to place the birds upon the judging tables be a member toally disinterested in that particular section. It certainly looks very bad to see a judge conversing with such an assistant previous to affixing his awards. This, I think, would keep matters entirely free from suspicion. Let it be the duty of the committee to see that every bird is judged, and that it does not leave the judging table without receiving proper attention. In accepting the entrance fees they take on a moral responsibility to that effect, and exhibitors have a right to expect it. If this be done it will remove the now prevailing impression that unless one belongs to certain "factions," or "cliques," it is waste of time sending entries under certain judges. I should particularly call the attention of show officials to these points, otherwise entries will most certainly suffer in the future. I trust the above remarks will not be taken as being from the proverbial "disappointed exhibitor," but in the spirit of pointing out to judges the necessity of conscientiously executing the duties they have undertaken, and of giving every exhibit due consideration ere putting it upon the shelf.

D. S. COWANS.

SUSPENDED EXHIBITORS AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Respecting the letter from "One Who Was There," dealt with in Twitterings last week, I wish to contradict one of his statements, as the Peterborough Society had (and I believe every show under the C.B.U. rules has) a full list of exhibitors who are at the time suspended. The exhibitor he seems to refer to, was *not* on the list.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

"SEND STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—Like some of your other correspondents, I have also been a victim, but I am happy to state it is now about two years ago. I felt a bit riled, and therefore afterwards, when answering advertisements, I bought reply postcards, and wrote my name and address on the reply side. If I fail to get an answer I have the satisfaction of knowing, at the least, that I have not been "done," as the reply postcard is of no value or use to them, though they have received same.

SOFT SCOTTIE.

[Our correspondent seems to have overlooked the fact that the reply side of the postcard could have another name and address written on it (his own crossed out), and then be used. —EDITOR.]

THE SAID-TO-BE CHAFFINCH-CANARY HYBRID.

SIR,—In the report of Watford Show, I noticed the following: "Hybrids, light Can., 1, Andrews, the disputed Canary-Chaffinch in grand feather." Everyone can bet their best hat, or anything they value, that the first Chaffinch-Canary Mule that is bred, will *not* be eligible for a light Mule class. I suppose this bird is either a clear yellow Albino, or a variegated yellow Chaffinch. These birds are uncommon, but I have seen them. They do not show the beak or action of the Canary.

J. H. VERRALL.

[The bird Mr. Verrall refers to has an admixture of both buff and yellow-tinged feathers among the ordinary coloured Chaffinch plumage. We believe it was shown several times last season, and was generally "wrong-classed." It is an interesting bird.—EDITOR.]

WILL MULES BREED?

SIR,—It is with reluctance that I write these few lines on the above subject; but as no one has mentioned anything as to positively certain experiments, I feel compelled to do so. Might I ask your many readers if it is within their knowledge that a fancier has given a good test for the purpose of proving whether Mules are fertile or not? My idea of a test is this: a number of hen Mules and cock Canaries first year; cock Mules and hen Canaries second year; and cock and hen Mules together in the third year. Until a test somewhat similar to the above is carried out no one should confirm or negative the discussion. Mr. Verrall's statement might be construed into meaning that because the young were Canaries the eggs must have been changed. Mr. Wallace's statement that the young are Hybrids will be answered by what I state below. A number of Hybrids in plant life and a few in animal life are fertile; now the offspring of these hybrids will produce the original cross pure and distinct either to the male or female side of the first cross, and some will breed true to the grandparent to which they threw, although the parents were hybrid. So the fact that Canaries were bred from a Mule only goes to show that they follow the usual course of other fertile hybrids as regards breeding. I would suggest to Mr. Shields that he pair up the Canaries together this coming breeding season if he has the two sexes in the young birds, and let you know the result. Do not put fresh blood to them. As regards calling to see Mr. Shields' birds, I would have been honoured for an invite to have been extended to myself to see God's birds as human selection has made them.

FORWARD.

SIR,—I am very pleased to hear from your correspondent, but sorry he would not "break" the Lord's day by coming to see my friend's "new feathers." But as my friend is at his work all other days, he might have come and not seen them. He can, however, come on Saturday afternoon, any Saturday after one o'clock. My friend says, what is the use of sending them to Avonbridge Show, for fanciers that have been to see them say they don't believe the Goldfinch-Mule cannot (? is "can" intended here—Editor) be the father of them. Your correspondent asks if there were any young in the first nest. There was one reared: it was variegated like the cock bird. The hen was a buff that was paired to the Goldfinch-Mule, and the hen which was the mother of the Goldfinch-Mule was a cinnamon hen. I am very sorry to say the last youngster that was hatched has gone and joined the great majority. So there are just two left to see. My friend says that if he lives, and the Goldfinch-Mule and hen lives, he will try them next season again, and if they breed again he will let your readers hear about it.

THE MONGREL.

PENRHIWCEIBER SHOW.

SIR,—Kindly state that we, the undermentioned, have no connection with the Penrhiwceiber Show to be held on October 28. We consider this explanation necessary to cage bird fanciers who may be sending exhibits, as both our names appear in the schedule as committeemen, whereas we have no connection whatever with the proposed show committee, or management.

G. GREGORY,
Mountain Ash.
J. W. CARD.

CARMARTHEN SHOW.

SIR,—Under the above heading last week there appeared a letter from Mr. Jack Francis, the hon. sec. of the Carmarthenshire Agricultural Society. I have plenty of work in connection with our show on November 5th, but I must find time to make a few little facts plain to your readers re the above. First of all, this show, as Mr. Francis states, is not the Carmarthen Xmas Show of fat stock, sheep, pigs, etc., but I maintain it is *the* Carmarthen Show of poultry, pigeons, and cage birds. I would like to ask Mr. Francis if his society has the sole use of the town's name, for I fail to see what other town's name I could use except the one where the show will be held? The Carmarthenshire Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society is purely a fanciers' society, as its name implies, and I hope Mr. Francis will understand that the show which they are holding on November 5 is a genuine fanciers' show for fanciers. Mr. Francis wished to make it plain that his society had been in existence for 50 years. I don't contradict this, but at the same time I affirm there is such a thing as senile decay. My society has only been formed since last May, and we have nearly 100 names on the books, while I am having to call a special committee meeting to elect others. This show is our first venture, but we hope with the support of your readers it won't be our last. Everything is ship-shape, and I am now waiting only for entries. All exhibits will be in the hands of thorough practical fanciers, who will, I am sure, give every care and attention to their charges. I wonder why Mr. Francis did not write to you before *re* his society's claim to the word "Carmarthen," as I think it most unfair, and it seems as if his society is jealous of our prospect of success.

FRED KING, Hon. Sec.
Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S.

A REMEDY FOR INSECTS AND MAGGOTS.

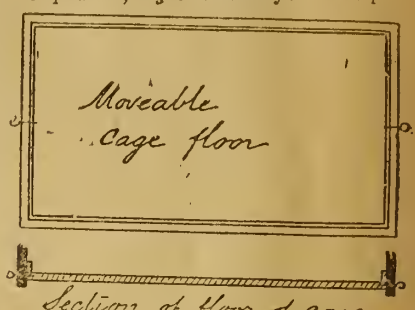
SIR,—On page 216 of CAGE BIRDS, October 10th, I see a query answered by your worthy expert (Claude St. John) headed "Insects and Maggots." I do not wish to dictate to your expert, and I feel sure he won't mind my taking the query up. We must all agree that the cleverest of men cannot be in possession of all knowledge whether theoretical or practical; at the same time, they do their best. I have had these pests, and was not satisfied till I found out the cause. If they are allowed to keep about, they will crawl all over the cages and bird-room, mostly in the sand-tray. But they do not interefre with the birds; they live on solids and not by suction, as the "mighty mite" does. Although they do not trouble the birds, they are detestable nuisances, and the smell of them about the place (especially when one is sweeping up) is like what we call "musty" or "mity" smell. If you had any sand from a tray where these were in, and took a watchmaker's strong glass, you would see thousands of them; they breed very quickly, and can scarcely be seen with the naked eye; but with the glass, they are seen to be little, clear yellowish insects, about the same colour as the little pebbles in the sand. This is the cause of their presence: using rice-husks or chaff in the cages; also husks from Canary seed, as some save it up and use in the cages; to make things more economical still using sand again and again, week after week without washing it; having the seed refuse and soiled sand after the excreta is sifted away, with the cells from the husks and the powdered seed from the birds beaks, getting wet and dry from bathing—this is the means of creating these insects, the same being food for them. The use of stale sand ought to be avoided, or at times the user will have to pay dear for it, not knowing the cause. A certain cure for this trouble is the following: Put a ½ of an ounce of eucalyptus oil into a bowl of water and wash all cages, always using clean sand. There will be no more trouble then. If the encouragement is not there, these pests will not come. How much better it would be for the Fancy if some of the fanciers would be more open and straight with their experiences, and not make so many so-called secrets, as is done amongst many working men especially.

A. MALLETT.

THE NEW BEEF TEA—JU-VIS.
Prepared solely from Beef and Vegetable. Makes delicious rich gravies or a cup of strong Beef Tea for a penny. Ask your grocer.

A REMOVABLE CAGE BOTTOM.

SIR,—I have seen various letters, etc., concerning birds moulting, such as giving saffron, plunging them into heat, or vice versa, giving cold tea to drink, shutting up in a cupboard, tieing up in cloth (as Ma would the puddings). Nature says that birds shall moult every year, so watch and assist them in this manner. When the small feathers commence to fall out, avoid draughts, give better food, disturb bird as little as possible, and about the finish of moult add to the drinking water a little Parrish's Chemical Food or a little sulphate of iron (but watch bird does not get constipated) and nature will do the rest. If you have to answer the red-mite question, try this remedy: Get a piece



of marble, sprinkle it with snuff, and the "fleas" will take a pinch and dash their brains out! Then in future his house will be in order. I am sending you along a pattern of cage bottom, which may not be known to many in our Fancy; no shaking bird up whilst cleaning out, or disturbing him in any way. I have used them for various sorts of cages, back cages and show cages. You simply have to pull out the pins, when out falls the bottom, with every particle of dirt. Scrape it clean, put on fresh sand, and you can put it back quite as easily. You need not wake your bird from his sleep, if you prefer slumber time for operations, as I myself am sometimes compelled to do. This bottom is easily made in wood, but if in metal a little skill with soldering iron is required. It is exactly like a tin lid which fits from the inside instead of on the outside.

G. HARDY.

THE ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK.

SIR,—I can assure Mr. Wesley T. Page that about thirty years ago, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were imported alive into this country. I am not at all surprised that Dr. Russ praises this bird very highly. I consider it the most melodious songster of all the hard-billed foreign birds. About thirty years ago I wanted a live Pine Grosbeak. I had a stuffed one which had been shot in Sussex, and any bird that I saw advertised of somewhat similar colour to the Pine, I purchased, and that was how I obtained my first Rose-breasted Grosbeak in 1879. Being so pleased with its song, and its hardiness, and being able to feed it on Canary and hemp seeds, I afterwards purchased others; the last memo. note for them that I have is dated March, 1886: "Rose-breasted Grosbeak, found dead, too fat, in outdoor aviary." I did not buy any after this date, as although, as a rule, it was perfectly harmless to other birds flying in the aviary, I caught this last one making a meal off a nest of Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids. I am surprised that these birds are never now advertised for sale. I gave 12s. 6d. each for all that I had. The rose colour on the breast is not very conspicuous, but when the bird flies, it shows distinctly under the wings. About the same time I had these birds I also purchased some Red-shouldered Starlings and Bob-o-links, which I never now see advertised. Neither do I see Purple Finches offered for sale—a bird that every Hybrid-breeder should buy to try to breed from. They are also excellent songsters and very hardy.

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MEALWORMS AND SOME STRANGE BEETLES.

SIR,—"Very Anxious," in your issue of October 10, is deeply concerned about some strange insects amongst his mealworms. If he would try experiments as I have done, he would find they originate from decayed matter; neither the strange insects nor the decayed matter ought to be there. His mealworm box ought to smell as wholesome as a meal bin in a country windmill (which I have had some little to do with). Where do these fat, healthy, mealworms in a meal bin come from? You don't find dog biscuits, poultry food, dead birds, rags, etc., put in there to make them; when you do this sort of thing you add very unpleasant trouble to your box, besides creating these insects. Your best plan is to get rid of this trouble at once, sift your worms from the contents of the box, and put them into clean bran, till you can make a new box, and burn the refuse. After this, go to a little trouble (for the Fancy, although a pleasure and very interesting, is far from a lazy man's hobby, and cannot be made successful without a little trouble), and get some ¾in. wood and make a box a foot all ways, with a sliding lid like a pencil box. Tack strips of zinc round the top inside, 2ins. deep, to keep the worms from crawling up; bore half-inch holes in the lid covered with gauze for ventilation, or an unpleasant moisture will set in. Then fill your box (as described many times in CAGE BIRDS) with the fresh bran and meal bagging, with a little barley-meal mixed. Turn your worms in, and you will have no unpleasantness. If you want to give them a little change of food, put a slice or two of brown or wholemeal bread on the top, and your birds will repay you for your fat and healthy mealworms. I advocate wood instead of tin, as it is warmer. I trust the above may be the means of helping "Very Anxious."

A. MALLETT.

A POLICEMAN'S ALLEGED HIGH-HANDED ACTION.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS I beg to ask if you could give me any information as to what would be best for me to do in the case which has befallen me. Living in a district where Goldfinches are plentiful, and having a great liking for this beautiful bird, I managed to get a trap-cage, and having an old Finch (in my possession for over 12 months) I endeavoured to get or catch a young one. Not having the good fortune to catch a young Finch, I last week bought one from an old friend. Yesterday morning I placed the old Finch in my trap-cage and set the trap, putting at the same time the young Finch I had bought in a small cage on the top of the trap-cage. It is a double trap, so of course I put the small cage on one of the trap lids and used only one trap. These cages I placed in my garden hedge, which was against another garden, a part of which was rented by our constable, P.C. T——. He was not on duty, but was on sick list. P.C. T—— on seeing my cages, came over the garden hedge and took the cages, with birds, away. My wife saw him take them, as I was away from home at work. There was no bird caught in the trap. When I came home my wife told me what had happened, and I went over to the constable and demanded my birds. He told me he should not give them up until he was of a mind to. He said, you had a young bird in the cage and you had no right to. When I told him I had bought the young bird, of course, he asked where? I declined to tell him; I told him that was no part of the case. He then said: "Well, now, the quicker you clear outside the better." So, of course, I wished him good night. Would it be asking too much of you to give me your opinion on the matter, as I am only a working man. My wife is also very ill (suffering from consumption), so I can therefore ill-afford to be put to a great expense. Do you thing the P.C. is justified in taking my birds in this manner? He said my cages were evidently put out for the purpose of catching Goldfinches, so the matter would be reported. If you could give me any little advice I should be very grateful.

HENRY SAUNDERS.

(Our correspondent's letter we sent at once to our legal adviser, a barrister-at-law, and his reply was forwarded on as soon as it came to hand. It read: "If the facts are as set forth in the above letter, the police constable has committed larceny. If he has seized the cage in the execution of his duty he should have reported the matter at once, and our correspondent would have learnt officially that he had done so. In any event, the officer has no right to retain the cage for his own personal use. That is nothing but theft. We advise our correspondent to threaten the officer with legal proceedings unless his property is at once returned, and if this is not effective, to place the matter in the hands of a solicitor."—EDITOR.)

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Mr. J. A. Eckersley.

(The respected President of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and a very successful exhibitor of that variety.)

Your ANNUAL contains a wealth of useful information that cannot fail to be immensely helpful to the beginner. It is also highly valuable as a handy book of reference for the experienced fancier, and it should certainly be found wherever there is a bird-room.—J. ANDREWS ECKERSLEY.

Mr. Thos. Robson.

(This well-known North-country fancier is secretary of the Northern Crest Club, and well-known as an exhibitor of the Crested Canary.)

The usefulness of the ANNUAL can hardly be over-estimated. I beg to say I got a dozen copies early in the year, and they were eagerly taken from me by fanciers the same night. I enjoyed reading the various articles very much, particularly those by Messrs. House and Houlton. I think, from the exhibition fancier's point of view, and, indeed, from all, it would be very hard to beat.—THOS. ROBSON.

Mr. J. H. Payne.

(There is no more popular and respected judge than Mr. Payne, who in his day was also one of our most successful exhibitors.)

It would be quite impossible to speak too highly of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is a grand publication in every way, most instructive to the novice, and very interesting to the oldest hand. Certainly no bird keeper should be without a copy. I am sure if such a book had been on the market during my early days in the Fancy, there would have been no difficulty in getting for it ten times its present price.—J. H. PAYNE.

Mr. Geo. Crabb.

(A keen lover of birds, and for many years the honoured President of the L. and P.O.S.)

During the holiday times I have had another opportuuity of again looking over your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and I must say I consider it a wonderfully useful book of reference both for novices and for breeders of experience. It would, perhaps, be invidious to single out any particular points of merit, but the items that appealed most to me were the beautifully-drawn and well-coloured sketch of the Bramble-finch-Chaffinch Hybrid, and also the "Washing" sketches and description. Novices should not neglect washing their birds. Many a prize has been secured by "finish."—G. CRABB.

Mr. J. Trengove.

(Holder of the Challenge Cup of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and famous as a winner of numerous prizes.)

Allow me to congratulate you on your latest (1908) issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I think it is far superior to any previous number. Its illustrations are works of art, and the book is a real help to the champion, and guide to the amateur.—J. TRENGOVE.

Mr. J. Bailey.

(The firm of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger is known wherever there are lovers of the graceful Yorkshire Canary. They are holders of the splendid Y.C.C. challenge trophy.)

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, I must say, is A1. I am sure it improves every season, and the 1908 issue is splendid. I don't wonder at your having such a large sale for it, as I call it most valuable, especially to beginners.—J. BAILEY.

Mr. W. Vardy.

(Another of our present-day judges, and a highly popular official. A past winner of the Norwich Plainhead Club's Cup, and still an exhibitor whose birds have to be reckoned with.)

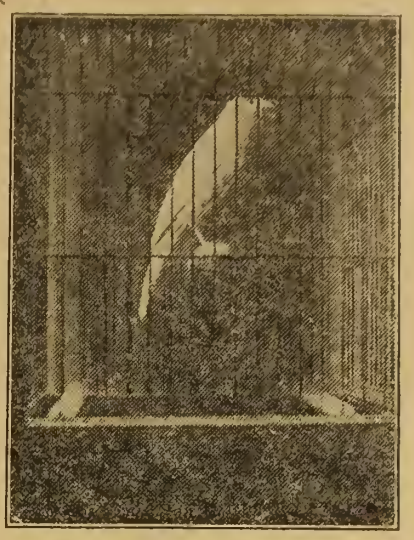
I think no fancier should be without CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I refer to it for many things myself. It is useful to us old fanciers as well as to new ones—the cheapest six-pennyworth it is possible for bird fanciers to get.—W. VARDY.

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Mr. Paddock's Yorkshire.

With reference to the above photograph, Mr. Paddock writes: The bird depicted is one of my Yorkshires. It is a most typical bird, and has won in very keen competition, several times over our Northern friends. In all, it has placed about 12 firsts to my credit, and won the King's Heath bowl twice following, besides several other specials. Judges: Payne, Battye, Russell, Bexson, and others. The picture accentuates that which you have often commented upon, viz., the great difficulty in photographing Canaries. I thought it might interest readers.

THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 261.)

PLYMOUTH (W.C.O.S.)

What Newcastle and Manchester are to the North, Plymouth is to the West, and in the long stretch of country from London to Penzance is easily first in the realms of cage birds. The position of the W.C.O.S. is and has been unique for more than a generation; in its younger days it was lusty and strong, and even now, when ripened and mellowed by age (next year being its jubilee), it is as vigorous and thrustful as ever. Of its intense virility the show held in the Corn Exchange on October 20th and 21st gave ample proof, the magnificent entry of 622 being recorded.

Yorkshires, with five open classes, had the splendid entry of 71, and the quality right through was very high class. A number of the exhibits have not yet got used to the show cages, and were very timid and shy when handled, whilst a number had not quite finished the moult. Yorkshires are evidently making headway down West.

Norwich which, like the Yorkshires, were judged by Mr. House, were under the patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, had eight classes, and totalled 143, whilst the quality was simply wonderful. Plymouth from its early days has ever been one of our strongest centres of Norwich breeding, and never was it stronger than it is to-day; it was therefore to be expected that the local breeders would come well out of the contest with their brethren from a distance, and this they did in no mean style. Mr. Colling's was second in buff ticks with a lovely bird which notched the first win for his persevering owner on the new challenge cup. Our readers will hear with deep regret that Mr. Collings has for some weeks been suffering severely from a most painful internal malady, but we are pleased to say that although still confined to his room he has turned the corner. Amongst the exhibits from a distance deserving of note were those of Messrs. E. Baker, J. Hodder, J. W. Rennie, C. H. Withers, Hopkins and Allsop, T. J. Rickard, and W. R. Miles.

Mr. Robson had a grand display of Crests and Crest-breds to test his powers of discrimination, and he got through well. Local breeders did not do so well as we have seen them in the days of yore, the only first prizes which they captured being those secured by Mr. W. G. French. Other local breeders who staged good birds and caught the judge's eye were Messrs. R. B. Tope, C. T. Hoar, J. Ryder (who was fortunate enough to keep one of the C.C.C. specials in Plymouth), and A. Richards. Amongst the birds from outside were some gems of the first water, and with the exception of the fine team which Mr. Lazarus sent down from London, and which did so much execution, most of them came from the home county, to wit, those of Messrs. Bale, Evins Bros., and Piper, whilst the West was also well represented by the teams of Messrs. T. J. King, Menadue, J. and J. Symons, and Rev. J. G. Joyce. The Hybrid and British section were both rather short in numbers, the clashing with Bristol evidently affecting the entry. The exhibits were of good quality, notably the light Mule class; here almost any bird might have been selected for premier honours so closely did they press each other. The cup for best Mule or Hybrid bred during the year was won by a lightly-marked Goldie Canary, the reserve bird being a Greenfinch-Bullie, good colour, nice size.

The management of the show was splendid in every detail. As the birds arrived they were unpacked, their numbers checked off, immediately staged, fed, and watered. There were plenty of willing stewards, and everything was done that could be done to render both exhibits and visitors comfortable. Judging started at 8.40, was over about 1.30, and catalogues with awards in the margin were on sale by two o'clock. Mr. T. Pope again acted as secretary, having as his assistant Mr. W. A. Dyer, and two better secretaries the W.C.O.S. has never had. Prompt, business-like, and courteous in all that pertained to their office, they did much to further the success of this the forty-ninth show of the society. Mr. Dart, the popular chairman, was most energetic in directing the work of the stewards, amongst whom were included such good and tried fanciers as Messrs. W. French (vice-chairman), F. Wills, E. Lott, W. C. Deeble, C. Hoar, G. Garland, J. Ryder, F. G. Snell, W. H. Tottle, H. Farmer, C. Jewell, C. Reed, S. Tucker, J. C. Rowe, L. S. B. Clark, and G. Pridham, whilst others who rendered valuable assistance were the veterans Cheney and Spillman. The venture was most successful from a fanciers standpoint, and we trust it was so financially. Next year is the jubilee, and we believe the committee intend celebrating it in a manner worthy of the occasion and the reputation of our oldest ornithological society.

Mr. House's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Ellis, slim, stylish cheek-marked, fine head and neck, rare wings and tail, lovely feather and position; 2, Lovell, very slim and magnificent shape, colour, and quality, but does not get up on his legs so well; 3, Woodley, grand body, rare shape and quality, nice colour, very racy and stylish, beaten in head; 4, Burton, a grand stamp of Yorkie, but not so tight in feather as the leaders; vhc, Pope, very shapely, nice quality, but needs training; hc, Chirgwin; c, Jewell. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Banks, sweet clear, very smart, racy, and stylish in carriage, grand silky feather, tapers away very nicely right through; 2, vhc, Woodley, grizzled on cheek, very shapely bird of lovely quality, very racy, but does not get up to his work; 3, Parnell and Son, very slim and grandly modelled, rare quality of feather, grand position, but hardly ready; 4, Tringham, rare shape and style, full of nerve, grand wings and tail, but not tightened up yet; hc, Stone and Elstow; c, Clark. VARIEG. (9): 1, spl, Burton, three-pointed cinnamon-marked, a bird of wonderful quality, rare shape and style, stands like a soldier, and feathered like a Java; 2, Banks, beautifully feathered, eye and wing-marked, rare carriage and action, not so slimly built; 3, Harries, a variegated, feathered like glass, wonderful position, handles extremely well, just a shade too corpulent; 4, Tringham, another very stylish variegated, better shape than 3rd, but not so fine feather or carriage; vhc, Large, grand eye and wing-marked, not ready; hc, Chirgwin; c, Parrish. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Parnell and Son, very charming eye and wing-marked, as tight as wax and rare sheen, grand shape, full of nerve, and handles well; 2, Woodley, very slim, grandly shaped yellow, nice colour and beautiful shape, but does not get up straight enough; 3, Jeffries, neck ticked yellow, beautiful shape and quality of feather, very smart and stylish, needs a bit more length; 4, Hodge, nice shaped, stylish buff, good head, back, wings and tail, stands well, but has not yet tightened up; vhc, Ellis, grand positioned, nice feathered buff, bit stout in waist; hc, Lovell; c, Wills. HEN (16): 1, spl, Banks, very smart little lassie, full of style, grandly figured, and her coat fitted her to perfection, a wing ticked yellow; 2, spl, Lovell, wing ticked buff, a really grand Yorkie, full of stylo and quality, nice shape and position, hardly ready; 3, Gregory, grand topped yellow, stands to attention like a soldier, beautiful quality and shape, but opens her tail a bit; 4, Harries, grandly feathered, grizzled cap and tail yellow, very stylish, handling well, but has just a trifle too much waist; vhc, Jeffrey, sweetly modelled buff, grand feather, short on leg; hc, Wills; c, Tringham. MEMBERS' YELL. (6): 1, spl, Woodley, very slim and sleek, handles well, and comports himself as a high-class Yorkie should; 2, vhc, Harries, longer and also stouter, grand style and quality of feather; 3, Olver, ticked on head, very sweet and neat, grand feather; 4, hc, Clark, grand shape and feather, not so steady. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Harries, wonderful feather and style, capital shape, well shown; 2, Woodley, not so neat in head, grand shaped body, beautiful feather and carriage; 3, Jewell, grandly shaped and nice feathers, not used to show cage; 4, c, Large; vhc, Olver; hc, Clark. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Olver; 2, Clark; 3, Large; nothing special in this class. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Jewell, very sweet up and wing-marked, nice quality and style; 2, Clark, beautiful quality, capital shape, and very showy; 3, Harries, nice shapely cinnamon-marked; 4, Large. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, c, spl, and challenge cup, Clark, a charming yellow, lovely head and neck, grand wings and tail, beautiful figure, and carries herself well; 2, Harries, eye and cheek marked, grand quality and style, needs length; 3, vhc, Jewell, eye and wing ticked, rare shape and feather, grand carriage, hardly ready; 4, hc, Olver; wrong class 5, Clark, too mealy for yellow. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Harries, beautifully feathered, sweet head, grand position, and rare style; 2, 4, Jewell, hardly so slim, grandly feathered and very stylish; 3, Clark, nice shape and feather, but did not like handling; vhc, Large. NOR. YELL. (21): 1, spl, Spillman, rare Bullfinch shape, stout chubby head and cheeks, rare neck and chest, very short wings and tail, grand quality, and holds himself well across perch; 2, Rennie, much richer in colour, grandly feathered, nice deep wide chest, good wings and tail, not so stout in head and neck; 3, Gill and Pethick, smart stylish beautifully-feathered bird, very sound and rich in colour, nice head, not so chubby in body; 4, Hodder, very short, compact, chubby-bodied bird of grand colour, shows himself well, but was not well put down; vhc, Collings, a grand-shaped bird, not ready; hc, Miles; c, Banbury. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Hodder, not so chubby in head as he might be, yet his grand-shaped body, with his rich even colour and tight glistening coat pulled him through; 2, E. Baker, very hot in colour, lovely quality and finish of feather, grand-shaped body, could do with a bit more head; 3, Spillman, very tight and compact in feather, rare chest and back, capital wings and tail, hardly so much colour; 4, Kilby, splendid colour and quality of feather, grand chest and back, neat wings and tail, not enough rise of skull; vhc, Yates, rare colour and quality, nice shape, bit open; hc, Rennie; c, Miles. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Spillman, very short, plump, cobby grizzled cap bird, neat wings and tail, rare quality of feather, nice even colour, but somewhat pale, won 1st in young class last year; 2, Midgley, thigh ticked, wonderful colour and quality, magnificent head and neck, rare chest, but quite long enough, a good big 'un; 3, Parish, wing-marked, grand colour, nice chubby body, well feathered, shows just a suspicion of browing; 4, vhc, E. Baker, very sweet wing-marked, grand colour and quality of feather, not tightened up yet, and was a bit horny; hc, Collings; c, Banbury. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Richard, wing-marked, very short and chubby, nice even colour, well and regularly mealed, very tight in feather, and hold himself well; 2, Collings, takes members' challenge cup, eye marked, richer in colour, very bold-looking bird, nice head and chest, not so well mealed; 3, Tottle, ticked wing, hardly so chubby in head, lovely shaped body, superb colour, and quality of feather; 4, Rennie, wing and eye marked, not so stout, but magnificent colour and quality of feather; vhc, Garland, sweet eye marked, lovely quality, hardly so stout; hc, Snell; c, Boyden. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, spl, Hopkins and Allsop, eye marked, very compact in body, grand rich even colour, feathered to perfection, a very smart and typical bird; 2, Withers, grizzled tail, a bird of wonderful quality, rich level colour, nice shape and holds himself well across perch; 3, Rennie, very hot in colour, rare shape, grand quality of feather, needs steadying, wins Sandiford's colour-feed special; 4, Spillman, grand shape, nice even colour, capital quality of feather,

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in fact a bit too fine, and horns slightly; vhc, Midgley, grand colour and quality of feather, not so deep in chest; c, Collings. BUFF (18): 1, spl, G. J. Baker, very handsome grizzled cup, short chubby bird, grand head and neck, beautiful colour, and very tightly feathered; 2, Spillman, saddle-marked, stouter head, neck, and body, very short wings and tail, nice even colour, compact in feather but just lacks polish of winner; 3, Gill and Pethick, grand showy clear of rare quality and colour, in grand form, hardly so stoutly built as the leaders; 4, Rickard, eye ticked, one of the best shaped birds in the class, nice even colour and grandly moulded, shown in a very dirty cage, and needed a wash himself; vhc, Rennie, rare colour and quality, nice-shaped body, hardly so stout in head; hc, Garland; c, Miles. HEN, YELL. (18): 1, spl, Collings, short, stout and cobby right through, an almost ideal Norwich hen, beautiful rich even colour, and the finest of silky feather; 2, Spillman, lovely colour and quality of feather, rare chest and back, capital wings, not so chubby in head; 3, Miles, very nice shaped, eye ticked, beautiful colour and quality of feather, does not carry himself so well; 4, Tottle, marked eye and vent, as tight as wax, beautifully even in colour, rare shaped body, loses in head; vhc, hc, Bailey, grand shape and colour, not quite ready; c, E. Baker. BUFF (21): 1, spl, E. Baker, ticked on head, very short and compact in shape, rare quality of feather, rich even colour, and beautifully frosted; 2, Hodder, variegate splendid shape and style, capital colour, nice fine feather, but not so tight as winner; 3, Hopkins and Allsop, a wonderful clear for colour, shape and quality of feather, but she is a bit awkward with her wings; 4, Gill and Pethick, not so chubby, but lovely colour and quality, and beautifully mealed on rich undercolour; vhc, White, grand-shaped saddle-marked, nice colour and quality, bit horny; hc, Collings; c, Stroud. MEMBERS' YELL. (11): 1, spl, Collings, a bird of rare shape, colour, and quality, was reserve for challenge cup; 2, Tucker, not so nicely moulded in head, capital chest, neat wings and tail, good colour and feather; 3, Ruse, very hot in colour, rare quality, nice type, but horny; 4, vhc, Spillman, nice feather and colour, not so stout; hc, Parrish; c, Bailey. BUFF (18): 1, 3, spl, Rowe, not the largest, but rare nice type, with splendid colour and quality of feather; 2, Bailey, grand shape and quality of feather, even but not so hot in colour; 4, French; vhc, Tope; hc, Tucker; c, Collings. TKD. YELL (10): 1, spl, 2, Garland, heavily variegated and a wing-marked, two grand-shaped birds, beautiful colour and quality of feather; 3, 4, French, two grand-shaped birds of nice quality, but not so steady; vhc, c, Spillman; hc, Baker. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Tucker, wing-marked, grand shape, colour, and quality, very smart; 2, Collings, thigh marked, grand shape and feather, not so even in colour; 3, c, Spillman, nice shapely head, marked, not so rich in colour; 4, Garland; vhc, Ruse; hc, French. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, spl, Ruse, very short cobby bird of lovely colour and feather, ticked on head; 2, Collings, clean, of good feather and colour, not so short; 3, Garland, rare shaped clear, not so steady, nice feather; 4, Spillman; vhc, Bailey; hc, Parrish; c, Tucker. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Ruse, very neat-bodied, saddle-marked, capital colour and feather; 2, Spillman, nice shapely clear, not so fine in feather; 3, vhc, Garland, check and neck marked, grandly feathered; 4, Bailey; hc, Snell; c, Collings.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

CRESTS, CL. BODY (9): 1, 3, spl, and C.C. spl, 2nd best Crest, Bale, grandly centred, beautifully drooped, full frontal, nice quality, good shaped body, slight break at side; 3rd, lovely shaped clear, splendid front and droop, a handsome bird; 2, Evins Bros., big, massive, well drooped, densely feathered crest, capital front and sides, bit rough behind; 4, Piper, not so wide or so densely feathered, very neatly centred, and well radiated; vhc, Pooley, lovely quality and plenty of feather, but not ready; hc, Brotherton; c, Chapple; absent 8, Bale. VARIEG. (11): 1, spl, King, very clearly defined centre, very regular in radiation, great length and density of feather, neatly drooped, grand body; 2, Joyce, large spreading crest, great length of feather, capital quality, not so neat in centre; 3, Piper, C.C. spl, good sides and back, neat centre, well drooped and radiated, just a shade thin in front; 4, Hoar, very neat in centre, well radiated, nicely drooped, but not enough of it; vhc, Bavage, good quality, neat centre and droop, not so round; hc, Symons; c, Brotherton. HEN (11): 1, spl, and C.C. spl best Crest, Evins Bros., grand quality green, rare shape and density, nice length of feather, well drooped, broad thick front, stout well-feathered body; 2, Lazarus, wing-marked, beautiful quality, rare shape and radiation, neat centre, capital front and sides; 3, King, wing and tail marked, very dense and great length of feather, a truly grand bird if centre was more distinct; 4, Pooley, green with pied tail, splendid length, density and quality of feather, nice clear centre, is inclined to lift; vhc, Piper, capital centre and front, weak at side; hc, c, Bale. C.B. LIGHT (8): 1, spl, French, ticked neck, very stout bird, rare head, neck and body, great length and width of both head and body feather, a grand exhibit; 2, Tope, ticked on eye, capital shape of skull and plenty of substance, rare browing, hardly so much front; 3, Evins Bros., very handsome clear, plenty of long, broad feather, nice rise of skull, hardly so nice; 4, King, rare shaped clear, capital width and rise of skull, short body, well covered with long broad feather; vhc, Preston, nicely feathered, hardly so much rise of skull; hc, Bale; c, Symons. VARIEG. (15): 1, spl, Lazarus, very heavily feathered green, capital shape and substance of skull, great density of feather both on skull and body; 2, King, very stout-bodied, big-headed variegated, plenty of heavy feather of rare quality, a grand bird; 3, Bale, nice shapely variegated, capital quality, very densely feathered, hardly so long in front or browing; 4, Piper, nice broad shapely-headed green, good length and width of body feather, hardly so much browing, vhc, Haskell, good long feathered green, not so wide in skull; hc, Joyce; c, Hoar. HEN (16): 1, spl, C.C. spl, best C.B., Lazarus, very massive green with pied tail, grand shaped massive skull, covered with an abundance of long broad good quality feathers; 2, c, spl, Ryder, takes C.C. spl, second best C.B., wonderfully shaped green with pied tail, grand cushion head, well covered and nicely lashed; 3, Hoar, lovely green with pied tail, rare shape and substance, splendid quality and length of feather; 4, Menadire, another grand green, rare shaped skull and body, nicely lashed, hardly so much front; vhc, Bale, variey, with plenty of feather, beaten in substance; hc, Symons. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, French, variey, Crest cock, and green C.B. hen, capital shape and feather, and well matched; 2, Ryder, two beautiful greens of high quality and plenty of feather; 3, Symons, green Crest cock, and wing and cap marked C.B. hen, not so much feather, but grand shape and quality; 4, Richards, good heavily variegated, well feathered pair; vhc, Lazarus; hc, Frisson; c, Tope. MEMBERS' CREST YELL. can celled. BUFF Cl. BODY (2): 1, 2, Bavage, two nice neat bodied birds with shapely crests, 1, dark, 2, grey. VARIEG. (9): 1, cup, Pessell's spl, Ryder, very handsome saddle-marked, good clear centre, splendid radiation and droop; 2, Hoar, grand quality variey. neat centre, good sides and back, bit short in front; 3, 4, vhc, Barage, very neat wing and neck marked, and a nice green; hc, Rowe; c, Joyce. C.B. LIGHT (11): 1, Ryder, marked eye and shoulder, grand shape, plenty of feather of good length and width; 2, Tope, heavily feathered, shapely, clear, nice shape, not so wide in front; 3, Priston, capital head and wing marked, good shape and length of feather; 4, Snell; vhc, Bavnge; hc, Rowe; c, Richards. CINN. (9): 1, vhc, Medlin, grand shaped yellow, beautiful quality, sound even colour, nice head; 2, 3, 4, Pope, buff, yellow and buff, three grand coloured birds, very sound and rich, nice shapely bodies, and beautiful silky feather; hc, Burton; c, French. MEMBERS (3): 1, 2, 3, cup, Pope, two yellows and n buff not far behind his open winners. BELGIAN, ETC (8): 1, 4, Baker, two very stylish yellows, first, fine in head, long well drawn neck, splendid short riders and wings, very racy; 4, capital body and style, carries head too high; 2, 3, Howell, well moulded buff and yellow, grand shape, splendid position coming to hand very quick; vhc, Longdon; hc, Roberts; c, Richards. A.O.V., cancelled. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, Bailey, very nicely matched pair of Norwich, grand colour and quality; 2, Baker, smart stylish Belgians, capital heads and necks, rare shoulders; 3, Witts, very stylish, fine feathered, shnpely Yorkshires; 4, Spillman, grand pair of clear Norwich, rare type and quality; vhc, Horrill; hc, Tucker; c, Yates. MEMBERS, PAIRS (5): 1, spl, French; 2, Spillman; 3, Bailey; 4, Tucker, four really choice pairs of Plainhead, Norwich ,of excellent type and quality; vhc, Garland. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Harries, nice stylish Lancashire Plainhead, and a good green Yorkshire. GROUPS (6): 1, Collings; 2, Garland; 3, French; 4, Spillman, four very interesting cages of Norwich Plainheads; vhc, Snell; hc, Yates.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

HYBRIDS.—LIGHT CANARY (9): 1, Hopkins, a lovely evenly marked, buff, rare size and feather, beautiful position, just wins from 2, Collins, a six pointed buff of wonderful size and feather, good blaze and wings; 3, Collins, a grand light Linnet, rare bird, well shown, deserves his position; 4, Rowe, a rich coloured yellow, just spoilt by a nasty breast mark; vhc, Browning, rare quality, lightly marked yellow, small, but good, well shown, cup winner; hc, Browning, big bouncing bird of good quality; c, Browning, a nearly clear yellow DARK CANARY (10): 1, Hingley, a lovely Redpoll, grand shape, showing good colour and markings, well shown; 2, Browning, a very fine Greenie, rare colour and quality, beautiful wings, fails a wee bit in head; 3, Browning, a fine raking Goldie, full of colour and quality, excellent condition; 4, Collins, another good Greenie, shade dark in colour, good condition; vhc, Phillips; hc, c, Browning. A.O.V. (7): 1, Collins, a fine bouncing Greenie-Bullie, good shape, lovely colour and feather, shows crosses well; 2, Browning, a lovely Linnet-Bullie, good colour and density of markings, very shapely, handsome bird; 3, Collins, a grand coloured Goldie-Bullie, good size, lovely blaze and bar, a very fine specimen; 4, Browning, another fine Greenie-Bullie, rare size, but wants a bit more finish; vhc, Ruse; hc, Mabbott, c, Leavers LIGHT (8): 1, Rowe, a fine four pointed buff, nice size, beautiful wings and face, capital shape; 2, Rowe, a good yellow, rather heavily mkd. good blaze and body colour; 3, Rowe, a lightly marked buff of good size and shape; 4, Wills, a good variey. bird, capital shape, nice touch of blaze; vhc, Wills; hc, Gouldson; c, Wills. DARK (7): 1, Ruse, a fine Goldie-Green, rare size and shape, wants a bit of finish; 2, Ruse, another good one, same cross, good feather and position; 3, Willis, a good little Goldie-Canary, shapely, and good colour, rather wild; 4, Gouldson, a nice Greenie-Canary, good size; vhc, Wills; hc, c, Gouldson. BRITISH GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (8): 1, White, a good Goldie, nicely tanned, capital blaze, good well buttoned wings; 2, Miss Giles, larger bird, hardly the face of first, lovely shape, and good rich wings; 3, Wall, a good, clean Goldie, clean cut b'aze, lovely shape, and feather, well shown; 4, Clark, another bouncing bird, will make a good one if carefully handled; vhc, Hopkins and Co.; hc, Corrin; c, Wall. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, Ford, a very fine Blackbird, rich in colour, very shapely and bold, a real beauty; 2, Price, a grand Thrush of good shape and beautifully spotted, lovely condition; 3, Lean and Son, a nice shapely Starling, excellent in spangling, wants a bit of size and polish; 4, Veal and Co., a good spotted Thrush. GOLD OR BULL FINCH (7): 1, Pridham, a grand hen Bullie, bold and shapely, lovely feather; 2, Large, a fine big Goldie, fair blaze, most excellent wing bars, and buttons; 3, Wills, another good Goldie ,splendidly tanned, very shapely; 4, White, a good bird, capital face and wings, wants a bit more time; vhc, Rapson; hc, Pope. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Pridham, a grand shapely Linnet, very freely pencilled, good back and wings; 2, Snell, a topping Twite, beautifully marked, nice shape and size, rich colour; 3, Pridham, another sweet Linnet, pencilled to thighs, very shapely, shade small; 4, Wills, a bold bird well marked and shapely, fails a bit in colour; vhc, Snell; hc, Rapson; c, Wills. A.O.V. SEED (10): 1, Deeble, a grand yellow Bunting, nice rich colour, and markings, very richly spangled, good win; 2, Snell, another good specimen, hardly so evenly marked, good bold bird; 3, Harvey, a lovely little Chaffinch, fails in nothing but size, quite a gentleman; 4, Dyer, a bold Hawfinch, with excellent bib and wings, shade wild; vhc, Rowe; hc, Large; c, Harvey. A.O.V. LARGE: vhc, Gouldson, a good Blackbird. SELL (20/-) (18): 1, Baker; 2, Bailey; 3, Roberts; 4, Price; vhc, Hart, Parsons, Rowe; hc, Pope, Brenton; c, Rowe, Richards, Tucker, Baker. (15/-) (11): 1, Pope; 2, Tope; 3, Snell; 4, French; vhc, Brenton; hc, Hart, Dart (10/-) (12): 1, Veale; 2, Deeble; 3, Tope; 4, Dyer; vhc, Towles; hc, Garland; c, Hart, Richards. FOREIGN LARGE (2): 1, Langdon, a very fine Amazon, rich in colour and good in feather, wonderful size. SMALL (5): 1, Hoyte, a beautiful blue Tanager, lovely colour and feather, not shown to best advantage, try another coloured cage; 2, Cooper, a lovely scarlet Tanager rare colour, and feather, a beauty; 3, Hoyte, a good red-headed Gouldian, rich colour, very tight in feather; vhc, Snell. PAIRS (2): 1, Hoar, a nice cage of Finches, all in rare feather and condition; 2, Hoyte, some charming specimens among them.

It will be seen from the report published in another column that the proposed Federation of London Cage Bird Societies is now no longer a proposal but an accomplished fact. The question of 'clashing with the Cage Bird Union seems to have had no existence in fact, seeing that the Federation will exercise jurisdiction only over members' shows and the members' classes at open shows held within the Metropolitan Police area.

GRIMSBY.

The second annual show connected with the Grimsby and Dist. O.S. was held on October 20, 21. There was a good classification, as well as good prize money and specials. Entries turned up to the tune of 307, just about the same as last year's total. The Corn Exchange, where the specimens were housed, is very spacious, lofty and of nice light (electricity by night), and is situated in close proximity to the station. It commends itself as a very suitable place for such an occasion. At the opening ceremony Lady Doughty, wife of Sir George Doughty, M.P., officiated, making a most dainty speech. Miss Dolly Stubbs, young daughter of Mr. H. E. Stubbs (chairman of the Society) presented to her ladyship a very pretty bouquet of flowers; needless to say, it gave great pleasure. The vice-chairman is Mr. R. Robinson. The committee consists of well-known and well-tried funciers, in Messrs. Cotterill, Cartwright, Dowie, Drayton, Good, Moore, Metcalfe, Pett and Way. Each and every one did all in their power to help things along in the way they should go, and are to be highly complimented for the exertions they put forth. The treasurer is Mr. B. Harding, and the hon. auctioneer Mr. J. W. Harness, a couple of most useful officials. The secretaries are Messrs. Moore and Crowston. A better pair of workers it would be very difficult to find. Both are extremely courteous and obliging, being always on the move, and great praise is due to them for the manner in which they manipulated their work. The catalogue opened with the Norwich Plainheads, which were admitted to be grand. Most of the plums in this section fell into the hands of the following: Messrs. W. H. Moore, A. H. Waters, W. T. Pepper, W. J. Allen, G. Harland, and Mrs. D. Hope, wife of the late lamented Dan Hope. One missed Dan's birds amongst the short and chubby ones. The novice Norwich provided a very good assortment. What a grand clear buff hen is that of the worthy sec. (W. H. Moore), admired by all present. It was shown in the £3 limit, and won Hyde's and Members' Specials. Yorkshires, the birds of grace and beauty, were up in rather strong force; 36 birds in the two open classes, and 22 in the two novice classes. Capital specimens were those owned by Messrs. Foden, Allen, Holmes, and Precious. Crests and Mules helped to swell the show, with one or two good ones amongst them. British captivated one; the Wryneck, owned by Mr. J. Milne, looked as well as ever, and was closely followed by a smart Nightingale owned by Mr. T. Arnold. The foreign gave an excellent tone to the exhibition, drawing great attention. The staging was done in grand style. The benches were nicely draped with red muslin, and bunting hung about all over the show-room, very tastefully. Chrysanthemums, ferns, and foliage, kindly lent for the occasion by A. Sutcliffe, Esq., assisted greatly to enhance the function. Sandiford's special went to Mr. F. Emerson, his ticked yell. Nor. doing the trick with his "red-hot" appearance. Ramsden's was captured by Mr. W. Johnson, his marked yell. Nor. hen (passed as a cock) answering to the call. The stewards were Messrs. Dowie, Harding, Oliver, Cotterill, and Cartwright, who proved themselves a capital lot. Prize slips were displayed quickly as each class was judged. Everything went off well. The judges were Messrs. Roe and Medley.

The Open Classes.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, spl, Moore, fine substance and shape, capital colour and feather, clean cut, a gem; 2, marked right wing, good in quality and colour, nice size and shape; 3, Stubbs, variey., extra cobby, tight as wax, well up in substance; 4, Clew, cl., A1 feather and colour, good front, clean cut, wee bit long in tail; vhc, Harland, hc, Emerson; c, Mrs. D. Hope. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Waters, cl., short, thick-set, good feather, nicely mealed, jaunty carriage; 2, Mrs. Hope, cl., red-hot, A1 quality, fine substance, rare head and neck, keep him on low diet, Mrs. H.; 3, Barraclough, marked left wing and head, rattling colour and feather, grand body and shape; 4, Harland, bouncing cl., ablaze with colour, lovely head and neck; vhc, hc, Stubbs; c, Moore. YELL. 1908 (10): 1, spl, vhc, Hope, former gem of a cl., beautiful colour and quality, grand shape and size, A1 wing carriage; 2, Pepper, cl., all there for shape, size and quality, moves well; 3, 4, Moore, ticked neck, red-hot, soft silky texture of feather, true type; 4, grizzle, root of tail, extra cobby, A1 feather and colour; hc, c, Hunt. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Pepper, cl., like a Bullfinch for type, fine substance, rattling feather, good colour and carriage; 2, vhc, Harland, hotter in colour, capital type and quality; 3, Emerson, marked eyes and wings, rattling colour and feather, A1, body, shape; 4, Moore, cl., superior feather, nice colour and mealy, rather on the small side; hc, Hope; c, Moore. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Allen, massive cl., grand feather and colour, A1 type and carriage, clean under, a gem; 2, Barraclough, another large specimen, good in feather, shape and colour, outer flights of left wing missing; 3, Clews, cap marked, slashing feather and colour, well up in size, A1 shape; 4, Townsend, bouncing cl., good in type and colour, well across perch; vhc, Moore; hc, Stubbs; c, Harland. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Harland, cl, well up in substance, capital type, rare head, neck and chest, grand wings and tail; 2, hc, Hope, cl, smooth as wax, splendid quality, nice colour, well frosted, jaunty carriage; 3, Waters, cl, lovely feather, nice size and colour, grand body shape; 4, Moore, very similar to 3, not much between them; vhc, Allen; c, Hunt. NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, Allen, cobby cl, yell., silky feather, good carriage and size; 2, Allen, buff, marked wings and head, typical, A1 feather, nicely cut away; 3, Way, cl. buff, shapely, looks like a hen, good trim. NOVICE OPEN: NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Moore, charming thigh tick, slashing colour and feather, capital shape, tight as wax, one we liked; 2, Emerson, marked right wing, red hot, excelling in shape, grand all over; 3, Mason, cl, A1 feather and colour, good size and wing carriage, worth its place; 4, Oliff, marked left wing, smaller, but all there for type, colour and quality; vhc, Keech; hc, Riley; c, Gibson. No. 1, Simpson, w.c., buff var., very bonny one. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Frith, cl, true type, teeming with quality, capital colour and meal, when taking notes appeared little down; 2, Gibson, cl, good in size, colour and quality, nice carriage, not quite so thick set, yet one we liked; 3, Mason, cl, chubby, rich tone of colour, splendid feather, grand front, not far behind; 4, Duckitt, cl, all type, A1 colour and feather, capital carriage; vhc, Johnson; hc, Simpson; c, Keech. HEN (10): 1, Hyde's special best shown by a member, Moore, junr., cl buff, model for type, tight as a Java, jaunty carriage, charming unidon; 2, Riley, cl buff, smooth as wax, cobby, nice size, good wings and tail; 3, Mason, yell., cap marked, fine substance, colour and quality; 4, Oliff, cl yell, good in size and quality, nice wings; vhc, Walker and Scrivener; hc, Moore; c, Duckitt. YORKS. CK. (19): A good lot; 1, spl, Foden, cl. yell., fine long drawn specimen, stands well up on clever legs, well filled back, A1 wing carriage; 2, Lindsay, yell., marked left wing, good length and position, nice feather and colour; 3, Hodgson, cl. buff, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, very stylish, 4, c, Knowles, cl. yell, slim and upstanding, capital feather, will yet improve; vhc, Smith. BUFF (17): Nice class, this; 1, spl, 2, Allen, couple of stylish exhibits, winner, yell., tinked neck, straight up, nice length, tight as a Java, in the pink; 2nd, cap marked yell., equal in every respect, like two peas, well put down; 3, Simpson, cl. buff, as though chiselled out of marble, A1 position, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest; 4, hc, Knowles, yell., thigh tick, slim, stands grand, lovely back and wings; vhc, Trueman; c, Barnes. NOV. LIMIT £3, YORKS. CK. (13): 1, spl, Holmes, cl. buff, true Yorkie, capital length and position, good in feather and colour, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, Girling, cl. buff, lovely colour and quality, equal to winner in length, but does not get up so well; 3, hc, Frith, yell., marked wing and head, narrow and of nice length; 4, Stamford, buff, marked head, superior quality; vhc, Precious; c, Walker and Scrivener. HEN (9): 1, spl, Precious, cl. yell., fine, slim damsel, excellent feather and stand, grand back and wing carriage; 2, Walker and Scrivener, cl. buff, smooth as glass, straight as a gun barrel, nice length; 3, Radley, yell., neck ticked, very lengthy, capital feather and position; 4, Barnes, yell., thigh tick, nice, worth its place; vhc, Holmes; hc, Stamford; c, Bennison. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Clarke, buff green, pied tail, dc., rich veiny feather, showing nice substance, crest round as a rim; 2, 4, Simpson, cl. buff, C.B., possessing nice quality, good shaped body, rattling skull and lash; 4, buff var. D.C., good size and feather, crest of nice formation; 3, Clews, buff, cl. body, grizzle crest, grand feather, good 3rd; 4, Niven. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 3, Ingram, yell. and buff Cinnamons respectively, both capital colour and feather; 2, 4, Barnes, Gold Lizard, and buff Cinnamon, former nice specimen, good in colour, latter A1 colour and burnish; vhc, hc, Leman. SELL. (15/-) (13): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Johnson; 4, Barwick; vhc, Robinson; hc, Barnes; c, Briggs. (20/-) (7): 1, Simpson; 2, Oliff; 3, Robinson; 4, Clarke; vhc, Moore; hc, Briggs. GIFT (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Cartwright. MULES (6): 1, spl, 3, Wray, winner buff Go die-Can., lightly marked right wing and head; 3rd, buff, Go die-Can., marked wing and head, good feather, looks like a hen; 2, Grimes, Siskin-Mule, fine size, good feather, out of shape through being too fat, treat sparingly, Mr. G.; 4, Walker and Scrivener, Linnet-Mule, dark, nice size and colour; vhc, Towl; hc, Sowden. BRIT. GOLDIE ETC. (5): 1, spl, Hunt, fine-shaped Bullie, good cap, nice breast, in grand form; 2, Riley, Goldie, good bars and buttons, nice size and shape, not up in face yet 3, 4, Dix, couple of very fair Go'dies, not much between them. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Henshaw, Bramble, capital colour and shape, finely spangled, well put down; 2, Drinkell, yell. Greenie, tight as wax, lovely colour, very neat; 3, Fawcett, Bramble, good size and colour, very shapely; 4, Sadler, Bramble, smaller, but nice, well staged. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, spl, 2, Hunt, couple of grand Linnets, both capital colour and markings, not much between them, in rattling form; 3, Truman, pretty Twite, good in colour and feather, nicely pencilled; 4, Allen, Linnet, nice size and shape, good markings; vhc, Henshaw; hc, Fawcett; c, Fairhurst. HARDBILL (4): 1, spl, 3, Sutcliffe, Hawfinch leading, gem for colour and shape, rattling bib, not over large, shown in fine form; 3rd, Bunting, in the pink; 2, Drinkell, Bunting, nice one, well staged. SOFT (9): 1, spl, 3, Milne, Wryneck, Peterboro' and Hucknall winner, looking grand; 3rd, Blackcap, in capital order, well shown; 2, Arnold, good Nightingale, well up in size, very shapely, not in a suitable cage for showing off its good points; 4, Sutcliffe, charming Wheatear, in fine condition; vhc, Pask; hc, Truman; c, Fawcett. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Markham, lovely feathered grey Parrot; 2, Hollins, pair of Parrakeets, in nice order; 3, Mrs. Bedford, another good African grey; 4, Lowery, another grey, looking well; vhc, Miss Bennett. SMALL (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Crowston, grand team, all in nice bloom, viz.:—Cock Whydah, Black-headed Gouldian, pair Blue-breasted Waxbills, and a Long-tailed Grassfinch; vhc, Moore; hc, Truman.

The Members' Classes.

Members' classes contained many birds quite capable of doing well in the upper circles. The specimens staged by Messrs. Way, Harding, Dowie, Sadler, Metcalf, and Moore, Junr., were grand. NOR CL. ETC. YELL. CK. NOV. (3): 1, Way; 2, Harding; 3, Cartwright. BUFF (8): 1, Way; 2, Cartwright; 3, Murrell; 4, W. H. Moore, Junr.; vhc, T. Crowston; hc, Harding; c, Rawcliffe. HEN (11): 1, 4, vhc, Harding; 2, 3, Cartwright; hc, Angliss; c, Good. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Towl. GOLDIE, ETC. BRIT. (5): 1, 4, Way; 2, Kelvington; 3, Dowie; 4, hc, T. Crowston. CHAFFIE. ETC. (3): 1, Dowie; 2, Sadler; 3, Harness. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 2, hc, Dowie; 3, 4, T. Crowston; vhc, Rawcliffe; c, Harness. A.O.V. (3): 1, Sadler; 2, Moore, Junr.; 3 (absent). NOR YELL. UNFLIG. NOV. (5): 1, Metcalf; 2, 4, Cartwright; 3, Moore, Junr.; vhc, Dowie. BUFF (12): 1, Moore, Junr.; 2, Angliss; 3, Metcalf; 4, Cartwright; vhc, Harding; hc, Cotterill; c, Good.

BRIDGEND.

First open show held October 21st in the Drill Hall, and same was a decided success, the entry far exceeding expectations. Six classes were provided, and totalled 62 birds; very good, considering show was not under C.B.U. rules, which this young society did not know of until too late. Next year they intend to double the classes and hold same under C.B.U. rules. The secretary, Mr. Stanley Davies (although his first attempt) made an ideal official, and was well backed up by a good body of workers. Mr. D. A. S. Longden made the awards, which gave general satisfaction.

NORWICH (11): 1, vhc, Love, cl. buff of rare size and shape, good colour, in fine order; 2, 3, Miles and Bowen, 2nd nice quality yell., medium size, neat wings and tail; 3rd, buff, not quite ready yet, still a neat bird; 4, c, Hughes; hc, Jenkins. YORKS. (21): 1, vhc, Evans, clear yellow of beautiful type and quality, stands well on legs, wins; 2, 4, Phillips, cl. buff, another fine exhibit in grand order, good wings and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Smith, yell., very smart and in nice order; hc, c, Miles and Bowen; h, Guiniand. A.V. CAN. (6): 1, vhc, Farrow, foul yell. Scotch Fancy, good drive and plenty of nerve; 2, Evans, very smart var buff Border, stinged in lovely condition; 3, Hughes, nice crest; 4, Thomas. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Page, very smart Finch, wonderful finish, rare expansive blaze, goods bars and buttons; 2, Evans, only loses in finish, will take some stopping when ready, good deep blaze, nice size; 3, Ray, another smart Finch, only loses in face, lovely condition; 4, Williams; vhc, Smith; hc, c, White. MULE (9): 1, spl best bird, Davies, mated Bramble Chaffinch, in rare order, well known; 2, vhc, Thomas, ticked buff Goldie, nice size, rare shape, can win in good company; 3, hc, Jenkins, slashing buff Linnet, best of feather; 4, James; c, Evans. SELL., 10/6 (7): 1, Jenkins; 2, Evans; 3, Phillips; 4, Davies; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Hughes.

SANDY LANE.

The annual open show was held on October 17th, in the Baptist School, Sandy Lane, Bradford. Mr. E. Radley, a well-known Skelmanthorpe exhibitor and fancier, making his debut as a judge at open shows, and we are pleased to say that his awards seemed to give general satisfaction throughout, though one or two were somewhat of an upset of previous form. The room is a splendid one, good in size, with plenty of light, and altogether well adapted for a show, and within easy reach of the cars. Mr. Benj. Buckle makes a very courteous and obliging secretary, and had everything well in hand, his painstaking assistants being Mr. S. Ratcliffe (assist. secretary), and Messrs. Wilson, Bailey, Edmondson and Son, Watmuff, Slater, Coates, Moore, Drake and Shaw Bros. as stewards. Such a list of well-known fanciers is in itself a guarantee of good and capable management. During the afternoon a large number of visitors put in an appearance, and the number would undoubtedly have been greater had the weather been brighter, as Sandy is a well-known beauty spot, beloved of town dwellers. At this show, visitors can obtain on the premises a real good tea at a very low charge, and a large number availed themselves of the privilege. The schedule comprised 25 classes, one of which was for British birds, but this had to be cancelled, owing to insufficient support. The remainder attracted an entry of 315, giving an average of only 13 per class, this being a big drop from last year, when for a similar schedule the society secured 4 entries. Messrs Towers and Shaw Bros. were the top scorers in the competition for CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of the Yorkshire Union.

(Our Sandy Lane friends might find themselves well repaid if they patronised the columns of the Fancy Press with a show advertisement or two, instead of "hiding their light under a bushel."—EDITOR.)

The Open Section.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Edmondson, hot colour, well drawn out, lengthy, fair position and quality, not quite steady, takes a little coaxing to show himself; 2, 3, spl, Wilson, two good typical birds, paler in colour; 2, wonderful position and type, grand quality; 3, not quite so good in wing carriage; 4, Shackleton, long, slim, plenty of leg grand back, wings and tail, seemed a trifle loose under; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Mountain CL. BUFF. (9): 1, Drake, good length, nice colour and quality, very clean front, bit too wild to do himself full justice; 2, vhc, and spl, Shackleton, grand shape and position, nice quality and colour, some preferred to winner, being very steady; 3, Towers, not quite the length, grand back and wings, very nice position; 4, Wilson, lovely quality and colour, typical, and shows plenty of leg; hc, Briggs; c, Brook. TICKED YELL. (9): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand type and style, beautifully feathered, a gem; 2, Priestley, grand length, shapely and good style, fails only a little in quality to leader; 3, Towers, slim, neat shape, and well up in position, grand back and shoulders; 4, Wright and Son, well drawn and shapely, nice quality, good position, but rather wild; vhc, Wilson; hc, Shaw; c, Gibbons. TICKED BUFF (12): 1, Shackleton, grizzle neck, plenty of size, lovely mould, stands well up, feathered like wax; 2, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, 2, ticked cheek, not size of winner, but marvellous type and quality, stands like a guardsman, a beauty; 3, hot colour, nice quality, well filled in; 4, vhc, Wilson, grand type and quality, pale in colour, nice breedy bird; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Hill. UN MKD. (9): 1, spl, A. Haigh, yellow, of grand length, nice colour and quality, very typical and full of colour; 2, Wilcock, Buff, nice size, grand back wings and tail, good colour; 3, Bailey and Swanger, slim Buff, neat markings, plenty of colour and quality, breedy; 4, Ogden Bros., yellow, long, good shaped bird, nice quality and colour; vhc, Smith; hc, Watmuff; c, Briggs. HEAVY MKD (5): 1, spl, Ogden Bros, grand lengthy yellow, lovely shape and quality, well up; 2, Armstrong, buff, very neat and typical, lovely quality, just beaten in length; 3, Ramsden, yell., good size and shape, graud wings and tail; 4, Priestley, buff, good in shape and quality, rather stronger; vhc, Charlesworth. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, spl, Bray, lovely quality, grand shape, straight as a rush, not quite in full condition yet; 2, Bailey and Swanger, slim, neat, rich quality, well up in position; 3, Frankland, long upstanding, good shaped bird, nice quality, close up; 4, Blackburn and Mitchell, uneven marked, slim, nice shape, plenty of leg, bit wild; vhc, Slater; hc, Charlesworth; c, Wilson. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Bray, full of quality and colour, very typical, a real gem; 2, Coates, good shape and position, rich colour, the best of wings and tail, another very good one; 3, Briggs, good shape, beautiful quality, well up on legs; 4, Shaw Bros., slim, neat, nice quality, very nice youngster; vhc, Stebbings; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Edmondson. YELL. HEN (21): 1, Stebbings, long, correct shape, lovely back, feathered like wax; 2, Casey, slim, neat type, good shoulders, trific across perch, wants training; 3, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, 3, well up on legs, grand shape and quality; 4, marked wing, slim, good shape, nice quality and position; vhc, c, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Hill. BUFF HEN (13): 1, Hartley, big, long hen, graud shape, quality and style, Al position, changed hands at a big price; 2, hc, spl, Shackleton, not quite the length of winner, lovely quality and type, full of style; 3, Ogden Bros., uneven marked, splendid shape and position, full of quality and colour; 4, Shaw Bros., very typical, nice quality, and style; vhc, Halliday; c, Towers. CIN. TICKED ETC. CK. (8): 1, spl, Hartley, buff, neat markings, grand shape and quality, well up on leg, shows for all it is worth; 2, Ogden Bros., lengthy, grand position, nice quality and colour, a yell; 3, Chittenden, buff, good size, shape and quality; 4, Wilcock, buff, lengthy nice quality, very clean front, hardly tight enough yet; vhc, Smith; hc, Towers; c, Lingley. HEN (12): 1, Armstrong, buff, good markings, shapely, fine quality and well up in position; 2, 3, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, both buffs, grand quality, and position, 3, red-hot in colour; 4, Lingley, yellow rather on small side, but splendid position, very leggy, neat in shape and rare quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Drake and Son; c, Chittenden. YORKS. STOCK BIRD (7): 1, spl, Ackroyd Bros., yellow, grand length, excellent type and quality, plenty of leg; 2, Watmough, buff, good back and wings, nice quality and good shape; 3, Walsh, another buff, good length and shape, nice feather; 4, Bailey and Swanger, uneven marked yell, well up on legs, nice quality and shape, not quite as long; vhc, Wilson; hc, Drake; c, Fortnam. BRITISH: cancelled. SELL (£1) (7): 1, spl, Shaw Bros; 2, H. Coates; 3, Turton; 4, Ingham; vhc, Bolton; hc, Farrar; c, Whitwham. DO. (15/-) (10): 1, spl, Hardaker and Sample; 2, Farrar; 3, Coates; 4, Talbot; vhc, Addy; hc, Northrop; c, Turton. HENS (12/6) (19): 1, spl, Ingham; 2, Farrar; 3, Wood; 4, Horsfield; vhc, Watmough; hc, Wilson; c, Wormsley.

The Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Beaumont, grand shape and position, plenty of leg, lovely quality, all there; 2, Gill, nice length, splendid back, wings, and tail, well up; 3, Priestley, slim, beautifully drawn, nice position, good shape and quality; 4, Gibson, grand type, very stylish and nervy, lovely feather; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Kullut; c, Swaine. CL BUFF (15): 1, spl, Gill, grand bird, extra good shape and quality, well up on leg, very clean inside; 2, Wilson, splendid type, lovely feather and position, not quite as clean at front as winner; 3, Beaumont, lengthy, grand shape and position, nice quality; 4, Clegg, very neat, typical, nice quality; vhc, Northrop; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Brown. TICKED ETC. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Varley, long, good shape, full of quality and colour shows well, lovely head, neck, and back; 2, Hall, unmarked, good type, long flights and tail, rich colour and quality; 3, Chapman and Bateman, slim, well drawn out, nice quality, lovely back, wings and tail; 4, Horsfield, long, slim, nice shape and quality, crosses wings a little at times; vhc, Lumb; hc, Suggitt; c, Ratcliffe. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl, Suggitt, plenty of size, lovely type, well up, nice quality and colour, looks well; 2, Townley, grand shape and stand, neat head, feathered to perfection; 3, Lodge, good position and type, grand clean front, hardly full enough in back; 4, Beaumont, shapely, quality fine, good head, back and wings, not quite steady enough; vhc, Varley; hc, Northrop; c, Priestley. YELL. HEN (25): 1, spl, Hiles, splendid type, and good length, grand position, full of quality, a credit to owner; 2, Dunn, slim, plenty of leg, good shape and colour, nevy neat wings and tail; 3, Bennett, full of quality, nice type, and plenty of style, well breed wings and tail; 4, Beaumont, shapely, good quality and position; vhc, White; hc, Lodge; c, Green. BUFF HEN (22): 1, spl, White, lovely type, well drawn out, lovely quality and style; 2, Lodge, superb quality, neat shape, well up in position, trifle short in flights; 3, Dunn, extra position, plenty of leg, good shape and quality; 4, Green, straight, cleancut bird, A1 position, nice quality; vhc, Gibson; hc, Beaumont; c, Battersby. NORWICH COCK (11): 1, Hammond, unmarked buff, superb type, feathered like glass, brimful of colour, very clean cut, a gem; 2, vhc, Greenwood, buff, plenty of size, grand colour and quality, nice shape, just beaten in finish; 3, Fortnam, not quite as large, neat, cobby type, good feather; 4, Markswell, uneven mkd. buff, hot colour, good quality, plenty of size; hc, c, Atkinson. NOR. HEN (12): 1, hc, Greenwood, lovely cobby type, good feather; 4, Markwell, uneven mkd. finished, looks well; 2, 3, spl, Markwell, 2, heavy variegated, marvellous substance, rich in quality, cobby; 3, unmarked, nice build, good quality and colour, plenty of size, both buffs; 4, Fortnam, yell, neat, clean made hen, grand type and quality; vhc, Atkinson; c, Miller.

BLACKWOOD (Mon.)

The second show of the Blackwood and District F.S. was held on October 15th, in the Council Hall, a capital place for a show, being well lighted, and free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged at one end of the hall, and were well looked after by a few ardent fanciers The quality was first-rate in most of the classes. We think another year with the classification amended the committee may look forward to a larger entry. Messrs. Christmas and Smith are a pair of ideal secretaries, and had everything well in hand, being most obliging and courteous. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, James, unflighted, short cobby body, grand quality, level colour, nice head and back, crosses wings a little at tips; 3, Thomas and Co., marked wing and eye, nice shape, and feather, good flights and tail, pale in colour; 4, Eynon, hot coloured, clear; res, Davies, clear, nice shape, colour and quality, takes special for best res and members' medal. BUFF (8): 1, spl, James, grand shape, rare head and neck, rich undercolour, and mealing nicely distributed, well carried flights, grizzled on head; 2, vhc, Eynon, marked eye, neck and right wing, good colour and quality, not the substance of the leader; 4, Thomas and Co., clear, nice quality of feather, tight-fitting jacket, rich colour; res, Longden; hc, Davis. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Keegan, neck and cheek marked, grand position and style, straight as a gun barrel, lovely quality and colour; 2, Parfitt, lovely quality straight and stylish, neat head, well folded tail and wings; 3, Tipping, rare length, good colour; 4, Jones, neck ticked, nice quality and stand, good feather; res, hc, Davies; c, John. BUFF (8): 1, Parfitt, neck ticked, nice length, good stand, well up on leg, neat tail, nice colour and quality; 2, c, Perry, clear, fine position, good feather and colour, well up on leg, neat wings and tail, not quite so long; 4, Keegan, Cinnamon, wing and neck ticked, nice position, good feather; res, Jones, vhc, Bevan; hc, Tipping. A.O.V. (3): 2, 4, Farrow, yellow and buff, piebald Scotch, both good in top, drive and length, close together; res, Tipping. MULE OR HYB. (4): 2, James, Goldie Bullie, in nice feather, well staged; 3, Jones, buff dark Linnet-Canary, nice size, colour and feather; 4, Webb, variegated yellow Goldfinch-Canary, in good feather; res, Tipping, BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, res, vhc, Castree, Whinchat, beautifully marked, graud colour, very steady, nicely staged; 3, Johns, good Snow Bunting, grand size, feather, colour and condition; 4, White, Bullfinch, rich coloured breast, nice cap and bars; hc, Webb c, Dunford. A.O.S BRIT. OR FOR. (2): 3, Tipping, Amazon Parrot in beautiful feather, nice colour and markings; 4, Strange, Magpie, good colour and cut, loses in condition only. SELL (20/-) (4): 2, Beard, cheap green Crest; 3, Eynon; 4, Jones; res, Longden. (10/-) (4): 2,-Thomas and Co, eyes and wing marked, buff Norwich; 3, Beard; 4, Farrow; vhc, Jones.

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GREENWICH.

The annual show of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. was held on October 8th and 9th in the Amersham Hall, New Cross. The arrangements were most efficiently carried out, and the tiers were decorated with ferns and other plants, which added not a little to the pleasing effect of the show. The committee, under the leadership of Mr. A. Hamer, the indefatigable hon. secretary, worked hard to secure a successful issue for their show. Mr. J. Robson judged. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, especially in the members' section, and the competition was very close in some instances. The special for the best Norwich or Yorkshire in show was won by a member, Mr. E. Meades, who beat the winners in the open section. There was an excellent attendance; on the first evening visitors were treated to a splendid concert, which was much enjoyed. The following are the winners of the specials other than the class specials:—Hyde's, Mr. G. Hill; members' Yorkshire cup, Mr. C. Edwards; Norwich Plainhead cup, Mr. E. Meades; best novice Norwich, Mr. F. W. Hamer; best Norwich or Yorkshire in show, Mr. E. Meades; Sandiford's, Mr. G. Hill; best in classes 5 and 11, Mr. E. S. Lugg; in classes 7 and 8, and also in classes 9 and 10, Mr. F. Easterling; in classes 20 and 21, Miss F. Davies; in classes 31 and 32, Mr. C. Edwards; and in classes 47, 48, 49, Mr. W. Allison. Mr. E. Meades won the challenge cup for most points scored throughout the year. The novice cup for most points in Yorkshires at the young stock and autumn shows was won by Mr. Cobley, and that for Norwich by Mr. Hamer.

The Open Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Kilby, a rattling bird of quality and size, beautiful shape and feather, we liked so much at Clapham; 2, Males, neat and nice, scarcely the substance, but will improve much. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Spinner, rich undercolour, nice feather, a good exhibit; 2, Richardson, similar in many respects, should do some winning later; 3, Russell, neat one, just a trifle open in feather; vhc, Hill.—TKD., ETC. (2): 1, spl, Lugg, grand quality, heavily variegated yellow, good shape, rich colour; 2, Hill, yellow, just a trifle, long in flights. NOR. HENS (7): 1, spl, Bellamy, good shape, rich soft blooming feather, a nice one; 2, Spinner, hardly so stout, but of rattling quality, should make up grandly; 3, Ellis, also very bloomy, fine shape, good one; vhc, Dr. Sedgwick; hc, Wootton. NOR. UNFLI. (10): 1, spl, Lugg, rare quality, close as wax, buff, if it gets enough size for the colour will be a really grand one, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Spinner, buff, stout, grand close feather, we liked well; 3, Kilby, yellow, bird of rare size and quality, but very soft at the time we saw it, will improve yet; vhc, Males; hc, Bellamy; c, Wootton. NOVICE NOR. A.V. (12): 1, spl, 3, Jordan, winner a ticked yellow, rare type, fine quality and colour; 3rd, a buff, stout and fine in feather texture; 2, Mrs. Lovegrove, another bonny bird for shape and colour; vhc, Bellinger; hc, Wood; c, Mrs. Lovegrove. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Forse, very smart, not one of the giants, but has most of the points of the breed, grand bird; 2, Easterling, a slasher, bigger made than winner, and fine quality; 3, Putner, good style, nice and slim; vhc, Males. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Easterling, lovely shape, quality and bloom; 2, Putner, slim and upstanding, sweet bird that ran well after the winner, will be heard of again; 3, Stubberfield, neat little exhibit, all there; vhc, Males. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Plumb, nice team of variegateds, a boon to any breeder, all were much and deservedly admired; vhc, Cook. YORKS. HENS (3): 1, spl, 2, Easterling, leader a buff of sweet pose and quality, well up in shape and style; 2nd, ticked yellow, also very sweet, a credit to the owner; 3, Fisher, neat little buff of merit. YORKS. UNFLI. (2): 1, 2, Easterling, usual stamp shown by Mr. E., a fine exhibit. NOVICE A.V. YORKS. (20): 1, 3, Pilcher and Faux, grand yellow leading, stylish and fine in quality; 2, hc, Hunt, stands well, just a faint bollowness at neck, but this will disappear probably and leave the bird a grand one; res, Forse, very smart, but just fails in wing carriage; vhc (2), and spl, Putner; vhc, Mole; c, Hawkes. CRESTS (1): 1, Cook, good bird, dark crest, will improve yet. NAT. COL. A.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, three natty Borders, a yellow leading, all well up to standard. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (6): All the winners Goldfinches; 1, spl, Botting, nice stamp, rare bars and buttons, good face, hardly got the sheen on yet, will have something to say for itself yet; 2, Jordan, very nice, will probably turn the tables by and bye; 3, Gunnell, very good one, much admired; vhc, Jordan; hc, Daniel. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Botting, nice conditioned and well staged Twite, a trifle small; 2, Gunnell; 3, Carter, both Linnets, not much to choose between them; vhc, Martin; hc, Simants. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (4): 1, spl, Gunnell, really good Yellow Bunting; 2, Carter, very nice Bramble; 3, Botting, fine Chaffinch, well placed; vhc, Hill. INSECTIV. (5): 1, spl, 3, Gardner, sweetly pretty Wood Warbler and a lovely Lesser Whitethroat; 2, Botting, well spotted Song Thrush; vhc, Baker, Lugg. FOR. A.S. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Gardner, good Bulbul, which proved a source of attraction; 2, 3, Miss Davies, former good Blue-bonnet Parrakeet, and latter a nice Paradise Whydah; c, Martin. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Miss Davies, grand Chaffinch-Bramblefinch cross, in fine feather, rich in colour; 2, Gunnell, nice Goldie-Bullie, greatly admired. SELL., 15/- (14): 1, Sedgwick; 2, Russell; 3, Miss Davies; res, Fisher; vhc, hc, Bellinger; c, Pilcher and Faux. 35/- (6): 1, Sedgwick; 2, Lugg; 3, hc, Bellinger; vhc, Richardson.

The Members' Classes.

CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Meades, leader a bird of grand type all over; 2nd of rich quality, follows hard on heels of 1st; 3, Richardson, another good bird, a credit to owner. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Richardson, grand body, deep under-colour, very typical; 2, 3, Meades, former very bloomy and rich, good type, latter well up, nicely placed. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Meades, both buffs, former well chosen; both were admired by all; 3, Hill, nice, needs more undercolour when it will be a grand one. NOR. HENS (4): 1, spl, 2, Meades, leader grand yellow, full of colour, type good, and quality A1; 3, vhc, Richardson. NOR. UNFLI. (4): 1, spl, 2, Meades, both good ones, well placed; 3, Hill, another good bird; vhc, Richardson. YORKS.: Four classes here, and Mr. Edwards won all the prizes, together with specials, his birds were much admired. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Hamer, good type, just a trifle free, but will certainly improve; 2, Allison, smaller, but of good shape and quality. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Allison, shapely, well feathered buff, a good one all over; 2, Pawley, another one well placed. HENS (2): 1, spl, Pawley, good quality, plenty of chest, grand all over; 2, Hack, very typical; fine exhibit. UNFLI. (5): 1, spl, 2, Hamer, two neat birds, a yellow leading, both of nice quality, will do some winning, a credit to the owner; 3, vhc, Hack, nice quality, just a trifle twisted neck feather; hc, Allison. YORKS. HENS (1): 1, Cobley, typical. UNFLI. (1): 1, Cobley, a good one. CAN. A.O.V. (1): 1, Allison, nice yellow Clinquinon, well staged. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (2). 1, Meades, very good Bullie, well cleaned up, will improve yet, and do some winning; 2, Allison, another good exhibit. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, spl, Allison; 2, Simants, both good birds well staged.

LISKEARD (Cornwall).

The exhibition held in the Market and Public Hall, on Oct. 14th, and promoted by the Liskeard, Devon and Cornwall F.A., was a very creditable event, taking into consideration that the show has been restarted after a lapse of several years, the entries numbering over 500. This was the more creditable, considering the contra attractions of two important shows, Hayle and Exeter, and which militated, no doubt considerably, against the entries. The Cage Bird section included some very fine specimens, a noteworthy exhibit being a Cornish Chough, shown by Mrs. W. Thompson, and won premier honours in the British Bird class. Among the Yorkshires were some capital birds, both in style and quality, and the Crests made a nice display, Messrs. J. and J. Symons, the noted Crest breeders, of Cornwall, securing special for best bird and best young bird in show, with an ideal Crest, a credit to its owners. The Mayor of Liskeard, Mr. S. Bone, made a very worthy President, and Dr. W. Curtis a very painstaking and courteous secretary. These officials were backed up by a good working and energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Burleigh, Carlyon, Hambley, Nicholls, Roberts, Toy, Ough, Skinner, Wills, Hicks, Edmonds, Jos. Symons, Lavers, and Hoskin, who did their work in a very methodical way, and looked after the exhibits in a most praiseworthy manner. After the judging was over a most excellent luncheon was served at Welsh's Hotel, for the judges and committee, presided over by the president. After some loyal toasts had been given, some good speeches were made, and the judges, in responding, spoke very highly of the quality of the exhibits, stating they would compare favourably with those of many larger shows. The cage birds were judged by Mr. S. Tickell, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. A.V. (6): 1, Pincombe, clear Buff, well drawn, good position, neat head, compact wings and tail; 2, Thomas, clear yell., good colour, long and typical, well up on legs, would have been an easy first, but for a slight frill on breast; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, good head and wing carriage, nice piped tail; vhc, Wills; hc, Lobb. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, J. and J. Symons, non-flight, rich colour, neat head and lovely type and quality; 2, Trevena, good, but scarcely so stout as winner, close up. BUFF (4): 1, Trevena, good head, neck, and wings, good quality, type and feather; 2, Hart, not the substance of winner, but good type and quality; 3, J. and J. Symons, good Norwich, could do with more substance; vhc, Lobb. TKD. ETC. (3): 1, Smith, thigh ticked buff, soft rich-toned feather, good type and quality; 2, J. and J. Symons, short and chubby, good chest, neck and head, short flights, very typical; 3, Hart, similar to 2nd, but loses in substance. CREST-BRED (4): 1, 2, J. and J. Symons, former green, with good broad skull, well lashed, dense feather, coming well over beak, a good one; 2, cl. buff, nice cushioned head and feather, but pinched a wee bit in frontal; 3, Bellman, nice length and width of head feather; vhc, Hicks and Thomas. CREST A.V. (5): 1, J. and J. Symons, 2 specials, a big body, nearly evenmarked, very heavily feathered, neatly centred, and well formed drooping crest, taking special for best bird and best young Canary in show; 2, Rabey Bros., clear body, dark crest, very evenly radiated, well drooped and veiny feather, grand exhibit; 3, J. and J. Symons, neat grizzle crest, little short in frontal; vhc, hc, Bellman, 2 good Crests, a grand class. GOLDFINCH MULE CL. ETC. (2): 1, 2 Gaved, both 6-pointed, good shape and markings, in good condition. DARK MULE (1): 1, Gaved, nice Siskin Mule. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, CAGE MOULTED (2): 1, c, Large, not ready in blaze, but well buttoned and depth of yellow on flights; 2, Hicks and Thomas, bit smaller than winner, and not quite ready yet. PAIRS CAN. (matched for breeding) (2): 1, J. and J. Symons, Crest and C.B. grand pair; 2, Pincombe, Yorks., good type and position. BRIT. (5): 1, Thompson, noted Cornish Chough, grand specimen; 2, Gaved, very fine Missel Thrush, very steady, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Cornall, beautifully spotted Song Tbrush, well shown; vhc, Rabey Bros., Hawfinch; hc, c, Large, Yellow Bunting. FOR. (Single Pairs, or Groups) (2): 1, Trelease, Amazon Parrot, in lovely feather and plumage; 2, Smith, nice pair Japanese Sparrows. SELL. A.V. (20/-) (5): 1, Bellman; 2, J. and J. Symons; 3, Thomas; vhc, Smith; hc, Hicks and Thomas. (10/-) (11): 1, vhc, J. and J. Symons; 2, Wills; 3, Smith; hc, Hart; c, Hicks and Thomas.

LEEDS C.B.S.

A very successful table show was held at our last meeting on October 3rd, when about 70 birds were shown in 10 classes. Some good birds were on view, the winners being much admired by the many visitors. Mr. H. J. Mennard judged.

YELL. YORKS. (1): 1, Hallett. 1908 (9): 1, 4, hc, Fowler; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Farrar; c, Burman. BUFF (3): 1, Fowler; 2, Smith; 3, Greaves. 1908 (11): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Hallett; hc, Ireland; c, Greaves. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Woof; 2, Medley; 3, Hallett; 4, Tose. 1908 (13): 1, Tose; 2, c, Benge; 3, Johnson; 4, Stead; vhc, Chambers; hc, Hallett. BUFF (6): 1, Hallett; 2, Medley; 3, Ireland; 4, Hornby; vhc, Tose; hc, Wain. 1908 (16): 1, Benge; 2, Ireland; 3, Woof; 4, Triffitt; vhc, Stead; hc, Chambers; c, Tose. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Owen; 2, Tose; hc, Hornby. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 3, Medley; 2, Hornby.—A. WILKINS, Secretary.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' show held October 3rd. Mr. J. Greaves judged:—

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Broadley; 3, Denton; vhc, Myers; hc, Frankland; c, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Broadley; 2, Chippendale; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Skirrow; hc, Towers; c, Drake. TK. YELL.: 1, Broadley; 2, C. Frankland; 3, Garnett; vhc, Myers; hc, Chippendale. BUFF: 1, Denton; 2, 3, Broadley; vhc, Frankland; hc, Towers; c, Drake. FOUL MKD.: 1, Taylor. YELL. HENS: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Chippendale; 3, Rusbworth; vhc, Towers; hc, Frankland; c Armstead. BUFF: 1, Frankland; 2, 3, Towers; vhc, Broadley; hc, Myers; c Armstead. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Frankland; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Alderson. BUFF: 1, Alderson; 2, Hardaker, CINN. TKD.: 1, Myers. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Armstead; hc, Drake; c, Alderson. STOCK: 1, Battersby. YELL. SELL (12/6): 1, Garnett. BUFF: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, hc, Hardaker; vhc, Towers. SELL. HENS (10/6): 1, Denton; 2, 3, Taylor.—E. BROADLEY, Sec

MORPETH.

Morpeth and District C.B.S. held their exhibition on October 17th in the Town Hall, a large hall, free from draughts, which suited the occasion admirably. It was a surprise to all concerned to see such an excellent display of birds, which came from a great many places in the North, and also in the Midlands. The classification in the open section (which comprised 23 classes) called out no less than 310 birds, Norwich being the most prominent variety. In 8 classes 140 of these were staged, being on an average 17 per class. The Borders were greatly admired, there being 62 in the three classes. Taking the exhibits throughout, the show, with the open and members' classes combined, numbering 34 classes, had a grand total of 460. It was regretted by all that Mr. J. Patterson's birds arrived too late to be judged. Mr. E. Cowling is the secretary, and this being his first attempt in that capacity, is to be congratulated. He is the right man in the right place, and with the assistance of Mr. Wilks and a band of willing workers, such as Messrs. Summers, Clark, Mackay, Stevinson, Woollett, Graham, Griffiths, Rowell, the birds were packed up and sent to their respective owners in good time, the hall being practically cleared by 8 o'clock. Messrs. W. P. Barnes and A. Brown judged, their awards giving every satisfaction.

Mr. W. P. Barnes' Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Dobinson, clear yellow, excellent type, good head and neck, bold chest plenty of size, beautiful feather and colour, all over a Norwich; 2, Hay, another clear, good type and quality, shape, fails only in size; 3, c, Cowling, ticked on right eye, beautiful quality feather, rare shape and colour; 4, Wilcock, marked on nape, right type of bird; vhc, Godley; hc, French. BUFF (28): 1, Dobinson, grand clear buff, excellent type, good quality feather, rare even colour, a stormer; 2, c, Cowling, variegs., rather heavily marked, good type and quality of feather, useful; 3, Grey, clear buff, another bird of right type, not as large as the winners, but well over perch and short behind; 4, Stanger and Herdman, marked on neck, lovely quality feather; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Myers. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, 3, Cowling, grand hen, takes special for best Norwich hen in show, excellent Norwich properties, colour and quality of feather, neat carriage; 3 another good shape and feather, inclined to cross wings; 2, Seely Bros., clear good type, head, neck, back, broad chest, in excellent form; 4, Lackey, good shape and colour, well staged; vhc, Grey; hc, Wilcock. BUFF (22): 1, Godley, clear buff, wonderful shape, nice colour and quality of feather, a beauty; 2, Grey, another clear buff, little heavier in front, excellent type and feather, good colour, shown to perfection; 3, Lackey, ticked on wing, good type, nice quality of feather; 4, Grey, varieg., rather heavily marked, lovely type and quality of feather, small in head; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Myers; c, Clark. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., YELL., BRED 1908 (27): 1, 2 spls, best young bird and best Nor. in show, Grey, marked wing and left eye, excellent type, plenty of size, good head and chest, lovely quality of feather, wins; 2, Taylor, grand type and quality of feather, excellent colour, falls only in size; 3, Godley, bonny bird, good type, colour and feather, close up; 4, Richardson, nice type, short behind; vhc, Povey; hc, W. Baker; c, Dobinson. BUFF (28): 1, 3, Grey, 1 clear buff, true Norwich properties, excellent colour and quality of featber, a gem, 3 uneven marked, good colour and feather, on the small side; 2, Dixon, clear, good shape, nice quality, close up; 4, Stanger and Herdman, good bird, nice type; vhc, McGinn; hc, Dobinson; c, Gardener. NAT. COL., CL., ETC., COCK (14): 1, Cowling, clear, excellent shape, lovely colour and type, grand bird; 2, hc, Rowell, clear buff, plenty of size, neat shape, rare quality, little long behind; 3, 4, Grey, former heavily marked buff, grand type and feather, nice and short behind, latter similar, little weak in head; vhc, Seely Bros.; c, Stanger and Herdman. HEN (13): 1, 2, 4, Grey, first clear yellow, marked buff, heavily variegs. buff, all good type, shape and quality of feather; 3, Nicholson, clear, nice shape and quality of feather, good position; vhc, Floyd; hc, Lackey; c, Woollett. CINN. YELL (10): 1, 4, Godley, good type, sound distribution of colour, very level in tint, good feather, latter nice size, hardly ready, not in bloom; 2, vhc, Seely Bros., good Norwich shape, sound colour, beautiful compact feather and carriage; 3, Harwood, sound colour; hc, c, Dormer. BUFF (9): 1, W. H. Howe, big bird, lovely colour, quality of featber and type; 2, Herniston, rare type, plenty of substance, excellent colour and size; 3, vhc, Godley, good colour and type, hardly ready; 4, Dormer, a fine bird but feather fails in substance; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Rowell. CINN. UNFLIG., BRED 1908 (10): A good class: 1, Luke, promising youngster, good type and quality of feather, beautiful colour, wins; 2, vbc, Dormer, one of the noted breed, lovely colour; 3, hc, Hargreaves, sound colour and type, but not quite finished; 4, Taylor, rather paler in colour, good quality of feather; c, Woollett. YORKS., CL., ETO., YELL. (15): 1, Metcalf, grand type, rich soft colour, fine quality of feather, stands well up, excellent position, very steady; 2, Rutherford and Bright, fine lengthy bird, well drawn, beautiful soft silky colour; 3, Richardson, rare length, well up on perch, neat carriage and feather; 4, Dobson, nice type and quality of feather; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Woodhead; c, Wilcock. BUFF (12): 1, Metcalf, cinnamon marked, grand type, lovely quality feather, good position, shown in tip-top form; 2, Rutherford and Bright, good type and quality, grand shape and carriage; 3, Wilcock, beautiful shape and quality, nice even colour, in good condition; 4, Mather, nice length, rather short in tail, however; vhc, Dr. O. Neal; hc, Hodgson; c, Woodhead. CREST or C.B. (4): 1, Rowell, variegs. buff crest-bred, plenty of size and feather, good head; 2, Gray, short body, thick-set, good width of skull, in good condition; 3, Taylor, very heavy marked, nearly green, good size, abundance of feather, nice shape body, short in head feather; 4, Cowans, lightly marked buff, good shape body, narrow in entrance. All the birds were crest-breds A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, Reid, clear cap Silver Lizard, good full cap, even spangling, nice size; 2, Dixon, W., buff Scotch fancy, beautiful shape, plenty of nerve, very soon in position, well filled in between pinions; 3, Seely Bros., foul cinnamon, grand shape, sound, even colour, plenty of size; 4, Dixon, four-pointed buff Nor. hen, good type and quality; vhc, green Border, outclassed; hc, Chapman, Scotch fancy; c, Riseborough. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 2, Maddinson, lightly marked buff Goldfinch and Canary Mule, marked eyes and left wing, coat like satin, in good trim, latter nearly six-pointed yellow Goldfinch and Canary Mule, little to choose between them; 3, 4, c, Floyd, Linnet Mule, big one of good rich colour, beautiful shape, outclassed; 4, variegs. buff Goldfinch and Canary Mule, striking bird, good quality of feather; vhc, Taylor, dark jonque Siskin Mule; hc, Gardner. BRIT. LINNET (18): 1, Boyle, steady, grand colour and feather for time of year, exceptionally rich lustre; 2, vhc, Maddinson, good size, well laced, falls only in colour, very steady; 3, Dunn, another good bird, nicely marked; 4, Tams and Son, good shape and feather, well pencilled, wants the bloom; hc, Atkinson; c, Seely Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (20): 1, 4, Foster, 1st Wheatear, good size, well defined markings, lovely feather, in good condition, 4th Bullfinch, plenty of size, well marked cap and back, falls in colour on crest; 2, Welch Bros., Treecreeper, shown in perfect condition, very steady, excellent bloom; 3, Rowell, yellow Wagtail, in grand feather, lovely plumage and action; vhc, Tate; hc, Floyd; c, Atkinson.

Mr. A. Brown's Classes.

BORD. F., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Voy, bonny, grand type, good depth of colour, nice quality of feather; 2, Smart, close on winner, beautiful shape, excellent quality, runs winner very close; 3, Heddon, beautiful shape and feather, lovely colour, very free action; 4, French, neat, good type head and body, excellent carriage; vhc, Hay; hc, Stubbs; c, Peel. BUFF (22): 1, Hay, a border all over, grand shape, beautiful head, neck and body, splendid quality of feather and type; 2, Smart, another bonny bird, well defined, lovely quality feather, must have been difficult to part; 3, Glew, beautiful shape, type and quality, not much to choose between them; 4, Richardson, good shape and quality, very free in action; ex 4, Charlton and Anderson, another neat one, lovely colour and feather; vhc, McQuillan; hc, French; c (no name). CL., ETC., HEN (23): 1, Voy, lovely border, true type, grand quality of feather and colour; 2, Smart, hard luck winner of all the three 2nds, beautiful bird, rare type and depth of colour; 3, Smart, another bird of exceptional merit; 4, Scott, very neat type and feather, free poise; vhc, Graham; hc, Fuller; c, Peel. SELL., 12/6 (13): 1, Dixon, T., dark crest hen, cheap bird; 2, Seely, foul cinnamon; 3, Taylor; 4, Rowell; vhc, Richardson; hc, W. H. Howe; c, Myers. FOR., single pairs or groups (15): 1, Maddinson, foreign Goldfinch, plenty of size, beautiful colour, in the pink of condition; 2, W. H. Howe; 3, hc, Lackey; 4, vhc, Miss Laura Young; c, Miss Young. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, c, Lackey; 2, Richardson; 3, Clark; 4, hc, Woollett; vhc, Myers. BUFF (19): 1, Lackey; 2, Marshall; 3, 4, Douglas; vhc, Scott; hc, Myers; c, Griffiths. CL., ETC., HEN (22): 1, Stevinson; 2, vhc, Lackey; 3, Marshall, 4, hc, Woollett; c, Richardson. CINN. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Woollett; 2, 4, Griffiths; 3, Luke. YELL. (2): 1, Luke; 2, Griffiths. BORD. F., CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, J. Dixon; 3, Scott; 4, Richardson; vhc, Watson. BUFF (7): 1, Lackey; 2, Graham; 3, Richardson; 4, vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Fairbairn; c, Scott. CL., ETC., HEN (5): 1, Graham; 2, J. Dixon; 3, Lackey; 4, Fairbairn; vhc, Watson. YORKS., CL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Richardson. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Luke; 2, vhc, Douglas; 4, Marshall. BRIT. (9): 1, Lackey; 2, Luke; 3, Ellison; 4, Clark; vhc, Atkinson.

JOHNSTONE.

This show was held in the Johnstone Town Hall, on October 17th. There was a large entry in the different classes in the cage bird section, where they were much the same as last year. The Glasgow City Show was responsible to some extent for the shortcomings in numbers, although there was nothing of an outstanding nature as regards the quality, which was fair throughout. The Town Hall is well fitted for show purposes, being entirely free from draught, and well lighted from the roof. The staging of the different classes was splendidly arranged with an eye to the comfort of the visitors, of whom there was a large turn out. Much credit is due to the secretary, Mr. D. Ritchie, and committee for their courtesy and for the general conduct of what proved a very successful show. The judge for the cage birds' section was Mr. Wm. Ettles, whose awards in general were favourably received. The president is Mr. Wm. Wilson, and the vice-president is Mr. Wm. Gimmell, both of whom worked hard and long, and are deserving of great praise. There were five classes for cage birds.

COM. CAN. (6): 1, spl. 4, hc, McConnell, yell. even marked, nice feather, wins; 4, wing and eye marked, yell. wins its place; 2, Mills, hand-reared Bor., neat, nice carriage, good second; 3, Morrison, Nor. and Bor. cross, in nice order; vhc, Small. NOR. (6): 1, spl, Morrison, colour-fed, nice size and substance, good skull, in grand feather; 2, Stewart, Buff, smart shape, nice quality, hardly substance of first; 3, Laidlaw, nice size and substance, better in head and feather than second; 4, Small, Buff green Nor. neat exhibit, fails in size to winner; vhc, Ralston; hc, McConnell. MULE OR HYB. 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, first green Linnet Mule, colour fed, in fine condition; 2, Goldfinch-Mule, nice one, but fails in colour; 3, Linnet-Mule, good shape, colour and feather, wins its place; 4, in fine order and condition. BRIT. SOFTBILL LARGE (4): 1, spl, Elliot, Woodpecker, in fairly good condition and feather, a taking exhibit, will improve yet; 2, Morrison, Thrush, fine size and condition, good colour; 3, Smith, Thrush, lovely dark spots, not quite so fine in colour, fails only here; 4, Ralston, Thrush (died in cage through picking green paint from interior of cage). SMALL (6): 1, spl, Morrison, Hawfinch, nice rich colour, grand condition, wins easy; 2, McConnell, Yellowhammer, lovely colour all over, in grand feather, wins; 3, hc, Stewart, grey Linnet, nice shape and colour, well pencilled; 4, vhc, Mills, grey Linnet, barely so good in colour as third, fails only here.

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DARLINGTON.

Darlington Canary and British Bird Association held their third annual open show in the Corn Exchange, on October 17th. This room is really one of the finest in the Kingdom, being well lighted from the top, every specimen can be seen to perfection. The exhibits were well benched, and attended to in fancier-like fashion. High credit is due to the hon. secretary, Mr. R. S. Black, who is very obliging and capable, and his hard-working committee, Messrs. Cleminson, O'Conner, Metcalfe, Hawkins, Wilcock, Lawson, Cooper, Oliver, Lobson, Wildsmith and Simpson. The Yorkshire section was made up of five classes, and some tip-top "straight'uns" were staged. Messrs. Cuthbertson Chittenden, Foden, Hewson and Broughton took away most of the "pieces." The Norwich were a grand lot, and made a very attractive section. Messrs. Hill and Stewart, Dalgetty, Sherrington, Hesp, put down some nice exhibits. The British section turned up well, both in numbers and quality. Messrs. Wildsmith and Hawkins, Duncan, junr., Todd and Son, Axe, S. W. Birchley, and Stamp putting down fine birds securing most of the spoil. The bowl for best members' bird was won by Mr. T. Cuthbertson, with a splendid buff Norwich, the second best falling to Mr. C. W. Cooper (with a real good yellow Yorks. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford), made the awards.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (16): 1, Chittenden, rich colour, long flights and tail, full of quality, good head, very nervy; 2, Rand, not quite so long, grand quality, compact wings and tail, lovely carriage; 3, Foden, typical Yorkie, full of nerve, good head, grand wing carriage, quality A1; vhc, Cooper, blaze of colour; hc, Broughton; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, feathered tight as wax, grand position, well up on leg, good head; 3, rich colour, long flights and tail, well up, good head, shade stout, full of quality; 2, Dixon, typical, feather, nicely put, grand wings and tail, well closed. NOR. TICKED ETC. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Hill and Stewart, 1, Buff, capped on head, bouncing bird, full of quality, good head, clean on chest, very chubby; 2, unevenly marked yellow, blaze of colour, well up in quality, grand wings and tail, short and chubby, close up; 3, Dalgetty, buff, eye tick, rick colour, quality A1, good chest and head, nice wing carriage; hc, J. Cuthbertson; c, Burdett. IRENS A.V. (11): 1, Middleton, yellow, grand type, short and chubby, excellent quality, round head, clean on chest; 2, vhc, Dalgetty, two fine specimens, 2, buff, nice quality of feather, typical, good head; 3, J. Cuthbertson, variegs. yell, blaze of colour, grand quality, good head and chest; vhc, Hewson; hc, Broughton; c, Watmough. TICKED UNEVEN, ETC. (13): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, 1, buff, teeming with quality, grand position, very nervy, well shown; 2, yell. ticked, blaze of colour, stands up well, long flights, well braced to side, will make a good one later; 3, Marsden, buff, eye ticked, full of quality, grand position on the small side; vhc, Middleton; hc, Spencer; c, J. Cuthbertson. YORKS. HEN A.V. (16): 1, W. G. Cutbbertson, grizzled on head, yellow, well up, wonderful quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Hewson, buff, eye ticked, rich colour, silky feather, carriage A1; 3, Rand, yellow, stylish, nice position, long flights, well placed, neat tail, quality; vhc, Spence, very typical, not quite fit yet; hc, Black; c, Carter. YORKS. UNFLIG. (28): 1, Foden, blaze of colour, stands well up, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, full of quality, good young Yorkie; 2, Broughton, buff, full of quality, neat head, grand position, lovely colour; 3, Myers, pale colour, well up in quality, long flights and tail, not quite ready; vhc, Carter, capped on head, full of quality, nice position; hc, Marsden; c, Cuthbertson. This was one of the finest classes in the show, some of the birds out of the cards will be heard of later. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Hill and Stewart, 1st, gem, teeming with quality, blaze of colour, good head and chest, short and chubby, beautiful carriage; 3, rich colour, feather, good head, well placed wing, nice type, clean on breast; 2, M. Sherrington, cobby bird, full of quality, rich colour, good head and chest; vhc, Bairstow; hc, Cleminson; c, Hesp. BUFF (16): 1 M. Sherrington, blaze of colour and quality, good head and chest, short and chubby; 2, J. Cuthbertson, plenty of substance, full of quality, very pale in colour, good head and chest, nice type; vhc, c, Hesp, vhc, fine bird, but crosses wings at times; hc, Hill and Stewart; hc, Bairstow; c, Axe. NOR. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Hesp, buff, rich colour, teems with quality, good head, typical, well braced up wings; 2, hc, Dalgetty, 2, full blaze of colour, wonderful quality, good head and chest, shade long; 3, vhc, Oliver, variegs. buff, typical, good head, clean on chest, rich colour; c, J. Cuthbertson. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, Axe, dark Crest, plenty of feather, good centre, wins; 2, Richardson, Crestbred, plenty of feather, good skull; 3, vhc, Todd and Son, even marked buff Border, very stylish and teeming with quality; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Hunt. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Marwood, even marked buff Goldie Can. wins; 2, Sokill and Binks, Bullio Green hen, nice one, some thought should have given way to 3, Todd and Son, dark Goldie, well staged; vhc, Kent; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Hunt. LINNET (15): 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 1, a gem, rich nut brown, beautifully pencilled, very steady; 2, nice type, well pencilled, nut brown, very steady, close to winner; 3, Taylor, beautiful type, very steady, too light, or might have been a gem; vhc, hc, c, Hunt, three nice birds, nicely pencilled, nut brown, some thought might have gone up a bit. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Axe, lovely blaze, shown in Mr. Axe's well-known good style, wins easily; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, not quite so large as winner, rare condition, good on blaze and buttons; 3, Duncan, junr, grand buttons, nice blaze, good condition and steady; vhc, Weatherill; hc, Blackett. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Woods, large cap, splendid colour, very steady, a fine bird; 2, John, another gem, massive cap, grand breast, steady; 3, Robinson, nice Finch, rick colour; vhc, C. and H. Moss. No. 1, Taylor, got out of cage and was not caught till after judging was over. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Stamp, massive bird, grand green, fine sheen, wins easily; 2, Todd and Son, very steady, good head and breast, shown in rare fettle; 3, Taylor, close up, good head, steady, rare sheen; vhc, Duncan, junr; hc, Robinson; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Birchley, Bramble, rich colour, beautifully pencilled, very steady, stands well; 2, Duncan, junr., Chaffinch, nicely marked, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Axe, another Bramble, very steady, rich colour, well marked; vhc, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Mrs. Joseph Turner. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, hc, Todd and Son, 1, Siskin, in the pink of condition, nice bib, good markings; 2, Mallory, Redpoll, grand condition and very steady; 3, C. and H. Moss, Twite, nicely pencilled; vhc, c, Duncan, junr., A.O.S. FINCH ETC. (6): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, grand bib, rich colour, well shown; 2, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 2, Hawfinch, not so large as winner, rich colour, steady; 3, Todd and Son, Yellow Hammer, nicely marked, very steady, nicely put down; vhc, Wendy; c, Robinson. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand team, 1, Thrush, nicely spangled, very steady, grand condition; 2, Starling, shines like a raven, beautifully spangled; 3, another good Starling; hc, Peacock; c, Cooper. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (14): 1, Duncan, junr., Nightingale, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grey Wagtail, full of nerve, shown well; 3, Jackson, Nightingale, another good one; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, c, Riley Myres. SELL (£1): 1, Marsden; 2, Dalgetty; 3, Carter; vhc, Sokell and Binks; hc, Dent; c, Clack. (15/-) (16): 1, Middleton; 2, Myers; 3, Cleminson; vhc, Carter; hc, Jackson; c, Wilcock. (10/-) (10): 1, Myers; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Cleminson; vhc, Carter; hc, Barfe; c, Parnaby. MEMBERS' YORKS. (16): 1, Cooper, yellow, blaze of colour, wins spl. for 2nd best member's bird; 2, hc, Carter, buff, ticked, typical, full of quality, neat head; 3, Cuthbertson, long bird, rich colour, grand carriage, not ready; vhc, Ridley; c, Wilkinson. NOR. (12): 1, c, Bowl for best members' bird, Cuthbertson, grand type, full of quality, pale colour; 2, c, Cleminson, yellow, good head and chest, short and chubby, well up in quality, rich colour; 3, vhc, Oliver, buff, blaze of colour, true to type, full of quality. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Ridley; 2, Wilcock; 3, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; hc, Black. BRIT. (5): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Wilcock; vhc, hc, Robinson. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Lawson; 3, vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Siddle and Dawson.

FROME.

The tenth annual show of the Frome F.A. was held in the Market Hall on Oct. 15. The show was opened by C. T. Foxcroft, Esq., in the presence of a large company of visitors. The entry was very good, especially in Crests, Novice, Norwich, Yorkshire and Lancashires, but one or two classes were disappointing. The special for best bird in show went to Mr. Simmond's grand Crest, and that for the second best to Mr. C. I. Young's clinking green Crest-bred. Mr. J. Robson judged. Mr. C. I. Young makes an admirable secretary, and knows how to manage a show to a nicety. Messrs. P. Edwards, H. Pickford, H. W. Dodge, and E. Austin acted as superintendents, and ably seconded Mr. Young's efforts. The Committee offered medals for the best drawing of a Goldfinch to the Elementary Schools, which proved a great attraction, the hall being crowded at times.

NOR. CL. (4): 1, withheld; 2, Hopkins and Allsop, yellow, fine quality, splendid condition, takes special for best P.H. in show; 3, Jupe, very good buff, big, typical bird; vhc, Baker; hc, Fulbrook. NOR. NOVICE: 1, Brain, very neat, excellent quality; 2, 3, Bawn; 2, bit larger, fine bird; 3, another good one, well shown; vhc, Matthews, Fowler; hc, Pinnell, Fowler, Hoddinott; c, Gerry and Davis. CREST OR C.B., a grand class: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Simmonds; 1, large green Crested bird, very heavy crest, any amount of feather, splendid droop, magnificent all over; 2, another beauty of a Crest, in grand fettle, very expansive crest, close up to winner; 3, fine C.B., well staged; hc, Ind. YORKS. CL.: 1, Elsmore, long upstanding bird, like silk, one of the best, easy win; 2 and vhc, Smith, H., former very fine Buff, stands well upon leg, good quality, will improve; 3, Jupe, very taking bird, must have run second very close; c, Pinnell, Rollinson, latter almost as good as any, but very unsteady. TKD., ETC.: 1, Carter, nice ticked yellow, good size and quality, well up on leg, very typical; 2, Elsmore, another real good one, runs winner very close; 3, Large, good bird, well up on leg, fine quality, neat wings; vbc, Pauiby, very nice bird, could win at most shows. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 3, Miss Walker, 1, large Buff, good position; 3, very nice ticked yellow, well up on leg, very typical all over; 2, Cooper, another very nice bird, good quality, grand wings, stands well up; vhc, Horler; vhc, Gerry and Davis; hc, Horler, Large. LANCS.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Ind, grand team, all well staged and deservedly admired; 2, c, Edwards, large Plainhead, some thought might have been higher; c, another good Plainhead, will improve. A.V. BIRD, 1908: 1, grand green Crest of large size, splendid formation, and a fine exhibit; 2, vhc, Horler, two good Yorkshires; 3, Elsmore, very nice Yorkshire, well shown; hc, Brain. LIGHT CAN. MULE.: 2, Hopkins and Allsop; 2, a grand bird, well staged; 3, Locks, also a good one; vhc, Lees, Fullbrook. DARK: 2, Davis, magnificent Hybrid, given in catalogue as Chaffinch-Bullfinch, but appears to be a Chaffinch-Bramble; 3, Fulbrook, very good Goldfinch-Bullfinch; vhc, Cairns, very nice Linnet Mule; h, Edwards, capital Greenfinich Mule, hard luck to meet such company. GOLDFINCH: 1, Baker, large and bright Finch, good blaze and buttons; 2, Hopkins and Allsop, not quite so large, but equal in other respects; 3, Brain, not so good in colour perhaps, and fails in size to winners, but a nice one; vhc, Palmer; c, Pickford, good bird, not quite ready. SISKIN, ETC.: 2, hc, Russell, Siskin, good cap and bib, in nice condition; vhc, Redpoll; 3, c, Bancroft, sweet little Redpoll in pink of condition; hc, Fullbrook, smart brown Linnet. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 2, Pace, grand Bramble, very steady, good size, wonderful spangling; 3, another tip topper, hard to choose from, either might have won; vhc, Jones, Hawfinch, very steady, but not in the best of condition; hc, Miss Hopwood, nice yellow Bunting; c, E. Chalker. BRIT. SMALL: 2, 3, Fullbrook, 2, lovely gold-crested Wren, in perfect feather; 3, nice Redstart, well staged; vhc, Jones, S., fine Pipet. FOR.: 1, Millsum, grand pair of green billed Toucans; 2, C. I. Young, large grey Parrot, in fine condition; 3, J. Edwards, Lincoln Parrakeet, in fine order; vhc, Snelgrove, Macaw, out of condition; hc, P. Edwards, grey Parrot, well staged; c, Grillin, another grey. SELL (21/-): 2, Grimstock; 3, Davis; v, Mrs. Elsmore; c, Hoddinott; (10/0): 2, Mrs. Elsmore; 3, Hancock; v, Davis. MEMBERS' CLASS.—8. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, and 4, Special, and special for second best bird in show, Young; 1, large green C.B., grand head, with wreath of feathers, good type, in fine condition; 2, good Crested hen, expansive crest, but short in front. NOR.: 1, spl., Pickford, nice yellow marked hen, lovely type and quality; 2, Young, good yellow; 3, Pickford, another very good one, but rather small; hc, Austin. BORD: 1, spl, 2, 3, Druge, very nice Border fancies. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Druge; vhc, Austin. MULE: 1, Edwards, large Goldfinch Mule, very nice one; 2, Pickford, similar; 3, Bird. BRIT.: 1, Young, very fine Thrush, distinct in marking, grand condition; 2, Budden, another good Thrush; 3, Bird, Linnet.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, on October 14th. A good number of members and friends turned up. Mr. T. H. Ride gave every satisfaction in placing the cards, entries were good both in quality and number; in the open class especially the birds were a very level lot, the judge being some considerable time before coming to his final decision. Twenty birds were staged in this class, and the novices turned up well with 14.

A.V. BUFF NOR. UNFLIG. OPEN: 1, Warmington; 2, c, Gray; 3, Curtis; extra 3, Heighton, vhc, Claypole; hc, Tyler. NOVICE: 1, Warmington; 2, 3, c, Christian; vhc, L. Smith; hc, Dyson.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

SELKIRK.

Annual show held on October 15th. The entries were unfortunately rather sparingly dealt out to this old established Border fixture, probably owing to the City of Glasgow and Kelty shows being held about the same date. Also many breeders on the Border have experienced a stoppage in the finishing off of their birds, which also accounts for a deficiency in numbers. Borders, as usual, were the leading feature, and all the well-known firms were represented, every one of them keenly contesting for breeding honours. The plums of the day, however, were scooped by the magnificent team sent by Mr. Gilchrist, who secured no less than three firsts, a medal, and two seconds, with an entry of 5—a grand performance. Every one of these was staged in masterly fashion. Messrs. Bennet, McKenzie, Patterson, Philips, Duncan and Logan also had some splendid all round specimens, and the Borders on the whole were grand in quality. The greens especially were a good feature. This variety was judged by the esteemed Earlston secretary, Mr. J. Brockie, his awards were received with general satisfaction. Norwich, British, Mules, etc., were a nice lot, some outstanding birds being on view. The pick of the British section was undoubtedly the Goldfinch shown by Mr. Pringle; it was a gem in size. This section was judged by the esteemed President of the Society, Mr. Thomson, and his awards were well received. The Hyde's special was secured by Mr. Philips. Mr. Reid had the secretarial duties in hand and his past efforts were on this occasion even excelled, everything being grandly conducted, and the exhibits were comfortably staged in an ideal hall. He was ably assisted by a young and energetic society, and we hope that next year the society will be awarded with a bumping display, as they fully deserve it.

Mr. John Brockie's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Gilchrist, in extra condition, grand level shade of colour, good rounded body, fine wing carriage; 2, Cairns, lovely stamp, nice head, well packed in back, neat carriage, in fine bloom; 3, Gordon, slimmer got up, but fine size and quality; 4, Rutherford, lovely quality, but lacks shape of winners; vhc, Blackie; hc, Nichol. B (6): 1, Bennet, good one, fine stamp, rare carriage, wonderfully free and jaunty, good front, lovely head, and wing carriage; 2, Gilchrist, rare feather, not so good in carriage, neat front and taper; 3, McKenzie, shade longer, but nicely tapered, in fine trim; 4, Patterson, in lovely bloom, well rounded, grand wing carriage, finely finished off; vhc, Blackie; hc, Hart. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Bennet, leading with a gem, tight as wax, nice shade of colour, well drawn, easy winner; 2, McKenzie, shade slimmer got up, but a grand one, inclined to be unsteady, in fine order; 3, Nichol, nice exhibit, lacking the bloom and finish of winners. HEN (14): 1, Bennet, short and tight feathered, very jaunty in carriage, shows to perfection, well tapered; 2, Gilchrist, for feather a marvel, like a piece of satin, grand colour, fails to winner in neck only; 3, McKenzie, neat, stylish bird, finely moulded, lacks bloom of winners; 4, Duncan and Logan, fine feathered bird, good body, neatly tapered, well filled on back, neat wing carriage; vhc, Lind; hc, Linton; c, Blackie, a grand class. EVEN MARKS (3): 1, Watson, junr., nicely balanced, good type and quality of feather; 2, Robertson, good mark, nicely balanced eye and wings, but very soft in feather; 3, Nichol, could not find when taking notes. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Duncan and Logan, clear leader, looks like their old winner as fresh as ever, nicely drawn, fine position, well moulded, rare colour; 2, Blackie, stronger got up, but in lovely bloom, nice fronted bird, good quality throughout; 3, spl, Philips, grand short feather; 4, McKenzie, in good order; vhc, Rodger; hc, Murray. BUFFS (14): 1, Gilchrist, very jaunty carriage, shows to perfection, grand wing carriage, neat head, marvellous feather; 2, spl, 3, Philips, two lovely birds, as round as marbles, grand feather, rare headed birds; 4, Robertson, grandly feathered, nice type and carriage, inclined to be plain in front; vhc, Watson; hc, Bennet. FOUL (6): 1, and B.F.C. medal, Gilchrist, topper, grandly tapered, nice front, well drawn, good back and wing carriage, neat head, well up in colour; 2, Bennet, another gem for finish, lovely carriage, showing to perfection, fails only in head to winner; 3, Patterson, shade stronger in build, but good stamp, in fine bloom; 4, Duncan and Logan, neatly got up bird, nice weight; vhc, Richardson. GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, hc, Murray, leader, very typical green, rare shape, good grassy colour throughout, grandly pencilled, in rare trim; 2, Amos, another hot one for colour and pencilling, also well moulded; 3, Watson, Buff green, very distinct lacing, good shape and colour, scarcely ready yet; 4, c, Arnot and Jamieson, good grassy green, lighter in pencilling, fails in type and quality only to winner; hc, Watson, junr. SELL. (17): 1, Brown; 2, no name; 3, 4, Robertson; vhc, Watson, junr.; hc, Cowan, some good class birds here.

Mr. R. Thomson's Classes.

NOR. CK. (12): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, plenty of size, grand feathered, neat shape head, fine front, well staged; 2, Dickson Bros., rare stamp, very short in feather, grand flights and lovely Buff; 3, Gardiner, good yellow, nice shape, plenty of substance, inclined to be long in feather, in fine bloom; 4, vhc, Cameron, variegated Buff, tight condition, well rounded; hc, Pringle; c, Hughes. NOR. HEN (9): 1, 4, Blackhall, grandly fronted, fine full chest, neatly rounded, nice type all over, good size and quality; 4, plenty of size, a slashing Buff; 2, Gardiner, bouncing variegated, plenty of substance, not quite so tightly moulded; 3, vhc, Cameron, variegated yellow, hot colour, grand quality of feather; hc, Gill; c, Pringle. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, Henderson, good jonque Linnet, plenty of colour, very nicely marked, well up in size, staged to perfection; 2, Gill, another jonque Linnet, again very forward in colour, beaten only in size; 3, 4, Doolan, good Buff Goldie, well up in flush, large and expansive face, plenty of size; 4, slashing Buff Linnet, warm tone, well staged, beaten here; vhc, Polson and Son, Cinnamon Redpoll, interesting exhibit, but in rather poor condition. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Pringle, topping Siberian Goldie, very forward in condition, good face, well cut cheeks, rare body colour, huttoned to perfection; 2, Gordon, another nice Finch, good body colour, nice tannings, fails only in blaze and finish to winner; 3, Scott, nice Brit. Bullfinch, well up in colour; 4, Brown, nice sized Goldfinch, scarcely ready yet, will improve. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, Laidlaw, well known Meadow Pipit, in lovely bloom, nicely marked, fine tone of colour, well staged; 2, Gardiner, large Mealy Redpoll, nice bib and markings, well up in colour; 3, Doolan, topping Linnet, grand breast markings, lovely tone of colour; 4, Scott, nice Greenfinch, fine size and colour; vhc, Bryden; hc, Butler. LARGE (3): 1, Linton, well known Fieldfare, looking very fit, nicely staged; 2, Gardiner, Hawfinch, nice quality of feather, well marked. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Watson, long tailed Parrakeet and Amazon respectively, both in very nice condition; 3, Thomson, Cockatoo, in good condition. SELL (10/6) (6):1, Dickson Bros; 2, Hughes; 3, Laurie and Welsh; 4, Pringle; vbc, Reid; c, Watson.



Car fitted up by the Frome Fanciers' Association.

This car took part in the Frome Carnival, and was awarded third prize.

HUCKNALL TORKARD.

The 15th annual exhibition in connection with the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. was held on October 16th and 17th in the large room attached to the Coffee Tavern—a very adaptable room for such an occasion. It possesses nice light, is fairly spacious, and well ventilated, and is of a cosy nature, being also free from all draughts. The entry obtained was excellent, creating a record, with a total of 315, against 247 of last year—a most pleasing item to chronicle. The staging that had been erected to accommodate the specimens was gallery-like, and those responsible for it are to be complimented. Every bird could be seen at a glance. A capital light assisted the adjudicators in their hard task. Competition was exceedingly keen in all the classes. The Norwich Plainheads were superb, in fact a "hot lot." Messrs. Severn, Fox, and Adnitt and Driver staged some real eye-openers here. The Crests and Crest-breds made a magnificent section, and surprised one greatly, both as regards quantity and quality. Charming exhibits were benched by Messrs. Colledge, Brown, Bowers, Cowperthwaite, Drakeford, Smithurst, Goode, and Hutchinson. The Mules provided the "mixtures," headed by the well-known Buff four-pointed Goldie Can., owned by Messrs. Leam and Stinson. The British birds simply captivated one, amongst them being some real gems. The Wryneck and Blackcap, the property of Mr. J. Milne, were staged in faultless condition. Messrs. Leam and Stinson had on view a lovely Nightingale, and the Bullfinch shown by Mr. Harrison found many admirers. Yorkshires, although not up in very great force, contained a few really good ones. From out the selling classes one could have selected many bargains. Specials were captured by Messrs. Marshall, Mellors, Severns, and Cowperthwaite, Twine, Bertie, Adnitt and Driver, Fox, Colledge, Bowers, Drakeford, Smithurst Hutchinson, Goode, Leam and Stinson, Milne, Truman, Pass and Jacklin The president is Mr. A. Mason; the vice-presidents Drs. W. H. Coates and Saunders. The committee of management consists of a band of well-known and well tried fanciers, who know how to manipulate things correctly, and great credit is due to them for their exertions. The secretaries are Messrs. H. Marshall and E. Mellors, who trot well together, and are the right men in the right place. The success obtained on this occasion, no doubt, has been brought about by their most excellent and praiseworthy generalship. The stewards were Messrs. Pass and Hutchinson, who worked like Trojans, and are to be complimented on their business-like methods. Cards were displayed quickly, and everything went smoothly and well. The adjudicators were Messrs. Vardy and Norwood, who got through their task in a masterly manner.

The Norwich and Crest Classes.

NOR. YELL., NON-FED (3): 1, 2, spl, Twine, former almost green, short and thick-set, good in feather and colour, clean cut, latter lightly marked, nice quality and shape; 3, Smithson, cl., A1 feather, not over large, but neat shape and carriage, in the pink. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Twine, grizzled tail, well up in size, extra cobby, capital quality, clean cut; 2, Draper, cl., tight as box, A1 quality, lovely carriage, not quite the substance of winner, but true Norwich; 3, Leam and Stinson, lightly variegated, grand front, good head and neck, silky feather, worth its place; vhc, Moakes; hc, Smithson. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Bertie, cl., wonderful substance and carriage, wonderful shape, soft silky texture of feather, a real gem; 2, Moore, marked neck, ablaze with colour, cobby, of capital wing carriage, beaten in size somewhat, exceedingly promising; 3, Pepper, cl., nice tone of colour, superb feather, very shapely, not quite ready, will improve; vhc, Simpson; hc, Brown; c, Adnitt and Driver, grizzled tail, one we liked much. BUFF (16): A nice lot this. 1, spl, Severn, marked wings and eyes, Bullfinch like in shape, magnificent feather, colour and meal, best of wing carriage, a gem; 2, Draper, marked wings, eyes and neck, possessing capital type, colour and feather, delightfully mealed, should make up well; 3, Beardall and Walker, heavy marked, smooth as glass, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; vhc, Smith; hc, Pepper; c, Bertie. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 2 spls, Severn, rich in colour and quality, fine head, neck and cheeks, broad expanding breast, A1 wings and tails, an eye-opener: 2, Keeling and Hatton, very massive, red hot, soft silky texture of feather, capital front, wee bit loose under, which told against it; 3, Doxey, exceptional shape and carriage, nice size, good feather, would be better with a little more colour, well worth its place; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Winterbottom. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Severn, a bouncer, A1 feather, fine depth of chest, clean cut away, in rare trim; 2, Attewell and Revill, another good-sized specimen, grand colour and quality, nicely-carried flights, will improve: 3, Greaves, magnificent shape, good in colour and feather, well frosted; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Robinson; c, Moore. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 3, spl, Adnitt and Driver, with a couple of beauties, former marked wings and eyes, a demon for colour and quality, lovely shape, well up in substance; latter marked neck, capital size and type, A1 feather and colour, clean cut, and fine wing carriage; good 3rd; 2, Marshall and Vaughan, marked left wing, perfect type, tight as a Java, nice size, will do some winning; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, c, Severn. BUFF (12): A rare class: 1, spl, Fox, marked left wing and about head, hard to find fault with, put down in superb fashion; 2, Birch, marked left wing and head, almost equal in feather and colour, wee bit behind in shape, yet grand; 3, Beardall and Walker, unevenly marked smooth as wax, all type, rattling colour and quality; vhc, hc, Severn; c, Adnitt and Driver. YELL. HEN (12): A grand lot. 1, spl, Fox, marked saddle, lovely colour and shape, fine substance and carriage, tight as box, clean sweep, real topper; 2, Dallman, cl. true Norwich shape, rich tone of colour, A1 quality, not overdone with size, still most charming, close up; 3, Wilson, cl., similar to second, very little separate them, put down well; vhc, hc, Severn; c, Smith. BUFF (21): A wonderful class. 1, Fox, cl. bigh colour, nice size and shape, magnificently frosted, fine deep chest, quite a "Lady of the lake"; 2, vhc, Severn, two lovely damsels, both clears, capital type, superior quality, nice colour and meal; vhc, bird hardly ready yet; 3, Adnitt and Driver, marked wing, feathered to perfection, grand tone of colour, very shapely, jaunty carriage, not far away; hc, Marshall and Vaughan, magnificent type; c, Smedley, varieg., grand for stock. NOR. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Severn, Buff var., fine bold specimen, slashing feather and colour, well mealed, we liked very much; 2, Adnitt and Driver, yell. var., well up in size, rare colour and quality, shone like silk, A1 type; 3, Bagnall, yell. green, very cobby, nice substance and quality, clean cut; vhc, Marshall and Vaughan; hc, Collings; c, Beadall and Walker. YELL. DARK CREST (8): 1, spl, Colledge, cl. body dark, grand shape and substance, rattling quality, crest large and of beautiful radiation, fine droop and centre; 2, Mason, varieg., not quite so massive in build, but very shapely, neat drooping crest; 3, Gilbert, cl. body, capital veiny feather, good in shape and formation, worth its place; vhc, Smithurst; hc, Bowers; c, Davis BUFF (8): 1 Brown, almost green, light tail, possessing wonderful substance, rattling quality, crest large and as round as a rim, rare droop and tblckly thatched, perfect centre, a real topper; 2, vhc, Colledge, marked wings, dark superb feather in abundance, fine size, Crest of good shape and droop; 3, Nuttall, heavy varieg. dark, well up in size, showing heaps of rich feather, grand crest; hc, Jacklin; c, Housley and Taylor. LIGHT OR GRIZZLE (5): 1, spl, Bowers, cl. body, grizzle, fine substance, rattling shape, crest dense, magnificent radiation, drooped to perfection, a real beauty; 2, Hutchinson, marked breast, grizzle, good size and shape, crest equal in density and of lovely frontal close up; 3, Colledge, cl. body, grizzle, A1 quality, nice substance, crest of good shape but in pen somewhat, should look well shortly; vhc, Twine; hc, Doxey. UNFLIG. (16): A rare class this: 1, spl, Cowperthwaite, most handsome, almost green, lovely veiny feather, crest large, beautiful shape and droop, very bonny youngster; 2, Brown, cl. body, grizzle, fine substance and shape, wonderful quality, crest round as a hoop, beautiful droop and centre, pressed hard; 3, Marshall, green, rich leafy feather, nice size, crest of excellent shape and centre, promising youngster; vhc, Davis; hc, Jacklin; c, Richardson. C.B. UNFLIG. (14): A really nice class. 1, spl, Drakeford, cl. buff, rattling quality, showing abundance of feather, good substance, capital width of skull, will be heard of again; 2, Bowers, heavy varieg., slashing feather, well up in size, good shape, grand exhibit; 3, Davis, heavy var., capital shape and feather, nice width of skull; vhc, Brown; hc, Mellors; c, Jacklin. YELL. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Smithurst, marked wing and eyes, a giant, magnificent feather in abundance, fine shape, grand skull and lash, a gem; 2, Twine, marked left wing and eyes, capital quality, nice head points, neat exhibit; 3, Bowers, almost green, good in feather, nice substance; vhc, Bertie. BUFF (15): A good class. 1, spl, Drakeford, cl. buff, fine hold specimen, grand shape and quality, rattling width of skull, good lash, well shown; 2, Nuttall, green, another good one, rare feather, fine substance, just beaten in skull properties; 3, Miller, marked wings and eyes, lovely quality, nice substance, fine skull and lash; vhc, Colledge, marked wing and head; hc, Holmes; c, Jacklin. HEN, YELL. (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, spl, Smithurst, var., A1 feather, good size, neat head; vhc, Marshall, cl., nice one. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Hutchinson, heavy varieg., a monster, wonderful feather, fine shape, charming rise and width of skull, lashed to perfection, a gem all over, 2, Davies, almost green, pied tail, built on massive lines, grand shape, rare quality, very meritorious; 3, Jacklin, almost green, pied tail, showing abundance of rich feather, good size, nice all-round specimen; vhc, Cowperthwaite; hc, Holmes; c, Twine. HENS, A.V. (3): 1, 2, withheld; 3, spl, Colledge, buff, marked right wing, dark, rare size and quality, crest large, lovely formation; vhc, Davis, green, pied tail capital feather, veiny, good shaped body; hc, Mellors, buff green, pied tail, good one. P (6): 1, spl, Goode, buff green C.B. cock, good substance and head points, and buff variegated. D.C. hen, nice beafy leather, crest round as a shilling; 2, Marshall, Buff, marked wings, D.C. cock, good in size, crest neat, and of nice droop, and buff heavy marked C.B. hen, possessing capital skull lash and quality; 3, Cowperthwaite, buff-marked D.C. cock, possessing grand crest, nice shape and size, and yell.-mark C.B. hen, capital feather, nice substance, good skull and brow; vhc, Wyatt; hc, C. and H. Twine; c, Jacklin. NOR. PAIRS (12): 1, 3, spl, Severn, couple of likely looking pairs, winners fine bold short thickset, cl. yell. cock, and very shapely buff marked hen of A1 quality, size and shape; 3rd, slashing cl. yell. cock, well up in substance and shape, and bonny var. buff hen, lovely texture of feather, A1 type and carriage; 2, Adnitt and Driver, capital ticked yell. cock, hot in colour, good size and shape, with a grand shaped buff green hen, good carriage, clean cut; vhc, Moakes; hc, Fox; c Pepper.

The Remaining Classes.

MULES (10): 1, spl, Leam and Stimson, well-known Buff, four pointed Goldie-Canary, looking as well as ever;2, Seal, Buff Var, Goldie-Canary, somewhat larger than winner, capital feather, in fine trim; 3, Caunt, nice Goldie-Bullie, not over large, but neat in shape, showing parentage distinctly; vhc, Palmer; c, Bailey. LARK, ETC. (11): 1, 2, spl, Milne, former, magnificent Wryneck, in absolutely perfect trim, the Peterboro' winner; 2, lovely Blackcap, shown in delightful form, both staged for all they were worth, credit to owner; 3, Leam and Stinson, gem of a Nightingale, put down in superb form, good enough to win at majority of shows; vhc, Harrison, handsome Bullie; hc, Seal; c, Hexter. YORK. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Clark, clear, fine, long drawn specimen, straight as a pencil, grand back and wing carriage, well on leg; 2, 3, spl, Truman, varieg. and clear respectively, former lengthy, grand position, A1 quality, shows well, latter, exceptional length, rare colour and stand; vhc, Drakeford; c, Wilson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Pass, marked about head, smooth as a bottle, good length and position, rattling quality, shows thighs nicely; 2, Clark, clear, straight as a rush, good feather, lengthy, grand back and flights, close up; 3, York, marked wings and head, red hot, capital feather, well frosted, good length and position; vhc, Critchley; hc, Drakeford; c, Wilson. LINNET (30/-) (14): 1, vhc, spl, Jacklin, Buff Varieg. C.B., cheap bird; 2, Holmes, buff green D.C., a bargain; 3, Twine, clear Buff C.B. cock, and Buff heavy marked D.C. hen, not a dear pair; hc, Pepper; c, Mason. SELL (20/-) (10): 1, Wigginton, Buff marked D.C., real bargain; 2, vhc, spl, Jacklin, Buff green D.C., cheap specimen; 3, Bowers, Buff marked D.C.; hc, Holmes; (15/-) (9): 1, hc, spl, Jacklin; 2, Mellows; 3, vhc, Marshall; c, Goode; (12/6) (11): 1, Mason; 2, 3, spl, Brown; vhc, Greaves; hc, Winterhottam; c, Pepper.

BUSH HILL PARK.

If a good entry and a big crowd of visitors are any indication of progress then the Bush Hill Park F.S. is indeed making good headway. We have never been in so crowded a show as the one held by this society in the Percival Road Institute, on October 17th. Locomotion was almost impossible, and the huge crowd appeared to be taking the keenest interest in the exhibits. The arrangements were ably carried out by the committee, and the cage birds were nicely staged at the end of the hall out of the way of all draughts, and very nice they looked. The Crests were a nice little lot, and amongst them was found the winner of the special for the best bird in the show, a very smart, and evenly marked bird, shown by Mr. Irving. It is a bird of capital quality, with well arranged headgear, Yorkshires were fairly good. Norwich made a capital class, and the quality was of a high order. The British and Foreign classes contained some very choice and smart exhibits. We particularly admired the long-tailed Whydah of Mr. Williams, also the same gentleman's Chaffinches, and Mr. Saville's Bullfinches. Mr. R. J. Lewis judged, and his awards were well received.

CAN. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, spl, and spl. for best bird in show, 2, Irving; 3, Hann. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, res. vhc, Bulgin. NORWICH (9): 1, res., c, Hayden; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Bulgin. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Saville; 2, res., Williams; 3, Saville. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Williams.

ASHFORD (Kent).

Only five classes were provided for Cage Birds at the show of the Ashford F.S., which was held in the Swan Buildings, on October 15th and 16th, and these were judged by Mr. Clem Watson. The quality of the exhibits was fairly good, and members also, except in the British class. The birds were nicely staged on tables in the centre of the hall, well away from all draughts, and their needs were attended to by the stewards. Mr E. J. Browne made a capable and most courteous secretary, and his efforts to make things move swiftly and smoothly were ably seconded by the committee, which was composed of the following fanciers:—Messrs. L. G. Knowles (chairman), Bury, Ferguson, Hoile, Corke, Packham, Hooker, Grant, Offen, and Rev. F. T. Gregg. The fixture was favoured with beautiful weather, and the many visitors displayed great interest in the Cage Bird section, which we would advise the executive to extend another year.

NOR. (13): 1, 2, vhc, hc, and three spls, Bury and Mitchell, 1, very nice shape, close feathered Buff, very free in colour; 2, variegated Buff, a bird of capital shape, grand rich colour and well mealed, we liked better than winner; 3, Wardley, rick coloured Buff, nice shape, neat wings and tail, not so well shown; absent 12, Toppenden. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, and two spls, Offen, the three leaders were all yellows, the first two being ticked in neck, they were nice stylish birds, and of good colour, but were hardly through the moult. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Grant, 1, nice-shaped, variegated Crest-bred, of good quality of feather; 2, neat, showing variegated crest; 3, a very pretty, nicely shaped, good centred, clear crest of beautiful quality; c, Toppenden. BRIT.: 1, 3, Ward. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Bury and Mitchell, very useful team of Norwich, nice shape and quality; vhc, Offen.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM.

Kelty and Blairadam held their third annual show on October 17th, and it proved a record, drawing together the magnificent entry of 563, which is an advance of 163 over last year. The programme opened with Scotch fancies, and, taken on the whole, the quality was good, some outstanding birds being on view. The cock classes, if anything, were better than the hen classes, and in the green buff cocks there turned up the Local Cup winner, a bird belonging to Mr. Fotheringham. Mr. Low selected the winners in his usual careful manner, to the satisfaction of the majority. Borders were forward in force, some real outstanding birds being on view, in fact, two sets of winners might have been found. The medal winner turned up in the shape of a yellow cock shown by Mr. Craig. Yorkshires were here in great numbers, and one would have thought to look round he was in the land of the broad acres. With the hot colour and black edges the birds were a great contrast to their smaller brethren. All the classes contained specimens of very high merit. Mr. Patterson judged these varieties, and his awards were received with great satisfaction. Norwich were a warm lot, some real toppers being staged. Mr. Howie, of Baudee, however, held a master hand, and secured the greatest amount of prizes and successfully captured the challenge cup with a buff variey. hen. The unlighted classes brought together no less than 43 entries, and the pick of the lot was staged by Mr. Barclay; a novice we heard. Crests and crest-breds were on the whole good, and here the renowned Mr. Reid held a strong hand. Mr. Adams judged these varieties, and his awards were well received. Mules, British and foreign, were a grand collection, almost everything in the British line being catered for. The Mule classes were good, the darks being strong. Light Mules were numerous, and were headed by a four-pointed Goldie in rattling trim. British birds were large in numbers, and some good ones were on view. Bullfinches and Linnets were the best classes. Brambles, Greenfinches and Redpolls were simply splendid, and here the plum must go to the winning Bramblefinch. In the Softbill smalls only one bird was entered, and here the judge wrong-classed it, a Yellowhammer (this is open to controversy, many being of the opinion a Yellowhammer is practically a Softbill). Foreigners were a nice collection, and were headed by a Whydah. Unfortunately, Mr. Martin's birds arrived too late for judging. Mr. Farmer, the late secretary of the S.B.B. and M.C., judged these varieties, and considering the varieties and numbers he acquitted himself well. The hall is an ideal one, being free from draughts and well lighted. The management cannot be surpassed. Such a crowd of willing workers it would be hard to find. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. Ford, and the society have been fortunate in securing such a capable manager. He had everything in apple-pie order, and was most obliging to all the many enquirers that are to be met with at such fixtures. He had a sterling assistant in the worthy treasurer, Mr. Fotheringham, and the pair proved equal to the occasion. The show was largely patronised, and we expect to hear the third fixture proved a record success.

The Scotch Fancy Section.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Laing, raking bird, fine length of side, good free drive, nice reach and depth across, fine exhibit; 2, Strachan, built on similar lines, heavier in shoulder, nice action and condition; 3, laglis, smaller frame, good top end, free working bird; vhc, Balfour; hc, Leslie; c, Gibson. HEN (6): 1, Stewart, good quality for a lady, nice size, well filled shoulders, fine reach and droop; 2, Stenhouse, shade slimmer and longer but not quite so well packed on back, still a good second; 3, Hunter, stylish, not so thick across chest, good all round; vhc, Cowan; hc, Inglis; c, Strachan. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Miss Braman, wins, fine depth throughout, good shoulder and reach, neat side and drive, in grand order; 2, Down, neat, scarcely the weight or style of winner. HEN (4): 1, spl, Wilkie, stylish, fine free action, good shoulders and nice snaky head, grand length of side, well put down, in good trim; 2, Gillies, plenty of go, well up in depth, scarcely the reach of winner, good worker; 3, McGregor and Balfour, sweet hen, good front and top end; vhc, Strachan. YELL. PIED ETC. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Laing, good trio, leader best in shoulders and reach, 2nd grand depth all over, but straighter in appearance, 3rd good, close up; fine team, a credit to owner; vhc, Wilkie; hc, Chalmers. HEN (4): 1, 2, Cowan, leading with good one, nice depth across, fine top end, good free action, 2nd also stylish, could do with a little more substance, well placed; 3, Gibson, very showy bird, which handles well at times, nice depth, well filled up, fails only in size to the winners; vhc, Sneddon. BUFF, PIED ETC., CK. (10): 1, spl, Fotheringham, leading with good one, buff green cock, fine length of side, good top end, nice snaky neck, good depth throughout, very clean got up; 2, 2 gals, Leslie, long sided, great length, free and stylish, lacks the top end and depth of winner; 3, spl, Allan, nice all round exhibit, scarcely so well got up as winner but nice substance throughout, well placed; vhc, Stenhouse; hc, Hunter; c, McGregor and Balfour. HEN (9): 1, Allan, sweet one, very free exhibit, good top end, nice head, gets to work freely, grips perch well, fine size and quality, good exhibit; 2, Gibson, close up, plenty of substance, good shape, not quite so stylish as winner; 3, McGregor and Balfour, nice all round exhibit, fine substance and quality, inclined to be dull; vhc, Fotheringham; hc, Spence; c, Gillies. SELL. CK. £1 (5): 1, Allan; 2, Cowan; 3, Fotheringham; 4, Leslie; hc, Miss Braman. HEN, £1 (5): 1, Gibson; 2, McGregor and Balfour; 3, Allan; 4, Fotheringham; hc, Duncan.

Norwich and Crest Sections.

CREST. CK. (7): 1, Reid, wins, good laid on crest, nice radiation, plenty feather good quality, in grand bloom; 2, Paul, good green, fine top piece well laid on, but thinner in feather than winner, good back and side; 3, Lumsden, grandly feathered, fine length, nice frontal; vhc, Watt; hc, Robinson. HEN (4): 1, 2, Reid, leader wins comfortably, fine top piece, grandly groomed, not a feather out of place, lovely radiation, fine body and feather, 2nd grandly centred but inclined to rise a little against plenty of feather; 3, Vlec, good, well laid on crest, nicely groomed; vhc, Crerar. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Arnott, green, grand skull and entrance, fine noble head, rare width, good lash carried well back, plenty of substance, in fine bloom; 2, Law, plenty of lash, good substance of body, narrower a shade at entrance; 3, Reid, again well up in entrance, nice lash at front, fails behind to winners; vhc, Robinson; hc, Fyfe; c, Fulton. HEN (2): 1, Law, good one, rare head for a lady, nice entrance, finely lashed, plenty of substance and good order; 2, Buchanan, well lashed bird, good skull at back, rather narrow at entrance, finely groomed. UNFLIG. CR. OR C.B. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Reid, leader crest, grand top piece, well groomed, nicely centred, good length of feather and plenty of substance, 2nd crest-bred, slasher for size, nice full-headed bird, well lashed, 3rd beaten in side but grandly fronted, fine trio; vhc, Paul; hc, Anderson; c, Arnott. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (7): 1, Carson, good one, grand warm level colour, nice head, good front and wing carriage, neatly tapered, well staged; 2, Lyall, fine shape and feather, good quality throughout, shade heavy below, lacks taper of winner; 3, Lumsden, hot coloured one, very neatly built but fails in substance; vhc, Harris; hc, Howie; c, Fisher and Mathieson. HEN (8): 1, Murray, rare bloom, fine level colour throughout, grand substance, nice full rounded front, tapered to perfection, neat wings and back, well put down, in A1 trim; 2, Lumsden, plenty of size, well up in colour, fails only in condition and finish; 3, Martin, good stamp, nice front and head, well up in bloom; vhc (no name); hc, Sharp; c, Howie. CL. ETC., BUFF CK. (8): 1, Howie, good one, very nice shade of colour, good quality of feather, wonderfully full front, grand head, lovely wing carriage, in tip-top bloom; 2, Bugbass, hot coloured one, nice head and front, good carriage, fails in substance to winner; 3, Martin, grand condition, lovely colour, good stamp, falls in depth of chest to winners; vhc, McHale; hc, Brown and Fleming. HEN (11): 1, Harris, plenty of size, very nice shape, good feather, fine full front, grand head, nicely put down; 2, Howie, good finished bird, in A1 trim, grand shade of colour, fails only in front and taper; 3, Bugbass, smaller got up but neat, nicely moulded, in very good trim, sweet; vhc, Fisher and Mathieson; hc, Logan; c, Murray. No. 1, good stamp of a Norwich, some thought might have been in the prize list. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, 3, Howie, leader shapely buff, fine quality feather, grand substance throughout, neat front, tip-top wing carriage, in rare bloom, 3rd hot coloured one, teeming with quality, beaten in front by winner; 2, Murray, grand bodied yellow, shade strong looking in head but wonderful front and taper; vhc, Logan; hc, Kelmo; c, Dickson. HEN (9): 1, spl, Howie, very shapely, short in feather, full in front, lovely taper, grand back and wing carriage; 2, Murray, large yellow, grand substance throughout, slightly twisted on neck feathers, otherwise a topper, in fine order; 3, Logan, buff, nice stamp, good front and head, fails to winners behind; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Philip; c, Allan. UNFLIG. CK. (25): 1, Barclay, slashing yellow, rare substance throughout, fine head, well filled on back, noble rounded chest beautifully cut, rare colour, exceedingly well staged, credit to owner; 2, Harris, romping buff, grand shape, very short in feather, good front and style, warm tone of colour; 3, Howie, yellow, demon for colour, beaten in build, well staged; hc, c, Douglas; vhc, Martin. HEN (18): 1, vhc, Howie, leader variey. yellow, nice warm tone of colour, well moulded, sweet head and front; 2, Sharp, slashing buff, rare quality feather, nice frontal, fine level wing carriage, good one, well placed; 3, Laverock and Summers, stylish buff, shade smaller in build, beautifully moulded; hc, Lyall; c, Christison. CK., NON-FED (9): 1, Howie, variey. buff, best shape, stout, nicely rounded, fine Bullie, head, neat carriage, wins; 2, Lumsden, foul buff, large, plenty of substance; 3, Warden, yellow, small, very neatly built, in fine order; vhc, Barclay; hc, Flockhart; c, Marr. HEN (10): 1, Martin, nice all round buff, neat head and front and tip-top carriage, in grand order, well put down; 2, Lumsden, sweet yellow, fails to winner only in depth of chest, lovely taper and carriage; 3, Davidson, good variey. buff, in grant feather, fine front and head, shade plainer-looking; vhc, Miss Barr; hc, Howie; c, Flockhart. SELL., £1 (16): 1, hc, Howie; 2, Johnstone; 3, Martin; 4, McCall and Henderson; c, Marr.

Border Fancy and Yorkshire Sections.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, spl, B.F.C. medal, Craig, a beauty, nice head and neck, back and front well rounded, level colour, good quality and condition; 2, Smith, very similar in shape, colour and position, just a shade shorter behind, good one; 3, Baird, rare good type, nice head, level colour, well rounded body; vhc, Wilson, fine type, quality and colour; hc, Kinninmouth; c, Duff. HEN (12): 1, spl, Anderson, rare model for shape, beautiful head and neck, tight as wax in feather, wins easily; 2, Craig, another fine hen for shape, type and colour perfection; 3, Steele, very jaunty pose of head, fine in neck, good colour and quality, little careless in wing carriage; vhc, Spence, much the same in shape, colour and quality; hc, Galloway; c, Watson. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Robertson, nice stamp all over, just a wee soft to-day, still he wins, nice typical head, neck and back, wings well carried; 2, Arnott, another good one, nice small head, grand colour, quality and type, also a little soft; 3, Anderson, tighter in feather, in fine condition; vhc, Wilson, good colour and quality, shade flat on back; hc, Smith; c, Baird. HEN (19): 1, Craig, real beauty, rare size and type, lovely free pose of head, colour and quality perfection; 2, Anderson, runs a close race, just shade down in condition, but all there for type, etc.; 3, Arnott, one we liked, nice model in head and body, ideal size, wee fish-tailed spoiled her; vhc, spl, Easson, shade larger, fine type and quality; hc, Robertson; c, Steele. EVEN (2): 1, Miller, yellow, fine shape, colour, quality and condition, eye markings; 2, Watt and Storrie, buff, also good type head and body but faint in eye markings. UNEVEN (9): 1, Barry, cinnamon marked head and wings, good level colour, fine quality and condition, wings well laid on; 2, Stirling, five-pointed on head, eyes and wings, nice size and weight of markings, well filled body, grand head; 3, Kerr, another five-pointed cock, shade stouter in build, markings well placed, wee bit down in condition; vhc, King, marked eyes and thighs, fine colour and quality, not ready yet; hc, Kilpatrick; c, Watt and Storrie. BUFF: 1, spl, Anderson, marked eyes, wings and rump, lovely eyes fine size, wings to match, rare jaunty head and queenly air all over; 2, Craig, three-point eyes and one wing, rare good stamp, well modelled head, neck and back, just a wee bit down in condition; 3, spl, vhc, Watson, another gem, marked eyes, wings and back of neck, rare good colour and quality, and markings well balanced; vhc, very similar in shape, good eye markings; hc, Campbell Bros.; c, Kerr. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, vhc, Lamble, 1st grand grass shade of colour and pencilling, fine quality; 2, Duncan, nice cinnamon, better size, but runs a shade light in under colour, will be a good one with another moult; 3, Burglass, green, nice head and back, little rough in front; vhc, somewhat similar in type and colour. SELL. (12): 1, Baine; 2, Smith; 3, Easson; vhc, Craig; hc, Foulton; c, Summers. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. (16): 1, McRobbie, raking yellow, in rare trim, fine shaped head, well drawn body and wings well carried; 2, spl, Hendry, something similar in shape, shade longer, fails only in colour and quality; 3, Penman, close up, little between them, shade coarser in head; vhc, Gibb, grand length, fine colour, falls in condition; hc, Macdougall; c, Paterson. BUFF (13): 1, Paterson, grand colour and quality, nice head and neck, well carried wings, and tail of a nice shape and length; 2, McRobbie, another good one for type, colour and quality, wee bit more open in front; 3, Campbell, grand length, nice pose of head and takes good stand; vhc, Macdougall, fine length, good body; hc, Shewan; c, Forbes. HEN (15): 1, 3, spl, Forbes, 1st real model of a Yorkie, in spanking trim all over, colour, quality and condition perfection, nice head, back and wing carriage; 2, Macdougall, buff, a shade down in condition, lovely head and neck, bold carriage, good colour; 3, Penman, yellow, good size, colour and type, fails only in fineness of feather; vhc, Paterson, very similar all over; hc, McRobbie; c, Cardwell. SELL. (7): 1, Macdougall; 2, Gibb; 3, Hunter; vhc, Hendry; hc, Jamieson; c, Cargill. COM. CAN. (13): 1, spl, Muncy, in the best trim; 2, Kerr, shade larger buff, Norwich type; 3, Lambie, variey., real cross type; vhc, Johnstone, variey.; hc, Dow; c, Stenhouse. GIFT CLASS (9): 1, Stenhouse; 2, Beattie; 3, Muncy; vhc, Colville; hc, c, Ford.

Mule, British and Foreign Sections.

MULES, DARK (15): 1, Simpson and Penman, jonque Linnet, well up in size, teaming with colour, nicely marked, scarcely finished yet; 2, McLaren, jonque Goldie, neat exhibit, pleaty of colour, good bars and face, wants a little more size; 3, Davidson, good Siskin, grand size and lovely colour throughout, well marked and teeming with quality; vhc, McGorum; hc, Chambers Bros.; c, McCall and Henderson. LIGHT (14): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Johnstone, leader four-pointed buff Goldie, in grand condition, looks like a hen, finely staged; 2, Bruce, variey. Linnet, in rattling trim, well up in size, teeming with quality; 3, Adamson, jonque Goldie, nicely marked, well up in colour and size, will greatly improve; c, Rankine. HYB. (4): 1, Johnstone, nice greenie Bullie, good cap and colour, fine size, in grand order; 2, Watson, Goldie Bullie, in rattling bloom, shows cross well, finely flushed in face; 3, Adamson, sweet Linnet Bullie, well forward in colour, rather poorly staged; vhc, Beattie, Goldie Bullie, grand size, trifle dull in face yet. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Mackie, in fine conditiou, very forward, good flushed face, nicely cut on cheeks, in rare bloom; 2, McLaren, grand front and chest, nice face, expansive blaze, fine quality feather; 3, McRobbin, plenty of size, well up in face, lacks quality and finish; vhc, Carseaddan; hc, Johnston; c, Young. BULLFINCH (8): 1, McDonald, clear win, topping exhibit, grand breast, dense colour, rare bars, broad, jet black cap, in tip-top form, good one; 2, Law, plenty of size, nice tone of colour, fails in formation of cap and density of colour only to 1st; 3, Ross, grandly shaped, fine colour, cap and finish, rare bloom, beaten in size, a good one; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Anderson; c, Chambers Bros. LINNET (13): 1, Merris, largest in class, fine stamp and steady, good ground colour, very nicely laced, distinct flights, teeming with quality, good one all round; 2, Carruthers, shade off colour, nice tone throughout, lovely shape and quality; 3, Conkie, good all round Linnet, fails in pencilling and polish; vhc, McGorum; hc, Malcolmson; c, Simpson and Penman. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Livingstone, nice one, fine deep yellow tint throughout, grandly finished, almost perfect, steady, well staged; 2, Anderson, beauty for feather, tight as wax, grand tone of colour, fed to perfection; 3, Sharp, nice finish for size but very harsh in feather; vhc, Aitken; hc, Cargill; c, Conkie. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, Sharp, beauty, shimmering in gloss, a gem for finish, nice breast, well cut, fine cap, lovely laced back, full of work, an easy win; 2, Munro, Chaffinch, plenty of size, well up in colours, good whites and cap; 3, Beveridge, good Bramble, nicely laced, well up in size and colour; vhc, Smith; hc, McLaren; c, Duncan. SISKIN (13): 1, McLaren, grand size, nicely fed, good cap and head markings, beautifully laced on side, in lovely order; 2, Livingstone, larger if anything and good in cap, fails on breast and side lacing only to winner; 3, Bowie, beauty, natural coloured one, plenty size, good cap, well laced, neat exhibit; vhc, Law; hc, Warden; c, Brown. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Munro, Twite, nice size and colour, very neatly marked, good flights, in fine order; 2, Malcome, grand mealy Redpoll, plenty of size, well marked, good exhibit; 3, Carruthers, Twite, fine size and condition; vhc, Arnott; hc, Cornahan. LESSER (10): 1, McGorum, wins, a good Poll, fine colour throughout and great bib, nicely marked, in A1 bloom; 2, Anderson, again fine size and quality and tone of feather; 3, Gibb, nice one, fine colour, well marked; vhc, Duncan; hc, Duff; c, Boyle. SOFTBILLS, LARGE (7): 1, Mulligan, song Thrush, nicely spangled, well up in size, neatly staged; 2, Barclay, good Skylark, plenty of size, well marked on breast and steady; 3, Bowie, Thrush, fails to winner only in colour and spangles; vhc, McLaren; hc, Chambers Bros.; c, Hunter. HARDBILLED (8): 1, Smith, Hawfinch, well up in colour, good bib, nicely marked, had lost a back claw; 2, Bruce, Corn Bunting, in fine trim, well marked, plenty of size and colour, very steady; 3, Anderson, Hawfinch, good markings, dull in colour, nice size; vhc, Lawson; hc, Bowie; c, Campbell. HEN, BRIT. (5): 1, Morris, nice Goldfinch, fine size, colour and markings; 2, Ross, good hen Bullie, lovely cap and breast, grand order; 3, Brown, splendid Linnet, well laced, in fine feather and colour; vhc, Duff; hc, Weatherstone. SELL, BRIT. OR MULE (5/0) (8): 1, Law; 2, Rankine; 3, McLaren; 4, Wilson; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Johnston. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, McDonald, Bullfinch, enormous size, grand colour and cap, well defined wings, in rare bloom; 2, Howie, rattling Goldie, good dense face, fine cut cheeks, well buttoned and forward in colour and condition; 3, Rankine, another Goldie, fine face and quality; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Duncan; c, Wright. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, vhc, Gavin, Whydah, in grand bloom; 2, Colville and Son, pair of Yellow Budgerigars, in fine order; 3, Bruce, good black-headed Gouldian Finch, in fine feather; hc, c, Johnstone. LARGE (3): 1, Moir, African grey, in exquisite feather, fine bloom; 2, Swinly, good lemon crest Cockatoo.

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LIMAVADY.

This show was held in the Alexander Memorial Hall, on October 14th. There was a very fair entry of 159 in 19 classes. Norwich, Yorkshires and Mule were fairly well filled, and exceptional birds of merit were shown in the above-named sections. The judge, Mr. Connolly Sherrard, got through his work in good time, and we think he left very little to be commented adversely on. Mr. Richard S. Hull, hon. sec., and Mr. W. J. Wilson, assistant sec., did all in their power to make the show a success, and certainly succeeded in so doing.

SCOT. FCY. (7): 1, 3, and 2 spls, Bell, clear, yellow and variegated Buff, winner, grand position, plenty of substance, fine top-end, good shoulders, nice drive, latter grand action, well staged; 2, vhc, hc, Hargin, good one, shade slimmer, beaten by first; c, Gilfillan. CREST. (7): 1, 2, bc, Gilfillan, Buff variey. green, large crest, rough at back, fair type, rather open in centre, could do with a little grooming; 2, smaller crest, nice body, but bad in moult; 3, Slater, fair one, gone in moult; vhc, Scott; c, Bell. PLAINHEAD (12): 1, hc, and spl, Mulligan, grand fronted Buff, very fine in feather, typical, good quality, nice head and neck, short flight and tail, well staged, latter nice type, neat, bit soft; 2, Slater, typical, neat head, nice chubby body; 3, vhc, Owens and Magee; 3, good colour, crosses wings at times; vhc, nice quality; c, Gilfillan. A.V. BRED 1908 (12): 1, 3, and spl, Owens and Magee, 1, fine Buff, nicely mealed, rare chest, nice wings and tail, grand head, real good one; 3, extra good chest, might be better on wing carriage perhaps; 2, Mulligan, Crestbred, good Bullie type, very fair entrance, well staged; vhc, McCagherty, nice and typical. COMMON CAN. (10): 1, Kennedy, nice colour, in good condition; 2, Tait, nice steady bird, larger than first, but gone in moult; 3, Neill, in nice bloom; vhc, Alcorn; hc, Mullen; c, Wilson. Nos. 424, 436, and 431 were wrong classed. CL. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, spl. McQuade, yellow, neat head, straight upstanding bird, nice colour, good barrel, a topper; 2, Devins, yellow, neat and slim, good position and quality, crosses its wings a little; 3, c, Mulligan; 3, Buff, medium length, good conditiou; c, nice feather; vhc, Tighe, not yet in form; hc, and local spl, Moore, yellow, nice slim bird, but rather small. HEN (6): 1, 3, Tighe, 1, nice upstanding hen, well drawn, good even colour, fine quality feather, graud head and tail; 3, fails a little in length to winner; 2, vhc, Devins; 2, good type, nice wing carriage, well up on legs; vhc, real good stamp; hc, Harvey, fair. No. 447 wrong classed, good, might have been well up in the cards otherwise. TK. ETC CK. (6): 1, 3, and spl, Devins, leader rare fine long drawn bird, good colour, nice style, well packed tail, some considered the best Yorkshire in show; 3, nice style and length, well braced wings, well up on legs, and good feather; 2, hc, McQuade, 2, marked Buff, largest in class, fails in head and not quite so good in wing carriage as winner; hc, nice colour and condition; vhc, Mulligan, neat one in moult, wants training. No. 250 absent. TICK. ETC. VARIEG. (4): McQuade, neat and slim, good position and quality, well packed tail, nice length; 2, vhc, Devins; 2, good quality, and tight as wax; vhc, nice one, but rather on the small side; 3, Mulligan, another good one. MULE, GOLDFINCH AND CAN. DARK (9): 1, spl, McCaldin, nice size, and blaze, very steady, good bars, well polished; 2, Harvey, fails only in blaze, very fair body colour, very steady; 3, McCagherty, nice size, falls in colour only; vhc, c, Hargin; hc, Barnes. A.O.V. MULE (9): 1, spl, Owens and Magee, variegated Buff, Goldfinch and Canary, regular little gem, in grand bloom, tight as wax, wins easily; 2, Mulligan, Goldfinch and Canary, light variegated Buff, soft in feather, good size, but beaten here; 3, Harvey, dark Linnet and Canary, good size, and colour, close in feather; vhc, McCoIdin, Goldfinch and Canary variegated, very nicely staged; hc, O'Hara, Linnet and Canary variegated, good size, fine colour, very unsteady or would probably have been higher up in the prize cards; c, Kee. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, spl, Gilfillan, nice one, well cut moons, fine tanning, good blaze and buttons; 2, Algeo, somewhat smaller than winner, nice feather; 3, McClelland, nice colour, but small; vhc, O'Hara; hc, Hargin; c, McMenamin; they were good birds in this class, and many grand ones had to stand down, owing to being in moult. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, Bell, Buff Belgian, wonderful size, loose in feather a little perhaps; 2, Moore, clear capped silver Lizard, nice one. Nos. 490, 491, 492 and 493 wrong classed. SELL (15/-) (15): 1, Sleater; 2, 3, Tighe; vhc, hc, Taylor; hc, McQuade; hc, Owens and Magee. There were a good many cheap birds in this class. (7/6) (13): 1, Kincaid; 2, Anderson; 3, Mulligan; vhc, Harvey; hc, Taylor; c, Slater. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Mulligan, very nice Linnet, nice pencilling, neat shape, good size and steady; 2, Maxwell, Bramblefinch, rather out of condition; 3, vhc, Kennedy, Siskins, not in colour yet; hc, Scott. LARGE (6): 1, Heavey, Thrush; 2, Callaghan, Thrush; 3, Black, Thrush; vhc, Thompson; hc, Kincaid; c, Black. Very poor class for plumage. FOR. (5): 1, Kennedy, South African Parrot, in excellent condition; 2, Crawford, Amazon Parrot, in moult yet, but a good one; 3, Kennedy, Whydah; vhc, Kincaid, grey Parrot; hc, O'Hara, Siberian Goldfinch.

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BOLTON.

Bolton and District O.S. held their annual open show on October 16th and 17th, in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge-street, Bolton. The hall is one of the finest in Lancashire for the Cage Bird Show, being very well lighted and absolutely free from draughts. The show was a record in every way and was without doubt the most successful ever held in Bolton. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 616, not one class being cancelled. Yorkshires opened the ball, and made a grand show. The quality was well maintained, in every class, birds of the highest merit being staged, conspicuous amongst them being the specimens exhibited by Messrs. Norris, Brooks, Jim Smith, Cavanagh, Hodgson, Rhodes and Calling. Norwich, as was to be expected at the first N.P.C. cup show, turned up grand, and seldom have more real "good 'uns" been seen at one show. Perhaps the bird which claimed most attention was the magnificent ticked yellow, exhibited by Mr. S. Cook. It was acknowledged by many prominent fanciers to be the best seen for years. Another exhibit which found a host of admirers, was Mr. T. Seed's old veteran "Little King II," looking as well as ever. Other grand birds in this section were staged by Messrs. Shaw, Evans, Howe, Trengove, Irons and others. Crests, although not strong in numbers, were grand in quality. The Unflighted Crest of Mr. Joseph Ogden was voted by many fanciers a real good one, and should do some winning The same gentleman also staged another very nice bird in his Unflighted Crestbred. Messrs. Hart and Godley also put down two magnificent exhibits in the old bird classes, whilst Messrs. Godley and Dormer held the sway, as usual, among the Cinnamons. Borders came up well in the two classes provided, Messrs. Bayley, Cherry, Hancock and Blackshaw accounting for the principal awards. The British, Foreign and Mule classes contained some grand exhibits. The Redpoll-Bullie, looking in perfect condition to-day, won in the Hybrid class. British birds came up very strongly so early, except Goldfinches, which always hang back in moulting the blaze well up in colour. Exhibitors who are anxious to get their Goldfinches ready should use the silk handkerchief every day now. It is surprising what a help it is to the blaze, and indeed the whole plumage. Linnets were splendid, all the card winners of very high merit, and a little condition may easily alter their various positions week by week. A fine Hawfinch won, followed by a grandly-marked yellow Bunting, and a very steady Corn Bunting. Softbills saw extremes meet, a grand Chough winning, followed up by a splendid Nightingale and Whitetbroat all in perfect condition. It is difficult competition when large and small are grouped together. Foreign birds were a numerous and very fine lot, not a bad feathered bird in them, a grand King Parrakeet winning. The Novice classes were a gratifying success and competition in this section was exceptionally keen, many birds being staged which would do well out in the open. The principal winners were Messrs. Stirrup, W. H. Fletcher, Millingcamp, Elsegood, Bevau, Boothman and Venables. The arrangements were in first-class order, and Mr. James Stringer, the worthy secretary, deserves the praise and thanks of every member of the Society for the admirably prompt and successful manner in which he carried out bis numerous duties. He makes an ideal show manager. He was well supported by the popular president of the society, Mr. James Smith, the vice-president, Mr. S. Smith, the treasurer, Mr. R. Hollis, and Messrs. J. Gerrard, T. H. Cooper, W. Longworth, J. Nelson, J. Lomax, T. W. Burgess, Jim Smith, J. Brooks, W. Richardson, F. Proctor and others. Amongst those fanciers present from a distance we noticed Messrs. J. W. Clemmson, E. Godley, J. Cavanagh, J. Cheetham, T. H. Dent, J. Trengove, W. Booth, H. Riding, T. Sandiford, R. Braybrook, and the newly-married T. Seed, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations. Messrs. J. H. Roe and C. Houlton judged, and we heard no complaints.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

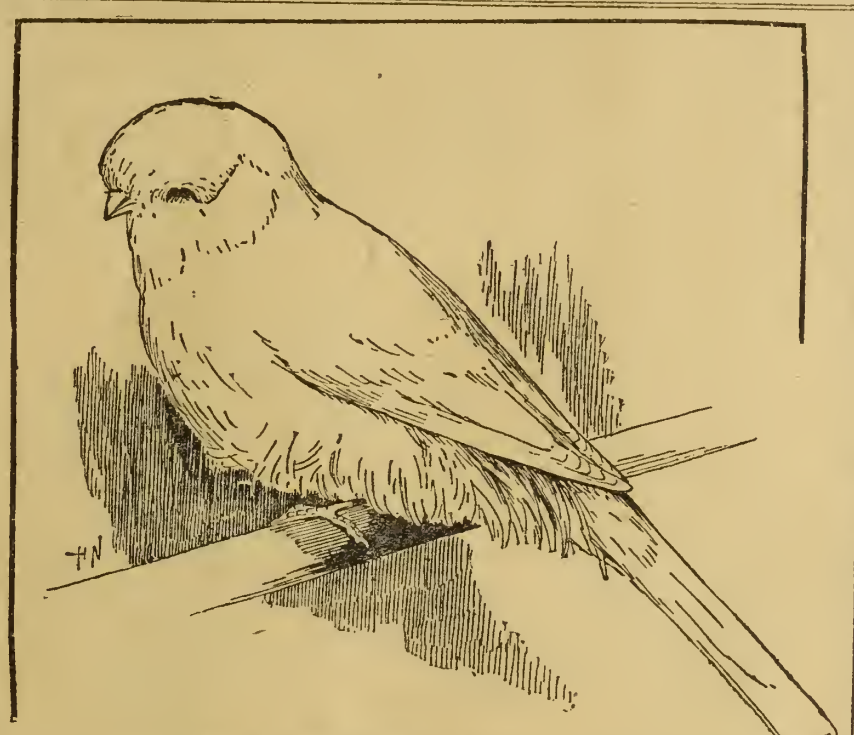
YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Norris, wonderful length, red-hot colour, nice back, wings, and tail, grand quality, good position; 2, Yelland, long, well drawn, beautiful quality, straight as a pencil, nice colour; 3, Hirst, extra type, quality and colour, well up on leg; 4, Hodgson, very similar; vhc, Mitchell, rare length and quality; hc, Hodgson, nice bird; c, Sunderland. BUFF (12): 1, Brooks, long, raking bird, magnificent type and quality, stands like a guardsman; 2, Dooley, grand length, rare position, nice quality and style; 3, Atkinson, beautiful quality, rattling length, grand back, wings and tail; 4, Bullough, very slim, stylish, well-drawn exhibit; vhc, Norris, grand bird in every respect; hc, Aston Bros, nice, but beaten a little in type; c, Burton. TKD. ETC. YELL. (18): 1, and spl. for best bird shewn by a member, J. Smith, marked head and breast, fine length, grand colour, teems with quality, wins well; 2, 4, M. Sunderland, clinking specimens; 2, slightly grizzle on neck, plenty of size, extra quality; 4, marked neck and wing, for length, style, and quality all there; 3, Knowles, thigh ticked, hot colour, good length and quality, shade stronger; vhc, Hodgson, thigh ticked, grand Yorks.; hc, Blackhurst, wing ticked, good colour, length and quality; c, Fitton. BUFF (14): 1, Cavanagh, neck ticked, gem all over, beautiful colour, grand size and position, well up on leg, extra quality; 2, Hodgson, slashing, wing marked, grand quality, stands well up, correct type, not far behind; 3, Hirst, Cinnamon, wings and cheek marked, grand size and quality, shade stronger; 4, Yelland, ticked back of head, beautiful length and shape; vhc, Binns, thigh ticked, good type and quality; hc, Dooley, ticked over eye, good length; c, Dudleston. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Hodgson, well known clear Burnley winner, looking grand to-day, a gem; 2, Blackhurst, another grand, clear rare quality, nice length and colour; 3, c, Knowles, 3, Cinnamon, neck and wing marked, grand length, superior quality; 4, Gray, cheeks, neck and wing marked, fine length and position, bonny hen; vhc, Cavanagh, nice, rare coloured clear; hc, Brooks, grand quality, nice length. BUFF (14): 1, Rhodes, clear, nice length, smooth as glass, extra good type and position, real good hen; 2, Burton, another grand clear, lovely feather and type; 3, Dooley, another clear, beautiful quality and type, not far behind; 4, Knowles, grizzle on neck, splendid quality and carriage, very sweetly moulded, rare position; vhc, Brooks, long, raking clear; hc, Yelland, nice hen; c, Leonard. UNFLIG. A.V. (13): 1, Galling, grizzle on shoulder, rare length and quality, rattling position and carriage, beautiful colour, full of Yorks. properties; 2, Knowles, long, typical, eye marked, magnificent quality and colour, nice back, wings and tail; 3, Yelland, bonny clear Buff, splendid length and quality, plenty strong enough; 4, Hirst, long, stylish clear, grand quality and position; vhc, Brookes, clinking clear Buff; h, Fortnam, fine, clear yellow; c, Mrs. Sunderland. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Seed, grand size and colour, fine bead, neck and chest, splendid quality and carriage, one of the right sort; 2, Massey, again grand colour and size, fine shape and quality, good head, short, well filled in neck and shoulders; 3, Shore, rare shape, extra short and thick set, brimful of quality and colour, good third; 4, Blackhurst, grand colour and quality; vhc, Blackhurst, fine shape and quality; hc, Beswick and Gaskill, fine bold bird, grand chest; c, Cherry. BUFF (17): 1, and Ramsden's Medal, Seed, noted "Little King II," looking extra well, wonderful colour, magnificent quality, grand shape nice size, one of the best; 2, Howe, beautiful shape, plenty of size, grand feather and carriage, a true Norwich; 3, Issott, grand shape and size, splendid colour and quality; 4, Raynes, another grand Norwich, rare quality and colour, splendid shape; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins, a fine bird; hc, Wade, good colour and quality; c, Godley. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Cook, slight tick on wing, one of the best seen for years, magnificent shape, all front, wonderful head, neck and chest, red-hot colour, beautiful quality, a stormer; 2, Irons, ticked head, big, bold, thick-set bird, grand colour, well across the perch; 3, Hall, wing marked, fine colour and shape, good short and thick-set; 4, Seed, head and wing marked, grand colour and quality, should improve yet; vhc, Blackhurst, variegated, good Nor.; hc, Sutton, grizzle root of tail, grand head; c, Shore. BUFF (11): 1, Shaw, marked right eye and left wing, correct type, clinking size and quality, rare head, neck and chest; 2, Seed, grizzle tail, rare colour and size, grand head, neck and chest, nice quality; 3, Crimes, cap marked, another gem, beautifully moulded, rare head and chest, splendid quality; 4, Braybrook, eyes, neck and wing marked, grand substance and size, superior quality and colour; vhc, Trengove, eyes and wing marked, grand size and colour; hc, Beswick and Gaskell; c, Leonard. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Cook, clear, magnificent shape, splendid quality, good colour, rare head, neck and chest, a gem, Burnley winner; 2, Dent, clear, unflighted, teems with quality, beautiful colour; 3, 4, Trengove, 3, slight tick over eye, grand size, splendid shape and quality, good natural colour, fine head, neck and chest, close up; 3, Fletcher, variog. plenty of size, grand shape and quality; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, clear, well staged; hc, Allen, variog. good shape and quality; c, Nelson.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

CREST (9): 1, 2, P. Hart, 1, green body D.C., grand shape body, nice size, full crest, well centred, good droop, well filled all round; 2, wing marked D.C., thought by some to be a Buff hen, beautifully formed crest, centred to perfection, very level and veiny, nice size, well feathered; 3, Dyer, grizzle Crest, clear body, nice form, good medium, drooping crest, nicely centred, in level condition; 4, Hardy, large clear crest, bit open yet, wants grooming a little; vhc, Turner; hc, Godley; c, Laithwaite. C.B. (7): 1, Godley, heavy vargt. Buff Crestbred, A1 size and shape, flowing head feather, good frontal and entrance, all over a fine bird; 2, 3, Hardy, vargt. beautiful cushion head, nice dome skull, well feathered, hardly so massive perhaps as first; 3, nearly clear, tick left wing, nice shape head, with plenty feather; 4, Turner, heavy vargt., compact bird; vhc, Hart; hc, c, Ogden. YOUNG CRESTS (6): 1, 4, Ogden, green D.C., foul tail, fine size and shape, crest well centred, full all round, droops fairly well, should improve yet; 4, any weight of feather, but centre a bit too far back; 2, 3, Wilkinson, clear body D.C., lovely shape and droop, well centred, smaller than first, fine condition; 3, wing marked D.C., Buff, neat wing, well formed crest. C.B. (6): 1, 4, Ogden, good pair, former well ahead, massive nicely raised skull, wealth of frontal feather, well browed; 4, well beaten in head feather; 2, Stringer, nearly green, good shape, nice head, fine entrance, hardly so profusely feathered as first yet; 3, hc, Laithwaite, nice one; vhc, Hardy. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Godley, 1, clinker for size, shape, and colour, in grand feather fine Finch, good blaze, moons and wing bars, nice shape, good feather and condition, wants time to bring up depth of colours; 3, Fox and Thompson, very pretty Finch, and had both wing flights been perfect, might have gone higher, rich blaze, body colour, moons and bars; 4, Gostling, hardly ready yet; vhc, Hatton; Nos. 1 and 2 absent. A.O.S. HARD BILL (17): 1, 3, Chick, very fine Hawfinch and Corn Bunting respectively, both steady, in fine condition; 2, Hirst, perfectly marked yellow Bunting, rich in colour, very glossy in condition; 4, Pickles, very fine and smart feathered Greenfinch, shown in perfect feather and condition; vhc, Johnson and Son, another good Hawfinch, only a wee bit smaller than first; hc, c, Boardman. SOFT BILLS (9): 1, Chick, very steady, deep coloured Chough, rich coloured legs and beak, in perfect feather; 2, 3, vhc, Walsh, splendid Nightingale, and very tight feathered Whitethroat, both shown to perfection. Pity there was not a large and small class. 4, c, Mort, exquisite pair of young Thrushes, splendidly spotted, great size, quality of feather and condition, well shown; 4, best spotted; hc, Allen, very fine Magpie in great form. FOR. (17): 1, 3, Cheetham, very deep coloured King Parrakeet, leading in splendid condition, well shown, and a really pretty Port Lincoln Parrakeet, in fine feather, also well shown; 2, Pickles, magnificent crimson Finch, as perfect as it is possible to have a bird; 4, Walsh, a remarkably fine Shama, shown to perfection; vhc, very fine blue fronted Amazon, in equally good feather; hc, c, Gostling, handsome pair of Paradise Whydahs, smart pair of Cockatiels, both shown to perfection. It was a grand class, and some very perfect birds could not get into the tickets. GIFT (9): 1, Hopkins; 2, 3, vhc, Bullough; 4, Lomax; hc, Parkinson; c, Smith. NOVICE YORKS. YELL (22) very strong lot: 1, Stirrup, typical all over, neat head well up on leg; nice even shape right through, good staud and carries wings and tail well, all over a good one; 2, Wood, shade liner drawn, loses only a little to first in breast; 3, Fletcher, very like second in all points, quite up in condition, stand, etc.; 4, Pearson and Roberts, close up, all these are most typical Yorkshires; vhc, T. Wood; hc, Maud Bros; c, Bullough. BUFF (19): 1, Fletcher, clear, grand colour, quality, position, tight in feather, rare contour, and stands A1; 2, Stirrup; rather larger, but shows plenty of quality, style and condition; 3, Maude Bros., smart, stylish bird, straight as a pencil, rare carriage; 4, J. Wood, larger, full of style and quality, neat head, good legs, well up; vhc, Robinsou, hc, T. Wood; c, Crossley. HEN (31), wonderful class and every ticketed bird well able to win in good company: 1, Millincamp, really grand yellow, as slim and shapely as the most stylish of the day, in fine feather, carriage and condition perfect; 2, Linaker, gem of a Buff hen, straight as a pencil, runs hard for first place; 3, Critchley, another stylish yellow, lovely feather; 4, Brooks, another splendid Buff for shape and quality, perfect in feather and condition; extra 4, Elsegood, rather finer yellow, good bird for type and feather; vhc, Bullough, pretty buff, bit smaller, nice quality, etc.; hc, Atkinson; c, Gregson, winner of special for best local Linnet, J. Gostling; for best young Crest or C.B., J. Ogden.

Novice Classes.

NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. UNFLIG. (31): 1, Elsegood, buff, tkd. back of head, grand length, beautiful quality, nice back and wings, good piped tail, very straight and stylish; 2, ex. 4, Critchley, 2, clear yellow, grand length and quality, good position and colour; ex. 4, clear yellow, all there for type and quality; 3, Downing, long, slim, stylish, thigh ticked, buff, grand quality; 4, Devins, another real good youngster, grand type and quality; vhc, Parkinson, cheeks and saddle marked, buff, grand quality, rare length; hc, Atkinson, yellow, good colour and quality; c, Holmes. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Bevan, clear, excellent type and colour, grand quality, nice size; 2, Anderton, variog., a bouncer, rare shape and colour, make grand stock bird; 3, Colville and Knight, clear, excellent shape and quality, fine head, neck and chest; 4, Steeple, another clear, type, quality and colour perfection; vhc, Leeming Bros., good colour and quality; hc, Coupe, rare colour and type; c, Peak. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Bevan, leader variog. buff, big bouncing bird, rare shape, grand front and quality; 3, clear, another real good Norwich of grand type and quality, worth its place; 2, Walters, clear, good shape, colour, and quality, rattling head, neck and chest, well shown; 4, Clarkson, variog. grand shape and quality; vhc, Simms, grizzle tail, correct shape and capital quality; hc, Anderton, ticked head, nice colour and shape; c, Gerrard. NOR. HEN (22): 1, Boothman, clear, buff, plenty of size, grand short thick hen, good colour and quality; 2, Venables, clear, yellow, unflighted, beautiful quality and shape, grand hen; 3, Young, clear, good quality, nice colour, well shaped body; 4, Coupe, another clear, nice colour and quality; vhc, hc, Peak, couple of nice hens; c, Leeming Bros. NOR. UNFLIG. (31): 1, Venables, Burnley winner, variog. yellow, real good bird, excellent shape and quality; 2, Lawton, clear, yellow, big, bold, hot-coloured bird, extra good in bead, neck and chest; 3, Cooper, variog. buff, grand type and quality; 4, Clarkson, wing marked yellow, all front, rare colour, size and quality; ex. 4, Peak, cap and wing marked buff, grand quality; vhc, Boothman, variog. yellow, fine bird; hc, Gibbie, buff, grizzle on neck, good shape and quality; c, Hickson.



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capital shape, rare quality and colour; 4, neck marked, paler in colour, good bead and body, nice short wings and tail, grand hen; vhc, Irons, grand hen, rare colour, hardly substance; hc, Hydes and Kremmer's specials, Cooper, clear, grand quality and colour, nice shape and size, hardly ready yet; c, Thompson, bonny unflighted hen. BUFF (24): 1, Evans, clear, beauty, rare type and quality, grand head, neck and chest, nice colour and carriage; 2, Irons, another clear, exceptional quality and shape, lovely colour and bloom, not far away; 3, Trengove, eye marked, grand shape and quality, good hen, well known; 4, Shore, clear, grand colour and quality, nice shape; vhc, Hall, unflighted, slight grizzle on wing, grand hen all over; hc, Mercer, eyes and wing marked, superior quality; c, Evans, a grand class this. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Cook, clear, a bouncer, red-hot colour, rare size and shape, grand quality, real good one; 2, Trengove, slight grizzle on neck, another real gem, hardly the colour, but for shape, quality and style, all there; 3, Lingard and Baker, clear, hotter colour, good type, not quite so good in head and neck; 4, Hall, variog. capital shape and size, splendid colour and quality; vhc, Leonard, another good Norwich, will improve yet; hc, Beswick and Gaskell, grand quality and shape, c, Blackhurst. BUFF (25): 1, Howe, clear, wonderful substance, extra shape, beautiful colour and meal, splendid quality; 2, Lingard and Baker, short chubby bird, rare head, neck and chest, grand quality, good second; 3, Leonard, another clear, superior quality, all there for type, grand colour, true Norwich; 4, Sharples, eye and wing marked, nice feather, good shape, nice short wings and tail; vhc, Thompson, grand colour and quality; hc, Mercer, fine size and quality; c, Evans. NATURAL COLOUR YELL. (5): 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins, variog. and clear, respectively, both good birds, well placed; 3, Fletcher, variog., another exceedingly good one. BUFF (11): 1, Irons, clear, grand size and shape, good head, neck and chest, nice quality; 2, vhc, Raynes; 2, grizzle cap, and condition; 2, also A1 colour, shape and condition; 3, 4, Dormer, very good pair, former finest all round bird, both in feather and condition. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, very smart trio, former finest, grand shape, lovely bloom and colour; 4, vhc, Dormer, also very good pair, leader has it in all round merit. BORD. YELL (10): 1, 3, Bayley, 1, eye marked, exquisite condition, neat shape, grand carriage, wings and tail, as tight as wax; 3, almost equal, shade slimmer in type; 2, Cherry, little fuller type, fine quality, rare good carriage and condition; 4, Hudson, smaller, but lovely type, in splendid condition; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, c, Hancock; every bird in fine form. BUFF (13): 1, Hancock, dark tail, slightly vargt. body, excellent quality, shape and condition, like a Java; 2, Blackshaw, grand bird, eye, wing, and saddle marked, in the best of condition, all there for shape; 3, 4, Bayley, pair of beauties and hard to separate, shape, quality and condition of the best; vhc, Simms, longer, A1 condition, ticked bead; hc, Wardleworth; c, Cherry. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Martin, grand cobby Norwich, green, foul tail, A1 colour and condition; 2, hc, Hales, Scotch fancies, 2, grand Buff, immense reach and circle, gets nicely under; 3, Woodhead, good yellow Lancs, plainbead; 4, Massey, finely laced, clear cap Lizard, in good feather and condition; vhc, Cooper, vargt. yell. green, Norwich type, grand size and colour; c, Hopkins. HYB. (6): 1, 2, Ward, grand pair, Redpoll-Bullfinch, and Linnet-Bullfinch, in the pink of condition both, and a treat to see at present; 3, Issott, capital dark Linnet-Canary, in faultless feather; 4, Turner, yell. Greenfinch-Canary, little time needed to make a good one; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Gostling. SELL (30/-) (7): 1, Dooley; 2, Howe; 3, Bullough; 4, Simms; vhc, Dormer; hc, Devins; c, Smith; (20/-) (8): 1, Binns; 2, Dormer; 3, Massey; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Bixter; hc, Parkinson; c, Brayhrook; (12/6) (16): 1, Coupe, 2, Procter; 3, Austin Bros.; 4, Braybrook; vhc, Johnson; hc, Ramsden; c, Bennison. LINNET (17): 1, vhc, Pickles, fine pair of birds, first largest and best coned shape, real good natural-coloured bird, perfect feather; vhc, beaten in size and condition; 2, Fox and Thompson, grand bead, fine markings, and colour, shade smaller and hardly so smooth in condition as first; still a clinking good Linnet; 3, 4, Walsh; very fine pair; 3, capital markings and colour, good body condition; 4, fine upstanding bird, showing promise of finishing into one of the very best; hc, c, Tams and Sons, very good pair, the commended bird would have been able to score higher if he had not been off condition to-day. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, McMurdo, gem for colour, good blaze, fine even moons, fresh as paint; 2, Johnson,

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OLDHAM.

The Oldham and District C.B.A. held its annual show on Oct. 10th, in the large room at rear of the Globe Inn, Huddersfield Road. When trade is in a flourishing condition it is the natural order of things that all's well and prosperous; such is not the case at the present in Cottonopolis, where for a fortnight the mills have been closed through a lock-out in the staple industry. The gate, therefore, was not as good as usual, neither were the entries, which, no doubt, were also penalised by reason of the backwardness of the moulting season. Entries in the eight open classes provided an average of about 8 per class; whilst the members' and Federation classes brought the total to 156. The United Kingdom Lizard Association gave their patronage and competed for their medals (Champion and Novice). In the Gold Lizard class Mr. Hampshire (Oldham) staged a full cap that should do some winning. By the way, this bird was eagerly sought after by a well-known exhibitor. Mr. Fisher (Glossop) put down a very fine pair of Silvers. In connection with this show, the Federation of Cage Bird Societies (Ashton-u-Lyne Centre) competed for their cup, and this was an attractive feature, Ashton coming out at top with their team of six birds, gaining 37 points. A long list of special prizes (members) had been got together, and were won as follows: Best bird shown by a member, open classes included (E. Lowe), best, members only, F. Steeple; best Lizard, J. Hampshire; best Yorks., F. Nelson; best second Yorks., Fitton; best second Nor., Young. Points specials went to Messrs. Fitton, Eckersley, Hampshire, and Sharples. The secretarial duties were in the able hands of Mr. Steeple, and right well did he fulfil the undertaking, having everything in readiness, and the catalogues out early. He was well backed up by Messrs. Sharples (president), and Nelson (vice-president), who kept the judge, Mr. Bowyer (Leek), well employed. The awards seemed to be well approved.

Open Classes.

LANC. COPPY (5): 1, spl, 2, Adams, 1, beautiful Coppy, plenty of feather and substance; 2, plenty of colour and length, and hollow neck, not quite ready; 3, Lowe, neat head, bulky, good bird, 4, vhc, Garner, 4, nice type, Coppy, well radiated, well staged. PLAINHEAD (5): 1, Lowe, Yell., good position, broad skull, grizzled on head, nice colour; 2, Mills, fair head, good feather and colour, rather slimmer; 3, 4, spl, Garner, 3, Bullfinch, plenty of length, will improve, strong colour; 4, Yell., nice young 'un, lengthy, well built. LIZ. GOLD (8): 1, Hampshire, perfect cap, dark legs and beak, well set back, one that we shall hear more about; 2, 3, spl, Lowe, 2, broken cap, grand rowing and shape, nice soft colour, model, 3, full cap, rowing does not run quite so deep, but neat, chubby, good dark legs; 4, J. E. Ollerenshaw, plenty of work, good legs and head, badly "fed"; vhc, Fisher; hc, Beard; c, Martin. SILVER A.V. (12): 1, 2, spl, Fisher, 1, hard colour, very nicely rowed, plenty of size; 2, good type, nice round back, rowing not so distinct; 3, c, Hampshire, 3, nice colour and shape, broad spangles, little deficient in centre rows; 4, Lowe, big, cobby, neat head and legs, rowing distinct; vhc, Massey; hc, Thompson. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, spl, Massey, 1, grand broad skull, excellent feather, neat carriage, plenty of size, well shown, a gem; 3, ticked on head and right flight, another grand one, typical, not quite as "hot"; 2, hc, Steeple, good even colour, typical, nice carriage; 4, Garner, type and carriage everything that can be desired, but on the small side; hc, Kelsall; c, Whyatt. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Massey, ticked on head and flights, Bullfinch type, not too big, nice carriage; 2, Dickenson, another grand shaped bird, nice frosted feather, well drawn; 3, Kelsall, nice size and colour, neat head, good position, steady; 4, vhc, Craighill, neat head, good flights and tail, loses in size; hc, Sharples; c, Young. YORK. YELL. (9): 1, 3, spl, Foden; 1, very racy bird, stands well on legs, clean cut, good colour, very showy, nice flights and tail, stands well, fails a little in colour; 2, hc, Grey; 2, position and colour good, stands upright, nice head and feather; 4, Howarth, neat carriage, good shape, lengthy; vhc, Bradley; c, Baxter. BUFF (7): 1, 3, spl, Grey, 1, head nicely curved, feather like boxwood, carriage immense, nice cut; 3, strong in head points, fair carriage, good length; 2, Colinson, similar to first, does not seem at his best yet; 4, Leach, plenty of length and style; vhc, Wild; hc, Bradley; c, Dickenson.

Members' Classes.

LANC. COPPY YELL. A.V. (2): 1, Fitton, fine grizzled Coppy, nice size, not quite through the moult; 2, Hampshire, good head, fair size and position, "peppered." BUFF (1): 1, Mills, plenty of feather and length, carriage very nice, could have stood competition. P.H. YELL. (2): 1, Steeple, good head, lengthy feather, very neat; 2, Mills, runs close, fine bird, good colour. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Eckersley, 1, nice broad head, plenty of feather and length; 2, slimmer, neat, nice length, good colour; 3, Mills, runs close up. LIZARD CL. CAP, GOLD (1): Hampshire, very neat rowing, nice in other points. SILVER (1): Hampshire, good back, plenty of work on throughout. BROKEN CAP, SILVER (1): Very chubby, nice dark head and legs. CREST-BRED (1): Fitton, Yell., very fair type. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Steeple, grand colour, neat head, very good shape, not quite through; 2, Young, full of quality, good type; 3, Gibson, neat head, nice deep chest, short legs; 4, Sharples, neat and [illegible] shown; vhc, Wagstaff. BUFF (6): 1, Nelson, plenty of size and quality; 2, Daizell, nice head and [illegible]; 3, Sharples, very good typical bird, well shown; 4, Ackroyd, good head; vhc, Steeple; hc, Young. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Sharples, very good colour, plenty of substance, neat head and neck; 2, 4, Steeple, 2, plenty of quality and type, nicely frosted; 4, cap marked, nice shape; 3, Young, very good head and chest. TKD. BUFF (2): 1, Sharples, tkd. head and flights, grand shape, equally proportioned throughout; 2, Young, grizzled head, very good shape and style, little rough in feather yet. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Fitton, 1, red-hot colour, very good feather and quality, seemed a little bit down; 2, neat head and carriage, stands well; 3, Wagstaffe, nice slim bird, racy, neatly cut under, good piped tail; 4, Thomas, colour and position good. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Nelson, 1, well filled neck, even proportioned throughout, lengthy and fine feather; 3, good head; 2, vhc, Fitton, 2, nice colour and good quality of feather, neat head and carriage; 4, Thomas, gem, but on the small side; hc, Baxter; c, Wagstaff. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Wagstaffe, good length and quality, nice exhibit; 2, Fitton, runs close up, loses only in feather. TKD. BUFF (2): 1, Wagstaffe, tkd. on head, good quality of feather, nice style, plenty of length; 2, Fitton, nice head and position. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (1): 1, Fitton, well known winning Linnet Mule, good colour, fairly large, plenty of work on. BRITISH (3): 1, Gibson, nice Redpoll. SELL. (£1) (4): 1, Lowe, Buff Coppy; 2, Steeple, Yell. Nor.; 3, Sharples, Buff Nor.; 4, Ackroyd, Buff Nor. HEN CLASSES: LANC COPPY A.V. (2): 1, Eckersley, clear, buff, very neat Coppy, plenty of length; 2, Steeple. P.H. (2): 1, Eckersley, wins in head points: 2, Hampshire. LIZ. GOLD (2): 1, 2, Hampshire, couple of nicely marked hens. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Hampshire, of above average quality. NOR. YELL (1): 1, Dalzell, very typical bird, with good head properties, could have stood some competition. BUFF (4): 1, Sharples, very good colour, neat head and neck; 2, Nelson, good; 3, Young, not ready; 4, Wagstaffe. YORKS YELL. (3): 1, 2, Fitton; 3, Thomas; not much to choose between them; nice exhibits. BUFF (5): 1, Thomas, very good head points, and position; 2, Fitton, another nice bird, full of quality; 3, Nelson, wing carriage, good, very erect; 4, Baxter smaller, plenty of quality; vhc, Ackroyd. FEDERATION SCORES: LANCS. (4): 1, Hazel Grove (7 pts.); 2, 3, Oldham and Dist. (11): 4, Stockport (4); LIZ. (3): 1, 2, Oldham (13); 3, Hazel Grove (5). CREST OR C.B. A.V. (2): 1, Hazel Grove (7); 2, Stockport (6). NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Ashton-u-Lyne (10); 2, Hazel Grove (6); 3, Stockport (5); 4, Oldham (4). YORK. (5): 1, 2, Ashton (13): 3, Hazel Grove (5); 4, Oldham (4); vhc, Stockport (3). A.O.V. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (7); 2, Ashton (6); 3, Stockport (5). BRIT. (2): 1, Stockport (7); 2, Ashton (6). Total pts., Hazel Grove, 37; Ashton, 35; Oldham, 32; Stockport, 30.

LEAMINGTON.

The fifth annual exhibition of the Leamington and District F.A., was held on October 15th and 16th in the Winter Halls—an excellent venue for such an occasion. The Mayor, Mr. Holt, presided at the opening ceremony, which was gracefully performed by the Mayoress, who wished the show every success. A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their kindness in attending was proposed by Mr. T. Berridge, and seconded by the Rev. A. H. M. Russell. The Mayor, in reply, said that the more shows they held in Leamington the better, and he hoped he would receive the support of those present in regard to the flower show, which he hoped to arrange for next year. The total entries all through the show exceeded those of the previous year by over 500, the cage bird section contributing its share of the increase. Canaries afforded quite a show in themselves, and were greatly admired by the crowds of visitors; in fact they were better both in quality and in numbers than on any previous occasion. The arrangements were in the hands of the capable secretary, Mr. F. T. Pritchard, who is deserving of every praise for his skilful guidance of affairs. The chairman is Mr. W. H. Potter, the vice-chairman, Mr. A. H. C. Hunt, and the committee consists of the following: Messrs. P. L. Stanley, G. W. Hassell, G. A. Moss, E. Wildsmith, G. Hall, G. Wildsmith, W. Hems, C. E. Kent, J. Knight, E. Powell, H. G. Masters, and R. Moore. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, G. Cooper, good type, nice even colour throughout, good wing carriage, hot one; 2, Gilbert, fine, marked bird, well balanced eyes and wings, very slight tick on back of head, good type; 3, Lewin, large, good type, slightly deficient in colour and quality; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Hall; c, Dipple. BUFF (9): 1, G. Hall, romping, big, clear, good type and quality, nice wings and tail, wins well; 2, Walton and Noakes, very typical clear, grand quality, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Gilbert, eye and wing marked Buff, good type, beautiful quality; vhc, Emery; hc, Broadhurst; c, Hall. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Hall, wing marked, good type and quality, nice short wings and tail, wins well; 2, Emery, hardly so typical, but grand colour and quality, good wing carriage; 3, A. Bull, ticked eye, grand colour and quality, not quite so large as winners; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Peacock; c, Hall. BUFF (14): 1, Bellamy, large bird, good type and head, nice wing carriage, wins; 2, Lawrance, grand colour and quality, nicely mealed, just a trifle long; 3, Cooper, tick wing, grand colour and quality, minus a few tail feathers; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Peacock. HEN CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Emery, good type, nice even colour, carries wings well; 2, Lucas, good colour and quality, fine wing carriage, trifle longer than winner; 3, Walton and Noakes, very nice unflighted, grand type and quality, crosses wings; vhc, Peacock; hc, Barratt, also wins Hyde's special; c, Growdridge. BUFF (9): 1, Walton and Noakes, good type, grand quality, nice short wings and tail, wins well; 2, Hall, nice type, good colour and quality; 3, Lewin, very typical, but patchy in colour; vhc, Cooper; hc, Brotherhood; c, Gilbert. CREST AND CB.: classes cancelled. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, Brotherhood, lengthy bird, nicely drawn wings and tail; 2, Howes, variegated, good length, carries wings and tail nicely, but not quite the quality of winner; 3, Burke, good length, nice wings and back; vhc, Beck; hc, Bromfield; c, Hawes. BUFF (11): 1, Mole, grand colour and quality, nice, neat wings and tail, wins; 2, Paddock, tick head, good length, nice wings, fails only in colour and quality to winner; 3, Howes, nice quality, on the small side; vhc, Burke; hc, Williams; c, Mole. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Burke, long and slim, full of quality, even colour, nice, neat wings and tail, good position; 2, Brotherhood, nice quality, fails only in neck; 3, Beck, rather short and thick compared with winner; vhc, Beck; hc, Hawes; c, Howes. BUFF (10): 1, Paddock, good length, nice colour and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Sutton, variegated, wonderful quality, fails in colour, not yet ready; 3, Hawes, smaller bird, nice quality; vhc, Howes; hc, Mole; c, Teeding. MULES (except Bullfinch-Canary) (13): 1, Lawrance, wing marked Goldfinch and Canary, the Longton and Peterboro' winner in fresh hands, grand colour and quality; 2, Gilbert, Goldfinch and Canary, ticked on neck, grand quality, fails only in colour to winner; 3, vhc, Lees, even marked Goldfinch and Canary, and lightly marked Linnet and Canary; hc, Gough; c, Chillingsworth. A.O.V. MULE: cancelled. BRIT. SM. (6): 1, Victor Williams, Grey Wagtail in fine condition; 2, Brotherhood, Nightingale, also in good condition; 3, hc, Poole, Golden Crested Wren, in fine form; vhc, Gilbert; c Knight. LARGE (5): 1, Victor Williams, Cornish Chough, well shown; 2, Poole, Ring Ouzle, good size, in fine feather; 3, Gilbert, Thrush, well spotted, very steady; vhc, Hall. SELL PAIRS (20/-): 1, Dipple; 2, Midwinter; 3, Gilbert. SINGLE (15/-): 1, Butler; 2, Gilbert; 3, Hawes. (10/6): 1, Emery; 2, Hawes; 3, Midwinter. AMATEUR CLASSES: NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, A. Bull, marked eyes, wings, and rump, good colour and quality, nice type, wins well; 2, Lucas, heavily variegated, good colour; 3, Soden, large bird, grizzle on head, good colour, not quite the quality of winner; vhc, Brookes; hc, C. Bull; c, T. W. Hall. BUFF (11): 1, Mann, good colour, may improve; 2, A. Bull, good size and quality, fails in colour; 3, Bott, grand colour, fails only in quality; vhc, Nelson; hc, C. Bull; c, Soden. UNFLIG. (13): 1, A. Bull, yellow, good quality, nice even colour, grand wing carriage, fine short tail; 2, C. Bull, Bull, on the small side, but very typical, nice colour and quality; 3, Bott, variegated yell., good type, nice wing carriage, teaming with colour; vhc, Hall; hc, Soden; c, Barratt. LOCAL CLASS CAN. A.V. (10): 1, Rawlings, green Crest, good size, nice neat crest; 2, Trueman, variegated Buff Norwich, good type, lovely colour and quality; 3, Ward, nearly green Crest, smaller, but very neat.

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Preston Show, Nov. 13, is added to our list of fixtures visited.

For the present show season we have made such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. H. Norman, the premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available (*by arrangement with us*) for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended.

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The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

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Here is the list of shews referred to above:—
October 30th and 31st.—Manchester.
November 11th and 12th.—Carlisle.
November 13th.—Preston.
November 14th.—Nottingham.
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One evening I went for a walk. The road I went along led me by a large pit. Hovering over it were several birds which I recognised at once as Martins by their forked tails. Presently they swooped down and went skimming along the surface of the water; then up they flew. This they repeated again and again. At first I wondered what they were doing, but then it occurred to me they were catching insects.—Sent by Ellen Gooch (age 12), Damgato Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

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My father used to be very fond of Magpies, so one year we got a young one from a nest. It could carry a thimble full of water without spilling any. It would also play hide and seek behind the shrubs in the garden. Mother took her rings off sometimes, and it would take them and hide them. It would also go into the bird-house and hide there, and when we went out it would open the door with its beak and let the birds out. For a long time we wondered who did this, and at last found the culprit. As it grew older it used to fly about the village, and a woman accused it of killing some of her chickens. When she caught it she killed it, and we were all very sorry.—Sent by J. Oglethorpe (age 13), Dover House, High Hill, Keswick.

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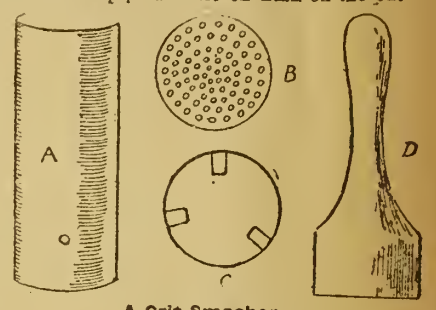
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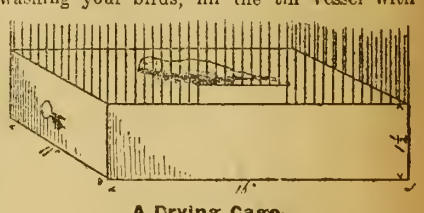
A Grit Smasher.

side. Take a piece of wrought iron plate ⅛in. thick, and of the same diameter as inside of pipe, and drill all over with holes to suit size of grit required. Drop this plate inside the pipe so that it rests on the three studs. Anything heavy and suitable may be used as the crushing implement. Even egg shells, etc., may be placed on the perforated plate and crushed. A, piece of pipe; B, perforated plate to fit inside pipe; C, end view of pipe showing studs; D, a crushing implement. If the reader cannot make it himself, any blacksmith, etc., will do so at a very trifling cost. —L. TOON.

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AN EASILY-ARRANGED DRYING APPARATUS.

Sent by Fred Allen, 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorks.

Seeing the show season is now at hand, I enclose a sketch of a drying cage. Instead of the cage bottom being of wood (as in most drying cages) it is a flat tin vessel, 16in. by 11in. by 1½ inches, with a brass saw set in a cork at one end. When you are ready for washing your birds, fill the tin vessel with



A Drying Cage.

boiling water and screw the cork tightly in. Then place the cage about 2 feet from the fire. A sheet of cotton wool is the best to put in the cage bottom. Place the birds, as they are washed, in the cage, when the cotton wool absorbs the water from the birds. As soon as they can jump on to the perch, put the cage with birds in on to the mantle-shelf. The heat in the vessel, and cotton-wool being damp (through birds being laid upon it) cause a moist heat to rise, and the birds dry beautifully. There are no curled feathers, as with a dry heat.—FRED ALLEN.

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By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

WHO was the prominent official of one of the specialist clubs seen wending his way to Queensbury Show a week too soon? Better a week too soon than a week too late; I think he won't forget the date now. What a good thing he tumbled across another fancier who knew the correct date; he might have been looking for the show yet!

THE third of the series of shows held under Yorkshire Union rules was held at Sandy Lane on the 17th inst., and proved somewhat of a failure as regards the number of entries, averaging only 13 per class throughout the show. The biggest drop was in the six Yorkshire novice classes, only 103 birds being staged, as against 203 at Gt. Horton the previous week; exactly 100 less. Now, ye novices, if you want more classes you will have to keep up better than this.

IT is with great regret I have to mention the sudden and tragic death of one of the members of the Great Horton O.S., Mr. A. Brayshaw, one of the partners of Messrs. Brayshaw and Jowett, well known as exhibitors and breeders of Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires. Mr. Brayshaw was in the employment of the Bradford City Tramways, as wireman, and it was in the execution of his duties that he met his sad fate. It appears he was on the Duckworth Lane route, in Toller Lane, and was at the top of the travelling platform used for fixing and repairing the overhead equipment, when by some means he lost his balance and fell a considerable distance to the ground, sustaining dreadful injuries to his head. A special car was brought out to convey him to the infirmary (which is on the same route), but sad to relate, he expired before reaching that institution. He was respected very much by all who knew him, was always greatly interested in the Yorkshire bird. His removal from our midst at the early age of thirty-six will be deeply regretted by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE LINNET.

By GEORGE A. WIDDAS.

(*Continued from page* 222.)

Towards the end of the season the birds are more wary and become less in numbers, owing to a large quantity of them having been caught and also to the fact that the birds are partly migratory.

Haunts and Habits of the Linnet.

The Linnet is pretty generally distributed over the United Kingdom, and is very common in Ireland. It is also found in Southern Norway and throughout the southern part of Europe to Algeria, Morocco, Maderia, and the Canary Islands.

A few words of advice as to the feeding of Linnets would be very welcome to some, and as the majority of Linnets that are bought are young ones in their first feather, it follows that they need more attention than old birds if they are to be got on to hard seed, which they have never as yet fed on. One way is to soak summer rape until it is ready for sprouting and to mix a little crushed hemp with it; but at the same time one must have a feeder with the mixed seed, which they will have to live on in future, and also give a fair supply of fresh gathered groundsel, shepherd's purse, chickweed, or any of the wild seeding plants one can get. As the birds take to the hard seed, give less soaked seed, but keep up the greenfood until after the moult.

Another way is to dip the seeding plants in water and rub the hard seed on to it; it will adhere to the plant and will then be picked off by the birds.

A Good Stock Mixture.

The old birds do not require much assistance but it is as well to crack the hemp seed for them at first. A good stock mixture for them is as follows:—Two parts Canary one part summer rape and charlock mixed, half part hemp, and a quarter part linseed, with a nice pinch of niger; but in winter give less Canary and more hemp. With plenty of grit, clean water, and green food, you will be as kind to your birds as nature herself.

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Bird Catching for Amateurs.

A Paper by Mr. H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate) read before the Members and friends of the L. and P.O.S. on September 17.

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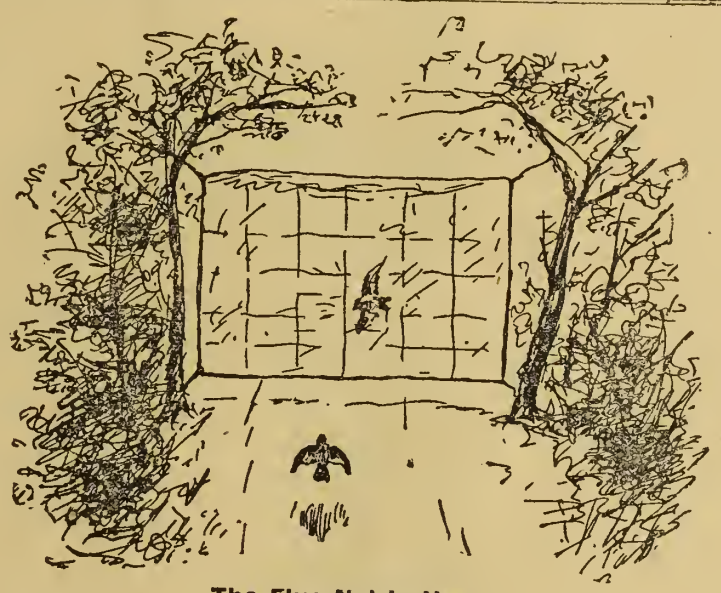
Having determined the position you will stand in by the end of your pull line, we come to yet another important item. We must again go to the tool bag and get out our three "bobbers." These little implements are to carry your "flirt-sticks," to which, when all is ready, we shall attach our braced birds. Having driven two bobbers into the ground, about a yard inside the net (one on either side), you must then drive the last one in between these two, but about a foot in advance of them. (This, and other operations, will be found made clear in the illustrations.) We must then find the flirt lines to control both the flirt stick and bird attached. If one examines a bobber, one will find they are made from some hard wood—mine I made from mahogany; but when I make new ones I shall use oak, as this wood does not split so quickly in the driving, which mahogany might do in hard ground. They are made about 9in. long and ¾in. in diameter, with a slot cut about 1in. long at one end, and about 1in. from the top, for your flirt-stick holder to work in, on a spindle. Above this slot a hole is bored right through the bobber, through which you must pass your flirt-lines. Then, tying your flirt lines on to your flirt stick, you must pass the lines under the "choppings" in the pull line. Then run out the whole length of line to the end of pull-line.

When the three lines are all paid out, you are then ready to hook your braced birds on to your flirt sticks. There are two ways of doing this: one is an old way, the other (which I employ) I claim as an improvement of my own. I use fishing tackle swivels, as they save time, and on very cold days, when one's fingers are nearly frozen, they may save a bird or two from escaping. You may also use a "runner" or two pegged down in your nets, as you may want them for catching "sharp" birds, that is, birds that are knowing or timid. A "runner" is a bird braced but not attached to the flirt-lines, so able to move at will on the ground. After putting your seed down, and your ground drinkers for your braced and runner birds, you may call your net complete.

But before leaving this part of the business, I must mention that in laying out the nets you must study which way the wind blows, for it is common knowledge that a bird invariably flies against the wind; also, if you stand to pull adversely to the wind, one of the wings of your net will get what is termed "windbound." Some catchers use a small pulley to counteract this wind-binding, but by studying the wind you will not need this, for instead of allowing the wind to hinder, you may gain assistance from it. So you must face the wind, and as sometimes you may wish to get laid out before daybreak (to catch the birds on their first feed), when only a gentle breeze is blowing, and you cannot discern a single leaf moving, you may ask, "How am I to be guided?" Well, I've proved this is the surest method known. It was told me by a seafaring friend of mine. By placing one's finger in one's mouth for a few seconds you will obtain your body, or blood heat now withdraw your finger, and hold it above your head. On whichever side of your finger you first feel a sharp twings of cold, from that direction does the wind blow. However slight the breeze, this is a "tell-tale."

Now that we have got our nets laid out, and the brace birds or bobbers, with pull line and flirt lines all in order, we must see to our call birds. I myself generally carry four stout singing Linnets; four singing Chaffinches and two stout singing Goldfinches; this is the kit for "branching" time, song being what you principally want at this time, as the only chance one has is to paralize the youngsters, as it were, with song. The old birds are not so easily caught until flighting time has begun, and then I carry six Linnets, four Chaffinches, and one hen Goldfinch or cock Green bird. This comprises my pack, or kit, for catching with clap nets.

I would impress upon intending recruits not to abuse the braced birds by pulling them heedlessly up and down, as by that means you will not only frighten any birds that may be in the mood to chance their luck, but also cause your own braced birds unnecessary worry. Of course, if you see your sport coming towards you and heading for the nets, let them have their heads, and the bird is yours for sure. But should they get off scent and wheel round, just calmly show your intended catch the braced bird of whichever species he may be, and if he is to be caught, he will come down to it; if he is not to be caught, you may show him a whole seed factory, and it will not impress him in the least.



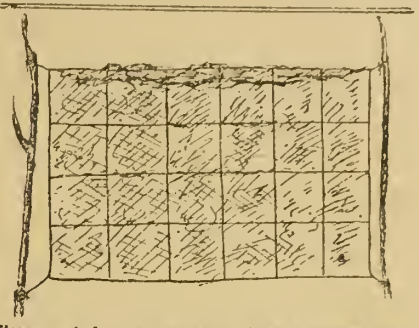
The Flue Net in Use.

How to use Flue Nets.

So much for the clap nets. I will now deal with a very favourite method of mine, and one which can be undertaken and enjoyed, by either walking or cycling, as I do, to any spot, in quest of one's favourites, no one being able to say whether you are out catching birds, or a train. I allude to catching by a net called the "Flue Net." This net is made in various sizes, but I find the most convenient net is one 2ft. 6ins. square, and which can be carried in one's vest pocket.

You must select a spot in some sheltered place in between a double set hedge, or round some watering place which you know birds frequent; and as birds have their flys, just as rabbits have their runs, these will be found to be the best places to select. In this particular mode of catching, the natural instinct of hunting and trapping, which I find within myself, and am convinced is within every Englishman, will assert itself: for as a race, are not we Englishmen, from the earliest times, by nature hunters? You will happen on a shady spot on a very hot day, perhaps, close to a spring-fed pond or brook, and you will, without hesitation, take out one of your "flue nets" and look out for a suitable overhanging twig on either side of you, and upon these you will tie the two top corners of your net, after making sure that the upper part of your net is hung so as to enable you to draw the lint or surplus netting through the top, so that when a bird strikes your net, he will make for himself the purse by which he captures himself.

You must then see to the fixing up of your bottom strings, and if you cannot find a convenient root or twig upon which to tie your net down, you must construct one by taking out the pocket knife (which is a most essential tool for would-be catchers), and cut two prongs or crooks; then sharpen the end, drive them square to your two top corners, hook on your bottom string, and your net is ready to receive the smallest donation—the smaller the better for the catcher, as they turn out to be, as a rule, of the most value; a Golden-crested Wren is, you'll agree, more valuable than a Starling or Thrush. In fact you never know your luck. You may catch, as I did a few weeks ago in Essex, a Haw finch, Nightingale and Blackcap at one "beat" (my friend, Mr. Childs, who was with me at the time, nearly collapsed at the sight, "so did I"); or you may have gathered in as lovely a lot of Hedge and other Sparrows and Starlings as you wish to see. So much for the "Flue nets."



Flue net hung up, showing surplus net arranged loosely at top.

(*To be continued.*)

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Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 223).

My Andaman Starlings (*continued*).

On Saturday, August 1st, youngster No. 1 made its appearance, fully fledged. Three others followed on Sunday, or rather, to be correct, two flew out and one popped its head out of the log; so I know that my patience had been rewarded, and that I was the proud and happy possessor of four young Andaman Starlings.

The youngsters have the black on their wings beautifully laced with white, their waistcoats are snowy white, their tails greyish, their beaks pinkish, as also their legs; their eyes are the same as their parents. They have a grey mark down the back of the head, where their parents are white.

It was a pretty sight to see the old birds feeding. The youngsters sit on the ground or on a branch, and as they open their beaks with a little shudder of pleasure, the old one runs at them and pops—not one, but—half-a-dozen fat mealworms into the open mouth. You wonder where they have all gone!

Feeding begins at daybreak and ends at about 6.30, when no doubt the parents have had about enough of it. As I stand and look at these youngsters, my feelings are of the kind known as "indescribable," for human happiness consists in having what you want and wanting what you have, and I firmly believe with the immortal Josh Billings that "it is a darned site easier tow find six men who ken tell exactly how a thing ought tew be did than tew find one who ken do it."

I may end up this article with a note of warning. Always cover the glass windows on the *inside of the aviary with wire netting*, as when youngsters leave the nest they fly out with a rush straight before them, and being unable to distinguish glass from light with their untrained eyes, fly bang against it, and either break their necks, or so badly injure themselves that they have to be put out of their misery. How often the same thing happens with our English birds! Hardly a week passes but there comes a thud on our dining-room window, and when we go and look out, there is some hapless Blackbird or Thrush lying dead on the bed beneath.

Chapter xx.—My American Mocking Birds.

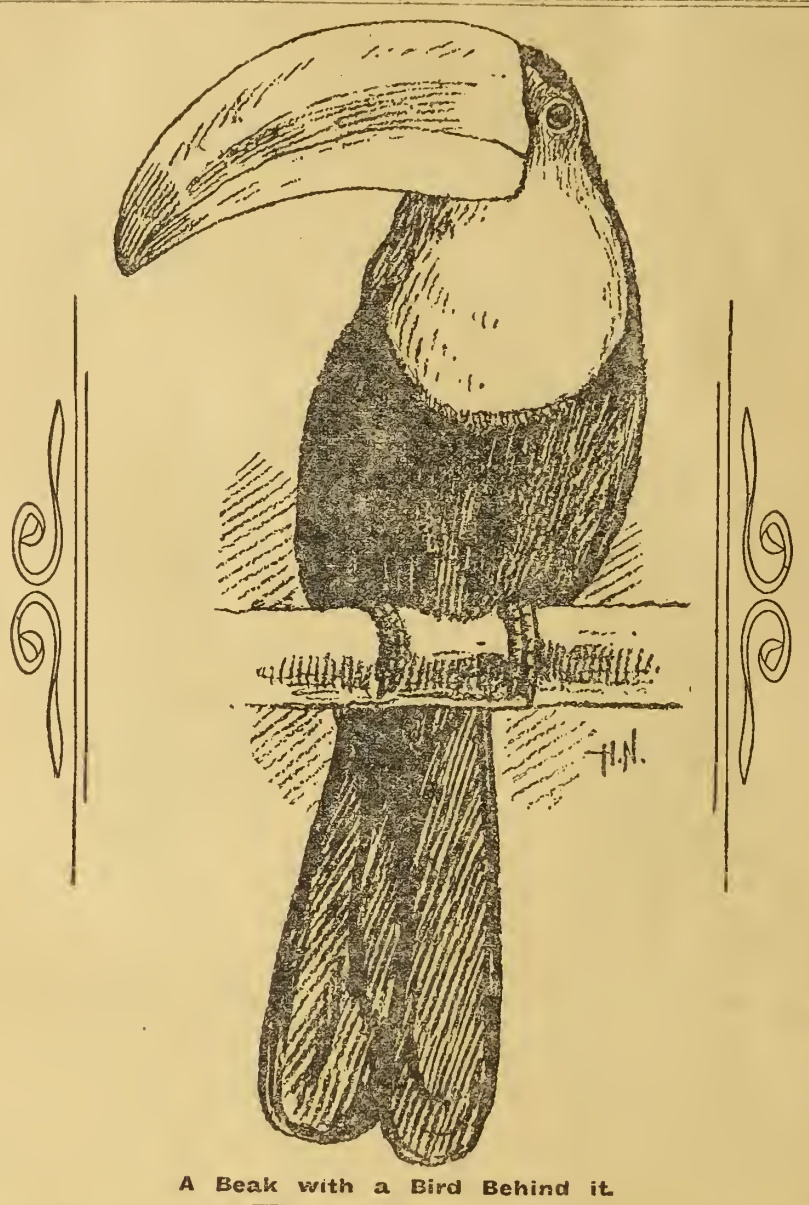
For four years I have been trying to breed the American Mocking Bird. Of course, there will be failures. For three years I failed dismally. Successes, by which we proposed to make our rivals green with envy, do not come off. Birds on which we set our hopes go to the Crematorium, but still we are not disheartended. Hope springs eternal in the human breast, and so it did in mine.

For three years I tried valiantly to breed off two cocks. Perhaps my readers will smile, but it is none so easy to tell a hen Mocking Bird as some people may imagine. I know what they say in books and "Advice Columns" in the papers. I, alas, followed these blind judges, only to meet with disappointment. For three years I had most beautiful nests, but no eggs were ever laid. I blamed the cat and all sorts of things, but never suspected the true cause—the gender of the birds. What at last undeceived me was a battle royal that I fortunately witnessed, in which one of the contending parties lost an eye.

Then my mind was at rest. I knew why I had failed, and at once proceeded to look for a remedy. It was a case of *cherchez la femme* again, a very difficult task in this case. The only way that I could see was to get half-a-dozen Mocking Birds together and compare them, on the off-chance that there might be a hen amongst them.

I sent to a friend, who kindly allowed me a consignment to pick from. For long enough I examined them, but for the life of me could not detect any difference. Some had more white on the wing; some were lighter some darker in body colour; but I felt sure they were cocks by their build and carriage. At last I thought about Parrots; in some you can tell the sex by the eye. I looked over the Mocking Birds, and lo, two out a big cagefnl had green eyes, all the rest were red or gravel. "Eureka," I cried, "I have found out the secret." And I had, for with the green eyes went a general look of femininity.

The hotter of the two hens I lost as nearly as a "pop," as we say up here. I was ill in bed for a week, and the attendant who looked after the birds for me forgot to fill the water-pot. I never saw a bird more nearly gone, but by superhuman effort I managed to pull her round.



A Beak with a Bird Behind it.

This curious and interesting foreign bird, a fine example of the Sulphur-Breasted Toucan, secured first prize at the recent Battersea Show for Messrs. Smith and Son, and was much admired by the visitors.

In the early spring, I liberated this hen with the one-eyed cock in a nice big aviary, thickly planted—a regular Mocking Bird's paradise. Their companions were a pair of Bearded Tits, a pair of Red-Cheeked Bulbuls, and a pair of Blackcaps, and the Chinese Painted Quails. The Mockers, in spite of the bad character many give them, molested their neighbours in nowise, but confined themselves to their own domestic affairs.

For a few days the cock sang most magnificently, and no one who has not heard a Mocking Bird has any conception of his vocal powers. He can imitate any bird to the life. I have heard mine call like a hen Manycolor wanting to pair, and for all the world could have sworn that the Manycolor was there. I have heard him scold like a Peggy Whitethroat to the life, squawk out like a Blackbird when frightened, sing like a Blackcap, and all in the most life-like manner.

(*To be continued.*)

A DEMONSTRATION OF BIRD WASHING.

Given by Mr. A. W. Curtis before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on October 12th.

The announcement that Mr. A. W. Curtis was to give a washing display, drew a large number of members, especially novices, to headquarters on October 12th. Letters were read from Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (on C.B.U. Meeting), A. Lazarus (disputing Essay award), and Secretary C.B.U. (on Medals Competition). The result of the Norwich Plainhead competition was announced as follows:—Champion, F. Easterling, 16 points; Amateur, J. Buckman, 12 points. Nov.: W. Sanders, 14 points. Silver medals were presented by the chairman; also medals for the essay competition, viz.: Gold, W. Page; silver, Mrs. Morrison; bronze, F. Vincent. Foreign birds (with hybrids runners up) resulted as the draw for the shield. The adoption of the report of the London Federation by the delegate (Mr. A. C. Burn) was carried. The chairman then called upon Mr. Curtis. The association's large, up-to-date washing equipment being all in readiness, Mr. Curtis commenced to prepare the water, at the same time declaring against the practice of using the water too hot, with the object of taking out of a bird all they could, for the purpose of reducing it to a state of docility whilst in the hand; also a word of warning to remove rings from off the finger, and that the hands be properly clean. He used hot water that had previously been boiled, into which he put a piece of borax as large as a Barcelona nut, and for the purpose of cooling it he used boiled water that had become cold; by that system it was the nearest approach to soft water. Londoners were greatly handicapped in the matter of the quality of water, and well did he (Mr. Curtis) remember Jimmy Bailey (one of the best in the art of staging a bird) in the presence of a leading judge at the Palace say "that he didn't like our water," when asked how he got on with washing his friend's birds here.

Taking a Plainhead (his favourite bird) from a show cage, Mr. Curtis placed it between his thumb and first finger of the left hand, and commenced operations by well soaking it by the aid of a hair shaving brush, using Vinolia soap, and remarking that Pears, curd, carbolic, and several more were good soaps, but he preferred Vinolia Butter Milk soap, as this came away from the bird in lumps. He then proceeded to wash from the top of the wing, as it had a tendency to keep a bird quiet, and continuing down to the tail he placed that upon the edge of the basin, explaining that by that means it was possible to wash the dirtiest of tails, but if only soiled he placed it upon his wrist.

Turning the bird over, he proceeded to wash its breast and inside wings, not forgetting to rub it well under the beak. Turning it over once more, he proceeded to wash the neck, this being the most important part; and, lastly, the head, using the brush delicately whilst operating upon the cheeks, and not too much about the eyes and over the top of beak (which he washed with a tooth brush).

At the Next Basin.

Moving to the next basin, he proceeded to rinse the bird under the wings, afterwards holding it more upright to keep the water from entering the beak, and rinsing it with a small teacup, advocating the use of plenty of water, although two rinses over the head he considered sufficient. He never allowed a bird to stick its head into its shoulders, or he would be unable to rinse the soap out, and avoid as much as possible nipping the neck to prevent the feathers curling.

Before commencing to dry the bird, he sponged it several times, not with the object, as some might think, of removing the soap, but to impart a little more warmth into its body. With a piece of cloth that had previously been used for wrapping up meat that had been conveyed to England (which he considered was warmer and softer than linen and excellent for absorbing the moisture) he commenced to dry it, warning the members to be careful how they dried the tail, never to draw it downwards, but push it up as though one were pushing it in. (Here Mr. Curtis related a story how when he started to wash his first bird he pulled out its tail.) After drying, he placed the bird into his cylinder drying cage without any previous wrapping, but to show those members who did not possess one, he rolled it up, telling them to always place it tail towards the fire, so that the feathers would lie the proper way when dry.

Some Words of Advice.

Whilst the birds were drying, Mr. Curtis gave a few words of advice. It was necessary in London, he said, to wash birds three clear days before a show. Before starting to wash he would draw their attention to the importance of having a well-cleaned cage to put them in and of not removing the birds to it until their body feathers are dry. One point he must be severe about, and that was not to advise novices to wash their own birds, as they had a tendency to do it before the birds were properly through the moult, the result being that after two or three shows they were practically washed out. Before transferring birds back to their stock cages it was absolutely essential that they also be spotlessly clean, otherwise it was often observed that when baths were hung on the consequence was they would rub their cheeks and beak against the wires and backs of cages, and nothing could look worse on the show bench, thus reducing as it were the washing process to a mere farce. Always see that the bird's claws and beak are cut before proceeding to wash them.

Be sure to have perches properly fixed, and six inches apart to prevent hinged tails. It had been his (Mr. Curtis's) privilege for many years to act as steward at various shows, and he had seen instances where birds could not get a proper grip of the perches, and nothing was more annoying to a judge. He might also refer to Crests, whose perches were sometimes as high as Norwich Plainheads, instead of being low down, so that the judge had an uninterrupted view of the formation of the crest. He greatly deplored the sending of rusty and leaking water tins, for he could not conceive anything more harassing to officials than to fill up a water tin and immediately witness the contents trickle down on to, and sometimes into, the cage below, and from that to the floor. Surely tins at 1d. each, or 9d. a dozen, were well within the reach of all. Get birds accustomed to the show cages, and when taking them to a show, see that they are well wrapped up.

Novices should not be discouraged at their first attempt at washing, but rather should they be spurred on to experiment upon the worst bird in their room. Questions were asked by Messrs. W. Page, A. S. Wheller, A. C. Burn, and T. Kelly, and ably answered by Mr. Curtis. The chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Curtis, which was enthusiastically carried, Mr. Curtis suitably replying.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

OUR COLOURED PLATE OF NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARIES.

Our coloured plate this week, as we announced in our last issue, marks an entirely new departure in the portrayal of prize-winning cage-birds. It is, in short, in the nature of a coloured photograph, being taken direct from the two Norwich Plainhead Canaries after death, and when they had been set-up and mounted by that well-known Gloucester taxidermist, Mr. Alfred Thomas, in an artistic and life-like manner to which, we think, the result bears ample testimony.

As to the success or otherwise of the plate itself—its acceptability to fanciers—we are content to leave that in the hands of our readers. We venture to think, however, that the realistic nature of this picture—the birds being life-like, their good points unaccentuated, their faults retained—is sufficient to secure for it a measure of appreciation.

Coming to the birds themselves, the Clear Buff was bred by Mr. G. Gwilliam, of Gloucester, in 1906. It won for him the following prizes:—1906-7, First and Special Cheltenham, Second Gloucester, and Third Coventry; 1907-8, First Bristol and First Gloucester. These were the only occasions on which it faced the judges. The Unflighted Yellow was bred by Mr. A. E. Wasley, also of Gloucester, who has been good enough to pen an account of the bird and his methods of management generally.

Mr. Wasley tells how the Unflighted Yellow was Bred.

I am delighted to hear you have portrayed on your coloured plate my unflighted ticked yellow Norwich plainhead cock, and it gives me much pleasure to supply you with a few notes concerning the same. This bird, I am sorry to say, had a short career on the show bench, being exhibited only at the following shows: Gloucester C.B.S., first and spl.; Cheltenham C.B.S., second; and Leeds C.B.S., second. When he returned from the last-named show he had a severe cold and unfortunately died on the following day.

The bird was bred from a large clear buff cock with an exceptionally good head and neck and excellent feather, but a stock bird. The hen was a ticked yellow, and she also had a good head and neck with nice feather and colour; she was also very short and thick for a yellow. She was related to my clear yellow cock bird which won second at the Palace this year. This pair seemed to "hit" well, as I bred several very typical birds from them, both during last year and this.

My aim as a Norwich Plainhead breeder is to produce a bird with a large, full and neat head, short thick neck, short body, flights and tail, with nice quality of feather, which must be well carried. I am convinced that to be successful on the show bench an exhibitor must have a good "top" on his birds. The Norwich Plainhead Club's scale of points gives 25 for a round, full and neat head with short beak and thick neck; and I think the majority of our judges never forget to give them when sorting the birds out. We hear of judges passing or disqualifying birds in the classes for "long 'uns" for being over length; why not in classes for the "short 'uns?"

When pairing my birds I always bear well in mind the good and bad points of each pair I intend to put together, counterbalancing any particular bad point. For instance, I would never think of pairing two birds with bad wing or tail carriage, and so on. I don't know anything more likely to prove hereditary than the last-named. I do not mean to say that if I had a bird which had either of these defects, but which was good in other respects and bred from birds with good wing and tail carriage, I should dispense with it; I should not. But be sure its mate is extra good on these points. So when pairing up I always keep well in mind the good and bad points in the birds during the last two generations.

Hens on the long side I don't like unless they are extra thick ones; then I would pair them to fair-sized typical cocks, and the best birds from this pair I should use for the purpose of keeping up size. Taking breeding hens on the whole, I like them to be short and typical, with good quality of feather. The cocks I like to be as large as possible; I don't mind if they are a shade on the long side, providing they have size, as I find that the continual pairing up of two short birds decreases size.

Double-buffing I do not like. No doubt good buffs are bred this way; but my reasons for not doing so are that if you pair yellow to buff you get more buffs than yellows among the youngsters; every breeder knows how difficult it is to get a good yellow cock or hen. How much more difficult it must be if we double-buff! Should I want to introduce a little fresh blood into my stock I should always keep my eye open for the fancier's birds which are very strong in points where mine are weak. I might say I am a great believer in breeding for style and carriage, and also for colour, as no amount of colour-food will make a naturally poor-coloured specimen a good-coloured one.

I prefer a double breeder for each pair, this being less trouble and a more healthy method. One cock to one hen, is my motto, unless I have a special object in view; I think the young are then larger and more robust. I feed on egg and breadcrumbs (not giving too much of the latter), with a teaspoonful of boiled rape or the same quantity of maw mixed with it. When the young are three or four days old, I commence to give crushed hempseed, giving them fresh food three times a day. I like to feed as early as possible in the morning, so as to induce the hen to leave the nest and get to work. I also give a little milk-sop each day when the hen has young; I find they thrive well on it. In fact I find this encourages many a bad-feeding hen. I consider it, too, one of the most useful things in cases of illness, having done more for me in the way of cures than any drug I know of. For green food I prefer ripe chickweed as long as I can get it; but I always give a plentiful supply of this, so that the hen will only feed on the seeds. When I cannot get this I finish off with lettuce, taking care to remove all stale greenfood. I give it fresh three times daily.

When the young are able to feed themselves I turn them into a large flight so that they may develop and grow. I never allow any of my hens to hatch after about the middle of July, preferring to get them all through the moult as early as possible. I always moult the young in good-sized flights, so that when they are three parts through the moult I am able to pick out any I think will make up well, and cage them off in two's or singles.

I am not one of those who tell you they never take the seed away in order to make them eat the colour food, because I do so each day for three or four hours until they get well up in the neck with the moult. Then I generally find they will eat sufficient colour food to bring the head out to about the same depth of colour as the body. Those birds which are no use for show I run in the flights, as they then give much less trouble. This gives one more time to attend to those intended for show purposes. My breeding hens I run into the flight, where they remain all the winter. They have a diet of plain canary seed, with a "tit-bit" of the following mixture: hemp, inga, linseed, rape and maw seeds about three times a week, until about February, when I give a little egg food once a week and a little inga seed. This prevents egg-binding. And with this diet they are usually kept in good, sound breeding condition. The cocks I treat as occasion may demand, some coming into condition without any assistance.

Before the breeding operations commence I give everything a good spring cleaning; then with an occasional hunt for that terrible pest, red mite, I find that my birds run very well over the breeding season. Then, of course, I go through all the breeding cages again.

Accidents, they say, are liable to happen in even the best regulated families. The colour-printers, well-behaved as a rule, are responsible for *our* accident this week, for by some unfortunate mischance, which we very much regret, they have transposed the names of the owners of the two birds on our coloured plate—Mr. Wasley's should be under the Ticked Yellow Cock, and Mr. Gwilliam's under the Clear Buff Cock.—EDITOR.



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GENTLES: HOW TO BREED AND KEEP THEM.

By G. MOORE.

Gentles, as most people know, are the larvæ of the common blowfly, and being easy to breed and procurable practically all the year round, they form one of the most useful live foods we have for insectivorous birds, either to the fancier with his pet Thrush or Lark, or to the exhibitor with his team of delicate softbills. Second only to mealworms, in fact, for the more delicate ones, I think they are to be preferred, the skins being more easily digested, especially when quite fresh.

Not only Softbills, but also some members of the Finch family are fond of them, particularly Goldfinches. No doubt the reason we hear so many of these dying when they are first caught is that they miss the small grubs that naturally form their food, especially in the late autumn, when most thistle and hardheads contain one or more. Small gentles greatly resemble these grubs, and if a few are added to their seed, the Goldfinches soon get on them, and the deaths will thus be brought to a minimum; at least, that has been my experience.

How to Breed Them.

The usual objection to breeding them is that it is rather an offensive job; but with the following method, this is greatly reduced. To start breeding, get an old tin, size according to quantity required. The tins that pine-apples, etc., are preserved in do well for the job. Then get from your butcher two or threepennyworth of scraps of meat, if a bit stale so much the better. Place this in the tin and stand it in the open, if the weather is cool a sunny spot should be chosen; this will soon get blown. Then place the tin in a larger one half full of dry sand. When gentles have done feeding they will crawl into the sand, and in two or three days will thoroughly scour themselves, and be as clean to handle as mealworms; the inner tin can then be buried, and another one started.

If you want them to keep fresh for some time separate them from the sand with a fine riddle and put them in some meal or bran, adding a little chopped suet that has not been salted.

The time taken to breed gentles is from two to three weeks in the warm weather and a little longer as the weather gets cooler. If they have to be bred near a dwelling it is best to start the tin with a small piece of meat first, and add a little more each day or two as they grow; they then consume everything eatable as they go along; the tin never gets stale, and the smell is practically nil. Otherwise the best place in which to breed them is an old outhouse or shelter, in the far corner of the garden, taking care that no wet gets to them, or they will crawl out, and the whole lot be lost.

Keeping Them Through the Winter.

To keep them through the winter is the most difficult part, and the later you can breed them for this the better. Look out for the blowflies on sunny walls, ivy blossom, etc.; they are generally to be found there up to Christmas time. Catch them carefully and put them in a tin with a perforated lid. Then put in a small piece of meat, and stand them in a warm, but not hot, place. In a few hours—generally about twelve—they will have blown.

Keep the tin warm a day or so, until they have hatched out, and then you can go on breeding as usual; but they must be kept where the frost will not get at them. When they are ready let them crawl into an old pail, or vessel, half filled with ordinary garden mould, or sand, not too wet, but damp, and stand it in a cool, dry place. They will keep fresh then for a considerable length of time.

Should some turn to chrysalis, they are still useful; most birds like them just as well this way, and if a few are picked out, put in a tin with a perforated lid, and kept in a warm place, they soon hatch out into flies, and are a welcome tit-bit to caged Flycatchers, Swallows, etc., when it is difficult to procure any winged insects. When they are wanted open the tin in a room with doors and windows shut, then if they take to the wing they immediately fly to the window and can easily be picked off.

We hear that the Sunderland C.B.A. are offering 60 open classes at their annual show on November 20th and 21st next.

Another large consignment of Birds of Paradise is, according to a daily contemporary, on its way to the "Zoo," where there is already the finest collection of these lovely creatures ever seen alive in Europe. To find room for the newcomers will be no easy matter, for the cages in the Insect House, as well as those in the Small Birds' House, are full. The Bird of Paradise can no longer be termed rare in captivity, for in the course of a few days, if all goes well, the Regent's Park collection will contain something like fifty specimens.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

October Notes.

The migration of birds cannot be influenced entirely by cold weather and the scarcity of food, for at the present time, the middle of October, we are experiencing quite a second summer. We have warm nights and bright sunny days, the hedgerows and trees are still full of leaf, insects hum in the air, and creeping things are plentiful. Had the Warblers known it, they might have stayed another month at least in their English home. The House Martins are among the last to leave us, and the majority have gone; but a few stragglers may be seen sunning themselves in the early morning upon the tiled roofs of the cottages, and flying in company in the daytime, no doubt prepared to go when winter sets in, in earnest. Wild birds have quickly recovered from the moult; and we daily hear the silvery music of the Lark; not in fitful snatches of song. He has passed the recording stage, but is boldly mounting on wing and singing a long continuous strain with almost the fervour of the early spring; and with such a commencement he should gladden us with his carolling right through the winter, whenever the sun shines or there is a cessation of frost and snow. It is amusing to listen to the vocal efforts of the larger birds of the year; we hear them in the elms day after day; at first very babyish, but gradually acquiring volume and distinctness of phrasing, until some of them have almost the proficiency of the adult birds. The young Thrushes have completely out-distanced the others, and the Starlings still gurgle and wheeze in anything but a musical manner, but this is not surprising, for their elders are not always past masters in the art of song. The woods are almost as leafy as in the month of June, and one almost expects to hear the melody of the "King of Songsters," or see some graceful Warbler flit across the glade. How we miss them! The country seems almost deserted now they have gone. Thousands upon thousands have left us, leaving only the hardy ones to brave our searching winters. And now these home birds are particularly welcome. We watch their doings with more than passing interest, for we feel we have somewhat neglected them, while our rarer and more delicate summer birds were daily passing before our eyes.

A Large Inland Bird.

The Capercailzie, a large bird measuring some three feet in length, was at one time common in Great Britain. But in about 1750 it was quite exterminated. A century afterwards it was re-introduced, and has not only increased but has very much extended its range. It can now be found in several parts of Scotland. It is very tenacious of life, and we have heard some extraordinary tales respecting this.

Sitting Woodcock.

The plumage of many birds, especially those that nest upon the ground, is beautifully adapted for concealment. Of them all, the Woodcock is possibly the most difficult to detect. His mottled brown feathers, so closely harmonise with the dead leaves and discoloured herbage of the copse, that his nest is frequently passed unnoticed even by those who are observant and clever at nest finding. The large, beady eye of the Woodcock more often leads to his undoing than any particular colouring of the plumage. Evidently the bird is well aware of this protective colouration, for I have passed within a few feet of a sitting hen several times during the day without her once leaving the nest.

Sparrow Clubs Indicted.

The "Manchester Guardian" prints the following warning:—The question of the danger to other small birds from the activities of "Sparrow clubs" is a very serious one. Where Sparrow heads are worth money, men go out in the autumn evenings with long sticks and nets, and thresh all the eaves, ricks, hedges, and bushes, and every bird that becomes enmeshed in the net will be destroyed or caged. Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Brown Linnets especially will suffer. Indeed, there are parts of central England where all these three varieties, especially the Goldfinch, have been almost exterminated by the activities of Sparrow-head hunters. All birds are fair game that blunder into their nets, and if they spare the Robin and the Wren—often only an exception—it is merely because they are influenced by the superstition which all country children are taught about these birds and their sacred friendships.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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EXHIBITION Yorkshires, 2 pairs (1907) winners, 40/-, 25/-; matched pairs (1908), from 15/-; odd birds 7/6, travelling case, 6 cages, 12/6; breeding and flight cages, cheap; approval; useful exchange.—W. Horsey, 1, East Sheen Avenue, Mortlake.

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GOOD trout rod and tackle, 7/6; or exchange Britishers.—Pearson, Crosby, Maryport.

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EXCHANGE good mail-cart for cock Goldfinch Mule or pair Canaries.—Olding, Bassett Green.

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NIGHT commode 12/-, or exchange for small foreigners.—Miss Smith, 37a, Church-st., Whitby, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE grand Bull Terrier dog, 18 months, for good Irish Terrier dog.—A. Rollings, 31, Sutton-st., Salford.

PERSIAN cats, lovely pair tabbies, fine frills and brushes, 20/-; cheap at 60/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

SEVERAL pairs of prize-bred Blondinetts, 20/- pair; or exchange anything useful.—Daley, 95, Tithebarn-st., Liverpool.

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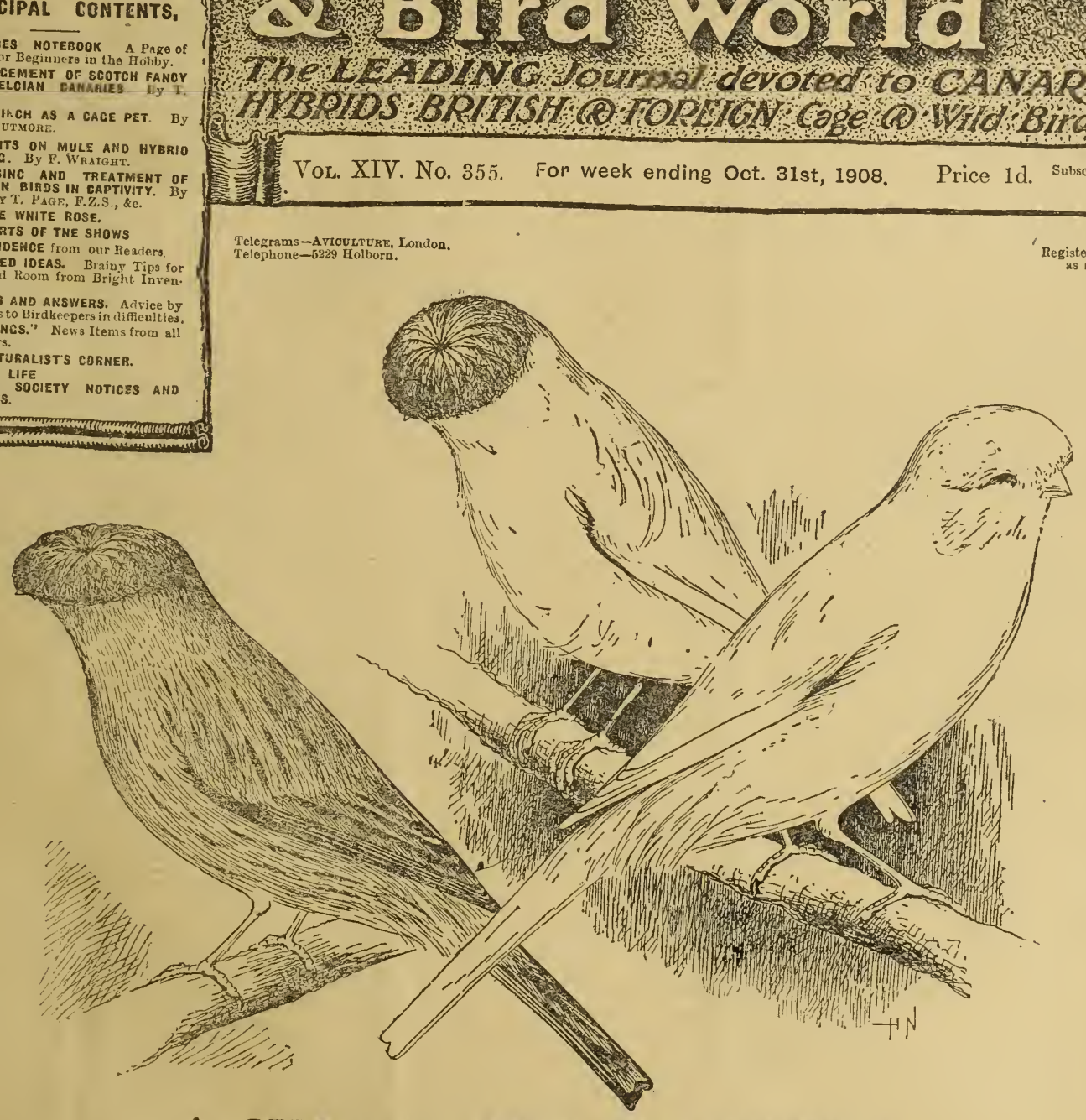
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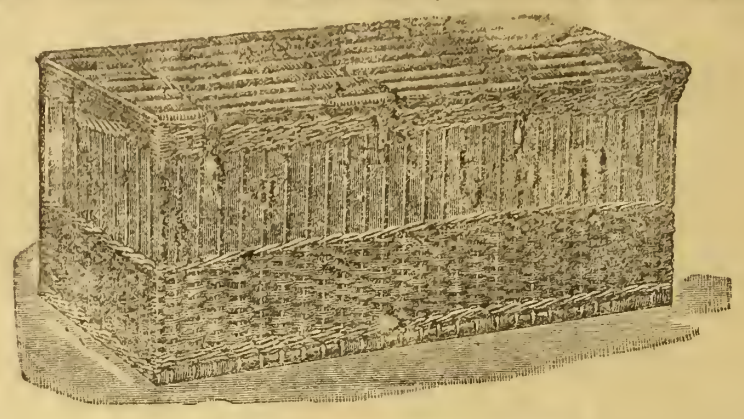
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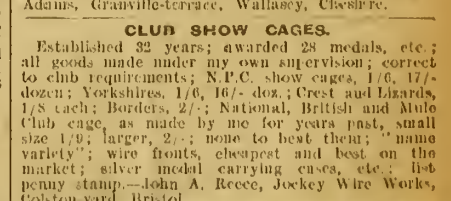
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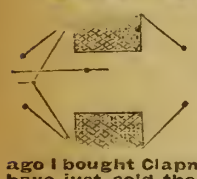
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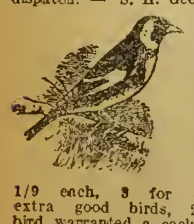
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BARGAINS in Norwich; if you require genuine Norwich, state wants, I can suit you; champion cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-; pairs 8/6, 10/6; approval.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

SIX pair 1908 Norwich Plainheads, cold-room bred, 7/6 pair; six large 1907 Crest-bred hens, clear and variegated, 4/- each; approval.—Barker, Devonshire Distillery, Ironmonger-row, St. Luke's, London.

HIGHEST class Crested and Plainhead Norwich, very cheap; handsome cock, grand singer, only 4/6, worth double; and hens from 2/6; week's approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

FEW high-class Norwich, cocks 10/-, 12/6; hens from 3/-; good type and quality, guaranteed; no rubbish; also some good songsters, 5/- each; seen at any time.—Orme, 4, Clarence-rd., Mottingham, Eltham, Kent.

HAVING no time for showing this season, have a few good unflighted birds for sale, cheap, also 1 grand stock pair, bred winners, this season, first, 25/- gets them; worth double; approval.—Senior, Hairdresser, Glossop.

MR. ECKERSLEY, having bred an exceptionally fine lot of youngsters, can now spare some grand yellows and buffs, 1908 and 1907, show or stock, from his famous winning strain.—51, Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

LARGE typical Norwich, three Yellow cocks, two Buff hens; Roberts, Blackpool, strain; bred from cinnamon-mark Yellow hen; no rubbish; price 10/- to £1 each; approval, deposit.—E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

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CLEAN moulted prize-bred Norwich cocks 5/-, 7/6, 16/- upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs 7/-, 8/6, 10/- upwards; dealers supplied; inquiries invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

G. BOTT, Hollyoake, Long Buckby, has about thirty good Norwich to dispose of; bred from, or related to my winners at Peterborough, Leamington, and Northampton, etc; cocks, from 10/-; matched pairs from 15/-; approval; deposit.

SPECIAL!! Special!! large, typical champion bred Plainheads, hens, 3/- to 5/- upwards; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; show specimens; reasonable; matched breeding pairs, 7/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—H. Amias, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MY third advertisement. Over 30 years' breeder has few typical Norwich Plainheads for sale, colour fed; also few stock pairs; now ready; I guarantee to give you satisfaction; approval, all from my own room; stamp.—Green and Sons, 48, St. Augustine's, Norwich.

HOPKINS and ALLSOPP, with three 1908 yellows secured first, special, Plymouth, second special for best Plainhead Frome, third Bristol, and our own breeding can now offer choice typical pairs and single cocks; pairs from £2; cocks from 10/-; approval, deposit; stamp.—43, Dixon-st., Swindon.

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IF you are looking for good Norwich and Yorkshires, call any time and inspect my stock of Canaries, all bred from winning strain, in clears, ticked, and colour-fed; cocks, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/6, 16/6; all birds sent on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd.

I HAVE over one hundred Norwich Plainheads, Crest and Crest-bred, to part with; all bred by myself; four natural-coloured Norwich cocks, two Buffs and two Yellows; have won this season; also Yellow cocks, Buff, Yellow hens and Buff hens; all coloured-fed to perfection, to be sold; reasonable approval; stamp for reply.—William Twine, 8, Albert-st., Hucknall Torkard.

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Notice our price for Norwich, Plainhead cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; colour-fed cocks 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; Crested cocks 8/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 6/6; Crestbred Cocks 7/6, 8/6; hens 4/6, 5/6; approval, deposit; travelling cages, 3d.—St. Andrews, Norwich.

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I am leaving the country, and have a grand lot of Norwich for sale; clear and variegated yellow cocks, also clear and variegated buff cocks, some grand stock birds cheap; cash or deposit.—F. Gilbert, 29, Victoria-avenue, Newtownards, County Down, Ireland.

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High-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

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Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; Buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st., green cars pass the door.

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Hundreds 5/- 6/- 7/- 8/- each, Approval, Guaranteed, **SANDIFORD**, Bird Specialist, **PRESTON.**

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I won last season, L. and P.O.S. championship diplomas and cup, L.N.P.C. Champion Trophy and special for best Norwich in show, Dulwich and Peckham, and numbers of other firsts and specials; for this season see reports, Clapham, Watford, Battersea, and Plymouth shows; my birds need no other comment; now for prices, good value in Norwich Plainheads, from 7/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; all birds sent out on approval; stamp. Note, I have sold several winners this season.—6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London.

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Have **some** of the **finest Norwich living** for disposal, **real gems.** I have had several letters from customers who have **won** at shows during this past week. My **business** which **increases yearly,** is due entirely to **recommendation,** and **I now claim** that my **Norwich** are **known, and bear in mind win** in the **keenest competition,** in every corner of the **British Isles. Many** of the **leading Exhibitors** and **advertisers** are **supplied by me.** Note.—Many **strains** offered under **other names,** as **famous originate** from **SILKS,** Prices on application. approval willingly. Stamp reply.

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ROLLERS on full song, 7/6 each.—Miss Rosey, Seaside-road, Eastbourne.

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FOUR medals and Roller Club patronage at Blackburn Show, November 6th and 7th.

TEN grand Rollers, aviary bred, full song, day and gaslight, 6/6, and 7/6 each.—Ward, Ladymoor, Bilston.

SELL six genuine pure Seifert Roller hens, first P.O. for 8/6 gets them, bargain.—Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup, Lancs.

NOTICE grand Roller Canaries; warranted cocks, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, 15, Queen-street, Castle Douglas.

SIX 1908 Hartz Rollers; cocks, 3/3 each; hens, 1/6; approval.—Barker, Devonshire Distillery, Ironmonger-row, St. Luke's, London.

SEIFERT strain, 1907 bred, good songsters, cheap to clear, 10/- to 40/-; approval.—Corkindale, Studley, Warwickshire. Stamp reply.

SEIFERT Rollers, full quality song, bred from contest winners, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6.—21, Castlerose-street, Wellington-road, Leeds.

GRAND Hartz cocks, full song, 4/-; few fit for contest, 7/6 each; cash or deposit Editor.—Anson, 47, Mercerон Houses, Globe-rd., E.

GRAND pair of young Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, complete with cage, 3/-; two pairs, 5/6.—J. Blackshaw, 70a, Butts, Coventry.

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ROLLERS, grand songsters, cold room bred; strong, healthy birds, good strain; cocks, 7/-; hens, 3/-.—Smith, 16, Calmington-road, Camberwell.

FOUR 1907 Roller hens breeders, 5/- the lot; two cross Roller and Yorkshire cocks, 4/- each, from above 1908 birds.—Walsh, Lydia-st., Accrington.

MARVELLOUS songsters; celebrated Hartz Mountain Roller, 1908 cock Canaries, singing, 2/6 each packed.—Davis, 12, Cyprian-street, Tooting.

SEIFERT Rollers for sale, cocks in fine song, about six pairs at 8/- per pair; bred from contest singers.—Green Gill, Knowles-lane, Gomersal, near Leeds.

SEIFERT cocks, 6/6; Andreasbergs, 6/-; all guaranteed singing, or money returned; not hens at 3/6; value in birds, not advertisements.—Creese, Francis-rd., Leyton.

WANTED Roller Schoolmaster; also good metal Roller song boxes, in exchange for beautiful Fox Terrier bitch, value £2 2s; mutual approval.—Ogden, Round-street, Bradford.

GIVING up, must sell, three genuine pure Seifert Roller cocks, and six hens, same strain, and two breeding cages; bred each offer has them.—Bennett, 7, Fountain Terrace, Bacup.

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GENUINE English Seifert Roller cocks, quality that will satisfy those who know what a Roller should be, 7/6; on approval; good cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each.—Mr. Bason, Oswestry.

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GRAND, deep, mellow-toned Seifert Rollers; cocks in full song, with many changes, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens 3/6, worth 7/6; on seven days' approval; cash or deposit; cold room bred.—G. Percival, 20, Talbot-road, Wrexham.

PURE Seifert Rollers, guaranteed Payne's or Tweed's strain, hardy cold-room, trained under line Schoolmaster; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/6; approval, deposit; inspection invited any time except Sundays.—Clarence Gibbs, Sandy.

SEIFERT Rollers, 1908, guaranteed cocks, and over moult; grand songsters, 10/6 to 20/-; also two grand Schoolmasters, 1907 rung, both best noted strain, 20/- and 30/-; cash or deposit; approval.—Leigh, 24, John-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

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CHEAP Seifert Canaries for sale, part of my high-class stock, this year's breeding, more than 300 cocks, winners of over 36 highest prizes, mostly gold and silver medals; widely praised for purity of breeding; price, 8/6, or by the dozen, 60/-, 70/-, 80/-, or 120/-; hens, 3/-; fine collection for exhibition, certain of high prizes.—Apply, E. Kaferstein, Leipsig-Neuschonfeld, Germany.

JUST arrived from relation in Germany, genuine Rollers in full song; these are not cheap 5/3 birds, but guaranteed trained songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; hens from 2/-; young Hartz Rollers, 4/6 couple; also Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, full song, from 7/6 upwards; hens from 3/-; travelling oages free; fancy cages, breeding cages, from 2/6; send P.O.; satisfaction guaranteed, cash returned if dissatisfied.—Dunster, 19, Garner-street, Bethnal Green, E.

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Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 16/6; hens, 2/6, 4/6; cock Linnets, 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; 7 days' approval; inspection invited.—W. Williams, 42, Commercial-street, Nelson, Glam.

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East Greenwich, supply their noted Hartz Mountain Roller cocks, bred for song alone, 5/- each; seven days' approval; our special No. III. birds, 10/- each, as charged 15/- for elsewhere, with a different name; notice, no better procurable; exchanges entertained.

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My Hartz Mountain and St. Andreasburg Rollers have just arrived. They are in grand form, rolling from daylight till dusk; specially trained, from 5/- to 20/-. Read following testimonial:—Victoria-st., St. Alban's, Herts. October 25th, 1908. Roller arrived safe and sound. I am more than satisfied. He sings beautiful. B. O'dell to Joe Thomas. All varieties of loud, free song cocks from 4/6 upwards. Send for my illustrated price list, post free, for every variety Canary or Mule.—Joe Thomas, Ambler Thorn, near Halifax.

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Notice.—I have a splendid consignment of those extremely musical St. Andreasberg Rollers; these are splendid day and gaslight songsters; they are delightful, with their deep bass rolls, hollow rolls, sweet silvery trills, water bubble runs, piccolo trills, bell, sharp, and gong notes, etc.; these are splendid quality; and are certain to please you; all on 6 days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or you can deposit the amount with the Editor, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, hens to match 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, inspection invited.—William Shaw and Son, 97, Essex-road, Islington, London, N.

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Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford."—"Tho Elms, 18, Whitebouse Loan, Edinburgh. — Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and gives satisfaction. — N. Turnbull." — Birds arrived —are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill Street, Crewe."—"Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am very well pleased with such value.—J. Broom." 32, Easson Road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison." Send all orders to Varney, Stratford, London

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This is what you have been waiting for. I have just received my first consignment for this season of the world-famed- "Leipzig" Roller Canaries. (Cocks, no hens yet.) These cocks are in magnificent condition and full song, with long, hollow, and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, waterbubble, runs soft roulades, deep bass rolls, hollow bell rolls, piccolo trills, bell harp, and flute notes, etc., etc., and are guaranteed entirely free from harsh or objectionable notes whatever. Price 6/6 and 7/6 each. These birds are imported by me direct from Leipzig, and are same strain as have won innumerable contests both in Germany, and also England. Every bird is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and as I am sole agent, no other dealer can get so much as one feather of this strain unless purchased from me. All are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages, with seed and water to last 48 hours, and are sent on full week's approval, solely at my risk during the whole time, either on receipt of cash or deposit with CAGE BIRDS, and every penny of your money is refunded if bird fails to realise every expectation, and prove fully satisfactory. See British Bird and Appliance Columns for further advertisements.

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The best loud free songsters in the world.

The right bird where a lot of noise is required.

Cocks in full song by day and gaslight, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each; matched pairs to breed songsters, 7/6, 8/6.

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Genuine trained birds, taught by the best of organs and tutors, to sing the Seifert and Trute song by day and artificial light. Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each.



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Typical Yorkshires that cannot be equalled elsewhere for quality and cheapness compared; upstanding light-feathered birds. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- each. Matched pairs to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair.

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Not half-bred Germans or some other cross-bred rubbish, but birds of the right type, and full of quality. Bred from and related to noted winners. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each. Properly matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair. Amateurs should try my specially matched of pure bred Rollers, Yorkshires, of Norwich Canaries, in joiner-made breeding cage complete, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-.

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Cocks, singing, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 1/6; better quality songsters 6/6, 7/6; pairs 5/9, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, matched for breeding songsters; superior trained birds of both Seifert and Trute strains, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 2/6 each; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; Travelling cages 3d. extra; all on 1 week's approval; I pay carriage back; money returned in full if satisfaction not given.

Kindly note a few unsolicited expressions out of very many.

1908 Buxton. Oct. 23rd.—Roller arrived safely. He is singing splendidly. I am well satisfied.—Arthur Baines to W. Rudd.

1908 Flect. Oct. 23rd.—The little bird arrived safely this morning about 10. It seemed none the worse for the journey. It is a little beauty, and we are greatly pleased. —E. Chapman to W. Rudd.

1908 Pontcymmer. Oct. 25.—The bird arrived safe and in the best of condition. I am well satisfied with him. He is singing a treat. I shall always speak of you to my friends.—O. Hughes to W. Rudd.

1908 Springburn. Oct. 24.—I received the Roller alright, and am thoroughly satisfied.—W. Young to W. Rudd.

1908 Southampton. Oct. 23rd.—I appreciate your prompt attention to my order, and am very pleased with the Canary. He started singing after he had been here half an hour. He has some very good notes, not loud.—E. White to W. Rudd.

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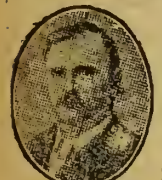
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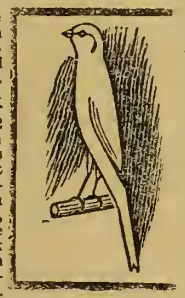
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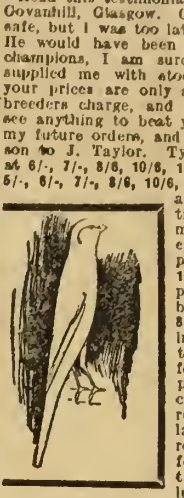
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PERSIAN cat breeders (silvers), pedigree Mule, two females, cheap.—A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

WHAT offers in birds for 31 beautiful-coloured plates of birds.—J. J. St. John, Thornfield, Sunderland.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for suit length, tweed, value 12/6.—Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesboro'.

GOOD flying Homers, 5/6, 10/6, winners; exchange Canaries, anything.—Lanham, Tobacconist, Walcot, Bath.

THIRTY disc records, cost £3 17s.; will sell or exchange anything useful.—F. Smith, 1, Oxley-st., Leeds.

TWO double breeders, or flights (one single), lot 10/-; exchange. — Haydon, 2, Denmark Terrace, Sydenham.

FIVE pure buff Orpington, 1908 pullets, 17/6, near laying; or exchange.—Barlow's Aviaries, East Greenwich.

CAMERA for sale, 10/-; or exchange for Roller Canaries or cage.—A. Moffatt, 109, George-st., Longton Staffs.

IRISH Terrier, red-coated bitch, three months; sale or exchange for cock Mule.—163, Globe-rd., Stepney, E.

EXCHANGE stereoscope and 30 views for good pair of Canaries, or sell 10/-.—Parkinson, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford

GENT'S silver watch in good going order; exchange Norwich Canaries.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

DOZEN phonograph records, sell 6/-; or exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinches, or offers.—Stowe, Burnham Market.

EXCHANGE two pairs of exhibition black Magpies C.R., for 4 cock Goldfinches.—T. Dixon, Decorator, Shincliffe, Durham.

WILL exchange China tea set, 40 pieces, for good Yorkshires, or sell 15/-; approval.—Rowley, 19, Park-road, Fenton Staffs.

MOTOR-CYCLE accumulator, good condition, cost guinea; exchange Canaries; offers.—Freeman, 100a, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

FOR SALE, 9 long-distance flying Homers; sell 15/-, or exchange anything useful.—J. Brooks, Swinefleet, S.O., Yorkshire.

SEACULL, various, and sea shore birds for garden, from, 2/6 each; or exchange; reply stamp.—Fitch, Pitsea, Essex.

WILL exchange good dulcimer, cost £2 10/-, for phonograph; approval both ways.—Belcher, 47, Hudson-rd., Kingston.

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LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The following is the result of the competition for the Challenge Cup to date:—Lancashire: Jno Garner, 23; Jos. Oldham, 9; Jno. Vickers, 8; Lizards: Jno. Dewsnap, 28; Jno. Rukin, 25; W. P. Barnes, 23; Jos. Hampshire, 20; and Wm. Lawton, 15.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

We took the opportunity on October 24th at Rochdale Town Hall show of calling a meeting, and it was well attended, every district being well represented. Mr. J. Oldham (Middleton Junction), was elected chairman, and we at once went into the "Cage question," as several members have club cages bearing the name of Messrs. Reeves' who formerly made these cages before we adopted the standard cage. It was decided that in future we also recognise Messrs. Reeves' cages. It was further decided that should any of our members desire to give one of our society medals they have the privilege of same through the society. It was also decided to order the society's medals, and if possible have them on view at Rochdale Good Intent and Littleborough shows, with the view of strengthening our membership. Our next meeting will be held on November 7th at Rochdale Good Intent Show. Points gained at Rochdale O.C. Show, October 23rd and 24th:—Champion Section—W. Adams 20, J. Garner 17, H. Laycock 16, E. Lowe 10, and J. Oldham 9; Novice Section—J. R. Crossley 19, J. Brookes 7, and C. Whitehead 4.—W. ADAMS, Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leed .)

Usual contest held on Oct. 25th, when 23 birds sang. 1, Wood; 2 and 3, Sissons. Judge, Mr. R. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. D. Madden.—W. DEAN, Secretary.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at the "King's Head," Shannon Street, on October 25th, when 26 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers, and Cooper:—1, 4, Stead; 2, Hardcastle.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE (London, N.).

At the "Beehive," Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, during the week, handicaps were held for Linnets and Chaffinches. There was a large meeting of bird fanciers, and some very good singing was heard. Charley Meacock's Chaffinch won two handicaps, and also divided stakes with "Tubby" in a third. Jack Watts made a good race as runner-up. Week-end Linnet handicap was won by W. Morrison; Tommy Burns' "Sweep" and others competed. The Beehive is open for challenge (through CAGE BIRDS only), home and home, race, Linnets or Chaffinches.—W. MORRISON, Timekeeper.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 31—**Newtown St. Boswells**—R. Robertson.
" **31**—**Stockton-on-Tees**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street.
" **31**—**Gillingham**—T. F. Ramsey 11, Selbourne Road.
" **31**—**Markinch**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown.
" **31**—**Cleator Moor**—J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road.
" **31**—**Blaydon-on-T.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.
" **31**—**Keynsham**—H. W. G. Belsten, West View.
" **31**—**Boness**—F. McGillivray, Ferry View, Cbance.
Nov. 1—**Lowestoft**—B. L. A. Crow, London Road.
" **2**—**Ayr**—C. Irvine, 44, Prestwick Road, Ayr.
" **2**—**Darvel**—J. Robertson, jun., 5, Hastings Place.
" **2**—**Oakham**—J. Hibbitt, jun., Melton Road, Oakham.
" **2**—**Glastonbury**—A. W. D. Cridland.
" **2**—**Carshalton**—P. Jones, 16, Rochester Rd.
" **2**—**Evesham**—G. Witts.
" **2**—**Sheffield**—H. Lindsay, 202, King James street, Wakley.
" **2**—**Liverpool**—Metcalf and Hillmen, 165, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.
" **3**—**Bramley**—E. Craven, 37, Whingate Aven. Armley, Leeds.
" **3**—**Stratford-on-Avon**—A. M. Bailey.
" **3**—**Shipley**—H. Dobson, 6, Carolina Street, Saltaire.
" **3** (1st post) **Blackburn**—J. W. Mareden, 44, Troop Street.
" **3**—**Dudley**—Witton and Davies, 172, Wolverhampton Street.
" **3**—**Stirchley**—W. Weleb, 15, Laburnam Road.
" **3**—**Bodmin**—A. E. Jago, Robartes Road.
" **3**—**North Berks**—T. Bowen, High Street.
" **4**—**Hastings**—A. E. Godden, Ceylon House, Earl Street.
" **5**—**Carlisle**—W. H. Wright, 35, London Road.
" **5**—**Malton (Yorks)**—G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.
" **5**—**Merthyr Tydvil**—J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon.
" **5**—**Deal**—W. Wadhams, Norbury, Church Path
" **5**—**Leek**—R. Hall, 9, Russell Street.
" **7**—**Glasgow**—R. A. Brown, 102 Roslea Drive, Dennistoun Glasgow.
" **7**—**Swansea**—A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Rd., Landore, near Swansea.
" **7**—**Burton-on-Trent**—F. Cameron, 103, Sydney Street.
" **7**—**Montrose**—J. Clark, 1, John Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 31—**Darley Dale**—Dawson and Hall, Glen View.
" **31**—**Luton**—E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street.
Nov. 1 (First Post) **Carmarthen**—F. King, Friars Cottage.
" **1**—**Cheltenham**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Auckland Avenue.
" **2**—**Morecambe**—J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street.
" **2** (First post) **Dulwich and Peckham**—W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Rd., E. Dulwich.
" **2** (First post) **Weybridge**—H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.
" **2**—**Bristol**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street Newtown, Bristol.
" **3**—**Leicester H.-in-H.**—Chas. Draper, 1a, Wilton Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Battersea, Broughty Ferry, Darlington.

By an oversight of our printers the above were unfortunately omitted last week.

Burnley, Hucknall Torkard, Bolton, Kelty and Blairadam, Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby, Middlesbrough, City of Glasgow (Norwich, Etc., Section), Frome, Grimsby, Crook.

THE SHOWS.

GLOUCESTER.

The third annual show of the Gloucester C.B.S. was held in the Northgate Assembly Room on October 28th and 29th. The entries came up well, there being an increase of 130 over last year, which must be considered a most satisfactory result. The birds provided Mr. Battye, who judged, with a good day's work. He had the advantage of an early start and a good light. The exhibits were nicely staged, and had the best of attention from a good band of experienced fanciers. The Norwich Plainheads, as usual at Gloucester, were a good lot for quality, and the competition was keen and close. The special for best went to Mr. G. Gwilliam, with a grand ticked buff, a true Norwich in all points. The two natural colour classes were filled well, which no doubt was a source of great satisfaction to Dr. Anerum, the generous donor of the five pounds which provided the prize money, and a sovereign special. The lucky winner of the latter, Mr. Winter's bird, came all the way from Edinburgh. Several in these classes had to pay the penalty attaching to a little indulgence in the "forbidden fruit." Yorkshires made a grand display, many high class exhibits putting in an appearance. The British birds were very good in quality, the challenge bowl for most points in this section falling to Mr. S. W. Birchley, his exhibits being staged in superb style. The challenge bowl for Norwich Plainheads resulted in a tie between Mr. Gwilliam and Mr. Wasley, both scoring the same number of points, and the same amount of prize money, which provides the society with a nice knotty problem to solve. Mr. Gwilliam having won it twice before, an outright win on this occasion would land the bowl on his sideboard. Mr. J. Houghton secured Sandiford's special with a red-hot marked yellow, and has now secured a cup and four medals, a tribute to this fancier's skill as a colour-feeder. The challenge bowl for the best Any Other Variety Canary went to Mr. T. J. King, this making his second win. Messrs. Winfield's cup for birds fed on their seeds was won outright by Mr. Gwilliam. The secretarial ribbons were again in the hands of Mr. J. Houghton, and they could not have been in better, as he worked like a Trojan, his tact being only equalled by his courtesy. Amongst the committee we must not forget to mention the name of that old fancier Mr. G. Closs, who worked his hardest, and as he has left the Fancy his efforts can be the better appreciated. Mr. A. Thomas, the well-known taxidermist, had a grand display of stuffed specimens, which were greatly admired.

The Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons.

NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Wasley, good shaped body, broad full chest, nice colour and quality, good wide back; 2, Harber, grand colour, nice skull, good wing carriage, shade on long side; 3, vhc, Houghton, magnificent quality, lovely head, back and chest, gets well across perch, Nor. all over; 4, Eynon, shapely, nice colour, neat head; hc, Gwilliam; c, Townsend. BUFF (7): 1, Houghton, bouncer, magnificent shape, rare head, back and chest, thick short neck, rich undercolour, well frosted; 2, Stephenson, grand under colour, nice head and back, well packed flights, good shape, lacks substance; 3, Walton and Noakes, grand shape, short cobby body, short flights and tail; 4, Stephenson, grand colour, lovely back, well-packed flights; vhc, Davis; hc, Gwilliam; c, Eynon. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Gwilliam, tkd. on head, lovely quality feather, rich level colour, good shaped body; 2, Walton and Noakes, tkd. left eye, beautiful colour, nice shape and quality, good head; 3, Irons, grizzled on rump, nice shape, fine wing carriage, level colour; 4, Stephenson, mkd. on head and back, good colour, rare head, full neck; vhc, Brown. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Gwilliam, tkd. right wing and on left shoulder, beautiful short cobby body, grand feather and quality; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd. eyes, head, neck and wings, magnificent colour; 3, Brown, well-known "Cherry Blossom," quality of the best, grand back and breast, beautifully mealed; 4, Houghton, splendid colour, good shape, full neck; vhc, Miss Darell; hc, Eynon. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Walton and Noakes, tkd. right thigh, gem for colour, shape and quality, grand flights and tail; 2, Wasley, magnificent quality, lovely rich level colour, short cobby body; 3, Houghton, rare size and shape, gets well across perch, good head, full neck; 4, Barrett, nice colour, bit too high on leg; vhc, Williams; hc, Brown; c, Houghton; some preferred either of these to 4th. BUFF (17): 1, Gwilliam, rich under colour, nicely mealed, flights well packed, neat tail, nice shape; 2, Wasley, grand colour, well mealed, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 3, Wasley, mkd. right wing and eyes, demon for colour, nice shape and feather; 4, Gwilliam, beautiful shape, grand back and chest, nice flights and tail; vhc, Houghton; hc, Brown. HENS YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Wasley, stained beak, otherwise cl., good size and shape, nice level colour, Bristol 2nd; 2, Jupe, nice level colour, good shape and carriage, nice wings and tail; 3, Gwilliam, beautiful shape and feather, nice back, wings and tail; 4, Stephenson, Bristol winner, all over a Nor. shape, quality and carriage, perfection. BUFF HEN (18): 1, spl, Folwell, tkd. left wing and right eye, grand size and shape, lovely head, grand feather, full neck and chest; 2, Folwell, cl., grand shape and feather, nice head, good wings and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, grand quality and nicely frosted, good shape, will improve; 4, Irons, mkd. head, neck, rump and left wing, nice shape and feather; vhc, Jupe; hc, Gwilliam; c, Harvey. NAT. COL. YELL. (19): 1, spl, 2, Winter, rare size and shape, deep chest, full neck, nice quality and honest colour, good wing carriage; 2, heavily mkd. beautiful shape, lovely head, brimful of quality; 3, Walton and Noakes, nice quality of feather, full broad chest, nice colour; 4, Gwilliam, good shape, nice quality feather; vhc, Lovering; c, Norris. BUFF (29): 1, Stephenson, last year's winner, cl., grand size and shape, lovely quality feather, beautiful back, full neck; 2, Capstick, nice shape and quality of feather, good wing carriage, not quite so smooth on breast; 3, Quarman, nice quality, good shape, neat head; 4, Bateman, grand shape, lovely quality of feather, beautiful colour; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Rorke; c, Williams. NOVICE CL. ETC. (14): 1, 2, Colville and Knight, 1, cl. yell., good colour, shape, and feather, nice head and neck, neat tail; 2, variegated, buff, splendid shape and feather, nice smooth breast and grand back; 3, Brooks, cl., yell., good colour, nice carriage, neat head; ; 4, Jennings, yell. tkd. left wing, red hot colour, nice shape; vhc, Barnes; hc, Jennings; c, Bradford. CREST (7): 1, King, heavily variegated, nice droop, crest comes well over beak, good back crest, nice leafy feather; 2, Kilminster and Hooper, mkd. back and wings, dense frontal crest, splendid droop and radiation; 3, Lewis and Dymond, mkd. wings and breast, fair frontal crest, nice droop; 4, Kilminster and Hooper, pied tail, green, nice veiny feather; vhc, Bishop; hc, Peters. C.B. CK. (7): 1, spl, King, grand shaped skull, good entrance and lashing, plenty of feather, good body; 2, Miles, nice quality of feather, good length and density; 3, Hayling, nice shaped body, good head feather; 4, Hayling, rare shaped skull, with good entrance; vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; hc, Grant; c, Hands. CREST HEN (4): 1, spl, King, mkd. wings and tail, beauty, wide thick frontal crest, well filled centre, grand droop and radiation; 2, Hayling, even wing marked, nice droop; 3, Hands, mkd. both wings, good length of frontal; 4, G. Grant, even wings, and breast mkd., nice back, crests. C.B. HEN (3): 1, Miles, grand length of head feather, nice back skull; 2, Bishop, good shaped body, not so long in head feather; 3, King, nice length of head feather. CINN. YELL. OR BUFF (4): 1, Howe, good shaped buff, nice colour and quality; 2, 4, Pope, 2, yell., nice shape and feather; 4, buff, good colour and quality, nice shape; 3, King, unflig. buff, good size and shape, bit flat in colour.

All Other Canary Classes.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Amblers, beautiful position, well drawn out, nice long flights and tail, grand colour and quality; 2, Bishop, tkd. on head, nice length, good position, grand quality; 3, Knight, well-drawn out, long flights and tail, neat head, nice, narrow shoulders; 4, Rennie, good style and position, neat, well-folded tail, good flights; vhc, Hudspeth; hc, Withers; c, Pattrick. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Elsmore, grand length, straight as a rush, beautiful feather, wings and tail well braced; 2, Rennie, tkd. wing, nice quality, grand back, nice length, neat head; 3, Amblers, grand colour, well drawn, nice, narrow shoulders, good back; 4, Rorke, tkd. on head, slim built, nice feather; vhc, Amblers; hc, Bishop. MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Pattrick, tkd. on eyes, finely drawn, splendid position, wings and tail well packed; 2, Crisp, buff Cinn. mkd. eyes and right wing, grand feather, nice position, wings and tail; 3, Rennie, yell., mkd. eyes and left wing, grand in position, lovely colour and quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Hudspeth, buff mkd. eyes and wings, grand feather; vbc, Pattrick; hc, Dobson. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Amblers, cl. yell., grand feather and quality, nice style, well up on legs, good wings; 2, Rennie, buff, ticked on head, straight as a gun barrel, beautifully tapered; 3, Rorke, straight as a pencil, grand flights and tail, well up on leg, and nice style and position, yell. tkd. back of neck; 4, Rorke, cl. buff, smooth as a glass bottle, lovely feather and quality; vhc, Halliday; hc, Tringham. HEN YELL. (17): 1, spl, Rennie, cl. real beauty, fine length, stand and style, good long flights and tail, neat head; 2, Jones, cl., slim built, nice stand and style, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Pattrick, cl., splendid quality feather, nice colour; 4, Lovell, slim built, nice narrow shoulders, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Rorke; hc, Bishop; c, Amblers. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Halliday, cl., grand feather, beautiful stand, full of style, well drawn, smooth as boxwood; 2, Lovell, ticked right wing, beautiful stand, good length, full of quality; 3, Elsmore, splendid quality, nice wings and tail, good back; 4, Tringham, ticked cheek, good length, nice flights and tail; vhc, hc, Rennie; c, Jones. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Gwilliam. 1 marked back of head and right wing, nice feather and carriage, good shape and colour, 2 cl., nice, jaunty carriage, good shape and feather; 3, 4, Hocking, 3 green, splendid colour, nice shape and carriage, 4 evenly mkd., nice shape, feather and quality; vhc, Strickland; c, Mrs. Fenwick. BUFF (4): 1, 3, 4, Gwilliam, grand feather and colour, nice shape and carriage, neat wings and tail, 3 mkd. left eye and wing, sweet shape, 4 cl. grand bird; 2, Wright, tkd. on head, lovely feather, neat tail. SELL. (60/-): 1, Hands; 2, Midgley; 3, Hayling; 4, Kilminster and Hooper; vhc, Summerhill; hc, Gwilliam; c, Midgley. (20/-) (12): 1, Houghton; 2, Williams; 3, Barnes; 4, Summerhill; vhc, Brooks; hc, Hands; c, Gwilliam. (10/6) (14): 1, Jupe; 2, c, Gwilliam; 3, Brooks; 4, Houghton; vhc, Allsop; hc, Quarman. NOR. HEN (21/-) (8): 1, Wasley; 2, Houghton; 3, Miss Gibbons; 4, Brooks; vhc, Gwilliam; hc, Stephenson; c, Midgley.

British, Hybrids and Foreign.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, White, rare square cut blaze, grand tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons, good size and shape; 2, Herbert, rich coloured face, grand feather, nice back, bars and buttons; 3, Stephenson, lovely feather, nice bars and buttons; 4, Arnold, grand wing bars and buttons, nice colour; vhc, Davies; hc, Smith; c, Miss Darell. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Lewis and Dymond, hen, grand size and shape, nice feather, cap and wing bars; 2, Davies, E. J., nice cap, grand wing bars, good shape and colour; 3, Birchley, rich-coloured breast, good bars; 4, White, beautiful colour on breast, lovely back, grand cap; vhc, Oliffe; hc, Miss Darell. LINNET ETC. (9): 1, spl, Lovell, grand colour and lacing, nice size and shape, not yet at its best; 2, 4, Russell, Siskin, grand feather and size, nice cap; 4, bonny Twite, lovely colour, well marked; 3, Lewis and Dymond, grand Redpoll, nice feather and colour, beautifully cut bib; vhc, hc, c, Birchley. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (6): 1, vhc, Birchley, grandly laced, rare size, nice shape, in the pink of condition; 2, Poole, Hawfinch, grand feather, well mkd., nice cut bib; 3, Birchley, Chaffinch, good feather, nice bold whites; 4, Barry Bros., Bramblefinch, grand colour on breast; hc, Wasley. SOFTBILL SMALL (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Birchley, leader Nightingale, good size and shape, fine colour; 3, grand black Redstart, in most lovely condition; 4, Whinchat, good body, feather, and nice back markings; 2, Barry Bros., very nice Golden-crested Wren, fails a trifle in colour. LARGE (6): 1, Bussey, Jay, grand colour, nice wings, very steady, shows well; 2, Bond, Cornish Chough, good colour, nice bill and legs, too tame to show well; 3, Poole, beautiful Ring Ousel, lovely feather, rare size; 4, Birchley, Starling, nice colour and sheen; vhc, Jackson, nicely spotted Thrush. DARK MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Lees, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice colour and feather; 2, Jones, Goldfinch Bullie, nice coloured blaze; 3, Jones, dark Goldfinch Canary, grand size and feather, nice colour; 4, Smalldridge, Redpoll-Greenfinch, nice feather; vhc, Birchley; hc, Bullingham. LIGHT (4): 1, Wasley, six-pointed buff, Goldfinch-Canary, grand feather, size and colour, nicely balanced markings; 2, Lees, lightly marked Linnet Canary, grand colour and feather; 3, Miss Darell, lightly marked Goldfinch Canary, nice colour; 4, Smalldridge, grand Linnet Bullfinch, in wrong class. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Thorne, grand-coloured Superb Tanager, in nice feather; 2, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, in good colour and feather; 3, Mrs. Rogerson, beautiful pair of Red-headed Gouldian Finches, magnificent colour, cock; 4, Frost, grand Paradise Whydah, in faultless condition; vhc, Miss Gibbons; hc, Perreau; c, Miss Darell. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Perreau, White-crested Jay, rare exhibit, nice condition; 2nd, Dyal Robin, nice feather and markings; 3, Hadley, grand pair of Barnard Parrakeets. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (8): 1, Gwilliam, good coloured and shapely yell., nice head and back; 2, Harvey, yell., hot colour, nice head, level back; 3, Stephenson, buff, grand shape; 4, Houghton, good shaped, unflig. yell.; 4, Houghton, mkd. yell. CREST (3): 1, Hands, pied tail green, nice round crest, veiny in feather, good droop; 2, Hiles, green round crest, nice frontal and droop; 3, Grant, clear body dark, nice droop frontal.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S. held their third annual show in the Oddfellows' Hall on Oct. 24. This was one of the finest shows ever held in Middlesbrough, close on 600 birds being benched. The Yorks. were a fine lot, Messrs. Cuthbertson, Rhodes, Stewart, and Dawson staging some grand birds. The Norwich turned up well both in numbers and quality. The Britishers were also a fine lot, looking in the pink of condition, and were admired by a great number of fanciers. The following won the extra specials: Yorks., Mr. Jas. Stewart; Nor., Mrs. Hope; classes 12 to 20, Mr. A. Bentley; British, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, who also won Challenge Bowl presented by Mr. Geo. Harkers for most points in the show (open classes). The Rev. Bernard Wilton was runner up. The members' specials were won by:—I, Rev. B. Wilton; 2 (most points), Messrs. Milburn and Hayes; and Messrs. T. Gibson and Hanson and Lancaster divided for the 3rd (most points). Mr. Arthur Wake, the hon. secretary, had the birds well staged, and was very attentive to the comforts and wants of the exhibits and the exhibitors. He was ably backed up by a hard working committee comprised of the following:—Messrs. Carr, Gardener, T. and W. Wells, Butterfield, Oliver, Hanson, Salmon, Bottomley, Hughes, Barterley, Mellons, etc. Mr. W. Mundell judged the Canaries and selling classes, and Mr. Maddison the British and foreign.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (18): 1, Rhodes, grand position, full of quality and nerve, neat round head; 2, Woodhead, rich colour, good flights and tail, nice position, shows a little feather on thighs; 3, Meaburn, well fed, plenty of length, grand wings and tail; 4, Cuthbertson, rich colour and quality, wants a little more handling, would not show itself; vhc, Howe; hc, Cooper; c, Ware. BUFF: 1, F. Stevens, rich colour, foxey feather, very neat wings and tail, shown well; 2, Dixon, long flights, compact tail, well up on leg, wants a little more time; 3, Stewart, neat head, well laced wing, grand back, piped tail; 4, Williams, blaze of colour, silky feather, grand type, good head; vhc, Ware; hc, Hewson; c, Watmough. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Lane, thigh tkd. rich colour, well up, long flights and tail, unflig.; 2, Rutherford and Bright, eye mkd. rich colour, full of quality, nice position; 3, Williams, unevenly mkd., blaze of colour, foxey feather, grand wings and tail; 4, Stevens, nice quality, good wings, shade dirty; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Cook; c, Howe. BUFF: 1, 4, Stewart, 1st thigh tkd., straight as a gun-barrel, full of quality, nice head and wings, 4th shade on the stout side, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 3, hc, Cuthbertson, full of quality, grand wings and tail; vhc, Cook, very typical; c, Lane. HEN (26): 1, vhc, Duncan, 1st grand position, yell., long flights and tail, very nervy, teeming with quality; 2, Hewson, buff, rich colour, grand position, wings and tail, neat head; 3, Cuthbertson, wing tkd. yell., well up on leg, good flights and tail; 4, Rhodes, lovely buff, salmon colour, feathered like a Java, shade on small side or would have been a "knock out"; hc, Ware; c, Wilson. A fine class of Yorks. hens; many out of the cards will be heard of again. NOR. CL. YELL. (16): 1, 2, Hill and Stewart, good head, rich colour, quality, A1 chubby, good wings and breast, 2nd full of quality, nice wings and tail, good head, full neck and chest; 3, Sherrington, bouncing bird, full of quality, rich colour, carriage A1; 4, Harland, blaze of colour, grand type, compact wing and tail; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Moore. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Hope, good head and chest, blaze of colour, correct type, wonderful quality; 2, hc, Sherrington, good head and neck, feathered like a Java, shade pale in colour; 3, Hill and Stewart, rich colour, full of quality, good head and chest, shade long; 4, Harland, grand bird, rich colour, good head; vhc, Parlett; c, Cuthbertson. TKD. ETC. (14): 1, Hope, yell., capped on head, marvellous quality, rich colour, good chest, chubby type; 2, hc, Hill and Stewart, 2nd buff, blaze of colour, good head and chest, full of quality, chubby; 3, Wilson, buff, tkd. on head, grand type, rich colour, good head; 4, Harland, typical, capital head, clean chest, full of bloom; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, 4, Mrs. D. Hope, 1st rich colour, full of quality, good head, chubby, grand wings and tail, 4th pale in colour, good head, nice type; 2, Sherrington, good head and chest, typical, nice quality; 3, Moore, cheek mkd., rich colour, well up in quality, grand type; vhc, Dalgetty; hc, Mennard; c, Maltby. BUFF (19): 1, Wilson, one full of quality, rich colour, grand head and chest, short and chubby; 2, Hesp, showing good Nor. properties, fine head; 3, Smith, feather and colour, short wings and tail, good head; 4, Marshall, very fine feather, rich colour, good head, carriage; vhc, Harland; hc, Greenfield; c, Reid. HEN (22): 1, Middleton, yell. tkd., blaze of colour, excellent quality, short wings and tail; 2, c, Pickering and Wright, buff, nicely mooned, rich colour, grand wing and tail; 3, Mennard, yell., good head, silky feather, clean on chest, very stylish; 4, Crosling, buff, good head and chest, rich colour; vhc, Freeman; hc, Hesp. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, gem, feathered like wax, full of go, good wings and tail; 2, F. Hawkins, close up, full of quality and go, nice wing carriage; 3, hc, Oliver, quality and type all there, neat wings and tail; 4, Snell, very sprightly, full of life and neatness; vhc, Wilcock. BUFF (14): 1, Wilson, grand type, full of nerve, feathered like glass; 2, Hands, grand quality, typical, good wings and tail; 3, Wilcock, neat, well up in quality, grand wing and tail; 4, close up, full of go, quality A1, nice wing carriage; vhc, Snell; hc, Hawkins; c, Hopgood. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Bentley, rich colour, good head and chest, 2nd fine head and chest, typical, fails to 1st in colour. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Bentley, 1st good head, nicely pencilled, full of bloom and quality, 2nd fine head, nicely pencilled; 3, hc, Todd and Son, rich colour, clean on chest, fine carriage; 4, Wake and Carr, not so large as winners, full of bloom; vhc, Wilson. CREST (16): 1, Axe, massive green crest, plenty of feather, large body; 2, Taylor and Smart, variegated, D.C., good body; 3, Todd, D.C., massive body, plenty of feather; 4, Abell, D.C., also plenty of feather; vhc, Hands; hc, Brown; c, Metcalfe. C.B. (10): 1, Taylor and Smart, variegated, massive skull, plenty of body feather; 2, 4, Rev. B. Wilton, variegated, good skull, plenty of body feather, 4th fine skull, feather well lashed; 3, Metcalfe, variegated, good body, plenty of feather; vhc, Hands; hc, Axe; c, Cuthbertson. A.O.V. (6): 1, hc, Summerhill, coppy, good head, plenty of feather and side; 2, Metcalfe, Scot. fcy., very nervy, plenty of reach; 3, Stevens, green Yorkie, apparently had been fed; 4, Reid, Silver Liz., nicely spangled; vhc, Oliver. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Grainger, Bullie-Goldie, grand quality and size; 2, Marwood, Goldie-Can., nicely mkd., full of bloom; 3, vhc, Wilson, 3rd Goldie-Bullie; 4, McNeil; hc, Hands; c, Stokell. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, c, Todd and Son, Greenie and Can., grand type and colour; 2, Cuthbertson, Linnet and Can., shown well, good size; 3, Wilson, Greenie and Can., nice size and colour; 4, Crosling, Linnet and Can., nice type and colour; vbc, Hill and Stewart; hc, Williams. SELL. (20/-): 1, Bentley; 2, 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, Axe; vhc, Marsden; hc, Gardner; c, Parnaby. SELL. (15/-): 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Duncan, Junr.; 3, Dalgetty; 4, Middleton; vhc, Meaburn; hc, Close; c, Kilner. (10/-): 1, Jackson;; 2, Thornton; 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, Stevens; vhc, Kilner; hc, Clemmnson; c, Wilson. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. (21): 1, hc, Rev. B. Wilton, lovely quality huff, staged well; 2, Barnes, yell. tkd., well up, only full of bloom; 3, Jenkinson; 4, c, Embleton; vhc, Foster. NOR. (16): 1, 2, Greenfield, 1st buff, lovely quality, good head, 2nd yell., nice type, clean on breast, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Rev. B. Wilton, buff, good head and chest colour; 4, vhc, Gardner; c, Wake and Carr. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton, 1st Crest, good centre, plenty of feather, 2nd yell. Nor., grand type, quality; 3, Gibson, grey Crest; 4, hc, Wake and Carr; c, Gardner. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Gibson, C.B., good skull, plenty of feather; 2, 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, vhc, Oliver; hc, Swinsco. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, Milburn and Hughes; 2, 4, hc, Wells; 3, c, Butterfield; vhc, Thompson. LINNET (8): 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Milburn and Hughes; 3, Mallorcy; 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Wells; hc, Gibson; c, Thompson. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Milburn and Hughes; 2, Rev. B. Wilton; 3, Collinson; 4, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Wells.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LINNET (21): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nicely pencilled, nut brown, steady; 2, 3, Mrs. C. Hunt, two fine birds, nut brown, nicely pencilled, very steady, shown in grand condition; 4, Fox and Thompson, nice type, very steady, pencilled; vhc, Mogie; hc, Wilkinson; c, Brownson and Dargue. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Fox and Thompson, good blaze and buttons, very steady, grandly shown; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, beauty, steady, good blaze and buttons; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, nice blaze, steady; 4, Rev. B. Wilton, steady, blaze and buttons not so large as winners; vhc, c, Marwood; hc, e, Weedy. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Hanson and Lancaster, good cap, rich colour, grand conditon; 2, Johnson, close up, good cap, rich breast, steady; 3, Foster, deep black cap, rich breast colour, not so large as winners; 4, Cook, good head, nice rich breast, steady, good wings; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Rev. B. Wilton; c, Watson. GREENFINCH (18): 1, Todd and Son, fine head, rich colour, grand shine, nice bars; 2, 3, Stamp, good head, very steady, nice yell. bars, 3rd fine head, typical, steady, shown well; 4, Wilson, good skull and breast, nice wings, rich colour bars; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, nice lovely colour, very steady; 4, Taylor, Bramble, rich colour, nicely mkd., steady; vhc, Weedy, Snow Bunting; hc, Maltby, Bramble; c, Barnes, Chaffinch. SOFT (7): 1, 3, Freeman, Redwing, lovely condition, 3rd Thrush, nicely spangled, lovely shape, very steady; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Starling, grandly spangled, in the pink of condition; 4, Wilkinson, green Woodpecker, good condition; vhc, Milburn and Hughes; hc, Kilpatrick; c, Bousfield. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, 3, Mallory, Twite, nicely pencilled, very clear, 3rd Redpoll, good condition, rich coloured head, nicely pencilled; 2, Salmon, Siskin, nice bib and markings; 4, Rev. B. Wilton, Redpoll, lovely head and pencilling; vhc, Foster; hc, Todd and Son, Siskin, lovely bird. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, nice bib and colour; 2, Foster, Meadow Bunting, grand condition; vhc, Mallory; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Brown. SMALL (6): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, 1st Wryneck, lovely condition, 3rd Blackcap, in the pink, very steady; 2, vhc, Collinson, 2nd Redstart, nicely put down; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Nightingale, very steady, in the pink of condition; hc, Pencheir. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, 1st Macaw, lovely feather, showing colour up well, 2nd Glossie, Starling, in the pink of condition; 3, Waldram, Mynah. SMALL (9): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, lovely team; 4, Brunskill; vhc, c, Waldram; hc, Dunn.

DUNSTABLE.

This Show, open to the counties of Beds, Bucks, Herts, and Middlesex, was held in the Town Hall, on October 22, in glorious weather, and was fairly well supported. Quality was of a high order, many most excellent specimens being on view. Under the able direction of Mr. W. C. Wood, the chairman, the whole of the arrangements were ably carried out by the committee, whilst Mr. E. F. Ball made a most energetic and courteous secretary. The stewards of the section were Messrs. E. Bloomfield, W. Sapwell, J. Ward, and F. J. Webb, and at their hands the exhibition fared extremely well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (9): 1, 4, Webb, fine big yellow, capital shape, very sound and even in colour, nice quality; 2, Litchfield and Son, very showy, fine feathered buff, hardly so cobby, rich colour; 3, c, Pedder, another nice coloured, well mealed buff, good body, bit rough on head; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; hc, Gentle. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, hc, best in show, Bloomfield and Rose, neatly centred, well drooped, dense long crest; 2, almost green C.B., rare shape, plenty of feather of good quality; 3, green C.B., nice shape, loses in feather; 4, Ball, very pretty, but rather short feathered C.B. YORKS. (11): 1, 2, c, Sapwell, very close, silky, feathered buff, grand shape and style; 2, long shapely, fine feathered yellow, stands well; 3, Rhodes, very smart, well drawn, racy buff, hardly so fine in head; 4, Stokes, long, stylish racy yellow, not tightened up yet; vhc, hc, Webb, Absent ball. BRIT. (7): 1, Owen, grand shaped, rich coloured Goldfinch, splendid bars and buttons; 2, Sergeant, very nicely marked, good shaped, steady Skylark; 3, vhc, Bloomfield and Rose, nice coloured well marked Chaffinch, in nice fettle; 4, Webb, large, bright coloured, well feathered Greenfinch; hc, Priest; c, Burch. SELL. (15/-) (6): 1, Litchfield and Son; 2, Tring; 3, Gentle; 4, Ball; vhc, Pedder; hc, Bloomfield and Rose. LOCAL CAN. (6): 1, Fincher and Cook, wing marked crest, nicely centred, well radiated, good quality feather; 2, no name, wing ticked, buff Norwich, nice shape and colour; 3, Litchfield and Son, high quality, nice coloured yellow, not so chubby; 4, Rhodes, very stylish, nice feathered buff Yorkshire; vhc, hc, Tring. CUP CLASS (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Webb, very nice team and deserved competition, 1, chubby, nice feathered buff Norwich; 2, Cinnamon-marked buff Yorkshire, grand shape and quality of feather; 3, Cinnamon-marked yellow Yorkshire, also good quality and colour; 4, neat, ticked headed, yellow Norwich.

In your report of Eastbourne Show, British Goldfinch, Field-moulted, Hobden is credited with 1st and special and second. Mr. Goldfinch was 2nd and not h.c. (Hobden being h.c.). The mistake is entirely due to the printer placing Hobden opposite No. 10 and myself opposite No. 9 in the catalogue, whereas it should have been the reverse. The printer must have had a "side slip," it being a wet day. H. E. HEDGES (Eastbourne).

CAMBRIDGE.

An illustration of the vagaries of Dame Fortune was furnished by the seventh annual show of the Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S., held in the Corn Exchange, on October 22nd and 23rd. At the time for closing entries, there was not an average of two per class, but the "whip up" was issued, and fanciers responded handsomely to the appeal, until at the finish there was a grand total of 680, or about 50 more than last year. This rush at the last moment entailed a vast strain upon the energies of the secretaries and the committee, indeed upon all concerned, but the way always responds to the energetic will, and in this respect few secretaries or assistants can outstrip Messrs. T. S. Moore and J. Gifford. The room is a splendid one for space, the light excellent, and there is a decided absence of draughtiness. The staging was excellently arranged at a convenient height for comfortably inspecting the specimens, and the whole of the arrangements were efficiently carried out. The show was held under the patronage of several specialist clubs, and this, of course, helped the entry. The young bird cup, open to Cambridgeshire was won by Mr. A. E. Brooks, with a grand clear body dark Crest. The sales were very fair, including two Canaries at £7 and £6 respectively, a Greenfinch at 30s., Chaffinch £3, and a Brambling £2 2s. Mr. F. Doggett, taxidermist, Cambridge, helped to enhance the interest of the show by the aid of a natural history collection, including a live Cassowary from New Guinea. The attendance during the two days was very satisfactory. The following were the officers, etc.:—President, Mr. W. H. Heal; chairman, Mr. A. E. Brooks; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Doggett; auditors, Messrs. A. Edwards and J. Rogers; hon. auctioneer, Mr. G. Love; committee, Messrs. W. Linsey, C. Gawthorp, H. Young, W. R. P. Styles, A. Bye, F. King, J. Dean, A. Macquarrie, and R. C. Bateman; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. T. S. Moore; hon. assist. sec., Mr. J. Gifford. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe, Hybrids, British, etc. Some of the exhibits arrived very late, which prohibited Mr. Robson from finishing his task until far into the evening. Of the birds themselves, we can speak very highly. Norwich were a grand and level lot; Yorkshires, too, came up grandly in point of quality, the winning birds of Messrs. Pattrick, Crisp, and Bishop being greatly admired. Crests and Crest-breds were well represented. Borders made a fine show, and the quality of these dainty little types of bird-life elicited marked admiration. Mr. Brownlie and Messrs. Duncan and Logan were well to the fore. Cinnamons came up well, Mr. Riding playing the "ace of trumps." Of the collection of Britishers, both open and local, also of the Hybrids. It is impossible to speak too highly. There were both numbers and quality, and some of the specimens only need a little more time to make things hum in the British bird world. On the whole the show was the best the society has ever held, and one and all must be congratulated upon the result.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Morris, very deep colour, glossy feather, thick-set body, will improve yet more; 2, Outten, nice colour and quality, shown in beautiful nick, good shape, level in Norwich points; 3, Marley, typical, good colour, a bonny bird, whose jacket will fit him closer when up to concert pitch; 4, Rackham, grand quality and colour, fine body, trifle weak in neck; vhc, Outten; hc, Irons; c, Pamphilon. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Morris, 1st typical, rich under-colour, fine tone of feather, fine beaded bird, 2nd scarcely so stout or good at chest, but rich of quality 3, Walton and Noakes, similar in build to first, hardly so rich in under-colour; 4, Muscutt, a bouncer, grand bloomy feather, bristling with under-colour, takes its perches with a bang, claimed by a veteran, we hear, at catalogue price, £7; vhc, Coodman; hc, Rackham c, Irons. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, spl, Morris, yellow, ticked on eyes, blaze of colour, good type, fine quality of feather, looked like Mr. M.'s old winner; 2, Outten, yellow, beautiful, level rich colour, shapely, good neck and head, very smart; 3, Irons, yellow, lovely quality and colour, hardly so nice on head; 4, Brooks, buff, marked on wing, feather fitted him closely, and teemed with under-colour, on a grand shaped body; vhc, spl, Walton and Noakes hc, Rackham. NOR. HEN (13): 1, Rippon, buff, very sweet, well mealed on good under-colour, shapely, fine feather, shapely, lovely colour, scarcely fined down yet; 3, Walton and Noakes, good shape, ticked on eye and marked one wing, rich colour, will be better yet; 4, Irons, topping hen, yell., grand shape and colour vhc, Allen; hc, Munday; c, Calver and Sons. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Belcher, nice shape and quality, shines like glass, full of colour, short legs, neck and beak; 2, Smith, possesses shape and quality, but was hardly so well braced up as first, yet a bonny bird; 3, Jordan, good body shape, quality all right, just a shade failing in head and neck; 4, Morris, topper for quality, like wax for a yellow, nice colour, short wings and tail; vhc, Marshall; hc, Barber; c, Rippon. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Popple, fine, full-fronted, clean-chested bird has plenty of colour and quality, a good one; 2, Morris, grizzled on head, teems with under-colour, nice shape and quality; 3, Irons, good all through, wants some pegging back; 4, Rippon, bonny type, seemed to tip its wings across now and again, which handicaps it; vhc, Barber, Payne and Son; hc, Jordan, Brooks; c, Goodman, Muscutt. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, spl, Pattrick, stands like a guardsman, alert, quick in action, "plays" beautifully to the dulcet notes of the charmer, has a silky dress, graceful outline and finish, good one; 2, Hudspeth, another gem, quite as good in many respects, scarcely so tall, and might be a trifle weak in neck; 3, Bishop, ticked on neck, very sweet, if not so long, full of quality, but scarcely so good behind the legs; 4, Crisp, great length, beautiful feather and colour, not quite so finely drawn as leader, stands splendidly; vhc, Harris; hc, Easterling; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Bishop, both full of quality, grand position, the latter somewhat stouter in build than former; 2, Dykes, very smart, moves well, scarcely the quality of winner; 3, Pattrick, very stylish, finely drawn, goes up well; vhc, Rennie; hc, Easterling; c, French. MKD., ETC. CK. (10): 1, spl, Crisp, beautiful quality buff, ticked on both eyes, delightful carriage and nerve, a gem; 2, Rennie, another finely-drawn buff, good showers, trifle open at chest; 3, Bishop, fine quality and style, just a wee bit stouter at shoulders; 4, Hudspeth, also stylish; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Pattrick, charming yellow; c, Linsey. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Dykes, fine colour, full of mettle; 2, Rennie, very pretty, full of quality, hardly so much behind leg; 3, Crisp, ticked buff, pleased much, finely-drawn, lovely texture of feather, rattling mover; 4, Hudspeth, ticked yellow, teeming with Yorkie quality; vhc, Bishop; hc Harris; c, Edmondson. HENS. YELL. (12): 1, Hudspeth, a gem, well cleaned off, fine waist and tail, full of life; 2, Crisp, neat head, well braced wings, quick, perhaps a bit strong across shoulders; 3, Bishop, vgtd., possesses style and quality; 4, Rennie, very sweet bird, travels in true Yorkie fashion, grand quality; vbc, Easterling; hc, Pattrick; c, Gifford. BUFF (19), a hot lot to sort: 1, spl, 3, Bishop, two good ones, leader has feather like wax, darts up like a rocket, and nicely finished behind leg; 2, Rennie, ticked, correct stand and quality, scarcely so nicely finished as winner, good one; 4, Edmondson, we fancied greatly, fine style and quality; vhc, Bishop; hc, Hudspeth; c, Sears. CREST CK. (9): 1, spl, Brand, massive Crest of right feather, good at frontal, indeed all round; 2, 3, Shearman, former had a Crest of nice formation, just a wee bit shorter than winner; 4, Gaze, wing marked, nice frontal, leafy feather, big body, crest feathers a bit one side; vhc, Piper; hc, Horton; c, Crow. C.B. CK. (9): 1, spl, Harrison, lightly vgtd., large body, noble head, wide at entrance, beautiful quality feather all through, long and dense in skull feather, grand bird, and a frequent winner; 2, Mills, nearly green, well-shaped and cushioned skull, nice rib to head feather, which is wide and long; 3, Gaze, similar in colour to 2nd, wider head perhaps, but falls in length of turn-back; 4, Shearman, smart bird; vhc, Shearman; hc, Crow; c, King. HEN (5): 1, Crow, cap and saddle marked, fine shaped head, good length of feather, nice body; 2, Mills, nearly green, head rises nicely from beak, not so good at entrance or length in turn back; 3, Shearman, hardly the width of skull; 4, King, great length of head feather, but narrow on skull beside the leaders; vhc, Piper. CRESTS, 1908 (12): 1, cup, spl, best members' exhibit, Brooks, clear body, dark Crest, nice frontal, good droop, grand bird; 2, Gaze, marked one wing, beautiful vein to crest, not so large perhaps; 3, Mills, variegated, good, but a different class of crest feather to leaders; 4, Brooks, well placed; vhc, Piper; hc, Broad; 3, Calver and Son. C.B. (13): 1, Mills, nearly green, noble headed, nice feather, dense and long; 2, Evins Bros., fine body, loses on head points; 3, Radford, variegated, nice head; 4, Crow; vhc, Piper; hc, Brooks; c, Calver and Sons. CREST, NOVICE (5): 1, Rice, neat, nice frontal and droop; 2, Braund, good frontal again, fails centre; 3, 4, Maybew, neat, but smaller; vbc, Clifton. C.B. (3): 1, spl, Clifton, good bead, well clothed; 2, Rice, well lashed; 3, Mayhew. BORD., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Brownlie, often noted, well knuwn; 2, O'Connell, quite a gay little fellow, hardly so clever in his attire as leader; 3, Hammacott and Card, very sweet, not quite the same stamp as 2nd, but full of swing; 4, Bowes, sweetly pretty little fellow, jaunty and gay; vhc, Linsey; hc, Roberts; c, Jenkins. HEN (8): 1, O'Connell, charming little lady, jaunty, beautifully clean-cut, and waxy in feather; 2, Brownlie, quite up to this exhibitor's usual standard; 3, Roberts, most superb feather, jaunty and shapely; 4, Taylor, ticked, grand quality of feather; vhc, Bowes; hc, Hammacott and Card; c, Williams. BUFF. CK. (11): 1, Simpson, simply lovely, jaunty gait, feather of that waxy, bloomy kind which so captivates, rich under-colour; 2, Duncan and Logan, very sweet again, ticked, feather like wax, a gem; 3, Brownlie, finely shaped, ticked, good carriage, not quite so well finished; 4, Linsey, another ticked, close, fine style, good carriage; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Bowes; c, Richards. HEN (12): 1, Taylor, well attired, and showed her attire to the best advantage; 2, Hammacott and Card, good, though hardly so elegantly finished; 3, Roberts, very pretty; 4, Duncan and Logan, ticked, full of the true characteristics; vhc, c, Bowes; hc, Brownlie. EVLY. MKD. (6): 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, yellow, nicely-balanced markings; 2, Brownlie, yellow, scarcely so perfect in markings, but a nice wee one; 3, Robson, buff, good markings, hardly so typical; 4, Hocking; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Hocking. UNEVLY. MKD. (13): 1, 3, Duncan and Logan, winner topping yellow, full of Bord. points; 2, Simpson, yellow, very pleasing, jaunty carriage; 4, Brownlie, very nice; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Hammacott and Card; c, Williams. GREEN OR OINN. (8): 1, Brownlie, Cinnamon, good sound colour, often described; 2, 3, Hocking, leader self green, bit long and strong, as greens go; 4, Richards; vhc, Robson; hc, Hammacott and Card; c, Mugford. CINN. (10): 1, spl, 3, hc, Riding, leader yellow, dense and rich in colour, well up to throat, trifle long in body and shaft; 3rd buff, sound in colour, stouter in build and shorter in body, nicely bloomed; 2, Handt, charming yellow, Norwich build, sound colour, shone like silk, we liked much; 4, Ingram, grand colour, sound all through; vhc, Marshall; hc, Riding; c, Shearman. CINN. 1908 (11): 1, King, really good, buff, sound in colour, promising; 2, Payne and Son, sound colour, trifle thin yet; 3, 4, Ingram, both buffs, sound in colour, latter our choice, being chubbier and more burnishing; vhc, Riding; hc, Handt; c, Lang. CREENS (whole or foul) (7): 1, spl, Gifford, typical and racy Yorkshire; 2, 3, Riding, latter would have passed muster in the Crest-breds; 4, Lang, foul buff green, Norwich type, very feathery; vhc, Linsey; hc, Mugford. PAIRS (0): 1, spl, 3, Brooks, Crest and Crest-bred, botb good, 3rd Norwich Plainheads; 2, Rackham, very nice pair of Plainheads; 4 Charlesworth, also P H. pair; vhc, Harrison; hc, c, Francis. DUTCH FRILLS (6): All the entries and all the prizes to Mr. Brooks, with a grand team. SELL. 15/- (12): 1, spl, Marshall; 2, Belcher; 3, French; 4, Handley and Son; vhc, Palmer; hc, Allen; c, Curry. 30/- (11): 1, spl, Peters; 2, c, Payne and Son; 3, Linsey; 4, Harrison; vhc, hc, Gostling.

Mr. R. J. Howe's Classes.

CAN. HYBRID LIGHT (5): 1, spl, 2, Lees, well-known light Coldie-Canary and Linnet-Canary, in the order named, grand birds; 3, Lamb, very sweet, 6-pointed yellow Goldie-Canary; 4, Goodman, a nice Mule; vhc, Mascall. DARK (9): 1, Mascall, good size, colour and quality; 2, Marshall, well-known Goldie-Canary, fine exhibit; 3, Morton, very good Linnet-Canary; 4, Marshall, smart Creenfinch-Canary; vhc, Lamb; hc, Morton; c, James. HYBRID A.O.V. (7): 1, Lamb, Linnet-Bullie, very fine size, shape and colour, but looked a bit open in feather, possibly from the journey; 2, Wickbam, Redpoll-Greenfinch, rich in colour, and nice in feather; 3, Lees, Linnet-Bullie, not so good quite in colours as leader, but a most creditable specimen; 4, Askew; vhc, Mays; hc, Cocks; c, Lamb. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, spl, Hurst, very full and rich in chestnut, carried well up in breast, good bars, buttons and face, not yet quite at concert pitch; 2, Wickham, another topper, wide in blaze, rich colour, hardly so much breast chestnut as winner, but a close race; 3, Marley, good again all-round, fine clean-cut blaze; 4, Jordan, well flushed, will improve with time; vhc, spl, Mitchell; hc, Mays; c, Lowne. BULL (12): 1, spl, Walsh, possesses fine breast, colour and lustrous poll; 2, Hurst, close-feathered, bold bird, clean-cut in its markings, and lustrous in head, not quite so rich in breast colour as winner; 3, Mays, another good one, nice shape and style; 4, spl, Ford and Son, pretty Bullie that pleased us much, thick-set and shapely; vhc, Askew, hc, Withers; c, Hunt. GREEN (15), warm lot: 1, Sharp, good colour, close feather, nice size and shape, steady; 2, James, also very steady, and a rich and lustrous colour; 3, Mays, fine Finch for shape, not quite so lustrous yet; 4, Rouse, good one, needs time; vhc, Poole; hc, Lowne; c, Davis and Gerry. HAWFINCH (7): 1, spl, Hurst, like wax in feather, clean colour, good bib; 2, Ford and Son, larger, but not quite the richness or lustre; 3, Hunt, when fully polished a gem; 4, Carter; vhc, hc, Watson; c, Withers. CHAFF. (15): 1, Hunt, beauty, markings on wings well defined and pure, lovely sheen, close and compact in feather; 2, Hurst, yet another fine Finch, barely so lustrous, but difficult to put back; 3, Davis and Gerry, nice size, finely cut; 4, Quantrell, well marked, very lustrous and waxy in feather; vhc, Wickham; hc, Lowne; c, James. This lot took some sorting. BRAMBLE (9): 1, spl, Sharp, fine bird, grand markings and size; 2, Ford and Son, also a good one, even richer in colour; 3, Carter, gem for colour and markings, we liked much; 4, Hunt, not so big as some, but very rich in colour and sheen; vhc, Hurst; hc, Askew; c, Bingley. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Hurst, a clinker, big, very rich and nutty in colour, beautifully bright, grand lacing; 2, Walsh, very sweet bird, good size, well marked; 3, Hunt, another grand shaped bird, not yet at its best; 4, Wickham, fine shape, colour and markings, very steady; vhc, Marshall; hc, Marley. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Hunt, well marked, coloured and bibbed Siskin; 2, Quantrell, Twite, nice in colour and markings; 3, Jenkins, lovely little Redpoll; 4, Donnell and Saunders; vhc, Marshall; hc, Watson. FINCH HEN A.V. (10): 1, Sharp, Bullie, very waxy and rich, and clear in colour; 2, Rowles, Hawfinch, very fine hen; 3, Hunt; 4, Cocks, two excellent exhibits; vhc, Withers; hc, Jeeves; c, Lowne. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Mays, a smart Thrush, fine size and shape, well marked, nice bloom; 2, Edwards, also a very smart bird, not far behind; 3, we missed; 4, Watts; vhc, hc, Linsey; c, Fowell. SMALL (12): 1, spl, Mays, sweetly pretty and well shown Gold Crest Wren; 2, Walsh, Black Redstart, a very good one; 3, Lowne, fine Bearded Tit, in grand form; 4, Ford and Son, vhc, Mays; hc, Lowne; c, Baker. LARGE (3): 1, Linsey, Magpie, simply grand all round; 2, Poole, Ring Ouzel, very nice specimen; 3, Mays beautiful Redwing, grandly shown. FOREIGN (4): 1, spl, Smith and Son, Toucan, very attractive, in fine bloom; 2, 3, Watts, two nice exhibits, well staged

LOCAL CLASSES.—In these classes were some birds of superb quality. The Canaries were of high merit, and as for the British and Foreign, they were quite as good, if not better, than anything to be found in the open, and the classes were even more keenly contested. As is usual, the Novices came up very strong in their section. NOR. (10): 1, 3, spl, Handley and Son, two birds of quality and shape; 2, spl, Linsey, grand type, ticked; 4, vbc, Ison; bc, Allen; c, Brooks. C. OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, and 3 spls, Brooks, both good; 3, 4, Palmer. YORKS (10): 1, Handley, smart positioned yellow; 2, spl, Linsey; 3, Gifford; 4, c, Linsey; vhc, Giffard; bc, Witt. SELL. 12/6 (14): 1, spl, hc, Hard; 2, Rogers; 3, King; 4, Linsey; vhc, Palmer. NOVICE.—NOR. (17): 1, Rogers; 2, vhc, King; 3, 4, Dean; hc, Skinner; c, Taylor. YORKS. (12): 1, 2, Linsey, style, pose and feather; 3, 4, vhc, Casey; hc, Brooks; c, Banyard. LIGHT HYB. (13): 1, spl, 3, c, Brooks, fine evenly-marked Goldie-Canary leading; 2, Hinson; 4, hc, Lambert; vhc, Hearn. DARK (10): 1, vhc, hc, Lambert, winner very good Goldie-Canary; 2, Linsey; 3, Hearn; 4, Hinson; c, Hearn. GOLD (8): 1, spl, Hinson, lovely face and bars, good one; 2, Roff, also good; 3, Garner; 4, Giffard; vbc, Williams; hc, Newman; c, Cousins. BULL (7): 1, spl, King, sbapely, lustrous and good in colour; 2, Jeeves; 3, Pope; 4, Ridgewell; vhc, Manning; hc, Edwards; c, Gawthorp. LINNET (19). and a grand lot: 1, spl, Bloy, fine colour, steady; 2, Gifford, also good one, nice colour and marking; as were 3 Hinson, and 4 Smith; vhc, Garner; hc, Smith; c, Hearn. SISK., ETC. (9): 1, spl, Smith, a topping Twite; 2, Edwards, fine Redpoll; 3, King, fine Siskin; 4, Roff; vhc, Watson; hc, Bye; c, Wesson. THRUSH, ETC. (8), this class was a grand one:1, and 3 spls, Ridgewell, well spotted Song Thrush, not so rich and lustrous as some; 2, 3, and 2 spls. Linsey, lovely Starling, and good Missel Thrush, in fine feather; 4, Roff; vhc, bc, c, Bainbridge. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, spl, Linscy; 2, Ridgewell; 3, c, Lambert; 4, could not find; vhc, spl, Marsh; hc, Roff. PARROTS, ETC. (5), in this class there were three exhibitors, and the specimens were one and all superbly shown: 1, spl, 4, vhc, Mrs. Punch, a King leading; 2, Buller; 3, Howard. GIFT (4): 1, Linsey; 2, 3, Bye; 4, McOnarnie. JUVENILE CLASSES.—BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Hinson, nice Goldie: 2, Bye; 3, Hinson; 4, vbc, Bye; bc, Balary. CANARY (2): 1, spl, Young.

DOVER.

Although the show held by the Dover Society in the Market Hall, on October 27th and 28th, was under the patronage of the Kent C.C.B.A., the entries were not so numerous as was expected, still, what was lacking in this direction was more than made up by the excellent quality of many of the exhibits. The Challenge Bowl for the best bird in the show was won by Mr. Taylor's eye and wing-marked yellow Mule. The same gentleman secured the A.O.V Canary Challenge Bowl, with his 1908 Buff Norwich; whilst Mr. Austen took that for the Yorkshires with his winning yellow. All the details of management were carried out in a most effective manner by the committee, under the direction of Mr. E. Birch, the esteemed chairman, and Mr. A. S. Horrex, one of the most obliging and tactful of hon. secs. The stewards of the Cage Bird Section were Messrs. Abbott, Austen, Campany, and Leaver, and they attended to their duties in the most exemplary manner. Mr. J. Robson judged

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Meades, capital shape and colour, nice silky feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Gibbs, grand style and type, good quality and colour; 3, Taylor, a grand bird, bit soiled; 4, spl, Eade; vbc, Wood; hc, Patterson; c, Mrs. Wood. BUFF: (5): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Gibbs, a brace of the usual Canterbury quality; 4, Taylor; vhc, Eade; hc, Brown. TKD (6): 1, 4, c, Gibbs, very handsome, grandly feathered neck, ticked; 3, hc, Taylor, rare shaped head, ticked, full of quality; vhc, Thompson. HEN (12): 1, Meades, bonny yellow, rare style and quality, grand type; 2, Bury and Mitchell, handsome cheek-ticked buff, rare feather and colour; 3, Mrs. Wood very bonny, wing-marked buff; 4, c, Gibbs; vhc, Patterson; hc, Taylor. NON-FED (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Holness, two nice quality, shapely birds; vhc, Patterson; hc, Abbott. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, 4, vhc, c, Campany, leader grandly fronted, green crest, heavily feathered, nice droop; 2, Barkaway, wing-marked C B, capital shape and feather; hc, Thompson. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, withheld; 2 and challenge bowl, Austen, long, slim, stylish grand feathered bird; 3, Cibbs, a beauty but for being slightly open in front; vhc, Reeve; hc, Johnson. BUFF (6): 1, Leaver, last year's winner, and bolds his place well; 3, Boles, not so rich in colour, grand shape and style; 4, Johnson, a youngster, and a grand one, made a bit more length; vhc, hc, Rayner. TKD. (10): 1, spl, second best in show; hc, Gibbs, wing and neck marked yellow, a most typical Yorkshire; 2, Reeve, heavily marked yellow of grand shape and feather; 3, Austin, very smart, stylish, wing ticked; 4, hc, Johnson; c, Abbott. HEN (15): 1, c, Johnson, very smart, stylish yellow, neat shape and nice quality; 2, Rayner, good, long taking bull; 3, Leaver, magnificent body shape, rare feather and style, loses a bit in head; 4, Sales; hc, Gibbs; c, Austin. BORDER CL. (6): 1, 3, 4, Bowes, yellow and two buffs, neat, smart, and shapely, lovely feather and style; vhc, hc, Lockett; c, Abbott. TKD. (7): 1, 2, 4, Bowes, a trio of smart-bodied ticked buffs, rare feather and carriage; vhc, spl, hc, Lockett; c, Abbott. LIZARDS (10): 1, vhc, Wood, very nicely spangled gold, grand shape and feather; 2, Austin, another shapely, well-feathered gold, hardly so distinct in wing; 3, c, Ward, well-spangled silver, trifle over-capped; 4, hc, Gambrill. MULE, DARK (9): 1, 2, Marshall, very handsome Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, and Jonque Greenfinch-Canary, rare colour, shape, and feather; 3, Ward, another bonny Jonque Goldfinch Mule, rare colour; 4, Eade; vhc, c, Curd; hc, Langley. LIGHT (5): 1, withheld; 2 and Challenge Bowl best bird in show; Taylor, large, well-feathered, rich-coloured eye and wing, marked yellow; 3, Ward, fine, shapely, high quality six-pointed buff; vbc, hc, c, Baker. A.O.V. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Gibbs, fine bold rich-coloured four-marked Norwich; 3, Marshall, sound, rich-coloured yellow Cinnamon, of good shape and feather; vhc, Patterson; hc, c, Langley. MULE, BRED (3): 1, withheld; 2, vbc, Leaver, very neat, stylish buff Yorkshire; 3, Austen, also a good typical buff Yorkshire; hc, Thompson; c, Eade. SELL. 20s. (6): 1, Taylor; 3, Patterson; 4, Thompson; vhc, Wade; hc, Marshall; c, Barkaway. 15s. (6): 1, Taylor; 3, Marshall; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Abbott; c, Goodwin. 10s. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Taylor; 3, Eade; vhc, Abbott; hc, c, Campany. STOCK (9): 1, 2, 3, Leaver; 4, bc, c, Sanderson. BRIT. GREENFINCH (5): 1, withheld; 2, Wickham, grand shape, size, feather, and colour; 3, Moore, very smart and rich in colour, not so large; vhc, Marshall; hc, Abbott. GOLD (6): 1, spl, Wickham, large, rich, bright blazer, grand body, colour and feather; 3, Austen, not so large in blaze, but grand body, colour, and buttons; 4, Abbott; vhc, Heritage; hc, Mrs. Young; absent, Wiffen. BULL. (4): 1, withheld; 2, Mrs. Young, beautiful rich clear colour, grand cap, back, and bars; 3, Meades, splendid colour and feather, not so large; 4, Weller; vhc, Abbott. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Wickham, very bonny Linnet, rare colour and markings, capital feather; 2, vbc, Pankhurst, shapely, good-coloured Linnet, hardly so clear in markings; 4, Stokes; hc, c, Abbott; c, Wade; absent, Heritage, Marshall. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, withheld; 2, vhc, Brett, beautifully marked, grand-coloured Wheatear; 3, bc, Baker, pretty little Wren, in good fettle; c, Webb. LARGE (5): 1, withheld; 2, vbc, Brett, well-known Shrike, in the pick of condition; 3, Acland, large, well-marked Missel Thrush; hc, Linscott; c, Stokes. A.O.V. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Mrs. Young, shapely Chaffinch, well-cut markings and bright chest; 3, spl, Lockett, well-feathered, steady Ortolan Bunting; vhc, Wickham; bc, Heritage; c, Gambrill. Foreign large and small both cancelled. GIFT (10): 1, vhc, Leaver; 2, Lockett; 3, Austen; 4, Stokes; hc, c, Heritage; absent Rayner. NOVICE cancelled. BRED 1903, NOR. (12): 1, 2, and Members' Challenge Bowl, two grand shaped high quality birds of beautiful colour, the buff leading; 3, Bury and Mitchell, variegated buff, capital shape and feather; 4, c, Patterson, very neat, nice feathered yellow; vbc, Meades; hc, Tbompson; absent, Gibbs, Marshall. YORKS (10): 1, 3, Reeve, very slim, stylisb, grand-shaped yellow; 2, hc, Gibbs, ticked-necked yellow, grand shape and colour; 4, vhc, c, Johnson, very smart neck, ticked yellow, looked like a hen, if so, a gem. CRESTS, C.B., and BORDERS were cancelled.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' Show held 20th, at tbe Prince of Walea Hotel. Mr. J. Holroyd judged, and bis awards gave every satisfaction. Ninety birds were staged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Crossland; 2, Jowers; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Armstead; he, Stubbs; c, Sowden. BUFF: 1 and spl, Crossland; 2, Briggs; 3, Sowden; vhc, Taylor; hc, Batty; c, Jowers. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1 and 2, Taylor; 3, Long. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Grange; 3, Jowers. HEN YELL.: 1 and 3, Long, 2, Bradsbaw; vhc and c, Taylor; bc, Crossland. BUFF: 1, Jowers; 2, Dobson; 3, Long; vhc, Bradshaw; bc, Armstead; c, Fieldhouse. UNFLIC. YELL.: 1 and 2, Long; 3 and vhc, Crossland; bc, Dohson; c, Fieldhouse. BUFF: I and 3, Long; 2, Crossland; vhc and c, Jowers; hc, Batty. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Dobson; Hen: 1 and c, Sowden; 3, Briggs; vbc, Armstead; hc, Jowers. FOUL MKD. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Dobson; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Grange; vhc, Robinson; hc and c, Stubbs. SELL. CK.: 1, Crossland; 2, Garnett; 3, Jowers; vhc, Bradsbaw; bc, Dobson; c, Briggs. HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, Dobson; 3, Armstead; vbc, Fieldhouse; bc, Dobson.—H. DOBSON, Hon. Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Club Show held on October 24th, in tbe Good Templar Hall. There was a large entry, over 150 birds being staged and quality was above the average, competition being very keen. Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh), placed the tickets, and bis awards gave all round satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. ETC. CK.: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Merrilees. PIED ETC.: 1, 4, 5, Campbell and Wilson; 2, Dargie; 3, Keill. BUFF ETC. CK.: 1, 2, Curtis; 3, Shanks; 4, Carmyllie. PIED ETC.: 1, Campbell and Wilson; 2, 4, Keill; 3, Muir. CL. YELL. ETC. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Carmyllie; 2, Curtis; 5, Muir. PIED ETC., 1, Carmyllie; 2, Shanks; 3, Keill; 4, Campbell and Wilson. BUFF, ETC. HEN: 1, 2, Campbell and Wilson; 3, Carmyllie; 4, Shanks. PIED, ETC.: 1, Carmyllie; 2, 4, 5, Keill; 3, Merrilees. YELL. CK. OLD: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Muir; 4, Keill; 5, Ross. HEN: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, A. Curtis; 4, Keill; 5, Shanks. BUFF CK.: 1, Curtis; 2, Carmyllie; 3, Merrilees; 4, Shanks; 5, Campbell aad Wilson. HEN: 1, Keill; 2, 4, Carmyllie; 3, Curtis. CREST. CK.: 1, Findlay; 2, 3, Whitton; 4, Mathew. HEN: 1, 2, Whitton; 3, Welsb; 4, Low, C.B CK.: 1, Whitton; 2, Welsh; 3, Low. HEN: 1, 2, Whitton; 3, Findlay; 4, Findlay. CREST CK. OLD: 1, Wbitton; 2, Findlay; 3, Mathew HEN: 1, Whitton; 2, Welsh; 3, Low; 4, Ross C.B. CK. OLD: 1, 6, Low; 2, Findlay; 3, Whitton; 4, Ross. HEN: 1, Welsh; 2, Whitton; 3, Low; 4, Watts. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, S. Duncan. BOR. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Dargie; 2, 3, Campbell and Wilson BUFF: 1, 2, J. Dargie; 3, D Ross. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Dargie; 3 Gourlay; 4, Ross. BUFF: 1, 2, Dargie; 3, Merrilees; 4, Curtis. CK. OLD: 1, 4, Ross; 2, 3, Curtis. HEN: 1, Gourlay; 2, Gourlay; 3, 4, 5 Ross. MULE: 1, Low; 2, Campbell and Wilson. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Campbell and Wilson; 3, 4, Duncan. LINNET: 1 2, Campbell and Wilson; 3, 4, Duncan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, 5, Campbell and Wilson; 2, Chas. Low. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, 3, Low; 2, Campbell and Wilson: 4, 5, Duncan.—ROBT. WHITTON, Sec.

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Will be held in the Orange Hall on **Nov. 6 and 7, 1908.** Under the patronage of the N.B. B. and Mule Club, the Cinnamon Canary Club and the British Roller Canary Club. 50 Classes. Special in every class. Two silver cups. 13 Novice classes. 4 Roller classes. Extra Specials and Section Specials. Prize money 10 -, 6 -, 4/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6 per cage. Judges: A. Wellings, Prescot, J. Walsh, Blackburn, T. W. Walton, Leeds. Schedules now ready from **J. W. MARSDEN. 44, Troop Street Blackburn** Entries close **Nov. 3,** 1st post P.S.—Ask the Morecambe Sec. to forward your birds on to Blackburn.

BONESS

4th Annual Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds, November 7th, 1908. Norwich, 10 Classes, Judge, J. Winter, Edinb. Scotch Fancy, 9 Classes. T. Todd, Glasgow. Border Fancy, 8 Classes. A. Gilchrist, Coldstream. British and Mules, 22 classes, L. J. Arrighi, Cramond. 8 cups and medals. Numerous other specials.

Entries close OCTOBER 31st.

Schedules ready, apply, **F. McGILLIVRAY, Ferry View, Chance, Boness**

BRAMLEY and Dis. O.S. Leeds, Nov. 7th, 1908.

(To be held under C.B.U. Rules.)

Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. A. G. Davis, Manchester. 28 Classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Entry Fee 1/-. Special prizes for each class and Extra Specials given also. Yorkshire County British Bird & Mule Club patronage Entries close **Nov, 3rd.** For Schedules apply, **E. CRAVEN, 37, Whingate Avenue, Armley, Leeds.**

THE FINEST ONE DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

12th Anoual Show of Canaries aod British Birds **Nov. 7th 1908.** (Affiliated with C.B.U.) 38 open classes. Under the patrooage of the L.L.F.A., L.C.A., O.N.P.C., U.K.L.S. Prize mooey 22/- per class, with cash special every class, section specials and extra specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. J. Garoer, Hazel Grove. The finest show-room in England All birds judged as staged. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Prize Money paid promptly. Schedules from, **9am M. Clayton, 55. Percy St., Rochdale.**

CARMARTHEN

November 5th.

C. B. U. Licence. Warm room, good light. 10/-, 5/- and 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. Post card will bring schedule of the 21 classes, and 21 specials. Judge, J. B. Evans, Esq., Swansea. Late entries received if posted not later than Saturday **Oct. 31st. Fred King, Friar's Cottage, Carmarthen.**

FANCIERS, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN

DULWICH & PECKHAM

SHOW? ROTHERHITHE TOWN HALL NOVEMBER 5th & 6th.

Entries very short. Will accept First post Monday, November 2nd. Send at once to **W. HODSON, 209,** Crystal Palace Rd., East Dulwich. We will classify. 87 Classes. 140 Specials.

SHEFFIELD

C.B.S. November 6th and 7th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Prize Money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, Four points specials in each Section. **£1 Cash for Best Bird in Show.** Not a single entry at time of writing. Entry Fee 1/6. Send particulars of birds and I will classify. **H. LINDSAY, 202, King James' Street, Sheffield.** Entries close, Nov. 2.

CLEATOR MOOR FANCIERS SOCIETY

Under C.B.U. License, Fifth Annual open Show of Bantams, Pigeons & Cage Birds, will be held in the Market Hall, on **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, E. H. Crow & J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A Wellings; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification, Specials galore in every class. Entries close **Oct. 31st.** Schedules now ready from the Sec., **Jas. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

BRECHIN

Forty-Fifth Grand Annual Show, will be held on **Sat. Nov. 7th, 1908.** Splendid Classification in all Sections. Schedules now ready, apply, **Geo. Walker,** Secy., **46. Bridge St., Brechin.**

PARTICK

and District Cage Bird Club. Members' Tenth Annual Show to be held in Trades Halls, Anderson St, Partick, Sat., NOV. 7th. Splendid Classification. Judges: M. Craig; J. Jeenes. J. Henderson, Sec., 55, Byres Rd., Partick.

DARVEL SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits will be held on Saturday, **NOV. 7th.** Entries Close **Nov. 2nd,** Cage Bird Judges, J. McColl, J. Smellie and J. Goodfellow. Schedules from Sec., **J. Robertson, Jr. 5, Hastings Place. Darvel. N.B**

MARKINCH

Bird Show on **Nov. 7th,** in Masonic Hall Judges Messrs. W.D. Hogg, Oakley, J. Adams, Dundee, and G Martin, Hamiltoo Entries close on **Oct. 31st.** Schedules from **GEORGE MITCHELL,** Sec., Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

STOCKTON ON TEES

AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Fourth Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds held in Temperance Hall, **Saturday November 7th, 1908.** 38 Classes, specials every Class, Prize money **8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-.** Entrance Fee 1/-. Judges, T. Dixon Canaries, R. J Howe, British and Foreign. Entries close, **October 31st, 1908.** Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning St., Stockton on Tees.**

AYR and District

First Open Show of Cage Birds only. **Nov. 7th 1908.** Judges, Allan Roberts and Gavin Alston Great list of specials. Entry fee 1/6.

Prize Money **10/-, 5/- & 2/6.**

Splendid Hall and Railway connections. Under the patronage of Glasgow and Western Counties Club. Entries Close, **Nov. 2nd, 1908.** Schedules from **C. IRVINE,** Sec., **144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.**

SHIPLEY, O.S.

Open h w. **Nov. 7** Members of Yorkshire Union under the Patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club; E.C.M.C.C.; Judge, J. Greaves; Entries close **Nov. 3rd.** Schedules from H. DOBSON, 6, Caroline St., Saltaire, Shipley.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Show. NOV. 10th. Judge: Mr. T. Irons. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 3. Schedules from **A. M. BAILEY,** Stratford-on-Avon.

GLASTONBURY Somt.

November. 11. Judge, Mr. Hamilno Paulley. 15 open classes. Good prize money & specials. Ent. close **November 2nd. A. W. D CRIDLAND,** Hon. Sec

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Support one of the Oldest and Best Shows.

CARLISLE

C.B.S 33rd Annual Show under C.B.U Rules, on **Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 11th & 12th,** under the Patronage of B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.—55 Open Classes. Judges—J. Hopper, W. Vardy, W. Laidlow. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors, others please apply. Entries close **Thursday, Nov 5th. Prompt Payment of Prize Money.** **W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, Carlisle.**

LOWESTOFT 21st Show.

November 11th & 12th.

CAGE BIRDS SUFFOLK ONLY.

(Under O.B.U. Rules)

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Judges—Messrs. J. H. Payne, C. Watson, J High, F. Larke, M. Evangelisti. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules apply E. L. A. Crow **London Rd., Lowestoft**

LEEK OPEN SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules Judge, J. H Roe, 10 classes Norwichs also Yorkshires Crests and Greens.

November 12th.

Entries close November 5th.

Schedules will be sent on application.

Hon. Sec., ROBERT HALL,

9 Russell St., Leek, Staffs.

MALTON (YORKS) 13th Annual Open Show

Thurs., Nov. 12th, 1908. 13 Classes for Cage Birds. 4 Money Prizes. Good Specials. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford. Entries close **Nov. 5th** (certain). Schedule, &c., apply **Geo. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton Malton, Yorks**

North Berks. ABINGDON. NOV. 12th.

Entries close Nov. 3. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good Classification; many specials. Cage Bird judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. Prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedules of **Mr. T. Bowen, 10, High Street, Abingdon.**

GILLINGHAM, KENT, NOV. 12 and 13

(Under C.B.U. Rules and patronage of K.C.C.B.A.) Open to Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Entries close Oct. 31. **T. F. RAMSEY,** Selborne Rd., Gillingham, Kent.

PRESTON

O.S. The Annual Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit. & For. Birds will be held in the Public Hall, on **Friday and Saturday, November 13th & 14th, 1908,** 56 Classes. 12 Open Novice Classes. Good Prize Money. 5 Cups and numerous specials. Cup for Novice Section. Judges—Dr. Herd, Wm. Mundell and Parker Robinson. Schedules ready shortly. Entries close **November 9th. Secretary, W. HY. HEATHCOTE, 119a, Fishergate, Preston.**

CONSETT

Blackhill & Dis. P. Pgs. R. & C.B.S 12th Open Show. **Nov. 14th, 1908** C.B. 36 classes. Judge, T. Dixon, Esq., Bedlington Affiliated to C.B.U. All prize money guaranteed For schedules apply **W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jun Sec. 21, Park Road, Consett, Durham.**

MONTROSE

Cage Bird Society's Open Show **Nov. 14th.** Entries close on **7th.** Grand Plainhead classification also British and Foreign Bird classes. Over 40 handsome specials, Free. Prize money sure. Schedules ready. **J. CLARK, 1 John St**

KIRKCALDY

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 14th

Judges: D. Brown Scotch Fancy, 11 classes; P. McKenzie, Border Fancy, 8 classes; A. Chalmers, Norwich, 22 classes; P. Pottigrew, British and Foreign, 12 classes Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee 1/6, Grand list of Specials. All classes under pat. of Glas. & W.C.N.C.M.B. & F.B.O. Splendid Hall and Railway Connections.

J WILSON, Sec., 21, Salisbury Street, KIRKCALDY.

NOTTINGHAM

Open C.B. Show Under C.B.U. Rules. **NOV. 14th and 16th.**

58 Classes Prize money 22/- Entrance 1/6. Numerous Cups, Medals and other valuable specials. Patronage of Created Club, Cinnamon Club, N.B.B. & M.C., L. & L.F.A., F.B.C., L. & P.O.S. Judges—Messrs. W. E. Greeves, W. Vardy and G. R. Weston. Novice and Selling classes. Hon. Secs. G F WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square Park Side, Nottingham.

SMETHWICK FANCIERS' SOCIETY

Open Show **Nov 18.** Cage Bird Section under C.B.U. Rules. Good Specials in all classes, Prize Money guaranteed 10/6 Cash for best great. For Schedules apply **NORTH & LITTLE,** 20, Ballot Street, Smethwick.

READING & Dis. C.B.S. Seventh Annual, 30 mile radius of Reading (Berks) and Members Show of Cage Birds. C.B. & F.B., etc. **Nov. 18.** Splendid Specials Ent. close **Nov. 11.** Judge, Mr J Robson 35 classes Sch: **Sec. Mr. G. A. CHARLES, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading, Berks.**

SELBY **Thursday, NOV. 19th.** Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds. £5 Limit, Judges: Messrs R. Stanithorp, Rev. W. F. Linsley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close Wednesday November 11th **John Hy. Dixon. 77, Brook Street, SELBY.**

MORRISTON *SHOW* (Cage Birds only), held under Cage Bird Union Rules, **November 19th.** Judges: H. W. Battye, Esq., J. B. Evans, Esq. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Entry Fee 1/6. No cancelling or amalgamation of Classes. Prize money guaranteed. Plenty of Special : 45 Classes. Schedules will be sent to last year's Exhibitors, others please apply. Entries close **November 12th.** For schedules apply **Jeremy Rae**, Glanrhyd Cottage, Tanylan Rd., Morriston, R.S.O.

BERWICK and Dis. Poultry, Pigeons, and C.B.S, Under Cage Bird Union Rules Second Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed, on **Thursday, 19th Nov 1908.** 38 open Classes for Cage Birds. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6- & numerous specials. Entrance fee 1 6. Entries close **13 Nov.** Judges:— Scotch Fancies, John Elder, Esq. Berwick. Borders and Mules, W. C. Duncan Esq. Coldstream. Norwich and British, R. S. Berwick Newcastle. Schedules from **SMART & GRAY, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

MATLOCK **9th Open Show. Thurs. 19th Nov.** Six Open Classes Judge—S. R. Compston, Esq. Entry Fee 1/6. Prize Money **10/-, 5/-** and 2 6. Entries close **Nov. 12th.** Schedules from **A. H. SLATER & F. TURNER, Hon Secs., Wellington Street. Matlock.**

HINCKLEY SHOW **FRI. & Sat. November 20th & 21st.** Popular Judges. For Schedules Apply **W. WARNER, UPPER BOND STREET, HINCKLEY.**

Under C.B.U. Rules B.F.C.C. & E.W.B.F.C.C. Patronage.

WHITEHAVEN

10th Annual Show, **Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, 1908.** Judges: Messrs. J. Wilcock, Esq., Bradford. and Jos. Thompson, Esq., Wigton, for Borders. 44 Classes. 7 Norwich, 8 Yorks. 10 Borders. Schedules ready. Apply **DOUGLAS and FERGUSON, 10 Coll ge Street. Whitehaven.** Entries close positively Nov. 16th.

HULL Open Cage Bird Show under C. B. U. Rules, **NOVEMBER 20 & 21st, 1908.** 33 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee 1 6. Numerous Cash Specials, held in the Corn Exchange, North Church Side. Fincat Hall in the North. Judges H. W. Battye, and J. C. Barnes. Schedules, **F. F. POTTER, 178, Thoresby Street, HULL.**

WIGAN and District Cage Bird Society. **Annual Open Show.** (Under Cage Bird Union Rules) of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds. **November 20th & 21st, 1908** in the Orange Hall, Leader's Buildings, King St. Judges:—Messrs H. Tams and A. Wellings. For schedules apply **W. RIDGE (Hon. Sec.) 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

GALASHIELS **N.B. 48th GREAT OPEN SHOW.** of Pigeons and Cage Birds, will be held **Nov. 21st, 1908,** when the under-noted specialists will judge Cage Birds; Scotch Fancy Canaries Mr. Robert Wright, Greenock and Mr. David Brown, Edinburgh. Border Fancy Canaries Mr. Peter McKenzie, Kelso. Norwich, etc. Mr Anthony Hay, Tweedmouth. Schedules ready 2nd Nov. from the **Secretary, ALEX. SMITH, 28, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.**

BUCKHAVEN & DIS. **OPEN SHOW.** Pity., Pig., & C.B. Nov. 21. S.F., 9 classes. Judge—A. Leslie. Bord. Fan., 7 classes. Nor., 13 classes. A.O.V., 1 cl. Brit., 9 cls. For., 3 cls. Judge, J. Patterson. Sched. **John Lawrie, Sec. 3, Anderson Lane, Buckhaven.**

AYR **SHOW. The Old and Original Exhibition.** Pigeons and Cage Birds Volunteer Hall, Alloway Street, Ayr. **Saturday, November 21st, 1908,** Good Classification, Numerous Specials, Judges, Pigeons—D. White, Cumnock. A. Edgar, Whithorn, D. Ramsay, Falkirk, W. Stevenson, Beith. Cage Birds—J. Smellie, Riccarton, P. McQuiston, Ayr. **JAMES THOMSON, jr., Sec., Leitchton, Holmston Road, Ayr.**

WHARTON, Winsford & Dis. 4th Ann. Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, & Cage Birds, held at the Town Hall, **Saturday, Nov. 21.** Judges: Rev. T. W Sturgess., H. S. Moore, S. G. Davies. R. OLLIER Hon Sec., 363, High St, WINSFORD, CHESHIRE.

WOODSIDE AND BUCKSBURN O.S. 26th Annual O.S. of Canaries B. and F. C.B. in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen on **Nov. 21st,** 45 Cl. Sched from **A. Thomson, Sec. 100 Gt. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND Py., Pg., & C.B.S. 13th Ann. Show will be held in the Market Hall on **Fri & Sat. Nov. 27 & 28, 1908.** C.B. Jgs, Mr. J. W. Bancroft' Cheshire & Mr, J. Hopper, Keswick. Br. Fy. Patronage Sch. ready. Ent. cls. **Nov. 21. Woodburn & Lucas,** H. Ss

LEICESTER Hand-in-hand 9th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules' British and Foreign Birds will be held on **NOV. 7th and 9th.** under C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H Payne. Splendid Classification. Good Special List, see this week's review of schedule for Classes. Prize money guaranteed to be paid within three days Arrangements have been made so that birds can be packed and despatched to arrive home same night. If you have not had Schedule, send at once, plenty of time will accept entries **Tuesday, November 3rd.** **CHAS. DRAPER, Sec., 1a, Wilton Street.**

HASTINGS **SHOW** ***November 10th and 11th.*** Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judges: J. Robson and G. Gardner. Entries close **Nov. 4th.** Schedules ready. **A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Sec., Ceylon House, Eastern Road.**

Don't Forget SWANSEA **NOV. 11th & 12th** C.B.U. Rules. Finest Classification given in Wales. See Schedule. 45 classes. Judges: Chas. Houlton & J. B. Evans, Esq. Specials galore. 6 Handsome Silver Cups value £10.10.0 to be won outright. See Schedules. Alf. Hitching, Secretary, 69, Mynydd Road, Landors Nr. Swansea. Entries Close, Nov. 7.

BRISTOL **FANCIERS' 18th SHOW.** **Wednesday and Thursday, NOVEMBER 11th and 12th,** (C.B.U. Rules, Crest. C.C., Cinn.. C.C. and Y.C.C patronage.) Judges: Messrs. C. A. House and John Robson. Note Prizes:—10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. Entry Fee 1/6. Challenge Cups value £50, 14 Plat Tankards 10/6 each, other specials value nearly £10. Practically all our cups and specials are not confined to members, but OPEN TO ALL. Full prize money guaranteed. No amalgamation. Art cards, specially designed for us, sent out free with all prize money. Entries extended, **Mon. NOVEMBER 2nd,** For schedules apply—mention section—to **G. T. H. Maggs, 9. Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.**

WEYBRIDGE Fourteenth Annual Open and Members Show. Under C.B.U Rules. **November 11th and 12th.** Judge: T. Heath. Good classification. Numerous specials, Entries coming in very slowly, will accept up to Monday next firstpost please give us your support. Schedules now ready, apply— H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge.

OAKHAM Poultry, Pigeons, Cats and Cage Birds. **NOVEMBER 12th.** Not a Single Entry. Hurry up and Support The Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge, Mr. C. A. HOUSE. Entries Close Nov. 2nd (Certain). Schedules apply, J. Hibbitt, Jr., Melton Road, Oakham.

MERTHYR TYDVIL Show **Palace of Wales, NOVEMBER 12th 1908.** Under Cage Bird Union Rules, under Patronage of W.C.B.C. Cup Money specials galore Full Prize Money Guaranteed. Send for Schedule before entering anywhere else. **Entries Close NOV. 5th** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. **J. THOMAS, Sec. 30, Gilfach Cynon.**

GLASGOW **AND WEST OF SCOTLAND'S GREAT OPEN SHOW, November 13 & 14,** Entries Close, Nov 7. The Great International—Scotland v. England Norwich Plainheads. Scotland v. England & Wales, Border Fancies, and a whole host of special attractions. 93 Classes and Specials galore. 10 Tip Top Judges. Get your Schedule from the Secretary, **R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.**

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S. under C.B.U. Rules will hold their 13th Ann. Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds on **Fri. & Sat. Nov. 13 & 14,** in Conservative Club, Sankey St., under the patronage of G.C.C. & O.N.P.C.C. (Bradford). 42 open classes including 8 open novices classes, 4 York., 4 Norwich. Specials given in all open classes. Exhibitors will do well to compare our schedules with others before making entries elsewhere. Judges, H. W. Battye, & A. Wellings. Prize money 10/- 5/- 3/- 2/-. Prize money paid same day as show. Ent. fee 1/6 per cage. Ent. clo, 1st post Mon. **Nov. 9,** Sch. now ready, apply **J. EMMETT, Sec., 39, Corsey Lane, WARRINGTON.**

WALLSEND & MID TYNE **C.B.A. Fourth Annual Open Show** (Under C.B.U. Rules) **NOVEMBER 13 & 14, Entries Close November 9,** 57 Open Classes for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds; four money prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/- and 2/- and 2/6 Cash special, for best bird in each class; also 10 Guinea Challenge Cup for most points in open classes, and numerous extra specials. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C., B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Jas. F. Dewar and W. A. Cowgill. Schedules from **JAMES JOHNSTON, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.**

TIDESWELL C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British, **Saturday, November 14th,** in the Bagshaw Hall, one of the best rooms in the County. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Good Classification. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/- and 2/6. 1/6 Entry. 2 Cup and numerous Specials, and remember only One-day Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules ready from— **BAGSHAW & FLINT, High Street, Tideswell, Buxton.**

WIMBLEDON **Nov. 17th & 18th.** **OPEN CLASSES.** (Affiliated to C.B.U.) Queen's Hall, Wimbledon. Under patronage of S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. and C.C.C. Grand Classification. Champion and Novice open classes. 11 Yorkshire, 10 Norwich, 6 Crest. 6 British, 1 A.O.V., 2 Foreign. Judges J. Robson, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. **100 Splendid Specials,** including Trophies, Cups, Medals, and Prize Money promptly paid. To be held in large and well-lighted hall. Heated by hot water pipes. Birds attended to by Fanciers. Entries close **November 9th.** Intending Exhibitors should apply at once for Schedules to **H. SMITH, Hon. Sec., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.**

WORCESTER & D.C.B.S. First Open Show of Canarics, Hybrids, British & Foreign Birds, **Thursday, Nov. 19th.** Judge: J. H. Payne. Esq. C.B.U. Rules. S.Y.C.C. Y.C.C., cup patronage, and L. & P.O.S. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, card. Valuable cash special prizes, prompt payments, no cancelling no amalgamation. Valuable special prize cards. Entries close Nov. 9th. Schedules apply **A. E. BISHOP, 14, Barry Street, Worcester.**

SUNDERLAND **November 20th and 21st** (Under C.B.U. Rules). Under the patronage of 8 Specialist Clubs. **(Cinnamon Club Show).** 60 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- for 1/6 entry, 2/6 special each class, and 20/- for most points in show. Judges, J. H. Roe and A. G. Cameron. **REID & MADDISON, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.**

CROOK Original Cage Bird, Rabbit and Pigeon Society's 4th Annual Open Show, **NOVEMBER 21st. Entries close, NOV. 16th** 20 open Classes, 5 members classes for Cage Birds. Judge: W. Mundell, Esq. Cage Birds in separate Hall. Specials for nearly every class. For Schedules apply A. BOWES, 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham.

DULWICH. **The Event of the Season. Great Open Show. (C. B. U. Rules). Nov. 24th and 25th,** at the Imperial Hall, London, S.E. Under the patronage of the C.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., and the N.B.B. & M.C. Judges—Messrs. Robson, Mundell, Gardner, Vale. 88 Classes. Novice Open Classes. Four money Prizes per Class. 1/6 Entry Fee. The most extraordinary list of Specials ever offered for value. Handsome Rose Bowl for best Bird in each Section. Beautiful engravings value Two Guineas each for most points in each Section. Handsome Novice Cup. One Guinea Casket of Scent, best Lady's Exhibits; Gold and Silver Medals and other handsome prizes all to be won outright. Send for Schedule it will surprise you. Entries close **Nov. 17th. ROGERS AND MAZZONI, 4, Rye Villas, St. Aldans' Road, East Dulwich, S.E.**

HAMILTON **November 21st.** Annual Open Show held in Town Hall, under the patronage of the Border F. Club 50 Open Classes. P. Norwich 12, Crest and Crestbreds, 1 each. Border Fancy, 14. Mules or Hybrids, 5. British and Foreign, 17 Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Numerous Specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges, W. Muir, W. Hamilton, J. Calderwood, J. Mason and J. Taylor. Schedules, **A. CANT, 6, May Street.**

WHITBY **Fanciers Annual Show.** **Wednesday NOVEMBER 25th, 1908.** Cage Birds, B. Brunskill Esq. Classes for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits &c. Hon. Sec. J. C. **TOMLINSON,** Central Chambers, Whitby, Yorks

CARDIFF **NOVEMBER 25th and 26th.** 50 Classes, Judges: Messrs. Payne and Roe, **Sec. W. S. NEGUS.** Show Manager, W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.

CAMBRIDGE **NOVEMBER 25th and 26th, 1908.** Under Cage Bird Union License and Rules. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Good Classification. 2 Silver Cups, and Heaps of Specials. Judges: T. J. Ambrose, Canaries and British. H. T. T. Camps, F.Z.S. Foreign Birds. Foreign Birds:- **ONE DAY ONLY. NOVEMBER 25th, 1908.** Entries close, **NOVEMBER 13th 1908.** State Section for schedule. **W. DRIVER, Sec., Sussex St., Cambridge.**

TONBRIDGE **OPEN ANNUAL** (Under Poultry Club Rules.) **NOVEMBER 25 and 26.** POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS. Messrs. Spratt's Feed and Pen Exhibits. Entries close 14th Nov. Schedules of **Hon. Sec., F. J. BINGHAM,** 88, Barden Rd., Tonbridge

CIRENCESTER **OPEN SHOW,** Under C.B.U. Rules, **Nov. 26.** Judge: Mr Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules ready. **W. G. Inward, Cirencester.**

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S. Second annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on Sat., **Nov. 28th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. rules. Judges: W. Vardy of Nottingham, Canaries; and W. G. Pooleof Stratford-on-Avon, British and Foreign Birds. There are 28 classes in all. 26 Canaries, 6 British and 1 Foreign class. Entries close November 21, 1903. Please write for schedules of— **W. H. BRAY, Hon. Secretary, 12, Berry Street, Coventry.**

DARLINGTON **C.B.S. 4th Grand Open Show.** On SATURDAY NOV. 28th, 1908, in the Corn Exchange. 47 classes, 4 money prizes. Low Entry Fee. Prompt payment of prizes. Judges; Canaries—W. A. Cowgill, Esq. Bradford; British, etc., Jas. Maddison, Esq, Newcastle. Schedules ready November 3rd. **E. BRUNSKILL,** Hon. Sec., 2, Danesbury Terrace, DARLINGTON.

LONG EATON **AND DIST. C.B.S.** Affil. C.B.U. OPEN SHOW to be held in PEOPLE'S HALL Saturday & Monday, Nov. 28th & 30th, Under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Crested Canary Clubs 42 classes to consist of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Judges: J. Robson and J. H. Roe. For Schedules apply **J. TURNER. 35, Market St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY.**

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Under Cage Bird Union Rules.
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TWITTERINGS.

Your paper is simply a marvel writes Mr. A. West (Rochdale).

Entries close at Stratford-on-Avon, November 3rd. Hurry up with your entries.—(ADVT.)

I find that your paper is a first-class medium for the sale of birds, writes Mr. D. Foster (Leeds).

Mr. J. Lambert writes that he has changed his address to 45, Heath Street, Leeds Road, Bradford.

Send at once for schedule of Portsmouth. It will repay you. J. Woodhouse, 123, High Street.—(ADVT.)

Entries close at Bo'ness, October 31st. Send along at once. F. McGillivray, Gauze Road, Chance, Boness.—(ADVT.)

At Morpeth Show, "Harwood," as winner of 3rd prize in Yellow Cinnamons, should have read J. T. Hargreaves.

Fanciers should send at once for schedule of Blaydon Show. Secretary, G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.—(ADVT.)

Entries close at Weybridge, Nov. 2, 1st post. Fanciers should send along at once. H. E. Parrott, Grove Road.—(ADVT.)

Will Mr. Smith, of Cambridge, forward me his postal address, writes Mr. H. Pitts (Bedminster), as I have mislaid the same.

Kindly state that I have removed from Waterloo Street to 31, Fountain Street, Old Gardens, Macclesfield, writes Mr. H. Hall.

Hurry up with your entries for the Dulwich and Peckham Great Show. Very short; will accept until first post Monday next. See advertisement.

In Rochdale Show report, class 37, 4th and c., class 40, 2nd and 3rd prizes, the name should be Davie, not Davis, writes Mr. John Davie (Liverpool).

Just as we go to press we hear from Mr. F. Howes, the secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S., that they have received over 400 entries for their show.

Class 89 in the schedule of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show should read: "Bullfinch hen, foreigners debarred," writes Mr. R. A. Brown, the secretary.

I cannot thank you too much for the grand report you gave of our show, writes Mr. John Ford, secretary Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. All prizemoney has been paid.

The schedule of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. provides 38 open classes, specialist judges, good prize money, with hosts of specials. One of the best managed of shows.—(ADVT.)

Three exceptional honours at the Franco-British Exhibition were awarded to Spratt's Patent, Ltd., who received the Grand Prix, Diploma of Honour, and also a Gold Medal.

In the Edinburgh Society's section of the recently-held Edinburgh Combined Show, the winner of 2nd prize in Yellow Pied cocks should have been G. C. T. Hope, and not Thornton.

Kindly notify exhibitors that schedules of Swansea Open Show, November 11th and 12th, have been sent out, writes Mr. Alf. Hitchings, the secretary. Will anyone overlooked kindly apply.

We have decided to hold our next show under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, secretary of the Carnarvon C.B.F.A., and the date has been fixed as before, viz., Easter Monday.

The committee of the Crook and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Rutherford, the secretary, wish to thank all the cage-bird fanciers for the loyal support they gave them to make their show a success.

We are very short of entries for our show, writes Mr. Vernon Hall, joint secretary of the Darley Dale and Dis. F.S., and we have been obliged to extend till Monday morning's post, November 2nd.

Kelty and Blairadam report credits Wm. Reid with 1st and 2nd prizes in Crest Hens, whereas I won second prize, and received prize-money and ticket for same.—WM WATT (Dunfermline).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham Show, that entries do not total 100, and we are compelled to extend till Sunday's post, November 1st.

In the report of Kelty and Blairadam Show, in the Yorkshire Buff class the awards read: 1, Patterson, and 2, MacRobbie, writes Mr. Geo. MacRobbie (Partick), but I was 1st in Yellow and 1st in Buff.

At the recent Bideford Show, Mr. Western had on view, not for exhibition, a pure white Jackdaw, which he took from the nest on the cliffs at Westward-Ho. It is a grand bird, and had a host of admirers.

I have changed my address from Holhorn Street to Cairn's View, Sligo, writes Mr. C. J. Mulligan, hon. secretary of the Sligo O.A. We have decided to hold our Annual Show on November 18th and 19th.

We are compelled to extend entries until last post, October 31st, writes Mr. P. H. Morris, hon. secretary of the Caerau B.F.A. The entries are only two a class, and the open to Glamorgan classes are not one a class.

Cracks from Yorkshire to Land's End are showing at the "Metropolitan" Show, Strathblaine Hall, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction. See their exhibits this Friday, and don't fail, for it's a sight seldom available.—(ADVT.)

We have received from Messrs. B. Bowering, Ltd., of Bristol, several things to be offered as specials at our show, which are not set out in the schedule, writes Mr. A. W. D. Cridland, hon. secretary of the Glastonbury F. A.

The townspeople at Plymouth take a great interest in the W.C.O.S. Show. The local paper published a good account with photographs of judges, secretaries, and chairman, the next morning—a piece of smart work.

The two parts of the "British Bird Manual," by Mr. Norman, and also CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, arrived this morning. I am very pleased with them, and think they are all very interesting and instructive books.—J. SHADDOCK (Coventry).

Our entries are coming in very slowly, and I have wondered if fanciers have forgotten us or have laid the schedule on one side. I will keep entries' date open till Monday, November 2nd.—J. H. IRELAND, secretary of the Morecambe C.B.S.

An old-time fancier, Mr. F. E. Herbert, of Pokesdown, visited the Bristol C.B.S. Show. It is a long time since we were charmed with his Nightingales, and a sight of probably the best White Blackbird ever staged, which was three times first at the Crystal Palace.

In your "Guide to the Shows," writes Mr. Matt. Mason, I notice you have my name as secretary for West Stanley P.P.R. and Cage Bird Society. This is not so, as the secretary is Mr. J. H. Leighton, Causey, Swalwell, S.O. The societies that I am secretary of are Dipton and West Stanley Cage Bird (Members') Societies only.

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Kindly notify fanciers that class 26 in our show schedule, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, hon. secretary, of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S., should read: Self Cinnamon, Yellow, or Buff; class 27, Unflighted ditto; and class 56 includes bird only. We are hoping to have a good show.

A carved Meerschaum pipe, presented by W. Hales, Esq., for most points in the amateur Norwich classes at Liverpool Open Show, has been omitted by the printers from our schedule, write Messrs Metcalfe and Hillmen, secretaries. Will exhibitors kindly note we are sending all railway birds away early?

Fanciers showing at Luton on November 4th, writes Mr. E. Cherry, the hon. secretary, can have their birds sent off early for Dulwich and Peckham Show, November 5th. Special arrangements will be made for getting these exhibits off early, and fanciers are requested to notify the secretary.

Kindly remind our "novice" and "amateur" members through the medium of your valuable paper, to please observe the rules re "novice and amateur competitions," and be careful to mark their entry forms, or they will be considered not competing.—O. MITCHELL, hon. secretary, Open Norwich Plainhead Club.

I have by mistake sent a few schedules out, writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Show, without the C.B.U. rules. Also I have made arrangements for exhibitors to receive birds the same night as close of show if they will state on entry form the time they will meet them.

Am sorry to say I shall be compelled to extend the date of receiving entries, writes Mr. Fred King, secretary of the Carmarthenshire C.B.S. Show. If they are posted any time on Saturday, October 31st, I will accept same. Cage-bird fanciers have every inducement to enter—decent prize money for low entry fees and plenty of specials.

OBITUARY

Mr. W. H. BAMSEY (Derby).

It is with much regret, writes Mr. J. C. Barnes (Derby), that I have to announce the death of Mr. Walter Harry Bamsey, which took place on October 25th, at the age of 51 years. The deceased gentleman had been suffering for some time from a painful and incurable internal malady, borne with the utmost patience. He underwent an operation about nine months ago, which gave him some relief, but his strength gradually failed, and the end came as stated. Mr. Bamsey was an enthusiastic breeder and fancier, and a true lover of birds, and he has been a frequent and successful exhibitor at numerous local shows. For 15 years he acted as honorary secretary to the Derby C.B.S. (only recently resigning on account of his health), for which he was an ardent and willing worker. He was ever ready to help forward with valuable and practical advice anyone interested in the delightful hobby of bird-keeping, while he was a frequent contributor to the Fancy journals. He leaves a widow and five sons to mourn their loss, and to them the sympathy of all will, we are sure, be extended. In private life he was highly respected by reason of his quiet and unassuming manner and kindly nature. The funeral will take place this Friday, October 30th, at which the Rev. Lawton Platt (a well-known Crest breeder) will officiate. It is a melancholy coincidence that Mr. Bamsey should pass away during the holding of the Annual Show, at Derby, in which he has for so many years been the prime mover.

Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S. Members' Annual Show is to be held on November 3rd, writes Mr. H. T. Lucas, the hon. secretary. All birds to be staged by 7 o'clock, judging at 8 p.m. All visitors welcome; admission free; venue, the "Roebuck Hotel," High Street, Lewisham. Members should note there are numerous valuable specials, also that entries close October 30th.

All prize money in connection with the Norwich, etc., sections of the City of Glasgow Show has been paid, writes Mr. J. Young, the secretary. I would take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed to our success by their liberal entries, not forgetting donors of special prizes, etc. I have also to thank CAGE BIRDS for the grand report it gave of our show.

Intending exhibitors at the Border Fancy International Contest at Glasgow should note that we will give special attention to all exhibits at Carlisle Show, on November 11th and 12th, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, the secretary, and we guarantee to send same away to reach Glasgow on Thursday evening. We will also give the same attention to all exhibits intended for Preston Show. The Southern and Welsh fanciers often ask for Northern fanciers to support their shows, so will they please return the compliment to Carlisle?

For the forthcoming Dulwich and Peckham Show (November 5th and 6th), writes Mr. W. Hodson, the secretary, we are pleased to say arrangements have been made with the undermentioned Railway Companies for all exhibits to be brought from the London termini direct to Rotherhithe Town Hall, by special vans, and also for the companies' vans to be in readiness to receive the exhibits at close of show: Great Western, Great Central, London & North Western, Midland, and Great Northern Railways. Mr. Bonar Law, M.P., has very kindly sent a substantial cheque towards the show fund, and his worship the Mayor of Bermondsey, Alderman H. Harbord, Esq., supported by Dr. Freemantle, has kindly consented to open the show on the first day.

The columns of CAGE BIRDS have no doubt been of great assistance in building up our society, writes Mr. J. R. Mckikle, secretary Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A. The splendid report you gave our recent annual show we also thank you for; it has oftentimes been favourably commented upon.

Palace Show.—The Jubilee Show of the National Cage Bird Shows will be held at the Crystal Palace, February 5th to 9th, 1909. The committee are anxious to make this, the Jubilee Show, a record success; and invite suggestions, subscriptions to special prize fund or special prizes in kind from all interested. The classification for this show has been extended. Secretaries of specialist clubs who have not yet sent me the matter for schedule, will much oblige by doing so at an early date. J. W. Ramsden, show manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(ANVT.)

Sheffield Society are giving extra good prizemonics and specials. The best schedule in fact sent out this season, and have not received a single entry at time of writing. We hope fanciers will send on and give a bumping entry. We give 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., four point specials in each section. Extra specials in Crest section, and increased prize money for Foreign section; also 20s. in cash for best bird in show. If you have not received a schedule send for one, or enter from review of schedule in CAGE BIRDS, otherwise send full particulars of birds, and I will classify.—H. LINNSAY, 202, King James Street, Sheffield.—(ANVT.)

Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

I omitted the Leek C.B.S. Show, held November 12th, from my list of Union shows, and shall be glad if you will kindly announce that this is under C.B.U. rules. GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, secretary.

Don't Forget Manchester Show.

We hear there is an excellent entry at that great provincial fixture, Manchester Show, held to-day and to-morrow (Friday and Saturday) in the Hulme Town Hall. We anticipate there will be a splendid attendance of visitors, who will find some grand birds on view.

Curious!

A correspondent tells us of a case where a fancier exhibited four birds at a recent members' show in the Midlands, and won three first prizes, yet was out of pocket at the finish, the entrance fee being 1s. per cage. We presume lack of competition must have been responsible for this curious state of affairs—unless, of course, the prize money was not forthcoming (perish the thought!).

Ten Years Ago.

At the recent Rochdale Show, Councillor Howarth in presenting the Mayor-elect with the customary bird and cage (the lot of all show openers at Rochdale), humourously bade him attend well to its wants, and expressed the hope that a decade hence he would be able to say as he (Councillor Howarth) could of the bird given to him by the club ten years before: "It is alive and well, and charms me still with its beautiful song."

A Controversial Award.

A curious story (which we give with all reserve) comes to hand respecting the gold medal award for best bird in the amateur section at Accrington Show. It is said that this decision aroused such opposition that the matter was brought before the meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club (held during the course of the show), when it was carried that the secretary (Mr. Raynes) should interview the judge (Mr. Davis) on the matter, and hear his "explanation"!

English and Welsh B.F.C.C.

The annual general meeting will be held in connection with the Liverpool Show on November 7th, in St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road, Liverpool. Time and place on winning Yellow Border's cage. Business: Notices of motion, by Mr. Blackshaw, "That plain seed only be used on show-cage bottoms"; by Mr. Wagstaff, "To discuss the Ticked question," and Is it advisable to give patronage to shows that have the patronage of the B.F.C.C.? Secretary's report and suspension of members by the C.B.U. The secretary hopes members will make an effort to attend.—S. HADWIN, secretary.

The Railway Company Again.

Fanciers will sympathise with Mr. P. Walsh (Hillshro, Sheffield), in the great loss that he has sustained (caused by delay on the railway) in the death of his three lovely specimens, Grey Wagtail, Redstart, and Spotted Flycatcher, all of them winners, and with a great future before them, writes Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham. They were about 20 hours travelling from Cambridge Show home, and almost the same time in going to the show. Two of them were dead when they arrived home, and the other one died directly afterwards. The matter will be brought before the notice of the Cage Bird Union.

"Hands Across the Sea."

Fanciers will be delighted to learn that I have heard from our old friend Mr. F. White, of Melbourne, who, with the best wishes of his brother fanciers out there, encloses £3 3s. from the Victorian Canary Society, to be given in special prizes at the Jubilee Palace Show of 1909, as follows:—

10s. 6d. for best Norwich in show.
10s. 6d. ,, ,, Crest in show.
10s. 6d. ,, ,, Crestbred in show.
10s. 6d. ,, ,, Norwich Cinnamon in show.
10s. 0d. ,, ,, Yorkshire in show.
10s. 6d. ,, ,, Lizard in show.

I am asked to acknowledge above in CAGE BIRDS, which I do with pleasure, and with the heartiest thanks of my committee and self.—J. W. RAMSDEN, show manager.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Metropolitan C.B.A.** T.H.,G.G., and H.N.
*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Wolverhampton & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., F.A.L.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**South Shields C.B.S.** H.W.B., R.B., and J.S.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**York C.B.S.** J. R.
Oct. 31. **Dysart C.B.S.** W.M S., J.Mc.A., J.McL. and P.P.
Oct. 31.—**Alnwick & Dis. C.B.S.** A.Hy., J.Mw.
*Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.—**Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.** R.R., W.V., and C.H.
*Nov. 2 and 3.—**Rotherham C.B.S,** W.V. and W.H.S.
*Nov. 3 and 4.—**Barnstaple.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** T.H., J.H.P.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Margate.** J.N.
*Nov. 4 and 5.—**Morecambe C.B.S.** H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.
Nov. 4 and 5.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**
*Nov. 5.—**Carmarthen.** J.B.E.
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.R.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.B., and R.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A,** J.Wr., T.T. A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cicator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis: C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H.
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov. 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.** C.A.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R,
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14.—**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R. and H.N.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., E.G W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 & 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth & Dis., F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** J. Blk., J. Ms., J. Gw., C. C., and J. C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S,** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop).** J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland.** G.H., and J.Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P,
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W. and C.H
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Msn., P.McQ., P.McK., and H.M,
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S,** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Pk., D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Jan 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Jan. 12.—**Diss and Dist.,** J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.** H.T.C., S.R.C., J.P.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S. and W.V.

(For List containing names of judges and names and addresses of secretaries, see issue, No. 352).

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Do not forget that all London Shows are visited.

For the present show season we have made such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. H. Norman, the premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available *(by arrangement with us)* for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize.* Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

REMEMBER; The Show this week is Manchester, this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
Novemher 11th and 12th.—Carlisle.
Novemher 13th.—Preston.
Novemher 14th.—Nottingham.
Novemher 25th.—Cardiff.
Novemher 27th.—Leeds.
Decemher 11th.—Gateshead.
Decemher 31st.—Edinhoro' (Scottish National).

A Few Opinions.

Allow me to congratulate you on the fine coloured plate in last week's CAGE BIRDS. It is splendid.—D. DUNCAN, JUNR. (Harrogate).

Your douhle numher was a great and pleasant surprise. The plate was simply grand—one almost expected to hear the hirds start singing, they were so lifelike.—H. PITTS (Bedminster).

Allow me to congratulate you on the grand plate of Norwich Canaries you have given us this week; also on the reports of the various shows, which are splendid. I wish you further success.—T. R. WALLACE (Falkirk).

I congratulate you on the excellent manner in which the two Norwich Canaries were reproduced on the plate last week. May we have the luck to hreed some as good!—W. R. EVERETT (London, W.C.)

I should like to thank you for the grand plate of Norwich Canaries in CAGE BIRDS of the 24th inst. It is just about the most beautiful and life-like plate that I have ever seen. I have them (making two pictures) framed, and they look very nice.—F. J. DAY (Croydon).

I am delighted with the charming coloured plate of Norwich Plainheads in this week's CAGE BIRDS. One is almost afraid of leaving them outside a cage for fear of losing them, they are so life-like. I wish both our hohhy and your enterprise continued success.—W. F. BUZZA (Leominster).

I must compliment you on your latest achievement, this week's wonderful coloured plate of Norwich Canaries, also for the excellent report of Plymouth Show. I took 3rd in the Unflighted Yorkshires, also v.h.c. in Yorks. hens, and your printers gave Jeffries and then Jeffrey, which should -he—T. G. JEFFERY JEFFERIS (Southall).

Just a line respecting the coloured plate of last week. What a surprise! I waited at the paper-shop for CAGE BIRDS to come (ahout a quarter to six a.m.), and on my way to work stopped under the street lamp and had a peep to see what the plate was. Behold, "underneath the gas light glitters" two lovely Bullfinch type Norwich which made my eyes sparkle, and set me longing to hold two such specimens in show-cages. It is simply grand, and a great credit to you.—C. H. COOPER (West Ham).

Last week's CAGE BIRDS and the plate were extra good. Report of Eastbourne Show very smart work; in print long before birds were home.—P. H. HAMMS (London, W.C.)

Your last double number beats all previous doubles, and is good value for six times the amount charged for it. As for the plate, it is an exquisite production; the birds depicted are quite lifelike.—H. REES (Clapham, S W.)

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in last week's issue, re Goldie Mules, writes Mr. J. Lewis (Aughton), for they were too numerous for me to answer individually. CAGE BIRDS is the best advertising medium in the Fancy.

I wish to congratulate the Clapham and Dis. fanciers for the careful way in which they attended to and despatched my exhibits from their show. I think if every society were to work on the same lines, we should have very little grumbling.—F. A. FORSE (West Ham).

A watchman was in charge of the hall during the night at the recent Bristol Show, and being asked in the early morning if he had been watching the birds, replied: "No, I have been watching the beer." Evidently the refreshment department impressed him with its importance!

The committee of the Wimhledon Show have made special efforts for the novice classes, writes Mr. H. Smith, the secretary. We are giving two good specials in addition to a tea pot, valuo 21s., for the open Yorkshire novice classes, and a tea service and two specials for the open Norwich novice classes. In the champion section of the S.Y.C.C. classes full prizemoncy is guaranteed, also in the Hybrid classes.

Dulwich Show.—Truly a magnificent list of specials will hc offered at the forthcoming show at the Imperial Hall, on Novemher 24th and 25th. In addition to six valuahle silver rose bowls for hest hirds in Norwich, Yorks., Crest, Border, British, and Foreign Section, the National Art Society are presenting ten engravings of Rosa Bonheur's famous picture, "The Horse Fair," value £2 2s. 0d. each—a total gift of twenty-one pounds—for most points in each section. The Editor of "You and I" also gives a Novice Challenge Cup for open novice classes. Mr. J. Sandiford offers a cup, also Mr. A. E. Rogers. The members have a £15 15s. 0d. Solid Silver Cup, a Perpetual Cup, and Novice Cup. There is also a guinea casket of scent for best lady's exhibit. Silver cruet for hest Border from Wales; stylograph pen, hest English Border; silver watch, best Scottish Border. These are a few of the lengthy list, and in addition to gold and silver medals and cash prizes. Surely, exhihitors will patronise this event.—(ADVT.)

A Caution!

In the schedule of Darley Dale Show appears in all the glory of large type the following notice, which, taken on the face of it, sounds distinctly curious: "Exhihitors please note.—That police will he in attendance during the whole of tho day of the show." That will be good for the stock, no douht, if that is how we are to take it; and if it is a warning to naughty exhihitors, wo hope they will ho on their hest hehaviour, and not find work for "Robert" to do.

Echoes from Glasgow City Show.

That it was alround a record; that the entries throughout were satisfactory; that there was ahundance of excitement as to the cup winners; the Paterson cup was won hy Allan, of Edinhurgh, with a gem of a Yell. hen; that this is a new cup, a gift to President Jardine from T. Y. Paterson, Esq., Glasgow and Edinhurgh, along with a handsome gold medal; that the cup, a heauty, has to he won three times before the Association can lose it; that they will part with it some day, as other cups have "gone hefore"; that McClure's Yell. cock, 5 years old, was again to the front, looking well, quite a "young 'un" for movement; that the first Yell. Pied cock is a gem; that Charlie knows it; that his friends congratulate him on his success; that some said it was value for hest hird in the hall; that it takes time to show, requires quiet handling; that the judges have not time for this; that amongst the hirds claimed at catalogue price was the first-prize Hyhrid; that J. F. Renwick's winners in the pair class were also claimed at catalogue price, £20; that their new home is the "Emerald Isle; that Mr. Ronaldson (Belfast), claimed them; that it leaves an opening for other pairs; that President Jardine is a hard worker; that he is the right man; that ex-Presidcnt, Thomas Thomson, as keen as ever, was of great assistance to Mr. Jardine; that the latter appreciated it highly; that secretaries McDonald and Young did herculean service; that they were ahly assisted hy an efficient staff of hard workers; that to all of them much credit is due for the ahle arrangements made; that Edinhurgh fanciers had a good innings; that they carried off a goodly share of the honours; that "Mount Florida" had also a fair share of the good things; that one regrettable incident came under notice; that someone, in error, lifted a bird in the Belgian section and left the cage hehind; that it is to he hoped whoever made the mistake will have put themselves in touch with secretary McDonald before these lines are in print; that now that the hig event is past, winners here will be watched for future events with much interest; that Mr. Montgomery's Buff hen is a good one; that it was value for the cup at Paisley and good value for medal and badge which sho won; that the Alhion Thistle cup winner was Mr. Gray; that ho was happy; that his friends were as happy at his success.—SCOTCH FANCY.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Allrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open show business.—B. Head.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. Foxall, and selection of Federation team, etc.—H. Foden.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 31, Headquarters, 7.30. Committee of workers for open show.—E. Craven.

Battersea C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Duchess of Devonshire, 8. Report of Annual Show.—F. Easterling.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 2, Headquarters, 8. Ticket money for open show, also appointing date for Members' Show and nominating judge. — J. Stringer.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S. — Nov. 3, Samson's Castle, 8. Closing of entries for annual Members' Show.—A. Lupton.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Nov. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture on "Cinnamon Marked Breeding," by Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton), and other important business.—H. Hill.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Nov. 4, Crown Hotel, 7.—A. Bowes.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 4, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Dec. 5, show business.—G. Peters.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 3, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Final arrangements for show.—J. C. Heaton.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 2, Headquarters, 8.30. Paper on British Birds will be read by Mr. Allen Silver. Fanciers welcomed.—S. H. W. Baker.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8. Show business, and Washing Exhibition.—R. Lambert.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Bull Head Inn, Thornton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Dulwich O.S.—Nov. 5, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. Final arrangements for Annual Show, and election of judges' stewards.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—Nov. 7, Ship Inn, 7. Payment of prize money, and election of office bearers. —J. Ewing.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Nov. 5, 142, High Street, 8. Final arrangements for show, and to receive entries for same; pence books must be cleared. —J. Welsh.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.—Nov. 2, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Entries for show and other arrangements in connection with same.—G. R. Smith.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Oct. 31, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30.—J. H. Adam.

Gt. Horton Good Intent.—Oct. 31, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Balance sheet for open show, and lecture on "The Bird Room and its Requisites," by Mr. J. T. Brook, at 8.—H. Schofield.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Lockhart's, 7.30. Show business.—T. Taylor.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, St. George's School, 8. Show business.—T. Allsop.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Y.M.C.A., 8. To receive specials and donations; show matter.—Williams and Easby.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S. — Oct. 31, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Headquarters, 7.30. Members' specials.—R. Hall.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Annual Members' Show and distribution of prizes. Visitors admitted free.—H. T. Lucas.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 4, Railway Hotel, 8. Business, open show.—A. Bottomley.

Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Co-operative Class Room, 6.30. Open show business; entries close for Members' Show.—J. Turner.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—D. John.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Nov. 5, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.30.—R. Dear.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. General show business.—G. W. F. Lythgoe.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. To make arrangements for show, etc.—Jeremy and East.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Oct. 31, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Lockhart's, 7.30. Show business.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Nov. 4, Cobden Hall, 8. Important show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Nelson and Dist. C.B.S. — November 2, Bull Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for show; allotting specials, for same; members requested to bring collecting books.—J. England.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Headquarters, 8. Show business chiefly.—T. H. Tiffen.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 5, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8.30. Table Show of Canaries, and Washing display.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Oct. 28, Temperance Club, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—S. M. Clayton.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Final open show arrangement.—J. W. Lowes.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton. Members' Show business.—R. Bennett.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 3, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Federation 2nd team, and allotting of specials.—W. Shafford.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 2, Technical School, 8. Special meeting to confirm schedule and placing of special prizes for open show.—J. Irlam.

Stonehouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Buckshead Inn, 7. Fixing of specials.—J. Govan.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 7, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Arrangements for Open Show.—Reid and Maddison.

Ulster O.S.—Oct. 31, Avenue Hall, Belfast, 8. Classification for coming show, etc.—R. Trimble.

Uddingston O.S.—Nov. 6, Recreation Rooms, Crofthead Street, 7.—W. P. Campbell.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 1, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 31, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for Annual Members' Show, and other business.—M. Mason.

Wandsworth and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 5, Headquarters, 8. Open show business.—W. Summers.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 5, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Show business; urgent.—S. Andrews.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Nov. 3, Station Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for show; members please note change of night.—J. Johnston.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Nov. 2, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—J. Netherwood.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, 6, Broadway, 8. Final arrangements, for Annual Show. — H. Smith.

Yorks. C. B.B. and M.C.—Nov. 7, Bramley Show, 4.30. Specials for show season, etc.—W. B. Myers.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.**

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds."** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., A.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Female Toper.

H. T. H.—The hen is probably suffering from diarrhœa, which is the cause of her drinking so much. You do not say how you feed, so I can only suggest that you should cut off any linseed from the diet, and also hemp for the present, and feed as frequently advised here, minus hemp. For the first two days give twenty drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, in each two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking. After this give a piece of gum arabic the size of a pea, and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence, in the drinking water every second day, until the bowels are quite normal. Shake the latter mixture until the gum is dissolved, which it will do quicker in warm water.

A Slipped Claw.

"Disheartened."—Accidents will happen, but it is certainly disappointing that your first pair of really good stock should have gone wrong so soon. However, hope on, hope ever. The slipped claw will not debar you from entering the bird for exhibition, but it will certainly tell against it in competition. If a really good out-standing bird of typical qualities in a class of second-raters it may even win, but the chances are that so long as the deformity lasts, it will not get higher than a "codding" card. It would not affect its breeding, so it may still be useful in this respect. To attempt to remove the blemish, bathe the foot twice or three times a week in fairly hot water, dry on a soft rag, and rub in a few drops of warm olive oil. In addition to this give the bird a set of thin almost round perches, not thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. Watch the bird to see if, when it is settling down to rest for a few minutes, it works the slipped claw round the perch. If it does you may safely leave nature and these perches to work the cure. But if it rests with the claw on top of the perch, then return its ordinary perches, and put on a narrow ring of rubber tubing as described in our ANNUAL for a fortnight or so as a preparatory measure before putting in the thin perches.

Yorkshires Unwell.

E. G. Atkins.—The room in which the birds are kept is either affected by damp or has been too cold for these birds whilst they were here with moulting. If you can move them to a room with a nice, comfortable temperature, until the moult is quite finished, and the birds in good song and condition, do so. In any case see they are quite free from draught and damp, and are not troubled with red mite. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and every other day give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a syrup of green food—watercress or chickweed—and discontinue giving apple. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp to each. Every second day for a week give the following concoction in the drinkers instead of plain water, viz.:—Place a small teaspoonful of linseed, not heaped, into a teacup, add a similar quantity of chlorate of potash, a piece of gum arabic, and Spanish liquorice each as large as a pea, fill cup with boiling water, stir it well to dissolve the gum, and cover it over to stand until cold. Then strain through muslin and give it instead of water. On the alternate days give five drops of tincture of steel. After the first week you may discontinue these, and substitute twenty drops of chemical food every other day for a fortnight.

A Convalescent Yorkshire.

Sinn Feinn.—You ought to have sent my former reply with your query, as I cannot remember the details of all I deal with, and do not happen to have the previous reply by me. It is very probable that these temporary lapses are slight recurrences of the old complaint, which manage to get in when there is a sudden snap of cold, or, perhaps, after a slight chill from a draught or a cold bath. If this is the case the medicine previously advised for a day or two, coupled with due care to remove the cause would be quite sufficient to remove the trouble. Or you may try the following medicine instead. In each two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking dissolve a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea, and add ten drops of glycerine, and five each of ipecacuanha wine and syrup of squills. Give this daily until the trouble has quite disappeared. Of course you must keep the bird free from draughts and chills, as in the other course of treatment.

Wasting Seed.

A. Fromings.—You are certainly mistaken in thinking the bird eats the husks because it leaves the kernel of Canary seed. You must certainly find the husk in or about the cage. Taste the seed and see if it is sweet and well flavoured; bad seed is sometimes the cause of the rejection. If the seed is quite sweet and good give the bird twelve drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its water daily for three days. After that give twenty drops of whisky and six each of dandelion juice and tincture of gentian for a few days. You omit to say whether you give anything besides Canary seed. If not, add a teaspoonful of summer rape to its diet twice a week, a little soft food as often, and a spray of green food every second or third day. Of course you supply gritty sand.
General Queries

Diet and a Manuel.

J.R.B.B.—Yes, your surmise is correct. In all ordinary cases, given a healthy bird and a normal moult, very little, if any, change from the ordinary diet given for singing birds is really necessary. It is only when colour feeding has to be done that all birds alike must have a certain amount of soft food each day which acts as the vehicle for the colour agent, and this soft food must, of course, bring about a modification in the usual dietary. It the same with medicine in the drinking water. As long as a bird is doing tolerably well it is much better without anything of the kind. As regards sulphate of iron this certainly should not be given during the early stage of the moult. At the close, when the feathers have almost ceased dropping out, it is very useful to tone up the bird and tighten the plumage. "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., or House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, would doubtless suit you. Both are obtainable at or from this office.

Wants More Flesh.

Bill Bailey.—The rapid loss of flesh was the natural result of its illness. This defect may be easily remedied now by generous feeding on a flesh-forming diet. As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape, and in addition to this give half a teaspoonful of hemp one day; next day a piece of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut; and the third day a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Repeat this again and again for a fortnight. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and twice a week when you are not giving chemical food, add a little Epsom salts to the water to prevent congestion. Be careful not to carry this fattening process (it is really nothing else) too far. As regards the time when it will resume its song depends a good deal upon its age. If it is quite a young bird it should begin to sing as soon as it is quite free from moulting, but if several years old it may not resume until the Spring is coming on.

Always Pecking at its Feathers.

F. Allgood.—The cage is practically certain to be badly infested with red mites which are the cause of the birds acting as you say they do. Before removing the birds to clean cages you should have given a bath each day for a few days to which you had added a little essence of quassia, and the cage should have been removed quite away from all the others at once. Even with these precautions you should keep a sharp look out about the cages that were adjoining it, as it is quite possible these cages may have been infected. To clean the old cage scrape it well inside, paint liberally all over inside and out with paraffin, working it well into all the joints and crevices, dry it in the sun, and repeat the operation two or three times at intervals of three days. Then paint the inside with sanitary distemper, enamel, or white-wash in which a little carbolic disinfectant has been mixed, paint and re-varnish the outside, and when dry it should be quite fit for use. Perform each part thoroughly, and leave no loophole for mites to survive the several operations. Give all the birds a quassia bath daily for a time before returning them to clean cages, and be sure you watch the cages well to prevent any of them becoming seriously affected. As soon as any mites are found in any of your other cages treat them the same as above at once.

Breeding for Profit.

Complete Novice.—You do not say what type of bird you wish to go in for in your proposed aviary—whether just a common type of singing birds or birds bred to standard requirements. If the latter you could not very well manage it with the birds flying loose. But you will probably succeed in your object much better by breeding the first-named class of bird, and allowing them to fly loose. At its fullest capacity the aviary would accommodate about sixty birds, so that allowing for the season's gradual increase a stock of twenty birds would be amply sufficient to start with. Five cocks and fifteen hens would do very well together, for which from twenty five to thirty nesting sites should be fitted up at the beginning of the breeding season. The price you would have to give for a stock pair depends solely upon the type of bird you go in for, and the condition of the market when buying. The man who told you about the prices was either pulling your leg, or did not know what he was talking about. You might get a fairly decent pair of Norwich, for example, for 30/-, but they would be decidedly less typical than a pair costing twice as much. For ordinary song birds as above-named you should get good stock for 15/- per pair. But a better plan would be to get good singing cocks at about 12/6 to 15/- each, and a trio of hens to each cock at, say, 10/6 for each trio.

A Mating Query.

E.S.—If I understand your query correctly you mated the two yellow hens in question, one to a yellow variegated cock and the other to a clear buff cock of distinct strains—that is, I assume, unrelated. You do not say whether the hens were marked or clear, but in any case being bred from two clear parents they would possess a large amount of clear blood. If this is correct the young would certainly do to pair together next season—not, of course, mating brothers and sisters, but the young cocks of No. 1 pair with the young hens of No. 2 pair, and vice versa. The young from the pair of double yellows should be mated with the largest and coarsest feathered buffs, and you must try to avoid putting together next season two clears that have been bred from the clears, as you already have a large amount of clear blood in them, and they may begin to lose in colour.

A Broken Wing.

"Upton."—You seem to have done all that was possible, and to have done it well, to "set" the broken wing. But do not on any account remove the straps for another fortnight at least. That is, leave them on for not less than a month from the time of the accident. Before removing place the perches rather low, and near enough to each other for the bird to hop about them quite easily without making any attempt to use its wings, and leave them in this position for two or three weeks after the straps are removed, or until you see the bird voluntarily using the injured wing. Take the strap off the bottom of the wings first, and do this a few days before removing the others, so that the bird will gradually become accustomed to its renewed freedom of movement.

Multum in Parvo.

W.J.S.—1. The young Norwich (1908) cock, which records freely should come out in full song as soon as he is well through the moult. This he will probably do very soon now, as the recording is a hopeful sign. 2. He will be quite fit for next season's breeding, and should be mated with a 1907 hen preferably. 3. To tell whether the eggs are fertile you must allow them to be sat upon five or six days—any shorter time would not be safe for a novice to judge from—then examine them by holding them up before a strong light, with the eye shaded, and looking at the light through the egg. If the egg is dark and becoming opaque it is fertile, or maybe addled; but if it is still clear and transparent it is unfertile, and will never be any good. The process is illustrated in our handbook "Canary Breeding for Beginners," price 7d., from this office. 4. At the end of next March, or early in April, will be quite early enough to pair him up.

Yorkshires in Shed.

C.J.P.—As regards the ventilation of your shed I hardly think that a couple of air bricks will be anything like sufficient to keep the place properly ventilated when you cannot have the door open at intervals, which, of course, will not be feasible in a few weeks hence. Therefore, if possible to manage it, get two more air bricks in each corner instead of in one corner only, and put in three more in the middle of two sides, or ends, low down near the floor, for the ingress of fresh air when the door is closed. These spaces should each be provided with a sliding shutter so that you may have full control of the ventilation, and regulate it to suit prevailing conditions of temperature. As long as the birds continue to do so well do not make any attempt to heat the shed. You could make your colour food just slightly damp—crumbly moist—by the addition of a drop or two of water, and stir it well in with a prong or table fork. If you have a good proportion of ticked birds there is no necessity for introducing fresh green blood next season. Mate up the heaviest marked ones with clears, and if there is a majority of ticked specimens reserve the most lightly ticked for mating together.

Two Wheezy Males.

No Name.—I am rather inclined to think that in your case the wheeziness is the result of an overfed condition of body. Feed them on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately a small teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake each twice a week. Give these extra on different days and alternate them each time. Every day give a spray of green food. Keep them in a comfortable, equable temperature, but do not overheat them. In the drinking water of No. 1 add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and after this give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food, containing the latter for two or three weeks. For No. 2, in addition to keeping in a fairly warm temperature give him a vapour bath by standing his cage on a piece of wood placed across the top of a pail, put one or two quarts of hot water in the bottom of pail, and cover closely over with a thick woollen shawl or rug, and leave for ten or fifteen minutes. Keep the cage front covered for a day or so to avoid any chill. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, and a few shreds of bay saffron daily for three days. After this go on and treat the same as advised for No. 1, after discontinuing the buckthorn. A half teaspoonful of maw seed may also be given this bird every second day for a fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Large Insectivorous Birds.

Peter B.—A Lesser Whitethroat is not at all a bad softbill for anyone to start with. It is easy to keep (given correct treatment), and has a very pleasing and continuous song, which it utters practically all the year round (the moulting period excepted, of course). Curiously enough, I told at length my methods of keeping these and similar small insectivorous birds only a fortnight ago in these columns. Here you are again, however. Stock food: powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. Personally I use one hard-boiled egg (minced fine) to about each dozen birds, and mix this among two or three table spoonfuls of crumbled home made sponge cake. Of this I use about one-third to two thirds of the above mentioned stock mixture, and find the most delicate species thrive splendidly on it. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, greenfly, live ants' eggs, etc.), one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, and, more occasionally still (practically only in the winter), a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. In place of Osborne biscuits, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet), obtainable very cheaply from most grocers, may be used. Excellent ready-made foods, too, may be bought through our columns.

Identity of Bird.

Oblige.—The bird you have is the Great Tit (often termed the Ox-eye Tit and familiarly known to many as "Joe Bent"). It is quite a common British bird, especially so in the winter round suburban houses. The value is practically only a few pence. Curiously enough, I have had several enquiries lately from possessors of "Joe Bents," who seemed to think they had come to be owners of valuable birds. One thought he had a White-eared Bulbul. I hope they are not being sold to the unwary as something rare, and, consequently, of some worth. The bird is a softbill, but also likes a few seeds (sunflower, for instance).

Outdoors.

Mexican.—In an aviary which gets "all the sun," which has a privet hedge inside and a "big wooden hutch" (by which I presume you mean a shelter) such birds as Green, Chaff, and Goldfinches, Linnets, Robins, Thrushes, and Blackbirds ought to winter all right. It seems odd, however, to hear that you had a pair of Goldfinches "frozen to death" in such a place last winter. That looks as though it were not particularly snug, or else that you do not feed them correctly. In winter the hardbills want an unstinted supply of oily seeds (hemp, niger, linseed and sunflower, the latter lightly crushed, if necessary), while the softbills should have a little wholesome fat (beef or mutton) to eat, while a little unsalted beef or mutton dripping is excellent mixed amongst the soft food. As regards the foreign birds, see Mr. Page's column.

What kind of Lark?

J. Fursland.—It is really not possible for me to tell from your letter whether you have a Woodlark or a Skylark. They are both very similar in colour and markings. The Woodlark has a "crest," just the same as the Skylark; but all Larks do not erect their head feathers—the tamer the birds the more prone they are to do so. Still, for all this, the Woodlark is quite easy to distinguished from a Skylark. It is a much smaller bird, for one thing, and has an appreciably shorter tail—it looks, in fact, like a curiously small, shortened "dumpy" Skylark. It has some of the tail feathers tipped with white—in the Skylark the outer feathers are white—and there is a kind of grey collar round the back of the neck, and a distinct "streak" above the eyes, while the back "spur" is long and considerably curved. The hen Woodlark will utter a few notes; the hen Skylark, too, will often emit a few twittering notes.

Feeding a Robin.

A. Baston.—Breadcrumbs and crushed hemp are very poor food for a Robin. The Redbreast is just as much a dainty insectivorous bird as the Nightingale, though it is true he will thrive in captivity on a plainer, "coarser" diet. I feed my own Robin, which sings grandly, on the same lines as any other small softbills; see reply to "Peter B." this week. He, however, likes a few seeds—Canary mostly—now and again. You could buy a good stock-food, ready made up, from many advertisers using our columns (possibly at local bird-shops, or bird-food dealers), and add to it grated carrot (sufficient to just damp it), and now and again half a finely-minced hard-boiled egg. That would make a very fair dietary. You could add mealworms, small garden worms now and again, blackbeetles when you can get them, and other suitable live-foods. "Bobbie" likes a few ripe berries and a little fruit, too.

A Mixture.

Tim.—1. No; white feathers in the wing of a Blackbird do not necessarily point to either bad feeding or weakness in the bird's health. They are, I should say, the outcome of an innate tendency towards albinism. 2. If there is a kind of "blood-poisoning," then the Linnet will most likely lose its foot; it would be the result of your not cleansing the wound properly, or allowing dirt to get in. If it has really reached this stage, then I am afraid you can do no good; it is hardly likely to be curable. 3. Keep your Goldfinch in a warm corner of a heated room, and he should get through the moult alright. You could help him by putting a small teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food (from any good chemist) in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, using a pot or glass vessel only. 4. Both cock and hen Lesser Redpole are the same colour when house-moulted. The cock, however, is an indefatigable songster, when in condition.

Stock Cage and Food of Woodlark.

R.T.—A good stock cage can be made out of the usual type of Skylark cage (bow-fronted), one perch being placed in same. The bird likes a turf; and must also have a dust bath. Many of the makers of cages advertising in our columns stock a special Woodlark cage, and this you would be sure to find quite suitable. The cage I myself like best is one of the pattern known as the "Lark runner" (only longer, and wider from front to back) with doors at each end, and a canvas ("false") roof. A large turf fits in at one end, a perch over the other (the "dust-bath" end), and the food and water vessels hang on the front. In this you will have no trouble with their feet, given reasonable cleanliness. As regards food, you should try the stock-food recommended "Peter B." in this week's issue, which is, I think, as good as one need wish for, and certainly most successful in keeping these birds in the pink of condition, and on song. Finely-minced green food, etc., must not be forgotten. Woodlarks ought certainly to have a regular supply of live food—many droop for want of it, I am sure. There is certainly nourishment in ants' eggs, and good nourishing properties, too, in good quality eggs. Many real good insectivorous foods are advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week. A little seed (especially Canary) should be given now and again; while crushed groats and coarse oatmeal are relished.

Song Thrush in a "Pickle."

Spotted One.—I think you're quite right in assuming that the steam from the cooking, etc., operations in the kitchen are more or less responsible for the sad condition of the plumage of your Thrush. In such a situation, too, redmite flourish amazingly, and these pests, of course, would aggravate the trouble. Make sure there are none in the cage; if necessary, dress it with turpentine and parullin, as advised a querist last week. If, however, the trouble is due to the moult (plus the steam), I advise you to move the bird to a room (not an unheated one) which has a more equable temperature, and to mix as much flowers of sulphur (from a chemist) as will lie on a shilling, into the food supply, daily, for a fortnight or so. Putting "Oxo" in the bird's drinking water is distinctly novel. It inspires me to "poetry." How will this do when you want to send along a testimonial?

My Song Thrush gives the welkin socks-o,
He "busts" with song since drinking Oxo.

Brevities.

Trouble on the Head (Walsall).—The hole you mention is, I should say, in reality the nostril. Get a little boracic ointment from a chemist, and morning and evening rub a little gently but thoroughly on the "scaly place." Ten to 14 days' treatment should suffice to bring about an improvement.

Hybrid Breeding (P. T. Harvey).—I certainly should never have a cock Bullfinch within hearing of the hen Bullies I was myself trying to get Hybrids from. It only leads them to attack their proper (from your point of view) partners. It is an excellent plan to run the hen Bullie and her intended husband together through the winter.

Dog-Rose Berries (Bread St.).—Dog-rose berries (or dog hips, as they are called) are not much in favour with birds as food, so far as my own observations go. They are generally only commenced upon when severe weather renders other food scarce; and then Missel Thrushes and like large birds are about the only ones that tackle them. I tried one of my Waxwings with some, and he promptly proceeded to sample them; but, then, a Waxwing will sample almost anything.

A "Fan" Tail (S. Furnband).—A Goldfinch with a "fan" tail, eh! I cannot quite follow what you mean. I can say, however, that it is a well-known habit of the Goldfinch to spread his tail, and jerk it from side to side, especially when excited or pleased. To come to the point, I don't think you need pay any heed to the "fan" tail, providing the feathers are perfect: exhibit the bird, and good luck to it. You say he has a fine blaze and tanning and colour, and these are the main show points.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S

Grey Parrot Weak and Unwell.

W.M.—Am unfortunately compelled to speak doubtfully of your bird's recovery, but "while there's life there's hope." Continue to use the weak brandy and water as a stimulant, and continue the boiled maize, as the bird appears not to eat the mixture; mix a little of the dry mixture with the boiled maize, and also soak half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into the daily portion of boiled maize for the next month. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and give nothing else to drink for that day, save a few sips of the weak brandy and water, say, three times during the day. I should keep this bird warm, and leave something soft in one corner of its cage for it to lie on; its food vessels should be within easy reach. If paralysis does not set in there is still a chance for the bird. Report progress in a week's time.

An Indisposed Grey.

K.B.—Discontinue the bread and milk, and substitute a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily. After straining all the water from the maize, soak into it half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Note, the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day; stray bits must not be left about, and the food vessel must be well cleaned daily. I take it that as well as the seed mixture and sponge cake, you are giving some ripe fruit and a little greenfood, such as fresh lettuce; if not, supply some so as to vary the diet. Keep the bird warm and quiet, and if it has a difficulty in perching, put a little hay or something soft in one corner of the cage, and place the food vessels within easy reach. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water repeating this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. The bird should be out of the way of movements or noises that would be likely to scare it. Report progress a week hence, giving as full particulars as possible. Voidings should be promptly removed from the cage.

A Cure for Diarrhœa.

C.P.—Am much handicapped in replying, owing to your giving me no information as to how you have been treating the bird. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water; follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine, for the next month. Twice a day offer it in a spoon a little chilled brandy and water, say, four or five drops of brandy to a tablespoonful of water. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat dari, hamp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give to vary the diet; ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts and a little greenfood; grit and cuttlefish should be continuously in the cage. Keep the bird quiet and warm. Its voidings should be removed as quickly as possible. If the bird has been accustomed to soft food of any kind, give it a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and the food-vessel must be cleaned for each occasion); but as soon as it is eating heartily of the dry seed mixture, etc., discontinue the boiled maize. Grey Parrots are healthier and better without soft food, save a little ripe fruit. If you repeat query, and say how you have been dieting the bird, I may be able to help you further, but unless the bird has got too low, the above dietary and treatment should soon improve the bird's condition.

Breeding in Indoor Aviary.

Foreigners.—I should advise, under the circumstances, the Bishops being put in another cage. I do not think they will make any attempt to breed, and in the somewhat confined quarters of your aviary cage they would most probably interfere with the nesting arrangements of the others. Put up half a dozen nest boxes, as far apart as space will allow—small boxes about four inches square, and deep, with two-thirds of the front covered up, the open portion to be towards the top. Supply hay and long grass, and leave the birds to themselves. However, though I presume frost will be excluded in your living room, I cannot advise you to put nesting receptacles in till the spring, neither should I attempt to induce them to breed until then. If you wish for any prospect of breeding successes, do not keep more than the three pairs, and as soon as their progeny are able to feed themselves, either dispose of them, or remove them to flight cages. Some good, soft food mixture will need to be supplied when they have young to feed. Java Sparrows, I know, are often bred, and successfully reared during the winter months, but if any of the hens get chilled during an extra cold night, while breeding is going on, it generally means their loss.

A Grey's Excessive Thirst.

C. Parry.—Continue to treat as per previous reply. A little boiled maize will do no harm while the bird is undisposed, and I should soak half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into the daily portion, but as soon as the bird is in fair condition again, discontinue the boiled maize. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, also a small camel-hair brush, and wipe out the bird's mouth with this, say twice daily, continuing till the furring disappears. Your dietary has been wholesome and safe, but the bird has certainly got hold of something unwholesome; but the effects of this will, I think, now gradually wear off. If you have any difficulty in wiping out the bird's mouth with the brush, watch your opportunity when it has its mouth open, and dab a little as high up on the tongue as you can manage, and after it has tasted it, the bird will rather like it than otherwise; at least, that is usually the case. You must cleanse the brush, and use a fresh portion of the honey and borax for each occasion. You are quite right in not leaving the water in the cage.

Blue-fronted Amazon Poorly.

Taggo.—Without seeing exact position of bole, it is not possible to express an opinion, but unless such should grow worse, and cause the beak to break across at any time, I should not imagine it would interfere with its feeding. Could you report query, and send be a rough sketch of the bird's mandible showing the hole you try to describe? Give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize every other day (this only keeps fresh one day, and the food-vessel must be well cleansed for each occasion); after draining away the water from the boiled maize, soak into it half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, also make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with the chemical food, and continue till the bird is in condition again. The bird's bowels should be kept moving freely, not watery loose; any time there appears any sign of constipation, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water in lieu of the chemical food for one day will give relief. There is a certain amount of downward growth of a bird's upper mandible, hence the necessity for occasional trimming where birds cannot get at hard substances to grind away this growth. Many Parrots are not yet through the moult.

Waxbills, Zebra Finches, etc.

Mexican.—I really do not care to give you a definite answer till you let me know your county. However, as it is very probably their first winter in this country, I should advise you to take the orange-cheek Waxbills indoors at once; another year unless your locality is extreme north, they can be left out of doors. The Cutthroats, Zebra Finches, and grey Java Sparrows should be perfectly safe outside all the winter, unless the aviary is very exposed or your locality is quite in the north. I should suggest felting the wood back or wall of your aviary to ensure its being wind and rain proof; overhaul all walls and ends, and see there are no crevices, and also the roof does not leak; it is damp and draught that kills, not dry cold. You do not say of what variety your Javas are, but white Javas had better be taken indoors for the winter. The size of aviary has also much to do with the question, unless it is sufficiently large to give them a good fly, it is no good for keeping birds in out of doors during the winter.

Sexing Virginian Nightingales.

"**Z.**"—The male Virginian Cardinal (Nightingale), is altogether brighter in colour than the female, rich crimson, while the female may be described as of a brownish-red colour, and only one or two washes of brightish red. You cannot go astray. If you are offered a pair of bright red birds as a pair, refuse them and equally so if you should be offered two dullish-red birds as a pair. It is all a matter of taste; the male has a few nice notes rapidly repeated, but I should call it neither varied nor sustained, and I have not heard it perform much in a cage. To hear it at its best I am of the opinion that a large garden aviary is the place, and I have had and heard several under such conditions. Whether it is atmosphere, environment or what not, under such circumstances the song is not fine, is rich and pleasing, to which such caged specimens I have had and heard bear no comparison.

A Sick Amazon.

A.M.—Only give bread and milk while the extreme inflamation lasts; boiled maize will be far more wholesome, if it will take sufficient of it, and I should put over the daily supply have a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. While the trouble lasts, let the first morning drink consist of a tablespoonful of chilled water, to which add two drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Afterwards give at intervals a teaspoonful of chilled water containing one drop of laudunum. If the bird appears at all exhausted, give it a few sips of weak, warm brandy and water, say three drops of brandy to a tablespoonful of water. As the case was urgent, I sent you a post card, but it would assist me if you would send me full particulars as to how the bird has been dieted. Keep bird warm and quiet yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. The voidings should be promptly removed and destroyed (burned for preference) You can give a little sponge cake and plain biscuit. Report progress a week hence.

A Newly-imported Grey.

"**Ship Typhus.**"—There is little doubt you have a newly-imported bird. The danger of latent infection cannot be said to have passed for at least eight weeks. Keep up the boiled maize at present, and after you have well drained away the water from it, soak into it daily half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a tin of the seed mixture in the cage, and when the bird takes to this, the boiled maize can be gradually discontinued. Note: The maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food-vessel must be well cleansed for each occasion. Supply also ripe fruit, a few nuts, and plain (dry) biscuits; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. On warm, sunny days, spray the clogged feathers with chilled water, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till it is dry. For one day give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in a tablespoonful of water, let the bird take as much as it will, and then offer the remainder in about a couple of hours. I should permit the bird to take as much water as it wanted from a tablespoon, say, three times a day, letting the water be just chilled, and putting in same three drops of brandy till the bird is stronger. Do not at present leave water in cage, and do not give slops, table scraps, or animal food.

Feather-plucking Grey.

W.H.—It would have been much easier to have given you an answer if you had given me full details as to diet. However, for one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water; repeat this as necessary to keep the bowels freely moving, but not watery loose. When not giving magnesia, make drinking water colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also spray the bird every other day with quassia solution, but carefully protect from draught till dry. Diet: Seed mixture, canary seed, oats, wheat, hemp, dari, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also give ripe fruit plain biscuit, nuts, and a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally. Keep up a regular supply of grit, and also a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. You must persevere with the treatment, as it is most difficult to cure a feather-plucking Parrot, and it would have been better if you had written several months ago. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. Should be glad to hear how the bird progresses in say three weeks' time.

Parrakeets Out of Doors.

Grimston.—A reply would have been easier if I could have had some idea of your locality. Providing you are not too far North, you would be perfectly safe in leaving out of doors: Rosellas, Redrumps, Cockateels, Quakers, and Ringnecks; also Pope and Grey Cardinals. But I should certainly advise taking indoors the Madagascar and red-faced Lovebirds. The white-eared Conures have safely wintered out of doors in more than one aviary, and in fairly northern localities, too, and I should leave them undisturbed; but I very much fear that if severe weather supervenes, the young will not be reared; I should not take the Conures in unless they appeared to suffer; you will soon ascertain this by their demeanour. If they are comfortable, they will be alert, taking plenty of exercise, and will not sit huddled up for long spells. The stove I believe to be one of the best, safest, and most economical of its kind; carry out the maker's directions, and it should give you but a minimum of trouble. It is the neglect of small details that usually causes so much trouble and dissatisfaction to the users of heating stoves.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Letter (T. R. Dargie).—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

Birds Wings (J. B.).—Your query will be found answered by our Mr. Finn.

Nom-de-plume (W. R. Everett).—Yes; we find the nom de-plume "Bird" was a misprint for "Bert."

An Address Wanted (T. B. Gray).—The name and address you want is Mr. E. Hathaway, 84, Clapham Park Road, Clapham, London, S.W.

Suggestion for Annual (A. Young).—Thanks for the suggestion. We may, however, very soon be publishing a book dealing with such matters. Your "bacon beetles" question will be found in the correspondence columns.

Cutting (W. Daish).—Very interesting. Accept our thanks.

Mansfield C.B.C. (J. H. Duckworth).—Your postcard respecting the club notice was addressed to "54 Fenchurch Street." In consequence it was not delivered to us until too late to be dealt with in last week's issue.

Notes (J. Barber).—Your further notes safely received. Accept our thanks for them.

Norwich Canaries (W. Braddick).—The law of libel stands in the way of the publication of letters such as the one you send. Both yourself and ourselves would be liable. If you will conform to rule 8, we shall be glad to write the party on your behalf.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Preservation of Birds' Wings.

J.B.—Your best method is to clean off all the fat possible and anoint the inside of the skin with arsenical soap, remembering that this must be used with care, as it is, of course, poisonous.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Blackburn (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., Cinn C.C. and B.R.C.C.).—November 6th and 7th in the Orange Hall Richmond Terrace.—Judges, Messrs. A. Wellings, J. Walsh and T. W. Walton.—44 open classes: Nor. 13, Yorks. 5, Am. Nor. 2, Am. Yorks. 4, Brit. 11, For. 2, Roller 3 (1 local), Sell. 4, and 6 Novice Members Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 3 (first post) to J. W. MARSDEN, 44, Troop Street, Blackburn.

Blaydon (C.B.U., N.C.C. and N.Y.C.C.).—November 6th and 7th in the Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Wilcock, and J. McLay.—44 open classes: Nor. 10, Crest 8, Pairs 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell 4, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Hyde's 1, and 24 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 31st to G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Darley Dale (C.B.U.).—November 5th, in the Whitworth Institute Pavilion.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.—9 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell 1, and 2 radius classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 31st, to DAWSON AND HALL, Glen View, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

Hastings (C.B.U., S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., L. and P.O.S. and Crest C.C.).—November 10th and 11th in the Parish Hall, Priory Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and G. Gardner.—25 open classes: Nor. (champion), 9, (Novice), 6, Crest 2, Yorks. (champion) 4, (Novice) 4, and 30 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 4th, to A. E. GONDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street, Hastings.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.—November 7th in the Co-operative Hall, Dunlop Street.—Judges, Messrs. A. Reid, G. Scaife, W. Mossie, and R. Bald.—47 members' classes. Prizes, 3/-, 1/9, 9d. Fee 4d. Entries close October 31st, to R. M'CAW, 7, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock.

Lowestoft (C.B.U.).—November 11th and 12th, in the Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—25 open classes: Nor. 7, Pairs 2, Cinn. 2, Crest 4, Mule 1, Sell 1, Novice 4, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Entries close, October 31st to E. L. A. CROW, London Road, Lowestoft.

Exeter.—November 7th in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr J. B. Dyer.—33 members' classes. Prizes as per scale. Fee 6d. Entries close October 31st, to R. H. FOLLEY, 28, Rosebery Road, Exeter.

Markinch.—November 7th, in the Town and Masonic Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. D. Hogg, J. Adams, and G. Murlin.—43 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 8, Crest 4, Bord. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 1, Com. 1, Sell 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 31st, to GEO. MITCHELL, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

Stratford-on-Avon.—November 10th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. T. Irons.—15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 3rd, to A. M. BAILEY, Rother Street, Stratford-on-Avon.

Wallsend (C.B.U., N.C.C., N.S.P.C., S.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M., and F.B.C.).—November 13th and 14th, in the Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. P. Barnes, J. F. Dewar, and W. A. Cowgill.—57 open classes: Nor. 10, Crest 6, Cinn. 3, Yorks. 7, Bord. 7, Liz. 2, Scot 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 2, Sell 5, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, and 28 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 9th to J. JOHNSTON, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

Warrington (C.B.C., O.N.P.C., and G.C.A.).—November 13th and 14th, in the Conservative Club, Sankey Street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, and A. Wellings.—42 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Greens 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Gift 1, 4 Novice Yorks., 4 Novice Nor., and 15 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 9th, to J. EMMETT, 39, Gorsey Lane, Warrington.

Rochdale Good Intent (C.B.U., L.C.A., L.L.F.A., U.K.L.S., and O.N.P.C.).—November 7th.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, and J. Garner.—38 open classes: Lancs. 8, Liz. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 7, Nor. 8, A.O.V. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Novice 5. Prizes, 22/- per class, and 2/6 special and extra specials. Schedules from SAM M. CLAYTON, 55, Percy Street, Rochdale.

Weybridge. November 11th and 12th, in the Holstein Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath.—14 open classes: Crest, 1, Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 19 Members' Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 30th, to H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge.

Stockton-on-Tees (C.B.U.), November 7th, in the Temperance Hall, Dovecot Street.—Judges, Messrs. T. Dixon and R. J. Howe.—29 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, and 9 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and speciale. Fee 1/-. Entries close October 31st, to J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Braintree (20-mile radius and £5 limit), November 7th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Hills.—11 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Unflig. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close October 28th to F. A. HUNNABLE, 102, High Street, Braintree.

Gillingham (open to Sussex, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent), (C.B.U., K.C.C.B.A.), November 12th and 13th, in the Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—35 classes: Nor. 5, Cinn. 2, Crest 4, Yorks. 4, Liz. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 8, Novice 2, Sell. 3, and For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Entries close October 31st to T. F. RAMSEY, 18, Selbourne Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Maindee (30-mile radius and £3 limit).—Nov. 14, in the Bannerman Hall, Wharf Road, Newport.—Judge, Mr. A. Allen.—5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/. Entries close Nov. 9, to J. HAWKSLEY, Maindee, Newport, Mon.

Dudley.—Nov. 11 and 12, in the Public Hall, Netherton.—Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge.—9 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, and For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-. 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 3. to WITTON AND DAVIES, 172, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.

Consett (C.B.U.).—Nov. 14, in the Masonic Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Dixon.—31 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, Crest 5, Pairs 1, Scot 1, Bord. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, and 5 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close early, to W. H. HUTCHINSON, 21, Park Road, Consett, Co. Durham.

Wimbledon (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., and C.C.C.).—Nov. 17 and 18, in the Queen's Hall Queen's Road.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. Normal. 30 open classes and 4 also. Novice 6; Yorks. 6 and Novice 5; Crest 4 and Novice 2; A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, For. 2, Mule 2, Limit 1; Sell. 1, and 33 members' classes. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close Nov. 9, to H. SMITH, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon, Surrey.

Attleboro.—Nov. 10 and 11, at the Institute.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose.—3 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Novice 1. Prizes, 3/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Entries close Nov. 3, to W. LEECH, 15, Laburnum Road, Bournville, Birmingham.

Glasgow and West of Scotland (N.P.C., S.N.P.C., S.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W. B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot., N.B.B. and M.C., and the S.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 13 and 14, in the Drill Hall, Cathedral Street. Judges, Messrs. W. B. Mackie and A. G. Cameron (Norwich P.H.'s), T. Taylor (Crests), W. C. Duncan, and W. Mossie (Borders), J. Hogg and D. Black (Scot. Fancy), C. Campbell (Yorks. and A. ... son and A. Cockrane (Mules, Brit., and For.). 93 open classes. Norwich section, champion 14, Novice 2, Limit 1, and Sell. 2; Crests, 13; Bord. 16 and 1 Limit; Yorks. 4 Cinn. 2, Scot 5, Mule 8 and ... Brit. 18, For. 3. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, and a host of specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close Nov. 7, to R. A. BROWN, 102, Rosiea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

Carlisle (C.B.U., B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 11 and 12, in the Queen's Hall, Victoria Viaduct.—Judges, Messrs. J. Hopper, W. Vardy, W. Laidlow.—55 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 12, Nor. 9, Crest 2, Yorks 6, Sell. 6. Mule 3, Brit. 11, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (guaranteed) and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 5, to W. H. WRIGHT, 35, London Road, Carlisle.

Swansea (C.B.U., B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 11 and 12, at the Working Men's Club and Institute, Alexandra Road.—Judges, Messrs. J. B. Evans and C. Houlton.—48 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 7, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Sell. 3, Brit. 14, and For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7, to ALF. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.

Shipley (Y.U., C.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.C.).—Nov. 7, in the Central School, Saltaire Road.—Judge, Mr. J. Greaves. 25 open classes: Yorks. 14 and Novice 8, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 3, to H. DOBSON, 6, Caroline Street, Saltaire, Shipley.

Leicester Hand in Hand (C.B.U.).—Nov. 7 and 9, at the White Swan Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—29 open classes: Nor. 12, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 3, and 2 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31, to CHAS. DRAPER, 1a, Wilton Street, Leicester.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR PETERHEAD

SIR,—A Cage Bird Association (under the patronage of Provost Leask and the Town Council) has been formed. The first annual show will be held in the Music Hall, on December 18th and 19th. Many valuable prizes (including a cup from the Town Council) will be competed for. Competition will be open to all. Any information will be supplied by me. P. A. JACK, Secretary.

74, King Street, Peterhead.

HOW TO SEX SKYLARKS.

SIR,—Will one or other of your numerous readers kindly inform me the way to tell the sex of Skylarks, as I find it very hard myself, not having had any experience. In the book on "British Birds," by Dr. W. T. Greene, which I have, I find the following:—"The female is distinguished by her smaller size, lighter-coloured plumage, less conspicuous crest, and more particularly by the absence of the white line round the cheeks. The spots on head and breast are more numerous in her case." The bird I have is the first softbill I have ever kept. A. MINNS.

BACON BEETLES FOR SOFTBILLS

SIR,—I should be glad if any reader will give, for the information of novices who, like myself, keep one or two softbills (I am the proud possessor of a Blackcap and a Skylark) instructions for breeding mealworms, and any other live dainties possible. I read recently that bacon beetles were better and more digestible for small softbills than mealworms, but although I have made numerous enquiries at provision warehouses and grocers' establishments, nobody knows what bacon beetles are. I should like to know where they can be obtained, also whether it is possible to breed them, as I should like to introduce variety into the live diet of my feathered pets, if possible, and at present a few house flies and mealworms are all that I can get.

A. YOUNG.

[The breeding of mealworms is dealt with in "Correspondence" in last week's number and often in our Query pages.—EDITOR.]

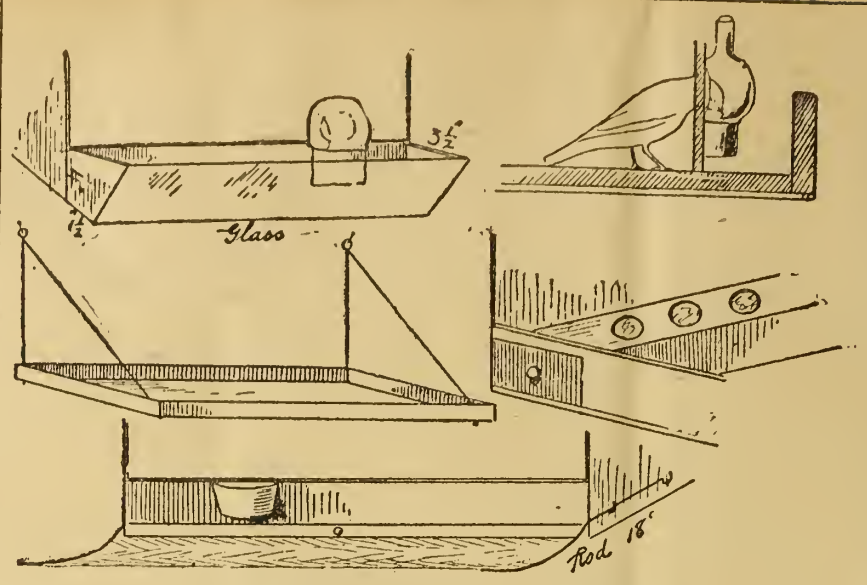
THE S.Y.C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Owing to domestic bereavement, I was unable to take any part in the recent discussion which revolved around the refusal of the S.Y.C.C. to grant its patronage to Plymouth Show—said by some to be due to the fact that I passed certain Yorkies there the previous season for being over-length, but by the club officials to the face that I was "not a specialist judge." It is a pleasure to me to find that in the home of the Yorkshire Canary the views of the Southern Yorkshiremen are apparently not entertained, for the entry of Yorkshires at the recent Queensbury Show (average just under 21 per class) and Rochdale Show (average over 24 per class) seem to point to confidence in my action concerning over-length birds—further than that it would be unseemly for me to say. To thank my numerous friends, and those who wrote CAGE BIRDS on my behalf, must be my last word. C. A. HOUSE.

THE BREEDING OF AFRICAN FIRE-FINCHES.

SIR,—The following details about the pair of birds which you suggest may be African Firefinches may interest your readers. One day I was passing through Southampton and saw a pair of birds in a shop window. They took my fancy, so I bought them. When I got home I let them into our aviary. They are by far the prettiest birds that we have. They had only been here about five weeks when they began to build. They are very sensible birds; for they built in a trehlo fork of a piece of privet exactly under the cover of a piece of linoleum, which had blown on to the top of the aviary. They are always ready and able to defend themselves. They made the foundation of their nest with twigs and small sticks, which happened to be lying about the aviary. Then they went on with pine-needles, which they were especially fond of. After this they lined both top and bottom with moss, which we put in for their use. The first egg was laid on September 10, and one was laid every day before breakfast for four days. At first there were two entrances to the spherical nest. Through one we used to look into the nest; so they closed it up. The birds were hatched on September 24. During the day the little birds kept up a kind of squeaky noise. Both birds sat during the night and part of the day. The little birds have black beaks, instead of red ones, as their parents have, and also whitish wings, which will develop into red. Their vests are a grey and white colour. They took their first flight a few days ago but were back in the nest before dinner. We have been bringing them up on the yoke of hard-boiled eggs, which they seem to relish a great deal.

G. W. PARKER.



To Obviate Litter, etc., on Floors.

AT TOP: Mr. C. Donald's Glass-fronted Trough; Mr. W. Butler's attachment to Sand-tray.
IN CENTRE: Mr. W. S. Brewster' Shelf; "J. B.'s" Seed Trough.
AT BOTTOM: Mr. Scholey's Muslin Net attached to rods fixed on sides of cage.

TO DEAL WITH HUSKS AND WASTE SEED.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent on the above subject, perhaps a little plan I had when keeping birds on the wall of a living-room may, if adopted, be of some use to him. I got a shelf 18 inches wide, made of three lengths of 6 inches tongued and grooved timber. Round this I made a ridging about 2 inches high, and suspended this loose shelf from two nails so that it hung under the cages, and I found that it prevented a lot of the seed, sand, etc., from getting on to the floor. It is very difficult, however, to prevent a little "chaff" from flying about. The wood must be fairly heavy, so that it will hang well. The length of the shelf will, of course, depend upon the number of cages it has to cover. Either brass chains or cord can be used to suspend the cage with; I used the former. I enclose a sketch, which will, I think, explain itself. W. S. BREWSTER.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent "T. C. B.," I forward you a sketch to show the sort of cages my father always uses. All husks and waste seed are caught, and the rooms are kept very clean. The cage is made the same as an ordinary one, only the bottom is cut 1½ inches wider. Then you cut two pieces 4 by 1½ inches, as seen in sketch, and glue them on, but first cutting a channel in the small pieces so that you can run the glass in. The glass should be 4 inches deep and as long as the front of the cage.

CHARLES DONALD.

SIR,—Seeing one of your readers is troubled with his birds throwing husks and waste seed over the floor, perhaps he uses outside seed-boxes. I was troubled the same once, but now I use cages with seed drawers having covers over them, as seen in the illustration. If the birds still throw husks and seeds out I procure a piece of glass that fits from the bottom rail up to the first wire cross-bar, fixing on small hooks to keep it in place. The cover to the seed-drawer fits from front to back of cage, and a few small nails serve to keep it in place. I find this a lot better than shelves, or anything in front of the cages, as these are liable to get knocked off when you are passing. J. B.

SIR,—I am sending you an idea as to how to catch waste seed and husks, as asked for by one of your readers. It consists of a trough fixed to the sand tray (forming part of it) as shown in my sketch. I am using one myself, and I hope it will be of some use to your readers. W. BUTLER.

SIR,—In answer to "T. C. B.'s inquiry *re* the above, you will find herewith a sketch of what I find answers the purpose. Get two stair rods 18 inches long, and bend one end of each to make a hook, which hooks upwards into a staple on cage end and rests on half staple or hook. The staple must be fixed 3 inches from the cage-front and the half staple as near the front as you can get it. Get a piece of art muslin and make a slot in each end to slip on stair rods. The muslin when made should be slightly longer than the cage-front, and 15 inches wide. Always put the muslin on the rods wet and you will find it tight when dry. Two or three small rings sewn on the muslin on the side next the cage, and hooked on under the cage bottom will hold it in position and prevent husks and dirt from flying about. WM. SCHOLEY.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR EXPERIENCED CATCHERS.

SIR,—Will any generous and experienced catcher kindly answer the following questions?:—1. How much slack should be allowed in a new net (square mesh) knitted, 6ft. 9ins. wide and 10 yards long? In other words what length and breadth should they be geared, and what length poles would they take; also which wood is best for poles? 2. What is the most invisible and the most lasting dye to use in colouring them? 3. Where can reliable and unstrotchable lines be obtained for a pull-line and for the top gearing lines? I am told that hempen lines are best. 4. Where can a durable and adjustable hemp seed crusher be obtained? Surely there must be a mill on the market which will grind seed finely or roughly.

AMATEUR.

[As regards question No. 3, we should advise "Amateur" to consult the advertisers of such goods who are using our advertisement columns. It is against our rules to allow recommendations of any particular firm or firms. —EDITOR.]

THE FEEDING OF BRITISH SOFTBILLS AT SHOWS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space respecting the above. As a constant sufferer from this wanton carelessness, I think it is due time something was done in the matter. Only this last week-end I have had two valuable birds returned half-dead, not a scrap of food in the tins, and, what is more, they had actually eaten every bit of biscuit (an unusual occurrence) in their sufferings. I sent a good supply to the show in question, but apparently it was too much trouble to feed them. Now, I think that no show committee should attempt to cater for soft-billed birds if they have not got an experienced fancier to look after them. Personally, I am avoiding shows where they maltreat any birds in this way, and I hope other exhibitors will do likewise. Why don't the show committees get a few mealworms for these birds, as the former are difficult to send with the birds, and it is almost essential they should have them, for neglectful feeding for a couple of days, now that the winter is on us, is almost fatal to these delicate yet sweet and interesting creatures.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

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THE PILEATED FINCH.

SIR,—It may interest Mr. Wesley T. Page to know that I exhibited a Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*) at the 1886 Crystal Palace Show and took first prize! It was far from being a quietly-clad bird, being all over of a claret or port wine colour, the crest being pale crimson. This bird was very small about half the length of those that I have seen since at shows, and which only had the crimson crest. The bird I exhibited I obtained from the late Anton Jamrach, from whom I obtained other rare foreign birds. The little African Lark (*Alanda crassirostris*) I had from him; it won at the Palace in 1884 and 1885. It was a bird of about the same size, and a very interesting and lively songster.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE SAID-TO-BE CHAFFINCH-CANARY HYBRID.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Verrall on the above, I shall be glad if he will answer me the following two questions:—First, his reason for doubting the parentage of the bird? secondly, if he thinks it is quite the right thing to pass his opinion and write about a bird he has never seen. To the best of my knowledge, the bird has been shown five times, getting first prize once, first and special once, v.h.c. once, and wrong classed twice.

W. ANDREWS.

[So far as our own knowledge goes concerning this interesting exhibit, last season, when being shown at metropolitan fixtures by Mr. Dawson and another gentleman, it was either wrong-classed or passed unnoticed by Messrs. J. F. Dewar (we believe), C. Houlton, A. Silver, and G. E. Weston; this season it has been given two firsts by Mr. C. A. House.—EDITOR.]

A NEW ZEALANDER'S TALKATIVE PARROT.

SIR,—Your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, has reached New Zealand—at one time a far cry, but now a hop, step, and a jump. I have read it with much interest, the more so as I have a Parrot, rather a unique specimen in his way, speaking both Maori and English fluently, and Mr. Scott (who receives your paper from home) says he has never heard one speak before. "Cocky" greets every stranger with "Kia Ora" (good luck); and should he be hungry, "Haremai Je Kai" (give me food) is his constant cry till he gets what he wants. "You savage brute" and "Pourangi poli" (mad hat) are some of the things he can say. He can also bark like a dog; so you may imagine he is a never-ending source of amusement to the people in the house. He seems a very healthy specimen, in grand plumage, and I find on referring to your "Parrot Notes" that I am feeding him exactly right—with hemp and Canary, no meat or rich food whatever. New Zealand is not rich in song birds; in fact, we have no native birds with any song. But the Lark, Thrush, Blackbird and Goldfinch have been acclimatised here, and do well, as we have practically no winter. Sparrows breed for nine months in the year, and are here in thousands, but they are useful to keep the insects down. I shall look forward with pleasure to further issues of your paper, and meantime wish you every success.

NEW ZEALANDER.

THE HOOPOE IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Many of our readers have little idea what a beautiful bird the Hoopoe is, it being a very rare British softbill. The one I have has been caged since last April. All that is wanted when a Hoopoe is first taken is plenty of patience to get him to take his food. When this is once done, practically all your trouble is over. Give him an aviary or a convenient cage, so he may have room to stretch his wings. He will repay you for your trouble by showing his crest and plumage off to the best advantage, running to and fro, like a Quail, then flying up and over his perches, then standing up erect like a slim pigeon, with his long bill and beautiful fawn and velvet-tipped crest about 2½ ins. high, which he moves up and down at will. My one never drinks water, and, like a fowl, bathes in dust, which he does during the day and regularly the last thing before going to perch at night time. I have got him so used to me that when I put my head in he will fly to it, a position I thought of having him photographed in, which no doubt would be a curiosity, as it wanted some patience to train him, he being a very shy bird. When he is hungry or frightened, he will call "Caw-caw!" and this being migrating time, I heard him after dark one evening last week, utter his cry, from which he takes his name, "Ho-o-o-po-o-o-e," similar to the sound of the call of a Woodpigeon. I intended to have shown him, but what with the travelling and the chance of something happening to him, after all the trouble, I thought I would keep him in my presence. In addition to my fancy (Norwich Plainheads), for a change I try experiments with some of our rare feathered pets, the more tedious, the more interesting, and the better I like it. A. MALLETT.

WILL MULES BREED?

SIR,—Allow me to thank your correspondent, "The Mongrel," in this, my last letter on the subject, for the information asked for also for the invitation to go and see the birds on a Saturday afternoon, of which I will gladly avail myself. I will let Mr. Shields know by postcard when I shall be able to visit him. I hope the latter gentleman will be spared in health, and his birds also, till the next breeding season, to give them another chance to show that "mules will breed."

T. R. WALLACE.

ARE MULE AND HYBRID BREEDERS OUTSPOKEN.

A Correspondent Thinks They are too "Close."

SIR,—Many thanks for the splendid, outspoken article re the breeding of Norwich Plainhead Canaries, last week. I think it excellent. I am not only writing to you re the above, but also to ask fanciers for more outspoken letters or articles on the breeding of Mules and Hybrids. I have carefully read many articles dealing with Mule and Hybrid breeding, but I feel there are still some facts respecting the same that a good many people will not divulge, but if they were fanciers "to the bone," I feel sure they would not be backward in coming forward, as it were, in helping the novice at the same game, by making that "open confession" which, it is said, is good for the soul.

BERT.

FOREIGN BIRDS AT GRIMSBY SHOW.

SIR,—I regret very much to say that one of the pair of Blue Mountain Lorries which I exhibited at the above show this week has died this evening. This pair of birds have won many first and special prizes, and were extremely valuable to me. I make no comment upon their being beaten by a grey Parrot, but I do say that their cage on its return contained no end of stuff likely to kill any foreign bird. This, no doubt, had been contributed by an intelligent (sic) public, who evdently thought they were monkeys or elephants! I want to know why the stewards or committeemen did not look after this section? Exhibition foreigners cost a lot of money, and a great deal of trouble and time to get them into high-class condition. To find them on returning from a show in such a state is not very encouraging.

BERNARD HOLLINS.

A LOOK ROUND SOME SCOTCH FANCIERS' ROOMS.

SIR,—Being on pleasure bent during the annual holidays recently when most, if not all, working men are released from the arduous labours for one brief week, throughout the middle of Scotland, I thought I could enjoy myself no better than by giving my brother fanciers a call and see for myself how things were going. Generally I make out a list of towns, villages, etc., to be visited, but this year proved an exception, I having no place in particular before me when I went station-wards. However, as luck would have it, a train was ready to start for Edinburgh; so saying to myself, here's "Pat's luck," I got a ticket and found myself in something like an hour's time in "Auld Reekie." Here, again, giving myself to the fates, I found a train ready to start for Galashiels. Think it over in less time than it takes me to write about it, I was again entrained Galawards, arriving there about 10 a.m., en route for Selkirk, where I soon made tracks for that old and respected fancier, Mr. John Pringle, who not only is a well-known Scotch Fancy breeder and exhibitor, but is also well known in the breeding of Norwich. Arriving at a nice little cottage in Curror-street, I had a guid Scotch welcome, and before long proof of such in the partaking of a cup that cheers, with a goodly array of tempting dainties added thereto. Having done ample justice to this, we proceeded to view the stock, which consists of over 20 fancy and about a dozen Norwich Canaries all fairly good birds. I specially took note of a buff hen which stood well, and had excellent shoulders and fine, long neck, supporting a good snake head. She was a fine large bird, and one which will be heard of again without doubt. Then I noticed a yellow pied cock, which had a good angle drive, fine shoulders, and fine thickness throughout. Mr. Pringle also had a yellow hen, which was a nice one, with large size, very young; it promises to be a winner; and another that will be sure to please every fancier's eye. I might say I did not see a duffer in the whole lot, and this is saying much. Now for the Norwich. He has some good Plainheads, specially a nice yellow hen, which for size will take some beating; it is very young, and promises to be a winner. Then he has a Buff cock (an old bird) showing all that is desired in a winner. My next call was on Mr. Maxwell (Laurieston), who lives about two miles from Falkirk. Although not in when I called, I had not much trouble in finding him, and I really enjoyed looking over his splendid collection of Scotch Fancies; it did my heart good to see so many rare birds. Mr. Maxwell was in good spirits, as well he might be, with nearly 50 young birds, and with a few hens still sitting. A nicer lot of young birds one could not desire to see. They were remarkably regular in good points, such as shoulders and drive, and all had well set-up legs. The first I noticed was a yellow-green hen, of really excellent merit. She had extra depth through, and fine side, besides teeming with action. Another, a Buff green hen, was a very neat bird, equal to yellow-green hen in almost every point, a real topper. There can be no doubt these will be heard of again. A buff pied hen also attracted my especial attention. It had nice size, a fine head and neck, and a splendid round back. A yellow-green cock, too, of medium size, and having a good neck and fine ankle drive and good shoulders, also struck me as being a particularly fine bird. Mr. Maxwell has some splendid pied and clear birds, which, although young, promise well. His whole stock bears evidence of having been built up on a good strain, and if these young birds fulfil their early promise they will distinguish themselves. It was quite evident that it was a real pleasure to Mr. Maxwell to be able to show his stock and let them speak for themselves. With commendable wisdom he refrained from passing any remarks, knowing well that his stock needed none.

OLD BREEDER.

BRISTOL FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING SHOW.

SIR,—It has come to my knowledge that the suggestion is made that the Bristol Fanciers' Association, having lost £24 last year and £36 the year before, will not be in a position to pay prize money if this year's show should result in a loss. This is altogether wrong. Last year the members returned enough of their prize money to make up a cash reserve of over £20; further, they joined in a guarantee amounting to more than another £30. In addition to this all the necessary cash to cover the 4th and 5th prizes (specially subscribed), also the cost of the 14 tankards, and other specials, is already in hand. Of course, we cannot battle with disaster for ever, but for seventeen years we have paid full prize money in spite of losses, and we can and will do so again this year. We appeal to exhibitors to show their appreciation by a bumping entry this time. I feel our position ought to be made clear to those who have any doubt, and shall be glad if you can find space for this.

G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec. B.F.A.

HOW BIRDS MAY "EAT, SLEEP AND BE MERRY."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. Hardy's letter on how birds may "Eat, sleep, and be merry," permit me to say I quite agree with him in the first place that birds should be kept free from all draughts as this is the cause of colds, asthma, etc. In the second place, I agree with him anent the over-feeding, and especially the over-crowding of the stock. I always feed my birds on good, sound, Spanish Canary seed, but if I want a change of diet for them, I find it a good plan to give, say, once a week, when moulting, a little mixed seed. I can recommend Hyde's Canary mixture and egg flake combined, for I fed a Goldfinch Mule for 13 years on this mixture. The next thing is in regard to water-vessels. I believe in plenty of fresh water for birds, and in keeping the vessels perfectly clean. I like Parr's earthenware hat-shaped drinker, which in practice I find is even better than glass; and if you devote a little time in keeping your cages clean you are hardly ever bothered with red-mite. My last point is: give your birds a regular supply of greenfood and grit. I can thoroughly recommend to the amateur fancier CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL; it should be in every fancier's hands for there are many pieces of good instruction to be gathered from its pages.

HAWKINS.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Report of Frome Show gives my name as Drage; it should read—W. DODGE (Frome).

You credit Morris with 2nd in Clear Buff class at Battersea last week, but it was my bird that won the honour.—J. HODDER (Banner Street, E.C.).

At the W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Show your reporter describes our winning Yellow Unflighted as "eye-marked." We have always regarded this bird as a Clear. A severe inspection on our part leaves us of the same opinion. Kindly correct.—HOPKINS AND ALLSOPP (Swindon).

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THE SHOWS.

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DERBY.

Derby C.B.C. 51st show took place on Oct. 24 and 26. The St. James's Hall provided capital accommodation for the exhibits. It is lofty and with fine floor space, good light (electricity by night), well ventilated and nicely warmed. The entry totalled over 370, and although falling a shade short of the "Jubilee" entry last year, this deficiency was made up for in quality. The staging of the exhibits had been well thought out, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Between each tier of cages plenty of room was available for visitors to scrutinize the birds with comfort. For this neat arrangement Mr. R. Thesker is responsible. The President is Councillor Jos. Hill, a most worthy and enthusiastic supporter. Chairman of committee is a well-known and hard-working fancier in the person of Mr. J. H. Drakeley, who also acts as treasurer, while the vice-chair is held by Mr. F. Price, another most useful helper. The committee consists of a very willing band of workers, viz.: Messrs. Doleman, Eley, Harrison, Sharman, Holmes, Evans, Hall, Wharman, Colledge, and J. Watts, who carried out their duties well. Mr. W. Stevens acts as secretary, and is "a right man in the right place" without doubt. He is most courteous and obliging, and always busy. Derby are lucky to be possessed of such a good secretary.

The Norwich were a right down good and choice collection, type and quality being in strong evidence. Next came the Crests and Crest-breds, which contained many specimens far above the average run. The birds of "grace and beauty" were a very nice lot, while the Novice Classes provided a few grand birds. The Selling classes provided some bargains, many of which we noticed had been claimed. The members staged some good stuff, and competition ruled exceedingly keen. The Silver Challenge Cup (Members') was captured by Mr. G. Colledge, who staged a fine team of birds. He also took the gold medal offered for the best young grizzle crest, and having won it on three occasions, the same now becomes his own property. Other special winners were: Messrs. W. Vardy, E. Fox, W. Whetstone, King, Brown, Hodgson, Sunderland, Smith, Andrews, Campbell, Dixon, Mellor, J. Bexson, Fullbrook, Lander, Ward, Chick, Henshaw, Hakes, Harrison, and J. R. Hadley. The stewards were Messrs. Drakeley, Hodgkinson, and Bousfield, a fine trio. The judges were Messrs. J. Bexson, J. Robson, and J. H. Roe.

We were informed of two items, one of a most pleasing description, and the other of a directly opposite character. The first referred to the gate takings, which proved to be capital. The cash taken on the Saturday alone almost equalled the whole of the takings for the two days last year, so with anything like a "gate" on Monday, things should come out on the right side. The second item was an intimation of the death of that well-known and highly esteemed fancier (secretary for so many years to Derby Society), Mr. W. H. Bamsey. The severe trial due to his long-standing ill-health, terminated on Sunday evening. Friend Bamsey, as everyone liked to call him, will be greatly missed at future Derby exhibitions, and everyone will tender sincere sympathy to his relatives.

The Canary Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Whetstone, lovely tone of colour, fine substance and shape, A1 feather and carriage, real gem; 2, Nutt, superior quality, nice size and type, grand colour, clean cut; 3, Barwise, good colour and shape, capital feather, not quite so large, yet very bonny; vhc, Vardy; hc, Fox; c, Searle. BUFF (7): 1, Drakeley, well up in size, fine shape and quality, A1 colour, covered with nice frosting, jaunty carriage; 2, Walton and Noakes, all type, smooth as glass, splendid colour and feather; 3, Whetstone, capital feather and colour, good head, neck and chest, well across; vhc, hc, Vardy; c, Dicken. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Fox, marked wings and head, lovely depth of colour, fine shape and substance, clean cut, we liked much; 2, vhc, Whetstone, full of colour and quality, very shapely, nice substance, A1 wings and tail, very close up, ticked wing; 3, Nutt, superior quality, good colour and shape, not quite so thick through, well worth its place; hc, Searle; c, Drakeley. BUFF (9): 1, Fox, marked wing and head, teeming with quality, fine tone of colour, superb shape and size, real gem, Hucknall winner; 2, Vardy, smooth as wax, true type, perfect wing carriage, clean under, must have pressed; 3, hc, Drakeley, almost green, short and thick-set, superior feather; vhc, Walton and Noakes; c, Searle. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Tyler, large cl., capital colour and feather, grand size and shape, A1 carriage, very bonny damsel; 2, Fox, marked back, warm colour, lovely texture of feather, rare shape and substance, quite a charmer, stood 1st Hucknall; 3, Nutt, well up in size, good colour and feather, not far away; vhc, Vardy; hc, Drakeley; c, Daleman. BUFF (7): 1, Colver, cl., good in shape and size, nice quality, capital wing carriage, clean under; 2, c, Walton and Noakes, wing marked, tight as a Java, fine shape and substance, perfect wings and tail; 3, Emery, cl., grand in feather and colour, very shapely, nice size and carriage; vhc, Searle; hc, Dicken; c, Ball and Sons. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Emery, cl., teeming with quality, fine depth of colour, grand type and size, clean sweep; 2, Tams and Son, cl., capital colour and quality, very shapely, nice substance, close on the heels of winner; 3, Searle, cl., good in type and colour, nice feather and size, very promising youngster; vhc, Dicken; hc, Drakeley; c, Pickering. BUFF (11): 1, Tams and Son, marked head, good feather and colour, nicely frosted, capital head, neck and chest, bit loose under; 2, vhc, Vardy, marked wings and head, smooth as a bottle, perfect type, lovely carriage, nice size; 3, Barwise, cl., shapely, rare quality and colour, well up in size, should make up grand; hc, Christian; c, Ball and Son. YELL. CREST (6): 1, Colledge, cl. body D.C., monster, magnificent quality, very shapely, crest round as a rim, delightful droop and centre; 2, Barber, marked wings D.C., nice quality and shape, crest of good shape, neat droop and centre; 3, Wayte, cl. body, grizzle crest, fine quality, nice substance, capital radiation and droop; vhc, King; hc, Stevens; c, Brown. BUFF (13): A good lot; 1, Ley, wing and thigh marked D.C., wonderful substance, abundance of rich feather, magnificent drooping crest, thickly thatched, centre rightly placed; 2, King, almost green D.C., capital leafy feather, good size and shape, crest large and round, good droop and centre; 3, c, Brown, marked wings D.C., very massive, crest of lovely shape, dense, fine centre, another topper; vhc, Piper; vhc (2), hc, Colledge. C.B. (11): 1, vhc, Colledge, buff variegated, a monster, lovely shape and quality, fine width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Piper, buff green, full of quality, good shape, grand head character; 3, King, buff variegated, superior feather, nice shape and size, good head and lash; vhc, Moore; hc, Wayte; c, Rev. S. L. Platt. CREST UNFLIG. (16): Good class this; 1, vhc, Colledge, buff, cl. body D.C., slashing quality, well up in substance, crest of grand size shape and droop, A1 centre, lovely exhibit; 2, Mills, buff var. D.C., capital feather, good shape, crest of delightful radiation and droop, most promising youngster; 3, Smith, marked left wing and thigh D.C., A1 feather and shape, crest of superior leafy feather, round as a hoop; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Ley, Platt; vhc, Mellor. C.B. (11): 1, King, buff green, massively built, showing abundance of feather, rattling rise and width of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Rev. S. L. Platt, buff almost green, capital quality and shape, not so massive as 1st; 3, Ley, yell., almost green, A1 quality, nice shape, good in head character, nice lash; vhc, Monmoth; hc, c, Brown. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Hodgson, thigh tick., slashing feather, nice colour and position, very lengthy, A1 back and flights; 2, hc, Sunderland, fine long drawn bird, capital feather, rare length of flights, well up on leg; 3, Smith, good in type and quality, A1 position, true Yorkie, neck and breast marked; vhc, Cheltenden. BUFF (7): 1, Cheltenden, marked wing, straight as a rush, smooth as a pencil, wonderful length, a gem; 2, 3, Hodgson, thigh tick and marked respectively, both capital length and position, smooth as wax, A1 quality; vhc, Pass; hc, Ducker and Twigg; c, Osborn. HEN (6): 1, York, yell., marked wings and head, magnificent quality and colour, narrow, good length, capital position; 2, Hodgson, cl. yell., lengthy and of grand position, smooth as glass, stands on clever legs, A1 back and flights; 3, Hinchliffe, cl. buff, very stylish and of good position, tight as a Java, rather on short side; vhc, Wortley; hc, Osborn; c, Campbell. UNFLIG. (18): A rare lot; 1, 2, Sunderland, both cl., yell. and buff in the order named, both wonderful length, slim and upstanding, slashing feather, A1 back and wing carriage; 3, Smith, cl. yell., full of quality, good length, stands well, capital wings and tail; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Critchley; c, White. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Andrews, yell., marked shoulder and thigh, superior quality, good length and position, A1 back and wings, nicely folded tail; 2, Campbell, cl. buff, well up in position, capital feather, well on leg, very smart; 3, Proctor, cl. yell., good in feather and position, nice length, close up; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Hubbard; c, Linnell. Nor. (29): Rattling class altogether; 1, c, Dixon, cl. yellow, tight as a drum, beautiful shape, feathered to perfection, was claimed at catalogue price, £5; 2, Walters, cl. buff, short and thick-set, lovely colour feather and frosting; 3, Hawksley, cl. yell., fine bouncing specimen, good shape and colour, grand one for stock; vhc, Dallman; hc, Proctor. CREST (7): 1, Mellor, buff mkd. D.C., good substance and quality, shapely, crest of neat formation and droop; 2, Gopsill, buff, capital feather, nice shaped crest, neat in droop, nice centre; 3, Barber, grey crest, lovely feather, neat in crest properties; vhc, Hallam, Barker; hc, Barber; c, Wharam. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Bexson, couple of good yellow cinnamons, both nice tone of colour, A1 feather; 3, Squires, cl. buff Border, pretty as paint, very shapely, put down in the pink; vhc, hc, c, Pickering.

The Remaining Classes.

MULES, LIGHT (11): 1, Vardy, buff, four-pointed, Goldie-Can., the old warrior, well known; 2, Lauder, yell., marked wings, Goldie-Can., capital feather and colour, nice shape and size, close up; 3, Fullbrook, buff marked, Goldie-Can., well up in substance, capital quality and shape, good 3rd; vhc, hc, Pitt; c, Colton and Dawn; No. 3, Ireland, w.c. DARK (2): 1, Barwise, yell., Goldie-Can., good colour and quality, neat in shape, not over large; 2, Fullbrook, buff, Lincan, well up in size, capital colour, very shapely; No. 1, w.c., Bexson; No. 2, w.c., Ireland. A.O.V. (9): 1, Hingley, Redpoll-Can., fine size and shape, tight as a drum, nice colour, in rare bloom; 2, Summerfield, yell., Greenie-Can., well up in substance, very shapely, fine depth of colour, we liked much; 3, hc, Lauder, Siskin-Can., nice shape and size, good feather, shows parentage distinctly; vhc, Pitt; c, Gopsill. HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Ward, noted Redpoll-Bullie, in fine condition, lovely colour, A1 feather; 2, Miss F. Davies, Chaff-Bramble, good size and shape, nice colour and markings; 3, Fullbrook, Goldie-Bullie, good in size and shape, capital colour; hc, Cooper and Son; c, Colton and Dawn. GOLDIE (10): 1, 3, Tams and Son, former Stoke winner, grand colour, very shapely, lovely face, A1 bars and buttons, gem; 3rd, good shape, nice colour, neat face, bars and buttons; 2, Seal, good size and shape, nicely cut blaze, bonny "proud taller"; vhc, Alton; hc, Pawlett; c, Morgan. BULLIE (9): 1, Chick, fine bold specimen, lovely breast colour, beautiful cut cap, delightful bloom; 2, Harrison, another very charming exhibit, nearly equal to winner, will win many prizes; 3, Henshaw, shapely, little behind in breast colour, grandly cut cap; vhc, Hexter; hc, Tyler; c, Elkine. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Henshaw, Redpoll, fine large bird, lovely colour and shape, beautifully marked, in rattling form; 2, Fullbrook, buff Greenie, well up in size, grand feather, fine colour and shape; 3, Barton, Twite, capital depth of colour, prettily pencilled, awfully neat, well shown; hc, Chick; c, Bamsey. A.O.S. (3): 1, 2, Hakes, couple of beauties, former magnificent Hawfinch, wonderful shape and size, slashing colour and markings, latter handsome Bramble, delightful colour, very shapely, and of excellent ticking; 3, Henshaw, Bramble, well up in size, grand shape, steady as a top, good 3rd; vhc, Seal; hc, Bexson; c, Cooper and Son. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Chick, Redstart, in highest possible condition, lovely colour and markings, shown in fine style; 2, Fullbrook, pretty Gold-crested Wren, in the pink, nicely staged; 3, Hindley, Gale, capital colour, nice size and shape; vhc, Chick; hc, Alton. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Hadley, Eclectus Parrot and pair Barnard Parrakeets, former in grand order, latter not yet up in full colour, yet nice; 3, Stocker, Rosella, in nice order, and well shown. SMALL (8): 1, 3, c, Stocker, praiseworthy team, Scarlet Tanager, Black Tanager, and Gouldian Finch, all in rare feather; 2, vhc, hc, Hadley, pair well feathered Budgerigars, Grass Finches, and Orange Cheeks. SELL. (15/-) (13): 1, Emery; 2, Wigginton; 3, Ford; vhc, Davies, Christian; hc, Johnson; c, Bexson. (30/-) (5): 1, F. Davies; 2, Brown; 3, Johnson; vhc, Dallman; hc, Stevens. MEMBERS' CLASSES: When going over these one could have selected many birds of a very meritorious order, that would have given a very good account of themselves had they been operating in the open section. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Hodgkinson; 2, Bamsey; 3, Drakeley; vhc, Sharman; hc, Johnson; c, Pegg. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Sharman; vhc, Watts; hc, Pegg; c, Evans. VARGT. (10): 1, vhc, Watts; 2, c, Johnson; 3, Pegg; hc, Drakeley. HEN YELL. (7): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Pegg; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Hodgkinson; c, Wharam. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Drakeley; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Bexson. STOCK PAIRS (6): 1, Watts; 2, Pegg; 3, Hodgkinson; vhc, Johnson. CREST YELL. (3): 1, Colledge; 2, 3, Bamsey. DARK BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Colledge; vhc, Mellor; hc, Stevens. A.O.V. CREST: 1, 2, Colledge. C.B. YELL.: 1, Colledge. BUFF (2): 1, Colledge; 2, Wharam. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (3): 1, 3, Drakeley; 2, Bexson.

A Huge Success Scored at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Birds, the Quality, and the Visitors, all There.

Held October 23rd and 24th. Never, we think, in the history of the hobby has such phenomenal success been achieved in so short a time as in this case of the Newcastle Cage Bird Society. Within three years of its birth as a society it has created records with two of its three successive shows. Last year saw over 1,500 entries—nearly double the first year. This year's grand total is over 1,000 entries, and this in the face of the recent extraordinary stagnation of trade. It must be said that the principles of this society make for success. One and all sink personal selfishness, and work for the good of the society and the hobby as a whole. In Mr. Currah they have a most able and efficient chairman and show manager. The committee work like machinery—like one man. The joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, are an ideal pair, who leave nothing to chance. Each of them gets down to his duties, and you see that they are not idlers. Indeed, they have no room for "idlers" in this society. The three-tier staging is here fixed to perfection, and large printed cards, pointing out each section, are hung so that everyone can see at a glance where to find the different varieties. The Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland-road, is a spacious and excellently lighted hall, both day and night, and every bird can be viewed perfectly when in its place. Everything was in apple-pie order, and the harmony which prevailed made everyone's duties pleasant. The birds received every care and attention, and stewards and watchmen were in continuous attendance day and night. The prizes and special prizes offered were most valuable. The show may fairly claim to rank second to none in every feature. The exhibits throughout were excellent, and all sections can claim to have contained some of the tip-top birds of the kingdom. The management of the show was super-excellent; more obliging officials you could not get. The stewards were composed of genuine bird-lovers, and each was to be found carefully superintending his section. The show was splendidly patronised by visitors, and we have no doubt it will turn out a thorough success financially.

Norwich Plainheads opened the programme. There were on view some grand specimens, the classes throughout being splendidly filled, while the quality was of a very high order. The special for best in the section was secured by an unflighted buff, shown by Messrs. Dobinson, a gem in every respect. Cinnamons followed, and here the master hand of Mr. Godley was felt, as he secured all the lots, and also special for best, with his well-known team. Crests and Crest-breds followed, and the competition, as is always the case on the Tyne, was exceedingly strong, all the leading breeders being represented with good exhibits. The bowl winner for best young bird was found in the Crest shown by Messrs. Dobson and Son, a grand youngster in splendid trim, and a very popular win. These gentlemen have now secured this coveted special twice; may they again have the pleasure. Yorkshires were a splendid lot, both for quality and quantity, some toppers being on view—we should say the best show of this variety ever seen in Newcastle. Scotch Fancies, taken all round, were good class exhibits, the special for best in section being secured by Mr. Dobson's yellow cock, a bird of fine size and quality. Borders followed, and were forward in great force, many champions having to "sit back." All the noted breeders were represented. The well-known firm of Duncan and Logan made their debut, and secured three 1sts, and also medal and special for best in section.

The Hybrid section made the best show of these most interesting birds ever brought together in this district. The standard of excellence ran very high right through, the most successful class being a new one provided for "any variety Mule or Hybrid, variegated, to be more than half dark." Twenty-two entries tell how well fanciers appreciated this innovation. The British bird section was remarkable for the high standard of the exhibits, and the very keenest competition prevailed. It would not be fair to here single out any particular birds, except the winners of the section specials. A magnificent Canary-Bullfinch won the special for best in the Hybrid section; a grand Bramblefinch for best Hardbill British; an exquisite Waxwing for best Softbill British; a wonderful old Indian Rock Mynah for best Foreign, and special over the British and Foreign sections.

The members' classes, both Canaries, Hybrids, British, and Foreign were something to remember, both for quantity and excellence of quality. The special for best was secured by Mr. A. Brown's Indian Hill Mynah, staged in fine order. However, we heard one or two interesting comments on this award, for some thought it did not encourage breeders of Canaries or Mules to try and produce good ones when Foreigners were given the preference for special for best in the whole section. The special for best novice members' bird was found in Mr. McKay's Buff Norwich, which was beautifully put down, and is a good all-round exhibit.

Nothing succeeds like success, and we sincerely hope the goodfellowship existing amongst the members will long continue, when even greater results must follow. A first-rate dinner was served which was done ample justice to. The chairman, in well-chosen words, eulogised the members for their unanimity of purpose in working together for the benefit of the society as a whole, and for their untiring efforts to secure the confidence of the outside Fancy generally. The toast of the judges was heartily proposed, and many flattering things said of them. These bashful youths, amidst blushes and tremblings, thanked the members for their kind remarks, but felt that they were perhaps hardly deserved. After a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and officials these pleasantries closed, and all went back to finish their respective duties amongst the birds.

The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy (Norwich), J. Robson (Crests, Crest-breds, and Yorkshires); T. McCreadie (Scotch and Borders), and C. Houlton (Hybrid, British and Foreign), and their awards, on the whole, were very well received indeed.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Dobinson, plenty of size, good rounded body, full face, head, nice wing carriage, neat tone of colour; 2, Waters, rare stamp, fine shape, good head and front, warm tone of colour, inclined to be shade soft; 3, French, grand colour, in lovely order, well put down; 4 and vhc, Pickering and Wright, grand stamp, lovely body, beautifully moulded, fails in head only to winners; hc, Morlor Bros.; c, Stanger and Herdman. BUFF: 1, Dobinson, topper, grand size, lovely order, nice tone of colour, good head, nicely filled on neck, well drawn, rare wing carriage, splendidly staged, good all round; 2, Waters, rare size, beautiful feather, neat head and front, fine carriage, not so well drawn and finished as winner, perhaps; 3, Younghusband, nice full-fronted, grand shape and carriage, not so well burnished in finish as winners; 4, Grey, good all-round exhibit, neat head, fails in depth of body and size, but grandly staged; vhc, Rowell; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Richardson. FRILL. ETC., YELL.: 1, Younghusband, shot ticked, fine colour throughout, full fronted bird, plenty of substance, carries plenty of weight; 2, Waters, hot coloured one, lovely feather, shade long, rather open in front, well staged; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, good feather and colour, fails only in substance to winners, nice wing carriage and head; 4, Wilcock, good carriage, lovely colour, well moulded, nice staging exhibit, worth its place; vhc, Gooley; hc, Scott; c, Stanger and Herdman. BUFF: 1, Foxall, good one, grand shape, lovely warm colour, fine full front, rare head and taper, well put down; 2, Younghusband, strong-fronted bird, immense substance, short, neat feather, fine all-round exhibit; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, nicely feathered, but inclined to be long and plain-looking, well put down; 4, Stanger and Herdman, grand colour, nice full front, neatly drawn, well finished off; 4, Cowling, good shape, nice front and carriage, beaten in finish; vhc, Dobinson; hc, Lawson; c, Pickering and Wright. HEN CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Younghusband, a topper, grand exhibit in tip-top form, rare carriage, fine taper, full and free, A1 head, well staged; 2, Cowling, again good one, fine full front, lovely head, rather low-looking on perches, lacks the face, pose and carriage of winner; 3, Dr. Herd, hot fed one, grand shape, well tapered, rather soft-looking when taking notes; 4, Godley, good substance, neat shape, long in appearance, and fails in finish to winners; vhc, Seeley Bros.; hc, Gardiner; c, Parkinson. BUFF: 1, Waters, grand stamp, lovely finish, rather long looking in flights, shade thin on neck, grand quality of feather; 2, Dobinson, gem, grandly shaped, round as possible, short, sweet, flights and tail in lovely bloom; 3, Grey, well up in size, full of colour and finish, nice exhibit, well staged; 4, Pickering and Wright, good order, fine quality throughout, fails only in neck to winners, nice quality of feather; ex, 4, Lackey, well deserved the extra prize, not so large as winners, but grandly made; vhc, Godley; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Stanger and Herdman. CL., ETC., YELLG. YELL. (33): 1, Haigh and Son, hot fed one, grand tone of colour, very fine style and carriage, lovely balanced wings and a nice front, staged to perfection, well put down; 2, Grey, vargt. hot one, lovely shape, grand body, beautifully tapered off, fails a little in wing carriage to winner; 3, Tweddle, good stamp, fine shape, good quality of feather, fails a little in neck, but neatly headed; ex, 3, Waters, fine type, grand style and colour; 4, Hann, grandly finished, but a shade slimmer got up, beaten in front; ex 4, Jowett, grand size, nice shape in front; vhc, Gardiner; hc, McKay; c, Morlor Bros. BUFF (41): 1 Dobinson, and spl, for best in section, hot one, grand shape all over, neatly rounded head, well filled up in neck, noble, sound, full front, lovely wing carriage; 2, McKay, again a good one, well placed, warm colour, plenty of substance, very nicely drawn, good carriage, plainer in front than winner; 3, Dr. Herd, teeming with quality, neat, fine carriage; ex. 3, Grey, nicely fronted, well drawn, in very fine order, grand weight and colour; 4, Hermiston, rare bloom, plenty of substance, grand baby, beaten on head and wing carriage; ex. 4 and c, Taylor, nice all-round exhibit, well moulded; vhc. Tweddle; hc, Midgley; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Godley. HEN UNFLIG. (42): 1, Waters, warm fed buff, good stamp throughout, nice rounded front of grandly balanced properties, neat wing carriage, well tapered; 2, ex. 3, and vhc, Grey, grand trio, leader romping yellow, grand front, full and well rounded, good head, nice wings, lovely taper; 3, also yellow, plenty of substance, grand stamp, inclined to cross wings, well put down, a credit to owner; 3, Dobinson, good shape buff, fine head and wing carriage, a little plain, but grand bloom; 4, Smith, grand shapely yellow, neatest cut bird in class, good colour and plenty substance, well placed; ex. 4, Haigh and Son, sweet taking exhibit, nicely finished off; hc, Dr. Herd; hc, Richardson; vhc, Hermiston; c, Morlor Bros.; c, Cox. NAT. COL. YELL. (6): 1, Cowling, wins, best shape, plenty of substance, good full front, fine quality of feather, grand back and wing carriage, neat head; 2, Rowell, larger in its body, good quality of feather; 3, Hayes, good, shapely exhibit, slimmer got up; 4, Marshall, good stamp all round, plenty of substance, little rough in feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Mrs. Raine. BUFF (9): 1, Rowell, clear buff, plenty of substance, grand size, will improve yet; 2, Stanger and Herdman, eye tick, grand stamp, but rough in feather; 3 McDonald, well feathered, nice shape, grand carriage, little plain looking, well put down; 4, Stobhart, good size and plenty of substance; vhc, Bates; hc, Walton; c, Park. PAIRS FOR BREEDING: 1, Godley, grandly matched, not too large, correct size, warm-fed yellow ticked cock, nice head, grand clean taper, neat buff hen, fine front and head, shade stronger below than cock, good ones; 2, Hermiston, a vargt. buff cock and yellow hen, nice feather, scarcely so well rounded; 3, Dr. Herd, romping grand quality, yellow cock, and Buff Var hen, cock rather flat-looking on back, but hen well balanced, good-looking pair; 4, Stubbs, better in shape, yellow cock and Buff tick hen, both however inclined to cross wings; vhc and hc, Stevenson; c, McGuiness. CINN. YELL. (6): 1 and spl, 2 and 3, Godley, rare good trio, leader, a gem, wins easily best colour, lovely lacing, rare size, splendid shape, sweet exhibit; 2, also well pencilled, good tone of colour; 3, little thin got up, fails in shape and throat, nice one; 4, Seely Bros., fine shape, good quality throughout, will improve in body; vhc, Winter; hc, Armstrong. BUFF (4): 1, 2, and 3, Godley, again to the fore with three beauties leader best in size and pencilling, others close up; 4, Hermiston, a good all-round bird, nice tone of colour and markings, fails only in finish to winners. CINN. UNFLIG.: 1, Godley, Jonque, fine size, dense colour, lovely pencilling neat head and front; 2, 3 and c, Taylor; 2, hot one, plenty of size, and teeming with colour fails a little in lacing only; 3, nice Buff, well laced; 4, Sanderson, hot Jonque, good one for colour and markings, slim in build; vhc and hc, Winter; c, Taylor. CINN. NOVICE (12): 1, Kirkpatrick, Buff, good solid colour, well laced, fine head and wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, Leach, Jonque, shade slim, but a hot-coloured one, rare depth throughout; 3, Kent, Buff strong made bird, nice colour throughout, fails in flank lacing; 4 and hc, Coollett, good Jonque, romping size, well marked; vhc, Watson; c, Ormaston.

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Mr. Robson's Classes.

DARK CREST BUFF CK. (11): 1, 2, Taylor, dense frontal, grand sided bird, well carried to back, splendid formation, well centred, and beautifully groomed in rare bloom; 2nd, good one, close up, nice side, plenty length of feather; 3, Armstrong, good exhibit, fine length of feather, inclined to be horny in centre; 4, Graham, grand frontal, good centre, fails in side to winner, but good quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Pearce; c, Sutherland. LIGHT CREST (10): 1, 4, Taylor, good one, fine shapely crest, dense feather at back, rare side, coming well to front, splendidly centred; 4th well-rounded top piece, scarcely the length of feather or front and side as winner; 2, Hands, good-fronted bird, comes well down, fails to winner in side, but nicely centred, well laid on; 3, Marshall, again somewhat similar to 2nd, broken in density of feather; vhc, Hands; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Armstrong. LIN (12): 1, Almond, good top piece, nice length of feather, grand quality, slightly broken on one side, otherwise A1, fine exhibit, well put down; 2, Armstrong, good quality of feather, lengthy, inclined to be thin; 3, Lazarus, well laid on crest, dense feather, fine quality; 4, Evins Bros., well rounded, good shapely crest, slightly horny in centre, but coming well down at side and front; vhc, Taylor and Smart; hc, Almond; c, Pearce. C.B. CK. (22): 1, spl, Radley, no error and no mistake, like a Turton in any kindsize front, rare wide entrance, splendid lashing, regular demon in fine condition, wins; 2, Pearce, another hot one, grandly lashed, plenty of it, 3, Hutchinson, very broad entrance, massive skulled bird, worth its place; 4, ex. 4, Taylor, good one, well groomed, grand front, but fails a little at back, neat rounded head, likely specimen; ex. 4, also good, close up; vhc, Marshall; hc, Goulden; c, Armstrong. (15): 1, Taylor and Smart, good one, very nice width of skull, well lashed, dense front, carried well back, nice exhibit; 2, vhc, Taylor, close up, good wide entrance nice skull, well lashed at front; 3rd, also good, fine shaped head, neat lashing, failing in length of feather; 4, Lazarus, sweet exhibit, nice head and lash; vhc, McDonald; c, McColl. CREST, 1908 (19). 1, spl, challenge bowl, vhc, Dobson and Son, leader good one for a youngster, very forward in head gear, nice length of feather coming well to end of beak, nice side, well filled at back, showing to perfection when judged, good quality throughout; 2, Armstrong, well-rounded crest, grand size, good shape; 3, Hands, good, grandly centred, fails a little at side, but lengthy in front; 4, Evins Bros., good clear, bodied yellow, romping size, rare shape, nicely-rounded crest, beautifully laid on, likely exhibition bird; hc, Taylor; c, Radley. G.B., 1908 (16): 1, hc, Armstrong, leader good one, fine full skull, wide entrance, neatly lashed, grand substance throughout; 2, Bewick, close up for head properties, nice entrance and quality, shade thin in lashing; 3, Hutchinson, good all-round exhibit, nicely lashed, good feather, fine back skulled bird, not so wide at entrance, rare bloom; 4, c, Dobson and Son, cushion-headed one, full and free; vhc, Taylor. PAIRS for BREEDING (7): 1, Dobson and Son, pair of flashing variegs. buffs, Crest-bred hen and Crested cock, nicely balanced, fine length of feather on top pieces, grand cut; 2, Taylor, good Crest-bred cock and Crested hen cock a beauty, rare head flash, and hen well packed on head, good 2nd; 3, Armstrong, Crest-bred variegs. cock and Green Crest hen, hen fine top piece, cock shade narrow at entrance but a fine pair; 4, Currah and Sons, clear yellow Crest-bred cock, shade narrow on head to a good shapely Crested hen, well placed; vhc, Bewick; hc, Marshall; c, Marshall. YORKS., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Shackleton, raciest Yorkie in show, great length, fine pose, grand wing carriage, lovely head, easy winner, warmer colour, in rare bloom; 2, Bailey and Swanger, another good one, fine stamp, lovely shape and quality of feather, nice and reachy; 3, Thornton and Brewer, good lengthy bird, fine rib, well drawn, grand colour and order; 4, Stewart, good stamp, nice warm colour, fails in length, very stylish; vhc, Halliday; hc, Radley; c, Wilcock. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Shackleton, leader rare position, fine front, neatly drawn, free from coarseness, grandly-balanced wings, neat tail, rare tone of colour; 2nd, fails in length, not so shapely, in good feather; 3, Dr. O'Neal, rare length, splendid carriage, nice wings, lovely head, well drawn, finished to perfection; 4, Wilcock, nice exhibit, warm tone of colour; vhc, Mather; hc, Parkinson; c, Carr. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, c, Bailey and Swanger, best all over nice length, warm colour, neat front, well drawn, gets well up, very stylish in hand; 2, Walsh, very slimly got up and lengthy, beaten in finish only by winner; 3, Dyson, good lengthy bird, fine quality throughout; 4, Mrs. Dees, again well up in length, but inclined to be thin in front; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Tweedy. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, lanky one, grand position, neat head, good wing carriage, finely drawn inclined to be thin in front; 2, also stylish, warm colour, splendid finish; 3, Stewart, well up, very stylish, slim exhibit, well out and well placed; 4, Radley, lovely-feathered bird, nicely moulded, beaten in length only; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Wilcock; c, Mather. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, Shackleton, very stylish, well drawn, fine position, shows to perfection, in lovely order; 2, c, Stebbings, hot one for style, very lengthy and slim, good shape and well finished off, close up; 3, 4, Bailey and Swanger, 3rd nice head and front, lovely wing carriage, nicely cleaned out below; 4th, stylish, but a shade inclined to draw; vhc, Stewart; hc, Radley; c, Stebbings. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Shackleton, grand mould, beautiful shape, very finely got up, nicely drawn, lengthy, in rare bloom; 3rd, plenty of length, lovely sided; 2, Halliday, again very lengthy, finely got up, rare side, scarcely so well finished but good all round; 4, Stewart, hot fed one grand shape and quality of feather, well put down; vhc, Dyson; hc, Radley; c, Mitchell. YELL. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Bailey and Swanger, in rare bloom, hot-coloured one, fine length, rare position, nice weight, well drawn, neatly balanced in wing carriage; 2, Halliday, nice shape, well drawn, very stylish, lovely showy bird, just fails in front to winners; 3, Bright, lengthy, grand quality throughout, fine pose, neatly drawn; 4, Stebbings, plenty of colour, good position, lengthy, finely drawn, rare sided bird; ex. 4, Thornton and Bower, good shape, fine length and quality beaten in front, inclined to draw; vhc, Wilcox; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Stewart. BUFF (13): 1, Stewart, easy win, grand level colour, rare position, feathered like wax, good front, lovely carriage, very nicely drawn, well staged; 2, Radley, good colour, well forward in feather; nice length, inclined to be horny in appearance; 3, Dyson, nice quality, straight, upright one, fails in front; 4, Carr, somewhat similar to 3rd, scarcely so long, but nice exhibit, well placed; vhc, Walsh; hc, Bright; c, Carr. YORKS. NOVICE (25): 1, Wigglesworth, straight as a gun barrel, fine shower, lovely wing carriage, in rare bloom, well put down; 2, Rule, good one, fine body, rare length and style, broken in colour, well placed; 3, Robinson, good shape, fine quality of feather, slightly open on chest, good style; 4, Grieve, slimly got up, good stamp; ex. 4, Kent, nice quality of feather, very showy, well up in length; vhc, Mrs. Dees; hc, Eaton; c, Atkinson. YORKS. PAIRS (4): 1, Carr, yellow cock and buff hen, grand length, rare position good style, wins on great length; 2, Kent, yell. cock and buff hen, not so shapely as winner, but well matched, nice length, good quality; 3, Leach, and 4, Cowlan, two nice pairs, fine quality, well balanced. SELL. PAIRS, 30/- (10): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Sleonn; 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, Lockhart; c, Livesay and Ainsworth. SINGLE, 20/- (): 1, Boyd; 2, Jowitt; 3, Robson; 4, French; vhc, Ham; hc, Currah and Son; c, Taylor. 15/- (29): 1, French; 2, Pickering and Wright; 3, Currah and Son; 4, McDonald, vhc, Midgley; hc, Cherry.

Mr. McCreadie's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, Dobson, good one, fine top end, grand style, very nervy, good droop, well rounded on shoulders, nice reach, fine drive, grand depth across, 2, Longton, massive bird in rare bloom, grand length of side, good drive and depth across, scarcely so free; 3, Wilkinson, stylish, well up in action, good across, nice length of side, fails in shoulders and drive to winners; 4, Harvey, good all over, free and stylish, nice substance; vhc, hc, Little; c, Chapman. BUFF (9): 1, Dobson, wins, grand substance throughout, rare shape, very stylish, gets to work well, throws itself well back, drives to perfection, good top end, fine quality; 2, Thompson Bros., close up for substance, nice free exhibit, nice length of side, good drive; 3, Cobb, smart exhibit, very free, gets head well forward, good drive, grand shoulders, very stylish exhibit, looks like having had a touch of colour out feed; 4, Patterson, long sided, grand substance, fine depth across; vhc, hc, Little; c, Sloan. MAD. ETC. CK. (11): 1, Patterson, nice buff, good top end, filled back, nice length of side, good drive, very reachy, wins on style; 2, Thomson, stylish buff, fine top end, good drive and length of side, not so compact as winner; 3, Wilkson, strongly got up buff, lost nice length, fails in top end and style; 4, Dobson, good yell., too much Belgian about it, grand substance and top end; vhc, Chapman, good one, rare stamp and shape, soft when judged or would have gone up; vhc, Little; c, Cobb. HEN (17): 1, Willison, good buff, rare style, very free exhibit, nice top end and reach, grand depth, lovely length of side, good one, well placed; 2, Thompson Bros., good yell., stylish, free and showy, lacks depth across of winner; 3, 4, Little, 3rd taking buff, very stylish, good shoulder, nice reach, fine side, not so free in drive as winner, 4th good quality throughout and face, shade smaller; vhc, Craig; hc, Dobson; c, Dixon. SELL. (10/-) (24): 1, Taylor; 2, Pickering and Wright; 3, Barrie; 4, Rowell; vhc, Bates; hc, Smith; c, Davidson and Boyd. BORD. FCY. ETC. YELL. CK. (28): 1, McKenzie, nice one, fine quality feather, warm shade of colour, good head and front, neat wing carriage, A1 taper, well staged; 2, Thomson, rather pale in colour for a cock, stronger in front, nice head, well cut, not so jaunty as winner; 3, Patterson, good stamp all round, fine shape, well moulded, in rare fettle; 4, Hawkins, warm shade, good head, nice wing carriage, lacks position of winners, well placed; vhc, Taylor; hc, Wilson; c, Whittaker. HEN (25): 1, Voy, sweet nice gem, perfect model, lovely weight throughout, neat front well rounded and tapered, grand wing carriage, graceful pose, showy as possible, the only fault shade flat on top of head; 2, Gilchrist, paler in colour, an eye tick and an eye-opener for quality of feather, regular swell; 3, Patterson, grand bodied bird, neat carriage and position, shade stronger; 4, Young, nice quality throughout, good shape, fine bloom; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Heddoe; c, Bennet. BUFF CK. (23): 1, Patterson, lovely shape, round as possible, beautifully drawn, rare head, grand wing carriage, fine tone of colour; 2, McKenzie, again nice tone of colour and A1 carriage, not so upright in position as winner, good one; 3, Duncan and Logan, good exhibit, fine position, grand quality of feather; 4, Wilson, paler in colour and shade stronger got up, good; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Bennet; c, Hawkins. BUFF HEN (25): 1, Duncan and Logan, grand position and feather, good wing carriage and back, neat head, nicely drawn, rather heavy in front; 2, Thompson, nice exhibit, very upright in appearance, inclined to be plain looking, in grand bloom; 3, 4, Gilchrist, 3rd a gem for shape, grand weight, lovely body, grand round head, fine filled neck, 4th clinking wing tick, about best feathered bird in show, like wax; vhc, Patterson; hc, McKenzie; c, Wilson. EVEN MKD. (20): 1, 3, Patterson, 1st grandly balanced buff for markings, lovely eyes and wings, beautifully cut, in fine bloom, 3rd rinn. yell., good wings, nice stamp; 2, Gilchrist, buff, finely balanced eye and wings in good order, shade strong in build but well moulded; 4, Meekley, nice yell., good eye and wing markings, good quality of feather; vhc, McKenzie, noted winner; hc, Currah and Son; c, Whittaker. UNEVEN BUFFS (23): 1, medal, and 2 spls, Duncan and Logan, win with something in hand, gem in every respect, grand position, rare wing carriage; 2, Gardiner, nice size, good quality of feather; 3, Thompson, grand quality throughout, stylish, well got up; 4, Brown, rather harsh looking in feather, good moulded Bord.; vhc, Young; hc, Patterson; c, J. Young. UNEVEN YELL. (19): 1, Duncan and Logan, very stylish exhibit, good head, tip-top wing carriage, grand feather, well staged; 2, Taylor, nice body and head, well drawn, good quality throughout; 3, Brown, nice shape, grand feather, wee shade stronger in front; 4, Hay, very neat, grand size again; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Meekley; c, Hopper Bros. GREEN OR CINN. (16): 1, 2, McQuillan, pair of real tip-top Bordens, splendid shape, perfect in mould, teeming with quality, leader deep grassy-green, free from superfluous colour, lovely pencilling, finely toned down, 2nd similar in build but not so solid in colour, inclined to be a shade bronzy on wings; 3, Bennet, noted winner, looking as fit as ever, rare type but beaten in lacing and ground colour to-day; 4, Thomson, another noted Scotch face, darks on back a shade; vhc, Thomson; hc, Hadwin; c, Hawkins.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

BRITISH SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, c, Taylor, real fine yell. Siskin Canary, cheap, nice size, deep level colour and markings, in fine feather and condition; c, nice Bramble, rather dark; 2, Montague, pretty Redstart, medium size, in light condition; 3, Bates, nice Missel Thrush; 4, vhc, Maddison, good spangled Brumble, in nice condition; hc, Davidson and Boyd; Bramble in grand condition. CL., ETC., HYB. (9): Grand class containing clear Gold Can., nearly clear Siskin Can., Can. Bullfinches, etc., all in superb condition, and hard to separate; 1, vhc, Duncan and Logan, first, wonderfully large Canary-Bullfinch, grand shape, deep level colour, capital markings and condition; vhc, clear Gold Canary, medium size, nice quality, and condition; 2, 3, hc, Jackson and Bond, grand trio; 2, nearly clear yellow Siskin-Canary, grand colour and quality, nice cobby type, tight condition, said to be the noted light Siskin-Canary bred in Scotland, last year; 3, old champion, big clear Gold Can., late Colton, Williams, etc., hardly yet up to his usual high standard condition; hc, well known, fine Canary Bullfinch, late

Williams, etc., c, Coney, smart Bramble-Chaffinch, in good plumage; 4, Maddison, last year's Challenge bowl winner, still Siskin-Canary, now almost clear, rare and yellow very close, a couple of very promising young Goldie-Bullies, could not get in the breasts here, although fit to win in ordinary Hybrid classes. CRESTED, ETC. (10): Strong class of good birds: 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, coronated light Linnet-Canary (Lace Williams's), all champion form, 2nd, exceptionally large deep coloured yell. Gold Canary, lightly marked wings and cheeks, grand blaz., bloom and finish, 3, very fine yellow Siskin-Canary, marked head and nape of neck, smart type, lovely colour and condition; 4, Dixon, eye, wing and cheek marked large buff Gold-Canary; vhc, Bruce, very small lightly vigt. Linnet-Can., buff, tight shape, feathered like wax; hc, Maddison, very pretty smaller vargt., yell. Gold Can., c, Johnson, big buff Gold-Can., A1 condition, several other good light Linnet, and light Goldie-Can., in this class. DARK, a new feature, and this brought out a fine entry of 22: 1, Duncan and Logan, heavily mottled Linnet-Canary, great size and shootsmee, feathered like a Java, and a wonderfully fine active form and condition; 2, Dixon, heavy var., Greenfinch-Canary in splendid plumage, nicely fed, rare shape and quality, 3, Coney, very large heavy var., Gold-Can., in grand feather, colour and condition; 4, Bruce, fine Linnet-Can., heavy var., A1 weight, tight feather and condition; vhc, Howe, wing and tail foul, Siskin-Canary, grand colour, shape, and condition, hc, Hingley, very big var., Greenfinch-Can.; c, Maddison, fine rich coloured yellow Gold-Can., pea-throated, which entitled it to compete here, grand feather and condition. DARK, GOLD ETC. (13): 1, Duncan and Logan, very bright coloured yeh. Gold Can., cobby shape, very smooth in feather and condition; 2, Laidlaw, grand size, rare coloured yell. Linnet-Can., in splendid feather and condition; 3, Patterson, very large yell. Gold-Can., larger and longer than first, big deep blaze, good markings, rather dull in colour; 4, Coffey, very fine buff Linnet-Can., beautiful even feather, in fine glossy condition; vhc, Slack, very fine yell. Gold Can., rare shape and feather; hc, Ronald, smart medium-sized buff Gold Can.; c, A. D. Duncan, Linnet-Canary. A.O.V. DARK (12): 1, Walsh, very cobby, tight feathered, buff Greenfinch-Can., grand shape and carriage, good satin gloss, showing well, 2, Johnson, grand yell. Siskin Can., markings and condition a treat, 3, Maddison, yell., Greenfinch-Canary, nice size, grand colour and condition; 4, Cherry, very good Siskin-Can., just beaten in all round merit; vhc, Dixon, Greenfinch-Canary, beaten in bloom and condition today; hc, MacPartling, rather fiery Twite Canary, good markings; c, Gardiner, Greenfinch-Canary, neat feather and condition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, McMurdo, Bolton winner, in very bright colour, blaze well up, clean cut, fine moons and bars, well tanned body; 2, Hurst, very fine Finch, grand deep body colour, big, well-cut blaze, nice moons and bars, hardly fit; 3, D. Duncan, A1 shape, grand blaze, moons and bars, time ought to make smart bird; 4, Axe, very tight, grand moons and bars; vhc, hc, Maddison, smaller and compact, wants a little more conditioning; hc, fine big bird, lost moon on one wing; c, Robson, long slim Finch. BULLFINCH (11): 1, McDonald, fine cobby shape, deep level breast colour, ovely blue cheek, good broad cap and bars, grand quality carriage and condition; 2, Chick, fine dark cap wings and coat, bright in colour and bloom like a peach, first has it in neat outstanding contour only; 3, Laidlaw, very chubby, grand cap, wings and tail, well shown; 4, vhc, Walsh, smaller, grand bloom, massive head and broad cap, fine feather all over both; hc, Raine, nice shape and condition of feather; c, Allison, smaller, grand colour and condition. LINNET (27): A red-hot class; 1, Brown, very cobby and fiery-coloured, capital head, broad shoulders and chest, well marked, very glossy in condition, wins hard fight for 1st; 2, Maddison, bouncing long bird, grand feather, markings, and condition, not so hot in colour as 1st, but grand within; 3, vhc, Walsh, former, very fine in shape, colour, size, markings and tight condition; vhc, grand colour, hardly so showy; 4, Pickles, largest in class, but soft in condition when notes were taken at judging time, grand all round when tighter in condition towards night ext a 4, hc, Dunn; two fine birds for shape, colour and markings; c, Duncan, fine, smart condition and markings. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Walsh, magnificent size, colour shape and quality, in very neat feather and condition; 2, Hurst, very grand feathered buff, in pink of feather and condition, well shown; 3, Howe, fine condition, grand head on good body; 4, Coffey, grand head and neck, just beaten in body shape a little; vhc, Pickles, good body, nice colour and condition; hc, McVay fine shaped buff; c, Trotter, fails in condition. SISKIN ETC. (19): 1, Walsh, cobby Twite, grand chest, rich markings, good colour, fine head, rare condition; 2, Slack, grand Mealy Redpoll, great size, remarkable feather and condition, 3, Waters, smart, well-marked Siskin, small, but grand cap, bib, markings and condition; 4, Maddison, magnificent length, capital dark markings; vhc, Reeks, fine Lesser Redpoll; hc, Simpson, another good Twite; c, Shepherd and Sons, fine natural coloured Siskin. BRAMBLE ETC. (18): 1, c, Chick, marvellous pair of Bramblefinches, first great size, grand markings, spangle, colour and condition, A1, takes spl for best hardbill British; 2, Livingstone, very massive Chaffinch, good colour, fine head, nice lustrous bloom; 3, Hurst, very grand Bramble for spangle, colour and condition, slightly heaten in size; 4, McVay, rare-conditioned Chaffinch; vhc, Coffey, fine big Bramble, well spangled, duller and paler in colour, but fine feather and condition; hc, Sokell and Binks, smaller, but nice feathered Chaffinch. HEN FINCH (17): 1, 4, Chick, Hawfinch, named "Queen," certainly a type of perfection in every form and feature to-day; 4, Siskin, grand size and markings, and condition perfection; 2, McVay, exceedingly fine hen Bramblefinch, magnificent plumage, pretty as paint; 3, Davidson and Boyd, equally fine hen Bully in splendid condition; vhc, Slack, another smart hen Bramble, smaller, but grand condition; hc, Kent, large, nice feathered Goldie; c, MacPartling, very fine Greenfinch, A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Chick, Hawfinch (Midland Chief), and Massive Corn Bunting, respectively, both looking in tip-top form; 2, Laidlaw, very large yell. Bunting, rich colour, heavy head markings, nice and steady, tight condition; 4, Howe, another fine Hawfinch, beaten in bloom and finish of condition; vhc, Bruce, very smart prim Corn Bunting, hardly so large, otherwise equally good; hc, Wilcock, long slim Yellow Bunting, beaten in head markings; c, Waters, another very good Hawfinch, nice size and condition. NOVICE A.S. FINCH (12): 1, Locker, Bramble, fine shape, good spangle and neat condition; 2, Markwell, buff Greenfinch, grand condition; 3, Atkinson, rare good shaped Linnet, nice markings, and condition; 4, hc, Bertram, Bramble and Greenfinch; vhc Hubbock, very fair Goldie; c, Bramble. THRUSH ETC. (2): 1, Bruce, grandly spotted large Song Thrush, fine size, bright body colour, very steady, glossy condition, well shown; 2, Laidlaw, dense coloured Blackbird, grand eye and beak, tight condition, not a giant, but an elsewhere; 3, Widdamson and Hawkins, fine big upstanding prominely spotted Starling, grand feather, lustre not an up yet, steady, 4, Bates, smoother fine Thrush, just beaten in shape and spotting a little; vhc, Slack, very deep lustre, sunn spotting, nice condition Starling, like a new face in a cage; hc, McGuin; c, Wilson, both Thrushes. A.O.S. LARGE (5): 1, 2, Howe, cases spl for best Seedeater, exquisite Waxwing, fine all round Missel Thrush, in fine feather; 3, Crockatt, very large Waxwing, not quite so deep in colour or tight feathered as former, 4, Bates, Missel Thrush, not quite so perfect in tail feathers as former; No. 3, absent. SMALL SOFT (9): 1, Hingley, very tight conditioned and grand Wryneck, nicely shown, little depth of colour and more size would do it good; 2, Duncan, very large tight-feathered Nightingale, in faultless feather; 3, Forster, very fine steady Wheatear, shown in tip-top condition in rather too small a cage; 4, e, Bertram, most lovely Whinchat, medium size, tight feather and condition, fine Grey Wagtail, well shown, vhc, hc, Walsh, smart Whitethroat, good Cock, latter beaten in size by 2nd. LARK ETC. (7): 1, McVay, large Skylark, tight as wax, A1 chest, stands like a soldier, well shown; 2, Laidlaw, remarkably fine Pipit in perfect form; 3, King, good smaller Skylark, in splendid condition; 4, Howe, another Pipit, only beaten in size, grand condition; vhc, Allaway, largest Skylark, but not the tight full chest of others; hc, Walsh, Pipit, still smaller; c, Bage, good Skylark. PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, Snoddon and Thompson, Eclectus hen, in fine feather and coloration, barely so grand as a year yet; 2, Alexander, massive Alexandrine Parrakeet, in tight feather, good tail and wings; 3, McDowell, fine grey Parrot, in perfect plumage, well cared for; 4, vhc, Mackenzie, very neat Redrump, and grand feathered Pennant, both clean and well shown; hc, Robson, yellow-fronted Amazon, in good condition; c, Harris, fine Scarlet Macaw, bit out of feather at present. WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, Howe, grand trio in tight condition, pears, Nutmeg Finches, Green Avadavats, and Diamond Sparrows, all well shown, 4, Patterson, pretty Combasson; vhc, same owner, nice orange-cheeked Waxbill; hc, Elliott, good little Zebra Finch; c, Nicholson and Son, good pair of white Javas. A.O.S. SEED ETC. (15): 1, Pickles, grand Crimson Finch, in splendid condition; 2, Mackenzie, splendid tight Red-headed Gouldian, shown pretty as paint; 3, Porteous, equally well shown Parrot Finch, all three real gems; 4, Reeks very pretty Rufous-tailed Grassfinch; vhc, McDonald, very fine Bullfinch; hc, Parkinson, good Crimson Finch, lost feathers round eye cere; c, Mc Gurk, fine Foreign Goldie. A.O.S. (7): 1, Brown, grand Indian Mynah, wins spl best Foreign and other specials, in splendid trim, shown well; 2, Pickles, very rare Maroon Tanager, in faultless feather, runs well up for first place; 3, hc, Nicholson and Son, grand Shama and Festive Tanager, both in fine condition; 4, vhc, c, Taylor, superb Violet and Tricoloured Tanagers, all in very prim show form.

(Owing to severe pressure on space the awards in the members' classes have been held over.—EDITOR.)

ACCRINGTON.

Accrington and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual open show on October 23rd and 24th, in the Assembly Rooms, Central Conservative Club, which is an ideal room for the purpose. Entries came up well totalling about 480. Norwich occupied the foremost position, being the Club Show of the N.P.C., and competition was very keen throughout the whole section, birds ablaze with colour, well up in size, magnificent shape and teeming with quality being the order of the day. Mr. Trengove won the gold medal for best bird in champion classes with his clear Buff, a bird which was a general favourite. He also won special for most points in the Norwich section. Mr. W. P. Hills won the gold medal for best bird in amateur section, with his clear Buff, the Toronto medal for best bird opposite colour to the amateur gold medal winner being won by Mr. E. Sutton. The other specials given by the N.P.C. were won by Messrs Trengove, Seed, Midgley, Raynes and Dent in the champion classes, and by Messrs. Sutton, Oliver, Leeming Brothers, and Smith in the amateur classes. Yorkshire classes both champion and [illegible] many noted exhibitors staging rare teams, the principal winners being [illegible] Sutcliffe and Son, Broughton, Fowler and Langley. Mr W Broughton won special for most points in this section. Messrs. Godley, Dormer, Riding, Beck and Walsh put down some exceptionally good birds in the Cinnamon classes. The A.O.V. class was won by Mr. H. Riding with a clinking good Cinnamon. British and the Foreign classes contained some really charming and rare feathered exhibits, many noted winners being amongst them, including Mr. Walsh's Goldfinch, Mr. S. W. Birchley's Bullfinch, Mr. W. H. Pickles' Linnet, Mr. J. Walsh's Hawfinch and Wagtail, and Mr. A. Burrows' Tonracco. The secretary, Mr. J. W. Philpott, deserves every praise for the very capable and obliging manner in which he carried out his numerous duties. Accrington Society ought to be proud of their secretary, and he was well supported by a hard working committee, consisting of Messrs. Dormer, Wade Trengove, Taylor, Haydock, Walsh, Fergusson, Rooney, Croston, Godley, Almond, Riding, Haworth, Nuttall, R. Seed, T. Seed and others. Messrs A. G. Davis and H. W. Potter judged the cards and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Norwich Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL (8): 1, vhc, spl, Blackhurst, grand size, red-hot colour rare shape and quality; 2, spl, for best second Trengove, grand shape and quality, good head, and rare colour, close up; 3, spl, for best third, Seed, grand shape and size, fine quality and carriage, nice colour; 4 spl, for best fourth, Midgley, nice quality and colour, shade slack in wings; hc, Hirst, fine shape and quality; c, Raynes. BUFF (14): 1, two specials and gold medal for best bird in champion section, Trengove, a gem, grand shape, extra quality, good colour nice size, wins well; 2, and Ramsden's medal, Seed, well known "Little King II." grand bird; 3, Raynes, grand shape and quality, nice colour; 4, Blackhurst, big bouncing bird, nice colour, little behind in quality; vhc, Godley, big fine hot-coloured bird; hc, Dent, nice shape and quality; c, Iscott. TKD, ETC. YELL (8): 1, spl, Cook, slight grizzle on wing, grand shape and quality, red-hot colour, good size, real good one; 2, Mercer ticked back of head, beautiful quality and colour; 3, Irons, thigh ticked, wonderful shape, rare colour, all front, very close up; 4, J. and J. Honkins, variegated, well placed; vhc, Trengove, thigh ticked, grand head, neck and chest, good quality and colour; hc, Seed, red-hot, thigh ticked; c, Blackhurst. BUFF: 1, 3, spl Evans, leader ticked back of head, grand short, thick-set bird, extra colour and quality, a gem; 3, well known "Sign of the Cross" wonderful bird; 2, Trengove, marked eyes and wing, hot colour, grand shape and quality; 4, Wade, eyes and wings marked, lovely shape, nice colour; vhc and spl, for best vhc, Raynes, thigh ticked, splendid shape and quality; hc, Seed, grizzle tail, nice colour; c, Braycroos. CLR. CNRLIG. (11): 1, 3, spl, Trengove, leader slight grizzle on neck, well staged, grand shape, and quality, rare head, neck and chest, nice colour; 3, clear, red hot colour and good quality, hardly as cooly as leaders; 2, Sandiford's spl, Cook, clear, Bolton winner, grand Norwich all through; 4, Eckersley, ticked back of head, beautiful quality and shape, good colour and size, close up; vhc, Snore, clear, capital size and shape, well worth its place; hc, Lingard and Baker, clear, all there for quality and shape; c, Haythurst, good colour and quality. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Godley, big, bouncing clear, grand shape, colour and quality; 2, Eckersley, marked neck, grand shape and quality, beautiful colour; 3, Braybrook, marked neck, rare quality, good size and colour, fine head, neck and chest; 4, c, Mercer; 4, marked back of head, again grand shape and size, very rich in colour; vhc, Tweddle, clear, rare body, grand colour, good [illegible] Dent, nice clear. UNFLIG. HEN (19): 1, spl, Lingard and Baker, grizzle on head, yellow, beautiful shape, extra quality, good colour, nice size; 2, Unwin, clear Buff, full of shape and quality, good colour and meal; 3, Mercer, wing marked, yellow, another nice hen, superior type and quality; 4, hc, Trengove, 4, clear yellow, grand shape and quality, nice size and colour; hc, marked neck, grand young hen; vhc, Midgley, extra hot coloured yellow, good quality; c, Snore, grizzle root of tail, good hen. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Trengove, slight tick over eye, rare size and shape, superior quality and colour, all front, a clinker; 2, Eckersley, clear, grand shape and quality, nice size and colour; 3, Blackhurst, clear, fine head, neck and chest, nice silky feather and good colour; 4, Cook, another grand clear, teems with quality, well up in size, Bolton and Burnley winner; vhc, R. Seed, marked face, saddle and wings, nice size and quality; hc, T. Seed, clear, good hen, shade long; c, Howe. BUFF (14): 1, Evans, clear, a beauty, extra quality, good colour and meal, rare shape, all front, one of the best; 2, 3, spl, Hicks, 2, another clear, clear, feather like wax, grand shape, best of wings and tail; 3, variegated, lovely shape and quality, good colour, hardly as chubby; 4, Hirst, grizzle neck and wing, fine shape, quality and colour, good hen; vhc, Trengove, old eye marked hen; hc, Lightbown, grizzle on head, nice shape and quality; c, Cook, dark tail. NAT. COL. YELL. (6): 1, 4, spl, Winter, 1, cap and wing marked, rare colour and [illegible] grand quality and size; 2, J. and J. Hopkina, variegated; 3, Trengove, variegated, grand shape, size and quality; 4, heavily variegated, extra shape and quality; vhc, Raynes, clear, grand shape, nice size and quality; hc, Seed. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Irons, grizzle root of tail, grand size and shape, good quality, might be neater in wings; 2, Martin, clear, plenty of size, capital shape, and quality; 3, Seed clear, good head, neck and chest, nice quality; 4, vhc, Winter, two capital birds, both grand size and quality; hc, Blackhurst, variegated, bird of grand quality; c, Raynes. AMATEUR YELL. (19): 1, Sterling, slight grizzle on shoulder, magnificent shape, good head, fine colour and quality; 2, Toronto medal for best opposite colour to gold medal winner, spl, for best amateur, Sutton, grizzle root of tail, good bold chest, grand [illegible] for best vhc, Oliver, 3, clear, plenty of size, nice colour and type, inclined to cross wings; vhc, variegated quality and colour; 4, Anderton, marked head neck and wings, a gem for size, shape and colour; hc, Barnes, clear, rare feather and colour; c, Fowler, good bold, thick-set bird. NORWICH AMATEUR BUFF A.V. (19): 1, spl, and gold medal for best bird shown by an amateur, Hills, a clear, probably a mistake, as it [illegible] opinion there were better birds in its own class, independent of the other first prize winners in the amateur section, containing a nice sort of bird, but nothing striking about it; 2, Lucas, clear, good size and quality, grand head, neck and chest; 3, Lees, clear, superior quality and shape, good carriage, [illegible] colour, many thought it should have won; 4, spl, for best 4th in amateur section, Leeming Brothers, variegated, excellent size and shape, grand quality good bird; vhc, Anderton, grizzle back of head, good colour, and quality, inclined to drop tail a little; hc, Barnes, beautiful type and quality; c, Waddington. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1 spl, Nuttall, tkd. back of head, and nillcent size quality, lovely colour and size; 2, Waddington, bouncing clear, good quality and colour; 3 Crimes, another good big clear, nice quality and colour; 4, Coupe, clear, grand quality and colour, hardly the type; vhc, Sutton, clear, full of true Norwich properties; hc, Almond, another very nice clear; c, Riseley, a grand class this. BUFF (28): 1 spl, Huggins, clear, stormer, wonderful size, magnificent colour, slashing quality, well selected, many fancied for gold medal; 2, Deverill, clear, rare front and substance, beautiful colour, grand quality; 3 spl, for best 3rd in amateur section, Oliver, another clear, gem for type, colour and quality; 4, W. E. Seed, clear, fine quality and colour, worth its place; vhc, Lees another very similar bird, superior colour and quality; hc Unwin, nice type and quality; c, Riseley, real good specimen. A hot lot. HEN (35): a marvellous class: 1, spl. Lucas, clear yellow, magnificent quality, extra shape, grand head, neck and chest, all front, the correct stamp; 2, c, Huggins, 2 clear Buff, beautiful quality, nice size, rare shape, good colour, bonny hen; c, another very nice clear Buff; 3, Waddington, beautiful clear yellow, type, quality, and colour all there; 4, Nuttall, grand clear Buff, nice quality, and meal good type and colour; vhc, Grey, ticked back of head, fine shape and quality; hc, spl, for best hc in amateur section, Smith, variegated, Buff, grand size, shape and quality. CINN NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, hc, spl, Godley, leader good colour and size plenty of substance, nice quality; 3, good quality and shape, rather paler in colour; 2, vhc, Dormer, grand quality and type, sound, rich colour and good size; 4, spl, for best yellow Cinnamon, Riding, rare shape and quality, capital size and colour. BUFF (7): 1, 2, c, spl, Godley, 1, grand size and sound colour, true Norwich shape, good quality, grand one; 2, another clinking specimen, close on heels of winner; 3, spl, for best Buff Cinnamon, Bentley, excellent size and shape; 4 vhc, Dormer, rare colour, size and quality; vhc, Riding, good bird. HEN (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, and spl, Godley, grand team, all possessing type, quality, size, and colour; 3, Bentley, grand yellow, sound rich colour and good quality; 4, Dormer, Buff, Great Harwood winner, correct shape, grand colour and quality; c, Riding, grand yellow. CINN. UNFLIG (5): 1, 2, spl, Dormer, both grand birds, rare colour and quality, grand type and size; 3, 4, Godley, 2, good Buff; 4, rattling yellow; vhc Fowler. YELL. CINN. NOR NOVICE (6): 1, spl, best bird shown by novice, Beck grand colour and quality, nice size and shape; 2, 4, spl, Roberts, two clinking good Cinnamons; 4, hardly so chubby; 3, Heys, grand colour and shape, nice size, close up; vhc, Croston; hc, Hills. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Walsh, good, rich colour, grand head, neck and chest, good one; 2, Beck, rare shape, and colour; 3, Hills, grand shape and colour; 4, Roberts, grand shape and quality; vhc, hc, Heys; c, Croston.

The Other Sections.

CREST OR C.B.: cancelled. YORK. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Hirst, long, well drawn bird, grand shape, well up on leg, beautiful quality and colour; 2, Lane, plenty of size, [illegible] well up, fine quality; 3, Wilkinson, grand length and style, rare position and quality; 4, Foden, long, well drawn bird; vhc, Wilson, very fine Yorks.; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Fitton. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Lane, excellent length, smooth as glass, straight as pencil, a gem; 2, Broughton, grand quality and length, fine back wings, tail very straight and stylish; 3, Wilson, teems with quality, beautiful shape, well up on leg; 4, Hirst, long, slim, typical bird, grand quality and position; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Bullough; c, Fitton. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Whiting, marked side of head, wonderful length, feathered like wax, one of the right sort; 2, hc, Binns, gem all over, ticked on head, shines like silk, stands well up, nice colour and length, well shown; 3, Broughton, ticked on cheek, very slim, straight as a pencil, beautiful back, wings and tail; 4, Cuthbertson, grand, long, raking bird; vhc, c, Hirst. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, grizzle cap, magnificent length, beautiful quality [illegible] correct type, grand wings and tail, real good one; 2, Wilson, grizzle on head, grand shape and position, exquisite quality; 3, Whiting, head and wings marked, nice length, capital shape and style, well worth its place; 4, Wilkinson, ticked head and wing, another bunny bird, full of quality, splendid carriage and position; vhc, hc, Broughton, two clinking Yorks; c, Binns. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Lane, clear, magnificent quality [illegible] like wax [illegible] position, nice size, beautifully moulded, a gem; 2, Cuthbertson, grizzle on head, type, quality and colour perfection, grand hen; 3, vhc, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, couple of rare birds, brimful of quality and style, clear and thigh ticked respectively; 4, Broughton, long, stylish, clear, nice head, wings and tail; hc, Wilkinson, grizzle cap, bonny bird; c, Hirst. Grand class of hens. BUFF (9): 1, 3, spl, Broughton, 1, cheeks and wing marked, a beauty, nice size, beautiful type, grand quality, not a feather out of place; 3, tick on cheek, another gem for shape and quality, fine length, position and colour; 2, Cuthbertson, clear, straight as a rush, grand back, wings, and tail, very sweetly moulded; 4, Foden, clear, grand length and quality, nice size, hardly so clean in front; vhc, Hirst, slight tick on neck, grand length and quality; hc, Wilkinson; c, Lane. NOVICE YELL. YORKS (7): 1, spl, Fowler, long, stylish, clear yellow, wonderful quality, nice position; 2, Langley, clear rare length, stands well up, grand quality and carriage; 3, hc, Bretherton, clear, grand shape, trifle smaller; 4, Haworth, long, hot coloured clear, good quality; vhc, Nuttall; c, Collinson. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Langley, wing mkd., grand length and style, stands like a guardsman, good wings and tail; 2, McDade, clear, nice length and quality, good position and type; 3, Crossley, another clear, grand quality, beautiful colour; 4, Bretherton, very similar to third, but hardly so full in neck; vhc, Nuttall; hc, Wright; c, Anderson. YELL AND BUFF: cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, vhc, c, spl, Riding; 1, foul Buff Cinnamon, grand shape, size, and colour; 2, Fitton, slashing Lancashire coppy, any amount of size and feather, neat coppy; 3, vhc, Martin; 3, yellow green Bord, lovely type and feather; 4, Walsh, Scot. Fey nice size and quality. SELL (30/-) (8): 1, spl, Howe, pair Norwich; 2, Proctor, pair Yorkshires; 3, Bentley, pair Norwich; 4, Godley, pair Cinnamons; vhc, Howarth; hc, Hirst; c, Riley. (20/-) (18): 1, spl, Bullough, Yorkshire; 2, Godley, Buff Norwich; 3, Binns, Yorkshire; 4, Greenwood, pair Yorkshires; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Godley. (12/6) (16): 1, vhc, spl, Godley, Buff Cinn.; 2, Riley, Yorkshire; 3, Johnson, Norwich; 4, Riding; hc, Greenwood; c, Crossley A.V. OR HYB.: cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Walsh, 1, Goldfinch, gem for colour, rich body, tan, good bars and moons; 2, Bullfinch, grand size and magnificent colour, good dense cap; 3, Marsh, Goldfinch, nice size, good body, colour; 4, Almond, another Goldfinch, hardly ready yet; vhc, Gostling. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Birchley, fine Bramblefinch, splendid finish and gloss, fine cap, lovely feather, colour, and condition; 2, Almond, another clinking Bramblefinch, nicely laced, grand finish an decolour, well up in size, very close up; 3, Jukes, beautiful Chaffinch, good colour, excellent wing bars, good size and colour; 4, Johnson, Bramblefinch, very steady and good condition; vhc, Clarkeson, Chaffinch; hc, Boardman, Bramblefinch; c, Walsh Chaffinch. LINNET (8): 1, Pickles, grand size and shape, well pencilled, rich colour, fine condition; 2, hc, spl, Walsh, couple of rare birds, grand colour and markings; 3, Hirst, nice colour and size, hardly so distinct in markings; 4, Kirkman, very similar to third; vhc, Rowe Bros.; c, Gostling. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD. (8): 1, 2, spl, Walsh, 1, Hawfinch, grand size and colour, good bib, in grand feather and bloom; 2, Yellowhammer, perfectly marked, rich in colour, fine condition; 3, Johnson, Hawfinch, grand bird; 4, hc, Almond, Ortolan Bunting, beautiful feather, nice size and condition; vhc, Hirst, grand yellow Bunting; c, Boardman. SOFT. (7): 1, Walsh, charming Wagtail, well staged; 2, 4, Kirkham, 2, lesser Whitethroat; 4, Nightingale, both in fine order; 3, J. M. Walsh, Blackcap, good cap and feather; vhc, Almond, Meadow Pipit; hc, c, Birchley. FOR. (10): 1, Burrows, Tonracco, a grand exhibit; 2, Walsh, Shama; 3, Cheetham, well staged Bauer Parrakeet; 4, Halliwell, nice Black Parrot; vhc, Cooper, good Blue-fronted Amazon; hc, Wilkinson, Rock Parrot; c, Pickles, Bicheno Finches. GIFT (10): 1 Riding; 2, vhc, Dormer; 3, Godley; 4, Bullough; vhc, Benns; c, Crawshaw

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held on October 10th at headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn Mr. Ogden officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Seventy-seven birds were staged in nine classes, and the winners of most points were Messrs. C. Hardaker, 25; G. Hudson, 18; Chapman and Bateman, 16; Crowther, Taylor Bros., and C. Bastow, 15.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Bastow; 3, Ormondroyd; vhc, c, J. Crowther; hc, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Chapman and Bateman; 2 Harkaker; vhc, hc, Bastow; c, Mann. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Hudson; 3, Crowther; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Broadbent; hc, Humpries; c, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Mann; 3, Hudson; 4, Wilman; vhc, Crowther; hc, Swailes; c, Bastow. FOUL MKD.: 1, Wilman; 2, Musson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Hardaker; 3, Bastow; 4, Mann; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Crowther; c, Beaumont. BUFF: 1, Humpries; 2, Harkaker; 3, c, Chapman and Bateman; 4, vhc, Crowther; hc, Taylor Bros. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Hudson; 2, Thornton; 3, Wilman; 4, hc, Sutcliffe; vhc, Thornton; c, Wilman. YELL. STOCK: 1, vhc, Thornton; 2, Musson; 3, Crowther.

Nest of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BRISTOL.

The second annual show of the Bristol C.B.S. was held on Oct. 22 and 23. The venue was the Vestry Hall, a grand place for a bird show, being well lighted, free from all draughts, and affording plenty of room; unfortunately it is somewhat out of the way, and we are afraid the "gate" will be but a moderate one at the most. It is a great pity the society are so unfortunate in not being able to procure a good room in a more central position; then we feel sure their "gate money" would be considerably augmented. The entries this year fell about 150 short of last year's total, some of the classes in the open Canary section being numerically poor in the extreme, though the quality, it must be said, was capital. With four classes for Crests and crest-breds, the total in these classes only amounted to twelve, three of them having but two in each. Scotch Fancies and Borders were cancelled. There were some capital birds staged amongst the Nor. and Yorks, the winning buff hen in the latter variety being a gem of the first water, which found a host of admirers, and deservedly captured the special for best Yorks. in show, a capital achievement for a hen. The Members' Classes were well filled, and the quality was on a par with the numbers, the classes containing many birds that should have been fighting in the open classes, where they would have done well. Mr. C. E. Brown won the Members' Norwich Cup, and Mr. Kegan that for Yorkshires. Sandiford's special for hottest fed was won by Messrs. Tristem and Taylor, with a bird excelling in colour, the winner in the marked yellow Norwich Plainhead class. Mr. W. H. Manley, was the hon. sec., and right well did he perform his duties; he had everything working with the smoothness and regularity of clockwork, and was as cool and collected as any veteran at the work. The committee, of whom that genial fancier, Mr. J. Munro is the chairman, all worked with a will, and did everything in their power for the comfort of the exhibits, and it is a great pity their efforts were not rewarded with a larger entry. Mr. T. Heath judged the Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman the Mules, Hyhrids, British, and Foreign.

The British and Hybrid sections were good, and although some of the exhibitors complained of the season being backward, many exceptionally good birds were staged. The members' classes were strong, and the birds here were quite as good in quality as those in the open classes; in fact, when competing for specials, birds in the money taken from the open were beaten by some of those in the members'. A lovely little Golden-crested Wren, exhibited by Messrs. Barry Bros., secured the British bird cup, besides six other specials. This firm also annexed the special for best Brambling with a very fine bird. Special for best large British went to Mr. W. Bull, and the novice Linnet to Mr. J. Smethwaite. Our representative was at the show on the second day as well, and noted that all the British and Foreign birds were well and skilfully attended to.

The Canary Section.

CREST (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Simonds, grand trio, winner marked on wings, nice long wide frontal crest, coming well to beak end; 2, mkd. right wing, nice droop and radiation, neat centre, smooth back, grand shape and body substance, lovely finish; 4, even wings, grand droop, nice veiny feather; 3, Lewis and Dymond, variegated, circular crest, but open in centre, nice droop; vhc, Simon. C.B. (2): 1, spl, Simmonds, a walk-over, nice shaped skull, good body, plenty of feather, grand width of back skull; C.B. BRED 1908 (2): 1, 2, Ryder, nearly green, well lashed, good long head feather, bit narrow at back of skull; 2, pied tailed hen, good length of head feather. NOV. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Spoor, Crest, marked wings, nice back crest, could do with a bit more frontal perhaps; 2, Pinnell, close up; another good one. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Redwood, lovely shape and feather, nice head, wings and tail, level colour, good carriage; 2, Gill and Pethick, magnificent colour and quality, fine size and shape, bit slack on left wing and beaten by leader in tightness of feather; 3, Harber, plenty of size, nice colour, good shape; 4, Brain, nice shape and quality, well placed; vhc, Eynon. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Redwood, short thick-set body, good shape, neat wings and tail, lovely back, rich under colour, well frosted; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand colour, full of quality, short wings and tail, nice round chest, full neck, not qurte so short in body; 3, Eynon, well up in colour and quality, wings well braced, neat tail, bit small in head; 4, Wilton, pale colour, nice back, bit slack underneath. TKD. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. eyes, and wings, neck ticked, rare shape and size, grand colour and quality, nice head, full neck; 3, thigh ticked unflig., lovely colour and quality, short wings and tail, nice shape, hit on small side; 2, Spillman, variegated, good shape, beautifully cut away behind, short flights and tail. HEN YELL. (6): 1, Stephenson, mkd. left wing, lovely shape, feather and quality, clean cut, short flights and tail, level colour, charming young damsel, much admired; 2, Wasley, rare sized unflig., grand shape, full neck and head, deep chest, loses in closeness of feather; 3, Gill and Pethick, unflig, full of colour, good head, nice back, flights and tail, well packed; 4, vhc, Brown, nice quality of feather, wings well braced, neat head, bit down in colour. BUFF (5): 1, Folwell, plenty of substance, good shape, full neck and neat head, rich undercolour, well frosted, grand back, neat tail; 2, Redwood, gem for shape and quality, thick neck, short flights, neat short tail, grand colour and mealing; 3, Eynon, hot colour, nice feather, good wings and tail, loses in substance only; 4, Stephenson, tkd. left eye, nice shape, feather and quality, grand wings and tail, neat head, nice back; vhc, Tottle. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Spillman, clear, grand shape and substance, full neck, deep chest, wide shoulders, nice quality; 2, Wasley, grand colour and quality, neat hend, wings and tail, nice back, hardly so full in chest; 3, Hopkins and Allsopp, marked back of head, full of quality, nice head, good wings and tail, shade slack, underneath; 4, Gill and Pethick, marked eyes and thigh, grand colour and quality, gets well over perch, nice and shapely; vhc, Williams; hc, Gibbons, Miss. BUFF (8): 1, Williams, grand shape, round full chest, nice colour and quality, good wings and tail, nice carriage; 2, Harber, mkd. neck, left wing and eyes, magnificent colour, rare size and shape, nice flights and tail, shade longer in body; 3, hc, Brown, nice shape, short wings and tail, deep chest, grand head, looks like a hen, if so, a real good one; 4, Lewis and Dymond, rich colour, good shape, nice short body, wings and tail; vhc, Carter. NON-FED NOR. (8): 1, spl, Tottie, mkd. head and neck, nice feather, wings well braced; 2, Clark, good shape, nice wing carriage, neat head; 3, Lewis and Dymond, nice quality of feather, loses in depth of chest only; 4, Brown, C. E., nice shape and feather, neat wings, good deep chest; vhc, Stephenson, grand one, almost as good as anything in class; hc, Pool. NOVICE A.V (25): 1, 4, Spoor, buff, good shape, quality and colour, nice wings, close in feather, shade small in head; 4, clear buff hen, grand shaped body, good feather and quality, beautifully mealed; 2, Gibbons, Miss, yellow, mkd. eyes, nice shape and quality, well packed flights and tail, bit down in colour; 3, Barnes, unflig., clear yell., nice colour and shape, good back; vhc, Bawn; hc, Brain. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Wilson, stands well, slim built, narrow shoulders, well staged; 2, Shearn and Owens, grand length, straight as a gun barrel, well up on leg, grand wings and tail, nice colour and quality; 3, Martin, lovely colour, straight as a pencil, stands well, nice narrow well filled shoulders; 4, Garland, Mrs., stands well, nice quality, neat head, bit short-sided; vhc, Lovell; hc, Bull. BUFF (7): 1, Shearn and Owens, slim built, grand feather and quality, well up on leg, crosses wings a little at tips; 2, Bull, stands well, nice colour and quality, neat wings and tail, not quite so straight in tail, perhaps; 3, Brown, A. C., nice position, good colour and quality, beaten in wing carriage; 4, Martin, lovely colour, good length, nice long flights; vhc, Garland, Mrs.; hc, Lovell. MKD. ETC. (3): 1, spl, Keegan, yel. mkd. check and neck, magnificent colour, full of quality, stands like a guardsman, lovely back, full of style and swagger, well known winner; 2, Banks, grizzled on wings and left eye, nice stand and style, well up on leg, nice length; 3, Carter, marked eyes, wings and breast, well drawn, rare length, long flights and tail, pale colour. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 2, Lovell, nice quality and style, good feather; 2nd, well drawn out, good length, nice flights and tail, neat head, good stand, some liked for first place; 3, Newman, nice colour and stand, neat head, shows a bit of frill; 4, Banks, slight tick on right wing, straight as a dart, good wings and tail; vhc, Brown, A.C. BUFF (8): 1, Shearn and Owen, cl., bonny hen, fine length and position, stands well, grand wings and tail, tight jacket, grand quality, shows to perfection; 2, Keegan, nice length, grand tail, neat head, good back, not so clean underneath; 3, vhc, Lovell, lovely quality, clean cut, stands admirably, good wings and tail; 4, Pool, grand colour, stands up well, neat head, good wings and tail; hc, Newman. YELL. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Banks, thigh ticked, rare length, well up on leg, good colour; 2, Howard, lovely quality, fine upstanding bird, nice flights, neat whip tail; 3, Pool, hot colour, nice length, bit wide in tail; 4, Jones, mkd. cheek, right wing, stands well, nice quality, well drawn out; vhc, Newman; hc, Keegan. BUFF (12): 1, Banks, nice long flights and tail, grand colour, good length and position; 2, Howard, grand back, lovely quality feather, grand wings and tail, straight, just a shade chesty; 3, Pool, rare length, nice narrow shoulders, good quality, trifle hooky; 4, vhc, Jones, straight as a dart, feathered like boxwood, grand quality, best of wings and tail, real beauty; hc, Keegan. NOVICE YORKS. (20): 1, spl, Miss Hathaway, buff, grand stand, nice feather and quality, straight as a pencil; 2, Bateman, buff, ticked on neck, nice stand, good feather, not quite so slim built; 3, Burgess, grizzle neck yellow, nice stand and style, bit shorter in side; 4, Smartwaite, clear buff, nice quality feather, good length and style; vhc, Harding; hc, Stonelake, Evans. NON-FED (11): 1, Keegan, nice feather, length and style, good stand; 2, Price, good stand and style, nice wings and tail; 3, Glanville, fine length and stand, capital wings and tail; 4, Buckland, nice feather, good stand; vhc, Newman; hc, Maghie. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Roberts, crest, mkd. left wing, nice dipping crest, good frontal and back crest; 2nd, mkd. wings and chest, thicker frontal crest, nice body, good back, few unruly feathers at centre; 3rd and 4th, two good Crest-breds, close together; vhc, Bull. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, C. E. Brown, thigh tick, good wings and tail, nice level colour, good quality; 2nd, thigh tick, rare size and shape, grand colour, nice head, not yet ready; 4th, mkd. eyes, neck and right wing, lovely feather and quality, rich level colour, nice shaped body, shade long in tail; 3, vhc, hc, Tristem and Taylor, a gem for shape, colour and quality, nice head and neck, short flights and tail, some thought one of the best yell. in show. BUFF (8): 1, spl, vhc, C E. Brown, well known "Cherry Blossom," looking grand, needs no comment; 2, 3, hc, Tristem and Taylor, nice colour and quality, good shape, neat wings and tail, good carriage, clear; 3rd, unflig. cl., splendid colour and quality, nice round chest, short flights and tail; 4, Roberts, beautiful quality, nice shape, head and back, shade longer in body. HEN (19): 1, spl, Follwell, tkd. on eye, buff, grand shape and substance, deep round chest, nice wide back, short wings and tail, good one; 2, 4, vhc, hc, C. E. Brown, yell., nice shape, colour and quality, good size, nice wing carriage, neat head; 4th, yellow, good shape and feather, nice size, bit pale in colour; 3, hc, Tristem and Taylor, cl. buff, cobby body, grand quality and frosting, short wings and tail, very smart. UNFLIG. (19): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, C. E. Brown, buff, nice size and shape, good chest, nice colour and quality; 2nd, yell., splendid colour, nice shape, gets well across perch, nice quality and wing carriage; 3rd, buff, nice shape and feather, rich colour, good wing carriage; 4th, yellow, nice shape and colour, good wings. No. 461, grand buff, unnoticed, must have been missed; vhc, Tristem and Taylor; hc, Roberts. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Bull, slimly built, grand stand and style, nice colour; 3rd, fine stand, neat tail, bit pale in colour; 2, Mrs. Garland, rare length, grand wings and tail, straight as a rush, close up; 4, Morgan, fine upstanding bird, shade on the strong side; vhc, Martin; hc, Newman. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Martin, nice stand, good back, bit slack underneath; 2, Bull, smooth as glass, nice length and style, good stand, some preferred to first; 3, hc, Lovell, finely drawn, grand feather, close up; 4, Morgan, nice length, stand and quality, fails a little in wing carriage; vhc, Newman. HEN (12): 1, 2 spls, Glossop, nice back, wings and tail, good stand, grand quality of feather; 2, Morgan, wing tick, slim and stylish, grand stand, nice feather, neat head; 3, Stonelake, yell., well up on leg, nice position; 4, Keegan, yell., neat head, nice stand, good quality of feather; vhc, Bull; hc, Lovell. NOVICE A.V. (23): 1, 3 spls, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Spoor, buff Nor., good shape, size, quality, well up in colour; 2nd, yell., nice shape and quality, short body, and full neck, good colour; 3, yell., good colour and nice quality, not quite so short; 4, Quarman, yell. Nor., unflig., nice shape and colour, neat wings, short tail; hc, Morgan. A.V. BRED, 1908 (17): 1, 2 spls, Keegan, wing and neck tkd. buff, nice colour, good flights and tail, straight as a rush; 2, Glossop, buff, grand position, nice wings and tail, good colour and quality, shade thicker through chest; 3, Morgan, neck ticked yellow, nice stand, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 4, hc, Bull, tkd. on neck, and over beak, nice stand, fails in feather only; vhc, Burgess.

The British Bird and Mule Section.

MULES, CL., ETC.: 1, Wasley, lovely evenly marked bird, showing nice splash of blaze and wing bar, in grand fettle; 2, Locke, another bonny bird, almost equal, lovely colour throughout, very close up; 3, Lees, grand wing and head-marked Linnet, in splendid fettle, real good one; 4, Mabbott, clear buff Goldie, lovely feather; vhc, Collins; hc, Pearce; c, Caines. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, Coffey, grand dark Goldie, brimming over with colour, good size, very dense in markings; 2, Leigh, topping Greenie, perfect shape and style, full of colour and quality; 3, Davies and Co., another Greenie of merit, beaten only in size; vhc, hc, Bull; c, Fellowes. DARK LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Leigh, grand Siskin, full size, splendidly marked, teeming with colour and quality, real good one; 2, Coffey, bouncing Linnet, large, well coloured, in splendid condition; 3, Bancroft, another fine Siskin, very shapely, good size, nicely fed; 4, Collins, fine Redpoll, good size, beautifully pencilled; vhc, Scrine; hc, Jones; c, Caines. A.O.V. (8): 1, Shellam, very fine Greenie-Bullie, bold fronted, nice shape and feather, very dense in black, real good one; 2, White, charming Siskin-Greenie, put down in A1 condition, lovely shape and size; 3, Shearn and Co., good Goldie-Bullie, grand colour, very dense in black; 4, Smalldridge, fine Linnet-Bullie, rare quality, good shape and colour; vhc, Jones; hc, Barrow; c, Collins. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Baker, real good Finch, nicely proportioned, beautifully tanned, rich blaze, well buttoned, in fine condition; 2, Smith, another good one, very shapely, nice blaze and bars, well tanned; 3, Herbert, fine blaze, well proportioned, showing a splendid bar, will win later; 4, Bull, good Finch for quality and colour, stands a bit awkward on perch; vhc, Hopkins and Co.; hc, Davies and Co.; c, Stephenson, Tucker. GREYPATE (10): 1, Byerley, little beauty, full of quality, rich expansive blaze, beautifully tanned, very steady; 2, 4, c, Bull, another good one, well up in colour, very shapely, splendid bars and buttons; 4th, smart little bird, with nice clean cut blaze; 3, Jones, good big bird, nicely cut blaze, beautifully tanned; vhc, Arnold; hc, Barry Bros. BULLFINCH (6): 1, White, very shapely Bullie, good dense cap, level breast; 2, Galton, big bouncing bird, grand colour and cap, good clean bars; 3, Jones, another good one of quality, splendid cap and wings; 4, Glanville, big bird, good type and quality; vhc, Gamage; hc Heal. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Barry, fine bold bird, exceptionally good colour, wonderful shape, well proportioned; 2, Bancroft, another good one, grand shape, full of quality, and colour; 3, hc, Jones, big bonny bird, shapely, stands well; vhc, Marley; c, Jeffreys. LINNET (9): 1, vhc, Lovell, the old champion, ahead in colour and proportion, hardly looking his best yet, closely pressed; 2, c, Bull, bonny bird of good size, in grand condition; 3, Byerley, another good bird, very shapely, nice colour and pencilling; 4, Jones, good bird, beautifully pencilled hc, Jeffreys. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, Bancroft, real good bird, clean, well-cut markings, good back and wings; 2, Russell, another good one, hardly so large, but good on points; 3, 4, Bobbett, 3rd beauty for pencilling, splendid shape, good colour; 4th, bold bird, good position, nice full head and back; vhc, Gamage; hc, Lovell; c, Lewis and Dymond. SISKIN ETC. (12): 1, White, charming Siskin, good size and shape, beautifully laced to root of tail; 2, 3, Russell, 2nd bonny Twite, rich in colour, full of nice dense pencilling; 3rd, another sweet Siskin, beautifully laced; 4, Lewis and Co., bonny Redpoll, well marked with grand wing bars; vhc, Chapman; hc, Coffey; c, Lovell. HEN (10): 1, Lewis and Co., good Bullie, rare shape and size, splendid wings; 2, Bobbett, another fine bold bird, rare quality, very shapely; 3, Barry, yet another Bullie, hardly the size and colour of winners; 4, Bull, still another, very close up; vhc, Jones; hco, Prosser; c, Bancroft. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, Barry, grand Bramble, teeming with colour and quality, beautifully spangled, good wings; 2, 3, Bull, 2nd bonny Bramble, well up in colour, richly spangled; 3rd, lovely Chaffinch, good body colour and cap, very shapely; 4, Taylor, fine bold Bramble, well spangled and barred; vhc, Crouch; hc, Pace; c, Jeffreys. A.O.S. (7): 1, Bull, fine Hawfinch, good shape and colour, clean bib; 2, Marley, Yellow Bunting, rich colour, beautifully marked, clean dense spangling; 3, Scrine, another good yell., only beaten in regularity of markings; 4, Jones, another Bunting, good size and feather; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, c, Barry. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, Ford, grand Blackbird, rich colour and quality, Plymouth winner; 2, Price, very bold shapely Thrush, beautifully spotted, nice bold front; 3, hc, Bull, good snakey Starling, full of spangling; 4, Tilley, fine big Blackbird, bit wild; vhc, Barry; c, Raymont. A.O.S SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, Barry, 1st beautiful little Gold Crest, not over large but tightly packed, good rich-coloured Crest; 2nd, grand Pipit, rich colour, nicely pencilled; 3, Bull, fine bold Grey Wagtail, splendid shape and size; 4, vhc, Tilley, good big Swallow, in capital condition. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, Gill and Pethick, beautiful King Parrot, in superb colour and condition, lovely exhibit; 2, Millsum, Purple-headed Parrakeet, good size, splendid trim; 3, c, Capt. Perreau, bonny bird, good size, in very fine feather; 4, Martin, fine Grey, tight in feather, excellent colour. SMALL (7): 1, 4, hc, c, Capt. Perreau, lovely Dyal Robin, grand size, shown in beautiful condition, really good; 4th, lovely Plumbaceous Redstart, fine colour, nice size and condition; 2, Bull, splendid Bishop, shown in grand feather and colour; 3, Millsum, fine pair of Green Parrakeets, both in good fettle; vhc, Barrow. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Bull, real good lightly-marked Goldie leading, good size and feather, well shown; 2, another bonny bird, lovely colour and condition; 3, very fine dark Greenie, grand shape and feather; hc, Tilley. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 3, hc, Bull, clinking Goldie, good rich blaze and wing bars, well tanned and buttoned; 3, very shapely Bullie, good sound colour; 2, Brown, another Goldie of merit, close up to winner; vhc, Tilley. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, Bull, 1st gem of a Siskin leading, good size and colour, nice bib, beautifully pencilled; 2nd, topping Linnet, grand size and feather, rich in colour and markings; 3rd, lovely little Mealy Redpoll, fine size and markings; vhc, Lovell; hc, Barry; c, Russell. A.O.S. HARD. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Bull, 1st Topping, Hawfinch, good colour, excellent bib and wings, well shown; 3rd, good bold Greenie, sound colour, capital shape; 2, Barry, bonny Bramble of grand size, full of rich colour, grandly spangled; c, Tilley. SOFT.: 1, 3, vhc, Bull, 1st nice Whitethroat, good size, shapely and in excellent feather; 3rd, lovely Pipit, grand colour and condition, beautifully marked; 2, hc, Bond Bros., fine Chough, grand size and feather.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

This show was held on Oct. 22, in the Victoria Hall. The exhibits were nicely staged at one end of the room, and were out of the reach of draughts, but unfortunately the light was not of the best, and consequently the birds could not be seen to the best advantage. Owing to clashing with Bristol the entries were not quite up to the level of last year, but we thought that in several of the classes the quality was better. The Mule or Hybrid class was a real good one, several birds out of the money being fit to win at many shows. Mr. James won special for best Norwich with his Blackwood special winner, a grand ticked buff. In the Yorkshires the special fell to Mr. Challenger, with a smart clear yellow. Messrs. Greenwood and Burson easily captured the Crest or C.B. special with a grand crest, excelling in frontal properties. The special for best British was annexed hy Mr. S. Jones, with his winning Bullfinch, a grand exhibit, put down in rattling form. Mr. G. W. Read again held the secretarial reins of office, and we need hardly say carried out his duties with the utmost tact and courtesy, and he was well assisted in the work of attending to the exhibits by several keen and willing helpers. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

NOR. CL. (4): 1, Kirby, nice shape and quality, lovely colour, grand wings and tail, good chest, level colour; 2, Tristem and Taylor, buff, fine quality, rich colour, well mealed, nice wings and tail, good back; 4, Luxton, yellow, grand colour, good shape, beaten in quality of feather and wing carriage. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, spl, James, grizzle headed buff, splendid shape and substance, good wings, bead and tail, rich under-colour, well mealed; 2, Tristem and Taylor, thigh ticked yellow, splendid quality of feather, level colour; 3, Robinson, Mrs., buff, mkd. neck and thigh, nice quality, good back; 4, Luxton, cheek ticked huff, niee shape, good wings and tail; vhc, Richards; hc, Broomfield. BRED 1908 (5): 2, Luxton, marked left wing, grand colour, short wings and tail, nice shape; 3, Kirby, nice shape and colour, beaten in feather only; 4, James, nice shape and feather, good colour, a feather or two out of side of tail; vhc, Robinson, Mrs. CRESTED (6): 1, spl, Greenwood and Burson, grand thick-frontal crest of good width and droop; 2, 4, Ind, marked left wing, nice droop and length of frontal; 4, mkd. left wing, neat crest, lovely quality; vhc, Bale; hc, Fifield; c, Burgess and Son. C.B. (4): 1, Greenwood and Burson, grand shaped skull and body, nice entrance, plenty of long and wide head and body feather, good one; 2, Bale, nice back skull, good length of head feather; 4, Ind, nice entrance to a good shaped skull, not quite so long in feather over beak; vhc, Burgess and Son. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Challenger, grand position, well up on leg, lovely quality, good wings and tail, straight as a rush; 2, Elsmore, good length, grand colour and quality, not quite so good in position; 3, Smith, splendid position, well on leg, nice quality; 4, Southcombe, Mrs., good length, loses only in position; vhc, Jelby; hc, Baker; c, Lane. BUFF (9): 1, Elsmore, grand feather and quality, stands well and straight, shade strong; 2, Smith, straight, nice quality, slim huilt, neat tail, just a bit slack at thighs; 3, Hamilton, slim built, grand feather, good wings and tail; 4, Collier, splendid colour, nest tail and well packed flights; vhc, Garland, Mrs.; hc, Baker; c, Jelly. VARIEG. ETC. (7): 1, Wilkings, cinn. wing ticked yellow, grand colour and quality, straight, good position; 2, Garland, Mrs., marked back of head, capital position, nice colour and quality; 4, Jones, good length, nice colour; vhc, Gilling; hc, Smith; c, Pitman, Lane. BRED 1908 (8): 1, Jones, thigh ticked yell., straight as a rush, grand colour and quality, gets up well, nice wings and tail; 2, Elsmore, clear buff, grand feather, nice position, good wings and tail; 3, Wilkins, yellow, hot colour, nice back and neat tail, bit slack at side; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Paddock; c, Challenger. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Ind, good team of Lancashires, leader grand buff coppy; 3, slashing buff P.H.; 4, yellow Plainhead. GOLDFINCH (7): no names in catalogue, 1, nice face and collar, good back, well tanned chest; 3, grandly tanned on chest, square cut blaze, nice bars, loses in carriage; 4, nice fact, bars and buttons, slack at left side. BULLFINCH (4): 2, spl, Jones, grand size and shape, lovely feather, cap and bars, in beautiful trim; 3, White, deeper colour on breast, dense cap and nice wing bars, but not quite so good in size and shape and general finish; 4, Poole, nice shape, loses in colour. BRIT. A.O.S. (8): 1, Bond Bros., Cornish Chough, splendid colour, nice bill and lovely colour, hut too tame to show to advantage; 2, Prosser, nice coloured and well laced Bramblefinch; 4, Poole, Lesser Whitethroat, in good feather; vhc, Long; hc, Hopwood, Miss; c, Quant, Jones. FOR. (6): 1, Ormond, Umbrello-crested Cockatoo, in beautiful condition, fine exhibit; 3, Millsum, good pair of white-fronted Amazon Parrots, in nice feather; 4 (no name), good coloured and feathered Rock Parrot; vhc, Bache, Mr.; hc, Jennings; c, Gould. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 4, Edwards, Canary Bullfinch, good colour and feather, nice exhibit; 4, grand Greenfinch-Goldfinch, nice feather, good face and wing bars; 2, Greenwood and Burson, Greenie Bullie, splendid feather and colour, nice shape; 3, c, Collings, Linnet-Bullfinch, splendid feather and colour, grand form; vhc, Atkins, Miss; hc, Paul. SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, Davis; 2, Luxton; 4, Edwards; vhc, Collier; hc, Robinson, Mrs.; c, Jones. (10/6) (5): 2, 3, Read, Mrs.; 4, Prosser; vhc, Evans. MEMBERS' NOR. NAT. COL. (5): 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Knight, 2, buff, good shape and feather. NOR. (4): 1, 2, 4, 3 spls, Read, Mrs., buff, grand shape, rich under colour, full of quality, nice flights and tail; 2, good shape, well frosted, nice back, not so high in colour and quality; 3, Lake, yell., nice colour and quality. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Lake, slim built buff, good stand, nice wings and tail; 2, Jonque Green, good length, colour, stand and quality; 3, 4, vhc, Harris, 3 decent huffs. A.V. BRED 1908 (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Read, Mrs., good shaped buff, Nor., nice short flights and tail, good feather and quality; 2, ticked yellow, nice colour and quality, well braced wings and tail.

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POTTERIES AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The Potteries and Dist. C.B.A. held their seventh annual show on October 22nd. The large Assembly Room attached to the Red Lion Hotel provided cover for the exhibits; it is of excellent light, nice size, well ventilated, and absolutely free from draughts. Entries turned up pleasingly, and outnumbered by far the total obtained last year. The president is Mr. J. Edwards, and the vice presidents are Messrs. Rathbone, Hall, Pitchford, Goodall, and Roberts, all good supporters of the society. The treasurer is Mr. W. Yates, a most reliable man to take care of the "shekels." The committee are composed of well-known and practical fanciers, who know the proper workings of a show, and they are to be complimented on their efficient management. Mr. F. Bates gave capital help, and proved himself a most competent steward. Mr. J. Simcock, the worthy secretary, is a rare good worker, nothing being too much for him to do; a better man for the post it would be difficult to find. The Norwich Plainheads made a delightful show, and were declared to be a rattling lot. Colour, quality, substance, and type were well in evidence. Yorkshires, lengthy and stately, provided several lovely and characteristic specimens. Mules contained a few grand and rare "mixtures," a buff Goldie-Canary, almost clear, and owned by Messrs. Tams and Son, leading, closely followed by Mr. C. J. Ward's well-known Redpoll-Bullie and Linnet Bullie. British were a nice lot. Messrs. Tams and Sons had on view a magnificent Goldie with a grandly-cut blaze of wonderful colour, and a beautifully-shaped Linnet. The Yellowhammer staged by Mr. J. W. Johnson, found many admirers. The members' classes provided some wonderful birds, and one could have selected not a few quite capable of holding their own in the upper circles. The staging of exhibits was executed in fine style, and the exhibits could be easily seen. Prize slips were displayed promptly as each class was adjudicated upon. Judging was over in good time, and everything went off smoothly and well. Capital light assisted Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), who had the placing of the cards, and his selections gave entire satisfaction. Specials: Hydes', Mr. J. Rathbone; Sandiford's, Mr. H. Hathaway; best in Mules or British, Messrs. Tams and Son; in A.O.V. (members'), Mr. J. Pitchford; in members' (shown in open), Mr. W. Yates, and second best Mr. J. Rathbone; in Yorks. (members'), Mr. G. E. Goodall; and in British, Mr. J. Pitchford.

The Open Classes.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Bevan, cl. fine bouncing specimen, lovely head, neck and front, capital colour and feather, well put down; 2, 3, Hathaway, former Sandiford's medal winner, marked both wings and head, red hot, fine size and shape, deep chested; latter, large cl., good feather and colour, shapely; vhc, Weaver; hc, c, Bowyer. BUFF (7): 1, bc, Bowyer, ticked neck, full of quality, A1 type, nice substance, clean cut, bonny; 2, Bevan, lightly variegated, well up in colour, showing lovely frosting, grand shape and size, close on heels of winner; 3, Rathbone, lightly variegated, capital size, grand feather and colour; vhc, Hall; c, Weaver. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Rathbone, bouncing clear, fine shape, beautiful colour and quality, fine carriage; 2, Bellamy, cl., possessing rattling colour and feather, good head, neck and chest, grand one; 3, Willoughby, variegated, cinnamon-marked, grand substance and shape; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Bevan; c, Hatton. BUFF (12): A grand lot; 1, Kinson, best clear we have seen this season, massive build, short and thick, smooth as glass, in full bloom; 2, Hall, another very handsome cl., equal in colour and quality, fine size, hardly so thick-set as winner; 3, Yates, cl., well up in substance, grand shape and feather, hardly ready; vhc, hc, Bowyer; c, Tams and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Yates, magnificent cl., tight as a Java, A1 quality, grand type and carriage, very promising; 2, hc, Hall, lightly variegated, extra hot in colour, silky texture of feather, neatly carried flights and tail; 3, Emery, large cl., rattling head, neck and chest, capital quality feather and colour; vhc, Tams and Son; c, Bowyer. BUFF (15): A good lot; 1, hc, Hall, extraordinary type, fine substance, perfect wings and tail, clean cut, grand specimen; 2, Bowyer, cl., hot in colour, nice size and quality, capable of doing well; 3, Tams and Son, marked head, recent Longton purchase, short and cobby, nice feather and colour; vhc, Cooper; c, Weaver. YORKS., YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, cl., ablaze with colour, capital position and quality, lengthy, grand back and flights; 2, Burke, cl., lovely close-feathered specimen, grand length, finely-filled back; 3, Brotherhood, cl., very long drawn, slim and upstanding; vhc, Peake; hc, Hawley; c, Howes. BUFF (13): A nice class; 1, 2, Dykes, winner thigh tick., magnificent salmon tinted, rare length and position, lovely back and flights; 2nd, thigh tick., good length and stand, nice colour and feather; 3, Burke, cl., lengthy, capital quality, A1 back and flights; vhc, Thomas, fine length, good one; hc, Hawley; c, Pugh. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Burke, cl., good length and position, long-sided, capital back and wings, well up on leg; 2, Dykes, cl., smooth as a bottle, shone like silk, well up, nice specimen; 3, Brotherhood, cl., slim grand position, tight as wax, well worth its place; vhc, Geffory; hc, Pygott; c, Weeks. BUFF (9): 1, Hawley, cl., straight as a rush, slim, grand position, lengthy, full of style, A1 wings and tail; 2, Williams, cinnamon-marked, fine long-drawn specimen, slim, A1 stand; 3, Goucher, cl., lovely feather, good position, nice length, not far behind; vhc, Peake; hc, Sutton; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Galling, marked breast, smooth as box, straight as a pencil, lengthy, grand position, full of style; 2, Peake, marked left wing, stands beautifully, narrow, nice length, capital wings and tail; 3, Williams, cl., full of quality, stands nicely, one we liked; vhc, Jones; hc, Burke; c, Pugh. BUFF (9): 1, Goucher, cap marked, nice salmon-tinted colour, good in feather, A1 position, lengthy; 2, Dykes, cl., straight up, smooth as glass, nice length and position, not far away; 3, Burke, cl., lovely feather and colour, delightfully drawn, nearly all tail feathers out or would have been higher; vhc, Sutton; hc, Williams; c, Peake. MULE (7): 1, spl, Tam and Son, buff, almost clear Goldie-Canary, nice size, capital feather and shape, good colour, in the pink; 2, 3, Ward, former grand Redpoll-Bullie; lovely colour and quality, good shape and size, latter fine quality Linnet-Bullie, well up in colour, shows parentage distinctly; vhc, Hingley; hc, Tams and Son; c, Allerton. GOLDIE (4): 1, Tams and Son, fine size and shape, beautiful tan, large well-cut blaze, magnificent colour, real gem; 2, Osborne, good size and shape, nice colour, good in bars and buttons; 3, Morgan, very similar to 2nd, little between them, good 3rd; vhc, Jones. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Tams and Sons, delightful colour, rare pencilling, clear and distinct, well up in substance, grand shape, in full bloom; 2, Osborne, large Redpoll, capital colour and shape, A1 markings, shown for all it was worth; 3, Count, nicely-marked Twite, exceptional shape, prettily pencilled; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Davies; c, Hubble. BRIT. HARDBILL (13): 1, Johnson, Yellowhammer, wonderful colour, fine shape and size, magnificent head character, well shown; 2, Osborne, Bramble, a monster, lovely shape, beautiful ticking of a profuse nature, will do some winning; 3, Jones, Hawfinch, good big specimen, nice shape, grand bib, worth its place; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Bowyer; c, Jones. £2 LIMIT (10): 1, Krumpster, cl. buff crest, a bargain; 2, Yates, pair of very good-coloured Cinnamons; 3, hc, Williams; vhc, Bevan; c, Galling. 12/6 (7): 1, Williamson; 2, Morley; 3, Hadley; vhc, Roberts; hc, Pitchford; c, Goodall. FOR. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Stocker, Black-headed Gouldian, in fine bloom, well shown; 2, Hadley, pair of Long-tailed Grass Finches, in capital feather; 3, Williams, pair of Zebra Finches, looking capital; c, Bowe. LARGE (5): 1, Williams, Touzon, in rather nice condition; 2, 3, Hadley, 2nd Eclectus, in nice trim; 3rd, pair of Parrakeets, in good feather; vhc, Stocker; hc, Caunt.

Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Rathbone, marked right wing, hot colour, good shape and feather; 2nd, marked both wings and head, silky texture of feather, good colour, shapely; 3, Hall, variegated, bit flat in colour, good in type and size; vhc, Ibbs. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Roberts, cl., well up in substance, A1 type, nice colour and frosting; 2, Hall, cl. buff, A1 type, nice size, not quite the quality of winner; 3, Rathbone, marked back, capital colour and feather; hc, Stocker; c, Pitchford. HEN (8): 1, 3, Roberts, both cl. buffs, former grand thick-set, capital feather and colour, latter unflig., very shapely, good size; 2, c, Pitchford, cl. yellow, lovely colour and shape, very neat; vhc, Ibbs; hc, Rathbone. ENFLIG. (6): 1, vhc, Roberts, buff, ticked left wing, rattling colour and quality, A1 type; 2, Yates, buff, marked right wing and eye, all type, good colour and feather; 3, Hall, yell. marked, warm colour, silky feather, nice type; hc, c, Rathbone. YORKS., YELL. (3): 1, Stocker, marked head, nice straight bird, good length and style; 2, Hubble, marked wings and eyes, close feather, good position; 3, Goodall, variegated, good in quality, stands well. HEN (4): All belonging to G. E. Goodall; 1, buff, four-pointed, true Yorkie, feathered to perfection; 2, yell., ticked good colour, stands nicely; 3, cl. yell., nice position, good wings and tail. CINN. (1): Yates, nice colour and feather. MULE (3): 1, 2, Pitchford, lightly marked buff, Goldie-Canary, good size and quality, well shown; 2nd, dark, nice substance and colour, in the pink; 3rd, absent. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Pitchford, couple of nice Thrushes and a very fair Goldie.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show of Canaries, held October 17th, in the Assembly Rooms. There were 65 birds in six classes. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Townley; 2, Walton; 3, Oddy; 4, c, Livesey; vhc, Webb, hc, Smith and Son. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Smith and Son; 2, Livesey; 3, hc, Townley; vhc, Denby; c, Walton. TICKED ETC. YELL. (Green or Cinn.) (6): 1, 3, Smith and Son; 2, Denby; 4, Hartley; vhc, Townley; hc, Walton. BUFF (7): 1, 3, and spl. for best in cock classes, Denby; 2, Livesey; 4, Smith and Son; vhc, Hartley; hc, c, Oddy. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (11): 1, and spl. for best bird in hen classes, Livesey; 2, Oddy; 3, 4, Walton; vbc, c, Smith and Son; bc, Denby. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Denby; 2, hc, Smith and Son; 4, Holmes; vhc, Livesey; c, Wade.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

ILFORD.

There was a poor turn out of cage birds at the annual Fancy Stock Show of the Ilford Fur and Feather Society, which was held in the Britannia Institute, on October 17th. At one time the cage bird section was the strongest, to-day it was almost the weakest. Messrs. Morris Bros, staged a nice team, and won both the special for best Canary, and that for best British. The arrangements for the show were most ably carried out by the committee, and Messrs. A. Webb and W. H. Drew made a capable and obliging pair of secretaries, Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (5): 1. spl, hc, Morris Bros, very nice and stylish Buff Yorkshire; 2, 3, Overy, grand little Buff Borders; nice style and good feather; vhc, Thurlow. BRIT. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, Morris Bros., very nice coloured, well marked Linnet, a capital Bullfinch hen, and a cock Bullie; vhc, Smith. LARGE (5): 1, 2, vhc, spl. Morris Bros, very handsome Bearded Reedling and a grandly marked Hawfinch; 3, Howe, well marked, shapely, good coloured Thrush.

KELSO.

Annual show, October 21st—a great success. Entries in all sections were well up to those of former years; some grand exhibits were on view. The Norwich opened the programme and here were found some gems, the judge having a very difficult task to separate the winner. All the classes were of great merit. Mr. Cameron had a magnificent team on view, and a fair share of the spoils. Borders followed, and here the noted breeders again did battle. Some real toppers were staged. British on the whole were good. The management of the show was under the capable jurisdiction of Mr Tulloch C. Bennet, who knows how to carry out a show to perfection. His assistant was a credit to the show—Mr. Dickson, a gentleman of capable business methods. The birds were judged by Mr. A. Hay, and his awards on the whole were well received. The special for best old Norwich was secured by Mr. Cameron's yellow hen; that for young bird by Mr. A. Grey's unflighted hen. The B.F.C. medal was won by Mr. Bennet's yellow, the runner-up being Mr. Smart's uneven yellow. The special for best Hardbill was found in Mr. Simpson's well-known Hawfinch, while Mr. Bruce secured the special for best Softbill with his Thrush, the same gentleman securing the foreign bird special with his Gouldian Finch.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Brown, wins, grand all over, nice shape, good head and wing carriage, warm colour, in tip-top order; 2, Cameron, good feather and colour, neat head shade slim in front, nice taper and wing carriage; 3, Gardiner, romping bird, rare quality throughout, fine exhibit, plenty of substance for a yellow; 4, vhc, Grey, slasher for



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size, good quality of feather; hc, Lawson; c, Cameron. HEN (8): 1, 4, Cameron, plenty of size, good front, neat head, and wing carriage, fine warm colour, grand one; 4, typical, shade slimly got up; 2, Gardiner, variegated, grand body, fine short wing carriage, rare front; 3, Wilson, lanky in appearance, good top end neat head, slightly broken in colour; vhc, Brown; bc, Grey; c, Dickson Bros. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Grey, good feather, neat head, in grand bloom; 2, Brown, some preferred to first, warm shade, regular Bullie-shape, rare head and front; 3, Lugtan, long in appearance, a gem for feather and quality, well put down; 4, vhc, Cameron, nice variegated, good feather and quality; c, Blackie. HEN (7): 1, 4, Grey, nicely fed, plenty of size, grand quality throughout; 4, romping, natural coloured, in fine bloom, good one; 2, 3, bc, c, Cameron, 2, warm colour, good chubby stamp, neat carriage, plenty of front; 3, hot fed, short in front, smaller got up; vhc, Brown. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Gardiner, clear win, topper for size, grand quality of feather, good stout front, rare head and wing carriage, a yellow; 2, 3, vhc, bc, c, Grey, 2, a buff, good stout bird, grand stamp; 3, variegated yellow, hot fed one, nice stamp, grand in head proportions; 4, Cameron, smart buff on the small side. HEN (20): 1, 2, 3, Grey, leader buff, variegated grand feather, nicely moulded, good wing carriage; 2, yellow, rather long in appearance, but rare head and wing carriage; 3, hot fed yellow, good stamp; 4, Cameron, smart hen, rare quality throughout; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Blackhall; c, Cameron. SELL. (10/-) (6): 1, Pringle; 2, 3, 4, Cameron; vhc, Dickson Bros; hc, Lambie. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Bennet, leading with two good ones, 1, fine colour and weight, nice head, well drawn, good wing carriage and style; 2, lovely shape, good top end well filled up, in rare trim; 3, smart, shade stronger, but well made; 4, Allan, smart bird, very upright in carriage; vhc, Patterson; bc, Gilchrist; c, Haig. HEN (10): 1, vbc, Bennet, leader easy winner, a gem of a Border, grand carriage, lovely head and wings, rare front, beauty for colour; 2, Alexander, fine front and taper, good carriage and style, well placed; 3, Smart, neat, and in grand bloom, fine position and style; 4, Patterson, grand body and colour; vhc, Middlemuir; c, Cormack. BUFF CK. (11): 1, McKenzie, short in appearance, warm shade of colour, nice front and position, in fine condition; 2, Mathew, good shape and in lovely order; 3, vhc, hc, Bennet, beauty and round as a marble; 4, McLeny, rather plain looking, in fine feather, good position and style; c, Johnston. HEN (14): 1, 2, vhc, Bennet, leader sweet, grand feather, lovely bird, rare wing carriage, nice shade, plain in front; 2nd, well rounded, warm colour, nice head, splendidly tapered; 3, McKenzie, good stamp, lacks the wing carriage and finish of leaders; 4, Mather, built on stronger lines, rare bloom, fine feather, shade flat on head; vhc, Mather; hc, Bennet, c, Jackson. EVEN MARK. (6): 1, McKenzie, buff, nicely balanced in markings, good type and feather, rare shape; 2, Patterson, also a buff, good balanced markings, slimmer in front, rather unsteady, in rare bloom; 3, Alexander, again a buff, fine markings, nice height, grand colour and feather; 4, Patterson, yellow, grand shape and colour, nice type; vhc, hc, McKenzie. UNEVEN (9): 1, Smart, yellow clear win, in grand bloom, wonderful shape, fine style, rare pipe tail, in extra good form; 2, Bennet, well condemned buff, warm shade of colour; 3, Johnston, nice shapely yellow, good type and style; 4, Patterson, nice quality feather, rare shape, level wing carriage; vhc, Blackie; hc, McKenzie; c, Alexander. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Mather, eye tick., in rattling bloom, nice feather, good front and carriage, beat drawn in class; 2, 3, 4, Bennet, 2nd head tick., warm shade, rather stout looking; 3rd, rather shinly got up, true Border, rare stamp, wing tick, will be heard of another season; 4th, good in feather; vhc, Gilchrist. BUFF (12): 1, 3, McKenzie, hen slight grizzle on cheek, good shape, nicely rounded, grand wing carriage; 3rd, shade stronger built, but well rounded, fine colour; 2, Smart, warmer shade of colour, cock, fine stamp, good head and wing carriage; 4, Johnston, position good; vhc, Bennet; hc, Patterson; c, Gilchrist. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Murray, Selkirk winner, in grand bloom, fine colour throughout, good shape, well pencilled; 2, Lambie, good typical green, well placed; 3, Blackie, darker shade of colour, nice feathers; 4, Bennet, nicely laced bird, grand shape and feather; vhc, hc, Bennet; c, Lambie. SELL., 7/6 (10): 1, 2, Bennet; 3, Alexander; 4, McKenzie; vhc, Patterson; hc, c, Robertson. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, McMinn Bros., nice tannings, very steady, good stamp of a Finch, nice expansive blaze; 2, McDougall, nice Finch, not so well finished as winner, a bit unsteady. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Halliday, grand shape, nice tone of colour, good cap and wing bars, well up in size, very steady; 2, hc, Laidlaw, nice bird, in fine bloom, good bars and carriage; 3, R. Laidlaw, neat exhibit, fine polish; 4, Gardiner, sweet exhibit; vhc, Bruce. A.O.S. FINCH (8): 1, Simpson, Hawfinch, grand colour, rare bib, dense, markings throughout, neat one; 2, Bruce, good yellow Greenfinch, teeming with colour, fails in condition, scarcely ready yet; 3, Steel, Bramblefinch, grand size and condition; 4, Gardiner, Hawfinch, larger than winner, but light in breast colour, in good form; vhc, McDougal; hc, Aekman; c, Blaikie. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Simpson, nice Twite, well spangled, grand flights, good form and size; 2, Laidlaw, hot fed Siskin, nice size, dense cap, and good in markings; 3, Gardiner, large Mealy Redpoll, good shape and well up in colour; 4, Stavert, natural-coloured Siskin, well laced cap; vhc, Watson; hc, Aikman; c, Ford. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Ford, grand Bearded Reedling, clinking exhibit, finest staged bird in hall, lovely condition, grand face markings, rare size, pure in colour, fine bloom; 2, Laidlaw, Meadow Pipit, well-known face, shade soft to day; 3, Steel, good Black-headed Bunting, slightly broken in head, but nice bib and markings, well up in size; 4, Bruce, Sparrow, uncommon exhibit, very steady, too sombre for an exhibition bird; vhc, Ford. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Bruce, clinking Song Thrush, lovely moonings, rare size, very steady, well staged, the Palace winner we heard; 2, Schoolcs, good bird, lovely lacing, grand colour, shade smaller than winner; 3, Linton, well-known Fieldfare, in rattling order, slightly broken on lacing on one side, steady; 4, Gardiner, good-sized Starling, rather sparingly laced, nice size and condition; vhc, Stavert. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, Bruce, Black-headed Gouldian Finch, in good form, nice quality and colours; 2, Steel, good Russian Goldfinch, fine deep blaze, expansive, and deep in colour; 3, McMinn Bros., good Goldfinch, plenty of size, good front, lacks face of winner. SELL., 7/- (3): 1, Montague; 2, Bruce; 3, Afflick.

LEITH O.S.

The club show of Scotch Fancy Canaries (being their twenty-first), was held in the Kinnaird Hall, on October 17th. The secretary and treasurer is Mr. Jas. Sinclair, who had the arrangements well in hand. The judges were Messrs. Carson (Dalkeith), and Carlow (Falkirk), whose awards gave every satisfaction. The entries were considerably down in number as compared with last year, but what was lacking here was made up for in quality, a lot of real good birds being staged. The winner of the challenge cup for best bird in show was Mr. Jas. Sinclair with his Buff Pied cock. This bird is yet in nest feather, being only twelve weeks old; when finished, it will do some more winning. The second best bird, a Buff ben, belongs to Mr. Petrie—a bit of hard luck for him, as he was runner-up last year as well. However Mr. Petrie must have some sense of satisfaction, as we understand that the winner was bred direct from his stock. There was a fine display of specials, 44 in all, which were presented by Bailie Pennell.

YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, Farrell. PIED: 1, Petrie; 2, Bain; 3, Pennycook. TKD.: 1, White, GREEN: 1, 3, Hastie; 2, Farrell. BUFF CKS.: 1, 3, White; 2, Petrie. PIED: 1, Sinclair; 2, Pennycock; 3, Robertson. TKD.: 1, Pennycook; 2, Robertson; 3, White. BUFF GREEN CK.: 1, Farrell; 2, White. YELL. HEN: 1, Pennycook; 2, Graham; 3, White. PIED: 1, 2, Petrie; 3, Farrell. TKD.: 1, Sinclair; 2, M. Eacheon; 3, White. GREEN: 1, Petrie; 2, Malcolm; 3, Bain. BUFF HEN: 1, Petrie; 2, Robertson; 3, Farrell. BUFF PIED: 1, Farrell; 2, Petrie; 3, Robertson. TKD.: 1, Graham, 2, White. GREEN: 1, Graham; 2, 3, Farrell.

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ROCHDALE.

A Record-breaking Event.

Record was broken at the show of the Rochdale Ornithological Club on October 23rd and 24th, when the entry totalled 760, and the quality (excepting only in the Lancashire section) was as good as the entry. Departing from custom, the executive on this occasion appointed two Lancashire specialists to adjudicate upon the Lancashires and Lizards, and it was expected that the entry would have been a big one, but the breeders of the County Palatine failed to avail themselves of the opportunity of having a good run at Rochdale and missing the champion string of Mr. Barrass, naturally the absence of this team reduced the quantity of the exhibits in the section, but it was thought breeders would rise to the occasion and give the fixture a record in the "ganis" of the fancy. Some capital birds were on view, however, and very interesting indeed were the two young classes, and comparison between the birds in those classes and the adults would convince anyone that in Lancashires it is "age that tells the tale." In the Lizards the hens made the best classes go far as numbers were concerned, but the quality right through the section was splendid. A most noticeable achievement was that of Mr. W. P. Barnes, who sent a team of seven and secured a trio of first prizes, besides other awards. This achievement was enough to make the local enthusiasts scratch their heads and say, "Does Lancashire stand where she did?" Yorkshires were an eye-opener indeed, and broke the record for this event, totalling nearly 250, and averaging over 24 per class. The quality was also magnificent, especially in the hen classes, each of which mustered 97 and contained a large number of grand birds. The Greens were wonderful, the yellows particularly—33, and all good. They were greens *and* Yorkshires, too. In taking a survey of this section, one thing struck us. Many most excellent birds were a shade pale on the thigh. Light vents and thighs are bad faults, and faults which the old breeders of greens held in abhorrence. A better lot of buffs we have never seen, very few of them showing that dingy, smoky appearance which characterised the buffs of a few seasons since. The section must have afforded intense satisfaction to the officials of the Green Canary Club. Norwich and Crests were two very nice sections, while the Norwich Greens, like their Yorkshire brethren, were a magnificent collection, and we do not if ever a finer lot has been seen at any show. Mules made a couple of interesting classes, and the British attracted much attention, as did the foreigners, which, though few, were of excellent quality. The stuffed specimens are always a centre of attraction at Rochdale, and year by year Mr. Willie Lord brings out something new. On this occasion it was a beautiful river scene with two Kingfishers busily engaged in catching fish. As usual at Rochdale, the management was all that could be desired, the veterans who have oft pulled the fixture through (with President John Naden at their head) being ably assisted by a large number of younger hands, who by the interest they displayed are evidently "training on." There is little fear for the future of the Rochdale O.C. Mr. J. Butterworth made a courteous and energetic secretary, and got through his labours in the most creditable manner. The opening ceremony was on this occasion performed by Mr. Councillor Wilson Dunning, the Mayor-elect, who, in a most admirable speech, complimented the club upon its record show, and the members upon their devotion to such an elevating and refining hobby. Mr. Councillor J. H. Howarth occupied the chair. The Judges were Messrs. R. Barrass, L. Butterworth, and C. A. House, and their decisions seemed to meet with general satisfaction.

Mr. R. Barrass's Classes.

COPPY YELL. (10): 1, Collinge, fine large upstanding lengthy bird, plenty of substance and feather, carries a well-packed big spreading coppy; 2, hc, spl, Green, bird of magnificent quality, splendid length and carriage, well arranged lengthy coppy; 3, J. Butterworth, very stout bodied, abundance of feather, trifle shorter in frontal; 4, vhc, Lee, two very nice stamp of birds, capital style and carriage, nicely feathered; c, Turner. BUFF (5): 1, 4, spl, J. Butterworth, leader immense bird, full of feather, long, stout, well carried body, large densely packed long coppy, nicely radiated, 4th built on grand lines, rare leather; 2, Garner, plenty of length, grand carriage, grand quality and substance of feather, nicely centred, well spread coppy; 3, Oldham, abundance of feather, grand shape and style, hardly so long in body, nicely shaped coppy; vhc, West, capital length and shape, plenty of feather. P.H. YELL. (7): 1, Naden, real topper, plenty of length and substance of body, rare neck and back, large, well shaped head, covered with great length and width of feather; 2, 4, Entwistle, longer, stylish bird, plenty of head and body feather, hardly the width and substance of head, 4th grand length and style, not so much substance either of body or head; 3, Garner, grand shaped head, well covered, nicely lashed, plenty of feather; vhc, Adams, plenty of substance, capital shape of skull; c, Green. BUFF (10): 1, Crossley, a beauty, rare shape, length and substance, fine bold, well shaped, massive head, grandly lashed, densely feathered both on body and head; 2, Vickers, very stout, massive body, big, well shaped skull, abundance of feather; 3, Green, clunking good bird, grand shape, length and substance, plenty of feather; 4, Butterworth, rare big, well feathered bird, plenty of substance both of body and feather; vhc, Entwistle, shapely bird, plenty of feather, nice length and substance; hc, Turner; c, Collinge. COPPY TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Adams, winner really good all round bird, most desirable exhibit from every point, grand shape and spread of coppy, rare style and shape of body, 2nd somewhat longer in body, carries a wealth of nice quality feather on a well shaped body; 3 (no name, Burnley), rare feathered bird, very stout and massive, grand substance of feather, nicely spread coppy, not so long in body, nor so stylish; 4, Naden, grand length and style, real good Lancashire but not enough substance, needs a bit more bone (try some oatcake, Jack!); vhc, J. Butterworth, plenty of substance, abundance of feather, nice shaped coppy (get 'im a fresh coppy, Joe). BUFF (10): 1, West, large, well spread, nicely centred coppy, long and broad in its feathers, large, massive, lengthy body with abundance of feather, but not carry his wings so well as he should do; 2, 4, Adams, simply a mass of long wide feathers, wants the dandy brush, and carry comb put over him, rare substance, capital coppy, good in shape and length, 4th nice length and carriage of body, well centred coppy of great length; 3, Garner, one of John's quality ones, splendid shape and length, rare style, plenty of feather, well centred coppy but not so broad or densely feathered; vhc, Lee, capital front to coppy but a trifle rough and open behind; hc, Naden; c (no name). P.H. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Lowe, one of "the right sort," rare shape, width and substance of skull, carries both on body and head a wealth of long, broad feather, capital length and substance of body; 2, Turner, grand quality, splendid length and style, nice shaped head, well browed, needs more substance; 3, Garner, beautiful quality of feather of nice length, well shaped skull of good width; 4, Lord, long, stylish and raking, carries nice amount of feather, needs a trifle more substance; vhc, Adams, very nice shape and quality of feather. BUFF (7): 1, Laycock, one of the big massive ones that so delight the eye of the Lancashire enthusiast, splendid width and shape of skull, grandly lashed, rare length and substance of feather; 2, Hardy, hardly the length and substance of the winner, but grandly proportioned and well feathered, splendid carriage, nice shaped skull; 3, Adams, very stout right through, grand shaped head, densely feathered, nice length and width of feather; 4, Oldham, very massive, heavily feathered, stout body and head, well lashed, fails somewhat in length and carriage; vhc, Green, good shape, style and size; hc, J. Butterworth. HEN COPPY (9): 1, Crossley, grand yell., lovely quality of feather yet very long and dense, grand shaped and lengthy coppy, well centred, capital shape, substance and carriage of body; 2, Lee, buff, with extraordinary abundance of body feather, stout, good sized body, nice shaped coppy, but hardly the spread of winner; 3, Laycock, grand stamp of yell. tkd., splendid shape and carriage of body, nice length and substance of body feather; 4, Entwistle, not quite ready but will improve vastly on to-day's performance, grand in all respects; vhc (no name), nicely centred and shaped coppy, good body structure, well feathered; hc, Naden; c, Garner. P.H. (8): 1, hc, c, J. Butterworth, very stout, well shaped yell., grand shape and substance of skull, massive, heavily feathered body, capital length and carriage of body; 2, Crossley, grand bodied buff, great length and substance of body feather, capital skull well lashed; 3, Lee, beautifully feathered yell., grand shape and substance of body, which is well carried, could do with a bit more length of leg and body. BRED 1908 COPPY (17): 1, Crossley, very smart and promising yell. tkd., beautifully arranged coppy, nice length, shape and substance of body and feather, stands well up and looks well; 2, Newell, very long, grand styled buff, capital shape and arrangement of coppy, good big, lengthy body, should make a champion; 3, E. T. Turner, very nicely shaped tkd. yell., capital feather, nice headgear, would not show well at all; 4, Whitehead, capital shapely buff, nice body and feather, a most useful bird; vhc, F. Turner, another grand bodied tkd. yell., capital shape; hc, West. P.H. (15): 1, Garner, yell., one of the Hazelgrove quality ones, a regular swell, grand shape, width and feathering of skull, capital body structure and feather; 2, Crossley, very shapely, well built buff, plenty of long broad feather, nice shape and substance of skull and body; 3, Lord, long, stylish, nice shaped yell., plenty of feather, but not so massive in body, shapely skull; 4, Whitehead, immense feathered bird, grand shape and length; vhc, Laycock, again grand length and style, with good proportion; hc, Vickers; c, Lowe. CREST (5): 1, 2, Peace, green with pied tail, and a variegated, capital shape and droop, neat centres, well shaped and nicely feathered bodies; 3, Ratcliffe, very neatly shaped variegated, nice centre and droop, not so much length of crest; 4, F. Turner, heavily mkd. bird of nice quality. C.B. (9): 1, Bowyer, one of the old Leek stamp, good cushion head with plenty of width and substance, grand feather and browing; 2, Hodkins, very handsome wing and cap mkd., rare shape and quality, plenty of feather; 3, Hardy, well feathered, nice shaped saddle mkd. bird, hardly so much substance; 4, Ratcliffe, clear body, nicely feathered, but not so massive either in skull or body; vhc, F. Turner, another well feathered heavily mkd. bird; hc, Andrews; c, J. Collinge. CREST HEN (8): 1, J. Collinge, very handsome, even mkd., grand centre and droop, perfect radiation and beautiful quality; 2, Bowyer, wing and tail mkd., neat centre, well radiated, nice droop, beaten in length of crest feather; 3, 4, T. H. Collinge, heavily mkd., and a clear body, two birds of nice shape and quality but not so densely feathered; vhc, F. Turner; neat, heavily mkd., needs more substance of crest feather; hc, Peace; c, Hodkins. C.B. (cancelled). NOVICE A.O.V. (20): 1, Cartwright, very smart yell. Norwich, grand shape, colour and quality, well shown; 2, Parker, very stylish, neat feathered yell. Yorkshire, nice head and back, in rare fettle; 3, hc, Dewsnap, another good Yorkshire but a huff, rare shape and feather, stands well; 4, Leach, nice chubby buff Norwich, good head and shoulders, deep crest, nice feather; vhc, Parker, varieg. yell. Yorkshire, nice shape and style; c, Pratt. LANCS. (15): 1, Brooks, very smart tkd. buff coppy, neat centre, nice spread and length of coppy, very nice shape, length and carriage of body; 2, 3, Hall, yell. coppy and a yell. plainhead, two grand birds for a novice to show, full of true Lancashire properties and nicely shown; 4, Crossley, fine big buff Plainhead, plenty of substance and feather, not in such good form; vhc, Whitehead, very nice yell. coppy; hc, Entwistle; c, Woodhead.

Mr. L. Butterworth's Classes.

LIZ. GOLD (7): 1, 4, J. Dewsnap, very rich sound colour, grand shape and lovely quality of feather, good broad back carrying a mass of bold distinct regular spangle, neat cap; 4th another beautifully spangled bird, very regular rowing, good shape, colour and feather, not so neat in cap; 2, Rukin, glorious colour, grand shape, style and feather, beautifully spangled, just a bit over-capped; 3, hc, Hampshire, plenty of work on a grand shaped back, but not quite so regular, capital ground colour and nice cap; vhc, Lawton, splendid shape, size and feather, rare colour, plenty of spangle on a sound ground; c, Barnes. SILVER (10): 1, spl, Barnes, very clear, bold spangle, plenty of it and very regular, grand colour, capital shape, nice size, splendid quality, neat cap; 2, 4, Rukin, very full spangled back, bold and distinct and regular, grand shape and size, splendid colour and lovely feather; 4th plenty of work on a good ground, not quite so regular, neat cap; 3, Hampshire, very shapely, nice size, good bold spangle, well mkd. cap, not so rich in colour; vhc, c, J. Dewsnap, capital colour, neat and regular in spangle; hc, W. Dewsnap. B.C. GOLD (9): 1, Barnes, magnificent colour, grand shape and size, good broad back covered with a mass of bold distinct, regular work; 2, Hampshire, not so bold and chubby in shape, but lovely colour and quality, clear bold work and plenty of it, well defined cap; 3, 4, J. Dewsnap, two very rich coloured, grand shaped birds of lovely quality, nicely formed caps, and both full of work, showing one or two white tips; vhc, Lawton, grand shape and colour, beautifully feathered, good size; hc, Fisher; c, Rukin. SILVER (11): 1, 2, 3, J. Dewsnap, trio of wonderful birds for size, shape, boldness, and distinctness of spangle, all of nice rich colour, beautifully feathered, winner the largest of the three and best shaped; 4, vhc, Rukin, plenty of clear bold work of great regularity, grand shape and size, rich colour; hc, c, Fisher. HEN GOLD (6): 1, 2, spl, Rukin, pair of gems, splendid shape and size, lovely colour and feather, full of work and very regular, winner excels in richness and brightness of colour; 3, 4, J. Dewsnap, mass of bold, regular, distinct spangle, grand colour, shape and feather, 3rd hardly so neat in cap, and 4th loses somewhat on shoulders; vhc, Hampshire, grand shape and size, beautifully spangled; hc, Barnes. SILVER (9): 1, W. Dewsnap, wonderfully bold and distinct for a silver hen, rare shape and size, beautiful colour and frosting; 2, hc, Rukin, carries a mass of well cut spangles, but hardly so bold as winner, rare shape, colour, feather and size; 3, J. Dewsnap, hardly so rich in colour, but grand spangle, lovely feather, nice shape and style; 4, Barnes, plenty of work, good shape, nice colour, but over-capped; vhc, c, Hampshire. B.C. GOLD (7): 1, 2, J. Dewsnap, leader real gem for boldness and clearness of spangle, lovely soft silky feather, very smart and shapely, 2nd grandly rowed, splendid shape and feather, hardly so well burnished; 3, Rukin, grand hen for shape, size and feather, plenty of spangle, hardly so sound or bright in colour; 4, W. Dewsnap, not one of the largest but very sweet and pretty, grandly spangled; vhc, McKim, wins Sandiford's spl, very bot in colour, grand shape and spangle; hc, Lawton; c, Hampshire. SILVER (10): 1, Barnes, fine big bouncing hen, plenty of bold spangle on well shaped back, grand colour, shape and feather; 2, 3, J. Dewsnap, very rich and sound in colour, grand quality of feather, nice shape and size, both carry a lot of work; 4, Hampshire, another grand shaped hen of good size, lovely colour and feather; vhc, c, Fisher, hardly so regular but back simply one mass of work, grand colour and shape; hc, Rukin. PAIRS (6): 1, Bescoby, very stylish, fine feathered, well drawn Yorkshires; 2, Hardy, neat shapely pair of birds for next breeding; 3, Fielden, nice, rich coloured, well shaped, good quality Yorkshire greens; 4, Smith and Sellars, again a good, well matched pair of Yorkshires; vhc, Wagstaffe, nice quality Yorkshires; hc, Siddle. SELL. (30/-) (8): 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, F. Turner; 3, George; 4, Bullough; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gray; c, Chadderton. (20/-) (15): 1, c, Clarkson; 2, Lord; 3, Gray; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Wagstaffe. (12/6) (17): 1, Lees; 2, Bullough; 3, Adams; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Hawkes; c, Smith and Sellars. NOVICE LIZ. (7): 1, 2, spl, Martin, very nice showy pair gold and silver, grandly spangled, capital shape, colour and quality, neat caps; 3, 4, Lee, another very smart pair, but broken caps this time, gold and silver, rare shape, grand colour, and plenty of good bold work; vhc, W. Dowsnap, another nicely rowed, rich coloured, broken silver; hc, c, Holt. BRIT. HARD-BILL (10): 1, hc, Birchley, large, grand feathered, rich coloured, well mkd. Hawfinch; 2, Mort, Goldfinch, rich coloured blaze, splendid body colour, grand bars and buttons, capital feather; 3, Beatty, rich breasted Bullfinch, capital clean cut cap, lovely back and bars; 4, Entwistle, bright coloured Greenfinch, capital feather and size, very steady; vhc, Marsden; c, Walton. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Birchley, beautifully feathered black Redstart, grand colour and full of life, 2nd splendidly mkd. Hoopoe, grand crest, lovely colour and feather; 3, Mort, large, nicely shaped Thrush, beautifully spangled, and rich bright colour, in rare fettle; 4, Williamson, very pretty, well mkd. Blackcap, good feather and colour; vhc, Marsden; hc, Beatty; c, Wild.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (28): 1, Robertshaw, very slim, sleek, and straight, fine head, rare carriage, very nervy, beautiful feather and finish; 2, Drake and Son, magnificent quality, full of nerve, grand head, rare wings and tail; 3, Chippendale, about the best in the class for shape and feather, grand head, shoulders and wings; 4, Ogden Bros., bonny bird, beautiful shape, very tight in feather, rare style; vhc, Wadsworth, rare shape and feather, does not get up so erect as the others; hc, Norris; c, Cooper. BUFF (23): 1, 2, Wadsworth, both beautifully moulded, very smooth and clean cut, slim and smart, full of nerve, splendid position, handles remarkably well, winner the best in finish of feather; 3, Bennett, magnificent style and quality of feather, grand head, shoulders and wings; 4, Towers, very smart and shapely, grandly feathered, gets well up; vhc, Robertshaw, beautiful shape and feather; hc, Waterworth, a green. TKD. YELL. (20): 1, Wood, wing ticked, sweet head and neck, fine shoulders, wings and tail well braced, full of quality, very nervy, gets well up to his work; 2, Drake and Son, very handsome, thigh ticked, beautiful head and shoulders, rare wings, grand shape and feather; 3, Walsh, another very quick handling thigh ticked, rare feather and shape, not quite so erect; 4, Knowles, thigh ticked, capital shape and feather, fine head, wants using to show cage a bit; vhc, Ogden Bros., wing ticked, a clipper too, his turn is yet to come; hc, Allen; c, Peels. BUFF (26): 1, Peels, very smart nervy eye ticked, full of style and quality, rare shape, nice length and gets well up to his work; 2, Bescoby, thigh ticked, beautifully moulded, rare head, shoulders, wings and tail, but hardly ready; 3, Robertshaw, grand shaped thigh ticked, lovely feather, plenty of nerve, but wants a bit of training; 4, Walsh, one of the best bodied birds in the class, magnificent quality and finish of feather, but short on leg; vhc, Shaw, Bros., head tkd., gem for colour, quality and nerve, grand head; hc, Towers; c, Parker. HEN YELL. (27): 1, Wilcock, regular little lady, very fine and slim, beautiful finish of feather, grand head, back and wings, rare carriage; 2, Peel, beautiful shape and feather, very smart in carriage, wings well braced, handles well; 3, vhc, Walsh, two grand-shaped hens of rare quality, plenty of nerve, handle splendidly, hardly so clean cut at waist; 4, Knowles, very smart cinnamon marked, full of style and quality; hc, Wood; c, Wadsworth. BUFF (27): 1, Shaw Bros., very pale in colour, but feathered like a Java, very erect and steady in carriage, grandly finished all over; 2, Peel, another natural coloured charmer full of grace and style, hardly so compact in tail; 3, Schofield, carries plenty of colour, lovely shape and style, neat head, not tightened up yet; 4, vhc, Wadsworth, rare colour, grand shape and carriage, beautiful quality of feather; hc, Ogden Bros., c, Walsh. GREENS, YELL. (33): 1, Clayton, one of the brightest and most grassy, very tight and silky in feather, and full of good Yorkshire properties; 2, Hawkes, rich deep green, very sound right through, grand shape, stands beautifully; 3, Fielden, as tight as wax, full of colour, splendid shape, but does not show so well; 4, c, Davis, grand rich grassy colour, capital head and back, plenty of style and nerve, hardly ready; vhc, Rowlands, shade lighter in colour, but one of the bonniest for shape and style; hc, Riley. BUFF (22): 1, Hawkes, wonderfully rich and sound in colour for a buff, nice shape and well fleshed in feather, handles well; 2, Atherton, hardly so much length, but wonderfully slim and smart, rare feather and style; 3, Rowlands, magnificent colour and carriage, grandly feathered, a shade stouter in waist; 4, Walker, very slim and shapely, rare feather and style, round in colour, but hardly so bright; vhc, Metcalfe, splendid colour and quality, nice carriage; hc, Clayton; c, Robinson. FOUL YELL. (21): 1, Hughes, pied tail, a Yorkie from beak to toe point, full of grace and style, lovely colour and feather, rare nerve; 2, Pickup, wing and tail pied, hardly so solid in colour, but very bright, grand shape and feather; 3, Western, pied tail, not quite so neat in head, capital body, rare style, grand colour of feather; 4, Atherton, pied tail, a clinking good green, and a Yorkshire, too, spoilt by being slightly turned; vhc, Rowlands, tail and thigh pied, grand shape and feather, rare style; hc, Martin; c, Benson. BUFF (22): 1, Fielden, pied tail, very sound and bright in colour, beautifully feathered, rare shape and carriage, one of the first water; 2, 3, Davis, if anything a more brilliant shade of colour, but hardly so finely drawn, grand style, capital wings and tail; 4, Western, tail and wing pied, fails in skull somewhat, lovely colour and shape, and full of action; vhc, Hawkes, tail pied, beautiful colour, grand quality and shape; hc, Handley; c, Pickup. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Bowyer, one of the old-fashioned Leek stamp, true to type, short and compact right through, rare colour and feather; 2, no name (Stockport), very rich colour, grand shaped body, nice feather, just a bit sulky in head; 3, 4, Woodall, magnificent colour, rare good shape, not so fine in feather; vhc, Huggins; hc, Worthington Bros.; c, Fallows. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Royle, capital shape, sound colour, well mealed, nice quality; 2, Booth, very smart in shape, capital colour, not so tight in feather; 3, Bowyer, grand body, colour, shape, and feather, but had a nasty break in head feather; 4, no name (Stockport), nice quality and colour, good shaped body, not so chubby in head; hc, Sellars; c, Smith and Sellars. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Haigh and Son, thigh ticked yellow, full of colour and quality, short and neat in wing and tail; 2, Bowyer, cap and wing mkd., grand shaped body, nice feather and colour; 3, Woodall, wing marked, very nice shape and colour, not so tight in feather; 4, McKim, grizzled on saddle, capital shape, nice colour, not so silky in feather; vhc, Pratt; wrong class, 5, Nadin, buff, 7, no name (Stockport), a clear. BUFF (7): 1, Bowyer, lightly grizzled on neck, rare Bullfinch type, lovely feather, nicely mealed, good colour; 2, vhc, Booth, nice shapely wing marked, plenty of colour, and close in feather; 3, Massey, rare shaped variegated, grandly feathered, but needs a bit of burnishing; 4, Haigh and Son, eye ticked, grand shape and beautiful quality, not tightened up yet; hc, Banks; c, Worthington Bros. HEN YELL. (11): 1, Haigh and Son, charming cap and wing marked, rare shape, lovely quality of feather; 2, Booth, grizzled in neck, again very shapely and smart in feather, good colour; 3, Bowyer, hardly so soft and silky in feather, but nice shape and size; 4, hc, Worthington Bros., cheek and wing marked, nice shape and feather, good colour; vhc, c, Woodall. BUFF (16): 1, Booth, grizzled cheek, magnificent colour, beautifully frosted, rare shape and quality of feather, a gem; 2, Royle, very short, compactly made clear of beautiful colour and feather; 3, 4, Bowyer, the two best shaped hens in the class, nice colour and well mealed, but not quite so nicely finished in feather; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Dewhurst; c, Sellars. GREEN YELL. (16): 1, hc, Deacon, magnificent

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shape and size, very rich and bright in colour, beautiful silky feather, rare style; 2, Isaac, very grand shape, splendid head and chest, lovely quality, very deep colour, but not so glossy; 3, Hales, for shape of body, quality of feather, and soundness of colour one of the best, fails a bit in head; 4, Brotherton, another beautiful bird, so far as colour, feather and body is concerned, but also loses in head; vhc, Harrison; c, Hawkes. BUFF (15): 1, Deacon, real living picture, about the best buff green we have seen, beautiful colour, well mealed, rare shape and so tight as wax; 2, 4, c, Walker, not so well mealed but most charming colour, shape and quality of feather; 4, grand colour and feather, hardly so chubby; 3, Hales, very nice rich colour, beautiful shape of body, and grandly feathered, but coarser in head; vhc, Ryne; hc, Hawkes. No. 14, Harrison, not enough meal for a buff. FOUL YELL. (17): 1, vhc, Ryno, wing and vent pied, beautiful rich grassy colour, grand type, tight and silky in feather; 2, Isaac, pied on vent and tail, hardly so chubby, but most exquisite colour and quality; 3, Deacon, pied in tail, grand shape, colour, and feather, not the best of heads; 4, Harrison, pied in wing, wonderful colour and quality, rare shaped body, bit thin in head; hc, Nelson; c, Hawkes. BUFF (22): 1, R. Jenkins, pied in tail, very typical and full of quality, rare style, beautifully rich and bright in colour; 2, Brotherton, pied in tail, rather more depth and width of chest, but not so smart, nice colour and feather 3, vhc, Harrison, grand shaped tail, and vent pied, capital colour, not so silky in feather; 4, Hadwin, pied in tail, capital feather and colour, hardly so chubby; hc, Ryno; c, W. Jenkins. MULES, LIGHT (7): 1, Tams and Son, very smart clear buff, nice colour, beautiful style and feather; 2, Beatty, eye, wing, and tail marked buff, an immense bird, with grand shape and style, beautiful colour and feather; 3, Harrison and Raynor, nice coloured, shapely, well feathered, variegated buff; 4, c, Colton and Daun, fine big variegated buff, not tightened up in feather yet; hc, Wagstaffe, wrong class; 6, Naden, dark Goldfinch. DARK (15): 1, Colton and Dawn, very pretty Redpoll-Bullfinch, beautifully rich and bright in colour, nicely marked, and very steady; 2, Tams and Son, well marked, rich coloured Goldfinch, good wings, and chest; 3, Berry, rich coloured, fine feathered, well marked Jonque Goldfinch-Canary; 4, Lees, fine shaped, rich-coloured Jonque Greenfinch-Canary; vhc, Wild; hc, Law; c, Pratt. Wrong class. 13, Entwistle, a pied Goldfinch-Canary, said to be the winner in Dark Mules at a southern show the week previous. PARROTS, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Millsum, pair of very handsome purple-capped Lorice, very brilliant in colour, and clear in marking; 3, very rich-coloured, well marked, nice feathered blue Mountain Lorikeets; 2, hc, Cheetham, grandly feathered, well marked, bright coloured King Lory; 4, vhc, Beatty, very handsome Ceram Lory, and a pair of Plicated Parrakeets; c, Blincoe. A.S. SEED-EATERS (5): 1, Beatty, very handsome pair of Black-headed Gouldians, with clear colour, well-marked and in grand feather; 2, 3, Cheetham, beautifully feathered Paradise Whydah, of grand colour, and a well marked, good coloured, red shouldered Whydah, but slack, though, in feather; 4, vhc, Millsum, very nice Red-headed Gouldian, and a pair of White Javas. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, 3, Millsum, beautifully plumaged Blue Tanager, grandly marked lustrous coloured pair of Magpie Tanagers; 2, 4, vhc, Beatty, Green-billed Toucan, golden-fronted Honeysuckle, and a Magpie Tanager, three grand exhibits, in splendid feather and colour. STUFFED SPECIMENS (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Lord, magnificent collection of high-class examples of the taxidermist's art, 1 pair of Kingfishers, fishing on river side; 2, Kestrel Hawks and young, 3, Golden Eagle; vhc, a Winter Scene, with Robin in foreground: hc, Yellow Shank; c, Sparrow Hawk and Partridge; 4, Greenwood, very fine pair of Jays, excellently mounted.

BELGRAVE AND DISTRICT F.S.

At the meeting held on Oct. 13 at the New Inn, Loughborough Road, a Table Show of Canaries was held. Mr. McCarter judged. The result was as follows:—1, Hurst; 2 and 3, Costello. During the evening we had a visit from Mr. W. B. Cobb, Secretary of a Fanciers' Society in Leeds, who gave a few remarks, he being in the town. We greatly appreciate these visits, and would be glad if other fanciers would give us a look up.—W. H. RILEY, Secretary.

CITY OF NORWICH C.B.S.

This show, held at the Cricketers' Arms, Orford Place, on October 12th, eclipsed anything attempted by the society previously. It was the twelfth annual venture, and close on one hundred more cages were benched than the number last year. Mr. W. Curl, hon. secretary, has put in a lot of work to bring the society to the front, and from the latest exhibition his labours are evidently bearing good fruit. Mr. T. Daynes, jun., is the chairman, and there is a strong committee. The birds entered were a beautiful and useful lot, the Farnheads, the Buff cocks, and hens, and the yellow hens, being fit for any competition, whilst the pairs were an exceptional class. W. Hart took special for the best young Plainhead in the show, and also the cup for most points in show; T. Daynes, jun., for the hottest fed bird; Gilbert for the best yellow Crest, and E. Checkland for most points in novice section. The Crests and Crest-breds were as good as any that can be found at club shows. The special for best Crest fell to Mr. W. Curl, and that for best Crest-bred to Mr. J. Carlton.

CL. YELL. CK. NOR.: 1, Daynes; 2, 3, Alp; 4, Gilbert. BUFF.: 1, 2, Alp; 3, Simmonds; 4, Wyer. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Daynes; 2, Alp; 3, Alden; 4, Curl. TKD. YELL. CK. (dark plumage not to disqualify): 1, 2, Harl; 3, Wyer; 4, Henry. BUFF: 1, Dyke; 2, Bartram; 3, Harl; 4, Alden. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Daynes; 2, Bartram; 3, Alp; 4, Alden. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Daynes; 3, Gay; 4, Henry. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Harl; 3, 4, Alp. BUFF: 1, Simmonds; 2, 3, Harl; 4, Baker. PAIR MATCHED FOR BREEDING: 1, 2, Harl; 3, Alp; 4, Simmonds. CREST CL. BUFF: 1, Dyke; 2, Daynes; 3, Carlton; 4, Alden. A.O.V. CREST CK.: 1, and spl. for best Crest, Curl; 2, Gilbert; 3, Daynes; 4, Brundell. HEN: 1, 4, Curl; 2, Brundell; 3, Gilbert. EVEN MKD. BUFF: 1, 3, Dyke; 2, Carlton; 4, Gilbert. YELL. CREST A.V.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Brundell; 3, Carlton; 4, Curl YELL. CREST-BRED: 1, 3, Carlton; 2, Brundell; 4, Dyke. BUFF: 1, Alden; 2, Curl; 3, Gilbert; 4, Brundell. BUFF HEN: 1, Carlton; 2, Brundell; 3, Curl; 4, Gilbert. PAIRS OF CRESTS (matched for breeding): 1, Dyke; 2, Carlton; 3, Curl; 4, Gilbert. A.O.V., MULE OR HYB.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Dyke; 3 Brundell; 4, Alden. NOVICE YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Checkland; 3, 4, Brundell. BUFF: 1, Swann; 2, 3, Checkland; 4, Brundell.

At Darlington Show, October 17th, you give "T." Cuthbertson as winner of H. Pike Pease's Bowl, which should read J. Cuthbertson. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. CUTHBERTSON (Darlington).

QUEENSBURY.

A big success was scored by the Queensbury C.B.S. at its show held in the Baptist School, October 24th. The entry, both in total and average, was far in excess of any Yorkshire Union Show held this season, the aggregate being 460, and the average exactly 20 per class. The Clears were not large classes, neither was the quality of that high order one associates with the Bradford district, many of the birds showing an undesirable hardiness and openness of feather. The Ticks were much superior, and it would be difficult to find better examples of the Yorkshire family than those supplied by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, and Jowett, the latter being especially fine, and, in the opinion of many, the best bird in the show; in shape, style, and feather it is indeed a model of what a Yorkshire should be. The Uneven Marks were a very taking lot. Competition in the hen classes was exceedingly keen indeed, and the task of selecting the winners by no means easy, many of the unnoticed birds being fit to win, and doubtless will win ere the season is far advanced. Cinnamon Marks were a wonderful collection of 90 in the four classes, whilst the quality, in the opinion of the local experts, was by far the best seen out this season. The veterans, Wilcock, Shackleton, and Sutcliffe, scored with some most beautiful representatives of this fascinating sub-variety, whilst the younger generation held their own by the aid of Messrs. Cooper, Frankland, Chittenden, Hartley, Ogden, Towers, Drake, Blakey, and Lingley. Amongst the Novice birds were many which could have held their own well in the Open section. Whilst such birds can be produced by the "young bloods" of the West Riding, there is no fear of the Yorkshire bird failing in type or quality. We noticed several of the old hands keenly scrutinising this section, and heard of one or two offers being made for some of the winners. We may say that this section was judged before the Open, and thus the Novices did not have their usual note of complaint that their birds were judged "when the judge had tired." The show was most excellently managed, the birds being staged at a nice height, and well attended to by the stewards. Hot-water pipes kept the room at an agreeable temperature, and it was well lighted and ventilated. The day was delightfully bright and fine, and this brought a big gathering of fanciers to the show, the Bradford and Halifax districts being especially well represented. Mr. Jagger made a most affable and courteous secretary, and he received the loyal and energetic co-operation of his committee, all of whom worked with an enthusiasm which betoken d the true fancier spirit. Queensbury is one of the youngest societies in the Yorkshire Union, but its executive are evidently determined not to be outdone by the older societies. They worked hard for, and attained, a richly deserved success. Mr. C. A. House judged, and we heard few complaints.

The Champion Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Shackleton, very slim, finely drawn throughout, nice quality of feather, very nervy and stylish; 2, Bailey and Swanger, rare shape and style, splendid length, nice sitting feather, a bit inclined to spread his tail; 3, Townsend, rare length, colour, and style, grandly drawn, but not so tight in feather; 4, Ogden Bros., the best feathered bird in the class, and full of style, but is just a shade too thick; vhc, Lelland, grand shape and length, nice feather; hc, Wellock; c, Wilson. BUFF (15): 1, Drake, very pale in colour, but feathered like a Java, stands well up, fine head and shoulders, grand wings and tail; 2, vhc, Briggs, very hot in colour, magnificent feather, plenty of style, but being somewhat short in leg does not show to advantage; 3, Townsend, nice racy, well-drawn bird, plenty of nerve, capital feather, opens tail a bit; 4, Halliday, very hot in colour, grand shape and style, nice silky feather, set tight in front; hc, Coates; c, Ross and Robertshaw. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, Bailey and Swanger, very handsome, thigh ticked, grand shape, full of nerve, lovely quality of feather, beautiful colour and style; 2, Wright and Son, very long slim, pale-coloured bird, handles well, plenty of nerve and style, grandly feathered; 3, Galling, grizzled shoulder, capital shape and colour, very stylish, but not tightened up in feather; 4, Shaw Bros., another beautifully made stylish bird, which also had not tightened up; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Blackburn and Mitchell; c, Ackroyd. BUFF (20): 1, Jowett, thigh ticked, a living picture, stands like a guardsman, with not a feather out of place, the essence of type and quality; 2, Coates, very long, slim head, ticked, hardly so compactly feathered but a grand quality bird of rare style; 3, Long, thigh ticked, pale in colour, but most excellent quality of feather, very nervy and stylish; 4, Wilson, neck ticked, very smart, neat and stylish, full of quality, nicely modelled; vhc, Ross and Robertshaw, very nice wing ticked, grand head and shoulders, splendid flights; hc, Walsh; c, Holliday. UNEVEN TKD. (17): 1, Ogden Bros., very long, slim, hot coloured eyes, neck, and wing marked yellow, grand style, and nerve, a taking bird; 2, Addy, similarly marked buff, beautiful feather; grand shape and style, handles well; 3, Shaw Bros., very slim, similarly marked, lovely quality of feather, plenty of style, but shorter; 4, Blackburn and Mitchell, eye, wing, and tail marked, very long and slim, with plenty of style; vhc, Haigh, long, raking, hot coloured variegated yellow; hc, Mason; c, Watmuff. HEN YELL. (14): 1, Haigh and Son, a little gem, beautiful carriage, very fine and silky in feather, nice colour, sleek and smart throughout; 2, Taylor, grand head, neck, wings and tail, beautiful quality, hardly so slim in waist; 3, Watmuff, very neat, showy hen, lovely head, shoulders, wings and tail, just a bit open in front; 4, Cook, bonny little hen, full of style and quality, hardly so clever with her wings; vhc, Wilcock, grand shaped, high quality bird, objected to being handled, and finished herself; hc, Casey; c, Morton. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, looked almost as though she had been cut out of marble, regular little swell, full of style and quality; 2, Taylor and Haigh, grand top end, splendid wings, very tight and silky in feather, needs a bit more length of tail; 3, Halliday, beautiful colour and quality, very stylish and shapely, could do with a trifle more length; 4, Morton, grand bodied bird of most lovely feather, needs more length of leg to show her other points; vhc, Shackleton, very warm in colour, grand shape and style; hc, Wright and Son; c, Priestley. UNEVEN TKD. (20): 1, Jowett, eye and wing marked yellow, magnificent colour and feather, grand length, full of nerve and style; 2, Ogden Bros., eye, wing and neck marked buff, superb feather, splendid shape, and full of style; 3, Ramsden, eye, neck, and wing yellow, grand length and shape, full of style, hardly so tight in feather; 4, Broadley, another very smart, shapely, stylish, nice quality bird, with similar marking; vhc, Towers, rare quality three-pointed buff, splendid style; hc, Halliday; c, Cooper. CINN.-TKD. YELL. (23): 1, 2, Cooper, eye, neck, and wing marked, splendid shape, very racy and stylish, beautifully feathered; 2, equally smart in body and feather, but hardly so neat in wing; 3, Chittenden, splendid shape and length, full of nerve and style, grandly feathered, spoilt by his marked head and chest; vhc, spl, Frankland, cheek and wing marked, very neat and stylish, wonderful quality, takes special best fourth; vhc, excelled in shape and feather; hc, Jeffrey; c, Gibbons. BUFF (23): 1, hc, Wilcock, marked head, eyes, wings and neck, wonderful quality of feather, very smart and erect in carriage, grand, tapering body, and splendid tail; 2, Shackleton, marked head, eyes, and wings, very hot in colour, not so long in body or leg, capital feather and shape; 3, Hartley, marked head, eyes and wings, much paler in colour, capital shape, grand style, nice feather; 4, Fawcett, neck and wing marked, rare style and feather, bit larger; vhc, Drake and Son, eyes, chest, and wings, again one of the very good 'uns; hc, Thornton and Bower. HEN YELL. (22): 1, Towers, marked head, cheeks, wings and tail, very slim and shapely, beautiful quality of feather, full of nerve grand position; 2, Ogden Bros., head, wings and chest, very hot in colour, beautiful silky feather, very stylish and smart; 3 Wilcock, eyes, neck, and wings, looked to be the best hen in the class, but was not staged in the usual Chapel Street form; 4, Lingley, head, neck and wing marked, not so neat in head, grand shaped body, rare style and feather; vhc Clark, neck and wing marked, very slim, close feathered and stylish; hc, Swaine; c, Firth. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing marked, a magnificent bird, full of colour and quality grandly shaped, and very nervy; 3, eye and wing marked, a gem for quality, but a trifle stouter; 2, Drake and Son, very faintly marked on eyes, neck, and wings, a gem for shape, style, feather, and position; 4, spl, Blakey, marked check, throat, wings and vent, wonderful style and quality, very nice shape, takes up best fourth; vhc, Bentley, very handsome three-pointed, rare feather and style; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Cook. SELF. YELL. (20/-). (27): 1, Hartley; 2, Self; 3, Thornton; 4, Jeffreys; vhc, Lambert; hc, Bentley; c, Ingham. BUFF (15/-) (23): 1 Burdin; 2, Broadley; 3, Farrer; 4, Fowle; vhc, Smith; hc, Pratt Bros.; c, Swainc. HEN (12/6) (26): 1, Craven; 2, Farrer; 3, Kaye; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Fowle; hc, Kirkbright; c, Hartley.

The Novice Classes.

NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (28): 1, Beaumont, very long slim bird, most excellently drawn, grandly feathered, and of a nice bright even colour, very showy; 2, Denby, very sleek and tight in feather, grand style and position, not quite so slim; 3, Livesey, neat head, grand style and position, beautiful colour and feather, a trifle stouter; 4, Myers, splendidly drawn bird, rare shape and style, full of nerve, but not at all well shown, in form about the best yellow in the show; vhc, Gill, sweetly moulded bird; hc, Gibson; c Cawthra. BUFF (26): 1, Gill, takes special best in show, very pale in colour, but for shape, quality of feather, and position would take beating in any company; 2, 3, Wilson, very hot in colour, not so much length of leg, beautiful quality, full of nerve and shows well; 3, pale in colour, but lovely quality and style, not so neat in tail; 4, Walker, splendid shape and style, grandly feathered, needs just a bit more length; vhc, Burdin, nice shape and style; hc, Beaumont; c, Clegg. TKD. YELL. (22): 1, Laycock, thigh ticked bird of wonderful style and quality, stands like a soldier; 2, Varley, thigh ticked, not quite so long, but for shape, quality of feather and carriage one of the best; 3, Firth, very slim, racy neck, ticked, full of nerve, nice colour, not in the best of show form; 4, Ellis, thigh ticked, a trifle stouter, but a gem for feather and style; vhc, Chapman and Bateman, very slim, thigh ticked, nice nerve and position; hc, Lodge; c, Kayo. BUFF (16): 1, Firth, eye ticked, and a beauty, too, full of quality, grand head, wings and tail, smart and stylish, in rare form; 2, Clegg, cap and wing marked, not so long, but equally stylish and shapely grandly feathered; 3, Townley, thigh ticked, neat head, capital shoulders and wings, stands well, hardly so neat in tail; 4, Lodge, very hot coloured, neck and wing marked, not so long, but stylish, and good in feather; vhc, Denby, grizzled neck, nice shape and feather; hc, Hiles; c, Beaumont. HEN YELL. (33): 1, Livesey, most charming hen, grand shape and style, lovely feather and position; 2, Huddleston, shorter in body, neat head, wings and tail, feathered like wax, lovely position; 3, Burdekin, very long, shapely, good positioned hen, a bit uneven in colour; 4, White, very slim and fine, nice head, full of nerve, and holds herself well, rough wing ends; vhc, Beaumont, very smart and shapely and body; hc, Bennett; c, Bastow. BUFF (28): 1, Clegg, a magnificent hen, long, slim and finely drawn, not a feather out of place, and stands to attention like a guardsman; 2, Dunn, very warm coloured, close-feathered bird, grand shape and carriage, hardly so well finished; 3, Beaumont, long, stylish at waist, finely drawn, cap marked, beautiful quality and shape, bit open in front; 4, Whittaker, very hot in colour, grand style and shape, plenty of nerve, bit husky in feather; vhc, Mann, very smart clear, grand shape and length, good head, wings and tail; hc, Lodge; c Nichol. NOR. (12): 1, c, Hammond, fine, bold chubby, shapely buff, very nice feather and colour; 2, 3 Markwell, very hot ticked yellow, and a ticked buff of good shape, but not so tight in feather; 4, Greenwood, good bodied buff of nice quality, not so chubby in head; vhc hc, Ball. HEN (11): 1, Fortnam, very neat-bodied yellow, not much colour, but grand type and quality; 2, Greenwood, good-coloured buff of nice feather, but hardly so short; 3, Markwell, a small, but high quality buff of good colour; 4, Clarke, very nice stylish yellow of good feather, rather shy when handled; vhc, Fowle, good cap-marked bird; hc, Ball; c, Atkinson.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We held another of our Members' Shows at headquarters, Holme Lane Hotel, on Oct. 17th, 53 birds being staged. Mr. Jas. Hartley (Bradford), judged, and his awards met with the highest approval.

CL. YELL.: 1 and 3, Bedforth; 2, Clarke; 4, Gledhill; vhc, O. Atkinson; hc, Cook; c, B. and F. Worrman. BUFFS: 1, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 3, Atkinson; 4, Firth; vhc, Tidswell. TKD., ETC., CK. YELL: 1, Clarke; 2 and 4, Fawcett; 3, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, Gledhill; 3, Atkinson; 4, Fawcett; vhc, B. and F. Worrman; hc, Bedforth; c, Dawson. FOUL MARK YELL. HEN.: 1, Bedforth; 2, Cook; 3, Gledhill; 4 and hc, Atkinson; vhc, Clarke; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Bedforth; 2 and c, Shaw; 3, Tidswell; 4, B and F. Worrmann; vhc, Firth; hc, Clarke. UNEVEN FOUL MKD. HEN: 1, Clarke; 2, Cook; 3, Worrman; 4, Bedforth

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters, Chequers Hotel, Little Park-street. It was well patronised with entries, about 60 birds competing; all were of grand quality, especially the Buffs and Yellows on which the judge made some interesting remarks. Mr. J. Athersuch (Coventry) officiated as judge and gave every satisfaction. The show was opened by our president, Mr. J. Busby, supported by Mr. J. Blackshaw (chairman) and Mr. A. Wright (vice-chairman), and Mr. R. Symonds (assistant-secretary).

NOR. YELL.: 1, Ingram; 2, Wright; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Cooke; hc, A. Symonds; c, Bent. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooke; 3, vhc, Wright; hc, Ward; c, Symonds and Son. HEN: 1, Cooke; 2, hc, A. Symonds; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc c, Wright. CINN.: 2, A. Symonds. BRIT., A.S.: 1, 2, 3, Bray and Blackshaw; vhc, Wright; hc, c, Cooke.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

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SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.

The first open and members' show was held on October 22nd, at the Preborin Hall, a commodious and well lighted building, suitable in every way for exhibitions of the kind. A committee of workers with the chairman, Mr. C. L. Abbot, at the head, had arranged everything in the most orderly manner, and it was hinted at the judges' dinner, we heard, that the exhibition will not show a financial loss. It will probably be found in the list of hardy annuals. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged and gave every satisfaction

OPEN NOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, and vhc, Hodder, nice level team, 1, clear yellow unflig, might have hopped out of one of Mr. H. Norman's plates, short, compact, good head, well filled in neck, perfect condour, silkest of feather; 2, Buff (should be a hen) modelled on same lines as winner, losing in size alone; 3, yellow, biggest bird in class, possessing family likeness, but not ready yet; vhc, yellow, good colour and quality; hc, c, Boydon, two possible stock birds. MEMBERS' NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, and c, Billington, 1, small yell. nice colour and quality; 2, 3, Buff hens, chubby little birds, a shade difference in size determining their positions. BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Martin, Bramblefinch and Goldfinch in the order named, both good ones. FOR. (11): 1, 3, hc, and c, Mrs. Croysdale; 2, vhc, Martin. All in this class would have appeared to much greater advantage in more suitable show cages.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members' second show held at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel, on October 13th. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged. This date was chosen so as not to clash with a union show. Only 85 birds were entered in 12 classes, the general explanation being that the birds were not ready. Those that were staged, however, were of splendid quality, and in many classes it was a hard task to select the winners, especially in the hen classes. There was a good turn up of visitors, and several expressed their approval of the efforts the society has made. The winners of specials were Messrs. Ackroyd Bros., most points in show with 44; W. Suggitt, 37; E. Kemp and A. Huddleston, 27 each; Holroyd Bros., 26; A. Grange, 22; G. Wellock, 20; T. Smith, 16; E. Hersey, 14; and F. Grange, 13. For best bird in show, Mr. W. Suggitt, with his ticked yellow. The judge's awards gave satisfaction to all.

CL. YELL. (3): 1, Wellock; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Huddleston. BUFF (6): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Ackroyd Bros.; 3, Hersey; 4, Kemp; vhc, Huddleston; hc, H. Grange. TICK. YELL. (9): 1, Suggitt; 2, Varley; 3, c, Kemp; 4, Huddleston; vhc, Hersey; hc, Ackroyd Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Suggitt; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Smith; 4, Hersey; vhc, Kemp; hc, Varley; c, Bennett. CINN. TICK., ETC. (5): 1, Holroyd Bros; 2, 4, A. Grange; 3, F. Grange; vhc, H. Grange. CINN. TKD. HEN (7): 1, c, A. Grange; 2, H. Grange; 3, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, Bedford; vhc, F. Grange; hc, Dent. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, c, Huddleston; 2, vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; 3, hc, Suggitt; 4, Kemp. BUFF (9): 1, Huddleston; 2, hc, Wellock; 3, 4, Suggitt; vhc, c, Ackroyd Bros. FOUL MKD. HEN (5): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Wellock; 4, Holroyd Bros.; vhc, Huddleston. UNEVEN YORKS. (8): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Kemp; 3, F. Grange; 4, vhc, A. Grange; hc, Ackroyd Bros.; c, Bedford. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Suggitt; 2, Smith; 3, Kemp; 4, Ackroyd Bros.; vhc, Bennett; hc, Wellock; c, Halliday and Armstrong. STOCK (6): 1, 2, Ackroyd Bros.; 3, Huddleston; 4, Hersey; vhc, F. Grange; hc, Dent.—F. WESTERN, Hon. Secretary.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

The sixth annual show was held on October 16th and 17th in the Stoke Newington Library Hall, where the exhibits were comfortably staged. Owing to the bad beginning made in the breeding operations the total number of entries did not reach that of last year's show, but some grand birds were staged, the quality being the best seen at these fixtures. Unfortunately, and owing to a delay on the railway company's part, several exhibits from Southend arrived too late for competition; altogether no less than 24 birds came from this quarter. There was a splendid attendance of visitors, and the show should prove a financial success. Several new members, we heard, were added to the roll. The show managers, Messrs. G. Mortlock and H. Pike, a couple of sterling officials and excellent workers, were ably assisted by Messrs. S. A. Griffin, G. D. Harris, and others; in fact, all the officers and committee worked well under the admirable guidance of Mr. R. P. Harper, the hon. secretary, whose services are invaluable to the society, especially on such an occasion. Messrs. J. Robson and R. L. Crisp judged.

CHAMPION.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Morris. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Morris. HENS (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Morris; res, Bell. UNFLIG. (Cup class) (5): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, Morris. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, A. B. Forse; 3, Rennie; res, vhc, c, Tringham. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Tringham; 3, Sweetman; res, vhc, Rennie; hc, A. B. Forse. HEN (5): 1, 2, Rennie; 3, Tringham; res, A. B. Forse UNFLIG. (Cup class) (6): 1, and champion cup, Rennie; 2, Sweetman; 3, res, A. B. Forse. AMATEUR.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, hc, Harper; 2, 3, res, Marley; vhc, Cawthorne. BUFF: 1, res, Harper; 2, vhc, Marley; 3, Langridge. HEN (7): 1, spl, res, vhc, hc, Harper; 2, 3, Marley; c, spl, Cawthorne. UNFLIG. YELL. (Cup class) (4): 1, 3, Marley; 2, res, Harper BUFF (4): 1, Marley; 2, res, Harper; 3, Cawthorne. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spls, 2, Green; 3, hc, B. F. Forse; res, vhc, Penton; c, Moss. BUFF (5): 1, Green; 2, Harper; 3, res, B. F. Forse; vhc, Penton. HEN (6): 1, Green; 2, res, B. F. Forse; 3, Moss; hc, Penton. UNFLIG. (Cup class) (4): 1, cup, 3, spl, Green; 2, Penton; res, B. F. Forse. MULES (4): 1, spl, Harper; 2, spl, res, Andrews; 3, Bell. NOVICE.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Cox; 2, 3, hc, Williamson; res, vhc, Nelson. BUFF (6): 1, Tuckey; 2, res, Williamson; 3, vhc, Nelson; hc, Cox. HEN (7): 1, res, Hale; 2, Griffin; 3, Tuckey; vhc, Cox; res, hc, Williamson. UNFLIG. (Cup class) (8): 1, novice cup, Williamson; 2 spls, 3, c, Griffith; res, Hale; hc, Cox. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Parks; 2, Cook; 3, Rowson; res, Hale; vhc, spl, Bantin; hc, c, Moss. BUFF (6): 1, Candle; 2, Moss; 3, Franks; res, Cross; vhc, hc, Cook HEN (8): 1, Moss; 2, Rowson; 3, vhc, Lacey; res, spl, Bantin; hc, Parks; c, Franks. UNFLIG. YELL. (Cup class) (10): 1, Williams; 2, 3, Rowson; res, hc, c, Lacey; vhc, Franks. BUFF (6): 1, Williams; 2, 3, Lacey; res, Franks; vhc, Cook. CREST (5): 1, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, Anson; res, spl, Woodward. C.B. (5): 1, vhc, Anson; 2, 3, Woodward; res, Cook. UNFLIG. (Cup class) (5): 1, 2, Anson; 3, Woodward; res, vhc, Cook. MULE (5): 1, spl, Williams; 2, vhc, Bell; 3, res, Pace. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, Marley; 2, Pike; 3, Hale; res, B. F. Forse; vhc, hc, Pace. BULLIE, ETC.: 1, 3, res, c, Bell; 2, Marley; vhc, B. F. Forse; hc, Pike. LINNET: 1, British cup, spl, 3, res, Pike; 2, Marley; vhc, B. F. Forse; hc, Langridge. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Marley; 2, Williams; 3, Langridge; res, vhc, spl, B. F. Forse; hc, Bell; c, Pike. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, Griffin; 2, Bell; 3, Pike. FOR. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Williams. SELL., 15/- (4): 1, Langridge; 2, Lacey; 3, Sweetman; res, G. Williams.

SOME HINTS ON MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

Lecture read before the Tonbridge and District F.A. on Oct, 5, by Mr. F. Wraight, the President.

Prefacing his remarks to the effect that he had no dogmatic rules to lay down but desired only to give the results of his 34 or 35 years' experience of this most fascinating and sporting hobby, the lecturer proceeded to speak about dark Mules.

These, it was pointed out, are by no means difficult to produce as compared with light Mules. The procedure is to obtain a fine big Finch, as distinct in markings and as close feathered as possible and pair it with a good Lancashire Coppy, or a big Norwich yellow hen. The points of these dark Mules are: first, size; second, blaze; third, wing markings, and fourth, body colouring and tightness of feather. The easiest dark Mules to obtain are those from the Siskin, Linnet, and Greenfinch.

When we begin to try and breed for light or slightly-marked Mules, and tho aim is then, of course, to produce clear birds, our difficulties commence. First of all it is imperative that we have the right strain of Canaries. If one has a hen that shows any tendency to throw pied or variegated Mules he has the foundation of the necessary strain and such a hen should be, in the early part of the season before Muling commences, paired off with father and brother or a near relative and the strain propagated by further sib-breeding. By doing this we should, in the view of the lecturer, obtain the most valuable adjunct possible for the subsequent production of that which so many strive for, viz., good light Mules.

Choose the Right Birds.

On the question of the male it was pointed out that much has been said about the selection of the Finch with the idea that, given a suitable mate, he would influence the colour of the young. Some advocated the use of the Cheveral, and some of the pea-throated Goldies for the production of light Mules; but everything really depended on the Canary. If you have hens that show no tendencies to produce dark Mules you can mate them with any males you like and, in the experience of the lecturer, dark Mules only will result.

Having built up your strain of Canaries with the proved tendency to throw light birds you are on the high road to success. At least, said the lecturer, this is my pet theory, and I give it for what it is worth. Run your Goldie, or whatever male you have, with a number of hens one at a time, taking him away as soon as the first egg is laid. By doing so it is possible he may lose stamina after a time, and then if a good, strong, full-blooded hen be mated up with him, it may be that the stronger will predominate over the weaker and he young will follow the Canary as a consequence. I do not believe in sight influence.

About Hybrids.

The breeding of these is even more interesting than that of Mules, but the results are far more uncertain. I find the easiest to produce are the Goldfinch-Greenfinch, and the Siskin-Greenfinch, but without doubt the handsomest is the Goldfinch-Bullfinch. The main thing is to get hold of good, big, steady hens; and the male should be as lively and bold as possible; for very often we find that the hen worries and chases the cock about the cage. But if he is of a lively disposition he soon resents this and they are not long in coming to an understanding.

A large cage is advisable—one 36 inches long by 24 deep and 20 high—with low perches, and having the bottom thickly strewn with soft material to prevent the breaking of dropped eggs, and also a Canary nest-pan with a screen of heather or other foliage. The eggs should be put under a Canary hen for incubation, as a hen British bird is rarely successful in rearing a brood in a cage. An interesting discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks terminated the meeting.—F. J. BINGHAM, hon. sec.

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CLASSES FOR FIELD-MOULTED BRITISH BIRDS.

Can They be Illegal?

A correspondent from Eastbourne has written us concerning the class for "Field-moulted Goldfinches" which appears in the schedule of the recently held Eastbourne show. His contention is that exhibitors who show birds in this class are liable to prosecution under the Wild Birds' Protection Act (the district, presumably, being one in which Goldfinches are protected all the year round). We have submitted the point to our legal expert (a barrister-at-law) whose opinion is appended. To this we would add that it seems to us only exhibitors residing in the "protected area" (or in other "protected areas") could be open to prosecution, i.e., that anyone residing in a district where Goldfinches are not protected (beyond the usual close season), could exhibit with impunity.

To answer your questions in detail it would be necessary for you to send us a copy of the notice under which your district has become a protected area. Speaking generally, however, your contention is right, assuming that the facts are as you state them to be. Goldfinches are among the birds scheduled in the Wild Birds Protection Act of 1880, which imposes a penalty on any person taking or having in his control or possession any such birds between March 1st and August 1st. Under the statute of 1894, a county council can, through the Home Secretary, issue orders extending this prohibition to any period of the year or enlarging the list of birds. The question, therefore, is whether the County Council in your county has issued such an order. Presumably that authority has done so, since you say that "Goldfinches are protected in this district." If this be so, any person found with such birds in his possession or control renders himself liable to the penalties imposed by the Acts. If the birds were caught in an area where the county authority has not exercised its powers at a time outside the close season between March and August, it would not help the exhibitor, since the Act prohibits any person "having such birds in his possession or control."

(This reply we thought it as well to hold back until after the show had taken place.—EDITOR.)

IN THE COURTS.

A "MISSEL" THRUSH WHOSE VOICE WAS UNAPPRECIATED.

Arthur Cave, of Elm-grove, Hammersmith, was summoned on October 7th at the local court for "keeping a noisy animal, to wit, a Thrush." Mr. Moritz appeared to support the summons, and Mr. H. Pierron appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Moritz, in opening the case, observed that if this Thrush were an ordinary Song Thrush there would probably be no objection to it, but it was a Missel Thrush, and that bird had a very monotonous, loud, and irritating song, so much so that one of the complainants—a lady—had suffered a nervous breakdown through the annoyance. The bird was kept in a cage, which was hung in front of the defendant's house, and from the break of dawn until dusk it kept up its monotonous noise. In 1905 the defendant kept a bird, and, in consequence of complaints, he took steps to remove the nuisance, but in the early months of 1908 this Missel Thrush made such an intolerable noise that letters were written to the defendant, who promised to send it away. Whatever happened to the bird, he (counsel) could not say, but the nuisance recommenced in June. It appeared, continued counsel, that recently Sir Francis Cory Wright, the chairman of the Highgate Bench, made some remarks—no doubt in a jocular spirit—ridiculing the fact that a singing bird could be a nuisance; and thereupon the defendant sent Mr. Parsons, one of the complainants in the case, a letter enclosing the newspaper cutting of Sir Francis Cory Wright's remarks, and declaring that he was pleased to find that the law was on his side.—Since then the bird had been put back in its old place, and the nuisance continued.—Elm-grove was a narrow road, and the three complainants, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Robb, and Miss Copping lived on the side opposite the defendant's house. However ridiculous, concluded counsel, the complaint might seem to some people, it was a fact that these three persons had been seriously annoyed, and the action of the defendant in continuing the nuisance was ill-natured and unneighbourly.

Evidence was given by Mr. T. J. Parsons, of Elm-grove, who stated that the bird had a wailing note—very loud at times. It awoke him in the early morning, and prevented his getting any more sleep.—Mr. Pierron: Do you know that nearly every one in the road has signed a petition asking that the bird should remain?—I have heard so.—And you three are the only persons who have complained?—I don't know. All I know is that it is an annoyance to me.—Will you deny this is a singing Thrush?—I can't deny it; but I have never heard a Thrush sing like this one.—Is there any singing of wild birds that doesn't annoy you?—I don't say that. This bird would not annoy me if it was not in a cage.—In re-examination by Mr. Moritz, the witness said he had no bad feeling at all against Mr. Cave, and he would be quite content if Mr. Cave would merely take steps to stop the annoyance.

Mrs. Parsons, mother of the witness, gave similar evidence, and stated that she had been obliged to consult a doctor for a nervous breakdown due to the nuisance. She had been in the habit of sleeping with her window open always, but ever since she had been compelled to shut her window, in the hope of stifling the sound. She still heard the bird.

The case was adjourned.

Vindication of the Songster.

Mr. Lane, K.C., resumed the hearing of the summons against Mr. Cave, on October 14th. It was stated by three other residents in the road that the bird, a Missel Thrush, not an ordinary Song Thrush, was in the habit of "keeping up a monotonous noise" from daybreak to sunset.—Miss Coppin, of Elm Grove, stated that the bird made such a noise that she "felt she must yell with it." It started at four o'clock in the morning, and a lady who lived in her house—a sufferer from insomnia—complained that it kept her awake.

For the defence Arthur Reynolds, dairyman's manager, living next door to the defendant, said the bird's cage hung within 12ft. of his bedroom window, and he was not disturbed by it.—In answer to Mr. Moritz, the witness admitted that his sleep could not be disturbed by the bird because he always got up at four o'clock in the morning to go to his business.—Alfred Pottle, dealer in birds, of Goldhawk Road, stated that this bird was the ordinary Song Thrush, not the Missel Thrush. There was no difference between the song of the defendant's bird and that of an ordinary Song Thrush.—At this stage of the proceedings two birds, the defendant's and a Missel Thrush, were brought into court in cages, and were closely inspected by the magistrate.—Mr. J. G. Richardson, a solicitor's managing clerk, of Elm-grove, said it was ridiculous to suggest that this bird's song could be a nuisance any more than the twittering of Sparrows. Mr. Cave, he added, was a stranger to him, and he had come to give evidence quite voluntarily.

The magistrate observed that the witnesses for the prosecution all started by saying that this was no ordinary Song Thrush, whose delicious notes they would be only too pleased to hear, but a Missel Thrush, whose screams were so awful and terrible as to be quite unbearable. It now turned out that this was the real bird whose song these ladies and gentlemen longed to hear as much as possible. Under the circumstances the prosecution was at this stage quite unsupportable, and he dismissed the summons with five guineas costs.

DID THE PARROT SAY, "MAMA, SEND FOR THE DOCTOR"?

A dispute over a Parrot occupied the attention of the Liverpool Deputy Stipendiary on October 12th, says the "Daily Dispatch." A married woman, named Lily Maud Seddon Barnes, of Liverpool, advertised that she had for sale a good talking Parrot, which she claimed was worth £10. Entering into communication with her, a Huddersfield man named George Collinson agreed to send a bicycle and £1 in return for the bird. He performed his part of the contract, but received no Parrot, and on journeying to Liverpool was told that the Parrot and bicycle had both been sold during the week. Mrs. Barnes was arrested, and charged with stealing the bicycle, the offence being denied.

Collinson said that when he called at her house he certainly saw a Parrot, but not the one advertised, for it screamed and made a horrid din. Asked by the magistrate if the bird said "Mama, send for the doctor; I'm very bad," witness said that it did not; he only wished it had.—In defence, Mr. Madden agreed to give Collinson a good "talker" if the case was remanded. This course was adopted, prisoner being allowed out on bail.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

QUEENSBURY Show, held Saturday last, October 24th, was a huge success, and our friends on the hill are to be congratulated on their achievement. Twenty-three classes attracted an entry of 463, and provided the judge, Mr. C. A. House, with a hard morning's work. This show opened the competitions provided by the C.M.Y.C.C., and their four classes contained exactly 90 birds, truly a grand "send-off" for what is hoped to be a very successful year. The novice classes in the Yorkshire section again made a good show. 153 birds being on view in the six classes, with some real toppers amongst them. No less than six of them were claimed at the limit price of £5 5s., and I heard that still another changed hands after the show for a good figure. For one of the open class winners £7 was offered and refused. This show will no doubt put the Queensbury Society on a good financial footing, and keep at boiling point the enthusiasm for which the members are noted.

EAST Bowling Society held a members' show on Saturday last, and it proved a fine affair, only three birds short of the century being put down, which for a society of between thirty and forty members is to be considered very satisfactory. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) had the honour of placing the tickets. Bradford City, Wakefield, and Halifax were also holding members' shows, and some grand all-round birds were to be seen at each place, many of which will ere long be competing at the open shows.

BRADFORD City O.S. hold their open fixture to-day, Saturday, and it is expected that the 34 classes provided will attract a good entry and a large influx of visitors. One thing in the schedule has pleased many fanciers, and that is, although they have not the C.M.Y.C.C. patronage, they have provided four classes for this variety.

BRADFORD East held a washing competition at their last meeting, at which four birds were put through the cleansing process by four different fanciers. Mr. J. Farrar adjudicated, his awards going to Messrs. Hill and Wilkinson for premier honours, in the order named. Mr. Hill, the Secretary, informs me that should any society holding a show wish to loan their high trestles for staging, they may do so for the nominal sum of 3s., the borrowers to pay cartage and for any damage that may happen to them. This last item is only intended as a safeguard, so that ordinary care shall be used; they are very strongly made, and will stand ordinary use without fear of breakage.

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*Chaffie Prefers a Home.

I have several birds, and amongst them a Chaffinch. One morning I fed it as usual, but did not fasten the door, and the bird flew away. We thought it had gone right away, as it had only been caged a few months; but later in the day my mother noticed a bird in the cage, and on getting it down, she recognised the Chaffinch.—Sent by C. Bolton (age 14), 76, Cornwall Road, Brixton, London, S.W.

*Tending a Wounded Bullfinch.

My father has a Bullfinch which was shot in the wing in a garden. The shot tore a piece of his wing out on the butt or shoulder. My father placed it in a cage after washing the wound, and gave it some dock seed, which it seemed very fond of, and also some apple pips and Canary seed. It recovered, although it is a bit crippled in the wing now. It was a gardener that shot it, saying it was damaging the fruit buds. But I think it is a shame to shoot such beautiful birds.—Sent by Charlie Loosemore (age 9), 42, Mill Street, Great Torrington.

*A Hand-fed Thrush.

We have a Thrush which came to us when it was a nestling, and we had to hand-feed it. It was only two weeks old, and could not stand up. It is quite tame and we open the cage door and he flies about the room. Very often he will fly on to our head and wait for a mealworm. If we have none for him he gets impatient and will pull our hair until he gets it; then he flies off with a contented chirp. Later on in the morning he is brought down into the kitchen, and contents himself by catching flies. We have a cat in the kitchen which will not touch him, and Thrushy is not frightened, but sits and tries to sing or to upset the bowl his food is in. We also let him have a bath of cold water outside his cage. He takes a long time over it, and comes out looking like a scarecrow.—Sent by Gwen Bond (age 14), 25, Bank Road, Bootle, near Liverpool.

The Hawfinch as a Cage Pet.

By J. W. CUTMORE.

Some Interesting and Practical Information concerning our Largest British Finch.

The Hawfinch is my favourite Finch, and this in spite of the unkind things said of him by the early writers on cage birds. Their conclusion is that it is not likely that a person could desire him as a cage pet.

The King of Finches.

The Hawfinch in its wild state is certainly a very shy bird, sheltering itself among the branches of the highest trees. His plumage being so well adapted for self-protection, he can only be recognised by his shrill little call note, but in captivity he becomes quite docile and interesting. I never feel satisfied without one of these King-of-Finches in my collection. I have kept a goodly number during these past few years.

It is over twenty-five years since I procured my first bird of this species. Some people fail to see any beauty in the bird. I admit that one has to keep it some time, and take a real interest in it to fully appreciate its qualities. Its form and figure may not charm you by their balance of parts, although its noble head, bold eye, and formidable beak, cannot fail to claim your attention.

But it is when one comes to closely examine its colouration and distinctive markings that he cannot fail to be attracted by its beautiful but not gaudy dress. Its broad back is of a soft chocolate brown, the breast is of a pale vinous brown, the head cinnamon brown, the sides and back of neck bluish grey, the lower back or rump cinnamon brown, and the wings black, glossed with steel blue with a whitish bar. The throat (bib) is deep black in colour, and the tail is dark brown, tipped with white. The colouring varies in individuals; some are lighter in shade all through, while others are deep and rich in colour. The lighter birds are generally larger than the darker ones, something after the manner of buffs and yellows in Canaries.

But all this does not exhaust the peculiar beauty which the artistic and the fancier-like minds may find in the bird. Those unique finished tips to the secondary flight feathers, rich steel blue in colour, are not found on any other bird in any part of the world. This marks the Hawfinch off as a distinct family, which consists of three varieties only of the same species, i.e., the European, the Japanese, and the Indian, each of them showing only a slight variation in size and colouration, caused by climatic conditions. It requires a qualified ornithologist to identify them when the three varieties (or so-called species) are placed together.

Distinguishing the Sexes.

The hen Hawfinch is not so rich in colour as her lord, but this is not the only difference in the plumage of the sexes, although this is the only distinction mentioned in several books on birds. There is one other difference which is absolutely reliable in determining the sexes of both adult and young birds, and that is, the little streak, or elongated patch, of grey on the closed wing behind the light bar, and length-wise; in the extended wing it is seen on the edge of each secondary flight feather, this part of the cock's wing being blue black. The hen Hawfinch does not make such an attractive pet as the cock, because unless hand-reared, she is always too timid. She lacks the bold trustfulness of the cock bird, which is one of his characteristics. He is not long in captivity before he recognises the difference between a stranger and the person who attends to his daily wants.

I have a young cock of this past season, which was not half through his first moult when I purchased him; he is now (at the time of writing) in full adult plumage, and so steady, that I can place my hand in his cage without disturbing him. He also takes meal worms freely from my fingers; these I give him as a daily tit-bit, although they are not absolutely necessary.

The Daily Fare.

His daily fare consists of sunflower and hemp seed, a few monkey nuts and walnuts; the latter I crack for him. In season I give him a bunch of haw berries daily from the hawthorn, gathering them on Sunday mornings or Saturday afternoons—a pleasure I would not care to give up, this weekly cycle run; collecting these and other varieties of foods for my birds adds an object to the run out into the country as well as a pleasure.

I have omitted to mention that I give my Hawfinches plenty of green peas when they are in season. This is the very best food to give them when they are first caught, which is generally in the "pea" season. Hawfinches, especially the young birds, are very fond of the gardener's peas—about the only crime the bird commits.

He is credited with taking cherries and cracking the stones to get out the kernal. I have had a good number of these birds, but I have not yet had one that would take cherries and crack the stones. I have always given them the opportunity of trying their skill in this direction, but they have one and all declined the offer. But green peas, haws, and nuts, they never refuse, and on sunflower seeds they would live entirely, and I believe healthfully. I always add the other things mentioned, because I am fond of a mixed diet myself, and am convinced that birds appreciate it also. I also place a small tin of mixed seeds (a sort of Finch mixture) in the cage; I find it is frequently taken advantage of.

At the Exhibitions.

As an exhibition bird the Hawfinch has come to stay. He has been well to the front of late years. Although I do not keep mine for exhibition purposes, I go through the show reports each week in CAGE BIRDS, and have noticed that the Hawfinch generally carries off the prizes in the A.O.S. Seedeaters, or A.O.S. Hardbill Sections.

I am not surprised at the success attained by the bird, because (in birdie language) he is a champion, and cannot fail to claim attention in a mixed class of British birds.

The only bird, in my opinion, of the Finch family that can be favourably compared with him, is the ever popular little Goldie. He is my next favourite, and certainly has advantages that recommend him. His colouration is perfection, and he has two other qualities that we do not find in his bigger relative, which certainly appeal to a great many people. I refer to his singing powers, and his hybridising qualities.

The first question I am generally asked by my friends when I show them a Hawfinch is, does he sing? Well, he does not I am sorry to say sing anything worth listening to.

Are Hawfinch Hybrids Impossible?

The Goldfinch will breed with almost any Finch, and especially with the Canary; but it is not so with the Hawfinch. He has not yet, to my knowledge, ever mated with a bird of another species, nor do I know of a case where a pair of Hawfinches has ever bred in captivity. I have run mine with hens of other species, but not one has ever given any indication of a desire to mate up. I am fully convinced that the hen Hawfinch is useless for this purpose; she is much too shy to breed even in an outdoor aviary.

But I am still hoping to get a cock Hawfinch to pair up with a big dark Canary or Bullfinch or Greenfinch hen, before many more seasons are over. It is the faculty of hope alone that keeps the Mule or Hybrid breeder interested in his hobby; without a good development of this "organ" (as the phrenologists term it), he could not possibly content himself with this section of the bird hobby for more than one season. A friend of mine once remarked that you can breed five pounds' worth of Canaries before you can five shillings' worth of Mules. I have since proved this statement to be true.

I have come to the conclusion that the nearer the birds are kept to their natural conditions, especially as regards food and space, the better chance one has of getting them to breed. I am thinking of trying a big Northern Bullfinch hen with the Hawfinch. I know there is less chance of getting her to breed in our climate, although for size she would compare more favourably with the Hawfinch.

Not Vicious but Nervous.

The Hawfinch is not such a vicious fellow as his appearance would suggest. The habit of snapping his big beak at his fellow prisoners is, I am sure, prompted more by fear than by spitefulness. He has nothing like the fighting spirit in him as is seen in the cock Sparrow, and even less than is seen in the average cock Finch.

I have not yet had one Hawfinch that did the slightest damage to another bird. Although I have kept them, both cocks and hens, in a cage with other birds and in a small aviary of representative species of the British Finch and Bunting families, not even the smallest (the Lesser Redpoll) suffered any inconvenience from the association.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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Between the Acts.

That important interval between the moulting season and the full swing of the most important shows is a very anxious one for the novice. Excitement may get high and speculation run riot as to the career of this or that specimen. But it is also essentially a busy time, and underlying all one's hopes and anxieties, the Fancier who works systematically and with a determination to succeed will find a vein of necessary and useful, as well as most interesting, work to occupy his attention.

Moreover, it is not only one section of the Fancy that may be thus described. Quite the reverse is indeed far more correct, for, in truth, it may be said there is not one section of the Fancy to which the remark is not equally applicable. Of course, this busy season is, or should be, devoted chiefly to the work of preparing the birds for their appearance on the show bench.

Concerning Canaries.

Our yellow-coated friends naturally claim prior place in this connection, not only because they are invariably first in point of numbers, but also because they probably require a greater amount of careful training to make them perfect in typical pose and deportment on the show bench than either of the other branches.

Considering the domesticity of the Canary, this may sound strange to the tyro, but then this is often just where the novice goes wrong. He may breed a really high-class specimen by chance or design, and then fail to exhibit it successfully; whereas if the bird changes ownership, and is shown by a more experienced hand, it may get "in the money" every time out. Then the breeder probably thinks unholy thoughts about judges and deck-sweepers, collusion and sawdust, and all the rest of it. But the true explanation will lie in the simple fact that the breeder took no pains to train the bird and develop its points to their highest degree, whilst the successful exhibitor spared no effort to train the bird to show its points to the greatest advantage whenever it was being passed under review.

That the purely domesticated Canary should require more teaching than a wild-bred British or foreign bird is equally easy of explanation. In the latter species it might almost be said that pose is quite immaterial, such typical points as require the cultivation of a particular position to display them being disregarded in these species, whilst in our fancy breeds of Canaries such points are frequently of paramount importance. Hence the necessity for special training to develop them where they exist to the highest degree of perfection.

What to do and how to do it.

To go into all the details of what kind of training is required for each variety of Canary would occupy much valuable space here, and would be to little purpose. The most important point to the breeder is to have a good, clear understanding of points and position of the particular breed in which he is interested.

To get this at the most reliable source, he cannot do better than procure the standard of perfection (and an ideal or model in such cases where the latter is provided as an additional help to illustrate and make clear the descriptive standard) from the secretary of the specialist club for that variety, or, failing that, if one does not know the secretary's address, the universally useful CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL will come to one's aid, containing, as it does, not only the information required as to clubs and secretaries, but a very complete list of the standards themselves. Having procured the necessary standard and model, one should set to work to thoroughly master and understand clearly all the points required, and also such marks and blemishes as are named as disqualifying marks.

In some varieties it will be found that given marks are named as being undesirable, whilst not in themselves a disqualification. All these several descriptions should be well studied and committed to memory, and then compared point by point with the model illustration, and, finally, with the best of one's living birds.

Approaching the Ideal.

It will, however, require the training process to be fairly well advanced before even the very best of one's living birds will show any near approach to what the standard lays down as being the necessary points of perfection. But if one fails to find a single bird showing a very close approach to the model, there is no need to despair of being successful with it.

A model is essentially an artificial ideal set up as the acme of perfection for that variety, and as a kind of *ultima thule* for the breeder to strive after. A model is therefore necessarily drawn far superior to the general run of the actual living birds.

The Method of Training.

To take the Yorkshire for an example, one should get a proper Yorkshire pattern show cage, to begin with, or several of them if there are many birds to be dealt with. The usual cages which are used for exhibiting the birds in will do as well as anything, but in this case one must be careful to see they are properly overhauled and cleaned before being used for their proper purpose afterwards, as a dirty cage is not only a serious menace to the spotless plumage of a fresh-washed bird, but is also an eyesore, and detracts from the clean and trim appearance of the bird that is in it, and may therefore prove a great disadvantage to it.

The Yorkshire, as will be made clear by the standard of perfection, is a sort of high-class combination of colour, shape, and position; for whilst colour cannot in these days be ignored, shape is of vital importance, and pose, or position, is, one might almost say, more important than either.

Given a bird with the necessary length and slimness, and other minor properties to give it at least a sporting chance on the show bench, its training should be commenced by placing it in the show cage for a day or two, if necessary, in order to make it accustomed to getting about with ease and freedom, and to get steady when being examined in these narrow quarters. The cage should be kept during this interval in a place where the bird will often see people passing to and fro. The length of time it will take to steady the bird depends mainly upon the individual, and the amount of attention that is bestowed upon it.

Adult birds that have gone through the training process in previous seasons will probably only require a few hours in the show cage. Training, too, in their case will be more like a kind of brushing-up of their former lessons. But with the real raw material of this season's young, it may require from a whole day to a week before they are really steady enough to commence to train. Judgment must be used in dealing with them, and every case treated on its merits.

Another point which will seem difficult to the new beginner is that nearly all varieties in the raw, untrained condition appear to have so much in common as regards shape and general appearance that it seems as though all varieties were very much alike. This, of course, is wholly due to the eye being untrained by experience to recognise typical points, and will soon disappear with a little experience, and the knowledge that will be gained by the close study of the standard and model.

Now, when one has thoroughly digested the standard requirements of the breed in hand by the means suggested, one can set to work to train the birds that appear to possess sufficient all-round typical qualities to warrant their appearance on the show bench. Of course, there is nothing to prevent any bird, either with or without a single good point, being exhibited, if the owner can take a beating with good-natured equanimity, but it goes without saying that, generally speaking, it is a waste of time to train any weeds.

(*To be continued.*)

Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page 94*).

To watch these admirers, observers must notice the intense effort always put forth to induce the poor little inmates to draw themselves together and display all their good points. This naturally is a strain upon a bird, especially if it happens to be in the moult.

At first shows it is not unusual to see some of the exhibits in perfect rags, and standing shivering at a certain stage. A Scotch Fancy Canary, with no pretensions to win, may at that time beat a superior competitor; but an honour so won, and for the single occasion, has not so much glory in it as the assured winnings of a bird which stands first all through the season.

Late young birds have a harder time of it. They may be reared with ease, but the cold weather is upon them ere they get into and over the moult. Consequently, they are weak, and take a long time to pass through the moult. "Everything in season," is an excellent maxim in the cage bird Fancy. And it applies with force to late nesting. I have known August-hatched Scotch Fancy Canaries to do very well, but it is preferable to have all the young hatched before the end of July.

If the room is cold and damp, a little artificial heat will assist the birds in the moult. I personally prefer, however, the cold room to an artificially-heated one.

Flight Cages Considered.

Flight cages are frequently used for moulting. And this for two reasons: first, to afford scope for exercise, which for the birds to have is a great advantage, second, to save the owner the labour of cleaning the cages. The latter advantage is of little moment—as the genuine fancier considers no trouble too great which is incurred for the benefit of his stock.

Putting a lot of birds into one cage, no matter how large it is, is sure to result in the feathers being plucked. Feather eaters are very fond of new feathers that are seen to be bursting forth, and as a consequence the bird gets spoiled for show purposes and the defect can only be remedied by plucking the distorted feathers.

I favour the practice adopted by some of keeping really promising birds in a single cage. Such a cage ought to be kept scrupulously clean to ensure the birds being always clean, and having the plumage in the pink of condition. Now is the time to preserve the beauty and shapeliness of the King (or Queen) of Cage Birds, and their allies the Belgian Canaries.

Protecting from Sun and Dust.

The best way to protect one's birds from the rays of the sun on a hot day, and to keep them clear of dust is to cover the cage with very fine muslin, taking care not to leave it so that the bird may pull it inside the cage and so get its claws entangled in the muslin, as this might result in a broken leg. It should be so fastened that the muslin will keep extended outside the cage.

Another way is, if the cages are uniform, to fix a large piece of muslin on the front to cover the cages; but this should be done in such a way as not to help mice to get into the cages.

Owners of Scotch Fancy Canaries seldom use box cages, preferring the open wire ones, presumably because they like to obtain a full view of the bird; it also assists them in training it to get into position. Box cages are most useful during the moult. They keep the inmate free from draught, and the dust from getting into the bird's shaggy feathers, besides giving them a matted appearance. The importance of having nice plumage cannot be over-rated; it greatly aids in giving the bird an attractive appearance and helps even the best models to win on the Show bench.

Attending to the Stock.

Happily with Scotch Fancy Canaries colour feeding is not indulged in. I have seen one so fed, and the appearance of the bird was by no means improved; it was an oddity, and was ear-marked wherever it was exhibited. Build, grace, style and position are the indispensable attributes required in Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

The work in connection with the breeding and rearing in the ordinary course has toned down. It is advisable to make a careful survey of the stock to find out what requires strengthening in quality, and to look about in one's travels for a bird which promises to help to remedy the defects, as they appear at the close of the season. A superior gentleman may have been mated to a plain lady and as a result the young have not many of the strong points of the father. In a case of that kind a fresh partner should be sought for and secured for the next season's breeding. It is too early to make an actual purchase, but it is an advantage to get into touch with a breeder of repute.

It is not prudent to purchase outright until the bird or birds have passed through the moult, but the only way to get hold of certain strains of blood is to enter into early negotiations for the purchase of what is wanted. This should be done conditionally—that it will be an assured purchase if at all likely to be suitable.

The Scotch Fancy Canary frequently completely alters in the moulting process, and therefore purchasers should be cautious in buying—so much depends on the addition or additions which are made to Stock. The Belgian Canary usually becomes stiffer in the second feather, and it is therefore preferable to wait until it is thoroughly moulted.

Should a pair fail in the first breeding season, they should not be hastily set aside. "Out of condition," as likely as not was the cause, and if they moult well, and have come of a good reliable strain, they should have another chance. If deemed advisable they could be split up giving the wife another husband, and the husband another wife next year.

When birds shew signs of decay, they should not be retained as stock to be depended upon, but they might be kept as odd ones. Breeding stock must have plenty of stamina and vigour. Both birds in each pair ought to be strong and healthy. Almost everything depends upon the selection of one's stock. Breeders who have a reputation for having convicted strains have always a great demand for their surplus birds; indeed in certain cases, though one pays a good price, it is nevertheless a favour granted to the purchaser who gets a reputed bird. Like a reputed merchant the fancier who has earned a name never has the slightest difficulty to dispose of his stock birds.

Breeding and Moulting.

Birds that have done well, pass into the moult almost immediately upon the hatching of the last clutch of eggs, and here it is that the advantage of having foster parents is apparent. It enables the fancy pair to be set aside to expedite moulting. If they mope beyond the usual extent at this stage, they should be kept in single cages, and be supplied with a little egg food, and a little scalded milk and bread alternately with eight or ten drops of good spirits or brandy mixed in the drinking water daily. Much depends upon the moult and the birds should be closely watched and followed to see that they are kept in good condition.

It is important that the moult should be rapid. A bird cannot pass too quickly through it. It is, too, the stage at which birds are apt to contract colds. Colds acquired under these conditions are not easily got rid of. When the first symptoms of colds are observed the various remedies announced in the query columns of CAGE BIRDS should be applied. A very good thing is six drops of English Pastorgoric and six drops of glycerine well mixed in the drinking water daily. So many troubles arise from colds that too much attention cannot be paid to removing these causes.

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The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 247.)

The Spermophila.

This is a pleasing but large group of birds, all of which make ideal cage and aviary birds, and most of them are also average songsters. With the exception of a few species, they are all comparatively rare. Many still have yet to be imported as living specimens, and only comparatively recently, Mr. E. W. Harper introduced to aviculture the following species: the Fire-red, Lavender-backed and Black-headed Lined Finches, all of which I possess. The only others I have ever kept are the Guttural, Lined Bluish, White-throated and Plumbeon Finches. The Half-white Spectacled and Reddish, have also been imported, but I think the above about completes the list of imported species. They have never, so far as I am concerned, attempted to nest.

Most of them are hardy and enduring; all are natives of South America and have so strong a family likeness, that once acquainted with one or two species, it is comparatively easy afterwards to spot a *Spermophila* at sight, even though you may not be able to tell its species.

Seed and green food alone will keep these charming little birds in a very fit condition for a long time, but I believe in giving them a few live insects, aphidae mealworms, and live ants' cocoons, all the species which I have kept being very ready to take same; though, strange to say, the several species which Mr. Fillmer has kept, would not touch insect food.

In the British Museum Catalogue, vol. xii., Dr. Sharpe enumerates 36 species, as follows:—*albigularis, hypoleuca, grisea, plumbea, superciliaris, simplex, obscura, pauper, telasco, inornata, homobroa, aualis, analoides, castaneiventris, minuta, hypoxantha, palustris, nigroaurantia, nigrorufa, pileata, cucullata, melanocephala, torqueola, albitorquis, ophthalmica, lineata, moreleti, parva, cærulescens, gutturalis, ocellata, lineola, aurita, luctuosa, corvina, bicolor.*

Most of these I shall briefly pass in review, or roughly describe, and can only hope that the day is not far distant when the bulk of these charming little birds will be known by English aviculturists.

Their range as a whole is from Texas, throughout Central and practically the whole of South America. It is my purpose here to give a sufficient description of all the above to enable readers to identify rare species, especially as I learn several new species will be shortly on the English market (this is only possible by constantly quoting from the British Museum Catalogue of Birds, Vol. XII. Descriptions, etc. will be given in the order of the above list.

Three of these, viz., *minuta castaneiventris*, and *ocellata* were first imported to this country by my esteemed friend and fellow-aviculturist, Mr. E. W. Harper, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., and presented by him to the Zoological Society of London, in July, 1906.

Diet: This is very simple, but the more it is varied the better, of course, providing only wholesome food is offered. Their staple diet when not breeding is millet and Canary seed. As regards millet, all the varieties should be given, viz., white, brown, and spray; also grass in flower (i.e., grass in the ear), and other green food; most of the species appreciate and should have a few insects, such as mealworms, smooth caterpillars, beetles, spiders, and green fly (aphidæ) from rose and fruit trees. When they have young to feed soft food should be given, dry if they will so eat it, if not it must be made crumbly moist. I may say that a supply of the following mixture is always in my aviary, and I find nearly all species of Finches take a little. Soft food mixture: Ants' cocoons (best procurable), dried flies, crushed Osborne biscuits, and dried pupæ in equal parts.

Before leaving the matter of treatment, I feel I ought to deprecate the somewhat common practice of sifting the excreta and rubbish from the sand and then using it over again; this is a most insanitary practice and very poor economy. The sand absorbs the moist portion of the excreta, and no matter how carefully the sifting is done, a portion of the sand is contaminated with the birds' excreta, the moisture from which it has absorbed. It would be waste of good space to enlarge upon this, and I hope my readers will cease to adopt such an insanitary practice.

The White-Throated Finch (*S. albigularis*).—This, one of the most frequently imported of the *Spermophilæ*, is also a very handsome fellow, but his demeanour in the aviary is anything but amiable; he is, in fact, a confirmed bully, will not tolerate males of his own species in the same enclosure, and is also very intolerant of any nearly related species.

Though quietly clad, his garment is very pleasing, the contrasts are sharp, yet not harsh, and he is also shapely formed. To add to his other charms, he is cheap, enduring, and has a sweet little song, which he is very fond of pouring forth. This species has been bred in captivity by the Rev. C. D. Farrar, who has given a full account of his success in "Bird Notes," Vol. IV.

One point in this connection may be worth recalling—they kept the end of the aviary where their nest was situated free from other birds. The nest is a very neat, delicate, yet very strongly woven, cup-shaped structure. The late Dr. Russ also succeeded in breeding this species.

Adult male: The upper surface is slaty-grey, the feathers at the back of the neck and upper back, slightly mottled with dusky; lesser coverts, slaty-grey; median, greater and primary coverts, and upper-tail coverts, blackish with ashy-grey margins; the middle primaries white at the base of the outer web forming an oblong spot; tail-feathers, black narrowly margined with ashy-grey; crown and sides of the head, dark slaty-grey, mottled with black; the forehead and lores deep black; cheeks, throat, sides of neck, middle breast, abdomen and under tail-coverts, white, with a broad black band extending across the chest; sides of body and flanks, grey; beak, ochre-yellow; legs and feet, grey; iris, black. Total length 4⅜ in., tail 1⅞ in.

Adult female: A full descripton is not necessary here for this well-known species. It will suffice to say that she is mostly brownish-grey on the upper surface, the flights and tail feathers have blackish centres, and the first primaries are white at the base of the outer webs, forming an oblong spot; the lower surface is white, with a brownish-grey band across the breast; the beak is black; the legs and feet, brownish-grey; and the iris, black.

The Half-White Finch (*S. hypoleuca*).—I do not think any living specimen of this species has yet reached this country, and not having a skin of one in my cabinet I have been compelled to quote from the British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XII.

Adult male: General colour, above slaty-grey; lesser wing-coverts, like the back; median and greater coverts, dusky blackish, edged with slaty-grey; bastard wing, primary coverts and quills, blackish, fringed with ashy-grey, hoary-whitish on the primaries, the inner ones of which have white bases to the outer webs, forming a large alar speculum; upper tail coverts, a little more ashy than the back; tail feathers blackish, edged with ashy-grey and tipped with ashy; crown of head like the back, slightly mottled with obscure dusky centres to the feathers; sides of face, lores, feathers round the eye, and ear coverts, slaty-grey; cheeks, throat, and under surface of body, white; sides of neck, slaty-grey; lower throat and fore-neck, washed with ashy-grey; sides of body and flanks also ashy-grey; under tail coverts, white; "bill, reddish-grey-brown" (Neuwied), "fleshy red" (W. A. Forbes), "legs greyish brown; iris greyish brown" (Neuwied), "iris brown" (W. A. Forbes). Total length 4.65 ins., tail 2 ins. . . . Two species are confounded under the heading of *S. Hypoleuca*, for some male birds are entirely white below, without any grey on the fore neck. The only argument against the existence of two species is that both forms occur in the same locality, W. A. Forbes having met with them near Pernambuco. . . . Two forms of females, one reddish-brown and the other olive-brown, also occurred in his collection. In one of his white-breasted males the secondaries are also white at the base of the outer web, forming a second alar speculum, which is, however, concealed by the greater coverts. Habitat: Brazil.

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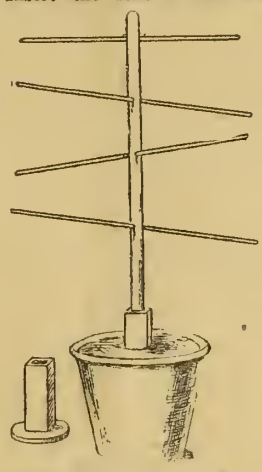
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No. 252.

A SET OF PERCHES FOR AVIARIES.

Sent by T. G. Mandeville, Brookfield, Arnold, Notts.

Herewith I send a rough sketch of a useful set of perches, which I use in my own aviary. They are made from an ordinary broomstick, and lengths of ½-in. round wooden curtain rod. Bore four or more holes, slightly larger than the diameter of the rods, through the broomstick. Insert the rods to half their length,



Set of Perches for Aviary.

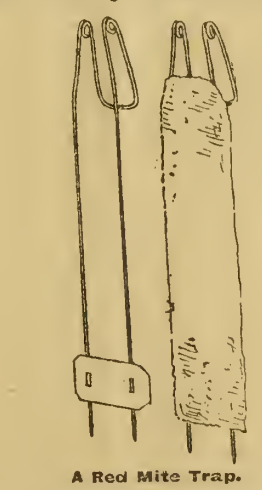
and secure with a small wedge. Now make a box (as show in the small figure) to fit the bottom end of broomstick. Nail a piece of wood on the bottom, as shown in sketch, and "plant" the perch in a good-sized flower pot, ramming the soil well down. This makes a good firm base. By withdrawing out the wedges the perches can be easily removed for cleansing when required (which is not often necessary if the perches are arranged properly), or the whole may be neatly packed away when not in use.—T. G. Mandeville.

No. 253.

A RED MITE TRAP.

Sent by A. Marshall, 75, Trafalgar Road, Beeston, Notts.

I am sending an idea for a red-mite trap, which *does* trap them, being based on practical observations of the habits of red mite, having been unfortunate enough to have a small plague of the same. It is, perhaps, well-known how the red mite get to the birds, but I have



A Red Mite Trap.

noticed that they always collect (at night) in large numbers on the top of the cage inside directly over the bird. The design of this trap is based on that fact, and also to provide a moveable hiding place for them in the daytime. By withdrawing the trap and placing it in hot soda water (which keeps the wire from rusting) you will soon make havoc with the red mite. The only fault is that the trap is only suitable for cages with loose fronts. To make the trap, take a length of ordinary cage wire, measure the cage you wish it to fit (from back to front, inside), measure same on wire and bend at right angles a ¼-in.; then bend back at right angles again to make a shoulder. Then measure 2½ ins. farther along, make a small ring and bring the wire back again to ¾ in. past the shoulder, and then make another bend about 1 in. across; repeat to make the other side (see the sketch). Now take a strip of tin, ¾ in. wide by 2½ ins. long. Punch two holes in each end about ¼ in. from the end; bend this and slip on the ends of wire and straighten them out with the pliers, so as to grip. Next take a strip of old blanket, or other woolly material, 2½ ins. wide and same length as the width of cage, and stitch it on the wire the opposite side to the spring, leaving one-eighth of an inch at the ends. Sharpen the ends of the wires and the trap is complete. To fix, take the trap cloth side up, place it between the top of loose front and the top of cage. Push points into back of cage and engage the spring on the top of front exactly over the perches. When taking the trap out, keep the cloth well against top of cage, and then place the trap in the hot soda water, hang up to dry, and then it is ready for using again.—A. Marshall.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

A Brightly Coloured Resident.

The leaves still cling to the trees; although we are nearing the end of the month, the sun is hidden in a dull leaden sky and in the damp atmosphere following the rain the country looks mournful and dreary. The birds are silent, flying in flocks from field to field, or settling in clusters on the hedgerows and on the verge of the wood. A few Fieldfares are to be seen here and there, but there are no signs of the handsome Redwings just yet; while food is plentiful, they are shy and unobtrusive, but they will favour the home meadows when the severe weather approaches. Across the common a stray Stonechat may be seen among the gorse flicking his tail in the manner characteristic of his species, but he has lost the suspicious bearing which is his during the Summer, when, with eggs or young needing to be watched, he was careful to keep an eye upon strangers and to warn his mate when danger approaches. He looks splendid now in his glossy new plumage, so clean and compact, although his breast colour lacks the rich lustre of early Spring. The Stonechat is one of the few small soft billed birds remaining with us the year round, and almost every heath and common numbers among its birds, this alert, bright little fellow.

A Note on Wild Geese.

Seven wild geese passed over the other day flying in a southern direction. These birds probably came from the extreme north of Scotland, where they now breed. Some two hundred years ago they bred in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire, but like many other interesting birds have had to give way to drainage and modern improvements. The grey goose is probably the wild progenitor of our tame geese, and their domestication is now of very ancient date.

The Off Season of Song.

The writer has listened intently during the past week for any signs of bird music, and the Robin appears to be the only bird that is really in song. Occasionally one may hear a twittering note or two from the hedgerow, or on sunny days a few silvery trills from the Skylarks, as one disturbs them while crossing the stubble. Most birds are now recovering from the severe strain of the moult, or are passing through that trying ordeal, so that we can hardly expect them to cheer us with their melody.

A Continuous Singer.

As a continuous songster we look upon the Skylark as taking premier position. His charming melody is often rendered for from ten to fifteen minutes at a stretch, but the Chiff Chaff must be counted as a good second, for in the early spring month his song is constantly repeated until it becomes quite monotonous. An observer who out of curiosity counted the number of times this little chap repeated its name without stopping, says that he recorded it forty-four times, which, large as the number is, does not appear at all extraordinary.

Will Barn Owls Increase?

The Barn Owls were at one time extremely plentiful in Surrey, but now appear to have been almost exterminated. All these birds are now protected by Act of Parliament, and we may possibly be able some day to number them among the common objects of bird life in the country. They are undoubtedly wonderfully useful, not only in destroying rats and mice, but also for keeping within reasonable limits the more numerous of the smaller birds. The destruction of the Owls may in some way account for the plague of rats now over-running the country.

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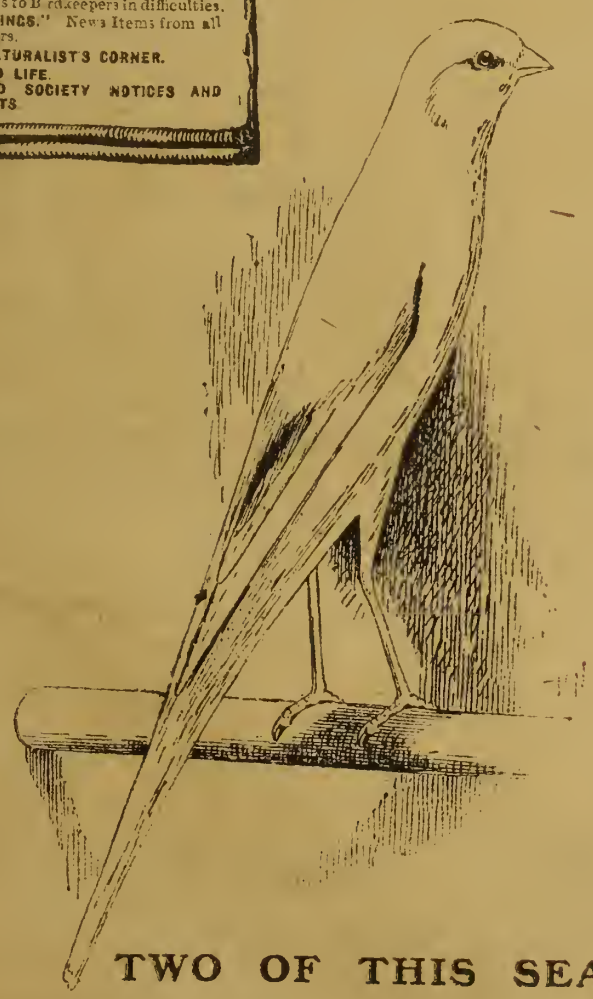
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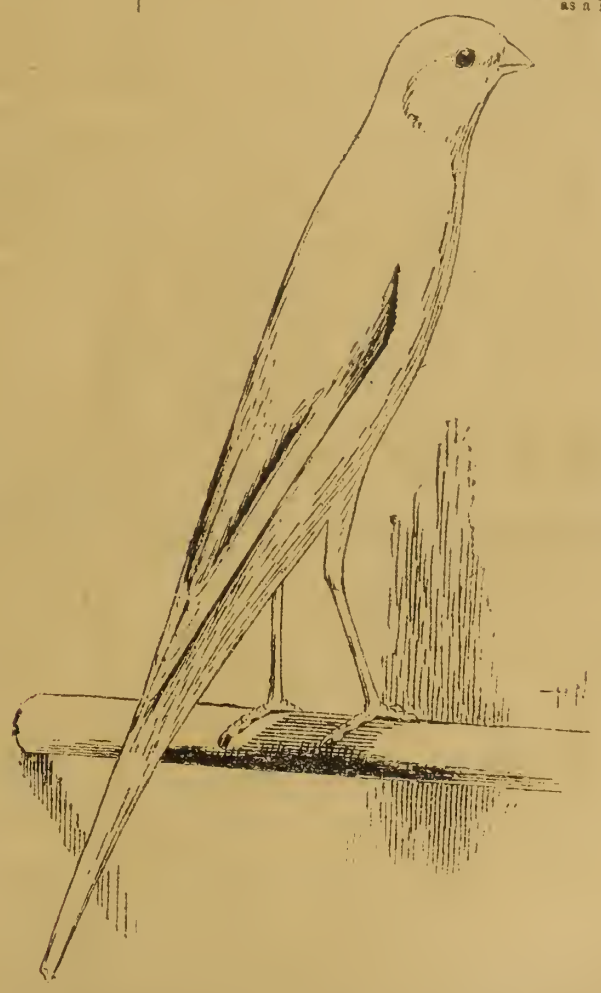
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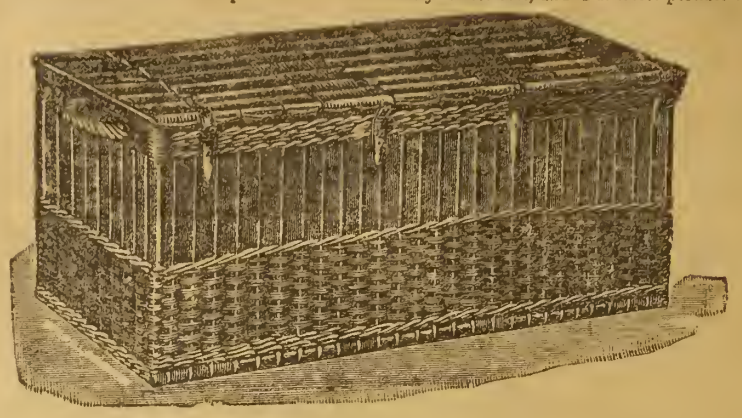
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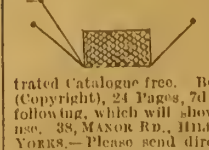
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"rumour" is again busy, the latest false rumour going the rounds is, that the testimonials I publish week by week are not genuine. To prove that this statement is false, I have sent the whole of the letters printed this week, together with scores of others that have never been published, to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for his perusal, and I publicly offer £50 to any person that can prove that I have ever solicited a testimonial, or published one that was not genuine. I believe in giving every customer sound, honest value at a reasonable price, and when a man does that, he can get plenty of trade and testimonials, too. If you want anything in the bird-catching line, patronise me just once, you will see I do not want extortionate profits. Clap nets made from genuine thread netting, ¾ mesh, 3 yards long 4/- pair, 4 yds. 5/-, 5 yds, 6/-, 6 yds. 7/-, 7 yds, 8/-, 8 yards 9/-, 9 yards 10/-, 10 yards 11/- per pair, all guaranteed fully 5½ feet deep and strike 4 feet. 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You boast of it being able to hold a Hawk, and, strange to say, a Hawk was first bird over our twigs, and the lime held it on. Yours, V. Moody." "10, Steps-road, Stenhousemuir, October 5th. Sir,—We tried birdlime on Saturday, and found it a great success. Yours, C. Godfrey." "Woodford Grange, Thrapston. October 1st. Sir,—Please send me pair Sparrow nets for a friend who saw the clap nets you supplied to me and was quite delighted with them. Yours, W. Meacock." "46, Portland-row, Selston. Sir,—Please send following. The netting I got from you last year is best in the world. I had a hare in it, and it never broke a mesh. Yours, A. Fielding." "10, Munro-street, Stenhousemuir. Sir,—Netting I had from you last year is as good as ever, and has done good service. Yours, P. Braidwood." "Grange-road, Kettering. Sir,—Very pleased with loose netting you sent. Yours, T. Green." "10, Dyke Nook, Frizington. Sir,—Please send two call cages. My uncle has his, and is very pleased with them. Yours, J. Jenkison." "65, Low Town-street, Worksop. Sir,—Please send 4 yards netting. I had some from another firm last year, and it did not last the senson out. Yours, J. Richards." "Bright View, Old Rathay, by Blairgowrie. Sir,—Please send 1 lb. birdlime. I have had it this three seasons, and it is best and cheapest I ever got, and first-class stuff. Yours, W. Hovelsroud." "10, Alpine Cottage, Beeston. Sir,—Please send 24 yards netting. I had some from one I am more like garden netting than anything else. Yours, W. Worthington." "13, Finsbury-terrace, Finsbury Park, London. Sir,—Please send another pull line, I was highly pleased with last, as it is better quality than I can get in London. Yours, G. Barfoot." "Turnhill-terrace, Nantyglo. Sir,—Please send ¼ lime, I had some last year, and cannot get better. Yours, J. Wise." "94, Whitworth-road, Rochdale. Sir,—I am quite pleased with trap cage. Please send following. Yours, E. Dean." "7, Birkland-street, Mansfield. Sir,—Please send following. 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Best Egg Mill in the world, in use by Judges Benson, Battye, Robson, Barnes, Irons, etc., price 2/6, two 4/6.

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I won last season, L. and P.O.S. championship diplomas and cup, S.N.P.C. Champion Trophy and special for best Norwicb in show Dulwich and Peckham, and numbers of other firsts and specials; for this season see reports, Clapham, Watford, Battersea, Plymouth, and Metropolitan shows; my birds need no other comment; good birds, 7/6, 10/0, 12/0, 15/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; all birds sent out on approval; stamp. Note, I have sc'd several winners this season.

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13, Hemfield Road, Higher Ince, Wigan. 29th October, 1908.—Enclosed is P.C. for which send me two Rollers. I have had several from you, and they have all been good songsters.—J. Filkington to Miss Storey.

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CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries for sale cheap; state your wants; approval.—Roberts, jun., 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

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Good Songster.

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GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch notes; exchange cock Goldfinches; what offers?—Lloyd, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; Linnet Mule, 4/-; Magpie, 5/6; two hen Canaries, 4/-; exchange anything.—Atkins, Wheatsheaf, Raunds.

CAGE-MOULTED, finger tame, Kestrel Hawk; show condition; offers cash; exchange birds, pigeons, anything useful.—83, North-st., Luton.

LARGE cock Nightingale, singing, 25/-; approval, deposit; exchange exhibition British or foreign hard-bills on approval.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE mark yellow Goldfinch or Greenfinch cock mule for large typical yellow Norwich hen; approval.—Wright, Cathcartstone, Dalmellington.

EXCHANGE 2 Linnets, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Redpolls, 2 Greenfinches, all cocks, for phonograph records; records first.—Surridge, 1, Albert-road, Waltham Cross.

ONE splendid cock Bullie, 2 large hens, pair Chaffinches, pair Greenfinches, pair Redpolls, 5/-; exchange 2 Pullets.—Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 3/- a dozen; hens, 1/-; I will serve anyone by sending P.O.; or exchange anything, Linnet Mules.—Pearce, 81, Albert-rd., Luton, Beds.

BEAUTIFUL house-moulted cock Brown Linnet, champion songster, fit to show, large bird, 2/6; exchange cock Goldfinch.—Harry Dobb, 10, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

THRUSH and cage, 9/-; book "Foreign Birds," by Butler, 5/-; three 1/- Physical Culture books; exchange birds, puppies, or offers; anything.—Harry Dacre, 3a, Sebert-road, Forest Gate.

EXHIBITION Greater or Coletit, finger-tame, cash offers; ditto cage-moulted cock Linnet, steady, 12/6; ditto Bramblefinch, 5/-; ditto Robin, partly white wings and tail, 15/-; exchange.—16, Havelock-rd., Luton.

FINE cock Twite Mule, good songster, 7/6; 3 selected cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; 2 Linnets, 1 Chaffinch cock, 3/6 three; exchange Rollers, songsters, exhibition British; offers.—33, Aldron-rd., Tooting.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, good muler, large clear Yellow Yorkshire hen, 10/-; cock Redpoll, var. Norwich hen, 7/6; all genuine breeders; pair 1908 Yorkshires from winners, 15/-; approval, offers.—W. Horsey, 1, East Sheen-avenue, Mortlake.

GOOD Corn Bunting, caged 6 months; Reed Sparrow, caged 8 months; cage-moulted cock Goldfinch; will exchange either for good singing cock Canaries; Rosy Pastor, grand plumage; what offers in good cock Canaries?—Hawkins, 5, West Alley, Hitchin.

EXHIBITORS. Bramblefinch, 5/-; Greenfinch, 5/-; Linnet, 10/-; Yellowhammer, 15/-; pairs, hybrid breeders, Linnet-Goldfinch, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Yellowhammer, 3/6 pair; offers cash; exchange Canaries, birds, Pigeons, rabbits, fowls, anything useful.—Whitby, Reginald-rd., Luton.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

SALE or exchange, 10 young Canaries, Cinnamon blood.—J. W. Jackson, Pye Pitts, Malton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock and little cash for good yellow cock.—Sellers, High-st., Homerton.

FOUR good hen Canaries, sale of exchange; approval.—Tysall, 25, Pinfold-st., New Bilton, Rugby.

YORKSHIRE, 7/6; Andreasburg Roller, 6/6, singing; approval fortnight; hens, 2/-.—Sawer, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy Canaries for good gun; mutual approval.—McIntosh, Kingholm Quay, Dumfries, N.B.

PAIR of large prize-bred Cinnamons, cost £1, for two cock Mules, or songsters; approval.—Hadgley, Lower Hagley.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich and Rollers, sale or exchange old metal.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-st., Southwark, London.

THREE 1908 Roller hens, 3/6 each; or exchange 1908 buff Norwich cock.—Harry Ledwards, 55, Darwin-st., Bolton.

THREE yellow Border cocks, exchange for show cages, or good buff hens.—Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

CANARIES, eight good songsters, 5/6 each; pair of 1908 Yorkshires, 10/6.—Featherstone, Great Ayton, S.O., Yorkshires.

TWO pairs Norwich for Norwich and British show cages; offers first.—R. Reynolds, Seed Merchant, Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE two monster Buff Cinnamon hens, for silver albert.—R. Lamb, 40, Jane-street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham.

THREE hen Canaries, proved foster mothers; exchange singing rock, or sell 7/6. Chas. Lloyd, Nowland, Witney, Oxon.

1908 CRESTED Norwich hen, 4/6; exchange good cock Greypate, approval, both ways.—W. Apps, Noah's Ark, Seal, Kent.

THREE 1908 Yorkshire hens, 4/- each, Knight's strain; Yorkshire cock, 7/6, or exchange.—H. Bowman, Nuncargate, Notts.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for Norwich, or British birds.—Buckingham, 211, St. Alban's-rd., Watford, Herts.

SIXTY Yorkshire songsters; cocks from 5/-; hens, 2/6; or exchange anything useful.—Jones, 56, Rupert-rd., Upper Holloway.

TWO 1907 Norwich hens, clear and even-marked, in exchange for young singing cock, or what offers.—Brodie, Crown-st., Inverness.

EXCHANGE pair Lancashire Coppies, for pair good Yorkshire greens, or sell 15/-.—S. C., The Aviaries, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

WANTED, cash offers for four pairs of good Yorkshires, or useful exchange, lady's cycle preferred.—Burton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

CLEAR buff cock, yellow hen, yellow-green hen, Borders, for yellow Yorkshire hens; sell 12/-.—Thomenson, Cobden-st., Carlisle.

LADY'S cycle frame and pair of wheels, almost new; exchange 1908 Canaries, birds first.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterboro'.

PAIR high-class Norwich Plainheads; exchange pair high-class Yorkshires; approval.—Fred Woodhall, Gresham-st., Stanhope, Co. Durham.

NORWICH Yellow cock, Buff hen, 1908, fed, 17/6; exchange for high-class 1908 Roller cock.—Blake, 156, Beresford-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

TWO grand Norwich cocks, good variegated hen, 1908, yellow hen, brown Linnet, £1 1s. lot; offers; no rubbish.—Brough, Greenwich, Derby.

SCOTCH Fancy Buff cock for sale, or exchange for good hen; see Newcastle and Shields shows.—W. Harvey, 315, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6?—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

THREE typical Border Fancy Canaries in exchange for good show Goldfinch, or sell 15/-; Goldfinch first.—John Nisbet, Quakerfield, Bannockburn, Stirling.

NORWICH Canaries, Buffs; one cock, 6/6; two cocks, 7/6 each; three hens, 3/- each; or useful exchange.—White, 37, St. Paul's-rd., Shipley, Yorks.

WOULD exchange five pairs good Yorkshires for useful exchange, greenhouse glass, or pipes preferred.—E. Dychouse, Tailor, 5, Bilston-rd., Wolverhampton.

THREE Norwich Canaries, one cock and two hens, sell 10/-, or exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch; offers first.—Clowes, 28, Nunn-street, Leek, Staffordshire.

TWO 1907 Yorkshire cocks, 7 inches long, 8/6 each; four Seifert Roller and Yorkshire cocks, 1908 birds, 6/6 each; or exchange.—Carrett, 17, Gladstone-rd., Mitcham.

FOUR hand-reared Song Thrushes, 1908, fit for exhibition, £2; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches; approval.—Jack Watson, Rose Cottage, Wrightington, near Wigan.

TO beginners, I am selling single breeders with pair of grand Norwich at 9/- each; call and see them.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whitecross-street, E.C.

BORDER Fancy cock, with show cage (smart bird), 15/-, or exchange cock Goldie Mule, songster; Mule first, backed by deposit with Editor.—Walsh, Harcourt-rd., Uckfield.

TWO good 1908 Yorkshires, cocks, two good Norwich cocks, clean, healthy, full song, £1; approval, deposit; or useful exchange; no live stock.—Hance, 22, King-st., Tring, Herts.

PRIZE Norwich Plainhead; sell or exchange anything to the trade, such as bolts, screws, nails, etc.; see report Cambridge last week.—Handley, Coach Builder, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

TWO good singing 1908 Yorkshire cocks, 4/6 each; exchange typical pair 1908 Norwich; offers; single clap-net, jointed poles, 3/6; stamp. Bridgeford, 48, Newcomen-road, Wellingborough.

WHAT offers in high-class Yorkshires for four large cock Goldfinch Mules, three hens, and several good Norwich Roller cross cocks, in full song?—E. Carker, The Weir, Hessle, near Hull.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6; exchange for Lancashire coppy, cocks and hens; will give two pairs for one good pair; approval both ways.—Masters, 1, Salcombe Gardens, North Side, Clapham Common.

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CLUB REPORTS.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIST. C.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Town Hall Buildings on October 19th, Mr. Manson presiding. The arranging of classification for the show to be held on December 12th was gone into. There was an evident desire to surpass last year's exhibition, so the classification was made very comprehensive, and members will have a chance of showing birds in great variety. —F. WILSON, Secretary.

DULWICH O.S.

Committee meeting held October 22nd, Mr. G. F. Woolhouse presiding. Schedule for forthcoming annual show was passed. The society provides 88 classes, open and members. Crested C.C., English and Welsh B.F.C., and National British Bird and M.C. have given their patronage. A handsome special prize list was announced. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the donors of the six silver-plated rose bowls, also to the other donors, while Mr. F. Gain was specially thanked for obtaining 10 valuable engravings from the National Art Society. The following gentlemen were appointed stewards: Messrs. W. Morris, F. Easterling, C. Mabey, G. W. Saunders, W. G. Warley, W. R. Wall, J. Foster, J. Wilmot, A. J. Slade, F. Bisley, F. Waterman, F. Kites, G. Garlick, A. Rees, R. Bruty, R. Pocock, F. Cain, S. J. Kent, Mrs. Bussey and Mrs. Mazzoni. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse was appointed show manager, and Mr. A. E. Rogers, C.B.U. delegate. The following new members were elected, Messrs. C. T. Maxwell (Brixton), W. H. Vale, Cuiting, Thorpe, Askew, Masters, S. H. W. Baker (Clapham), T. Morris (Tooting), C. Young (Thornton), R. J. Nowley (Stockwell), W. Yeoman, F. Scott (Streatham), Mrs. J. Foster, W. Powles (Dulwich), Mrs. J. Wilmot (Bermondsey). It was decided to have an open novice section of 10 classes, with a handsome silver cup for best bird, Mr. Daniels offering a guinea Royal Doulton vase for runner-up.—ROGERS AND MAZZONI, Hon. Secs.

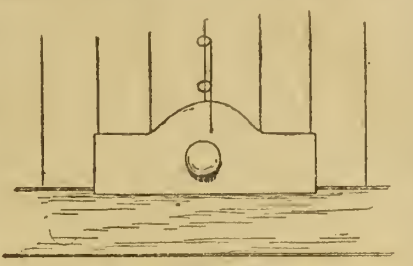
BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of some where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 254.
A SECURE EGG-PAN HOLDER.
Sent by J. Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

To make this holder, procure a piece of sixteen-guage cage-wire, and bend it with the pliers into the form seen in the illustration,

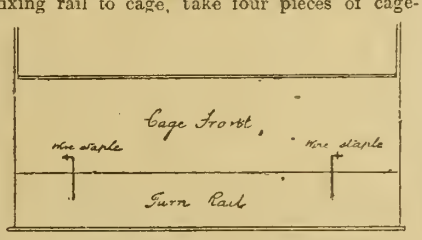


To Secure Egg Pans.

which, I trust, will prove self-explanatory. The idea is that the wire when bent into shape shall slide up or down the cage front, for the purpose of removing the egg-pan, or for holding it securely in its place.—J. BROXUP.

No. 255.
AN IMPROVED TURN-RAIL.
Sent by J. W. Hunt, May Cottage, Thompson-st., Bilston.

Enclosed is a sketch of a simple turn-rail which is made to turn up in front of cage instead of turning outward, which enables the scraper to remove all dirt from both sides of the cage. In the sketch are seen the cage front, turn-rail, and wire staple hinge. For fixing rail to cage, take four pieces of cage-



A Turn-rail for Cage-bottoms.

wire about 1¼ inches long, and bend as shown in sketch to form the hinge and the staple. Bore two holes through the cage-front, about one inch from each end, and ¼ inch from bottom, and 1-16th inch apart; also one hole at each end (the same distance) in the turn-rail. Place the ends of staples through holes, leaving the heads out of wood to the same thickness as the wire, bending the ends back, one to right and one to left. Now take the wire hinge, place the long end through turn-rail, bend back the end, and fasten same to the wood; then your turn-rail is complete.—J. W. HUNT.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The above Society held a successful table show on October 28th, when some very good youngsters were staged. Mr. G. E. Edwards gave every satisfaction in placing the awards. OPEN YELL. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, c, Harrison; 2, hc, Harkhorn; 3, vhc, Tyler. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, hc, Christian; vhc, Dyson; c, Smith and Wisdom.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Monthly meeting held in the Avenue Hall, Oct. 3rd, president, Mr. Adams, in the chair. In the unavoidable absence of the secretary, the assistant secretary acted in that capacity. After the ordinary business, a special prize list was opened, when the following members generously promised to present specials to the successful competitors at our forthcoming show, to be held on Nov. 21st—Messrs. Connell (2), Adams, Teasey, Gray, Allen, Thompson, Stewart, Gilmore, Wilson, Carson, Trueman, Cummins and Bowman one each. The prize cards will be presented as a special by assistant secretary. It is hoped this will not conclude the list by any means.—A. SOUTH, Assistant Secretary.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Annual meeting held in Edinburgh, October 17th, Mr. C. R. Drysdale, hon. president, presiding. The secretary submitted his first financial statement, which after auditors' report per Mr Petrie, was agreed to as eminently satisfactory. Election of officials for next year: Mr. C. R. Drysdale (Edinburgh), president; Mr. W. Thornton (Edinburgh), vice-president; Mr. J. R. Meikle (51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh) secretary and treasurer. Acting committee, Messrs. J. Dalgleish (Leith), J. McLennan and A. Paterson (Edinburgh), auditors, Messrs. M. Petrie (Leith) J. Sinclair and W. Whitefield (Edinburgh). All the above office bearers are honorary, giving their services free. On consideration of rules, one most important alteration was made, namely, "Belgian fanciers to have the privilege of exhibiting eight birds, four in each class," exactly double the number allowed at our exhibition of this year. The executive hope this further extension will be largely taken advantage of. Date of next show, September 25, 1909. We specially request fanciers to again rally round us and help us to surpass, if possible, our great success of this year. A vote of thanks, accorded to the officials for their past services, brought the meeting, in which the utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed, to a close.—J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Mr. G. J. Johnson presided at the meeting held at the headquarters, Buck I' th' Vine Hotel, on October 5th. Improved classification was made for the second annual show, November 28th, and the schedule, as approved, contains twelve classes for Canaries, eleven for British birds, while Foreign, Mule, selling, and gift classes form the remainder. Judge, Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens). Outside the society, local Linnet fanciers are also catered for, a five mile radius class being provided, and with only a small entry fee.—T. H. TIPPER, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS L.S.A.

The annual dinner took place on October 21st, when there were about 40 members present. The dinner was given by Mr. W. Tillotson at headquarters, King's Head, Shannon Street, and we had a jolly evening. After dinner we had a good "sing song," Mr. J. R. Hepton opened with "The Blind Boy," and Mr. F. Robinson followed with "The Village Blacksmith." There were a number of other songs by Mr. T. Stead and others. A vote of thanks to Mr. Tillotson for his generosity and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," concluded the evening.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A washing exhibition and competition were held at headquarters, the Constitutional Club, on October 5th, when there was a good muster of members and friends, about 60 being present. Mr. Williamson presided. There were two medals to be competed for, and every one was all attention as Mr. C. Carr gave a practical demonstration and a lot of useful advice, especially urging the necessity of having everything clean, the cage in particular, as any dust or dirt here would soon undo all one's washing. It was decided that competitors compete in pairs, and Messrs. A. J. Marley and T. Jackson, two amateurs, therefore stepped forward first. Coats were thrown off, etc., and everything proceeded in quite a business-like manner, everyone seeming sorry when the last of the competitors had finished. Several gave the impression that they had spent a good bit of time at the wash tub. While the birds were drying the time was passed by an exchange of experiences in birdie matters generally. At the close, the judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke decided that all birds be put on the table. In awarding the prize in the amateur section to Mr. Jackson, the judge said that in all his experience he had never seen anyone handle or wash a bird better than he, Mr. Jackson, having the bird under control the whole time and managing it in a masterly manner. In his (the judge's) opinion he stood right out well by himself. In awarding the prize in the novices section to our popular chairman, Mr. F. Williamson, the judge said that he was agreeably surprised to see the result. The bird had come out fit to grace any show bench. The secretary, Mr. B. F. Forse, ever on the alert for an opportunity for anything to benefit the association, asked for specials for the annual show, to be held November 14th, and he was kept very busy. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Clarke for his kindness in judging, and his great help to the association generally, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—J. A. BARTLETT.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 7—Glasgow—R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow.
" 7—**Burton-on-Trent** — F. Cameron, 103, Sydney Street.
" 7—**Montrose**—J. Clark, 1, John Street.
" 7—**Kircaldy**—J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury Street.
" 9—**Sligo**—J. Mulligan, Cairn's View, Sligo.
" 9—**Consett**—W. H. Hutchinson, junr., 21, Park Road.
" 9—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.
" 9—**Preston**—W. H. Heatbcote, 119a, Fishergate.
" 9—**Queen's Park**—J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.
" 9—(1st post) **Warrington**—J. Emmett, 39, Gorsey Lane.
" 9—**Wallsend**—J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Rd.
" 9—**Worcester**—A. E. Bishop, 14, Barry St.
" 9—**Wimbledon**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.
" 10—**Laisterdyke**—A. Bottomley, 65, Wilberforce Street.
" 11—**Reading**—G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading.
" 11—**Selby**—J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook Street.
" 11—**Smethwick**—North and Little, 20, Ballot Street, Smethwick.
" 12—**Morriston**—Jeremy and East, Glanrhyd Cottage, Tanylan Road.
" 12—**Mallock**—Slater and Turner, Wellington St.
" 12—**Launceston**—W. J. Pascoe, Windmill Laundry.
" 12—**Sidmouth**—Messrs. Collier and Clode.
" 13—**Berwick**—Smart and Gray, 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth.
" 13—**Cambridge**—W. Driver, Sussex Street
" 13—**Herne Bay**—W. A. Holness, 26, Mortimer Street.
" 14—**Cirencester**—W. A. Inward, 3, Corrin Villas.
" 14—**Chichester**—A. Stowe, 17, New Park Rd.
" 14—**Hinckley**—W. Warner, Upper Bond Street.
" 14—**Tonbridge**—F. J. Bingham, 88 Barden Road.
" 14—**Maindee**—J. Hawksley.
" 14—**Chapel-en-le-Frith**—J. R. Cooper, Brookside.
" 14—**Brighton**—F. Perrin, Turf Mousery, Market Street.
" 14—**Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road, Perth.
" 14—**Wellscombe**—Hill and Dening.
" 14—**Buckhaven**—J. Lawlie 3, Anderson Lane.
" 14—**Sunderland**—Reid and Maddison, 2, Plantation Road, Gallion.
" 14—**Pathhead (Kirkaldy)**—W. R. Gibson. 59 and 60 St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.
" 14—**Wharton**—R. Ollier, 363, High Street, Winsford, Chesbire.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 7—Bristol F.A.—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street Newtown, Bristol.
" 8—**Gillingham**—T. F. Ramsey, 18, Selborne Road.
" 8 (1st post) **Glastonbury**—A. W. D. Cridland.
" 8 (1st post)—**Oakham**—J. Hibbitt, jnr., Melton Road.
" 8—**Abingdon**—T. Bowen, 10, High Street.
" 8 (1st post)—**Carlisle**—W. H. Wright, 35, London Road.
" 9—**Leek**—R. Hall, 9, Russell Street.
" 9 (1st post)—**Merthyr**—J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon.
" 9 (1st post)—**Malton**—G. M. Horsley, 25 Vine Street, Norton, Malton.
" 9—**Swansea**—A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road Landore.
" 10—**Tideswell**—Bagshaw and Flint:

THE SHOWS.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

South and North Shields and Dist. held their sixth annual show on October 30th and 31st, and entries came up fairly well, they showing a slight decrease on last year; but this is owing to the strike on the Tyne this season. Taking everything into consideration, the show was a good one, some splendid birds being staged. Norwich and Yorkshires were fairly well represented, some of the classes being full of hut ones. Crests and Crest-breds, although small in numbers, contained the cream of the Fancy, while the popular Border was fully represented by some of the well-known breeders of Tweed and Tyne. Mules, British and Foreign were a grand collection, some real gems being staged. A very interesting exhibit was the Blue-throated Warbler. This was caught about five weeks ago on the coast near South Shields. Members' classes were keenly contested. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Canaries, Open), J. Shepherd (Mules, Brit. and For.), and E. Brunskill (Members'). The show was held in a good hall, which was well lighted, and free from draught, while the staging was all that could be desired. The management was under the direction of the esteemed secretary, Mr. Wm. Duke, who was ably supported by his assistant, Mr. Barrass, and his son, Mr. Duke, jun.; everything possible was done for the comfort of exhibits and exhibitors. The society are fortunate in having such gentlemen at the head of affairs, and long may they keep them. The stewards were of the genuine type, hard-working, and plenty of come and go. We also noted Mr. Hutchinson, the esteemed Newcastle secretary, busy assisting Mr. Duke, while Mr. S. Taylor, of Crest fame, was doing like dutles with the stewards. We were also pleased to see the C.B.U. representative, Mr. Robson, of Newcastle, going about in his usual quiet but businesslike way.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, spl, Harland, hot fed, good yell., nice head and front, slight twist on neck; 2, Godley, strong-bodied yell., falls in head to winner, not so cleanly cut out; 3, Dobinson, good, stout body, neat head, and plenty substance, beaten in neck and carriage; 4, Rowell, inclined to droop tail, fine feather, very unsteady; vhc, Grey; bc, Baker; c, Couchman. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Godley, good stamp, neatly got up, grand carriage, bad been having a bath when we were taking notes; 2, Herland, well filled up in neck, good head, nice taper, fine size and quality of feather, could do with a wash; 3, Rowell, nice mealy feather, rather low on perch, perched ou head, good quality throughout; 4, Hodgson, nice carriage, but beaten in front and head, fails in substance; vbc, Dobinson; hc, Grey; c, Slater. YELL. TICK., ETC. (1): 1, spl, Godley, head tkd. yell., nice size, good carriage, very warm shade of colour, in A1 order. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Dobinson, good, stout made, bead, tkd., fine fronts and head, and pleuty substance; 2, Harland, nice stamp, upright in carriage, and well packed in front, good head and taper, in grand order; 3, 4, Taylor, pleuty size, good head, lacks the wing carriage and finish in feather of winner, 4 fine size, but long, fails in quality and general finish. HEN (13): 1, spl, and also members, Grey, nice body yell., good style, fine quality of feather, neat head, front, and well staged, in lovely order; 2, Godley, uot a large one, but well moulded, good head, well filled in front, a buff rather soft in feather, well placed; 3, Slater, yell., good body, but fair flights and tail, nice weight, fine neck and front, shade narrow on head; 4, Grey, large buff, beaten in neck, good feather and colour, fails in general carriage and finisb; vhc, Gordon; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Dobinson. CL., ETC., YELL., UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, Grey, hot fed, and a great yell., grand body, lovely head, great substauce throughout for a yell., real good one; 2, Godley, nice, shapely bird, fine tone of colour, good front, well tapered off, scarcely so beavy in body as winner; 3, Baker, smart-looking exhibit, in grand bloom, thinner gotup than winner; 4, vhc, Grey, good, large neck, grizzled bird, pleuty substance; hc, Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, spl, McKay, good one, grand shape, fine head, grandly frilled in neck, nicely drawn, good wing carriage; 2, Holden and Dodd, plenty colour, grand size, rather flat-looking on head, could do better in front, but well tapered, and in fine bloom; 3, Harland, good shape, well moulded, rare feather and colour, unsteady a little; 4, Taylor, good quality of feather, beaten in deptb of body, hut grandly put down; vbc, bc, Grey; c, Godley. NOR. NOVICE (17): 1, spl, Hermiston, clinking yell., grand size, lovely quality of feather, nice front, good body and wing carriage, warm tone of colour; 2, Vart, good all-round buff, full-fronted, grand head, lovely back and wing carriage, scarcely so well tapered below; 3, Appleby, nice yell., fails in colour and front, but good quality of feather; 4, Gordon, variegated, huff, thin got up, inclined to cross wings, good feather, warm colour; vbc, Richardson; hc, Prior; c, Vart. CREST (3): 1, spl, J. Taylor, green Crest, rare top-piece, finely centred and rare length of feather, fine body and plenty substance throughout; 2, Duke, good, fails a little at side, but splendid frontal, good back, nice quality throughout; 3, W. J. Taylor, lengthy feather, hut small, and inclined to split at sides, nicely centred. HEN (4): 1, spl, Armstrong, good, leafy, well-groomed, headpiece, well centred, very nicely put on, nice lengtby feather, and A1 in condition; 2, Almond, good top-piece, frills in centre a little, but well down in front, nicely staged: 3, Almond, good one, fine length of feather, inclined to rise a little, hut good length, will improve; 4, Taylor, well-centred and groomed, nice side and back. CREST (Bred 1908) (4): 1, spl, Dobson and Son, well groomed, coming well to front, nicely centred, good at sides and back, in rare bloom, looks like Newcastle winner; 2, J. Taylor, good one, nicely fronted, fails on side a little, fine length of feather, scarcely so dense as winner; 3, Dobson and Son, grandly brushed forward, and dense feathering, not so full sided, good all-round; 4, Hands, good one, bnt split a little, and long at back, plenty of feather. A.O.V. CREST (4): 1, spl, J. Taylor, Newcastle winner easy 1st, dense head-gear, staged to perfection; 2, J. Taylor, cl. body, good top-piece, but small compared with winner, still, a good 2nd; 3, Hands, grizzle, neat one, fine length of feather, and good quality, nicely centred; 4, Godley, cl. Crest, rare size, loose in centre, good length of feather, all-round fine exhibit. NOR. P.H FOR CREST BREEDING (4): 1, spl, J. Taylor, good one, dense headgear, grand lash coming well forward, and carried to back, nice head, plenty substance; 2, Hutchinson, another topper, great body, lovely cushion head, wide entrance of skull, A1; 3, Godley, neat one, plenty of substance, narrow in head, but neatly lashed; 4, Armstrong, pinched in front compared with winners, but neat. HEN (6): 1, spl, J. Taylor, 1 green, well lashed nice entrance, carried well to the back, fine length of feather at side and front, 2 strong buff variegs, rare substance of body, nice cushion head good lashing and entrance; 3, Beswick, nice-shaped head, lovely cushion shape, falls in entrance, and also beaten in length; 4, Hands, lengthy feather on head, but narrow at entrance, nice shape; vhc, hc, W. J. Taylor. BRED 1908 (17): 1, spl, Bewick, a gem, nice size and shape, grand quality of feather, nice lashing, good in entrance, fine, frill-headed bird; 2, Hutchison, good front and size, nice wide entrance, falls in side lashing, good, showy bird, well put down; 3, Armstrong, cushion-headed, good feather and quality; 4, Dobson and Son, plenty size of body, good order, beaten in head, for shape, and also in lashing, narrow looking; vhc, Terrent; bc, W. J. Taylor; c, Terrent. PAIRS FOR CREST BREEDING (5): 1, spl, Armstrong, nice green Crest cock, fine top-piece for length of feather, coming well down, to a good lashed variegs, buff C.B., nice entrance and head, likely pair; 2, Hands, slashing C.B. ck., grand head and lashing, to a green Crest hen, falls in top-piece to winner, nice, lengthy feather, but thin; 3, W. J. Taylor, green C.B. ck., good one, to a light Crest, rather split at sides, good quality throughout. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, Godley, slashing Jonque, fine warm colour, good head, front, and lacing, and in rare bloom, wins easily; 2, Armstrong, fine lacing on back, but longer in appearance, good colour; 3, Seely Bros., nice body, and well up in markings, rather narrow in head, good quality throughout; 4, Winter, nice tone of colour, well marked, beaten in bead; vhc, Godley; hc, Walker. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Seely Bros., good large, buff-bodied Cinn., nice shape, grand head, and fine body colour, well-pencilled; 2, 3, 4, Godley, 2 fine quality of feather, good front and head, longer behind than winner, nice markings, 3 slimmer got up, falls in depth of colour, good back, nicely laced on side, 4 plenty size, but duller in colour, neat shape, ligbter in pencilling; vhc, Hermiston. UNFLIG. (7): 1, spl, Hermiston, wins best colour, good body, sound level pencilling, plenty of size and substance, neat made one; 2, vhc, W. J. Taylor, romper for size, good pencilling, shade narrower in front than winner; 3, vbc, Godley, fails a little in back pencilling, but neat on side and ground colour; 4, Walker, taking exhibit, not so distinct in pencilling, still, good; c, Watson. HEN UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, 4, vhc, Godley, leader cl. win a gem, full of work, fine markings, grand shape and quality of feather, 4 well up in size and colour, good markings; 2, c, Hermiston, nice one, scarcely so good on flanks as winner, but A1 back, good shape and quality; 3, W. J. Taylor, good one for ground colour, but fainter in markings, nice size; hc, Winter. BORDER YELL. (12): 1, Bennet, colour, nice shape, finely drawn bird, A1 carriage, neat front, good taper and wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Whittaker, neat four-pointed yell., fails in shape a little to winner, but grand position, fine head, lovely wing carriage; 3, rather long, but good, feather very showy, neat bead and neck, well filled on back, good order; 4, Gilchrist, nice one pale, compared with winner in colour, but good body; vhc, Happs Bros.; hc, Hawkins; c, Hay. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Thompson, head tick, very upright in position, good tone of colour throughout, nice head, and neat front, and drawn; 2, Whittaker, nice bodied bird, fine, showy stamp, put down in grand order, falls in neck to winner, but lovely wing carriage; 3, Hopper Bros., uneven buff, upright in carriage, and well drawn, fails in head to winners; 4, Gilchrist, in rare bloom, grandly rounded, fine head, well filled on back, rather unsteady; vhc, Hay; bc, Chapman; c, Taylor. HEN (12): 1, spl, Gilchrist, Newcastle 2nd, buff, even mark, well balanced markings, good type, well staged, beads a strong class; 2, Thompson, mkd. yell., rare position, inclined to be thin in front, but splendidly shown, in A1 order; 3, Young, good mkd. buff, fine shape, lovely body, grand wing carriage, neat eyes and wings; 4, Johnston, good Jouque Green, lovely shape and pencilling, deep solid colour, throughout, a good one; vhc, Chapman; hc, Currah and Son; c, McQuillan. BRED 1908 (13): 1, spl, Currah and Son, typical, finely drawn, good head and wing carriage, and well put down, lovely bloom; 2, McQuillan, close up, A1 type, good shape and style, well placed; 3, Gilchrist, good bodied bird, lovely quality of feather, not so showy as winners, but good; 4, Bowen, fails in feather only, nice weight, good stamp, will improve; vhc, Johnston; hc, Hay; c, Hopper Bros. SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, spl, Harvey, ct., yell., stylish but slim, nice position, very showy specimen; 2, Little, clinking vargt., yell., rare shoulder and depth across, extra good one; grand free drive, massive substance throughout, clear; 3, Taylor, fails in size to winners, but stylish, good quality; 4, Thompson Bros., beaten here, fine depth throughout, slow at work to-day; vhc, Bell. HEN (4): 1, spl, Thompson Bros., buff, best substance, grand quality throughout, free worker, rare reach and drive, plenty of side; 2, Little, good buff, free worker, fails depth across to winner, not so long, fine quality throughout; 3, Craig, vargt. buff, good one for style, showy, fails in substance; 4, Bell and Son, beaten, a buff, nice all round, lacks work of winners. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Heddon, raking yell, nice feather, good shape, well drawn, gem for length; 2, Cuthbertson, warmer colour, hookey in appearance, slim got up, nice bead; 3, Stewart, neat, well drawn, fine and stylish, good length, shown well; 4, Dr. O'Neal, stronger, but grand length, and A1 feather, good shape for a Yorks.; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Mason, Whiting. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neal, topper, grandly drawn, fine front, nicely drawn, clean got up; 2, very slim got up, shows a slight frill, but a gem for length and style, good wing carriage; 3, Stewart, slimmer still, A1 feather, fails a little in length, good quality feather; 4, Caw, beaten in slimness, well made, nice quality throughout; vhc, Cuthbertson. YELL. VARGT. (9): 1, spl, Fitton, raking yell., grand length of side, good drawn front, lovely wing carriage, neat head, well up on leg, in fine order; 2, Tweedie, good one, rare stamp, lovely colour, nice fronted bird, upright position, well shown; 3, Elwell, vargt. yell., hot colour, well up on leg, good quality of feather; 4, Mason, slim, beaten in length, but grand stamp of a Yorks.; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, c, Dr. O'Neal. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Whiting, buff vargt., plenty of length, well drawn, good quality of feather, nice wing carriage, well put down; 2, Stewart, good head, tick, shorter, but fine trim, nicely tapered off, and stylish in form, good front, and head; 3, Cuthbertson, lengthy, but hookey in appearance, fails in carriage to winner; 4, Taylor, nice shape and size, beaten in finish. HEN (9): 1, spl, Steele, nat. col., slim got up, well drawn, stylish, good length of side, well up on leg; 2, Heddon, good length, very nicely drawn, scarcely so well finished in front as winner, but neat; 3, Cuthbertson, wing tick, nice quality of feather, and lengthy, fails in front, and taper to winner; 4, Dr. O'Neal, grand order, beaten in top, but a gem for quality, lovely finished bird; vhc, Carr; hc, Fitton; c, Allison. NOVICE ANY COL. (19): 1, spl, Hutler, well drawn one, lovely head and wing carriage, nicely tapered, taking exhibit; 2, Mather, well up in length, neat back and wings; 3, Sokel and Binks, lovely feather, well moulded; 4, Heddon, neat, fine quality throughout, again well put down; vhc, Harrison; hc, Steele; c, Wiggles-worth. YORKS. (1908) (16): 1, spl, Mason, hot one, rare length for a baby, well drawn, and lovely front and position, staged to perfection; 2, bc, Carr, 2 good ones, leader, best in length and quality, plenty of size, grand front; 4, good shape and style, beaten in finish only; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, well drawn specimen, falls in position to winners; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Walker. LIZ. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Reid, best cut cap and colour, good back spangling, and grand shape and quality of feather, nice one; 2, Hyslop, slightly uneven, on one side, but all there for lacing, good flights and tail, nice bloom; 3 Rukin, beaten on side, grand back lacing, not so clear or distinct as winners, fine order; 4, Taylor, beaten in markings and cap. GOLD (4): 1, spl, Reid, nice cut cap, good colour, well laced, fine spangling, inclined to run light on wings; 2, Rukin, nice body and shape, fails in spangling to winner, grand flights, nice cap and finish; 3, Hyslop, well up in ground colour, nicely dappled, good quality throughout; 4, Taylor, shade light on flights, beaten in shape and finish. A.O.V. (8): 1, Little, buff Belg., nice size, good rib, fine top end and droop, very showy; 2, Fitton, Lanes., coppy, yell., nice top piece, plenty of length, staged in fine order; 3, Dixon, even marked Norwich, rather slim, but good in markings; 4, Mason, green Nor., nice colour, and well pencilled, well up in size; vhc, McQuillan; bc, c, Daly Bros. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (3): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, pair Yorks., lengthy, yell cock, fine style and length, and colour to a good buff hen, well drawn, short in feather; 2, 3, Grey, 2nd, good bouncing vargt. cock, and d.c. yell. hen; 3rd, hot fed yell. cock, and romping buff hen; 4, Godley, nice Nor., beaten in shape and quality of feather by winners; vhc, Seely Bros.; hc, Dixon; c, Homestor.

Mr. Shepherd's Classes.

GL., ETC., MULE: 1, spl, 2, Maddison, 1st sixpointed yell. Goldie Mule, good colour, nice size and flush; 2nd, lightly variegs. Linnet Mule, good quality feather, well up in size, taking exhibit; both well staged; 3, hc, W. J. Taylor, slashing four-pointed buff, good quality feather, nice colour, well staged; 4, vhc, Hutchinson, variegs. buff Goldie, plenty of size but rather heavily mkd., nice flush, still lucky to beat; c, Muers and Kine. DARK (9): 1, spl, Maddison, Jonque Greenie, warm colour, well fed, staged in lovely order; 2, Fitton, Jonque Siskin, warm colour, well up in size, nicely-marked good exhibit; 3, Taylor, very taking Jonque Linnet, steady, in rare bloom, good one, well worthy of place; 4, Todd and Sons, slashing buff Greenie, warm fed gentleman, nice colour, not so shapely or clean got up as winner; vhc, Waters; hc, Johnston; c, Atkinson. HYB. (4): 1, spl, Graham, good Goldie Bullie, nice size, good flush face, nice blending of colour, good bars, well put down; 2, W. J. Taylor, Greenie-Bullie, fair size and colour, good cap, and nice quality of feather; 3, Graham, Goldie-Bullie, large as winner, in rare feather, fails in density of face; 4, W. J. Taylor, Greenie-Bullie, better ground colour than winner, slightly broken in cap, good all-round exhibit. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Maddison, nice size and colour, good position, well cut, large blaze, scarcely up yet, good cheeks; 2, Thompson, nice size, good blaze, scarcely up yet, well cut cheeks and front; 3, Gilbespie, similar to 2nd but scarcely so forward in feather; 4, W. J. Taylor, neat one, not so dense in face as winners, but good otherwise; vhc, Thompson; bc, Potts; c, Muers and Kine. BULLFINCH (6): 1, spl, Appleby, wins, grand cap, lovely shape, good strong front, rare style, well up in breast colour, nicely staged; 2, Allison, good dense cap, great size, lovely quality feather, deep breast colour; 3, Forster, nice shapely bird, rather narrow on cap, good quality of feather, inclined to be slim; 4, Davidson and Boyd, large shapely bird, rare front, and fails in colour and finish; vbc, Bill and Son; bc, Appleby. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Maddison, large, good tone of colour throughout, nice wing flights, full fronted, scarcely up in bloom yet; 2, Johnston, nice tone of colour, good size, well marked bird, fine head and front and A1 style, in lovely feather; 3, vhc, Todd and Son, best finished bird in class, gem for quality of feather, scarcely so large as winner; 4, Watson, plenty size, fails in finish, harsh-looking in feather; bc, Rowell; c, McVay. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Waters, wins, good fed Siskin, nice cap and bib, well laced on side, good back, well out cheeks, in fine bloom; 2, Maddison, Twite, nice size, good ground colour, fine lacing and whites, nicely staged; 3, Todd and Sons Siskin, fails in head and colour to winner, but well up in size; 4, Reeks, Lesser Redpoll, nice one, grand all over, good colour, bib and eyes; vbc, Slack; c, Mallony; hc, Mallony. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, spl, Wilcock, Hawfinch, good one, nice size, grand quality of feather, good bib, well marked head; 2, Forster, nice Bramble for size, rather light in cheeks, markings, finely laced on back; 3, McVay, Chaffinch, good one, well up in size, good colour, an old winner; 4, Maddison, Bramble, fails in size only, grand head markings, nicely cut on breast; vhc, Dixon; bc, Taylor; c, Montague. GREY LINNET (22): 1, spl, Brown, Newcastle winner, looking very fit, in grand order, nice shapely Linnet, well mkd., grand wing flights; 2, Maddison, larger bird, better in shape, good quality feather, lighter on breast than winner; 3, Dunn, sweet shaped Linnet, good breast colour, well marked, little light in throat, fails in flights; 4, Wilkinson, good shape, plenty size, large pencilling; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; bc, Dunn; c, Dixon. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Watson, Thrush, nicely dappled, in nice order; 2, Bruce, good spotted Thrush, lighter in ground colour than winner, but in A1 bloom, Newcastle winner; 3, Dixon (we could not quite follow the judge here), very large and shapely, loses in breast markings; 4, Bates, good one, fine breast markings, grand size and shape; vhc, Carrick; hc, Laws; c, Telford; all Thrushes. SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Hackworth, Blue-throated Warbler, in very nice order, rather uncommon exhibit, lovely hues of colour, caught in the district lately, steady and well shown; 2, Forster, Wheatear, good one, grand size, well marked, nice ground colour, very steady; 3, Bertram, Whinchat, beauty, steady as possible, grand size and markings, well worth its place; 4, Welch Bros., tall creeper, good quality, richly mkd. and staged, shade small, otherwise A1; vhc, Appleby; hc, c, Woodhouse SKYLARK (14): 1, spl, McVay, nice tone of colour and markings, very showy, well trained, good throat, nice breast markings, deep colour throughout, very steady, well staged; 2, Watson, strongly made, grand shape, good markings, lovely back, fine breast, plenty of size; 3, 4, Alloway, 3rd dense lacing, good front and head, paler in colour than winner, plenty of work on it; 4th, beaten in size and front, but in lovely bloom; vhc, Potts; hc, Playford; c, Bage. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Woodhouse, Great Grey Shrike, nicely marked, in rather poor feather, well staged; 2, Wilson, Yellowhammer, nice size, fairly good in markings, in A1 bloom; 3, Forster, Meadow Bunting, nice one, well mkd. on head and wings, steady and in fine bloom. LARGE FOR. (5): 1, spl, Brown, Mynah, well-known winner, looking as fit as ever, well put down; 2, Gillespie, Amazon, good one, fine size, grand quality of feather, cheap at catalogue price; 3, McKenzie Pennant, nice showy bird, well put down, in fine bloom; 4, Atkinson, Amazon, not so large as 2nd, but in good bloom; vhc, Alexander. SMALL (12): 1, spl, 4, J. Taylor, 1st Superb Tanager, in exquisite form, grand size, lovely shade of colour, well staged; 4th, Blue Tanager, very sweet exhibit; 2, 3, McKenzie, 2nd Red-head Goldian Finch, good one, well up in colour, looking very fit; 3rd, Diamond Sparrow, nice size and markings, in good feather, well staged; vhc, Robertson; hc, Gillespie; c, Slater. SELL., 20/- (10): 1, spl, Godley; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Vart; 4, vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, McKay; c, Armstrong. 15/- (16): 1, spl, Rowell; 2, Charlton; 3, Walker; 4, c, Woodhouse; vhc, Montague; hc, W. J. Taylor. 10/- (12): 1, spl, Carr; 2, c, W. J. Taylor; 3, Godley; 4, Sokel and Binks; vhc, Baker; hc, Turner. 7/6 (11): 1, spl, Rowell; 2, vhc, c, W. J. Taylor; 3, Thompson; 4, Godley; hc, Turner.

Mr. Brunskill's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Grey; 2, vhc, Richardson; 3, Thompson; 4, W. J. Taylor; c, Dixon. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, Grey; 3, 4, W. J. Taylor; vhc, hc, c, Richardson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Grey; 4, vbc, Carrick; hc, T. Baker; c, Murrill. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Grey; 2, T. Baker; 3, 4, vhc, c, Murrill; hc, Richardson. HEN (20): 1, spl, 2, 3, Grey; 4, Thompson; vhc, hc, Murrill; c, Richardson. NOVICE A.C. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Gordon. CREST (3): 1, spl, Charlton; 2, 3, Duke. HEN: 1, Winter. NOVICE: Cancelled. C.B. CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Duke; 3, Stoker. HEN (2): 1, spl, Duke; 2, W. J. Taylor. NOVICE: 1, Watson. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, spl, W. J. Taylor; 2, 4, Winter; 3, Duke. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Winter; 2, 3, W. J. Taylor; 4, vhc, Stoker; hc, Duke. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neil; 2, W. J. Taylor. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neil; 2, W. J. Taylor. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neil; 2, Carrick; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Duke. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Thompson; 2, Dr. O'Neil; 3, hc, Carrick; 4, vhc, Hutler. YELL. A.O.Y. YORKS. (3): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neil; 2, Hutler; 3, Duke. BUFF (4): 1, spl, W. J. Taylor; 2, Carrick; 3, Thompson; 4, Walker. HEN A.C. (7): 1, spl, Dr. O'Neil; 2, c, Carrick; 3, Walker; 4, hc, Thompson; vhc, Hutler. NOVICE: Cancelled. LIZ., SILVER: 1, W. J. Taylor. GOLD (2): 1, spl, 2, Thompson. BRIT. LARGE SOFT (3): 1, spl, Woodhouse; 2, Carrick; 3, Telford. SMALL (4): 1, spl, 2, Woodbouse; 3, Telford. BRIT. GOLDIE (7): 1, spl, vbc, Thompson; 2, Duke; 3, Gilbespy; 4, W. J. Taylor; bc, Fillery; c, Telford. BRIT. GREENIE (5): 1, spl, Charlton; 2, Telford; 3, Hutler; 4, Barrass. BROWN, ETC., LINNETS (10): 1, spl, vbc, Dixon; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Mackay; bc, Barrass; c, Winter. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1 spl, 2, Steele. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (3): 1, spl, Mackay; 2, Steele. CAN. MULE (3): 1, spl, Watson; 2, Steele; 3, Charlton. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gilbespy; vhc, Fillery.

HALSTEAD.

On October 31st was held in Queen's Hall, the first show of the Halstead F.A. The entry hardly came up to the Committee's expectations, yet with great generosity they only cancelled two classes—those for Yorkshires and Soft-Billed British. The average entry was only seven and a half per class, so we hope the executive's liberality on this occasion will not be forgotten by cage bird men when next an appeal is made to them. The quality was well up to the average, and some very choice exhibits were staged, especially in Norwich, Mules, and Hard-Billed British. The Committee responsible for the show were Messrs. G. Goodchild, J. H. Taylor, H. Wicker, H. Meadows, C. Laurance, F. Stammers, J. T. Deeks, R. Bartholomew, H. and W. Sayward, and B. Owers, and right royally did they work under the direction of Mr. W. A. Smith, the treasurer, and Mr. W. F. Monk, the secretary, two officials of whom the Halstead F.A. may well be proud. The Queen's Hall is most admirably adapted for a show, and very snug and comfortable were the exhibits. Lord Desnhurst opened the show, and when we left everything promised a successful issue. Mr. G. H. Billett judged, and his awards were well received

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Outten, grand shape, neat wings and tail, well feathered, hardly level in colour; 2, Schofield, bolder bird, more level in colour, not so tight or short in feathers; 3, Wicker, beautiful colour and quality of feather, very smart and clean; vhc, Mrs. Barber. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson, very short and compact, nice rich colour, well frosted; 2, Schofield, very rich level colour, nicely mealed, hardly ready, nice quality; 3, Clayden, close and tight in feathers, nice shape, hardly so rich in colour; hc, Sayward. TKD (7): 1, Outten, grand quality yellow, eye ticked, beautiful rich even colour, neat bead; 2, Clayden, cap, wing, and tail marked yellow, neat, shapely body, very rich and sound in colour; 3, Puxley, thigh marked yellow, grand shape, colour, and quality; res, Parsons; vhc, Rayner, Wilson; hc, Mrs. Barber. YORKS.: cancelled. CREST, ETC. (8): 1, 2, spl, and spl. best in show, Broad, very nicely centred, well radiated wing marked, and a showy, nicely drooped green, not so wide in front; 3, res, Mayhew, nicely shaped heavily marked Crest, not so dense, and a well feathered green C.B.; vhc, Bartholomew; bc, Stammers. A.O.V. (8): 1, Strutt, very slim, smart, well feathered buff Yorkshire, grand head, and wings, and tail; 2, Lucking, shapely, well tapered yellow Yorkshire, hardly so well shown; 3, hc, Brood, neat and smart yellow Border Fancy, well feathered; vhc, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Strutt; hc, Raynon Goldsmith BRED 1908 (10): 1, spl, Outten, very bold yellow Norwich, rich, bright colour, beautiful quality, a shade long; 2, vhc, bc, Wicker, cheek ticked yellow Norwich, much smaller, grand colour and quality; 3, Mayhew, variegs. Crest, neat colour and quality; 3, Mayhew, variegs. Crest, neat centre, nicely radiated and droop, bit short; res, Clayden; hc, Bartholomew, Stammers Sayward, Lucking. SELL (20/-) (9): 1, spl, Outten; 2, Clayden; 3, Wilson; hc, Parsons, Collicott; hc, Lucking, Puxley. (10/-) (7): 1, Laurence; 2, Collicott; 3, vhc, Wicker; res, Lucking; hc, Wilson; absent, Monk. MULE (9): 1, Outhw. very close feathered, five pointed Buff, very neat eyes and wings, nice shape; 2, Poole, very nicely marked, well feathered, good coloured Siskin-Greenfinch; 3, Brown, another five-pointed Buff, larger, more colour, not so neatly marked; res, Laurence; vhc, hc, Stammers Sayward; hc, Clayden. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Sayward, grand bright rich coloured Goldie, beautiful blaze and bars; 2, Poole, fine, big shapely Bullie, well cut cap, lovely breast; 3, Clayden, another very smart Goldfinch, not through moult; res, Rayner; hc, Parsons; absent, Goodchild. HARD BILL (8): 1, hc, Sayward, beautifully coloured, and grandly marked Redpoll, capital shape; 2, 3, Monk, rich, bright coloured, neat feathered Siskin; 3, shapely well feathered Greenfinch, rare wings and tail; res, Rayner; c, Laurence (2). SOFT BILL: cancelled. GIFT (6): 1, Laurence; 2, Wicker; 3, Tolcely; vhc, Sayward; hc, Stammers; absent, Monk.

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MORECAMBE.

This society has this year started all on its own with a good show in the Albert Hall, Victoria street, on November 4th and 5th. Formerly the cage bird fanciers of Morecambe annually held their show in conjunction with the Morecambe F.A., which included other sections. The cage bird fancy is now strong enough in this district to go on its own, and so a good start has been made. Mr. Ireland, the hon. secretary, is not greedy, but likes a lot, and so he was anticipating 1,000 entries in 46 classes. Some 430 odd entries, however, did turn up, which is a very good start for first venture. The president's wife, Mrs. Snowden, kindly opened the show. The vice-president, Mr. Councillor Burnsheo, presided, and presented Mrs. Snowden with a handsome Norwich Canary and cage on behalf of the committee. There was a very good attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and we hope the Society had a bumping gate in the evening. Mr. Battye judged Norwich, Yorkshires, and Members' Novice classes; Mr. Ferguson the Borders and Selling; and Mr. Houlton the Gill, A.O.V., Hybrids, British, and Foreign classes. They all seem to have given satisfaction. Catalogues were on sale with awards in by 2.30 p.m., and all was going well.

[The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Blackhurst, grand all-round Nor., fine head, neck, back and crest, good colour, quality and condition; 2, Sandiford's spl, Woodall, clinking coloured bird, very chubby body; 3, hc, Bailey and Wilkinson grand colour and quality; 4, Herd, rare head, nice body; vhc, Ambler; c, Dixon. BUFF (12): 1, Ambler, shashing cobby clear, splendid bloom and quality and condition; 2, Leeming Bros., marked head and wings, grand type; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, ticked eyes and left wing, lovely quality, nice shape, good carriage; 4, Isscott, fine cl., in rare feather and condition; vhc, Blackhurst; hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; c, Herd. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Herd, grand cobby clear, typical right through; 2, Lingard and Baker, cl., very close up, and much like 1st in all points; 3, Seed, ticked eyes and wings, fine colour feather; 4, Hardy, very chubby clear, in rare feather; vhc, hc, c, Bailey and Wilkinson. BUFF (7): 1, c, Bailey and Wilkinson, robust type, cl., lovely soft bloom and condition; 2, 3, Herd, cl., and a head and wing-marked bird of fine quality, former best condition; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, cl., rare head, good feather; vhc, Brown and Smith; hc, Holmes. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Lingard and Baker, cl., of very neat shape, fine feather and colour; 2, Blackhurst, cl., grand quality and condition; 3, Ireland, grand cl., very cobby, in A1 condition; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, good type all over; vhc, Herd; hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; c, Pepper. BUFFS (16): 1, Herd, splendid type, cl., all there; 2, Lingard and Baker, cl., fine head, good feather; 3, Blackhurst, ticked cheek, very fine feather and beautiful condition; 4, Counsell, cl., of the best of quality and finish, a gem; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Pepper; c, Ireland. UNFLIG. HENS 19): 1, Woodall, grand yellow, fine all-round bird (some said they saw and heard it singing beautifullly); 2, Lingard and Baker, cobby yellow, nice quality, fine body shape; 3, vhc, Herd, big buff, heavy feather, good stock bird; 4, Davies, yell., fine head, good feather; hc, Leeming Bros.; c, Mennard. NOVICE NOR. (31): 1, 4, Vart, wing mark clear buffs, both gems for size, shape, quality and condition; 2, Hardy, yell., ticked head and wings, rare type and colour, well up in size, etc.; 3, Dixon, very neat all through; vhc, Steeple; hc, Coupe; c, Anderson. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Ambler, grand cl. yell., spl for best bird in show and other specials, a gem all over it; 2, Hirst, long and slim, well up, clean and neat through, beautiful finish all over it; 3, Atkinson, big upstanding bird, fine staud, good legs; 4, Bradley and Coulson, aame stamp; vhc, Blackhurst; hc, Parish; c, Whiting. BUFFS (7): 1, 2, 3, Ambler, grand trio, a fine team; 4, vhc, Bradley and Coulson, both up to the mark in most points; hc, Blackburst; c, Dickinson. TICK., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Ambler, tick left shoulder, fine drawn, clean type, well up, grand tight feather, finished well; 2nd, slimmer, A1 feather and condition; 3, Blackhurst, tick left wing, splendid feather and tight condition, runs hard for 2nd; 4, Atkinson, ticked nape of neck, very breedy; vbc, Whiting; hc, Ireland; c, Parish. BUFFS (5): 1, 3, Ambler, tick neck, lovely feather, clean through, neat in all points; 3rd, marked similar; 2, Hirst, cinn. var., fine bird, nice feather; 4 (no name), ticked eyes, grand upstanding bird, very late entry; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Ireland. BUFF GREEN (8): 1, 2, Clayton, fine pair of the right; 3, Simpson, yell., A1 colour and condition. YORKS. HENS, A.V. (7): 1, Blackhurst, clear yell., a very pretty fine-drawn bird; 2, 3, Ambler, big buff and a clear; 4, Atkinson, clear buff, smaller, nice feather; vhc, Simpsou; hc, c, Durston. NOVICE YORKS. (16): 1, 2, Bennett, clear buff, grand all over it, and a clear yell., bit open tail, big bold bird, both well up, in tight feather, etc.; 3, Harper, more breedy, A1 stand and carriage; 4, Watson, very neat, well up, rare quality; vhc, Durston; hc, Saul; c, Langley. BORD. YELL.: 1, Poole, cl., neat little gem, fine feather and condition, rare carriage, wings and tail; 2, Wilson, cl., grand carriage, shape and condition; 3, Hudson, larger thicker cl., tight feather and good condition; 4, Thompson, ticked forehead, lovely shape and feather, beaten in contour; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Houghton; c, Parish. BUFFS (21): 1, Thompson, ticked head, really grand little Border, tight as wax; 2, Roberts, cl., fine quality and condition, neat carriage and rare shape; 3, Morrell, cl., very pretty, fine feather and A1 condition; 4, Wilson, longer, nice carriage and good quality; vhc, Morgan; hc, Levason; c, Lewthwaite. VARIEG. BUFF (6): 1, Brown, good shape, nice wings and tail, fine feather and condition; 2, Wilson, nice shape, etc.; 3, Simpson, good all-round bird; 4, Fisher; vhc, Thompson; hc, Simm. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Cubby, rather long; 2, Murray, very neat, A1 condition; 3, Fisher, larger buff, beaten in condition; 4, Walker; Nos. 2 and 3 absent. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown, gem all over; 2, Wilson, another beauty, in grand condition; 3, 4, Poole, rare typical pair, grand feather; vhc, Robertson; hc, Thompson; c, Harris. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson, good win, very neat and typical, fine carriage; 2, Thompson; 3, Simpson; 4, Cleminson and Taylor; vhc, Fisher; hc, Lewthwaite; c, Houghton. BORD. SELL. (6): 1, Harris; 2, Cubby; 3, hc, Roberts; 4, Levason; vhc, Moore. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Hart, grand green crest; 2, hc, Williams, buff Plainhead and a buff Coppy, first best all-round Lancashire Plainhead; 3, Sloan, even-marked Border, A1, a gem; 4, Robinson; vhc, Brown and Smith; c, Hales. DK CAN. HYB. (6): 1, 4, Coffey, yell. Gold.-Can., and fine Linnet-Can., both in fine form, well known; 2, Walsh, fine Green-Can., in splendid condition; 3, Issott, Linnet-Can., just beaten in substance; vhc, Hart; hc, Bloor. YOUNG HYB. (4): 1, Tams and Son, fine Goldic-Bullic; 2, Hardy, smalier Goldic-Bullic, both in rare colours and good bloom; 3, Gosthing, buff Gold.-Can., nice condition; No. 1, a Canary, in wrong class. GOLDFINCH (15): Fine lot; 1, 2, Hurst, Pride of Liverpool, first, and Manchester winner 2nd, both in fine feather, former better colour and bloom right through; 3, Fox and Thompson, very deep colour blaze, very little behind in size of blaze and breast condition; 4, Tams and Son, fine Finch; vhc, Handy; hc, Durston; c, Walsh. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Chick, gem all over; 2, Hurst, very fine; 3, Durston, grand bloom and condition; 4, Coffey, good size, colour and condition; vhc, Beaty; Nos. 5 and 6, Walsh, absent. LINNET (14): 1, Fox and Thompson, all over best condition, grand length, head cute shape, colour and markings, in tight feather and condition; 2, 4, Pickles, fine chested pair, known winners, just behind to-day, in tight condition; 3, hc, Walsh, hardly so large and stylish as others, fine colour and markings and condition; vhc, Hurst; c, Hirst. TWITE, ETC. (5): 1, Pickles, late Walsh, well known winner, in fine form; 2, Walsh, very pretty Siskin; 3, Coffey, big long Twite, beaten substance and brightness; 4 Beaty, nice smaller Twite. GREENFINCH: 1, Beaty, very fine buff, nat. col., perfect feather and condition, makes it win; 2, Coffey, large grand-coloured bird, just beaten in breast condition today only; 3, vhc, Pickles, fine pair, former largest and best colour, both in good condition; 4, Hurst, very smart condition; hc, Bond. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, 3, 4, Chick, Hawfinch, Bramble, and Corn Bunting, in order named, in fine form, all the three; 2, Hirst, beautiful yell. Bunting, fine all ofer; vhc, Hurst; hc, c, Walsh. NOVICE BRIT. (10): 1, Kelsall, Starling; 2, 3, hc, c, Satterthwaite; 4, vhc, Dixon. GIFT: 1, Herd; 2, Ambler; 3, Ireland; 4, Harris; vhc, Bailey and Wilkinson; hc, Durston; c, Watson. SELL. (15/-) (18): 1, 4, Bailey and Wilkinson; 2, Bradley and Coulson; 3, Steeple; vhc, Langley; hc, Hardy; c, Vart. SMALL FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pickles, charming Pintail Nonpariel and Crimson Finch, leading the van, all in grand form; 4, Gostling, fine pair of Paradise Whydahs. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, Snodden and Thompson, Eclectus hen, in grand condition; 2, Beaty, rare Parrakeet, full of pen feather about cheeks; 3, Pyrah, A1 grey Parrot; 4, Ireland, pretty Rosella Parrakeet; vhc, bc, Gostling, pair Cockatiels, and a grey Parrot. FOR. INSECTIV. (6): 1, vhc, Beaty, lovely Green Bill Toucan and a fine Magpie Tanager, first in grand form; 2, 3, 4, hc, Pickles, a rare team of Tanagers, and a Shama, all in good condition. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. (23): 1, 2, 4, c, Snowden, fine all-round lot; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (21): 1, hc, Snowden; 2, Houghton; 3, Satterthwaite; 4, Durston; vhc, Frearson; c, McTigue. NOVICE MEMBERS' BRIT. (8): 1, hc, c, Satterthwaite; 2, 3, 4, Durston; vhc, Snowden.

CHELTENHAM.

Show held November 4th and 5th, and must be voted a success, there being an increase over last year in entries of about fifty, making a total of 510. The venue was the Drill Hall, and we certainly think it is the best place the society has ever held their show in, and this seemed to be the general opinion. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, the Crests and C.B. made a show in themselves, and were worth a long journey to see. Mr. Treasure again steered the ship, and we trust this year, when the voyage is finished, he will find himself in smooth water with a nice little cargo to land in the shape of a good cash balance. Mr. T. Heath judged Crests and C.B., Yorks., Members' and Sell. classes, Mr. J. H. Payne taking all others.

The Open Classes.

CREST YELL. (7): 1, Gaze, large crest, good frontal, nice shaped fine sized body; 2, Drake, large crest, good formation, inclined to lift a bit; 3, King, very neat, well-formed crest, good droop and radiation; vhc, Colledge; hc, Taylor; c, Ley. CL. BODY DK. CREST (6): 1, Kilminster and Hooper, large well-formed head-piece, extra good frontal; 2, Bale, beautifully-formed crest, good frontal; 3, Taylor, another good one, not quite so heavy in frontal; vhc, Piper; hc, Colledge; c, Rider. MKD., ETC., BUFF (13): 1, 3, Taylor, regular smasher, immense crest, beautiful formation and droop, good centre and radiation; 3rd, green, another good one, not the length of frontal; 2, Simmonds, nicely-formed drooping crest, nice radiation, full of quality; vhc, Gaze; hc, Colledge; c, Ley. BUFF, CL., ETC., CREST (9): 1, Taylor, grand grey, perfect centre, frontal and back crest, grand-shaped body; 2, Bale, splendid cl., good frontal, nice droop; 3, Colledge, grey, nice wide frontal, crest, good back; vhc, Tyson; hc, King; c, Gaze. HEN (10): 1, Gaze, grand frontal and back crest, good droop, centre and radiation, nicely staged; 2, Lazarus, large well-formed crest, good droop; 3, Tyson, grand frontal crest; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, King; c, Simmonds. C.B. YELL. (4): 1, Ley, immense body, good shape, rare skull, nice wide entrance, well feathered; 2, Drake, good head feather, another nice one; 3, vhc, King, nearly green, nice feather. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Taylor, grand wide entrance, beautiful formation of skull, having plenty width at back; 2, Lazarus, good entrance and long head feather; 3, Piper, good-shaped skull, well clothed, long wide feather; vbc, Ley; hc, Mills; c, Kilminster and Hooper. HEN (17): 1, Taylor, green, long head featber, covera a five-shilling piece, good back skull and wide entrance; 2, Piper, another green and a good one, beautiful head-piece, wide back and front; 3, Tyson, another grand hen, only failing to winners in width of back skull; vhc, Ley; hc, Mills; c, Evins Bros.; a grand class. CREST (BRED 1908) (24): 1, Simmonds, beautiful formation of crest, good size for a youngster, wins nicely; 2, Taylor, inclined to lift a bit in centre, but good; 3, Colledge, well-formed crest; vhc, Mills; bc, Gaze; c, Piper. C.B. (13): 1, Gaze, good entrance and nice-shaped skull, good length of head feather; 2, Joyce, well clothed skull, but fails in widtb of entrance to the winner; 3, Mills, good skull, well lashed; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, King; c, Kilminster and Hooper. NOVICE CREST (2): 1, Longstaff, cl. body, grand frontal and well staged; 2, Hoar, wing-marked, good-shaped crest. C.B. (1): 1, Hore, good skull and feather, slightly horned. CINN. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, King, nice broad frontal crest, good back and droop; 2nd, good crest but not so nice in texture of feather. C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, King, nice skull and feather, good entrance; 2nd, nice feather. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, sound colour, good size and sbape, nice skull and wing carriage; 2nd, lovely colour and quality, nice back; 3rd, good skull, sound colour, nice back; vhc, Medlin; hc, Pope. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, lovely shape, full of colour and quality, rare skull, plenty of size, full neck, a good one; 2nd, nice skull, good colour and quality; 3, Pope, nice shape and feather, good head and neck. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, King, both buffs, leader lovely colour, full of quality, nice shape, grand back and chest, nice skull, wins well; 2nd, good shape, deep chest and full neck; 3, vhc, Godley, yell., grand quality and good skull, rare size; hc, Pope; c, Medlin. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Godley, yell., lovely shape, colour and quality, rare skull, nice full neck and good wings and tail; 2, buff, nice size, shape and feather; 3rd, yellow, sound colour, nice shape and skull; vhc, Pope; hc, Arney. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Redwood, beautiful model, lovely head, neck and back, grand quality, beautiful flights and tail; 2, Tristem and Taylor, grand colour, well extended down flights and tail, nice shape; 3, Houghton, grand head, nice back, full of quality, nice shape; vhc, Brass; hc, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Redwood, magnificent quality feather, grand back, wings and tail, nicely cut away and good shape; 2, Houghton, grand shape, full deep nicely-rounded chest, good undercolour and well mealed; 3, Godley, short cobby body, good deep chest, nice feather; vhc, King; hc, Rogerson; c, Brass. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Gwilliam, tkd. head, grand shape and quality, nice round chest and full neck; 2, Lees, saddle-marked, lovely colour, nice quality, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Godley, grand quality, nice level colour; vhc, Tristem and Taylor; hc, Harvey; c, Slocombe. BUFF (2): 1, Gwilliam, ticked right wing and left shoulder, a gem for shape, colour and quality, grand flights and tail, Gloucester winner; 2, Brass, marked shoulder and neck, nice shape. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Sandiford's special, Wasley, lovely colour and quality, good shape, nice flights and tail, and good carriage; 2, vhc, Houghton, rare size and shape, good back, chest and neck; 3, Williams, marked eyes and right wing, clean cut, grand colour; hc, Slocombe; c, Tristem and Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, Gwilliam, bouncer, blue shape, grand wings and tail, good wide back and deep chest, nice quality; 2, Houghton, clear, beautiful shape, rich undercolour, short well-carried flights; 3, Tristem and Taylor, ticked right thigh, good size, lovely back and neck; vhc, Williams; hc, Carter; c, Slocombe. HEN YELL. (7): 1, Stephenson, gem for shape, quality and colour, beautiful flights and tail, smooth as boxwood, Bristol winner; 2, Wasley, clear, hot colour, nice shape, deep chest, unflig., Gloucester winner; 3, Mrs. Rogerson, beautiful shape and quality, nice size; vhc, Hall; hc, Godley; c, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Redwood, real beauty, lovely shape, deep full chest, short flights and tail, rich undercolour and well mealed, neat head; 2, vhc, Follwell, grand shape, nice head, full of quality, good flights and tail; 3, Harvey, nice shape and quality, good flights and tail, grandly mealed; hc, Mrs. Rogerson; c, Williams. YORKS., CL., ETC. (11): 1, 2, Dykes, buff, beautiful feather, good position, nice flights and tail; 2nd, yellow, hot colour, grand quality, nice length and position; 3, Cook, yellow, nice stand and style; vhc, Banks; hc, c, Mountains. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Large, buff, ticked left wing, nice stand and style, good colour and quality; 2, Carter, yellow, marked eyes, wings and chest nice shape and quality; 3, Mountain, evenly marked buff, good length, finely drawn; vhc, Banks. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, 3, Howard, yellow, slim built, good colour and position; 2nd, buff, good wings and tail, nice quality and good stand; 3rd, yellow, nice length and style, good quality. vhc, Brooks; hc, Dykes; c, Carter. HEN (7): 1, hc, Cook, fine lengthy yellow, good quality and position, nice wings and tail; 2, Banks, buff, grand feather, nice position, well packed flights; 3, Dykes, yellow, nice quality, nice shape and position; vhc, Mountain; c, Smith. BORD. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Gwilliam, grand feather, shape and carriage; 2, Clark, nice shape and colour, good feather; 3, Taylor, grand feather, shape and quality; vhc, c, Fenwick; bc, Owen. BUFF (5): 1, Gwilliam, lovely feather, good shape, colour, quality and carriage; 2, Clark, beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, good action; 3, Fenwick, nice carriage; vhc, Owen. TKD. ETC. (4): 1, Gwilliam, marked bead and right wing, nice colour and feather, good shape and carriage, yellow; 2, Clark, buff, marked cheeks and wings, splendid feather, nice carriage; 3, vhc, Lewis, buff marked eyes and wings, good shape and carriage. HEN (8): 1, Taylor, cl. yell., lovely colour, nice shape, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 2, Owen, clear buff, beautiful feather and shape, nice action; 3, Gwilliam, buff, marked left wing and eye, grand feather; vhc, Clark; bc, Lewis; c, Fenwick. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Ind, good buff, Coppy; 2nd, Lancashire Plainhead, good length and substance, in nice order; 3, Wasley, four-pointed buff Norwich, nice colour and quality; hc, King. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Baker, good face, lovely back, bars and buttons; 2, Stephenson, good square cut blaze, nice cheeks and tanning, bold buttons, good carriage; 3, Skinner, grand coloured blaze, nice tanning, good back and buttons; vhc, Tonks; hc, Tams and Son; c, Arnold. BULLFINCH (6): 1, White, beauty for colour, cap, bars, and finish, grandly put down; 2, Birchley, good colour, cap and bars, loses in finish; 3, Jones, rare size and shape, nice cap and bars; vbc, Thomas; hc, Arnold; c, Skinner. LINNET (9): 1, Lovell, grandly laced, lovely colour, good size and shape, shows to perfection; 2, Tams, grand coloured back, nice feather and lacing; 3, Smutwaite, nicely laced, good size and shape; vhc, Birchley; hc, c, Prior. GREENFINCH ETC. (11): 1, 3, Russell, Siskin, magnificent feather, grandly laced cap, beautiful side markings; 3, Twite, lovely colour, feather, and beautifully marked; 2, Lovell, Mealy Redpoll, grand colour and feather; vhc, hc, Birchley; c, White. HAWFINCH ETC. (9): 1, 3, c, Birchley, 1st Bramblefinch, gem for size, spangling and quality, well shown; 3rd, nice coloured, and good sized Cbaffinch, nice whites; 2, Poole, Hawfinch, good size, feather and colour, well cut bib; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Barry Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, hc, Birchley, Black Redstart, in beautiful condition, good size, very steady; 3rd, nice Treecreeper, well marked; 2, Bussey, Jay, beauty, lovely wings, grand colour and feather; vhc, Barry Bros.; c, Mrs. Scudamore. MULES, LGT. ETC. (6): 1, Mabbott, clear Goldie Canary, good feather and quality; 2, Wasley, well-known six-pointed buff, lovely colour size and feather; 3, vhc, Lawrence, marked wings, grand colour and shape; hc, Edwards; c, Bullingham. DARK (7): 1, Edwards, grand Canary Bullfinch, lovely colour and condition, good size and shape; 2, Jones, grand Jonque Goldfinch Canary, fine size, colour, and feather; 3, Lees, Greenfinch Canary, grand colour and condition, nice shape; vbc, Tonks; hc, Thomas; c, Hall. HYB. (11): 1, Jones, Greenfinch Bullfinch, smasher, fine size and shape, magnificent colour, and put down in rare pomp; 2, Smallridge, Linnet Bullfinch, magnificent colour, feather and shape; 3, Tonks, Goldfinch Bullfinch, lovely colour and feather; rich face; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Poole; c, Edwards. PARROTS (9): 1, vhc, hc, c, Millsum, grand purple capped Lory, in fine order, lovely colour; 2, Hadley, grand pair Barnard's Parrakeets; 3, Perreau, grand pair pileated Parrakeets. FOR. FINCH (10): 1, c, Gibbons, Mias, grand Paradise Whydah, one of the best-coloured we ever saw; 2, Rogerson, Mrs., grand pair, Red-headed Gouldian Finches, lovely feather and colour; 3, Rogerson, White Javas, very pure in colour; vhc, Frost; hc, Millsum. A.O.S. (10): 1, 2, 3, hc, Millsum, Black-headed Green Sugar bird, in magnificent feather and colour; 2nd, very rare, said to be the only specimen known, and name not fixed; 3rd, lovely Blue Tanager, grand colour; vbc, c, Perreau. SELL. CREST OR LANCS. (40/-) (13): 1, Edwards; 2, Clowes and Son; 3, hc, Kilminster and Hooper; vhc, King; c, Piper. (20/-) (6): 1, 3, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, vhc, Hands; hc, Grant; c, King. C.B. ETC. (40/-) (6): 1, Hayling; 2, Clowes and Son; 3, King; vhc, Hands; hc, Grant; c, Kilminster and Hooper. (20/-) (6): 1, Greenwood and Burson; 2, vhc, Kilminster; 3, King; hc, Grant; c, Hands. NOR. (20/-) (10): 1, Duggan; 2, Williams; 3, Follwell; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Carter; c, Barns. A.V. (15/-) (3): 1, Hands; 2, King; 3, Edwards. (10/-) (9): 1, Harvey; 2, Brown; 3, Pounsett; vhc, Child; hc, Hands; c, Edwards.

ARBROATH.

The annual show of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.C. was held on Oct. 31st, in the White Hart Hall, Kirk Square. The hall is all that could be desired for a cage bird show, being lighted on both sides, which was admirable. The entries were over last year's total, which says a lot for the management. Mr. J. S. Napier, the secretary, knows how to handle a show, and had everything well in hand. The president is Mr. Chas. Crockatt, vice-president, Mr. D. C. Lyall, treasurer, Miss Maggie Black, with a hard-working committee, had everything in A1 order. Judges were: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Stewart (Glasgow), for Norwich, Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin), and for British and Foreign Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen).

SCOT. FCY. YELL. OR YELL. FOUL (7): 1, 2, Carmyllie, two grand cl. hens, beautiful style and action, grand thickness throughout, fine square top and drive; 3, Napier, good size, rare long solid body, fine square top end, shows well; 4, Black, another cl., good head, shade on small side; 5, 6, Curtiss. BUFF OR BUFF FOUL CK. (7): 1, Curtiss, rare good one, fine side, nice long wings, grand thickness and top end; 2, 5, Black, 2nd, good thickness, nice movement, grand drive; 5, fails in size to former; 3, Carmyllie, not a bad one, tip-top mover, fine square top; 4, Lamb; 6, Keill. HEN (5): 1, Keill, cl. hen, good long solid body, fine square top end, shows well; 2, Carmyllie, which pressed winner hard, one of the right sort, with a fine determined drive, and works well; 3, Black, good size, carries head high at times; 4, Lamb; 5, Steven. YELL. PIED ETC. CK. (6): 1, Carmyllie, Pied, good size, shows well, grand wings, nice thickness, wins; 2, Thoms, not at all a bad one, well up in size, fine long side, good thickness, extra good drive; 3, Black, nice style and movement, rather short; 4, Napier; 5, Blair. HEN (5): 1, Carmyllie, perfect model, good size, well set up, fine square top, extra good drive; 2, 3, Black, two good exhibits, fine side, nice long wings, grand thickness and top end; 4, Napier, green, little shorter in side A1 mover; 5, Keill. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 4, Black, nice green cock, rare quality and size, well set up, good square top, extra good drive, rare style and action; 2, 5, Napier, 2nd, good solid body, little shorter in side; 3, Blair, grand thickness. HEN (4): 1, Thoms, nice one, beautiful style and action, good thickness throughout; 2, Carmyllie, well up in size, fine long wing, good mover; 3, Keill, on thin side, nice free neck, fails in body; 4, Blair. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, 2, Napier; 3, 5, Ross; 4, Keill; 6, Blair. HEN (4): 1, Keill; 2, Napier; 3, Black; 4, Curtiss. NOR. P.H. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Milne, marked on neck, well up in size, rare colour, good head and neck, well carried wings; 2, Murray, paler in colour, A1 shape, well turned out; 3, Grewar, hot fed one, best of quality, fails a little in head and crosses wings at times; 4, Mitchell, also fails in head, rare good colour, nice level fed; 5, Martin, bad wing, carriage; 6, Brown; 7, Lyall. HEN (6): 1, Bowman, fine big bouncing hen of right stamp, well in front of anything in class; 2, Brown, good colour, fine head and neck, fails in body and size to winner; 3, Souter, not so bold in head, nicely fed, good quality; 4, Murray; 5, Lyall; 6, Napier. BUFF CK. (6): A rather poor lot this; 1, 6, Howie, winner, nice size, A1 quality, good colour; 2, Jeffrey, well up in size, shows too much browning; 3, Grewer; 4, Milne; 5, Mollison. HEN (9): 1, Grewer, nice and chubby, good colour, in grand form; 2, 5, Murray; 2, better in type, well put down; 3, Marr, good size and colour; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Murray; 6, Craig. VARGT. CK. (11): 1, Mitchell, easy first, marked wings and eyes, nice bold bird, tip top quality and colour; 2, Bowman, yell., not quite so large as winner, good colour and quality; 3, Harris, typical exhibit, good quality and colour; 4, Watt; 5, Howie; 6, Murray. HEN (14): 1, Bowman, spl. best for best bird in show, heavy marked hen, plenty of size, rare body, make a fine stock bird; 2, Howie, marked both eyes and wings, very sweet, best of quality; 3, Mitchell, best of colour, nicely marked; 4, Milne; 5, Murray; 6, Craig. SELL. (15/-) CK. (11): 1, Bowman; 2, Brown; 3, Marr; 4, Gore; 5, Skinner; 6, J. Milne. HEN (9): 1, Bowman; 2, 4, Kemlo; 3, Marr; 5, Aikenhead; 6, J. Milne. NON-FED CK. (11): 1, 5, Bowman, 1st, nice full chest, and good quality of feather; 2, Harris, good green, well put down; 3, Murray; 4, Mitchell; 6, Howie. HEN (10): 1, Lyall, yell. green, big, full round chest, short and cobby, good one; 2, Martin, cl. yell., fails in type to winner; 3, Marr, also cl.; 4, Howie; 5, Souter; 6, Porter. BRIT GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, J. D. Watson, two good ones, grand size, lovely polish, nice feather, good wing marks, well turned out; 3, Connacher, good feather and finish, not at all a bad one; 4, Lyall; 5, Harris; 6, Gore. GOLDIE BRIT. (7): 1, McLaren and Roy, well in front of any in class, nice size, good bright face, neat wings, nice bars and buttons, well tamed; 2, 4, J. J. Watson, good size and shape, not quite so rich in face as winner, hardly ready yet; 3, Kenneth, wild caught, rare good face, and tanning, wants steadying; 5, Birse; 6, Porter. LINNET (4): 1, Farquhar, good size and colour, little down on legs, should try a thicker perch; 2, Crockatt, nice, steady, not quite so large, well pencilled down sides; 3, J. D. Watson, good size and colour, very wild; 4, Hennan. BULLFINCH (11): Rare good class, half-dozen good ones; 1, Dickie and Smith, quite large enough, nicely moulted, good bright colour, grand cap and bars, in Al feather, wins; 2, 3, Jackson, 2, only fails in size to winner, well turned out; 4, 7, J. J. Watson; 5, McLaren and Roy; 6, Edwards. SISKIN ETC. (7): 1, 2, Dickie and Smith, lovely Siskin, rare cap and bib, tip top colour, nice bars, just fails in lacing; 2, grand Twite, best of colour and condition, little to choose between; 3, J. J. Watson, nicely fed, not quite ready; 4, Crockatt; 5, Warden; 6, Birse. HARDBILL: 1, 4, Crockatt, good Hawfinch, lost a few feathers in wing; 2, J. D. Watson, Bramblefinch, grand size, good colour, well spangled; 3, Smith; 5, Farquhar. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, c, Crockatt, clean sweep, leading with lovely Waxwing in the pink of health, and condition; 2, Chough, well known; 3, Magpie; 4, Wagtail; 5, Blackbird, rare good team, well turned out. FOR. (7): 1, 5, 6, Whyte, 1, Toucan, in fair condition; 2, Campbell, Whydah; 3, 4, Colville and Son, Whydah, rather poor specimen; 4, Budgerigars, yellow. MULE (5): 1, 5, J. D. Watson, good sized Goldfinch Canary, well fed; 2, Hendry and Son, Linnet-Bullfinch, very small, looks like a hen; 3, Milne, Siskin Canary; 4, Colville and Son. SELL. BRIT. OR FOR. (6): 1, Mitchell, lightly marked Goldie Canary; 2, Crockatt, Fieldfare; 3, 5, 6, J. D. Watson.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. "Breeder and Exhibitor." 12, Launder Terrace, Grantham.

GEO. BENNETT, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 30 years experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, 8, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30, years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 32, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, Toe Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, Bodmin. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds. Seventeen years successful Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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NOVEMBER 11.

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W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, Carlisle.

NORTH BERKS. **NOV. 12th** (under C.B.U.)

Entries very short, am compelled to extend entries to Sunday's post. Many specials, including Gold Medal for Best Bird in Show. Send Entries, I will classify.

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G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.

FANCIER'S, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN

SWANSEA

NOVEMBER 11th & 12th

C.B.U. Rules. Entry 1/6. 48 classes, 6 cups value £10 10s. to be won outright, See last weeks issue for review of schedule. Send on I will classify. Entry extended until first post on Monday.

ALF. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Nr. Swansea.

MERTHYR SHOW, **NOVEMBER 12th, Palace of Wales.** Under Patronage of W.C.B.C. Under O.B.U. Rules. No half prize money, but full prize money guaranteed in each class. Entries extended first post Monday, no later. Nearly every class without an entry yet. Do help us, please. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

J. THOMAS, Sec. 30, Gilfach Cynon, MERTHYR.

PLEASE HELP OAKHAM

NOVEMBER 12th. Poultry, Pigeons, Cats and Cage Birds, 12 Classes for Cage Birds and 12 Entries, Judge Mr. C. A. House. Where's the Members of the Cage Bird Union. Compelled to extend till Sunday morning, first post. Send on and I will Classify. **J. HIBSITT, Jr., Melton Road, Oakham.**

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. & F. Bird Club.

The Palace Show of Scotland.

Next FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 13-14th NOVEMBER.

93 Classes. Prize money, 36/- per class. 250 Specials. Send your Entries to-day. **R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow,** Secretary.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S. under C.B.U. Rules will hold their 13th Anl. Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds on **Fri. & Sat. Nov. 13 & 14,** in Conservative Club, Sankey St., under the patronage of G.C.C. & O.N.P.C.C. (Bradford). 42 open classes including 8 open novices classes, 4 York., 4 Norwich. Specials given in all open classes. Exhibitors will do well to compare our schedules with others before making entries elsewhere. Judges, H. W. Battye, & A. Wellings. Prize money **10/- 5/- 3/- 2/-.** Prize money paid same day as show. Ent. fee **1/6** per cage. Ent. clo, 1st post Mon. **Nov. 9.** Sch. now ready, apply

J. EMMETT, Sec., 39, Corsey Lane, WARRINGTON.

WALLSEND & MID TYNE **C.B.A. Fourth Annual Open Show** (Under C.B.U. Rules) **NOVEMBER 13 & 14. Entries Close November 9.**

57 Open Classes for Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds; four money prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-** and **2/-** and **2/6** Cash special, for best bird in each class; also **10** Guinea Challenge Cup for most points in open classes, and numerous extra specials. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C., B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Judges: W. P. Barnes, Jas. F. Dewar and W. A. Cowgill. Schedules from **JAMES JOHNSTON, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.**

TIDESWELL

C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British, **Saturday, November 14th,** in the Bagshaw Hall, one of the best rooms in the County. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Good Classification. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-** and **2/6. 1/6** Entry. 2 Cup and numerous Specials, and remember only One-day Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules ready from—**Ents. extnd. Nov. 10.**

BAGSHAW & FLINT, High Street, Tideswell, Buxton.

LEEK **OPEN SHOW.** Under C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 12th.

Judge, J. H. Roe. Entries being very short, have been extended to **Nov. 9,** Monday. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Send entries, I will classify. ROBERT HALL, 9, RUSSELL STREET, LEEK, STAFFS.

MALTON (Yorks) 13th Ann. O.S., **Nov. 12th,** 13 Classes Cage Birds. 4 Money Prizes. Good Specials. Entries disastrous, only 50 in 52 classes. Accept first post Nov. 9. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford. Schedule, apply **Geo. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton Malton, Yorks**

GILLINGHAM, KENT, **Nov. 12 & 13.** Entries extended to Nov, 8th. Border classes added. 121a, Clear Yellow, 121b, Clear Buff, 121c, Ticked, Marked or Var. 121d, A.V. Unflighted. **T. RAMSEY,** HON. SEC., 18, SELBORNE ROAD, GILLINGHAM, KENT.

QU EN'S PARK Dis. C.B.A. Members Ann. Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W. **Fri. & Sat. NOV. 13 & 14,** 2 to 9 p.m. Judge Mr. J. Robson. Sec. J. C. BIRCH, 68, Ashburnham Rd., Willesden, N.W. Ent. cls. **Nov. 9**

Laisterdyke

Open Show, Sat. Nov. 14.

Under the Yorkshire Union rules and the Patronage of the Y.C.C. and C.M.Y.C. in St. Pauls Church, near station. Judge: B. Halliday. Entries close **Tuesday November 10.** Schedules from—

A. Bottomley, 65, Wilberforce Street, Laisterdyke, Bfd.

CONSETT Blackhill & Dis. P. Pgs. R. & C.B.S. 12th Open Show. **Nov. 14th.** Affiliated to Cage Bird Union. Cage Birds, 30 classes. Judge, T. Dixoe, Esq., Bedlington. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-.** Entrance fee **1/6** per pen. Good Specials. All prize money guaranteed Entries close November 9th, 1908. For schedules apply **W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jun., Sec, 21, Park Road, Consett, Durham.**

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Ornithological Society.

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds.

58 Classes, including 12 Norwich, 2 Crests, 2 Cinnamons, 6 Yorkshires, 4 Borders, 2 Mules & Hybrids, 8 British, 5 Foreign Classses, etc., etc.

12 Open Novice Classes. 5 Cups, including Cup for Novice Competition and Cup for British Section. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-. 4/-, and 2/- and numerous valuable specials.

Cup for most points gained by four nominated birds shown by a novice. Open to all England. Entry form to be marked N. Cup. Judges, Dr. Herd, Messrs. Mundell, Parker Robinson. **Entries Close, NOVEMBER 9th.** Tuesday morning's post in time. **SCHEDULE NOW READY.** If you have no Schedule send Entries and we will classify.

W. Hy. HEATHCOTE, Sec., 119a, Fishergate.

MONTROSE Cage Bird Society's Open Show **Nov. 14th.** Entries close on **7th.** Grand Plainhead classification also British and Foreign Bird classes. Over 40 handsome specials. Free. Prize money sure. Schedules ready. **J. CLARK, 1, John St**

DON'T FORGET

POPLAR and District Cage Bird Society's

First Annual Member's Show to be held in the School Room, Newby Place, Poplar, E. on **Saturday, Nov. 14th, 1908.** Judge, John Robson, Esq. Doors open 1 p.m. Admission 3d. H. W. Cock, Hon. Sec. 4a, St Dunstans Alley Gt. Tower St.

READING & Dis. C.B.S. Seventh Annual, 30 mile radius of Reading (Herts.) and Members Show of Cage Birds. C.B. & P.B., etc. **Nov. 18.** Splendid Specials. Ent. close **Nov. 11.** Judge, Mr J Robson. 35 classes. Schs—**Sec. Mr. G. A. CHARLES, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading, Berks.**

SMETHWICK

FANCIERS' SOCIETY,

Grand Open Show of Cagebirds under C.B.U. Rules,

NOVEMBER 18.

Entries close Nov. 11th. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry Fee **1/6,** members **1/3.** Class 45 Norwich Crest any colour, cock or hen. Class 46, Norwich, Plainhead, Buff or Yellow, clear ticked or unevenly marked. Class 47, Yorkshire, Buff or Yellow, Clear Ticked or unevenly marked. Class 48, British Bird Hard-bill. Class 49, British Bird Soft-bill. Specials, **10/6** cash for best Crest. Silver medal best in class 45 and 46; value **7/6,** best in class 46; **2/6** cash for best in classes 48 and 49; and numerous other specials. Kindly enter from above.

NORTH & LITTLE, Hon. Secs., 20, Ballot Street, SMETHWICK.

SLIGO

C.B.S. 8th Annual Show. **Nov. 18th and 19th, 1908.** 43 classes for Cage Birds. Judge: H. S. Naylor, Esq., Bradford. Entries close 9th Nov. Schedules apply **Chas. J. Mulligan, "Cairns View," Sligo.**

Fanciers, Don't forget SIDMOUTH

Show **Nov. 19.** Entries close Nov. 12. Full prize money. No amalgamation of classes. Popular Judges. Dogs, Pigeons, Poultry and Cage Birds. Schedules from **Collier & Clode, Church Street, Sidmouth.**

CAMBORNE

CORNWALL Open Show. Cage Bird Union Rules, **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1908.** Prizes **8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6.** Entry fee **1/3.** 26 classes. Judge, C. E. Silk, Emsworth. Schedules from **Hon. Sec., CHARLES J. ALLEN.**

SELBY **Thursday, NOV. 19th.**

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds. £5 Limit.

Judges: Messrs. R. Stanithorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell.

Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close Wednesday November 11th **John Hy. Dixon, 77, Brook Street, SELBY.**

BERWICK and Dis. Poultry, Pigeons, and C.B.S, Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

Second Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed, on **Thursday, 19th Nov 1908.** 38 open Classes for Cage Birds. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6-** & numerous specials. Entrance fee **1/6.** Entries close **13 Nov.** Judges:— Scotch Fancies, John Elder, Esq, Berwick. Borders and Mules, W. O. Duncan Esq. Coldstream. Norwich and British, R. S. Bewick Newcastle. Schedules from **SMART & GRAY, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

MATLOCK. **9th Open Show. Thurs. 19th Nov.** Six Open Classes. Judge—S. R. Compston, Esq. Entry Fee **1/6.** Prize Money **10/-, 5/-** and **2/6.** Entries close **Nov. 12th.** Schedules from **A. H. SLATER & F. TURNER, Hon. Secs., Wellington Street, Matlock.**

Under C.B.U. Rules. B.F.C.C. & E.W.B.F.C.C. Patronage.

WHITEHAVEN

10th Annual Show,

Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, 1908,

Judges: Messrs. J. Wilcock, Esq., Bradford. and Jos. Thompson, Esq., Wigton, for Borders. 44 Classes. 7 Norwich, 8 Yorks. 10 Borders. Schedules ready. Apply

DOUGLAS and FERGUSON, 10 College Street, Whitehaven,

Entries close positively Nov. 16th.

WIGAN and District Cage Bird Society. **Annual Open Show.**

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules)

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds. **November 20th & 21st, 1908** in the Orange Hall, Leader's Buildings, King St. Judges:—Messrs H. Tams and A. Wellings. For schedules apply **W. RIDGE (Hon. Sec.) 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

HULL

Open Cage Bird Show under C.B.U. Rules,

NOVEMBER 20 & 21st, 1908,

33 OPEN CLASSES.

Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee **1/6.** Numerous Cash Specials, held in the Corn Exchange, North Church Side. Finest Hall in the North. Judges, H. W. Battye, and J. C. Barnes. Schedules:—

F. F. POTTER, 178, Thoresby St., HULL.

GALASHIELS **N.B.** **48th GREAT OPEN SHOW.**

of Pigeons and Cage Birds, will be held Nov. 21st 1908, when the under-noted specials will judge Cage Birds: Scotch Fancy Canaries Mr. Robert Wright, Greenock and Mr. David Brown Edinburgh. Border Fancy Canaries Mr. Peter Mekdonald, Kelso. Norwich, etc. Mr. Anthony Hay, Lewisham. Schedules ready 2nd Nov. from the **Secretary, ALEX. SMITH, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.**

WOODSIDE AND BUCKSBURN O.S.

26th Annual O.S. of Canaries B. and F. O.B. in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **Nov. 21st**, 45 Cl. Sched from **A. Thomson, Sec. 100, Gt. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

AYR

SHOW. The Old and Original Exhibition. Pigeons and Cage Birds Volunteer Hall, Alloway Street, Ayr. **Saturday, November 21st, 1908.** Good Classification. Numerous Specials, Judges, Pigeons—D. White, Cumnock. A. Edgar, Whithorn, D. Ramsay, Falkirk, W. Stevenson, Beith. Cage Birds—J. Smellie, Riccarton, P. McQuiston, Ayr. **JAMES THOMSON, jr., Sec., Leitchton, Holmston Road, Ayr.**

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Show of Cage Birds, Sat., Nov. 21st, 1908. C.B.U. License. Radius 12 miles. Judge, A. J. Gladwin. Entries close **Saturday, November 14th.** Guaranteed Prize Money. Schedules ready—**J. R. Cooper, Brookside.**

HAMILTON

Nov mber 21st.

Annual Open Show held in Town Hall, under the patronage of the Border F. Club. 50 Open Classes. P. Norwich 12, Crest and Crestbreds, 1 each. Border Fancy, 14. Mules or Hybrids, 5. British and Foreign, 17 Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Numerous Specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges, W. Muir, W. Hamilton, J. Calderwood, J. Mason and J. Taylor. Schedules, **A. CANT, 26, May Street.**

PATHHEAD (Kirkcaldy)

Tenth Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds on the **21st November**, 22 classes for Cage Birds. Judge: J. F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. Numerous Specials including cups, gold medals, etc. Schedules now ready. Apply to **W. R. Gibson, Sec. 58, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy. Entries close Nov. 14.**

BRIGHTON NOV. 24 and 25

Open to Sussex only. 19 classes for Canaries and Cage Birds. Judge: Mr. J. Dobson. Entries close Nov 14. Schedules Ready. Fred Perrin, Hon. Sec. Turf Mousery Brighton.

WHITBY Fancier's Annual Show.

Wednesday NOVEMBER, 25th, 1908.

Cage Birds, E. Brunskill Esq. Classes for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits &c. Hon. Sec. **J. G. TOMLINSON,** Central Chambers, Whitby, Yorks.

CAMBRIDGE

NOVEMBER 25th and 26th, 1908.

Under Cage Bird Union License and Rules. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Good Classification. 2 Silver Cups, and Heaps of Specials. Judges: T. J. Ambrose, Canaries and British. H. T. T. Camps, F.Z.S. Foreign Birds, Foreign Birds:- **ONE DAY ONLY. NOVEMBER 25th, 1908.** Entries close, **NOVEMBER 13th 1908.** State Section for schedule. **W. DRIVER, Sec., Sussex St., Cambridge.**

TONBRIDGE

Open Annual

(Under Poultry Club Rules.)

NOVEMBER 25 and 26.

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS.

Messrs. Spratt's Feed and Pen Exhibits.

Entries Close 14th November.

Schedules of Hon. Sec.,

F. J. BINGHAM,

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CARDIFF

Affiliated to C.B.U.

November 25 and 26.

Judges: Messrs. Payne & Roe. 12th Annual. 50 classes Good Points' Specials. No cancelling or amalgamation. Prize money in full in all classes. Fee **1/6.** Entries close, **Nov. 18th.** Send postcard at once for Schedule, to **W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen Street.**

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW, Under C.B.U. Rules. Nov. 26.

Judge: Mr. Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules ready. **W. G. Inward, Cirencester. Entries close Nov. 14.**

SOUTHALL (Middlesex)

Fanciers Society. Eleventh Annual Open Show of Poultry and Cage Birds under C.B.U. rules will be held on **Thursday Nov. 26.** Judge of Cage Birds: F. Easterling, Esq. Entries close on **Tuesday Nov. 17.** Schedules of **A. SMITH, Hon. Sec., The Schools, Featherstone Road, Southall.**

NOTTINGHAM

Nov. 14 & 16. Entries close Nov. 9th. ***G. E. WILKINSON,*** **9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham**

WORCESTER

& D.C.B.S. First Open Show of Canaries, Hybrids, British & Foreign Birds, **Thursday, Nov. 19th.** Judges: J. H. Payne, Esq. C.B.U. Rules. S.Y.C.C., Y.C.C., cup patronage, and L. & P.C.S. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, card. Valuable cash special prizes, prompt payments, no cancelling no amalgamation. Valuable special prize cards. Entries close Nov. 9th. Schedules apply **A. E. BISHOP, 14, Barry Street, Worcester.**

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MORRISTON

November 19th. C.B.U. Rules.

45 Classes. Plenty of specials. Specialist Judges: H. W. Battye, Esq., J. B. Evans, Esq. Entries close November 12th. Apply for Schedules, **JEREMY & EAST, Tanylan Road, Morriston.**

HINCKLEY

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds, **Friday & Sat., Nov. 20th & 21st.**

Judges:—Messrs. Elkington, Sharpe, Turner, Johnstone, Mason and Robson.

Entries close **November 14th, 1908.** Schedules apply—**W. WARNER, Upper Bond Street, HINCKLEY.**

SUNDERLAND

November 20th and 21st (Under C.BU. Rules). Under the patronage of 8 Specialist Clubs. **(Cinnamon Club Show).** 60 Open Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-** for **1/6** entry. **2/6** special each class, and **20/-** for most points in show. Judges, J. H. Roe and A. G. Cameron.

Ents. close Nov. 14. REID & MADDISON, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.

CROOK

Original Cage Bird, Rabbit and Pigeon Society's 4th Annual Open Show, **NOVEMBER 21st. Entries close, NOV. 16th** 20 open Classes, 5 members classes for Cage Birds. Judge: W. Mundell, Esq. Cage Birds in separate Hall. Specials for nearly every class. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.; 1s. Entry.

A. BOWES, 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham.

City and County of

PERTH

O.S., Great Annual Open Show, on Saturday, November 21st, in the Co-operative Hall, under the patronage of S.P.C. & Y.C.C. of S. Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 4/- & 2/-; Entry Fee 1/6.**

Judges: Messrs. C. Campbell, A. Roberts, D. Low & R. V. Raine. Splendid Hall, well lighted and free from draught. Entries Close on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th. Schedules from

J. KERR, 6, St. Catherines Road, Perth.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Open Show on Sat. NOVEMBER 21st.

Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 17th. Members of Yorkshire Union, under the Patronage of Yorkshire Canary Club, Green Canary Association and Yorkshire and County British Bird and Mule Club. Judges: Mr. A. Ambler, Yorkshires, Mr. J. Beswick, Norwich and British Birds and Mules. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) will judge, the Novice Yorks classes. Good Classification, numerous specials. For schedules apply—**H. Clegg, 200, Hollings Road, Bradford. L. Lister, 44, Rand Street, Bradford.**

DULWICH.

The Event of the Season. Great Open Show. (C. B. U. Rules). Nov. 24th and 25th, at the Imperial Hall, London, S.E. Under the patronage of the C.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., and the N.B.B. & M.C. Judges—Messrs. Robson, Mundell, Gardner, Vale. 88 Classes. Novice Open Classes. Four money Prizes per Class. **1/6** Entry Fee. The most extraordinary list of Specials ever offered for value. Handsome Rose Bowl for best Bird in each Section. Beautiful engravings value Two Guineas each for most points in each Section. Handsome Novice Cup. One Guinea Casket of Scent, best Lady's Exhibits; Gold and Silver Medals and other handsome prizes all to be won outright. Send for Schedule it will surprise you. Entries close **Nov. 17th. ROGERS AND MAZZONI, 4, Rye Villas, St. Aidans' Road, East Dulwich, S.E.**

INVERNESS Ornithological Association

28th Annual Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons, and Bantams, **Wed. 25th NOVEMBER.** Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Money, 1/6. Liberal List of valuable specials, Judges: Messrs. Pettigrew, W. Stevenson and J. Goodall. Entries close November 18th. Schedules from **ALEX URQUHART, 86, TELFORD ROAD.**

SWINDON

Cage Bird Association, affiliated to C.B.U., hold their **Annual Open Show** of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, at the Swimming Baths,

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26th & 27th, 1908.

Under the Patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club; Crested Canary Club and the Foreign Bird Club. Grand classification. 55 Open classes. No Amalgamation. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Special in every class in addition to numerous others. FULL PRIZE MONEY GUARANTEED. Judges:—Canaries and Mules, J. Robson, Esq.; British and Foreign, J. Frostick, Esq. Entries close, **Monday, Nov. 16th.** No extension. Schedules from—**ALLSOPP & EDMUNDS, 43, Dixon Street, Swindon.**

LEEDS

Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds

Will be held in Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Road, on Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 27 & 28, C.B.U. Rules. Under the patronage of the G.C.A., L. and P.O.S. and F.B.C., Judges, J. Robson and J. Beswick.

Prize money, **10/- 6/- 4/- 2/-,** and Specials. 53 Classes, Entry fee 1/6. Entries close Tuesday, 24th.

For Schedules apply—**A. WILKINS, The Gardens, Oakhurst, Moortown, Leeds.**

City of DUNDEE & Dist. C.B.S. (A.) ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, **November 28th,** 56 Open Classes. Under the patronage of Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Plainhead Club and Glasgow & Western Norwich, Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club. Judges—Crests, Mr. John McKay, Kirkintilloch Plainheads, Mr. Alex. McFarlane, Glasgow; Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Arnot, Alloa, Mr. Wm. Muirhead, Bonnybridge; Borders, Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso; Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow. **Entries Close, November 21st.** For Schedules Apply **Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.**

NORWICH

NOVEMBER 28th and 30th. Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

Judges: J. Dobson, W. E. Greeves, J. F. Hills, J. Stark and A. Woollard.

64 Open Classes. Entries definitely close Mon., Nov. 23rd Schedules from **Roll,** "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Norwich.

KILMARNOCK Ornithological Cage Bird Soc.

Great Open Show will be held on DECEMBER 4th and 5th. Entries close November 28th. Under the patronage of Crest Club, U.P.C. and B.F.C.C. 64 open classes. Splendid Hall. Great List of specials. Judges—Scotch Fancy, W. Webster and D. Holden; Norwich, Alex. McFarlane; Crest, John McKay; Borders, P. W. Creadic; British and Foreign, P. Pettigrew. Send for Schedules to

Jas. B. Y. Murdoch 9, Burnside Street, Kilmarnock.

ALTRINCHAM

Cage Bird Society, (under C.B.U. Rules.) 5th Annual All England Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Dec. 5th, 1908,** at the British Schools, Oxford Road, Altrincham. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Silver Cups, Bowls, Electro Plate, Tea Service (48 pieces), Medals, Specials for every class and numerous other specials. Judges; Messrs. Battye & C. Houlton. Fanciers' note The Largest One Day Show. Entries close first post Nov. 30th. Schedules and particulars from **Tom Harrison; Altrincham Aviaries, 4, Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.**

OXFORD

Fanciers' Society. Annual Cage Bird Show, under C.B.U Rules.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1908.

Open to Counties Oxford, Berks and Bucks. Good classification. Prizes and specials. 2 challenge cups for members only, membership open to all. Judge C. A. House Esq. Entries close **20th.** A. H. CALCUTT, Secty., Kedlington; Oxon.

CHICHESTER (Members' Show.)

12 Mile Radius. Corn Exchange. **Nov 26th.** Entries close **Nov 14th. ARTHUR STONE,** Hon Sec., **17, New Park Road, CHICHESTER.**

PENZANCE

AND DISTRICT.

(Under C.B.U. rules). Tenth Open Show of Pigeons, and Cage Birds. **27th November, 1908.** Judge: Cage Birds, Mr. J. North. Entries close **19th November.** Schedules, &c. apply **J. P. Sampson, Parade Street.**

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND Py., Pg., & C.B.S.

13th Ann. Show will be held in the Market Hall on **Fri. & Sat. Nov. 27 & 28, 1908.** C.B. Jgs, Mr. J. W. Bancroft, Cheshire & Mr. J. Hopper, Keswick. Br. Fy. Patronage, Sch. ready. Ent. cls. **Nov. 21. Woodburn & Lucas,** H. Ss

MUIRKIRK

Cage bird Show **Saturday Nov. 28th.** Large Classification for Borders B.F.C.M. and lots of specials. Judge: R. Hardy, Loanhead. Schedules from **James Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

WEST STANLEY CO. DURHAM

2nd Open Show, Nov. 28th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds. Schedules apply **Jno. H. Leighton, Causey Row, Swalwell, S.O., Co. Durham.**

SALE

Open Ornithological Society. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign birds (under C.B.U. rules), in the Lecture Hall of the Technical Schools, Entries close Nov. 23. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- in open classes. Silver Cup to be won outright. Also Silver Cup for members classes (canaries only). The room is well lighted round and top lights, one minute's walk from Station. Trams pass the door. (Lot of Good Specials). **Sat. Nov. 28.** Judges: A. G. Davis, G. H. Massey. Any person joining before Nov. 10. 1908. can compete for Member's Specials. Proposition fee 1/- snb., 5/- year. Schedules ready Nov. 7. **J. Iriam, Sec., 101, Harley Road, SALE.**

DARLINGTON C.B.S. 4th Grand Open Show.

On SATURDAY NOV. 28th, 1908, in the Corn Exchange. 47 classes, 4 money prizes. Low Entry Fee. Prompt payment of prizes. Judges; Canaries—W. A. Cowgill, Esq. Bradford; British, etc., Jas. Maddison, Esq, Newcastle. Schedules ready November 3rd.

E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Sec., 2, Danesbury Terrace, DARLINGTON.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Second annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on Sat., **Nov. 28th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. rules. Judges: W. Vardy of Nottingham, Canaries; and W. G. Pooleof Stratford-on-Avon, British and Foreign Birds. There are 28 classes in all. 20 Canaries, 6 British and 1 Foreign class. Entries close **November 21, 1908.** Please write for schedules of—

W. H BRAY, Hon. Sacretary, 12, Berry Street, Coventry.

LONG EATON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Affil, O.B.U. OPEN SHOW to be held in PEOPLE'S HALL **Saturday & Monday, Nov. 28th & 30th,** Under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Crested Canary Clubs. 42 classes to consist of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Judges: J. Robson and J. H. Roe. For Schedules apply **J. TURNER, 35, Market St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY.**

WANDSWORTH Open Show, Dec 1st & 2nd, 1908.

The Baths, High St. 130 classes Pity., Pgn., Rab., C.B. & Cats. Judges, Messrs. Fielder, Bayliss, Clark, House, Lady Deceis. Supported by Blue Langshan, (Club Show) Langshan, Buff Orp., White Wyandotte, & United Show Homer Clubs. Entries close **Nov 23rd,** to **W. Summers,** Hon. Sec., **829, Garratt Lane, S.W.**

WOKING

And DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY'S First Annual Members' Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits (10 miles radius.) Numerous specials. DECEMBER 2nd. Judge: Cage Birds and Rab. Mr. G. Gardner. Sched. ready, Ent. close Nov. 21. L. C. B. HOCKIN, Hon Sec., Ferndale Rd., WOKING.

TAVISTOCK DEVON WED. DEC. 2, 1908.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds under C.B.U., Rabbits, Cats, Cavies. **Hon. Sec., A. R. GLANVILLE, 9, Duke St., TAVISTOCK.**

PORTH and District C.B.F.S. Affiliated C.B.U. 2nd Annual Open Show.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on **DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd; 1908.** Under the patronage of the W.C.B.C. Full prize money guaranteed. 47 classes, cash specials every class with extra specials. Judges—J. Robson Esq., & T. L. Castree Esq. Schedules ready, apply **R.C. CHALLENGER 13, School St., Cynnier, Porth.**

CITY of BIRMINGHAM

C. B. S. (Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.) The Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. & For. Birds, will be held at Crown Hotel, Station Street, on **Dec, 2nd & 3rd.** Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 23 open classes. Entries close, **Nov 25th.** Schedules from **J. H. DeMAILLET,** Hon Sec., **121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.**

COCKERMOUTH FEATHER SOCIETY.

Cumberland's Great Open Show. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

DECEMBER 4th & 5th.,

Judge: S. Hadwin. 26 Classes in Canaries and Hybrids, British and Foreign. Under the patronage of the N.J., the B.F.C.C. and the E. & W.B.F.C.C, in one of the finest Showrooms in the Kingdom. Secretary—**J. Simon Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

COVENTRY O.S. 36th Annual Open Show. **Dec 5th.**

Prize money guaranteed. Just send for Schedule. **G. PETERS**, Hon Sec., **"Sandgate," Coundon Road, COVENTRY**

STOP! STOP!

HARROGATE C. B. S.

5th Annual Open Show will be held on **Saturday, DECEMBER 5th, 1908.** Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.B. & M.C. Good classification. Good Specials. Popular Judge. Write for Schedules to **GEO. HY. BARNWELL, 20, College Road, HARROGATE.**

PONTYPRIDD

And Pwllgwaun Society, Dec. 9.

2nd Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons R. & D. & G. (C.B.U. Rules) Judges—Mr. J. H. Payne, Mr. P. Proud & Mr. W. Crow. Good Specials. Canaries, 9 classes, Hybrids, 2, British, 6, Foreign, 2. Poultry, 46 classes, Pigeons—Homers, 7. Fancy, 7. **Entries close December 3rd.** Hon. Secs., **J. L. Eberne and W. Price 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.**

CANTERBURY SHOW

Dec. 9th and 10th. Open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Fanciers' please keep the above dates open

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CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, on Saturday, **DEC. 12, 1908.** Good Classification. Large Prize Money. Splendid Hall and Railway Connections. Judges: T. Fullarton, T. Walton, J. McLay. Entries close Dec. 5th. Be sure and send for Schedule. **John C. Burnie, 2, CARLINGWARK COTTAGES, CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.**

CARMARTHEN

December 15. (C.B.U. Licence).

25 classes. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Judge: J. Robson, Esq., London. No Amalgamation. Full prize money if 5 entries. For schedules, ready shortly, apply **Jack Francis, Secretary.**

Kirkcudbright

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies, on **Friday, December 18th.** Splendid Classification. Popular Judges. **W. R. Cruikshank, Sec.**

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TWITTERINGS.

Entries for Wallsend close November 9th. Fanciers should send for schedule at once.—(ADVT.)

Send for schedule of Tideswell Show at once. Good prize money and splendid classification.—(ADVT.)

Danysz Virus, the noted exterminator of rats and mice, has been awarded a silver medal at the Franco-British Exhibition.

I think the coloured plate issued with the double number the best I have ever seen.—JAMES STREDWICK (Wood Green, N.).

The report of Darlington Show omits to state that I won 3rd in the Clear Buff cock class, writes Mr. F. Coventry (Preston).

Kindly state that I have removed from Emanuel Street, to 376, Harrison Terrace, Brook Street, Preston, writes Mr. W. Sherrington.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. have decided to hold their next annual open show on October 15th and 16th, 1909, writes Mr. J. Stringer, the secretary.

Please state that I have removed from Stephen's Road to 29, St. Andrew's Road, Preston, writes Mr. F. Coventry. Secretaries will please note.

The Show of the Hertford Fanciers' Association will take place on January 12th and 14th. Mr. C. A. House has been elected to judge the cage birds.

Lovers of the Scotch Fancy Canary will do well to note that the 32nd annual show of the Maryhill and Dis. O.C. takes place in Burgh Hall, Maryhill on November 7th.

The following is the list of points gained by our members in connection with Manchester Show, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, secretary of the Lancashire Canary Association:—Champion Section: Adams 18, Oldham 17, Garner 13, and Lowe 10. Novice Section: Brooks 8.

Members will please note change of meeting place for next meeting, writes Mr. F. E. Holden, secretary of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S., to the Bee Hive Inn, Bury.

Our entries are very short, writes Mr. J. Hibbitt, junr., secretary of the Oakham and Dis. F.S., and we are compelled to extend till Sunday morning (November 8th) first post.

The Hastings United C.B.S. are giving a class for hens in the novice Yorkshires, writes Mr. A. E. Godden the hon. secretary, the addition to be: Class 25a, hens any variety.

Your reports on the various shows, writes Mr. T. Gregson (Preston), are very interesting and accurate. I wish CAGE BIRDS yet further success. I greatly admire your excellent paper.

A printer's error occurs in our show catalogue, writes Mr. T. Smith, secretary of the Ilkeston C.B.S., Class 18. No. 1 should read 2nd prize and No. 2 in the same class 1st prize.

A very excellent sample of wild-seed mixtures reaches us from Mr. C. W. Bradbury, of Shalford, Guildford, and we can tho oughly recommend it to readers in need of such an article for birds.

Exhibitors will please note, writes Mr. Albert Smith, hon. secretary of the Southall F.S., that class 46 in our show schedule should read, any other species British; and class 47, and species foreign.

Crest exhibitors should note, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, hon. secretary of the Bristol F.A. Show, that class 348 in our schedule should read: "Norwich, Crested, clear body, dark, clear, or grey crest, buff, cock."

Entries are disastrously few, writes Mr. G. M. Horsley, hon. secretary of the Malton, Norton and Dis. F.S. Show, only 50 have been received in 52 classes. Entries will be accepted up to first post on Monday, November 9th.

We hear that Mr. E. Cowling, of Morpeth, has sold his winning Yellow Norwich hen, at a good figure, to a noted exhibitor in the Midlands. This hen he bred himself, and she has won 8 firsts and 3 seconds in eleven outings.

Kindly announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. John Smith (Hamburg), that I cannot send away any birds, etc., at present, as I have to go into a hospital about my chest. I shall drop you a line when I come out again.

At the time of writing I have only got in 189 entries in 47 open classes, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, the hon. secretary of the Bristol F.A. Show. Considering what we offer this year, I really expected we should have been well supported.

We have not had a single complaint but a large number of congratulatory letters on the way the birds were returned from our show and the prompt payment of prize money, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, secretary of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

Mr. Jno. Grice, one of our old members, writes Mr. A. Goodall, secretary of the St. Helens O.S., has removed from Hanover Street to 126, Westfield Street, where he is opening a shop stocked with birds, etc., and where all old friends will be welcomed.

London and Counties O.A. Autumn Show, Friday and Saturday, November 13th and 14th, at the "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., close to Portland Road Metropolitan Railway and Warren Street and Regent's Park Tube Stations.—(ADVT.)

I have had applications for my birds from Canada, South Africa, and all parts of the British Empire, writes Mr. L. Dykes breeder and exhibitor of Canaries, of Bradford. All of them mention CAGE BIRDS, which I think speaks well for its immense circulation.

Llanelly intend beating the record with their next schedule, writes Mr. Daniel John, the secretary, which will comprise no less than 72 classes, and we intend again trying for a record entry, as we will leave no stone unturned to that end, and it is only a one day's show.

Fanciers will be glad to know, writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, joint secretary, of the City of Glasgow Show, that the disappearance of the Belgian cock was satisfactorily explained by the owner of the bird. Allow me to say that CAGE BIRDS deserves the greatest possible circulation and popularity.

The venue of our ninth annual exhibition, write Messrs. Slater and Turner, secretaries of the Matlock and Dis. Society Show, is the Assembly Rooms, Matlock, and not the Victoria Hall as printed on our entry forms. We may say that last year all prize money was paid within five days of the show.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. D. F. Robertshaw, that the partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. D. Robertshaw and A. Ross has been dissolved by mutual consent as and from October 27th. Will show secretaries kindly note when sending out schedules, that my address is 39, Norfolk Mount, Halifax.

We are guaranteeing prize money in full, write Messrs. Allsopp and Edmunds, secretaries of the Swindon and Dis. C.B.A. Show. This is our first show but our classification compares favourably with that of most of the older societies, and we hope exhibitors will show their appreciation by giving us a bumping entry.

Just a line to thank you on behalf of the Newcastle Society for the splendid report you have given us in CAGE BIRDS this week. It is simply grand, and our members are highly delighted with it. All prize money has been paid out. We are getting letters every day from exhibitors, thanking us for the quick dispatch of birds and the way they were nicely packed. In Mr. Currah we have a show manager second to none. The way he managed our late show was extraordinary, and exhibitors have him to thank.

I was more than pleased with the result of my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. O'Neile (Lurgan). I had letters and cards from all over the place. In passing I would just like to say that out of all the answers I had, only two sent stamps or cards for replies. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Having obtained a new club-room at the Kirkstall Congregational Schoolroom, writes Mr. W. E. Whiteley, hon. secretary of the Kirkstall and Dis. C.B.S., a special meeting will be held there on November 7, when members are asked to try and be present. Those wishing to be eligible to compete in the coming members' show must join at once.

Sunderland Show (November 20th and 21st) certainly deserves the whole-hearted support of every keeper of Cinnamon Canaries in the Kingdom. Such a classification—10 classes in all, with ample provision for novice fanciers—ought to command for the officials a record entry, which their pluck in catering so thoroughly for this section of the Fancy highly merits.

I thank you on behalf of the Morpeth Society for the splendid report you gave of our show, writes Mr. E. Cowling, the hon. secretary. We are much obliged to you, and wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it so richly deserves. Am also delighted to say our show was quite a success in every respect. After paying all claims we find we have a nice balance on the right side.

TO READERS:

We shall next week issue a

SPLENDID DOUBLE NUMBER

and would once again impress upon all readers the necessity of ordering copies from their newsagents in advance if they would make certain of obtaining one. The demand for CAGE BIRDS still grows at a phenomenal pace, and this grand special issue will quite likely be early out of print.

In its pages will be found many splendid specially-written articles, containing a wealth of information on every side of the hobby. One contribution, on "Parrots, and their Successful Keeping," will meet, we think, with widespread acceptance, as it contains hints from one of our most practical living authorities on these popular birds. In addition to the array of articles and photographic and other illustrations, the issue will contain

A Charming Coloured Plate.

TO ADVERTISERS:

This is the season of quick sales, when buyers are ripe to purchase, and everyone with birds, appliances, etc., for disposal should send along their announcements early to ensure their appearance in this great special number. Remember: CAGE BIRDS special issues are record-breakers as introducers of business—*sales are always a certainty from advertisements therein.*

The closing date is Tuesday, November 10.

Post all advertisements early to reach us on that day certain, or we cannot guarantee insertion in this great Double Number.

Dulwich Show.—Have you got the schedule yet? If not, write at once (see show advertisement for address). No good bird should be absent from The Imperial Hall on November 24th and 25th. The prizes are not toys, but well worth winning, and the honour of a Dulwich win is an honour indeed. Novices have a splendid opportunity.—So support those who cater for you.—(ADVT.)

For the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. Show, November 11th and 12th, we are unfortunately compelled to extend our date of closing through lack of entries, and will receive entries till first post on Monday, November 9th, writes Mr. Alf. Hitchings, secretary. We hope and trust this defect will be remedied, as exhibitors may depend on their birds receiving the greatest possible care.

I forgot to say in my advertisement of our show, writes Mr. Jas. Pollock, secretary, Larkhall C.B.A., that it was confined to members, and have got so many postcards asking for schedules that I am unable to reply to them individually. This proves the value of CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium. Would you kindly let it be known through your columns why the schedules were not sent?

To the magnitude of the business controlled by Mr. W. Rudd, the noted fanciers' specialist, of Norwich, we have often had occasion to refer in the past. We have just had fresh and striking proof of this, for Mr. Rudd has forwarded for our perusal letters showing the enormous number of high-class Yorkshire Canaries he has recently purchased from well-known breeders of this variety, and no doubt these recent acquisitions will have the effect of still further increasing the volume of Mr. Rudd's trade.

Arrangements have been made for birds entered in the S.Y.C.C. Trophy Competition at Wimbledon, on November 17th and 18th, writes Mr. H. Smith, the secretary, to be forwarded from there in time for judging at the S.Y.C.C. Cup Competition at Worcester, on November 19th. If exhibitors sending entries to Wimbledon will kindly state this on their entry forms, the birds will be forwarded.

We have received hearty congratulations from many exhibitors, writes Mr. A. E. Allen, vice-chairman of committee of the Ramsgate and Dis. F. & F.S., on the promptness with which we paid out our prize money, all being settled within nine days of the show, and on the impartial manner in which the judges did their work. Exhibitors wish to publicly thank Messrs. Do Winton, Harrower and Gibbs for the satisfaction given by their judging.

Our committee wish to thank all the exhibitors who supported our late show, writes Mr. F. Howes, hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S., and for their help in making the same such a great success. When we appealed to them the day after entries were advertised to close we did not average 3 per class. I mention this as some may think we asked for help when we did not need it. Many birds changed hands. Mr. Hall's Unflighted Buff Norwich fetched £5 15s., Mr. Dipple's Yellow £3, Mr. Wright's hen Yorkshire £2 10s., and Mr. Wilsdon's winning Roller £3 3s. Altogether the sales realised £20 10s.

Good Business at Liverpool.

The following telegraphic message reaches us at the moment of going to press from the secretaries of the Liverpool O.S. Show, held this week end: "Eight hundred entries; 300 Greens. Our society's thanks to CAGE BIRDS and exhibitors.—METCALF AND HILLMAN."

Something "Extra" in Yorkshires.

We hear this week of an unflighted yellow Yorkshire down in the South, which is a regular "eye-opener." Our informant is well qualified to speak on that point, for he is a Yorkshireman himself, and one of the best-known judges of to-day. He declares that this bird deserves the name of "non such," for it is a "reight 'un." Who is the lucky owner? We offer no prize for the correct solution.

An Electric Drying Cage.

We have 108 special prizes for our forthcoming annual show, a number, I believe, unparalled for any club show, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary City and Suburban A.C.B. We are also the proud possessors of an electric drying cage, which will be used for the first time on Monday next, at the washing competition to be held then, and I am told that it is the first of its kind ever used in the Fancy. It has been presented to us by Mr. F. Wyse, the inventor and maker, who claims that this electrical appliance will provide any given temperature from 40 to 130 degrees by one movement.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Davis asking me to publish in CAGE BIRDS his answer to me respecting the Amateur Norwich Gold Medal winner at Accrington:—"Mr. A. G. Davis was seen by the hon. secretary of the N.P.C. respecting the above, as requested by the members at their meeting at Accrington, and the judge is of opinion that the bird he awarded the medal to was the best in the section." Respecting the English and Scotch N.P.C. contest, at Glasgow, I trust members will not forget this event, the entries closing this week end. The contest is open to all members of both clubs.—J. RAYNES, hon. sec.

A Large Consignment of Canaries

The White Star liner "Arabic," which sailed for New York on October 29th, is taking out 2,000 Norwich Canaries. Special accommodation has been provided for the Canaries in a warm portion of the ship, and they will be specially looked after and attended to during the voyage. The forwarding of Canaries to New York by the White Star boats has become a season trade. Several consignments are sent out each year, numbering between 15,000 and 20,000 Canaries. Shipments of the songsters to the United States have been practically going on since 1888. The singing of the birds in America is much appreciated, and they command a very ready sale.

Echoes from Glasgow.

That the Southern Confined Members were busy last Saturday; that they had a most creditable show; that several purchases were made at average prices; that the enterprising Dennistoun member led the way with a grand Yellow cock; that secretary Fleming had a share of the honours; that he has struck into a good seam; that the Corkerbill team was equal to expectations; that the knocking-out of the tail feathers four weeks ago fairly put a good hen out of the cup; that the cup winner is rather small, but all alert and won; that it was very satisfactory to Mr. Blue; that regular shewing steadies a Scotch Fancy; that winners of the Southern Confined could have shifted some of the City winners; that winners at the Southern Confined will be open show winners; that club members make a mistake in keeping up their birds for club shows; that the Southern Confined has taken a new lease of existence; that secretary Fleming and president Bullions work hard; that a lot of new members will join; that it is a grand competition to be in; that the surviving founder of the Southern Confined, Mr. McLellan, visited the show; that he was proud of the 1908 gatherings; that the Southern was a big success, numerically and financially; that everybody was pleased, especially winners.—OLD BURGHER.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Nov. 5 and 6.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** H.B., G.E.W., and J.R.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blackburn & Dis. C.B.S.** A.W.' J.W., and T.W.W.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne & Dis. C.B.S.** J. McL., and J.Wk.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Sheffield & Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.B., H.W.H., and R.E.S.
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Liverpool O.S.** W.M., W.V., and C.H.
Nov. 7.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.** A.Rs., and G.A.
Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness and Dis. O.A.** J.Wr., T.T. A.G. and L.J.A.
*Nov. 7.—**Bramley and Dis. O.S.** W.A.C. & A.G.D.
*Nov. 7.—**Cicator Moor F.S.** C.H. and A.W.
*Nov. 7.—**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.Gr.
*Nov. 7.—**Stockton & Dis. C.B.S.** T.D. & R.J.H
*Nov. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 10 and 11.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** J.R. and G.G.
*Nov 11.—**Bodmin.**
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Bristol.** C.A.H
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Hr., W.V. and W.L.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Swansea & Dis. C.B.A.** J.B.E. and C.H.
*Nov. 11 and 12.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** T.H.
*Nov. 12.—**Leek and Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Merthyr Tydfil.** J.R.
*Nov. 12.—**Oakham and Dis. F.S.** C.A.H.
Nov. 13 and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R., W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14 —**Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R,
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18.—**Wimbledon.** J.R. and H.N.
*Nov. 18.—**Morriston & Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and J.B.K.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby.** W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester & Dis. C.B.S.** J.H.P.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B., and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C. A.Rs., D.L., R.G.W. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** P.P., W.S. and J.G.
*Nov 25 and 26.—**Cardiff.**
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 26 & 27.—**Swindon & Dis. C.B.A.** J.R., J.F.
Nov 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin).** R.H
*Nov. 27 and 28. **Leeds C.B.S.** J.R. and J.Bk
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** J.McL., A. McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Covcntry Godiva C.B.S.** W.V., W.G.P
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** W.A.C. and J.Mn
Nov 28.—**Muirkirk.**
*Nov 28 and 30. **Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** J.R., J.H.R
*Nov. 28 & 30. **Norwich Alliance All England C.P.A.** J.D. W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk. A.Wd.
*Nov. 28 **Sale Open O.S.** A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 3.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Deo 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3. **City of Birmingham C.B.S.** J.H.R.
*Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth & Dis.. F.S.,** S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** J.B., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Covcntry O.S.** J.H.P.
Dec 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** J. Blk., J. Ms., J. Gw., C. C., and J. C.
Dec 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** J.C.B.
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.**
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** J.R., G.E.W., & J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** J.F.H. & H.W.B.
Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** W.P.B.
*Dec 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** T.H., H.S., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** W.A.C and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas.**
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)**
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 15.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.**
*Dec. 17.—**Lud ow (Salop).** J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland,** G.H., and J.Rk.
*Deo. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich.** J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** A.W. and C.H
Dec. 18. **Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** J.Msn., P.McQ., P.McK., and H.M.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** D.Bk., D.L., and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough & Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** J.M.
*Jan 5.—**Llanelly & Dis. C.B.S.**
Jan 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.**
Jan. 12.—**Diss and Dist.,** J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6 8. 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.** H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S. and W.V.

(For List containing names of judges and names and addresses of secretaries, see issue, No. 352).



A Group taken at Manchester Show.

Names (from left to right)—Messrs. J. Dobson, W. Harding, S. Cook, W. A Bladon, J. Garner, G. E. Weston, R. Halliday, T. Pease, W. T. Hill, W. Whalley, E. Jones, J. Trengove, W. Lloyd, E. Bleasdale (front), J. Raynes and G. F. Gray (at back), and S. R. Compston and Compston, Junr.

At the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. Show, to be held November 13th and 14th, there will be a class provided for breeding cages made by members, which, no doubt, will be an interesting feature of the event.

The balance-sheet and report of the first year's working of the Dipton and Dis. C.B.S. reaches us from the secretary, Mr. Matt. Mason, and shows a balance to the good of £3 15s. 5d. The Annual Show is to be held on December 5th.

I find you credit me with a win in the Buff class at Battersea. This should not be so. I only sent two Norwich, a Yellow hen and an Unflighted; both were first. I have sold my winning Ticked Yellow Norwich cock back to Mr. Midgley, who bred him.—J. W. Rennie (Andover).

Mr. B. Hollins informs us that he has taken over the business at 9, George Street, Hull, under his personal supervision, and has decided to close the Harrogate depot, and transfer the entire stock to Hull, where there are much larger premises with separate show rooms and stock rooms for different kinds of live stock.

I was very much surprised on opening my Cage Birds this week to see the sketch of my Sulphur-Breasted Toucan depicted therein. I must say the sketch does great credit to Mr. H. Norman, the artist. The bird has taken 1st and special since at Cambridge. I wish Cage Birds the success it deserves.—W. Smith, of Messrs. Smith and Son (Luton).

The death of my father, writes Mr. Alfred Thomas (Gloucester), occurred at Ardath, Hampton Park, Hereford, on October 30th. He was thrown out of his trap while returning from a days' shooting, and falling on his elbow completely shattered his arm. But the wound was so healthy that the doctors were almost sure the arm would not have to be amputated, and at his death none were more astonished than they. Death was due to heart failure.

I must thank you and your artist for the life-like reproduction of my winners last week, writes Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth). The Clear body dark Crest was 4th at the last Palace Show. The Green Crest hen, second at Plymouth, is only 5½ months. The Buff Crestbred stood 2nd at Plymouth and Exeter, and will, I think, be better yet.

As our forthcoming show on November 19th is our first open one, writes Mr. A. E. Bishop, hon. secretary of the Worcester and Dis. C.B.S., fanciers will please send us a bumping entry. We have secured the best hall in Worcester and the services of a popular judge. We are giving special prize cards with the Worcester coat of arms on. I have made all necessary arrangements with Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Wimbledon C.B.S., for all exhibits intended for the S.Y.C.C. competition here to reach us in time for judging.

I sent three birds to Newcastle Show, a distance of 150 miles, and on entering them I mentioned that if they were not returned by a train an hour before the show closed, they would be lying at a distant station all night. I met the stated train, and my pleasure was great on seeing the case arrive. On getting home my satisfaction was increased on beholding by birds wrapped up, and the case so secured that cages had not altered their position a bit during the journey. I therefore wish to thank the stewards and secretaries, for this gives confidence to exhibitors.—R. D. McMurno (Heywood).

A Pat on the Back.

Lady Doughty, writing on "Bird Culture" in the "Grimsby Telegraph," recently, remarks: "A bird is a cheap hobby—every bird is. And when we can afford the time and the small expense of a large aviary, the reward repays one over and over again. The Grimsby Ornithological Society deserves every encouragement. It is making brave efforts to find an increasing welcome in the town, and by its recent interesting collection of choice varieties, is educating the taste of local fanciers and bird lovers in the best class of charming domestic pets."

THE PORTRAYAL OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Do not forget that all London Shows are visited.

For the present show season we have made such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of Cage Birds. Mr. H. Norman, the premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available *(by arrangement with us)* for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154 Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize.* Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

REMEMBER; The next Shows are Carlisle Nov. 11 and 12, Preston Nov. 13 and Nottingham Nov. 14.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
November 11th and 12th.—Carlisle.
November 13th.—Preston.
November 14th.—Nottingham.
November 25th.—Cardiff.
November 27th.—Leeds.
December 11th.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

The balance-sheet of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. for the half-year ending September 30th, reaches us from the secretary, Mr. J. C. Birch, and is a very satisfactory one, reflecting credit on the management, over £10 being in hand. The first feather show also came out with a profit.

We have again engaged at a considerable expense the New Corn Exchange, North Church Side, Hull, for our Open Show, on November 20th and 21st, writes Mr. F. F. Potter, hon. secretary of the City of Hull C.B.S. This room is the finest in the North of England for a cage-bird show, being well lighted by day and electric light at night, and it is absolutely free from draughts, so that exhibitors can with confidence send us the best exhibits.

The October issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is full of interesting matter. Mrs. K. Leslie Miller contributes some instructive notes on the Violet Parrot in captivity, which are accompanied by a most artistic and life-like coloured plate by Mr. H. Goodchild. The article on "Aviary Birds I have met with in their Natural State," by Mr. Douglas Dewar, F.Z.S., is continued, Indian Doves being dealt with. Mr. E. J. Brook writes on "Lories and Lorikeets," and Mr. W. T. Page on "Some Recent Acquisitions." Other articles are by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker on "Crested Ducks" (nicely illustrated), M. Aronstein on the "Nesting of Virginian Cardinals, etc.," and J. H. Henstock on the "Spice-bird and Bengalee Hybrid"—all of which afford capital reading.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Central Conservative Club, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for annual show.—W. Richinson.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Round House Inn, 8. Open show business.—F. Mitchell.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S. Nov. 10, Bee Hive Inn, Bury, 7.30. Washing exhibition, etc., by Mr J. Stringer (Manchester); also concluding arrangements for annual show; members please note change of meeting place.—F. E. Holden.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 10, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, 8. Final arrangements for club show, Dec. 4 and 5.—J. W. Norris.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 7, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' specials for open show will be distributed.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Washing competition, silver medal in each section.—V. Wynn.

Cinn. Marked Y.C.C.—Nov. 7, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Saltaire Road, Shipley, 5.30. Financial statement by secretary; report of sub-committee, re social evenings, to consider classification for novices.—R. Garnett.

Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Royal Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for members' show.—N. Rayner.

Federation of Cage Bird Societies (Ashton-under-Lyne Centre).—Nov. 14, Grapes Hotel, Hazel Grove, 6.30. Show business.—A. Ackroyd.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Nov. 7, 122, Ingram Street, 5.30. Open show, final arrangements.—R. A. Brown

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—Nov. 11, Arcade, Greenock, 8.—W. H. Stodter.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Cricket Players, 8. December show.—A. E. Garton.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 7, Griffin Hotel. Schedule for old show, etc.—J. F. Thrackray.

Inverness O.A.—Nov. 11, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Open show business; appointing stewards.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Nov. 10, Lockhart's, Ormond Street, Jarrow, 7.30. Show business.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Nov. 11, 67, High Street, Dover, 7.30. Correspondence and general.—G. Sandenson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 7, Miners' Hall, 7.—J. Pollock.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Open washing competition; members' please bring own birds, etc.—A. Thompson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 7, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, corner of Commercial Street, 8.—T. Carter.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Lockhart's Café, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Business for open show.—A. Wilkins.

Lancashire C.A.—Nov. 7, Rochdale Good Intent Show Room, 6.45. New members, important business; medals are expected to be on view.—W. Adams.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table show, A.V. Can. (Nor. excepted), or Mule unflig., open; ditto Novice A.V. Nor. hen, unflig., open; judging competition; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Sycamore Hotel, 2. Members' show, birds staged at 2; judge Mr. W. Cruise (Bowling).—R. H. Turner.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 7, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. A Plotting of Specials, etc.—F. Western.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Entries for show taken, etc.—J. Davey.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Nov. 11, Cobden Hall, 8. Show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 14, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. To settle show and other important business.—J. Simcock.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 9, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 7.45. Very important, and washing exhibition, by Mr. S. Cook; will members bring some birds?—W. Jackson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Nov. 7, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30.—R. G. Challenger.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. General business; last meeting prior to show, Nov. 18.—G. A. Charles.

South London Col. and F.A.—Nov. 12, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Election of stewards for judges at annual show.—G. A Jeffery.

Stirling and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 7, Douglas Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for show.—G. Hislop.

Stratford and East London.—Nov. 12, Headquarters. Committee meeting (all members); show business, and secretary's resignation and successor.—S. L. Sheldrick.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 9, Technical School, 8. Open show, etc., business.—J. Irlam.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Headquarters, 8. Washing Competition; fanciers invited.—J. C. Spilsbury.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Members' show and washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Hartley (Bradford); fanciers and friends welcomed.—J. Smith.

West of Scotland.—Nov. 7, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Annual show, etc., business.—G. Smart.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.—Nov. 7, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show business; last day for members' subscriptions.—J. Gill.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Debate on Canaries and their diseases, to be opened by Mr. J. Wilman (Charlestown); all are welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Old show business; also washing exhibition and competition.—W. Mallinson.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—T. Duffield.

York C.B.S.—Nov. 9, All Saints' Schoolroom.—A. Waud.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Newcastle, Morpeth, York, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, Rochdale, Torbay (Paignton)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see page 298 in last week's CAGE BIRDS.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**Q. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Follow my Lead.

Miss Reed.—There is always room for suspicion when several birds die off in quick succession, and for your own satisfaction you would be well advised to have a post-mortem made if another one dies soon. Still, I do not think you will find the cause is the usual dreaded plague as you seem to suspect. I might go further and say I feel sure it is not, unless you know that the room has been used as a bird-room by the previous tenant, and, in that case, if the disease had been in the room in recent times, even though it has been standing vacant since, it would naturally put quite a different complexion on the matter. By all means, use the second hen you refer to for light muling next year.

Evil Communications.

"Dock."—Although I should scarcely consider the singing of the Skylark as an evil to be guarded against, in my own mind there can be little doubt that a well-trained Roller Canary would derive no benefit from such an associate. The highly-trained Roller is always somewhat apt to forsake his sweet, low, artificial melody for high-pitched notes, and the pitch of the Skylark's natural note would prove an immense incentive for the Roller to get a stave or two higher. In the case of a common untrained Roller, whose note is often all too piercing, there would be little risk of the Skylark teaching it anything worse than it knew. Indeed the Roller would probably improve upon the Skylark's note. But with highly trained, low-singing Rollers I would not advise you to run the risk of associating them with Skylarks.

Cause of Death.

Miss Reed.—Only a *post-mortem* examination could discover with any certainty the cause of the bird's death. But judging from its appearance, and the description you give of its illness, I have no doubt whatever that it died from acute pneumonia, the result of chill in some way—perhaps from a cold bath taken just when a cold snap was coming on, or from a draught from a window temporarily opened to air the room. It may also be that the present room is colder, and more exposed than the last one, which would naturally make the bird more susceptible just at this time, when they are finishing the moult. Your treatment of the bird could only have been improved upon by adding twenty drops of brandy and five of sweet spirits of nitre to the drinking water when you put her near the fire, and giving her two drops of a mixture of equal parts of brandy and glycerine direct in the beak every two or three hours. This might have helped the bird to win, but in a severe attack of this complaint, recovery is always a mere chance.

The Brink of Despair.

Moffat, Dumfrieshire.—Four months is certainly a long time for the bird to be moulting, and still to show no signs of stopping, but considering the position he has been kept in nearly all the time it is not much to be wondered at, so you need not yet despair of bringing him round. The removal to the colder room is the cause of the renewed energy of the moult, but still he will be better in this new position if it is quite free from draughts. Add a fourth part of summer rape to the Canary for a staple diet, and twice a week give a few grains of hemp. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg-food, with five drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with a few grains of maw seed. Give a little green-food three times a week, and, if available, a mealworm a day for a week or two would be invaluable. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give six drops of tincture of steel in the water. Give the steel on the days when you are not giving egg or sponge cake. The quantity of steel you have been giving is very excessive.

A Lingering Illness.

D.M.—It would have elucidated the matter if you had caught the bird, and looked for any apparent cause of the swollen breast that might exist. In the absence of this knowledge, and without seeing the bird, I can only suggest that it is due to fat, and that the bird is in a generally overfed and plethoric condition of body. Try following treatment for a few weeks, and note result. Keep bird in a fairly large cage, where it can get plenty of exercise, but do not overheat it. So long as you avoid draughts and great variations of temperature it will do best just on the cool side. Let it have plenty of clean gritty sand always accessible, and moderate the diet previously advised as follows: For staple diet give plain Canary seed only, with a liberal supply of green-food daily, and twice only in one week give it half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and twice in the next week a half teaspoonful of summer rape. Give no other extras in the way of food for a few weeks. In the drinking water give five drops each of syrup of buckthorn, and dandelion juice every second day for a week, and pure water on the alternate days, and during the next week five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and three of essence of aniseed every second day, and, again, pure water on the alternate days. This two weeks' course may be repeated again and again in the same order as often as seems necessary. If the bird begins to improve upon it continue until it is quite recovered and active again.

A Few Hints.

D. E. Perry.—Yours is rather a tall order compressed into a small space. To answer it satisfactorily would fill many columns. But we will see what can be done in the body of the paper in the near future. Meantime, why not get the exhaustive treatise on the subject entitled "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," price 2s. 3d. from this office, and also look up the back numbers for last February, where you will find several columns in the "Novices' Notebook" on the subject. Many thanks for your kind remarks anent the paper.

Always Eating.

"Canary."—The mopy and sluggish condition of the hen is undoubtedly due to being blocked up with fat. Limit the diet to plain Canary seed only for a few weeks and give a liberal supply of green-food daily. Keep in a fairly large cage, and if she has several companions in with her to keep her "moving on" so much the better. In the drinking water give her ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for a week, and after this give twenty drops of whiskey, four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea, in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Stir the first-named mixture until the gum is dissolved. At the end of the second week you may begin over again and repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order if it appears necessary. Keep the cage clean, free from red-mites, and supply gritty sand regularly.

Bird-room and Accommodation.

W. A.—As the window in your birdroom is so small and badly placed, I should certainly advise you to have a small top light put in, with a portion of it made to open for ventilation. But see that it is made thoroughly waterproof, and arranged on the top to throw off rain water quickly, and not allow it to drip through into the room. A wooden shutter to fold over when required on the outside would be advisable, and of course, a cover of wire netting underneath should not be dispensed with. With this arrangement the side wall under the eaves would have a fair amount of light, and you could make your large stock flight along this wall, and reserve the wall forming back of dwelling house for your stock of breeding cages. You would then have a central passage along the whole length of the house for attending to them, and would probably be able to add a dozen more compartments to your present total. As you are keeping the birds in cages the number you would keep in the house depends upon the number of cages you have space for. One bird to each compartment of a breeding cage, or one to each square foot of floor space in the flight might safely be kept, providing the cages were kept quite clean, and free ventilation allowed.

A Question of Warmth.

A Beginner.—Providing your shed is in a fairly well sheltered position, and your birds have hitherto not been coddled with excessive heat, I should, at the risk of perpetrating a "bull," say that the best method of heating it was to not heat it at all. So long as the temperature does not go below forty-five degrees there is absolutely no necessity to apiply any additional heat, and an ordinary stock of healthy Canaries are quite able to stand considerably more cold than this with impunity. The hot-water bottle method you now employ would probably keep up this degree of heat in all ordinary conditions of weather. But you should not rely solely upon your own sensations of heat or cold. Get a small thermometer to hang on the wall, and be guided by its readings. As long as it keeps above forty-five you have nothing to fear. Of course, you must have one that is a reliable working instrument. If you still desire to heat the shed a set of hot-water pipes, with the boiler and furnace placed outside, is by far the best and safest method for you. The ventilation must also be free and ample when you employ heat.

Crest Going Blind.

D. H. H. H.—I am really sorry I cannot hold out any hope of your being able to do the bird's sight the least amount of good. The pity of it is that it is so often the cream of one's stock that becomes blind in this way. If you keep the bird in the same cage, or at least in one of the same size and pattern always, which should, of course, be a fair sized one, it will find its way about, and to its food and water quite easily. But you must keep a watch on it to see that it does not become infested with grey lice, as they are very apt to do when blind, doubtless on account of the toilet not being performed with so much vigour. If you are really anxious to try some remedy, get a chemist to mix you six grains of red oxide of mercury in half an ounce of spermaceti ointment, and put a tiny piece of this—about the size of a pin's head—in each eye three times a week, holding the bird a few seconds whilst the ointment melts, and helping it to run around and underneath the lids. Be careful with the ointment as it is poisonous. Shall be glad to hear result. It would also be as well to snip off the ends of the crest feathers that immediately overhang the eye.

Wanted the Elixir of Life.

W. Smith.—It is difficult to guess what is wrong with the bird as you merely say that it does not seem to have any life in it, and yet it eats and drinks well. There is not much wrong with your feeding, except that I do not think a regular supply of bread and milk to a healthy but lazy bird is likely to do it any good. It is too fattening to use in this way, and it is quite probable this bird's lifeless condition is due to being blocked up with fat. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, or a month, and note result. Discontinue the bread and milk altogether, and also the rape, for the first week, and let the diet consist of plain Canary seed only, with a daily supply of green food for one week. During this time give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its drinking water every second day. At the end of the week add five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to the water for one day. Next week add to its dietary a few grains of hemp one day, the second day after this half a teaspoonful of rape seed, and again the second day after a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. In the drinking water during this week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid one day, next day five drops of tincture of steel, and plain water on the third day. Repeat this over again and again in the same order. The dietary given for this week may be continued indefinitely, but the medicines should be discontinued as soon as the bird seems well enough.

A Question of Management.

Aaron.—It is mainly a question of general management, or rather mismanagement, that is the cause of your troubles. You would do well to study the replies treating on this subject, or get one of our little handbooks, and see where you go wrong. In a general way see that the birds are quite free from draughts, chills, and the worrying attacks of red mites. The latter especially you should look to, as I imagine your birds already suffer from the presence of this pest. Feed on a staple diet of canary seed only, and give separately a small teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and on two other days a few grains, only, of hemp. On each of the remaining days give a spray of green food. No. 1.: Limit this bird to the above diet solely for the next month, and during the first week give him as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in his water every second day. After that, give five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food, continuing the latter for a fortnight. No. 2: The barenecs may be due to red mite. Examine cage well for this pest, and eradicate them if any are found. Keep it fairly warm, in an even temperature, and give fifteen drops of chemical food daily for two or three weeks. You may also give it half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake two or three times a week. No. 3: Keep these birds also in a warm place, free from draughts or great variations, and give twelve drops of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and paregoric in the water two days in every three until the sneezing has quite disappeared.

Stopped Moulting.

W.G.B.—In a case of this kind a vapour bath is frequently of much service, so you need not fear steaming her, which is just the same thing. All you have to do is to guard carefully against draughts afterwards, as the bird will be susceptible to chill for a time. Place the cage over a pail of hot water, and cover all over with a woollen shawl or blanket for ten minutes or so, then place it in a warm corner, and keep the cage covered for a day or two. A box cage is much the best pattern to use. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part of rape as a staple, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with five drops of sherry in it every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of maw seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of saffron daily for three or four days. This should start the moult in a few days, and then all you need do is to see that it gets no chill, and not allow it to get overheated at one time and correspondingly cold at another. Only give a bath during nice mild weather. Continue giving the maw as above until towards the end of the moult, then discontinue it, and give a few grains of linseed twice a week instead. When the head is moulting begin to give twenty drops of chemical food in each ounce of drinking water until it is quite fine again.

Hen Bare of Feathers.

D.R.—Although you say you have frequently cleaned the cage as a remedy against red mites, I feel almost sure this is the chief cause of the bird's condition. Perhaps you clean the cage, but omit to give the same attention to the hook or nail on which it hangs, and it frequently happens, especially in the case of a bell-top metal cage, that this is the chief harbouring place for the pest. If the cage is all metal, and its size will allow of it, immerse it for a few minutes in a copper of scalding hot water in which a little Jeyes Fluid has been stirred, and at the same time thoroughly overhaul the place where the cage hangs, and disinfect it with a stronger solution of Jeyes. Offer the bird a bath frequently to which a little essense of quassia has been added, and before placing it in the cage sprinkle a few drops over the bird, or put a little in a scent spray, and scatter it over the bird. This will probably make it take to the bath voluntarily. Your feeding is not good. For a staple give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake. On each of the remaining days give a spray of green food. Do not omit a regular supply of gritty sand. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and after that give ten drops of chemical food daily for a fortnight.

A Cure for Scurvy.

J.W.S.—As you say the bird has scurvy on the head and neck which has caused the feathers to drop out, I presume the bald patches are covered with some kind of scurf or powdery deposit. It would have helped me had you described the colour and appearance of this condition, and also said how you were feeding the bird. I suspect the diet and general health of the bird are mainly responsible for its condition. In the absence of more definite data to go on, I can only advise you in a general way. However, try the following treatment for a month, and if the bird is not considerably better write again, and give more details of your management prior to this, and of the bird's appearance. Feed as advised to "D.R." in this issue, with the exception of the hemp. Instead of the hemp give a small piece of bread scalded in milk slightly dusted over with flour of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of chickweed, if obtainable, or the flower heads of groundsel daily. Keep its cage clean, well strewn with gritty sand, and be sure it is quite free from red mites. Keep it in a fairly warm place, and give it a bath as often as it will bathe. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and five drops of lemon juice every second day for a week. Next week give twenty drops of chemical food every day. After this, repeat the two week's treatment in the same order. Twice each week catch the bird and anoint the bare places with a little warm olive oil, but do not dnub it on to smear the surrounding feathers.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Concerning Yellowhammers.

H.V.—It only seems a week or so ago that I gave full instructions for feeding Buntings. None of these birds is "any good for Muling purposes," as you put it; that is to say, they have not yet been proved to have bred. True, we have heard of "Yellowhammer-Canary Mules," but I have yet to see the youngsters I could accept as genuine specimens of this Hybrid. Don't be discouraged from trying, though, for I can assure you that any actual Mules produced would be of very special value. As regards feeding, the only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over, and a few eaten, but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs, frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (dive) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green-food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Corn Buntings will usually eat a little seeding green-food" (grasses, shepherd's-purse, etc.), and Reed Buntings, etc.

Siskin Queer.

F. Yardley.—Probably your Siskin is a trifle too fat—a common complaint with the species—and has a touch of "indigestion," or "liver." A mild dose or two of fluid magnesia would no doubt put matters right. Stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, giving three such doses on alternate days, plain water in between. You do not say how you are feeding, but the diet should be plain—canary, teazle, summer rape, and charlock only, with a little mixed seed occasionally as a treat. Let the bird have a fair supply of green-food, too (the reply to "J.L." may interest you on this point), and a little ripe fruit if it will take it. A thistle head or two, if you happen to have it by you, would provide it with some amusement.

Places on the Neck.

A. Gibson.—It is not easy to determine the nature of the "swellings" on the neck of the Linnet from the particulars contained in your letter. If they are of a hard nature when touched, then well shake together half a teaspoonful of glycerine and a teaspoonful of colourless tincture of iodine. Take a tiny camel-hair pencil-brush, and paint the places twice daily (morning and evening), with this mixture. Don't let it go on the surrounding parts; use it sparingly. If the places merely seem like "air-blisters," then prick them with a needle, and afterwards anoint the place gently but thoroughly with boracic ointment. Probably a dose or two of fluid magnesia would do him a deal of good; a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Two doses, on alternate days. Note other replies this week respecting the feeding.

Treatment of Linnets.

J.L.—This is dealt with in another reply this week. As your birds are kept in a cold room throughout the winter, you can certainly allow a part of hemp in the stock mixture between now and the return of the summer. Personally, I always give my Linnets a little hemp right through the moult, and continue it right through the cold, wintry season. If anything it helps to darken their coats, usually a desirable point, and it certainly helps to keep them up during the strain of the moult, and yet throws into song afterwards. It is not always easy to get green-food out of doors in the winter, but it may easily be provided by the fancier himself, in his own house. All that is needed is a shallow box (a chocolate or sweet box from the confectioner's answers well) which should be lined with light soil, or even bird-sand will do. Damp this well, then sow it thickly with summer (German) rape seed. Kept in a warm room, and always moist, the rape soon sprouts, and the seedlings can be cut off with the scissors when an inch or two long, and given to the birds, who appreciate same highly. By having one or two boxes, a constant supply can be ensured.

The Six Best Softbills for Singing.

S.Y.—You ask "which are the six best softbills for singing, "placed according to merit." That is a question no one could satisfactorily answer—that is, not to satisfy everybody. We do not all think alike, my friend; neither do all birds of the same species sing as well as each other. To take a familiar bird, the Linnet, as an example, some sing a very "wooden" sort of song, disjointed, and full of harsh notes, whereas others are delightfully free and mellow in their music. The same sort of thing is found in Nightingales. As regards the "order of merit," some bird-lovers prefer the song of the Song Thrush to that of the Blackbird, while others (myself included), do not. Who is to decide between them? Then, again, it is easier to get song from some captive birds than it is from others—take Nightingale and Blackbird, as an instance. Indoors, too, I prefer the song of the Woodlark to that of the Skylark, for it is less shrill and "ear-splitting"; outdoors, I should reverse this. To bring this matter to a head, however, I will say that I should choose as the three best small softbills, the Nightingale, Garden Warbler, and Blackcap Warbler (though there are other really beautiful singers—the Willow Warbler, for instance), and as the four best large softbills—the Blackbird, Song Thrush, Skylark, and Woodlark (I make no pretence of placing the latter four "in order"). I have both a Gale and a Garden Warbler who sing freely, and I can tell you it would be very difficult to imagine anything sweeter in the way of bird-music. The former is warbling away close to my elbow as I write these lines, and it is close on the "witching hour." I feed on the lines advised "Peter B." this week.

Feeding Linnet for Song and Muling.

G.C.—You should read the chapter on the Linnet in the "British Bird Manual," price 1s. 1d., from CAGE BIRDS office. The Linnet is best fed on the following lines; at least, this is how I feed my own, with the best of results, both as regards song and muling. Contest singers have cages and methods entirely their own, and you would need to join (or attend) a singing club to gain an insight into them. A good stock seed mixture is: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock and linseed one pint each. In the winter, and during the moult, one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter (see reply to "J.L." this week), and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable varintion from the ordinary stock mixture. As regards bringing them on to song quickly after the moult, the great "secret" is to give them plenty of best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well of it. Also put in the "sidepan" daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture, which I may modestly say is my own "patent," and will bring Finches of all kinds into singing and muling condition quicker than anything else I know: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, mustard (the golden yellow seed), niger, sesame, and thistles, one ounce each of dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "wild seed mixture," or "Tit Bit" or "Refresher," (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste—except that Goldies, for one bird, do not eat the mustard, though Linnets, etc., delight in it.

Muling Matters.

Sakubona. 1, I could have answered this much more easily if you had stated what sort of Mules you desired to breed light or dark. If the latter, then big, well-built Norwich-type hens, heavily-variegated yellows for choice, are not to be beaten. A good coloured Cinnamon hen, or Lancashire hen, or short-feathered Crest-bred hens are also excellent yellows where possible, and substance always to be kept in view. The above will suit either cock Goldfinch, Linnet, or Greenfinch. For light muling the matter is more difficult, as to "spot" likely types of hens requires an experienced eye—a certain peculiarity in colour is the pride of some fanciers, but to describe same understandably on paper is impossible. If one can get a hen or two from a known light Muling strain, then that is unquestionably the thing to do. But beware of "sib-bred" hens so often put up for sale in speciously worded advertisements. The next best hen is a pink-eyed one (probably she will have to be of Yorkshire type), and she should be a clear bred from clear stock, or at most only lightly marked. I like the underline to be clear myself. 2, I do not know of such a work. 3, Yes; a this-year Greenfinch will be quite suitable for muling purposes next spring.

About Goldfinches.

Anxious Beginner.—When I was an "anxious beginner" myself, I read all the books on the bobby I possibly could. You would be well advised to follow the same course. In the "Hardbill" section of the "British Bird Manual" (post free 1s. 1d. from this office) most of your questions respecting Goldfinches are gone into at greater length than I can possibly give to them. Why not read this book? The cage I like myself is that known in the trade as the "Finch Stock Cage," up-to-date cage-makers will supply it. It is illustrated in the above book. The breeding of Goldfinches in captivity is not at all impossible, though the uncertainty as to whether the hen will properly fulfil her maternal duties and successfully rear the young, makes it a hard feat to compass. Hand-reared birds, or birds reared under a Canary hen, would be the best to try with, though very steady cage-moulted birds would also be likely subjects. The cage should be about 36 inches long by 20 high, by 16 from back to front. As regards diet, "the proof of the pudding lies in the eating," they say, and that your diet of niger, hemp and teazle mixed in equal parts was to the liking of your Greypates is proved by the way they have thrived upon it. A very good and trustworthy mixture the above makes, too, as my own experience amply confirms. When adult, you should add some Canary seed, and a little linseed to it. For fresh-caught (especially young) birds it is best to lightly crack the hemp, and to offer a little lightly-cracked safflower seed, too.

Brevities.

Colours for Show Cages (Enquirer).—The best colour I know of for the wires and inside woodwork of the show cages for a Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, is a very pale blue. Some exhibitors use an exceptionally dark and rich green, and this answers admirably also.

Sugar for the Bird (G. D. O.).—I believe a lump of sugar between the cage wires is absolutely useless to any Goldfinch—probably to all other birds as well. Have never given it myself (modesty compels me to refrain from mentioning how many thousands of Goldies I have kept), nor do I know anyone else who recommends it. Try cuttlefish instead. Only in the song is "a little bit of sugar for the bird" a decidedly good thing.

Identity of Bird (John Appleby). — You are another bird-lover who has become the owner of a Great Tit, sometimes called the Oxeye Tit. See several replies last week.

Sex of Blackcap (J. C.).—If your Blackcap Warbler has a dense black cap, it is a cock. If the crown of the head is a rusty brown, however, it is a hen.

Parts; also Charlock Seed (J. R. B. B.). — When I speak of "parts," I always mean parts by measure—a breakfast-cup, for instance, when full, representing one part. I know of no satisfactory substitute for charlock seed. It is quite a common seed, and should be easily obtainable.

A Freak Goldfinch (A Beginner).—If the bird is genuine (and your letter leaves no doubt as to this) then it is well worth exhibiting. I know of a freak Goldfinch which had its blaze extending over the top of its head, and well down its back. A well-known Leicester fancier has it set-up. The yellow, too, ran over its wings and into the back.

Linnet Ailing (J. M. A.).—It is weakness. Feed well, on lines advised "G. C.," this week. As medicine give Parrish's Chemical Food (from any good chemist), a teaspoonful to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, in a glass or pot drinker only. Keep it up for 14 to 21 days, at least.

A Bare Place (W. Smith).—Your feeding is not good. See reply to "G. C.," this week. Anoint the bare spot twice daily (morning and evening) with a tiny smear of sulphur ointment, obtained from a good chemist. I presume you are quite sure the bird is not being pestered by red-mite?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Silverbills Bald.

N.J.H.—The birds are possibly moulting, but they are also plucking each other; put in one of your wire divisions, and keep each bird separate till the plumage is renewed. For one day make the drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts, follow this by making the water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some time. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. Catch the birds up, and rub a little clean vaseline over the bare parts, but do not grease what plumage they have. If there are any sore or raw parts, lightly anoint these with a little zinc or spermaceti ointment. Keep a little ripe apple between the bars of the cage in lieu of green-food. Keep them out of draught, but let them have a bath every other day, except during very severe weather. It is natural; you simply see the crop through the naked skin. Let them have canary, white and spray millet seeds, also if they will eat it, a little slightly damped crumbled sponge cake.

About Budgerigars.

"**Sirac.**"—(1) As your birds are indoors, it will not, of course, do to take them outside at this season, but in summer weather, during gentle showers, when they have not young to feed, run them into an all-wire cage, and place them outside. On warm, genial days spray them with a fine spray and occasionally get a tuft or two of tall grass, not using it till it has been kept indoors long enough to remove frost, then well water it with a fine-rose water can—the natural bath of the Budgerigars is taken by rolling in wet grass. (2) The greatest "tit-bit" you can offer Budgies is grass in the ear (grass in flower). Most of the birds you see so tame with the fortune tellers at street corners, have either cut or pinioned wings, but in my aviary I have had half a dozen at once on a seed pan held in the hand. (3) As it is now so late in the year, do not encourage breeding by putting up an husk, delay doing so till spring. (4) You have a true pair, the male has the cere bright blue, the female has the cere brown. No. (5) You will find "Popular Parrakeets," by Dr. W. T. Greene, and "Foreign Birds for Beginners," by myself, both to contain chapters with useful data on the breeding of these popular and pleasing birds. The two books named above are 1s. 1d. each, post free, from CAGE BIRDS office.

Troupials and Nonpariels.

E.T.J.—Amber-winged Troupial: Diet, some good soft food mixture (see advert. columns), ripe fruit, such as apple, pear, banana, orange, etc.; two or three mealworms, or other insects per bird daily, also a little seed, canary, millet, hemp and sunflower, with a leaf of tender lettuce, etc., daily. They are fond of bathing, and should have the opportunity of doing so daily. I am afraid I cannot give you an easily-recognised outward sexual distinction, but on careful comparison of adult birds you will find the bill of the male a little stouter and longer than that of the female, the area of amber or orange on the wing is also a little larger. Of course, you will readily understand that with the variation common to all species the latter feature needs a trained eye to discern, and even expert judgment does not always succeed in successfully sorting them out. Nonpariels, I presume, you mean the Painted. You cannot mistake the sexes of this species, the plumage of the female being of not nearly so rich a hue as that of the male, she also lacks the blue and vermilion areas which adorn the under parts of the male. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, oats, and paddy rice (rice in the husk), give each bird a couple of mealworms or other insects daily, also seeding grass or grass in flower, this can be procured nearly the whole of the year, from garden, hedgerow or waste land, but, of course, during the winter months it must be kept indoors long enough to remove any frost before being supplied to the birds. A little ripe apple makes a good substitution in winter when the birds will take it.

A Sick Amazon.

A.M.—I cannot at present improve upon the directions already given, but you will certainly have to modify your diet, or the bird will be ruined; tea, milk-sop, bread and butter, etc., are the worst things you can give it, and will end in the bird becoming dyspeptic, probably a confirmed feather eater, and premature death. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee ,or milk-slops, nor yet any kind of animal food. Diet: A seed mixture of canary, millet, wheat, dari, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds; continue to try it at present with a little boiled maize, it will ultimately take it, but if it eats freely of the seed mixture, it will do well enough on that alone, with a little ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a nut or two (try it with the core of a ripe apple); offer it the water as directed. If it is only a sip or two at a time that it takes, well let it be content with that, it will take it more freely, but note, do not exceed the quantity of the drugs I named. Two of them should be almost tasteless in the water in the quantities given, and if with these quantities the brandy and water smells rather strongly, put half as much water again, or even double the quantity. It will get really thirsty, and take the water freely then. As soon as the trouble yields, drop me a line, and I can then help you further.

Budgerigars and Java Sparrows.

Foreign Birds.—Note, I am assuming there is a shelter shed attached to each aviary. (1) I have no clue to your county, but I may say that all the birds you name, are successfully wintered out of doors in Middlesex, in spite of fogs, wet, and other climatic vagaries. The Budgerigars and Zebra Finches are certainly safe, but the White Javas, I think, would be better inside, especially if this is their first winter in this country. (2) Your birds are not overcrowded; in each aviary you can keep three to four pairs with fair prospects of successful breeding. (3) They should do well enough, but I should think by the introduction of two or three panes of glass into roof, or elsewhere, you could make a way for more sunlight to enter. (4) I don't like red-millet, there is more wasted than eaten, use white and spray millet, otherwise your mixture is all right. I should not trouble about their not breeding this season, they will be all the better for it, and I should say, providing sexes are equal, they will do well next season; in the spring, and also now, when you can get it free from frost, give liberal supplies of grass in the ear (grass in flower), this is their natural food, and they cannot have too much of it. Do not attempt to encourage them to breed during the winter months. Always keep up not less than double the quantity of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds.

Parrot and Its Treatment.

Hemson.—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon, very probably a young bird, and also, I think, a newly-imported one. Do not leave water in the cage at present, but offer it three or four times a day, and let it satisfy its thirst on each occasion—make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month or more. Give this bird a little boiled maize daily for a time (later, twice a week will be often enough), but as this only keeps fresh one day, it must be prepared fresh daily, and the food vessel kept very clean. For one day after you have drained all water away from the maize, soak into it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. Seed mixture: Canary, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, some of these will be taken ultimately, and if you keep some hemp and some flower seed, separate, and add a little to the tin as required. I should continue to offer fruit (ripe), only a little at a time, it will be taken ultimately. Re the seed mixture, fill its tin in the morning, and then some after midday, mix in a little more hemp and sunflower. The bird is suffering from the effects of importation. Keep it out of draught. Do not give table scraps and slops.

What Parrot is It?

Birdshall.—(1) So far as I can gather, you have a female Alexandrine Parrakeet, but of which race it is rather difficult to tell you from your incomplete description. If you could make a rough diagram of the bird, and write the colours on the various parts of the body, I could then very probably tell you the species. (2): I should certainly talk more distinctly than you indicate; talk to it and pet it. Encourage it to take "tit-bits" from your fingers; you can soon ascertain what there is it specially favours, and you can then use such as a reward and a "tit-bit." By the latter I do not mean anything it favours or asks for; you must not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. Diet: A seed mixture of canary seed, oats, wheat dari, hemp, and sunflower seed, well mix, and use this as your staple diet. Supply also daily a little ripe fruit, grit and water for drinking and bathing. Also offer as extras plain biscuits and nuts, and a little plain cake can be given and green food, such as lettuce, etc. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage, and, providing you keep the bird free from draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere, it should continue to do well.

Brevities.

What Bird is It? (Argentina).—It is either a female or miniature male, apparently a Spermophila, but what species I cannot say on sight. I have been away for the week-end, and did not get the body till to-night, when it was rather "high," but I sent it on to my taxidermist at once, and when I get it again I shall have much pleasure in searching out the species, but I shall have to ask you to wait a fortnight, or possibly three weeks. Newly-imported birds of this genus seem very susceptible to chill, and such should be carefully guarded against during their first winter in this country.

Sexing Amazon Parrots (M.A.G.).—I regret I cannot give you the distinction just on the moment of going to press, but will endeavour to do so next week. Most of the distinctions are only such by comparison; correctly sexing an odd bird is not an easy matter at any time. The upper mandible of the male has usually a longer and more extended tip than that of the female, but this again, can only be ascertained by comparison, and will not, I fear, help you much. Will try and help you further next week.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Greenfinch (A. Morris).—Congestion of liver and lungs ending in apoplexy, commonly called "severe chill."

Canary (Bertha).—Inflamed condition of liver and lungs, ending in apoplexy; indicates "Bird Fever," but as decomposition had set in and no items of duration or symptoms of illness are given, it is risky to decide. If another dies, send it without delay for further opinions.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Letter (H. W. Carrier).—We have forwarded your letter to the right quarter.

A Washing Exhibition (V. Wynn).—We much appreciate the kind tone of your letter.

Cutting (Mr. Hawkes).—We are much obliged to you, and will use if space permits.

"**Odds on Bullie**" (R. Robinson).—Very interesting; thanks for sending same along; pleased to hear from you at any time. Hope to use this contribution next week.

A Printer's Bill (Secretary).—Taking the facts you give to be correct, if you can prove them to the hilt, you certainly can counterclaim for damages with every likelihood of success—i.e., for loss of sales and omission of advertisements. In any case, you will need to put yourself in the hands of a good solicitor. You are personally liable; but all the members of committee, etc., are, in turn, liable to yourself.

Competition Indicator (P. Wilson).—The idea seems to have many good points, and we will give it consideration for next week's number. Thanks for kindness in sending it.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Buckhaven.—Nov. 21, in the Free Gardener's Hall.—Judges, Messrs. A. Leslie and J. Patterson.—34 open classes: Bord. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 8, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 7, Mule 2, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14, to J. LAWRIE, 3, Anderson Lane.

Ayr O.S. (Y.C.C. of Scot.).—Nov. 21, in the Volunteer Hall, Alloway Street, Ayr, N.B. — Judges, Messrs. J. Smellie and P. McQuiston.—27 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 2, Yorks 2, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16, to J. THOMSON, Jun., Leitchton, Holmston Road.

Perth (S.P.C., S.Y.C.C. of Scot.).—Nov. 21, in the Co-operative Hall, Canal Street.—Judges, Messrs. C. Campbell (Crests and Yorks.), A. Roberts (Nor.), D. Low and E. G. Wright (Scot Fancy), and R. V. Raine (Brit., Mules, and For.).—52 open classes: Scot. 10, Crest 7, Yorks. 2, Nor. 12, Brit. 8, Mules 3, Sell. 7, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14, to J. KERR, 6, St. Catherine's Road.

Tideswell (C.B.U.).—Nov. 14, in the Bagsbaw Hall,—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.—18 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Gift 1, Sell. 1, and 6 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 10, to BAGSHAW AND FLINT, Tideswell, near Buxton, Derbyshire.

Sunderland (C.B.U., O.N.P.C., N.N.P.C., N.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C, N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., U.K.L.S., C.C.C.).Nov. 20 and 21, in the Workman's Hall, Whitburn Street, Monkwearmouth.—Judges, Messrs. Cameron and Roe.—60 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 7, Pairs 2, Cinn. 6 and Novice 4, Bord. 7, Yorks. 6, Liz. 4, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 6 and Novice 1, For. 2, Hyde's 1, and 30 members' classes.—Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee 1/6 (Hyde's 6d.). Entries close Nov. 14, to REID AND MANNISON, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.

Cambridgeshire (C.B.U.).—Nov. 25 and 26, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. T. J. Ambrose and H. T. Camps.—20 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 1, Gift 1, For. (one day only, Nov. 25) 3, and 8 local classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 13, to W. DRIVER, 17, Sussex Street, Cambridge.

Chapel En Le Frith (C.B.U.).—Nov. 21, in the Church Schools.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin.—6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 14, to J. R. COOPER, Brookside.

Berwick (C.B.U., N.N.P.C., and B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 19, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, J. Elder, W. C. Duncan, and R. S. Bewick. 40 open classes: Scot. 8, Belg. 2, Nor. 7, Crest 4, Bord. 8, Mule 2, Sell. 2, Brit. 3, Sell. (no prize money) 1, For. 2 Hyde's 1, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 13, to SMART AND GRAY, 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth.

Worcester (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., Y.C.C. and L. and P.O.S.).—Nov. 19, in the Corn Exchange, Angel Street.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—24 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Scot. 1, Bord. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 2, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 9, to A. E. BISHOP, 14, Barry Street.

Nottingham and Notts (C.B.U., C.C.C., Cinn. C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., and L. and P.O.S.).—Nov. 14 and 16, in the Mechanics' Lecture Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves (Crests, Lancs. and Cinn.); W. Vardy (Nor., Liz. and Gift); and G. E. Weston (Brit., Hyb. and For.). 67 open classes: Nor. 11 and 2 Amateur; Crest 13 and 2 amateur; Lancs. 4, Liz. 4, Cinn. 4, Belg. 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 11, Mule 4, Pairs of Mule Breeding 1, For. 5, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-, and a host of spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 9, to G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.

Morriston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 19, in the Drill Hall, Banwell Street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. B. Evans.—43 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Bord. 7, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 5, Brit. 11, For. 1, and 2 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 12, to JEREMY AND EAST, Tan-y-lan Road.

Matlock.—Nov. 19, in the Assembly Rooms, Matlock Bridge.—Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.—6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 1, and For. 1, and 2 radius members' classes. Prizes, 10/- 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 12, to SLATER AND TURNER, Wellington Street, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Swindon (C.B.U., S.N.P.C., C.C.C., F.B.C.).—Nov. 26 and 27, in the Small Swimming Baths.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick.—55 open classes: Nor. 8, and 6 novice, Crest 4 and 1 novice, Yorks. 4 and 1 novice, Bord. 2, Lancs. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 4, Brit. 12, For. 6 and 1 Sell., 1 local and 14 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and a good list of spls. Fee 1/0. Entries close Nov. 16, to ALLSOPP AND EDMUNDS, 43, Dixon Street.

Queen's Park.—Nov. 13 and 14, at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—64 classes: Nor., Crest, Yorks., Cinn., Liz., and Mules (these classes divided into Champion, Amateur, Novice, and Purchased sections), Brit., For., and Sell. Prizes special. Entries close Nov. 9, to J. C. BIRCH, 63, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

Smethwick.—Nov. 18, in the Hill Street Schools. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison.—5 open classes: Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 11, to NORTH AND LITTLE, 20, Ballot Street.

Sidmouth (C.B.U.).—Nov. 19, in the Drill and Market Halls.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—17 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, Sell. 2, and 11 local (10-mile radius) classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/3. Entries close Nov. 12, to COLLIER AND CLONE.

Launceston.—Nov. 24, in the Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. White.—14 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 2, Crest 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 4 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 12, to W. J. PASCOE, Windmill Laundry.

Camborne (C.B.U.).—Nov. 19.—Judge, Mr. C. E. Silk.—26 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 3, Crest 4, Mules 3, Brit. 3, Sell. 3, Cinn. 1, For. 1, Pairs 1. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/3. Entries close Nov. 16 to C. J. ALLEN, Camborne.

Pathhead (Kirkcaldy).—November 21st in the Pathhead Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. T. Dewar.—22 open classes: Scot. 6, Common 1, Nor. 1, Crest 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 6, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 14th to W. R. GIBSON, 58, and 60, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.

Wharton, Winsford (C.B.U.).—November 21st in the Town Hall, Winsford.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis. —10 open classes: Brit. 5, Yorks. 2, Nor. 2. Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 14th, to R. OLLIER, 363, High Street, Winsford, Cheshire.

Dulwich, O.S. (C.B.U., C.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., and N.B.B., and M.C.).—November 24th and 25th, at the Imperial Hall.—Judge, Messrs. J. Robson, W. Mundell, G. Gardner, and W. H. Vale.—52 open classes: Nor. 7, and 4 Novice; Yorks. 7, and 4 Novice; Crest 2, and 2 Novice; Bord. 7, Dutch 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 7, Mule 4, For. 3, Sell. 3, and 36 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 17th to ROGERS AND MAZZONI, 4, Rye Villas, St. Ardans-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

Preston (C.B.U.).—November 13th and 14th, in the Assembly Room, Public Hall.—Judges, Dr. Herd and Messrs. W. Mundell and Parker Robinson.—56 open classes: Nor. 12, Crest 2, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 5, Sell. 2, Gift 1, and 11 Novice Canary classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 9th to W. H. HEATHCOTE, 119a, Fishergate.

Selby (C.B.U.).—Nov. 19, in the Armoury, Brook Street.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.—10 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 11, to J. H. DIXON, 77, Brook Street, Selby.

Cirencester (C.B.U.).—November 26th in the Bingham Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—14 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell 1, and 2 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 14th to W. G. INWARD, 3, Corin Villas.

Crook Original.—Nov. 21st in the Mechanics' Hall and Market Sale Room.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.—20 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Gift 1, Novice 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, and 5 Members' classes. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 16th to A. BOWES, 15, Wilson Street, Crook.

Herne Bay.—November 19th, at the Albany, Promenade Central.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—8 open classes: Nor. 2, Sell 1, and 28 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Entries close November 13th to W. A. HOLNESS, 26, Mortimer Street.

Hinckley (C.B.U.).—November 20th and 21st, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—20 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell 2, and 1 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/0. Entries close November 14th to W. WARNER, Upper Bond Street.

Tonbridge.—November 25th and 26th, in the Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. North.—20 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 3, Yorks. 4, Bord. 1, Liz. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, and 3 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 14th to F. J. BINGHAM, 88, Barden Road, Tonbridge

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PILEATED FINCH AND ONE OTHER.

SIR,—It may interest Mr. J. H. Verrall to know that the bird he describes is not the Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*), but *C. cristatus*. These are two totally distinct species, the only points of similarity between them being contour and crests.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

CATCHING HAWFINCHES IN WINTER.

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly give me information through your paper how to catch Hawfinches in the winter time? These I see are feeding on hawthorn berries, and are almost unapproachable, never coming on the ground. What could I use for bait, etc., and would a call-bird or brace bird be of any use?

NOVICE.

A "CONTROVERSIAL AWARD" AT ACCRINGTON SHOW.

SIR,—I read with much amazement the remarks under the above heading in "Twitterings" last week with regard to the gold medal for the best bird belonging to an amateur member of the N.P.C. at Accrington Show. There were only two birds brought out to be judged for this, and they were the 1st prize winners other than those owned by exhibitors outside the N.P.C. Of the two the winner of the medal was an easy first. My explanation to Mr. Raynes was that the winners of 2nd and 3rd prizes in the classes where a 1st had been won by non-members of the N.P.C. ought to have been brought out to compete.

A. G. DAVIS.

THE RECENT WESTON-SUPER-MARE SHOW.

SIR,—I enclose copy of a letter received from the C.B.U. representative at our late show, and I should esteem it a very great favour if you would publish same,

GEO. W. READ, Hon. Sec.
Weston-super-Mare C.B.S.

COPY.

COME TO STAY.

Mr. Read, secretary Cage Bird, etc., Show, Weston-super-Mare.

SIR,—I wish to compliment you upon the businesslike manner in which your show was conducted on Thursday last, and venture to say it was a success, considering the promptitude in payment of prize money, viz. four days. This is very encouraging to exhibitors. I was struck upon entering the hall to see such comfortable quarters for the cage birds (leaving nothing to be desired), and was very glad to see such a goodly number, especially considering the clashing and *unfair* competition you had to encounter.

T. R. IND.

A REMEDY FOR INSECTS AND MAGGOTS.

SIR,—I am sorry I did not notice A. Mallett's letter on this subject in time to reply last week. Of course, I do not in the least mind his friendly criticism of my reply to a correspondent, although I feel sure that the insects he describes are not similar to those which troubled the original querist. What I would like to point out now is a little improvement upon A. Mallett's suggested remedy. If a quarter-ounce of eucalyptus oil is added to a bowl of water, as he suggests, and the cages washed with it, there will be a most unequal distribution of the oil. This oil is peculiarly clinging and penetrating, and quite antagonistic to water. It requires very vigorous shaking to break up the oil into minute globules to cause it to be equally distributed, and even then the distribution is quite temporary and it quickly returns to float in a film on the surface of the water. No amount of stirring would mix it, so that in the suggested plan practically the whole of the oil would be used up in the first few dips of the brush or cloth. To make this plan effective the oil should first be emulsionised by thoroughly macerating it in a jelly made with soap and a little hot water, which would make the oil mix much more freely with water. Perhaps some chemist readers would give the details for making it most thoroughly mixable, though the above simple process is quite practicable for small quantities that are to be used at once. Personally, I consider this method of using eucalyptus too drastic and objectionable and should much prefer a wash with a solution of Jeyes' fluid. But that is only my opinion; others are entitled to theirs.

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THE GUARANTEEING OF PRIZE-MONEY.

SIR,—I note in several schedules received this season the statement that "full prize-money is guaranteed, no cancelling, no amalgamation." But on going through the rules I find that they state there must be 8 entries (in some cases 9), or half prize-money will be paid. I cannot see how these societies are "guaranteeing full prize money." when in such cases only paying half. I may say that our society, the Merthyr Dowlais and District F.S. (show Nov. 12th), are guarantoeing full prize money in the proper sense of the word—no half, or withholding anything.

J. H. JONES.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And what is a Tick?

SIR,—I have pleasure in accepting Mr. Woollard's assurance that he had no intention of casting a slur upon anyone when he wrote his letter, and that he "simply wrote it in a plain and common way of speaking." He says that he answered my first letter just as it appeared in print. Then why has he not answered my last letter just as it appeared, instead of misquoting me in some places, and totally ignoring the most important points in my argument? Regarding Mr. W.'s first question, I think he will remember that in one of his letters he stated that he was engaged to judge a certain show this year, and that if he was judging a clear class he would certainly handle the birds to see if they were clear or not. A subsequent letter by Mr. W. appeared to give the impression that he thought the birds should be handled first, and judged afterwards. That is why I asked Mr. Woollard if he wished us to assume that such would be the case. Personally, I don't think it is such a terrible thing to handle a bird; I have handled too many for that. As to anyone's being nervous, or afraid to handle a bird, Mr. W. knows perfectly well that this has nothing to do with the question at issue. The point is, Is it right that a man's bird should be handled at a show if the bird can be judged without handling it? I contend that it is not right. Mr. W. contends that it is. In support of my contention, and in order to do away with the handling of exhibits as far as possible, I suggested that "Clears" and "Invisible Ticks" should be allowed to compete together, seeing that in many cases they do so, whether they are allowed to or not. I further suggested that all ticked birds should show the tick when standing on the perch. Now, Sir, Mr. W. objected to these suggestions, but when I asked him to state his reasons, he simply argued on the point that a ticked bird is not a clear. Most decidedly not; nobody ever said it was. Why cannot Mr. W. understand that I never suggested that "ticked birds" should be shown in a "clear class"? My suggestion was that a class be worded "Clear or Invisible Ticks," and, this not being a clear class, it would enable both birds to compete together in an honest manner. Now, will he please give his reasons, for the benefit of the Fancy, as to why the Clears and the Invisible Ticks should not be allowed to compete together? Take a class worded "Clear or Invisible Ticks," and tell the Fancy in what way an Invisible Tick would be detrimental to a Clear, on the show bench, or vice versa. That is what we want to be at. Mr. W. says that I must think birds are "mauled" about while they are being searched for a tick. May I inform him that I have seen birds "mauled" about under such circumstances, and, further, that I have seen judges with some difficulty catching a bird even in a show cage. Mr. W. also thinks a tick can easily be found. I venture to say that the correspondence which has appeared in CAGE BIRDS from time to time proves that such is not the case; and what about the drawing which appeared in CAGE BIRDS two or three weeks ago? Why, Sir, only a short time back a letter appeared in CAGE BIRDS, over the signature of the secretary of a northern society, stating that an exhibitor had had his bird disqualified in a clear class, it being ticked, and the following week the same bird was disqualified in a ticked class because the judge could not find the tick. What has Mr. W. to say about cases like this? I happened to be present at the show where the second disqualification took place, and was present during judging. This particular bird was placed second in the prize list, but when the judge came to handle it he could not find the tick, and the bird was therefore thrown out. After the show was judged the exhibitor came into the room, and on learning that his bird had been disqualified he at once asked the judge to examine the bird again, stating that the bird had been disqualified the previous week for being thigh-ticked. The judge did as he was requested, but with the same result—he could find no tick; yet when the bird was examined during the afternoon by some of the exhibitors present, the tick was found right enough. Does Mr. W. think it right that that bird should have to be handled so much in order to find a tick, only to have it found when it was too late? And the irony of the thing was that the bird had also been placed second on the occasion of the first disqualification. Yet Mr. W. says that a bird need not turn round many times in a "show cage" before the tick can be seen. I may as well inform him at once that he is wrong in his surmise that I am a novice, and further, I have not the slightest doubt that in the course of my experience, which now extends over a good many years, I have handled and washed, both for myself and others, as many birds on a yearly average as even Mr. W. Why, Sir, many of the Northern fanciers thought Mr. W. was a novice until they read his statement in CAGE BIRDS intimating that he had to judge a show. Yet I never termed him a novice; I didn't even call him a judge, and Mr. W. will remember that it was he himself who first stated that he had to judge a certain show this year. In my last letter I stated that there are some birds which, after being handled, will make practically no attempt to plume themselves, etc. Mr. W. says that "if you watch a bird shake itself you will find that every feather goes into its place." Then he adds, "or at least they all should do; it is then or never." Exactly, they all should do, but they don't. Wasn't that my contention? Does not Mr. W. see that by adding that last sentence he has practically proved my statement right up to the hilt, and admitted that his opinion is the same as mine? Mr. W. also says that I admit that birds with very dark underflue should be shown in ticked classes. Now, Sir, Mr. W. knows perfectly well that I don't admit anything of the sort. It is simply another little trick of his, misquoting me to suit his own purpose. What I stated was "these are the birds which are shown in the ticked classes, because there are too many dark feathers to pull out without the fear of detection." Mr. W. will see that there is a vast difference between the meaning of the two words "should" and "are." It is quite plain if you will only take it in the correct way. Mr. W. lays great stress upon a clear bird being a bird that has reached perfection. Then how does he explain away the fact that even the leading specialist clubs allow a bird with a streaked beak or streaked legs to compete in a clear class? In the opinion of many fanciers a bird with a streaked beak or streaked legs is no more a clear bird than a bird is that has a dark feather on the thigh. Even Mr. W. admits this, for he has stated that a clear bird should be clear all through. The very fact that the markings on this bird's beak or legs tell against it, according to their extent, makes it obviously unfair to the bird when competing in a clear class; but it is doubly unfair if it should be competing against birds which have no right to be in the clear class, viz., invisible ticked birds which, for obvious reasons, have managed to get through. I trust Mr. W. will follow my meaning. Then why not word the class "Clear or Invisible Tick"? This would give an invisible ticked bird a perfect right to be shown along with birds which at present it is often shown against, without any right at all, and at the same time it would put the bird with the streaked beak or legs upon a more equal footing in the same class; for the judge would know that there were probably both clear and invisible ticks in the class, and would therefore be more inclined to judge them on equal merits; the stipulation that points be deducted according to the extent of the markings of the beak or legs would then be removed. Does Mr. W. think that this would encourage the breeding of birds with dark beaks and legs? I don't think so. Even if it did, this could easily be remedied by the Specialist Clubs classifying a bird with a dark beak or legs as a "Visible Ticked bird." Personally, however, I do not think that any particular wording of classes will interfere in any way with the methods of breeding, or the methods of pairing up the birds. In the latter part of his letter Mr. W. appears to have got a trifle mixed up. He says he will be pleased to show how he can back his opinion up; I venture to think that after they have read the latter portion of Mr. W.'s letter the majority of fanciers will say he is merely backing my opinion, instead of his own. Now, Sir, Mr. W. may take it from me I am not prejudiced. I have nothing to gain by suggesting that classes should be worded "clear or invisible ticked." My suggestion was made because I thought it would be to the benefit of fanciers to have the classes worded so, and Mr. W. has yet to show us how such a suggestion would be detrimental to the Fancy. But when you begin, Mr. Woollard, for goodness' sake keep to the point, and avoid the little personal sarcasms. Please recognise the fact, as I do, that the Fancy in general does not care one iota who or what either Mr. Reid or Mr. Woollard is, and also remember that you cannot expect to rub a man the wrong way and not have the compliment (?) returned.

W. REID.

(The above has been unavoidably held over.—Ed.)

BEGINNERS read THE ANNUAL.

A QUESTION ABOUT MEAT-MEAL.

SIR,—Would Mr. T. Androws, who replies to "Constant Reader," please inform me through CAGE BIRDS what is game meal? A number of fanciers I know are very interested on this point. Is it given as bought or should it be moistened in any way? I have enquired for it at many places here, and have also sent to England for it. I have got dog biscuits ground. Is this the article referred to?

Renfrewshire. T. R. DARGIE.

THE ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK.

SIR,—In your issue of October 24th, Mr. J. H. Verrall draws attention to an oversight on my part in my article on Housing and Keeping, etc., for which I beg to tender him my best thanks. While it is many years since this species has been obtainable, mere stray specimens leaking through have been rare indeed, though many years ago many aviculturists and fanciers possessed it. In writing the MSS. in some (to me incomprehensible) way, I must have mixed two species, or sheets of MSS. The late Herr Wiener possessed this species, and about five years ago I had quite a correspondence with him concerning it. I also noted in "Bird Notes," September, 1907, a pair (obtained by exchange) among the new arrivals at the Zoo. So that while I am really mystified as to how the mis-statement has come about, I beg to tender your readers my apologies for same.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

THE FEEDING OF BRITISH SOFT-BILLS AT SHOWS.

SIR,—In respect of Mr. Birchley's letter re food for softbills at shows, I think Mr. B will be satisfied with the treatment his birds had at Gloucester Show, and also those others who sent foreign birds that required soft food and fruit. It would help the committee very much if exhibitors of foreign birds would say what seed or food the specimens will eat. I notice one exhibitor of three foreign birds very kindly sent soft food, mealworms and bananas, which were given them as per instructions on boxes. At Gloucester Show we guarantee their getting the best of attention.

GEO. S. CLOSS.

SIR,—I should like to endorse Mr. Birchley's remarks of last week. I have myself been treated in the same manner, or rather more unfortunately. Since my last exhibit, a Lesser Whitethroat, shown at Cambridge, I found dead upon its arrival home, with not a particle of food to be found in the cage. I put as much food as is necessary for two or three days in the cage, and we cannot do more. Again, why cannot committees send the birds overnight so that (in most cases) we should receive same in the early morning? Otherwise it entails repeated walks to the station. It is most disappointing when one spends much time and money in getting these tender birds ready for exhibition that they are treated as in the case of Mr. Birchley's and myself. I feel now rather chary about sending out others. I hope Mr. B.'s two birds have by now quite recovered.

EXPOSITOR.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF SHOWS.

A Point for Officials to Note.

SIR,—You must ask a policeman if you don't know your way to a show. Such was the picture on page 248 of CAGE BIRDS. That reminds me, Mr. Editor, that if secretaries would advertise the place or street as well as the town where their respective shows are being held, it would save time, and the policy would be a good one. In these days of keen competition, these things should stand out prominently—that is the time and place; if you want to make a show pay, get it well advertised. Two years ago I though I should like to visit Sheffield Show, and I left by the 1.20 train, arriving in Sheffield 2.15. All that was advertised in CAGE BIRDS was "Temperance Hall"; no street was named. I took a tram from the Midland Station to the bottom of the market. "Can you tell me where the Temperance Hall is," I inquired of an old man at the tram points. He studied a bit. "I can't, sir; but ask that policeman yonder." So I went up to this gentleman (he happened to be a sergeant). He confessed he had seen it somewhere, but could not tell me the street. Well, I thought, this is a pretty go; 20s. to spend on a Norwich hen, and half the daylight gone in seeking the show! Then, again, the Huddersfield fanciers grumbled in CAGE BIRDS because they had a poor attendance. Speaking for myself, I was absent simply because I did not know where their show was being held. The same thing happened at Leeds. I had to trapse right down from the Midland Station to the bottom of the bird market to ask where the show was being held! This sort of thing is a mistake, and I hope secretaries will kindly oblige by stating the place and street. Also a few posters, or a good sandwich-man would help the door money. Get the people in, then you sell your programmes, and then they may buy something else.

PRINTER'S INK.

A LEGAL POINT CONCERNING BIRD-CATCHING.

SIR,—If I got permission from the owner to catch birds on his land, could the police stop me? If not, could they stop me carrying nets and birds on the highway to and from my house and the place where I set the nets?

BIRD CATCHER.

The above letter we submitted to our legal expert, and his reply is as follows:—

Bird Catcher.—(1) The landowner's permission is of no avail as regards birds that are protected by statute. If the authorities protect certain birds nothing that the landowner can do affects the illegality of catching them The police could, therefore, stop you notwithstanding his permission. (2) If the catching or the possession of the birds is not prohibited by the authority, you are at liberty to walk along the roads with your birds and your nets, and the police cannot interfere with you. It is otherwise, of course, if the birds are protected.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR EXPERIENCED CATCHERS.

SIR,—In answer to "Amateur" *re* nets, the best plan is to line the nets up ten yards in length and five feet wide if required for Goldfinches, as thistles and teazles are required under the nets to induce them to pitch. This will allow a good bag of 1 ft. 9 inches. If intended for Linnets, 6 feet wide is a good fly, as only runner and flirt birds are needed under the nets. This will allow a 9-inch bag. Always allow the bag from the sides and not from the ends. The poles or staffs must be of the same length as the width of the net—5 ft. or 6 ft. as required. Deal with a straight grain is very good, and measuring about 1 inch diameter at one end, and about ⅝ inch at the other for the outlines. Olive green, cotton dye, or logwood chips will do well to dye the nets with. I get my pull-lines from a rope factory—three-strand cord very thin and about 150 yards of it, which costs 1s. 4d. Make your own seed mill as I do. J. ASPLIN.

BULLFINCH HENS AT THE GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

SIR,—If Mr. Brown had thought for a moment, he would have hesitated about launching at the last moment the intimation (see last week's "Twitterings") that foreign Bullfinch Hens are to be debarred from competition at the show on 13th November, and I ask through our columns upon whose authority he gave the announcement. I know it was not by authority of the members. This society's committee take far too much upon themselves, and they have gone a bit too far in shearing the Bullfinches of birds of quality. It is the outcome of a select few taking exception to the quality birds beating the Wee Britishers that are wrecking the Hybrid classes. I say it is unfair to exclude the Bullfinch that gives birth to the most noble Hybrid. My protest is too late, but it is fully warranted. Stick to the schedule, and be fair to the Bullfinch. Placing British and foreign alternately is fair play.

WILD BIRD EXHIBITOR.

BACON BEETLES FOR SOFTBILLS.

SIR,—Your correspondent who asks for information on this subject might have been reading some of the impracticable advice which is often circulated in some sections of the Press, and which would be amusing to an old practical fancier, were it not that it is taken seriously by the too easily misled novice. In the so-called "good old days," when our forefathers lived on the land, and every cottager grew his own yearly supply of bacon, the bacon beetle would be a little better known than now. But even in those days I doubt if anyone would be able to collect sufficient to keep a Wren, for the simple reason that it, with its larvæ, was a nasty pest, and would be no more favoured by the owner of the bacon than the blowfly and its maggot would be appreciated in a joint of meat to-day. Therefore, your correspondent will readily understand why his enquiries of grocers, etc., fell flat; though I suspect it is doubtful if the pest really exists in numbers anywhere under our modern hygienic conditions. To come to the point of identity, the bacon beetle belongs to the family *Dermestidae*, comprising the genera *Byturus*, of which we have two species, both very minute beetles, mostly inhabiting flowers, where the larvæ feed on dead animal substances. The larvæ are the tiny whitish worms found very frequently in raspberries and blackberries. The *Dermestes*, of which also we have two species, *D. vulpinus* and *D. lardarius*. The latter is the true bacon beetle, and is often found in larders where bacon is stored for a length of time. It is, however, rather local in occurrence. It attacks and feeds upon any kind of dried meat, bacon, fur, or hides, and is often destructive to natural history specimens in museums. The genus *Attagenus*, of which we have one species, *pellio*, which are found on flowers, and feed upon the petals, but are also destructive to furs, causing the hair to come off in patches. Lastly, we have the genus *Anthrenus*, comprising the species *scrophulariae*, *pimpinellae*, and *muscorum*. The first is found on umbelliferous flowers and in collections of insects; the second in flowers and old birds' nests, and is said to be common on the Continent, but rare in England. Both species feed on animal substances The last-named is also known as the museum beetle, and is common on flowers in the spring, but, again, they feed on animal substances, and the larvæ are apt to prove very troublesome in natural history collections, where they play havoc amongst insect specimens in particular. In all cases the beetles and their larvæ are very small, and in the majority of cases quite minute in size, so that the collection of them for an appreciable portion of softbills' diet, except to someone exceptionally well placed in a combination of favourable circumstances, is scarcely practicable. When they can be obtained, they are doubtless a very welcome change. CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE SAID-TO-BE CHAFFINCH-CANARY HYBRID.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Andrews, I think he, as the exhibitor of the bird, is the proper person to give the parentage and all particulars he can. He surely would not have purchased such a "rarity" only on account of its plumage. There are many persons who think that if a bird possesses unusual coloured feathers, such a bird must be a Hybrid. I have had in my hands a clear yellow Chaffinch, and I believe that Mr. Lowne, of Yarmouth, has seen several variegated Chaffinches. This is my answer to his first question. To his second question I may say that I consider it quite the correct thing to open the eyes of those persons who do not know, and also to give the exhibitors of genuine Mules and Hybrids a chance to settle the doubt, as to whether it is only a rare-feathered British bird (probably caught wild) which is taking prizes in a class for Hybrids only. In my opinion there never will be a Mule from a Chaffinch and a Canary until some one has succeeded in obtaining eggs from Canaries of similiar colour and markings to Chaffinch eggs, and also educated Canaries to catch white butterflies and other flying insects and eat them as if to the nature born.

J. H. VERRALL.

THE JUDGING AT SCOTTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Mr. D. S. Gowans' remarks with regard to the judging of Norwich Plainheads at a recent show in Glasgow are childish in the extreme. It is most amusing to hear this Mr. Gowans giving instructions to men who have been honourably connected with the Fancy for upwards of twenty-five years. It is very often the case that a judge has to converse with his steward. For instance, we have Buff birds shown as Yellows, and Yellows as Buffs; then again, many a Ticked bird has been proved to be a Variegated. Now, a judge would converse with his steward on such occasions. Say this happened at this recent show in Glasgow. Mr. D. S. Gowans infers that the judge and steward were working hand in hand. This is a serious charge, Mr. Gowans. There is only one saving clause in your letter, or I am afraid you might make the acqnaintance of a Dundee and a Glasgow solicitor. Further, this clause, so carefully planned, I am certain is the work of a "clique," and not of Mr D. S. Gowans. Might I ask what the steward was to gain by conversing with the judge, as he was not an exhibitor in any one section of the show? By way of consoling Mr. Gowans I may say that many a bird is well forward in the prize list at one show, and fails to get in the tickets at the next.

A STEWARD AT A RECENT GLASGOW SHOW.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

CAGE BIRDS is a very good paper. I have had much benefit from it; also from "House's Canary Manual." "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and "Cage Birds Annual." I have Roller Canaries, in all seven birds, some of which I bred from this year.—H. KEIGHTLEY (Malmo, Sweden).

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THE SHOWS.

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WOLVERHAMPTON.

The Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S. held their second annual show in the Co-operative Hall, on 29th and 30th October. There was a magnificent entry, totalling close upon 500 birds, and very few classes were cancelled. The entry in the Norwich section was very large, there being 150 in eight classes. Two sets of winners could have been picked in most of the classes, some tip-top specimens being right out of the cards. The Unflighted Buff, which created some sensation at Longton, and changed hands at a high figure, stood cardless in its class. The hall is a splendid one for the purpose, being well lighted, and having good high lights, besides being illuminated wth electric light in the evening. We believe the entry was a record for the Midlands. Mr. Howes, the courteous and energetic Secretary, had matters well in hand, and literature from CAGE BIRDS was much in evidence. Mr. J. Robson judged all the classes, except the Rollers, which were judged by Mr. F. A. Lester.

The Canary Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Cooper, good size, hot colour, grand head and neck, some thought lucky to win; 2, Blackhurst, lovely type throughout, good head and neck, nice depth through, short tail and flights; 3, vhc, Jeffs, beautiful bird of correct type, short all over, nice head, neck, and back; 4, Bevan, another good one, nice cobby bird, lacking somewhat substance of 2 and 3; hc, Coventry; c, Bowyer. BUFF (12): 1, Cooper, nice size, well cut out, full of type and quality, gets well over perch, well shown; 2, Coventry, another good one, very close up, nice cobby bird, lacking a little of the finish of winner; 3, Wootton, nice bird of right stamp, not much to choose between these three, just a shade long in tail; 4, hc, Bowyer, 4 hot colour, splendid type and feather, nice typical exhibit; vhc, Hall; c, Emery TKD., ETC. (21): A very hot class: 1, hc, Adnitt and Driver, 1 an almost 4-pointed yell., beautiful type and quality, well over perch, shown in grand form; 2, Cooper, wing mkd. buff, good size and type, very short and cobby, pressed first very hard; 3, Hathaway, varieg. yell., good bird, lacking the depth through of leaders; 4, Hall, wing mkd. yell., short wings and tail, A1 quality; vhc, Emery; c, Weaver. HEN, CL., ETC. (23): 1, Adnitt and Driver, yell., lovely shape, good all over, lovely feather, staged to perfection; 2, Davies, another yell., very little behind leader, rare shape and feather, hardly so good in head, not quite ready; 3, Jeffs, beautiful buff, A1 shape and quality, nice thick set body, good substance and style; 4, Hall, nice hen of equal quality with leaders, but just shade longer than those in front; vhc, Blackhurst; hc, Bellamy; c, Hatton. YELL. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Emery, lovely hird, hot colour, sound type and quality, wonderful substance; 2, Pepper, another good one, shade larger, good shape, grand quality feather; 3, Blackhurst, nice typical bird, teeming with quality, not quite the substance of leaders; 4, Yates, short thick-set exhibit, extra good type, nice wings, short tail; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, c, Hall; c, Bowyer. BUFF (24): 1, Bellamy, a gem for type and quality, beautiful cobby bird, grand substance, short wings and tail; 2, Howe, another beauty, lovely shape and quality, little rough on left thigh when we saw it; 3, Emery, nice bird, good back, wings, and tail, lacks substance of leaders; 4, Blackhurst, another good bird, with same fault as third; vhc, Cooper; hc, Bott; c, Lawrence. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Hall, charming buff, model for type and quality, beautiful head, neck, and back, wins well; 2, 4, Weaver, 2 another good buff, nicely frosted, good type and quality, just lacking the substance of winner, 4 varieg. buff, nice cobby build, good shape and quality; 3, Wootton, grand yell., A1 shape and quality, extra short in tails and flights, pressed hard; vhc, Cooper; hc, Bowyer; c, Adnitt and Driver. HEAVILY VARIEG., ETC. (12): 1, Broadhurst, varieg. yell., grand type and quality, nice, thick-set bird, gets well over perch; 2, Mason, buff, capital shape and size, good wings and back, not quite the bloom of winner; 3, Hall, another buff, good shape and quality, rather long behind; 4, Blackhurst, yell. varieg., nice short wings and tail, good head, back and wings; vhc, c, Bowyer; hc, c, Willoughby. (30/-) LIMIT: 1, Hall; 2, Weaver; 3, Broadhurst; 4, Yates; vhc, (no name); hc, Silver. NOVICE NOR. (12): 1, (no name), yell., good colour, fine head and neck, could do with more substance, perhaps; 2, Derry, buff, nice wings and tail, fails in head to winner; 3, Gibbons, buff, good colour, nice type and quality; 4, Mann, moderately good yell.; vhc, c, Adkins; hc, Christian. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Howes, leader mkd. bird, stood 2nd at Leamington, grand length, good-sided bird, would not get up when we saw it, 3 saddle-mkd., good quality, stand and feather, fails in shape to winner, 4 another lengthy bird, bit low in skull; 2, vhc, Burke, 2 cl. not yet quite ready, grand quality and position; hc, Hawley; c, Allen. BUFF (9): 1, Mole, cl. buff, Leamington winner, beautiful quality, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, comfortable win; 2, c, Burke, mkd. on head, grand length and position, bit heavy at waist; 3, Smith, some preferred for 2nd, lovely quality, grand length of side, nicely shown; 4, Howes, good position and quality, grand length; vhc, Williams; hc, Allen. HEN (13): 1, Wright, yell., grand position and quality, nicely moulded, very leggy; 2, Williams, Cinn. mkd. buff, nice salmon shade, lovely quality; 3, Paddock, cl. buff, feathered like wax, pale in colour, beautiful head, neck, and sides, presses closely; 4, Brotherhood, nice, slim yell., good back and wings, runs shade thin in neck; vhc, Millincamp; hc, Hawley; c, Sutton. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Millincamp, varieg., great length, good sides, back, and wings, gets well up; 2, Hawes, cap mkd., good length and position, nice back and wings, bit broken in gullet; 3, Weeks, eye and wing mkd., some thought should have given way to next; 4, Burke, grand, lengthy bird, nice head and neck, good back, wings, and tail, gets well up; vhc, Paddock; hc, Rayhould; c, Brotherhood. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Howes, 1 mkd. wing and neck, good length and quality, rather bulky at waist; 2, Sturges, good, all-round bird, cl., nice head and neck, well wrapped wings and tail, could do with shade more position; 3, Paddock, cl., good length and quality, well up on leg, nice, long sides; 4, hc, Williams, another good one, nice head and neck, stands well; c, Fallows. (20/-) LIMIT (10): 1, vhc, Millincamp, good, short-feathered buff, quickly claimed; 2, 3, Howes; 4, c, Weeks; hc, Hawley. YORKS NOVICE (10): 1, 2, 4, Millincamp, 1 yell., good type and quality, grand style and position, 2 varieg. yell. good quality and position, runs thin in neck, 4 wing mkd. yell., good length, very rough in feather; 3, Collier, cl. buff, grand length and position, lovely quality feather, showing nice frosting; vhc, Leeding; hc, Palmer; c, Cockton. BORD. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Williams, 1 eye mkd., lovely quality feather, nice shape, handles well, 4 cap and saddle mkd., feathered like wax, just a shade on heavy side; 2, Wilkinson, varieg., nice shape and quality, not quite the finish of winner; 3, Edwards, nicely-feathered, of right stamp; vhc, hc, Blackshaw; c, Hancocks. HEN (6): 1, Bopgood, varieg. buff, taking dumeel, grand figure, feathered like a Java; 2, Wilkinson, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand feather and style, not so neat in shape as winner; 3, 4, Blackshaw, 3 buff typical shape, lovely quality feather, 4 yell., nice shape and quality, shade too much thigh; vhc, he, Hancocks. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Gilbert, two even-marked Nor. buff and yell., in order named, 1 nice, cobby bird, lovely quality, nice, short wings, flights, and tail, well over perch, 3 eye marks, shade heavy, nice Bullfinch type, grand quality; 2, Fallows, Cinn., good bird; 4, Lawrence, even mkd. buff Nor., good one, nice head and neck, short, cobby. CAN. BELL. (21/-) (8): 1, Yates, Cinn., good shape and colour; 2, (no name); 3, Beard; 4, Sedgwick; vhc, Russell; hc, Midwinter; c, Wright. (10/6: 1, Midwinter, Green C.B., cheap bird; 2, Davies; 3, Wootton; 4, Pitchford; vhc, Weaver; hc, Weeks; c, Ellson.

The Roller Canary Classes.

This section proved a very interesting one, although some of the exhibits were not quite up to contest pitch, owing to the unreadiness of the birds so early on in the season. Entries totalled 60, and by the enthusiasm shown, it proves that the Rollers have come to stay in Wolverhampton. Another feature was the absence of imported birds in the awards; we think we are right in saying that all the prizes but one (3rd) went to birds bred in England, which must be very encouraging for the British breeders of Rollers. The most interesting class was class 35—young birds wearing 1908 closed rings. Twenty-one birds passed the judge, Mr. F. A. Lester.

CLASS 35: 1, 2, vhc, spl, Whittaker, three very nice birds, which gave promise to be heard of later; 3, Wilsdon; 4, Willows; hc, Harper; c, Whittlestone. CLASS 36 (23), included some old favourites: 1, Wilsdon, one of this fancier's stars, which took same prize 12 months ago; 2, Whittaker, full of song, which found plenty of favour; 3, Healing, we believe had same position at the late Palace show; 4, Wareing; vhc, Turpin; hc, Burton; c, Banks. CL. 37 (8):: 1, 4, Whittaker; 2, Jacquemin; 3, Whittlestone. Two classes were provided for members only, but owing to their being included in the (20/-) limit (which was a great disappointment to some), they did not come up so well. However, in Class 48, young birds, we saw six: 1st, spl, Willows; 2, spl, Wakeham; 3, hc, Bird; 4, Jacquemin. In class 49 we saw 11. It contained some cheap birds at the Limit price: 1, hc, Jacquemin; 2, Crowson; 3, Wakeham; 4, Cadman; vhc, c, Bird.

The Remaining Classes.

CL., ETC., CAN. MULE (except Bullfinch) (8): 1, Gilbert, almost cl. Goldfinch, in lovely trim, good blaze, grand quality; 2, hc, Callear, same cross, wing mkd., lovely quality, nice feather; 3, 4, Lees, noted yell., even wing mkd., grand colour and quality, followed by lightly mkd. Linnet-Canary in fine trim; vhc, Lawrence; c, Pitchford. DARK (8): 1, Hingley, Redpoll, shows cross distinctly, beautiful exhibit, well staged; 2, c, Tonks, yell. Goldfinch, lovely quality, rich colour, beautiful bloom, staged to perfection; 3, Williams, yell. Linnet, of good size and colour; 4, Lees, Greenfinch, buff, well staged; vhc, Callear; hc, Osborne. HYB. (including Canary-Bullfinch) (10), a very hot class: 1, 3, Ward, leading Redpoll-Bullie, greatly improved in colour since we last saw it, grand cap and wings, 3rd Linnet-Bullie, good size, splendid colour; 2, vhc, Gilbert, 2 Redpoll-Goldie, nice blaze, distinct lacing, vhc, Canary-Bullie, splendid size and colour, bit loose in feather; 4, Callear, grand size Goldie-Bullie, nice face and quality, drops one wing; hc, c, Tonks, former Goldie-Bullie, beautiful blaze and markings. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Mole, Bullfinch, grand cap, lovely breast-colour, good size, A1 feather, well staged; 2, Yorks, Goldfinch, nice exhibit, good face, and buttons in fine bloom; 3, c, Osborne, Goldfinch, fine rich blaze, nice body colour, shown well; 4, hc, Tonks, Goldfinch, richly tanned, good square blaze, but not yet at its best; vhc, Barrett. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Tonks, Redpoll, beauty, wonderful colour and lacing; 2, Osborne, Lesser Redpoll, good colour and markings, well staged; 4, Tams, Linnet, nice size, rich lacing; vhc, Reeves. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, hc, c, Osborne, 1 Bramblefinch, grand size, rich colour and spangling; 2, Lawrence, Hawfinch, feathered to perfection, grand head and bib, well staged; 3, Bowley, Chaffinch, grand, rich colourings, nicely barred, in fine feather; 4, Millincamp, good Greenfinch, shade pale in colour; vhc, Crundell. SOFTBILL (10): 1, hc, Williams, 1 Chough, well-known, in faultless condition; 2, 4, Hingley, 2 Wryneck, well staged, in spotless condition, 4, Nightingale, well staged, steady as possible; 3, Mort, Thrush, in fine feather, good breast markings; vhc, Souls, Skylark, bred in captivity, a lovely exhibit; c, Souls. FOR. (11): 1, Williams, Toucan in fine feather, greatly admired; 2, Fallows, Pope Cardinals, not yet quite ready; 3, Hingley, black-headed Gouldian, in fine condition; 4, Blood, ring-necked Parrakeet, in lovely feather; vhc, Green, hc, c, Jones. GIFT (2): 3, vhc, Blagg, Nor. MEMBERS' NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Weaver, leader yell., good head and neck, cobby body, short tail, 2 Buff of similar build; 3, vhc, Willoughby, varieg. buff, good type and quality; 4, Garfield. HEN: 1, 4, Willoughby, very nice buff hen, good type, nice, short flights and tail, fine quality feather, 4 heavy mkd.; 2, Weaver, yell., good size and quality; 3, Gibbons, varieg. buff, good type. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Willoughby, leader good cobby buff, nice type and feather, followed by similar bird; 3, vhc, Weaver, varieg., good size and quality; 4, Smith, yell., fair shape; hc, Garfield. YORKS. CK.: Cancelled. HEN: 1, 2, Leeding, 1 mkd. yell., a little thin in neck, 2 larger but somewhat coarse as yet; 3, Bryan, buff. UNFLIG.: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Weaver, Cinn. and green Nor., both good type and quality. MULE: 1, Osborne, dark Goldie Can.; 2, Bird, Goldie-Can. BRIT.: 1, Barrett; 2, Osborne. SELL. (5/-): 1, Willoughby; 2, Weaver.

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DYSART.

This go ahead society held their fourth annual exhibition in the Normand Memorial Hall, on Oct. 31st. Arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Jas. Logan, the secretary, who proved himself to be in every way capable in the many duties attached to his office, and everything went off with a smoothness which must have been very gratifying. The president, Mr. D. Walker, and his band of willing workers gave every assistance, and the result was a great improvement on former years. Entries were a little short of last year's total, 500, but what was lacking in numbers was fully made up for in quality, which was of a high order. Scotch Fancies were a good lot all through. Mr. Thomson's clear yellow cock, and Mr. Gibson's buff piebald hen were the outstanding specimens in this section. Border Fancies contained some teasers, the winner of the B.F.C.C. Medal turning up in the uneven buff cock exhibited by Jas. Pattison (Chirnside), after a stiff tussle with Messrs. Thomson's Ticked Buff. Norwich Plainheads, although fewer than last year, were of good standard all through. The two S.F.C. Medals were cleverly captured by Unlighted birds, Mr. Holmes' Buff cock and Mr. Smeaton's Yellow hen both being of exceptional merit. In the Mule Section Mr. Arrighi held a whip hand, while the honours in the British Section were well divided. Crests were a good lot, Messrs. W. M. Reid and Shillinglaw sharing principal honours. Judges: Scotch Fancies, Mr. M'Swinton (Methil); Border Fancies, Mr. McAdam (Lasswade); Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow). The show was well patronised by visitors, and we trust to hear of it as a financial success.

The Scotch and Border Fancy Sections.

SCOT. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Thomson, rare size, grand top end, splendid action, decided drive, wins well; 2, Leslie, nice size, fine head and neck, failing in shoulder to winner; 3, Wilson and Campbell, well filled in shoulders and wings, works well, lacking in size; 4, 5, Wallace; 6, Melville. HEN (5): 1, Stewart, nice size and depth; 2, Buchan, fine droop, quick in action, could do with more size; 3, Wallace, good hen, nice action, well placed; 4, Barrie; 5, Cairns. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Nairn, good drive, neat head, shade on small side; 2, Thomson, nice style, well set-up shoulders, good wing carriage; 3, Wallace, nice stamp, lacks the style of leaders. HEN (5): 1, Gillies, nice size, good drive, plenty of wing; 2, Wilson and Campbell, good bird all over, but badly staged; 3, Stewart, better condition than former, nice action, hardly the depth of leaders; 4, Nairn; 5, Wilkie. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (4): 1, Cairns, splendid size and action, neat head, and fine long neck, wins well; 2, Buchan, also good size, grand shoulders and wings, not so quick into position as winner; 3, Nairn, very fair top end, nice style; 4, Davidson. HEN (4): 1, Cowen, very sweetly got up lady, fine reach, very neat head and wings, hardly finished moulting, will improve; 2, Thomson, nice stamp, takes nice position, wants a bit more substance; 3, T. Auchterlonie, fine nervy bird, splendid drive, very quick in action, sweet exhibit; 4, Gibson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Beattie; 3, great substance, well set up, nicely carried wings and tail, neat head, fine long reach, a gem; 2, lighter got up, but takes good position, nice wings and tail; 3, Leslie, plain on top, some thought might have changed places with next; 4, Auchterlonie, beautiful quality feather, full of nerve, splendid action, good one; 5, T. Braid. HEN (11): 1, Gibson, gem of the first water, very large, with plenty of thickness, well filled in shoulders, fine long wings and tail, well carried; 2, Leslie, lacking in style to winner, neat head and neck; 3, Auchterlonie, very neat all round, little between them; 4, Gillies; 5, Cairns; 6, Eagle and Sons. SELL. CK., LIMIT (£1) (9): 1, Duncan; 2, T. Braid; 3, Cowen; 4, Hutton; 5, McAdam; 6, Barrie. HEN (£1) (5): 1, Auchterlonie; 2, Gibson; 3, Beattie; 4, McAdam; 5, Barrie. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Craig, nice type, excels in front, fine feather, drops wings at times; 2, Braid, very smart exhibit, lighter build, beautiful wing-carriage, presses hard; 3, Kilpatrick, eye ticked, nice type and quality, well placed; 4, Bickerstaff; 5, Patterson; 6, Hutchison. HEN (10): 1, Anderson, sweet little Border, very typical, put down in grand bloom; 2, Craig, stouter built, grand condition, little unsteady at times; 3, Smart, rare type and quality, put down in fine form, presses hard; 4, Walker; 5, Spence; 6, Peters. BUFF CK. (15): 1, A. and J. Thomson, hard to find fault with, feathered like a Java, youngster with a future of promise, runner up for medal; 2, Cargill, another grand specimen, put down in faultless trim, follows well; 3, Harris, very good model, fine condition, well placed; 4, Braid; 5, Walker; 6, Alexander, a grand class. HEN (14): 1, Alexander, very neat and typical, beautiful feather, well-carried wings; 2, Anderson, fine quality, jaunty carriage, presses hard; 3, Craig, nice shape and close feather, fails in wing carriage; 4, Braid; 5, Duff; 6, Patterson. EVEN MKD. CK. (3): 1, Alexander, buff, beautiful feather, very typical, wins; 2, Robertson, fine quality bird, fails a little in type to winner; 3, Peters, would be the better for a wash. HEN (3): 1, Walker, grand type four-pointed yell., well balanced markings, good shape, feather of excellent quality; 2, Aitchison, four-pointed buff, good quality, but very dirty; 3, Shoolbread, mkd. cap wings and tail, ought this not to have been marked W.C.? UNEVEN, ETC., CK. (10): 1 and B.F.C.C. medal, Patterson, best uneven mk. seen for some time, perfect model feather, shining like silk, a popular win; 2, Harper, very typical, but has met its match to-day; 3, Craig, very little difference, fine type, staged in grand form; 4, Braid; 5, Thomson; 6, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Anderson, very sweet damsel, nice carriage, very close in feather, wins; 2, Craig, grand stamp of a hen, fine front, nice wings and tail, follows well; 3, Thomson, yell., not far behind, jaunty carriage, in rare bloom; 4, Alexander; 5, Patterson; 6, Braid. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Thomson, nice rich even tone of colour, fine pencillings, wins; 2, Lambie, nice type and colour. SELL. (10s.) (10): 1, Baird; 2, Harper; 3, Smart; 4, Bickerstaff; 5, Lambie; 6, Kerr. A.O.V. CAN. cancelled. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, Macgregor, we made out to be a pair of second rate Borders; 3, Lambie; 4, Murray; 5, Kerr; 6, Storrar, a very unsatisfactory class to judge.

The Remaining Canary Sections.

CREST CK. (6): 1, 3, Reid; 1, fine, broad leafy feather, good centre, wins; 3, same as former, but fails in density of Crest feather; 2, Shillinglaw, very neat Crest, good droop, well placed; 4, Robertson; 5, Watt; 6, McNaughton. HEN: 1, Watt, fine formation of coat, extra good centre, wants time to finish; 2, Reid, neat Crest, but shorter than winner; 3, Arnott, good Crest properties, nice quality, might have gone up one, some thought; 4, Brown; 5, Reid; 6, Buchanan C.B. CK. (13): 1, Watt, grand cushion, fine entrance, well lashed, big one; 2, Arnott, Green, hardly so good at entrance, good lashing, and plenty substance and feather; 3, Robertson, fine size, fails in lashing only; 4, Reid; 5, Sharp; 6, Low. HEN (8): 1, Shillinglaw, fine size, good entrance; 2, Watt, nice stamp, very little behind; 3, Buchanan, very fair stamp; 4, Robertson; 5, Reid; 6, Low. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, Sharp; 2, Shillinglaw; 3, Brown; 4, Arnott; 5, Reid; 6, Low. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Holmes, fine stamp of a Nor., great size and style, cobby build, hot colour; 2, Thomson, not the size of winner, but nice type and quality; 3, Steele, good stamp, little open in front; 4, Chalmers; 5, Malloch; 6, Carson. HEN (3): 1, Martin, nice exhibit, good head, well staged; 2, Chalmers, fine feather and colour, fails in substance to winner; 3, Traill, good type and quality, badly staged. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Allan, splendid type and colour, fine quality of feather, just inclined to brow a little; 2, Chalmers, fails in colour, longer in barrel, good quality; 3, Smeaton, typical Nor., full head, nice compact body, short wings and tail, in splendid order; 4, Lutto; 5, Holmes; 6, Dempster. HEN (5): 1, Smeaton, very sweet hen, was soft while taking notes; 2, Logan, good substance for a hen, very typical, wee bit open in front; 3, Dickson, very shapely, grand quality feather, lacks only in head; 4, Chalmers; 5, Traill. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Logan, nice type and quality, plenty of size, wins; 2, Chalmers, cobby build, beautiful wing carriage, wee bit pinched in head; 3, Muthieson, very large, good quality, make a good stock bird; 4, Dickson; 5, Rodger; 6, McLaren. HEN (5): 1, Thomson, grand stamp, lovely quality, fine short wings and tail, well staged, wins well; 2, Logan, also a typical specimen, shows a wee bit too much behind; 3, Dempster, plenty of substance, hot colour, a wee bit open in feather; 4, Thomson; 5, Burt. UNFLIG. CK. (17): 1 and medal, Holmes, a beauty and no mistake, hard to find fault with, put down in spanking condition, steady as a rock, wins; 2, Steele, another grand youngster, short and cobby, beautifully mealed, well placed; 3, Martin, pressing hard on leaders, really good one, fine stamp, hot colour; 4, Chalmers; 5, Harris; 6, Dickson. HEN (17): 1 and medal, Smeaton, very taking exhibit, short and chubby, grand front, extra fine feather for a yellow, wins well; 2, Steele, extra good quality buff, hot colour, wee bit leggy; 3, Chalmers, yell., grand quality hen, nice type, hardly the substance of winner; 4, McAnally; 5, Winter; 6, Laverock and Summers. CK. NON-FED (6): 1, Chalmers, Cl. Yell., fine type and quality, put down in rare condition; 2, Smeaton, Cl. Buff, very typical, bard to separate from winner; 3, Laurie, Yell., lighter got up, fine quality, wee bit pinched on head; 4 and 5, Flockhart; 6, Cook. HEN (10): 1, Smeaton, cl. buff, very typical, fine substance, lovely feather; 2, Martin, fine head, short wings and tail, presses hard; 3, Davidson, mkd. buff, nice type, could have been better staged; 4, Brown; 5, Stevenson; 6, Dempster. SELL. CK. (20/-) (16): 1, 4, Forrest; 2, Holmes; 3, Logan; 5, Davidson; 6, Traill. HEN (30/) (9): 1, Winter; 2, Holmes; 3, Traill; 4, Logan; 5, Malloch. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, Martin, yell., long, nervy bird, straight as a dart, fine condition, wins; 2, Ford, very nice buff Yorkie, long and raking; 3, Anderson, not far behind; 4, Gibb. HEN (2): 1, Gibb; 2, Martin, not much to draw between them.

The Hybrid, British and Foreign Bird Sections.

DARK CAN. MULE (13): 1, 5, Arrighi; 1, well-known buff Goldie-Canary, grand size and colour, and nice blaze, wins; 2, Harrower, very fine Siskin Mule, splendid cap, hot colour; 3, 6, Simpson and Penman; 3, rare coloured Linnet Mule, fine condition, will improve; 4, Davidson. LIGHT (6): 1, 2, Arrighi; 1, variegated Goldie Mule, in grand order; 2, Greenie Bullie Hybrid, fine size and colour, shows parentage well, in grand order; 3, Wilson, Canary-Bullie, beautiful condition, shade small; 4, Adamson; 5, Murray; 6, Rankine. BRIT. LINNET (11): 1, Calder, very fine Linnet, shade dark in colour; 2, Arrighi, large full-chested bird, finely pencilled, wants more time to finish; 3, Kennedy, nice colour and condition, good in work; 4, Edwards; 5, Chalmers Bros.; 6, Simpson and Penman. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Calder, model for type and quality, very pure in colour, wins well; 2, Cargill, nice substance and shape, capital feather, well put down; 3, Bald, good depth of colour, very neat shape, well worth its place; 4, Arrighi; 5, Nicol; 6, Anderson. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Arrighi, very sweet little Siskin, good cap and bib, nicely laced; 2, Malcolm, mealy Redpoll, finely pencilled, shade on small side; 3, Wilson, Twite, rare condition, fine colour, well placed; 4, 5, Calder; 6, Dick. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Wilson and Campbell, nice size, shape and feather, good rich blaze, fine tanning, quickly claimed; 2, Maekie, good shape and nice quality of feather, sound body colour, topped by a good square face; 3, Hutchison, finely cut blaze, will improve; 4, Hutchison; 5, Bisset Bros.; 6, Thomson. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Wilson, very shapely, fine rich breast and bars, wins; 2, Thomson, rare size, good cap and bars, in grand form; 3, Kerr, nice shape, cap and bars, well placed; 4, McDonald; 5, Wilkinson; 6, Arrighi. GOLDFINCH FOR. (10): 1, Purves, plenty of size, fine expansive blaze, well cut, nicely tanned, as steady as a rock; 2, Arrighi, great size, fine rich face, good moonings and bars, fails in steadiness; 3, Rankine, another good Finch, only lacking in finish to leaders; 4, Howie; 5, Wright; 6, McGregor. BULLFINCH FOR. (3): 1, McDonald, great size, splendid cap and wings, bars, and rich-coloured breast; 2, 3, Arrighi, pair of nice shapely Bullies, falling a little in colour. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, 3, White, both Missel Thrushes; 1, really good one, wonderful size and colour for a youngster, fine markings; 3, has neither the size nor substance of winner; 2, Lister, nice Song Thrush, good breast markings, fine condition. SMALL (5): 1, Easton, Blucheaded Wagtail, put down in grand trim, wins; 2, Kerr, Yellow Wagtail, beautiful colour and condition; 3, Wilson, Grey Wagtail, good condition, well staged; 4, Martin. FOR. (9): 1, Wilson, very fine specimen of the Blue Mountain Lory, in grand feather; 2, Gilmour, pair of Yellow Budgerigars, pure colour, and grand condition; 3, Mason, lovely pair of Gouldian Finches, beautiful colouring, staged to perfection; 4, 5, 6, Bisset Bros.

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HADDINGTON, N.B.

The 22nd annual show was held in the side room of the Corn Exchange on October 31st. This hall is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being well lighted from the roof, lofty and free from draughts. The birds were carefully staged, and received every attention from the stewards. The chairman, Mr. Douglas, was here, there and everywhere, and in Mr. David Cockburn they have an ideal and obliging secretary, who had every item at his fingers' tips; he is cool and collected, and is the proper man in the place. The cage bird section was a little down in numbers, which greatly astonished us, seeing they have always catered for the welfare of this section, giving good class specials, etc. The only point wherein they err is by confining so many of their cups to the laugh; perhaps if they left them open this might be more inducement for the outsiders to respond more liberally. Scotch Fancies contained many of the leading birds of the day, and what they lacked in numbers was made up for in first-class quality. Norwich, however, were only fair, as were also the British and Foreigners. Borders as usual were the largest section, although down in number as compared with those of former years. Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton) judged the Borders, and Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) the others.

Mr. Dewar's Classes.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, King, well-known winner, monster for size, head up, great prominent shoulder, grand length, his head in the right direction; 2, Gorden, splendid youngster, scarcely ready yet, close up for size, massive shoulder, grand neck, only a little slower to respond; 3, Cursie, foul, fails in shoulder and thickness, but nice lively bird for drive, action and symmetry; 4, Johnstone, larger and more shoulder, but slow to get into position; vhc, Lugton. HEN (9): 1, Johnstone, charmer in every point, splendid size, great depth, legs well set, good side, fine head, great drive; 2, Blair, shade shorter, but grand shoulder and drive; 3, Smart, better size and side, very free in action, carries head in the right place; 4, vbc, Gorden, smaller but fine position; hc, Farquhar; c, Barrie. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl, Johnstone, leading with another monster for size, great prominent shoulder, free reach, of splendid length, hard up on his legs, good one; 2, King, very close up, only fails in drive, take rare position; 3, vhc, Blair, smaller and thinner throughout, nice free neck, square shoulder; 4, Patterson, more substance and shoulder, only a little shorter in reach; hc, Gordon; c, Lugton. HEN (5): 1, 3, Petrie, grand size and thickness, well-rounded prominent shoulder, head carried well down, in fine trim; 3rd, fails in size and shoulder, and does not carry head so well; 2, Smart, shade shorter in rib, good top end, very free when once you get her; vhc, Fisher. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Johnstone, leading with another good one, great size and thickness, very free in drive; 2, Gorden, very similar in shape, fails in thickness, very free drive and action; 3, Chalmers, nice square top, lengthy drive but slow; 4, Farquhar, again smaller, much plainer on top. HEN (5): 1, Petrie, real gem, nice size, good shoulder, length, reach, hard up on legs, very free below; 2, Blair, close up, nice taking hen, very ready, well-rounded back and shoulder, nice side; 3, Chalmers, shade shorter in side, massive shoulder, free in reach, good position; 4, Fisher, nice size, good length of side and rib, carries head high; vhc, Smart, very similar. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Smart, well-known winner, monster for size and thickness, great prominent shoulder, well filled head thrown forward, with decided drive, legs well set; 2, Petrie, nearly green, another well-known winner, little between them all over, only the former carries more feather in front; 3, King, shade smaller, but fine symmetry throughout, massive shoulder, looked as if something had happened to his neck, being a little twisted; 4, Patterson, another good one, fine free head, long neck only, slow to get into position; vhc, Scott, fine size. HEN (4): 1, spl, 2, Beveridge, well-known winners, but reversed to-day, former great thickness, massive back, slower and not so free in drive as 2nd, but two grand ones; 3, Young, plainer on top, shorter in body and reach; 4, Scott, nice size, but in fine condition. CREST (7): 1, Crean, nice size of crest, well laid on, finely centred, good condition; 2, 3, Allan, former shade larger in body, but crest not so well laid on; 3rd, clear crest, will make nice one, good size of crest but weak on one side; 4, Leach, grizzle crest, good long body feather, but short of head feather; vbc, Matthew; hc, Murray; c, Arthur. C.B. (8): 1, Murray, hen, good size, and head of wide dimensions, well lashed, wins; 2, 4, Arthur, larger in body but fails in skull, and not so well groomed; 4th, very narrow in head, fine body; 3, Matthew, cl., good size, well cushioned head; vhc, Cream; hc, c, Allan. BRED 1908 (5): 1, spl, Cream, grand crest, nice size, crest of fine texture, well laid on; 2, 3, Black, Crest-bred, also a good one, fine broad head and feather of good length; 3rd, Crest, fine head feather, badly split at sides; 4, vhc, Allan, grizzle, good length of feather. PLAINHEAD YELL. (2): 1, Matthew, large nat. col., grand quality feather, shade longer in wing; 2, Pearson, smaller, but better carried wing. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Dickson Bros., leader grand one, fine size of head, colour and quality perfection, well carried wing; 4th, varieg., shade smaller, but good front; 2, Matthew nat. col., fails in head and size to winner; 3, Beveridge, grand colour and quality, good head, nicely rounded front; vhc, Pearson; hc, Nisbet. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Buist, both cinn., former better size, good colour and condition. SELL. 20/- (11): 1, Currie, Scotch Fancy; 2, Murray, Green Crest; 3, Buist; 4, c, Bann; vhc, Dickson Bros. BULLFINCH (1): Harkes, good size, lovely marked cap, and in good trim. LINNET: 1, Watt and Storie, nice one for colour and lacing. GREENFINCH (2): 1, 2, Aitken, two good ones for colour and condition, former better in size and wing bars. GOLDFINCH (1): Scott, not up in condition yet. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Lowson, splendid little Crested Tit, well shown and in rare trim; 2nd, Wryneck, well shown, in fine condition. HARDBILL (3): 1, Tait, Nutcracker, well shown, steady, greatly admired; 2, Ross, Bunting, another beauty, unlucky to meet the winner, great difference in size; 3, Pearson, Bramblefinch, very nice one, good cap and pencilling. MULE (1): 1, Patterson, good size, colour and quality. BRIT. HEN (2): 1, Ross, Bullfinch, good size, nice cap, in good order; 2, Aitken, same variety, little dull in colour. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Nesbit, well-known Crimson-wing. SMALL (2): 1, Watt and Storie, Goldfinch, lovely face, great expansive blaze, in forward condition; 2, Hardie, Goldfinch, Greypate, not ready yet. BORD. FCY. (continued) (6): 1, Ken, yell. hen, nice one, well shown; 2, 3, Tinline, green and buff cock; 4, hc, Fairgrieves. A.O.V. (continued) (2): 1, cup, 2, Nesbit, 1st Crest, good size, nice head, well centred; 2nd, Crest-bred, small.

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The eleventh annual Exhibition was held on November 2nd, and 3rd. The St. George's Hall, which is situated very centrally, provided the accommodation necessary, for the staging of the exhibits. Entries did not come up as well as one would have liked. The committee consists of well-known and energetic fanciers, who all do their level best to help things along in the correct course. The chairman is Mr. R. Thompson, and the treasurer, Mr. G. Knowles, a couple of capital officials. Mr. J. Hayes acts as secretary. Unfortunately, just previous to the show, he was stricken down with appendicitis, having to undergo an operation on the Wednesday, previous to show day. We were very pleased to hear that matters were going on as well as could be expected, and we wish him a speedy recovery. J. H. has the society's interests at heart, and is a capital worker; it was hard lines he could not be present to manipulate the affairs. Staging was neat in character, and all appeared to go well. The total entries were upwards of 320, about the same as last year's. Messrs. W. Vardy and W. H. Shackleton had the placing of the cards.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (19): 1, Radley, straight as a rush, A1 feather, fine length, grand back, flights, and tail, a gem; 2, Crosland Bros, magnificent feather, stands delightfully, long sided, well up on leg, very close up; 3, Taylor, slim and upstanding, capital colour, feathered like wax, hardly the length, good 2; 4, Jennett, fine position, and quality, nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Harris; hc, Edmundson; c, Lindsay. BUFF: (cancelled). TKD. ETC. (14) nice lot: 1, 3, Hodgson, brace of bonny exhibits, former, yell., thigh tick, red hot, tight as a Java, stands like a Guardsman, rare length well up on leg, just about best in show; 3, Buff, thigh tick, wonderful length, capital quality, smooth as glass; 2, Radley, Buff, grizzled cap, not a feather misplaced, full of swagger, fine length and stand; 4, Lindsay, yell, mkd, left wing, rare colour and feather, well filled back; vhc, Harris; hc, Taylor; c, Beard. HEN (10): 1, Radley, yell, thigh tick, neat and narrow, lengthy, capital position, delightfully clothed; 2, Taylor, yell, thigh tick, fine long-drawn lassie, A1 position, rattling back and wing carriage; 3, Tyler, cf, yell, warm colour, silky feather, splendid back, wing and tail, full of style; 4, Harris, Buff, thigh tick, rare quality stands well, nice length; vhc, Edmundson; hc, Tidgswell; c, Stringer. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Hodgson, cl, yell, fine lengthy youngster, lovely position and feather, perfect back and wings, neatly folded tail; 2, 4, Radley, Buff mkd neck, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, length and leggy; 4, yell, mkd, head and right wing, slim and upstanding; 3, Emery, yell, thigh tick, full of colour, neat and narrow, capital position; vbc, hc, Beard; c, Evans. NOVICE YORKS. (17): 1, Drabble, yell, thigh tick, good feather and position, nice length and style; 2, 3, Oakley, both cl. yell, former, good stand and quality, nice length and wings; 3, nice quality, good length, fails in position; 4, Thorpe, cl. yell neat in feather and colour, capital back and flights; vhc, Parkes; hc, Jennett; c, Sly. NOR. CL. YELL: (cancelled). BUFF (8): 1, 2, Waters, cobby and of good feather, nice colour and meal, clean cut, jaunty carriage; 2, rich in quality and colour, nice size, not quite so good in head and neck, nice under; 3, vhc, Robinson, very typical, fine quality, colour and frosting, smaller in build, very neat; 4, Parlett, similar to third, little separates them; hc, Walker; No. 5 Harris, W.C. marked head. TKD. ETC: cancelled. HEN (7): 1, Waters, cl. buff, short and thick set, tight as wax, grand feather and colour, nicely mealed, well out away; 2, Parlett, cl., buff, unflig., nice shape and quality, neat head and neck, A1 wings, should make up well; 3, c, Robinson, yell, cap mkd, cobby and silky, grand carriage, neatness itself; 4, Harris, buff mkd, wings and eyes, capital type; vhc, Talbot; hc, Bagnall. UNFLIG.: cancelled. NOVICE NOR. (14): 1, hc, Greaves, cl. buff, capital colour, tight as a drum, good in shape and carriage, clean cut away; 2, c, Cowley, cl, buff, ablaze with colour, grandly frosted, nice shape, must have pressed; 3, and Ramsden's goblet, Bagnall, cl, yell, full of colour, good head and neck; 4, Duckitt, Buff, tkd. lift eye, hot in colour, shapely, rich texture of feather; vhc, Burton. MULE (8): 1, Talbot, dark Goldie-Canary, capital colour, nice quality, good face, neatly shown; 2, Roberts, Buff variegated Greenie-Canary, nice colour and shape, very neat; 3, Fletcher, variegated Goldie-Canary, shapely, nice quality; 4, Taylor, Buff variegated Goldie Canary, fair specimen, well shown; vhc, Pogmore; hc, Sly; c, Rhodes. SELL. (15/-) (14): 1, Axe; 2, Parkes; 3, hc, Lockwood; 4, Oakley; vhc, Duckitt; c, Taylor. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, Milue, Bullie, slashing shape, good breast colour, nice dense, well cut cap, in the best of feather; 2, Axe, Goldie, nice size and shape, good in colour, capital blaze, neat bars and huttons; 3, Talbot, Goldie, beaten by second in size of blaze only; 4, Lockwood, Bullie, not so large as first, yet about its equal otherwise; vhc, Walker; hc, Locke. LINNET, ETC. (12) a nice lot: 1, 3, Hunt, both Linnets, former fine shape and size, lovely nutty colour, beautifully burnished, delightfully pencilled, steady as a top; 3, grandly mkd, rich colour, very shapely, good enough to win at most shows; 2, Parlett, Linnet, shade larger than first, equal in shape, but beaten in colour and distinctness; 4, Axe, pretty Redpoll, good size and shape, neatly mkd; vhc, Lockwood; hc, Robinson; c, Walker. HARD-BILL (6): 1, Axe, Yellowhammer, fine substance and shape, delightful colour, magnificently mkd, head; 2, 4, Lockwood, Greenie and Yellowhammer respectively, former good shape and size, capital colour, nice bloom; 4th, neatly shaped, bonny; 3, Bloodworth, Greenie, not the size of second, equal in other respects; vhc, Pogmore; hc, Clarke. SOFT-BILLS (10): 1, vhc, Bloodworth, yell, Wagtail, in highest possible form, shown in an up-to-date style; 2, 3, 4, Milne, with a fine trio, Wryneck, Blackcap, and fieldstart, in order named, the former appeared somewhat soft or might have won; 3, in capital form; 4, could not have been better shown; hc, Scott Bros; c, Walker.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—Scanning through these classes, one saw, several very typified and meritorious specimens staged. Open competition would not be too severe for more than one of the local exhibits, and the owners of same would no doubt benefit by giving them a run. Those who placed for inspection, birds of exceptional merit, were Messrs. Brotherton, Oakes, Watson, Ducker, Turner, Bagnall, Hunt, and Smith.

I feel I must thank the management of Cambridge Show, writes Mr. John Hocking, for the splendid way in which they cared for the birds sent from Swansea. They arrived home in the pink of condition, and really I had enough seed in my cages to last me for a while. I feel that we ought to acknowledge these occasions, because we grumble enough when things are not right. I hope to return the compliment at our show (Swansea) next week, and will look after the Border section.

YORK.

The annual exhibition in connection with the York C.B.S. was held on Oct. 30 and 31, under C.B.U. rules and patronage of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. The venue was the Exhibition Buildings; a finer place for a function of this character it would almost be impossible to find, it being well situated, lofty and spacious, with a magnificent top light, entirely free from draughts, and providing most comfortable surroundings for both the birds and the visitors. Record breaking was the order of the day, the entries totalling 404, against 317 on the last occasion—an item one is always pleased to chronicle. Besides the exhibits being so numerous, the quality far exceeded anything that had been seen before in this great Cathedral city. The staging had been well arranged on the gallery principle all round the rooms. Every bird could be seen at a glance, without the necessity of handling. At the opening ceremony, H. H. Riley Smith, Esq., officiated, and made a speech of an exceedingly encouraging nature, and was supported by Coun. J. Birch (Lord Mayor-elect) and Coun. Boddy. Mr. A. Richardson spoke on behalf of the chairman, Mr. T. Wright. Everything appeared in ample order, and things ran smoothly and well. The president is the Rev. P. J. Shaw, an enthusiastic supporter. The treasurer is Mr. E. Cardwell, who has heart and soul in the welfare of the society. The committee are a band of most excellent workers: Messrs. Campling, Hunter, Chittenden, Senr. Humphries, Simeson, Sissons, White, Watson, and Goodhall, all of whom deserve every praise for their exertions. The stewards were Messrs. Campling, Chittenden, and White, a trio who know their duties to a nicety, and proved themselves capital and practical officials. The worthy secretary is Mr. A. Wand, and in him the club possesses a manipulator far above the ordinary. He is assisted by Mr. H. Thompson, who is also a capital helper; together they trot in fine style. There is no doubt that much of the success of the show is the outcome of their efforts. Mr. D. Hunter was the lucky fancier who captured the president's beautiful silver cup for best bird bred by a member in the current year, his buff ticked Norwich doing the needful. This cup has to be won twice in succession or three times in all before becoming anyone's own property. Reserve for cup was a good exhibit staged by Mr. H. Shorney. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson and A. Brown, who were assisted by a capital light during the ticket sorting.

The Open Canary Classes.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Harland, cl., fine colour, great warmth, well up in size, grand bead and neck, broad expanding chest, a gem; 2, Heap, cl., capital feather and colour, massive body properties, A1 wings and tail, wee bit wanting in head character, yet most bonny; 3, Wright, cl., short thick set, lovely carriage, superior quality and size, very level colour; vhc, Hope; hc, Moore; c, Shorney. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Hope, magnificent cl., lovely texture of feather, showing neat frosting, fine substance and shape, well cut away; 2, Johnson, very hot colour than 1st, capital type and size, jaunty carriage, perfect wings and tail; 3, Hesp, cl., A1 quality and colour, nice size and carriage, good head and neck, not quite so deep chested; vhc, Harland; hc, Wilson; c, Humphries. YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Woodhall, cl. unflg., red hot, shone like satin, bonny shape and substance, quite a "Venus," will do some winning; 2, Mennard, cl., lovely carriage, very shapely, nice substance, beautiful flights and tail, very promising; 3, Humphries, cl., good colour and feather, A1 type, true Nor., worth her position; vhc, Hope; hc, Boyle; c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, spl, Wright, tkd. head, fine shape and size, wonderful colour, grandly mealed, capital mover, a gem; 2, Harland, cl., another of the right stamp, possessing A1 merit all through, can win majority of shows; 3, Peplow, tkd. left eye, rich quality, grand head, neck and chest, nice colour and frosting; vhc, Hope; hc, Tyler; c, Humphries. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): a good lot: 1, spl, Moore, grizzle neck, stood 3rd at Grimsby, move in the right direction, red hot, soft silky texture of feather, rare shape and carriage, gem; 2, Humphries, cl., warm in colour, capital substance, all front, wee bit longer in wings and tail, yet very fine youngster; 3, Clayton and Smith, cl., full of colour, teeming with quality, grand carriage; vhc, Shorney; hc, Johnson; c, Hope. BUFF (19): Fine class and creating very keen competition; two sets of winners one could have selected: 1, spl, Harland, cl., ablaze with colour, model for type, smooth as wax, well up in substance, real gem; 2, cup, Hunter, tkd. left eye, exceptional shape, equally as large as 1st, hardly the colour; 3, Smith, cl., very shapely and of capital carriage, full of colour and quality, showing neat frosting; vhc, Moore; hc, Wright. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., wonderful length, straight as a gun barrel, tight as a Java, upstanding and grand back and wings, gem; 2, c, Chew and Stokoe, nice lengthy cl., capital colour and feather, A1 position; 3, Atkinson, cl., magnificent quality and colour, stands like a guardsman, rare length, might have gone up one; vhc, Hewson; hc, Clayton and Smith. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Whittaker, mkd. left wing, beautifully clothed, shining like polished marble, lengthy, grand outline, a "clinker"; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cap mkd., fine long drawn specimen, erect in position, well feathered and of grand colour and mealy, close up; 3, Atkinson, thigh tick, rare quality and colour, long sided, of capital type, perfection in carriage of flights and tail; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Girling; c, Hewson. YELL. HEN (17): Choice class: 1, spl, 2, Sutcliffe and Son, former magnificent cl., smooth as a bottle, neat, narrow, long drawn, stands beautifully on clever legs, real charmer, 2nd thigh tick, another very bewitching damsel, delightfully dressed, tall and stately, very close on heels of her companion; 3, Duncan, cl., possessing true character, tight as a drum, straight as a pencil, stands like a rush; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Lodge; c, Kemp and Son. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Hewson, mkd. right wing, fine, lengthy, drawn-out specimen, neat and narrow, feather as though chiselled out of marble, delightful position; 2, Taylor and Hague, cl., wedge shaped, feathered to perfection, rattling position and length, finely filled back, lovely flights and tail; 3, Yelland, mkd. head, wonderful length, capital quality and position, good one for stock; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Cartwright; c, Precious. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Duncan, shining cl., lengthy and of A1 position, full of colour and quality, fine long sided, capital back and wing carriage; 2, Hewson, very neatly drawn cl., good length and position, well on leg, superb quality; 3, Lodge, cl., most typical and stylish, feathered like box, one of the smartest, worth its place; vhc, Taylor and Haigh; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Cartwright. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, fine positioned cl., superior quality and colour, nicely frosted, rare length, A1 back and flights, nice tail; 2, Chittenden, cl., regular wedge, teeming with quality, capital stand, striking specimen; 3, Chew and Stokoe, mkd. left wing, smooth as wax, straight as a rush, capital wings and tail, little behind in length; vhc, Austin Bros.; hc, O'Reilly; c, Yelland. CINN. (8): 1, spl, Richardson, bouncing buff, magnificent shape and quality, fine depth of colour, well burnished, very bonny; 2, 3, Dorner, buff, fine, bold specimen, capital shape and feather, a close run, 3rd yell., shading tone of colour, beautifully burnished, neat size, well worth its place; vhc, hc, Riding; c, Wright. UNFLIG. (5): 1 (withheld); 2, spl, vhc, Dorner, yell., A1 quality, slashing colour, shining like burnished copper, lovely head and neck, very bold cheated, clean cut; 3, Wright, buff, grand type and carriage, capital colour and feather, neatness itself; hc, Riding. BORD. (4): 1 (withheld); 2, spl, vhc, Hay, cl. buff, pretty as paint, tight as wax, fine shape, capital mover, gem; 3, Tyler, yell., lightly mkd., silky texture of feather, when taking notes was very much down; hc, Wright, mkd. buff, very taking specimen. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, Axe, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., fine substance and shape, crest large and of capital radiation, lovely droop and centre; 2, Calam, buff C.B., mkd. head, wonderful size, abundance of rich quality feather, good width and rise of skull, well browed; 3, vhc, Riding, pied yell. cinn., well up in substance, A1 feather and colour, nice shape and carriage; hc, Heslop; c, Hunter.

The Remaining Open Classes.

GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, 2, Fox and Thompson, winner rare size and shape, lovely colour, large, well cut blaze, grand colour, capital bars and buttons, very forward, 2nd good shape and colour, not quite so well cut in blaze or size of same, nicely mooned, of a bonny description; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice shape, neat bars and buttons; vhc, Axe; hc, c, Duncan. BULLIE (9): 1, spl, Woods, capital shape and good substance, rattling breast colour, dense and neatly cut cap, good broad bars, nice blue beak; 2, Shorney, cobby shape, nice size, capital cap, not quite so good in breast colour, bonny exhibit; 3, Inman, built on rather small lines, nice shape, in good trim; vhc, Boyle; hc, c, Pink. LINNET (14): A fine lot: 1, spl, Fox and Thompson, well up in substance, capital shape, magnificent colour and markings, steady as a top, a gem; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, even better colour than winner, hardly so large or so distinct in pencilling, possessing very great merit; 3, Nelson, capital colour and size, when taking notes appeared to be taking it very hard; vhc, c, Duncan; hc, Richardson. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, 2, Johnson, brace of fine exhibits, former lovely shaped Hawfinch, grand in colour and feather, fine bib, put down in superb fashion, 2nd magnificent coloured Yellowhammer, well up in size, very shapely, rattling head character, will do some winning; 3, Owen, profusely tkd. Bramble-finch, good size and shape, fine colour and condition; vhc, Inman; hc, Nicholson; c, Maltby. SOFTBILL, SMALL (9): 1, spl, Duncan, grand coloured Nightingale, capital shape and size, shown in full bloom; 2, c, Medley, most charming Redstart, in the very highest possible trim, staged in stylish fashion; 3, Collinson, pretty Blackcap, nice form, worth its place; vhc, Woodruff, good 'Gale; hc, Chadwick. LARGE (6): 1 (withheld); 2, spl, Woodruff, Chough, in rare trim and shown in an up-to-date style, capital beak and legs; 3, Axe, Blackbird, in nice feather, dense and of good shape and size, one we liked; vhc, Bousfield, very pretty Wryneck, in rare form; hc, Dale; c, Pink. MULE (8): 1, spl, Inman, buff Goldie-Can., mkd. wings, eyes and tail, good shape and size, smooth as glass, staged for all it was worth; 2, Shorney, yell., dark Goldie-Can., nice substance and colour, neat face, well put down; 3, Wilson, yell. Greenie-Can., A1 colour, shone like glass; vhc, Sissons; hc, Colton and Dawn; c, Clew. HYB. (6): 1 (withheld); 2, spl, Colton and Dawn, very nice Redpoll-Bullie, good size and shape, capital colour, shows parentage distinctly; 3, Grainger, Goldie-Bullie, very shapely and of nice quality, good face, in the pink; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Raper. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, spl, Chadwick, Cardinal, in grand form, nicely staged; 2, vhc, Hon. Lilla De Yarburgh Bateson, Nonpariel Bunting, in capital order; 3, Chadwick, pair African Waxbills, in nice condition; hc, Dawson. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Hon. Lilla De Yarburgh Bateman, Senegal Parrot; 2, Dale, Rosella, in full feather, looking lovely; 3, Morris, grey Parrot, looking well; vhc, Stockton; hc, Darley. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Sedgwick; 3, Rennison; vhc, Campling; hc, Pickering; c, Barfe. (15/-) (21): 1, spl, Humphries; 2, Calam; 3, Astin Bros.; vhc, Sissons; hc, Wright; c, Heslop. (20/-) (14): 1, spl, Wright; 2, Dawson; 3, Calam; vhc, Kemp and Son; hc, Sissons; c, Dorner. PAIR (40/-) (8): 1, spl, Wright; 2, Dorner; 3, Richardson; vhc, Hope; hc, Riding; c, Barfe. NOVICE NOR. (30/-) (8): 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Oliff; 3, Gill; vhc, Mason; hc, Duckworth, Junr.; c, Tose. YORKS. (30/-) (13): 1, spl, Smith; 2, Simeson; 3, Robinson; vhc, Oxberry; hc, c, Boilby.

The Members' Classes.

This section provided many specimens of great merit, and one could have selected some extremely choice birds that would have counted well amongst those doing duty in the higher circle. Type and quality was most pronounced in both the Norwich and Yorkshire classes, proving for itself that right stuff is being produced in and around this locality.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, hc, Wright; 2, Richardson; 3, Pickering; vhc, c, Shorney. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Shorney; 2, Wright; 3, Pickering; vbc, Richardson; c, Hunter. HEN (10): 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Wright; vhc, Pickering; hc, c, Shorney. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Campling; 2, hc, Simeson; vhc, c, Davison. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Davison; 2, c, Campling; 3, vhc, Simeson. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Simeson; vhc, hc, Campling; c, Davison. BRIT. HARD (8): 1, Wright; 2, Wilson; 3, Goodhall; vhc, Dale; hc, Hunter; c, Nicholson. A.O.V. (6): 2, Nicholson; 3, Boyle; vhc, Richardson; hc, Bardy; c, Wilson.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

The last table show of the year was held on October 28th, this being the wind-up for points gained during the season, the results of which will be given later. There were about 50 entries, and some very promising birds were staged. The show was held in the club room. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged.

YORKS.: 1, H. C. Carter; 2, 4, Rutherford and Bright; 3, vhc, Stockton and Fullerton. 1908: 1, 4, H. C. Carter; 2, c, Rutherford and Bright; 3, vhc, Stephenson; hc, Wilson. NOR.: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, 4, Corner. 1908: 1, 3, Allan and Richmond; 2, H. C. Carter; 4, vhc, Kearton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Foster. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, P. M. Carter; 2, Foster; 3, Todd and Son; 4, Reeks; vhc, Gregory. LINNET: 1, Todd and Son; 2, Underwood; 3, Rutherford and Bright. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Todd and Son; 2, Foster; 3, 4, Reeks. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Foster; 2, Todd and Son. MULE OR HYB.: 1, P. M. Carter; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, 4, Heroldine; vhc, H. C. Carter. —P. M. CARTER, assistant-sec.

BRADFORD CITY.

The City of Bradford O.S. held their annual open show on October 31st, in the Feversham-street Council School, Leeds-road, under the patronage and rules of the Yorkshire Union, the Y.C.C., and the O.N.P.C. A splendid schedule had been issued, containing thirty-four classes, and a grand list of specials, these attracting an entry of 536, an average of nearly sixteen per class throughout the show. The management was in very capable hands; Mr. F. Rhodes, the secretary, and Mr. A. Gill, his assistant, are thoroughly up-to-date, and very obliging. They had everything well in hand throughout the whole of the day, and in their arduous task were well backed up by Mr. T. Fortnam, their president, Mr. Fred. Ludbrook, treasurer, and Messrs. Stansfield, Horsfield, Simonett, Holmes, Morement, Denison, Stark, and others as stewards. The sectional specials for most points were secured by the following: Classes 1 to 10, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, first; Mr. W. H. Shackleton, second. Classes 11 and 12, Messrs. Munn, Taylor and Haigh, and Bailey and Swanger, tie. Classes 13 to 16, Mr. J. Wilcock, first; Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, and H. J. Chittenden tie for second place. Classes 17 to 22, Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, first; Mr. A. Hirst, second. Classes 23 to 26, Mr. F. Ludbrook, first; Mr. A. Radley, second. Classes 27 to 32, Novice Yorkshires, Mr. Beaumont, first; Messrs. Kilner and H. Lodge, tie for second place. Classes 33 to 34, Novice Norwich, Mr. F. Hammond, first; Messrs. Fortnam and Markwell, tie for second place. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's medal for best fed bird, moulted on his feed, was secured by Messrs. Haigh and Son, with their unflighted yellow Norwich, and Mr. J. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed Yorkshire moulted on his feed, fell to Mr. Allen Haigh's uneven marked bird. CAGE BIRDS prizes for Amateurs: First place was secured by Mr. O. Mitchell, several exhibitors being on a level for second prize. Mr. P. Mason was the official judge of the Yorkshire Union, and placed the cards on all open and novice Yorkshire classes, Mr. H. S. Naylor, the assistant, taking Norwich, both open and novice, and all selling classes. The awards of both gentlemen left little cause for adverse comment. The quality of the birds throughout was excellent, and they were a treat, and well repaid the visitors from a distance who had come expecting to see a fine show of Yorkshires and Norwich. Amongst the throng we noticed Messrs. Millar, Williams, and Hodgson, from Skipton; Mr. J. Cuthbertson (Darlington), Mr. J. Wheldrake (Goole), Mr. Waters (Barnsley), and Messrs. Rennie and Crisp, from London.

The Open Section.

YKS. CL. YELL. (14): 1, E. Radley, long, slim, beautifully drawn, marvellous length of flights and tail, plenty of leg and position, grand quality, a gem; 2, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, 2 grand type and quality, wonderful position, nice wings and tail, but not the length of leader, 4 good shape, well up on leg nice quality; 3, Bower, good, typical Yorkie, nice position and quality; vbc, Shackleton; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, leader, grand length, stands like a Guardsman, lovely shape, full of nerve, feather like silk, wins, 3 grand type, and stands well, lovely back, wings and tail, rich colour, very clean-cut; 2, Bailey and Swanger, not quite length of winner, true Yorkie type, very stylish, grand quality; 4, H. Drake, trifle stronger, good shape and quality, plenty of style, not quite so neat in head; vhc, S. Hirst; bc, Wilson; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Cruise, lengthy, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, ticked bead, plenty of length, good back, rich colour, fine wing carriage, and pipe tail; 3, hc, Bailey and Swanger, ticked head, wonderful position, grand type, rich quality; 4, Hartley, lengthy, good shape, nice quality; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. BUFF (12): 1, 2, spl, Bailey and Swanger, leader, tkd. wing, grand type, full of quality and colour, beautifully frosted, well up in position, 2 extra quality, not a feather out of place, grand type, a gem; 3, J. Wilson, extra good shape, grand cut from shoulders down, rich quality, stands well up; 4, C. Radley, nice quality, fine position, neat type; vhc, E. Radley; hc, Wilcock; c, Shackleton. UNEVEN. MKD. (15): 1, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, yell., grand length, very long-sided bird, capital shape, full of quality and colour, well up, 4 buff, gem for type and position, rich quality; 2, Smitb, buff, not so long, lovely shape and style, neat quality; 3, Sutcliff, and Son, slim, neat feathered, good markings, very typical; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Haigh; c, Shaw Bros. HYB. VARIEG. GREEN OR CINN. (more dark than light) (13): 1, spl, Taylor and Haigh, yell., grand length and shape, nice quality; 2, Armstrong, buff, gem for quality, good shape, stands well; 3, Ogden Bros., lengthy, full of colour and quality, correct shape, lovely back, wings and tail, some preferred to winner; 4, Millar, lovely type, plenty of leg, not quite the length of winners, requires steadying down; vhc, Priestley; hc, Slater; c, Clarkson. UNFLIG. YELL. (28), a grand class this: 1, spl, Wright and Son, slim, nice shape, well up in position, good quality; 2, Gallings, good length, type and position, grand back; 3, Shackleton, very neat, good position, and shape, full of quality, stands well; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Cruise; c, Townsend. BUFF (22): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., good size, splendid type and position, nice quality; 2, Briggs, tkd. wing and neck, slim, very typical, full of quality and colour, a gem; 3, Lodge, grand shape and slim, well-drawn out, rich quality and colour; 4, Bower, well up in position, correct type, and nice feather; vhc, c, Coates; hc, Lingley. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (17): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, true Yorkie shape, well-braced wings, and pipe tail, grand position, plenty of quality; 2, Taylor, not quite so long behind, well up on legs, rich colour, fine feather; 3, Moss, stronger, good shape, stands well, nice quality; 4, Stebbings, lengthy, grand shape, nice position and feather; vhc, E. Radley; hc, Watmuff; c, Wilson. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Bailey and Swanger, leader, splendid shape, and stands well up, brimful of quality, 4 good position, shapely, neat in quality; spl, 2, 3, c, Shackleton, grand type, rich quality, lovely back, and nice position, 3 big long, raking hen, splendid shape and style, nice feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wood. UNEVEN MKD. (10): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, yell. mkd. wing and tail, grand shape and stand, rich quality, not a feather out of place, a beauty; 2, Bower, buff, good shape and position, nice quality, bit wild; 3, Towers, buff, trifle strong, grand quality and colour, falls a little in wing carriage; 4, Shackleton, yell., lengthy, grand position and quality; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Ogden Bros; c, Jowett. HVLV. MKD. (12): 1, spl, Taylor and Haigh, yell., slim, grand type, stands on clever legs, lovely quality; 2, Raye, neat-shaped buff, plenty of colour and quality, well up in position; 3, Cowell, splendid length, extra shape, well up in position, grand, long wings and tail; 4, Hollas, yell., stands well, lovely shape, nice quality and colour; vhc, Wellock; hc, Watmuff; c, Smith. YELL. CINN. CK. (11): 1, spl, Wilcock, extra type and position, grand, well-braced wings and tail, full of quality and colour; 2, Ogden Bros., grand shape, rich quality and colour, bit wild; 3, Chittenden, rare shape, grand quality and colour, well up; 4, Spencer, good type, nice quality, falls position; vhc, Grange; hc, Gibbons, c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Hartley, grand shape, feathered like wax, well up in position and good markings; 2, Langford, grand position and shape, nice quality; 3, Chittenden, grand length, correct shape, good quality, good back and shoulders; 4, Hirst, straight as a dart, grand shape and quality, looks well; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Smith; c, Hodgson. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Wilcock, grand shape and style, rich quality and colour, beautiful back, 2, Towers, splendid type, well up in position, plenty of quality; 3, Langley, neat, slim, well up, nice quality, rather on small side; 4, Chittenden, plenty of size, good shape and position, bit loose under; vhc, Calder; hc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; c, Jowett. BUFF (14): 1, 2, spl, Sutcliff and Son, good, big birds, nice shape and position, good marks, leader, lovely back and shoulders, second rich colour, well up in quality; 3, Jowett, grand quality and colour, good shape, nice wing carriage; 4, Hirst, slim, and very good shape, stands well, nice quality; vhc, Blakey; hc, Armstrong; c, Wilcock. NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Hirst, nice size and substance, grand quality and colour; 2, hc, spl, Waters, marvellous substance, very short and cobby, grand head, lovely quality and colour; 3, Wilcock, good type, rich in colour and quality, not quite the substance of leaders; 4, Bailey, grand head, good substance, rich quality; vhc, Haigh and Son; c, HaMday. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Hirst, grand shape, plenty of size and substance, full of quality and colour, good head; 2, S. Wilcock, grand head, rich quality and colour, good, cubby bird; 3, Morris and Woodhouse, extra good substance, grand quality and colour, not quite so clean behind; 4, Waters, neat, cobby type, lovely colour, fine quality; vhc, J. Wilcock; hc, Foxall; c, Booth. UNFLIG. (19): 1, 4, spl, Haigh and Son, both yellows, leader grand size and substance, clean made, full of colour and quality, 4 all there for quality and colour; 2, vhc, Mitchell, good, thick-set bird, very good in quality and colour; 3, Hirst, grand, cobby shape, rich colour, nice feather; hc, Waters; c, Morris and Woodhouse. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, marvellous substance, grand shape, lovely quality and colour, well finished rather pale in colour; 3, J. Wilcock, grand colour and quality; 4, Mitchell, neat type, plenty of quality and colour; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Bailey; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Hirst, grand, cobby bird, good substance, wonderful colour and quality, fine head; 2, Mottram, nice built hen, cobby shape, fine quality, good bird; 3, Waters, splendid shape, very short, nice quality, plenty of colour; 4, Haigh and Son, big bouncer, grand shape, full of quality and colour, trifle wild; vhc, Moss; hc, Morris and Woodhouse; c, W. Mallinson. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Haigh and Son, yell., grand shape, very short and compact, lovely quality; 2, c, Waters, neat type, very cobby, lovely feather and colour, a huff; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, full of colour and quality, neat shape; 4, Holmes, grand type, rich colour, good quality, hardly as big; vhc, J. Wilcock; hc, Hirst. SELL. YORKS YELL. CK. (£1) (14): 1, Self; 2, Hartley; 3, Farrar; 4, Thornton; vhc, Simpson; hc, c, Lndbrook. (£1) BUFF (22): 1, A. Radley; 2, Casey; 3, Ludbrook; 4, Hersey; vhc, Coates; hc, Haigh; c, Taylor. (£1) NOR. (15): 1, Skinner; 2, Scargill; 3, Jowett; 4, Foxall; vbc, Ball; bc, Hammond; c, Hirst. YORKS HEN (12/6) (16): 1, hc, Ludbrook; 2, Watmuff; 3, A. Radley; 4, Brown; vhc, Wallbank; c, E. Rädley.

The Novice Section.

YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (36): 1, spl, Kilner, plenty of length and style, well up in position, nice quality; 2, W. Firth, very slim, lovely type and style, grand quality; 3, Phillipson, lengthy, good shape, grand position, nice quality; 4, Huddleston, grand colour and quality, plenty of leg, good shape; vbc, Helliwell; bc, Varley; c, Livesey. BUFF (28): 1, spl, Tinkler, grand shape, all there for position, lovely quality, looking well; 2, Simonett, extra type, full of quality, stands well up, lovely back, wings and tail; 3, Livcsey, good, long bird, grand feather, nice colour, splendid back; 4, Fortnam, very shapely, good length, well up, lovely quality; vbc, Lodge; hc, Beaumont; c, Hudson. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Kaye, grand shape, plenty of quality; 3, Greig and Pearson, neat, well up on leg, rich colour and quality; 4, Simpson, shapely, grand back, wings and tail, nice quality, bit open at front; vhc, Hiles; hc, F. and E. Ellis; c, Brown. BUFF (9): 1, 4, spl, Clegg leader grand shape, well up in position, splendid colour and quality, 4 another good-shaped bird, fails at front; 2, Firth, marked eyes, splendid type, stands like a soldier, full of quality; 3, Kaye, lovely shape, grand quality and colour, neat; vhc, Swales; hc, Phillipson; c, Bateman. YELL. HEN (24): 1, spl, Lane, grand shape, stands on good legs, full of quality, a gem; 2, Beaumont, extra quality, very clean feathered, nice shape and leggy; 3, Clark, Cinn. mkd., lovely shape, grand position, rich quality; 4, Rigg, bit stronger, good shape, grand back, bit loose under; vhc, Brown; hc, Huddleston; c, Morley. BUFF (29): 1, Kilner, splendid type, grand position, good legs, all there for quality; 2, 3, spl, Beaumont, brace of beauties, leader good length, grand feather and colour, very nice, round back, 3 smaller, lovely feather and shape, well up; 4, Hobson Lodge, feathered like wax, grand colour, stands well, trifle short in flights; vhc, Lane; hc, Whittaker; c, Dunn. NOR. CK. (12): 1, 2, spl, Hammond, both buffs, winner eye and wing mkd., marvellous shape, feathered to perfection, brimful of quality and colour, 2 big, bouncing cl., extra substance, nice quality and colour; 3, Ball, yell., good shape and substance, very clean made, good quality; 4, Fortnam, good type, chubby, fine quality; vhc, Markwell; hc, Quarmby; c, Sykes. HEN (14): 1, spl, Greenwood, buff, grand shape and substance, rich quality and colour, a gem; 2, Markwell, varicg. buff, marvellous substance, full of quality, nice colour; 3, Fortnam, yell., good, neat shape, lovely feather, very clean made; 4, Sykes, buff, nice size and shape, fine quality; vhc, Ball; hc, Quarmby; c, Hammond.

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ILKESTON.

The eighth annual show of this enterprising Society duly came off on October 31 and November 2, in the Victoria Hall, kindly lent by Mrs. Hall for the occasion. About 100 generous persons gave donations, ranging from 6d. to 10s. 6d., towards the funds of the Society. A fine special prize list in addition was compiled through the generosity of shopkeepers and others in the town. There were 38 open and four members' classes. A fair entry was made in Norwich Plainhead section, and the "Fox" tried hard to stem the "Severn" current; both these exhibitors fighting hard for premier honours with some high-class, typical Norwich. The Crest and Crestbred classes were badly supported, there being only 33 in eight classes. Surely the Crest is on the wane in the Midlands. Such liberal classification, with a special judge, ought certainly to be better patronised by exhibitors. Yorkshires were just as badly supported—21 entries only in five classes. One Cinnamon class came up well with some fine birds, Mr. Joseph Bexson securing 1st and 2nd with a very smart pair of Cinnamons. Hybrids came up very well, there being 23 in two classes. British birds also made a much better average all through than the Canaries, though they were not quite so numerous as at last year's record show. Some excellent crack exhibits turned up here. Foreign Birds were very pretty, and attracted much attention from the public. The gift class was a treat for good birds, 11 in all, and they should sell well and help much to swell the funds. All the committee and officials worked splendidly to make the show go off successfully. Mr. T. Smith is a grand secretary, and does his work in a very unostentatious manner; he had everything at his fingers' ends. Mr. Vardy judged the Nor., Yorks, Cinn., A.O.V., Gift, and Selling classes; Mr. Rhodes the Crests; and Mr. Chas. Houlton the Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds. The work was got through in good time, and the catalogues of awards were on sale before 3 p.m.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, E. Fox, grand size and substance, rare head and neck, good wings, fine colour, and condition; 2, vhc, E. Severn, fine quality and colour, shade smaller all through, good wings and tail; 3, Hatton, less stout, but grand quality and condition; 4, Orme, longer, in A1 feather; hc, Alton. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Severn, grand pair, first has it in cobby type, splendid bloom and condition on both; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, less in body and substance, fine colour, feather, and bloom; 4, H. G. Alton, paler, but grand quality, type, and condition; vhc, Smith. TKD. (8): 1, 3, Fox, Yell. and Buff, both well-known winners, Derby, etc., in very grand form; 2, Dickens, Tkd. eye, cheeks, and wings, rare substance, grand quality and condition; 4, Marshall and Vaughan, just beaten in thickness of body, good quality of feather; vhc, Smedley; hc, J. R. Smith; c, Stevens. LIENS (14): 1, 2, Fox, grand pair, first famous saddle mkd., and a grand buff, both well-known winners, in the pink of condition; 3, Severn, bouny buff, just beaten in substance, lovely quality and condition; 4, Hewitt, very sweet cobby yell., hardly so fine a head and neck as first, but lovely condition; vhc, Stevens; hc, Smedley; c, Marshall and Vaughan. UNFLIO. (12): 1, Severn, 4 point and cheek mark buff, A1 colour, shape, quality, and condition; 2, Orme, yell. green foul tail, nice type, good colour, fine condition; 3, Wilcox and Son, clear buff, grand back, nice feather and bloom; 4, Dickens, clear buff, larger and longer, good feather; vhc, c, Langton; hc, Bentley. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Hewitt; 2, 3, Twine; 4, Gregory; vhc, Henshaw; hc, c, Eaton. LIMIT (20/-) (9): 1, Bentley; 2, Eaton; 3, Colver; 4, Wilcox and Son; vbc, Shaw; hc, Bexson; 3, Parkinson. PAIRS (30/-): 1, J. R. Smith; 2, Brocklesby; (10/-): 1, Eaton; 2, Smith; 3, Hunt; 4, Fox; vhc, Shaw; hc, Hadley; c, Thompson. CREST YELL. (3): 1, Davis, yell. green, D.C., well filled crest, nice centre, good droop and formation, long feathered bird; 2, Wayte, cl. body, grey crest, big crest, not quite the wealth and droop of first, fine body; 3, Harris, wing mk., D.C., narrower and more oval crest, beaten in centre and sides, but a good one. CREST A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Wooley, cl. body, D.C., and a big green, former A1 form and centre and droop, nice all-round bird, latter beaten in centre and size of crest; 2, Osborne, wing mk., D.C., beaten in sides and droop, nice centre and good body; vhc, Alton. CREST UNFLIG (4): 1, Turner; wing mk., D.C. yell. A1 condition, a good one; 2, Miller, buff, same colour body and crest, nice droop, bit open centre, wants more frontal crest; 3, Hallam, beaten in crest, will improve; 4, Osborne, var., D.C., heavy body, beaten in crest. LIMIT (30/-) (4): 1, Davis; 2, Jacklin; 3, Wigginton; 4, Miller. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Nuttall, green, broad oval skull, good entrance and frontal feather, fine body, and abundance of feather; 2, Miller, mk. head, wings, and tail, plenty feather, big body, nice cushion head, grand frontal, good entrance; 3, Twine, eye and wing mk., narrower skull, good feather, nice body; 4, Osborne, larger bird, but narrower entrance, etc.; vhc, Turner; hc, Wayte. HENS (3): 1, Davis, green, fine big surly bird, good skull, plenty of feather; 2, Alton, narrower front, fine body, well feathered; 3, Osborne, cl., well-browed, nice shape head, good body feather. UNFLIO. (2): 1, Davis, nice young bird; 2, Wooley, heavy var. one. C.B. LIMIT (25/-) (6): 1, Goode, good value; 2, Wiggington; 3, Jacklin; 4, Twine; vhc, Harris; hc, Parkinson. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, Goucher; 2, Mason, both clears, former best size and length and most typical, fine quality and condition. BUFF (5): 1, Pass, tick nape, finely drawn; 2, Mason, wing tick, lengthy, but wild, smart when steady; 3, Day, slightly tkd. neck, shorter, good quality and condition; 4, Goucher, beaten in quality and condition to-day; vhc, Clarke. HENS (2): 1, Goucher; 2, White, first finely drawn cl. buff, just A1, second yell., small, and rather too breedy. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Goucher, tick back of head, finely drawn buff, well up on leg, grand all-round contour; 2, vbc, White, cl. yell., finely drawn, stylish, well up, in fine feather, of good quality; 3, hc, Rogers and Orchard, cl. yell., hardly so smart as second all round; 4, Mason, beaten in head and neck, fine body; c, Smedley. LIMIT (20/-) (4): 1, Mason; 2, Eaton; 3, 4, Goucher. CINN., A.V. (7): 1, 2, c, Bexson, old war horse to the front once more with a team of capital Cinnamons, rare type, size, colour, and quality; 3, 4, Bentley, good pair, but beaten in substance a little; vhc, Leam and Stinson; hc, Tams and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Smith, even mark, Nor.; 2, Squires, pretty Border Fancy. CL., ETC., HYB. (9): 1, 4, Tams and Son, nearly cl. buff Gold Canary, small but smart, and a nice Goldie-Bully, in good colour, bloom, and condition; 2, Pitchford, rare size and shaped Linnet-Bullfinch, bit dull in colour, but grand feather and condition; 3, Leam and Stinson, 4-point buff Gold-Canary, splendid feather, only wants better eye marks; vhc, Seal, variegated, Gold.-Canary, nice condition; hc, Maltby; c, Gregory. DARK CAN. HYB. (14): 1, Leam and Stinson, very grand coloured yell. Greenfinch-Canary, beautiful feather and condition, nice size; 2, Swift, grand big buff Siskin-Canary, bold chest, nice markings, very level in condition and feather, rare head; 3, Palmer, very large thick set buff Linnet-Canary, grand feather, glossy condition; 4, Thompson, very good tight-feather buff Gold.-Canary, grand blaze, very glossy condition; vhc, Stevens, rare good yell. Linnet-Canary; hc, Booth; c, Trueman, yell. Siskin-Canary, small, but very pretty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Hurst, looks like the "Pride of Liverpool," (if so) is beginning to show his old bloom and condition, blaze coming up good in colour, body feather in nice order; 2, Tams and Son, grand Finch, rare blaze and colour, tight condition, fails in cons on one wing; 3, vbc, Booth, fine bird, not quite up in condition yet; 4, Marriott, smaller, wants levelling in condition; hc, Hubbard; c, Mrs. Stanley BULLFINCH (4): 1, 3, Chick, grand pair, first best cap, back and breast, both in A1 condition; 2, Henshaw, fine hen, grand size, bloom, and condition; 4, Hexter, pale breast, A1 condition. SISKIN (2): 1, Booth, nat. col., good size, nice cap, cl. markings, in glossy condition; 2, Chick, smaller, good colour, beaten in breast, feather, and condition to-day. GREENFINCH (12): A very good lot: 1, Hurst, fine quality, bloom, and condition, nice size, like satin; 2, Cooper, buff, in superb feather and condition, good head; 3, 4, Henshaw, fine pair, third in the best condition, fourth larger and deeper colour, but softer condition; vhc, Chick; hc, Parker; c, Widdowson. LINNET (11): 1, Tams and Son, grand colour and markings, good head, nicely coned body, in fine feather and condition; 2, Chick, fine bird, equal in all points, except head, good condition; 3, Pitchford, fine head, very good markings, beaten in colour; 4, Goode, A1 markings and condition, beaten in head to first; vbc, Seal; hc, Hunt and Brentnall; c, Marriott. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Hurst, fine Twite, good head, chest, and body, nice colour and markings, in fine glossy condition; 2, 3, 4, Henshaw, couple of Lesser Redpolls and a Twite, all in very smart feather and condition, Twite a tigbt run for first; vhc, Caunt, nice Twite; hc, Chick, small mealy Redpoll; c, Goode, fair Twite. BRAMBLE, ETC. (12): A grand lot of Brambles here: 1, 4, Chick, wonderful Bramble, first the finest all-round bird, both grand glossy condition; 2, Goode, very tigbt conditioned, steady Bramble, grand breast, good back markings, hardly so long, and well coned to end of tail as first, but fine bird all the same; 3, Tyler, steady, nice feathered Chaffinch, fair size, good wing marks, etc.; vhc, Hurst, another very good Bramble, very close up to others; bc, Hubbard, fine big Chaffinch, when steady a good one; c, Shaw, Mrs. A.O.S., BRIT. (12): 1, 2, 4, Chick, a very strong "team," most perfect Redstart in ideal show form winning, the well-known Chougb second, and a very pretty Fieldfare third, the Redstart being the most perfect of the three; 3, hc, Leam and Stinson, pair of fine Gales, former tightest and best colour and condition; vhc, Gregory, takes spl. for best Lark, very steady, tight-feathered bird, well shown; c, Mrs. Leatherhead, nicely spotted Thrush. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, Hadley, fine pair of Barnard Parrakeets, in very tigbt and perfect feather and condition; 2, Baker, very large Blue-front Amazon, in fine, tight feather; 3, Tunnicliffe, medium-sized, Alexandrine, in very fair good feather. SMALL (10): 1, 4, Stoker, Red-Crested Houeyeater, in fine condition, and Scarlet Tanager, deep colour, but bit off in condition; 2, C. Wayler, grand Zebra Finch and pretty pair of Orange-breasted Waxbills; 3, Caunt, grand pair, pins in tails perfect; vhc, Bexson, pair Blackheaded Nuns; hc, Hadley. SELL. (15/-): 1, 2, Wiggington's. GIFT (11): 1, Wiggington: 2, Wooley; 3, Henshaw; 4, Gregory; vhc, Marriott; hc, T. Smith; c, Shaw. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (7): 1, 4, Hunt and Brentnall; 2, Smith; 3, hc, Thompson; vhc, Shaw; c, Pender. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Eaton. A.O.V., CAN., OR MULE: 1, Hunt and Brentnall, nice Border; 2, spl., best members' Mule, Gregory; No. 2, absent. BRIT. (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Henshaw, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Bramble, and Twite in order named, all looking well; 4, Eaton, Greenfinch; hc, Marriott, Greenfinch; c, Shaw, Goldfinch.

PENRHIWCEIBER.

This show was held on October 29th, at the Workman's Hall. The cage bird section was somewhat poorly represented in numbers, but the quality of the birds exhibited was such as might have some influence on the Committee in inducing them to cater more liberally for this section in the future, and to provide a specialist cage bird judge. Attention given to these and a few other suggestions would certainly repay the Committee, especially in view of the fact that if properly managed the cage bird section of a mixed show is second to none from a financial point of view. Mr. Evans makes an ideal secretary; he is most courteous and obliging, as also is Mr. Cahill, the cage bird steward, whose whole attention seemed to be centred on the care of the birds under his charge. In fact the committee as a whole, considering it their first venture, was all that could be desired. Mr. Proud placed the cards.

YORKS. CK. (7): 1, withheld; 2, res, hc, Wilton, leader, cl, yell, hen, nice type and quality, good length, not quite ready; 3, Weeks, eye tkd, buff, nice length, good position, bit long in feather; vhc, Oats; c, Evans. HEN: cancelled. NOR. CK. (6): 1, withheld; 2, spl. 3, vhc, Pritchard, leader, cl. buff, will improve; 3, cl, muffig yell, hard to beat for type, quality and colour, could do with a trifle in size; 4, hc, Bradford, nice quality, thigh tkd. buff, leading. HEN: 1, withheld; 2, 3, 4, Pritchard, leader, varief. buff, some thought should have given way to another variegated lady, good quality and type; vhc, hc, Bradford, leader, a gem for shape. A.O.V. CAN: cancelled. BRIT. SOFTBILL (9): 1spl, Clayton, Song Thrush, grand quality feather, nice moonings, very steady, well staged; 2, withheld; 3, vhc, hc, Castree, Whinchat, the Blackwood winner, looking well to-day; res. Dean; vhc, c, Pritchard, a good class this. HARD BILL (9): 1, 3, rs, Wilkins, topping Greenie leading, 3, yell, Bunting, very moderate, some thought it might have given way to res, Chaffinch, in perfect feather and steady; vhc (2), Whitney; hc, Gibbs; c, Pritchard.

BARNSTAPLE.

The 21st annual show was held on Nov. 3rd and 4th, in the Market Hall, unquestionably one of the finest in the kingdom. The birds were located in an ante-room, and were nicely staged, and well attended to by experienced and painstaking stewards, amongst the foremost being Mr. E. J. Piper. Mr. P. Harris was again the Hon. Sec., and, as usual, had everything working as smoothly as clockwork. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

BELG.: 1, vhc, hc, Baker, O. S., wing tkd. yell. leading, gets to work in a flash, nice top, long, fine neck and neat head, stands well; 2, Bennett, grand topped buff, good depth through, nice straight back and tail, in grand trim; 3, 4, Horrill, yell., nicely filled shoulders, neat head, fine neck; 4, Bulf, stands well, plenty of shoulder, straight in back and tail; c, Baker, O. HEN: 1, 2, G. S. Baker, both buffs, leader, well filled, heavy shoulders, quick in position, nice length of side, good back and tail; 2, in beautiful condition, nicely filled shoulders, good length of side, straight back and tail; 3, G. Baker, yell., good shoulders, nice head and neck, deep through; 4, hc, Horrill, nice tkd. yell., good length of side, nice head and neck; vhc, c, Bennett. BRED 1908: 1, Challenge Cup, 3, G. Baker, grand one, yell. tkd. on head, heavy, well-filled shoulders, good depression of head, straight back and tail, quick in position, in grand order; 3, cl. yell., nice length of side, good top, not quite so well filled in; 2, spl, 4, vbc, hc, Horrill; 2, Yell., nice length of side, straight back and tail, good deptb through, another good one; 4, buff, nice top, back and tail, good head depression; c, G. S. Baker. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, Keegan, neck and cheek mkd., beautiful colour and full of quality, straight as a rush, stands like a guardsman; 2, Woodley, long, slim-built one, grand back, good colour and position; 3, Pincombe, thigh tick, finely drawn, nice colour and quality, long flights and tail, neat head; 4, c, Lashbrook and Sons, wing tick, long and slim, grand colour; vhc, German. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Lovell, buff, ticked right wing, grand position, well up on leg, lovely quality, nice flights and tail; 3, yell., grand feather and quality, nice length; 2, Pope, gem for feather, stand and style, nice flights and tail, neat head and good back, cl. yell.; 4, c, Elsmore, buff, beautiful feather, close as boxwood, lovely position; vhc, Pincombe; hc, Lashbrook and Sons. UNFLIG.: 1, Burnard, yell., grand stand and style, lovely feather and colour, nicely packed flights, neat tail; 2, Keegan, Cinn., wings and cheek mkd. yell., grand feather, like a glass bottle, slim built; 3, Parnell and Son, tkd. eye and waist, slim built, grand feather, nice wings and tail, neat head; 4, Woodley, yell., grand colour, straight, good wings and tail; vhc, Pincombe; hc, Elsmore; c, Miss Kivell. NOR. BUFF UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, Collings, mkd. cheek, neck and wings, grand shape, nice head, short full neck, lovely colour, neat wings and tail, good one; 2, Tucker, cl. grand colour and close feather nicely cut away, not so neat in wing carriage; 3, G. S. Baker, tkd. head, splendid quality, smooth breast; 4, West, left wing mkd., grand head, cobby body, nice quality; vhc, Spillman; hc, Robinson; c, Broomfield. PAIRS A.V. (7): 1, Bale, grand crested hen, thick, heavy, well-filled crest, crest beautiful leafy character, and a heavily feathered, good skulled C.B.; 2, Bailey, clinking pair of Nor., grand yell. ck., good shape, substance and colour, buff hen, mkd. on saddle, nice shape and quality; 3, G. S. Baker, nice pair of Belg., yell. ck. and buff hen; 4, Dart, good pair of Scots, nice buff hen; vbc, Oliver; hc, Horrill; c, Garish. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, F. Collins, six pointed buff Goldfinch Canary, beautiful condition, lovely quality and good colour; 2, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, nice feather, shape and colour; 4, E. Collins, Redpoll-Goldfinch, both nice feather and colour; vhc, Webber and Son; hc, Wills. NOVICE A.V. (9): 1, Hammett, good green Crestbred; 2, West, smart, good coloured, and shapely yell. Nor., nice quality; 3, Webber, neat Crest, nice frontal; 4, Davey, Crest; vhc, Dart; hc, Reynolds; c, Saxon. SELL. (42s.) (9): 1, Loosemore; 2, Gill and Pethick; 3, Bennett; 4, Piper; hc, Horrill; c, Bale. (21s.) (10): 1, Bailey; 2, Webber; 3, Rowe and Hancock; 4, Bale; vhc, Jones; hc, Langmead; c, German. (10s. 6d.) (18): 1, Bailey; 2, Lane; 3, Collings; 4, West; vhc, Carter and Wells; hc, German; c, Hughes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, hc, Roe and Hancock, nice face, beautiful bars and buttons, good back and cheeks; 2, Hughes, grand tanning on chest, not quite so full in face; 3, Paul, nice tanning on chest, good bars and buttons; 4, Collins, nice shape, good bars and buttons; vhc, Morrish; c, Lock. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, Ford, grand Blackbird, good shape, nice hill and eye cere, and good shaped body, of nice colour; 2, Barry Bros., grandly spangled and lustrous Starling; 3, Mayfield, Song Thrush, nicely spotted, in good feather; 4, A. Baker, Song Thrush, good shape, hardly eo good in spotting; vhc, Lile; hc, Bowden; c, Stacey. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, spl, Wills, grand yell. Bunting, lovely colour, feather, shape and markings; 2, 3, Rowe and Hancock, Siskin, grand cap, colour and markings, in fine trim; 3, nice Blackcap 4, E. Collins, good feathered and coloured yellow Bunting; vhc, Dark; hc, Camp. FOR. LARGE: 1, 2 spls., 4, vhc, Young, grand, Manycoloured Parrakeet, in magnificent feather, lovely colour, a real gem; 2, Sloman, good Toucan; 3, Gill and Pethick, grand coloured King Parrot; hc, Kingdon; c, Gibbings. SMALL (5): 1, 4, Sloman, Scarlet Tanager, in brilliant plumage, and grand in feather; 4, nice Whydah; 2, 3, Young, grand Paradise Whydah and a lovely Plainhead Parrakeet. PAIR OR GROUP, LARGE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Young, Rosella, in nice feather and colour, mealy Rosellas and Cockatiels. SMALL (5): 1, 2, vhc, Young, grand lot, all in fine condition; 3, Miss Meredith, good group; 4, Sloman, nice pair of yellow Budgerigars. LOCAL CAN. OR MULE (11): 1, spl, Pearce, six-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can. Mule, grand colour right through, nice feather, real good one; 2, E. Collins, good-coloured and feathered, and shapely Linnet-Bullie; 3, c, Bale, nice C-b; 4, Halls, good-coloured dark buff Goldfinch-Can., full of quality; vhc, Davey; hc, Mrs. Kivell.

RAMSGATE.

First show held at the Drill Hall on October 21st. The birds were staged in a very nice room, which, however, would have been somewhat improved had there been more light; but taking all things into consideration we must say the show was a great success. The birds were of excellent quality, and some fine specimens, both in Yorkshires and Norwich, faced the judge. Messrs. Patterson and Taylor showed some grand Norwich, and Mr. Johnson put down some topping Yorkies, which were much admired. The entry was first-class, there being over 200 exhibits, which speaks well for the future success of this go-ahead society. Everything was in first-class working order. The secretary, Mr. Thomas, was most obliging, and held the reins in quite a veteran's style. The committee worked very hard indeed, and it was a highly successful exhibition. Mr. Gibbs judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Maddison, beautiful quality, fine colour; 2, Taylor, fine size, full of colour, rare chest; 3, Gwyn, another good one for eye, fails only in colour and quality; 4, Eade, moderate; vhc, Richards. BUFF (12): 1, 3, c, Taylor, former fine quality, good undercolour, round head, nice chest, an admired exhibit; 3rd, another good one, best of quality, short wings and tail, lacks the bloom; 2, Patterson, giant, grand type, with fine head, not the quality of winner, a rare stock bird, however; 4, Wood, nice quality small; vhc, Maddison; hc, Wood. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Thompson, sweet bird, grand quality, short tail, beautiful wing carriage, taking exhibit, wins; 2, vhc, c, Taylor, 1st fine bold ticked buff, rare substance, grand type and quality, trifle weak in head, good bird; 3, Wood, grand quality, sweet type, bit fat, which spoilt its outline; 4, Gwyn, splendid colour, lacks quality; c, Cock. HEN (13): 1, spl, Patterson and Charmer, wonderful type, brim full of colour, best of quality, fit for any company; 2, Stewart, another good one for quality, fine shape, not the best of carriage, and fails somewhat in condition; 3, Howard, fine head and neck, good carriage, shade longer in flights; 4, Taylor, nice colour, carries little too much feather; vhc, Gwyn; hc, Taylor. CL., NON-FED (6): 1, spl, Holness, a gem for quality, very rich natural colour, good one; 2, Gwyn, another good one, wonderful size and shape, with nice head, hardly the quality of feather; 3, Kew, very moderate; vbc, Maddison; hc, c, Elliott. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Holness, fine bold bird, good chest, short tail and flights, in good form, wins; 2, Howard, sweet quality but pinched in head, not quite the right type, a good one bowever; 4, Ashbee. CREST (4): 1, Nicholl, very neat, good body; 2, Thompson, nice one, but very small; 3, Potton, bigger crest, but rough at sides. YORKS. CL. (4): 1, spl, 3, Johnson, leader perfect gem of a buff, stands like a guardsman, feathered like wax, a tip-topper; 3rd, fine lengthy yellow, splendid carriage, well drawn, hardly fit yet; 2, Reeve, nice yellow, good length and quality, inclined to get across perch, good bird, wants training; 4, Chapman, well up on leg, lacks quality. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Johnson, pair of beauties, former sweet yellow ticked, best of quality wings, nice pipe tail; 2nd, lengthy variegated, beautifully drawn, rare quality, very steady; 3, Reeve, good one, well up on leg, nice tail and wings, will improve yet; 4, Allen, good style, wants steadying; vhc, Chandler; bc, Fasham. PAIRS (7): 1, spl, Patterson, Norwich gems, charming buff cock, beautiful undercolour, quality A1, also lovely yellow hen, rare head, short, and thick-set; 2, Bowes, tip-top pair of Borders, both nice jaunty carriage, well shown, beautiful feather; 3, Scharpf, crested, well matched, good crested cock and fine C.B. hen; vhc, Fasham; bc, Scharpf. NOR. CL. YELL. (Isle of Thanet only) (9): 1, spl, Jones, good one full of colour, nice head and neck, bonny bird; 2, Mills, another nice one, short tail and flights, rare head, not quite the colour and quality; 3, Brown, fine colour, good chest, weak in head; 4, Kew, nice shape and quality, lacks the finish; vhc, Housden; hc, Gwyn; c, Jones BUFF (14): Hot lot; 1, Moore, fine head and neck, beautiful type, thick-set, good one, but a batb would improve him, Mr. M.; 2, Mills, good size and depth of chest, well up in colour, slightly browed, fine bird; 3, 4, Jones, very similar in build, nice meal and undercolour, on small side; vhc, Mills; hc, Ashbee; c, Brown. TKD., ETC. (21): 1, Eliott, beautiful buff, ticked on head, grand colour, good full front, short wings and tail, might have been shown to still better advantage; 2, 3, Jones, two good ones, full of colour again, both nice size, former better type, the latter a trifle coarse in feather, but both bonny; 4, Hobbs, sweet quality and type, fails in head properties; vhc, Kew, Housden; hc, Brown; c, Moore. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Boney, two grand C.B. cocks, well lashed, carrying plenty of feather; 2, Thomas, nice exhibit; 3, Moore, moderate; vhc, Thornton. MULES. DARK: 1, spl, Wood, good one, nice size and colour, well shown; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Thomas, fine team, well put down. LIGHT: 1, 3, Ward, former grand five-pointed buff, fine size, in tip-top form, wins; 3rd, another sweet bird, but not the size or colour of former; 2, Taylor, yellow, smart little bird, lacks a little in colour; hc, Fasham. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Papworth, nice bars and buttons, with rich-coloured face, good one; 2, Fasham, bigger, but not the richness of colour; 3, Thomas, fair bird. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Pankhurst, nice Linnet, good size, well pencilled, rare shape and condition; 2, Wickham, another good one, nice markings and colour, but hardly so large, close up; 2, Shaw, good Redpoll, well shown; vhc, Thomas; c, James. GREENFINCH: 1, Wickham, beauty, nice colour, splendid size, very steady; 2, Papworth, another nice bird, good wings, but a little out of condition; 3, 4, James, two decent birds, on the small side; vhc, Kew. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Hunt, nice exhibit; 2, Papworth; 3, Traysford; 4, Hopkinson. PARROTS, ETC.: 1, 3, White; 2, West; 4, Peters; all good ones, greatly admired. A.O.S. FOR.: 1, spl, Hartz, Indian Mynah, in grand form; 2, Thomas, Bishop in fine condition; 3, Borges, Crow, nice bird; 4, Hopwood, grand pair of White Javas; vhc, Tucker; hc, Twyford. LOCAL CAN.: 1, Darby, nice Crest; 2, Holness, Norwich, moderate bird; 3, Jackman; 4, Wells; vhc, Griggs; hc, Allen; c, Wells.

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Manchester Puts up a Very Good Show.

Despite the disastrous cotton strike, there is an excellent entry of quality birds, a splendid "gate," and a record take at the sales office.

Manchester's annual exhibition, held on October 30th and 31st last, in the Ilulme Town Hall, can rarely have been held under more discouraging and depressing local trade conditions—conditions which, as must be apparent to everyone, are of vital importance to the welfare of all hobbies. Yet the dark cloud which hangs over Lancashire's chief industry, and consequently over so many of the working men in the County of the Red Rose, signally failed to do more than partially eclipse this old-established fixture. That the cotton strike had so small an effect on their show is a matter upon which the executive can be congratulated—upon which, indeed, we have reason to know they *did* congratulate themselves. The event under notice, the 26th of its kind held by the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., drew an entry of 1,655 birds in the open classes, which, with the 208 birds in the members' amateur and novice classes, made the satisfying total of 1,863 birds on view in the exhibition. Of the quality one can hardly speak too highly. In all sections the birds were of very high class indeed, while in some it can be truthfully said that the cream of the land were gathered together in competition.

The display was much appreciated by the huge crowd of fanciers who put in an appearance on the Saturday, and taxed to the utmost the resources of the fine room which the society is fortunate enough to have at its disposal. The "gate" on the Friday (the first day) was also a satisfactory one. A good view of the up-to-date method of staging the exhibits which obtains here, is given in our large photowmph. It is that known as the three-tier system, and which allows the utmost to be made of the floor space in the interests of the visitors. It is very safe, too, as any cage can be reached down without disturbing its neighbours, while the cross-pieces from aisle to aisle at top make the whole wonderfully firm and strong. That everything possible was done for the comfort of the birds and the lookers-on goes without saying—Manchester has a reputation of long years' standing for doing things of this kind to perfection, a reputation they are not likely to lose in a hurry. The officials and members, both "old stagers" and "raw recruits," are too strongly imbued with the true spirit of fancier-ship to permit of such a happening. This it is which accounts for Manchester Show being such a happy meeting-ground for fanciers from all over the kingdom. And this year was no exception to the rule, for we noticed present faces well-known in Scotland, in Wales, in Ireland, and in all the four corners of England, not forgetting the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight. Their owners seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves, too. We enjoyed *ourselves*, anyway, though it *did* rain (as is customary when we venture to journey to Cottonopolis).

Some Deserved "Pats on the Back."

No doubt much of the credit for the success of the function from the social side has to be laid at the door of that most genial and kindly of presidents, Mr. W. A. Blaydon, than whom there can surely be no fancier more respected. He has a welcome for everyone, whether noted exhibitor or new beginner, and of a truth everyone welcomes *him* in return. On this occasion he was, as one of his colleagues observed to us, "in proper exhibition form." No doubt, too, the show from the business point of view is equally indebted to Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, hon. sec. and show manager of the society for so many years, and this season joint manager with Mr. E. Jones. His organising abilities have long been recognised as exceptional, and the ease and order which characterise the working of Manchester Show supply yearly proof of this. While keen as mustard from the business standpoint, however, Mr. Lythgoe is courteous and helpful to all enquirers, and considerate as to the wishes of exhibitors and visitors. Owing to exigencies of business he was unable to be present during the whole of the two days of the show, and this accordingly threw considerable responsibility on to the shoulders of Mr. Jones, who, though young in years, rose to the occasion in highly creditable style, and achieved no inconsiderable measure of success. In him the society has a highly promising official, a real hard-worker, and an enthusiasist. Those seasoned and popular fanciers, Messrs. J. Raynes and Geo. Bleach, rendered splendid assistance, both in the secretary's office and in the show-room, while that veteran, Mr. T. Pease (or "Master Tommy," as his friends affectionately term him), kept his eagle eye on things generally, and worked as only a true fancier can, early and late. The feeding arrangements were admirable, and were in the hands of Messrs. F. Parker (Canaries) and S. W. Birchley (Brit. and For.), Mr. D. H. Creasy also assisting in the Foreign section. These gentlemen deserve a special word of praise for the care expended on their charges.

The members of committee, who very efficiently stewarded the judges, saw to the general arrangements, and unpacked and despatched the exhibits in careful, painstaking manner, were Messrs. E. Blensdale, H. Bootliman, W. Boswell, T. Brennan, G. Bruce, C. Clarke, S. Cook, J. Coulson, G. W. Crompton, W. Downing, W. Filder, J. Garner, G. F. Gray, W. Harding, J. Hughes, D. Leigh, W. Lloyd, G. Massey, S. McCann, E. Morgan, C. Pollitt, E. Riley, C. A. Slater, A. G. Smith, J. Spencer, and W. Whalley, with Messrs. Creasy, Parker and Birchley as well. The birds were got off on their homeward journey in record time after the close of the show. All were away by nine o'clock, and the hall locked up by 9.30 p.m. The long distance birds (the Scottish ones, for instance) were "facilitated," and left about four o'clock. The birds being held back until Monday were carefully tended early on the Sunday morning.

T'brass is a'reight.

We have already referred to the fact that the "gate" was a good one, and the sale of catalogues was good also, a slight deficiency in these departments compared with last year's show, being counterbalanced by a splendid "take" at the sales office, where the receipts totalled up a record, a considerable number of high-priced birds finding new owners. This will be satisfactory news for the well-wishers—and they must be legion—of this old-established society. The illness of Mr. A. Ambler (which necessitated Mr. Halliday's judging the Yorks) was regrettable, and we heard on all hands expressions of sympathy and wishes for his speedy recovery. We noticed, by the way, Mr. F. W. Barnett looking over his favourite section, the Crests and Crest-breds. Some of the Belgians, it is worthy of notice, actually travelled down all the way from Aberdeen, while a fine team came from Coatbridge.

The "Giants" and the "Spangle-backs."

The Lancashires held premier position in the schedule, and made a good display. Unfortunately Rochdale Show the week previously always acts as a deterrent to many exhibitors, owing to the birds having met there, and so, as it were, found their places in the prize list. The cream of the fancy, however, appeared on the benches, and a number of the best Lancashires ever staged faced the judge, Messrs. Barrass, Oldham, Garner, Butterworth, Adams, West, Vickers, and Lowe did well. The Lizards were also a grand lot for quality, the winners taking some sorting out. Many of the birds were far from steady, and as steadiness is so much required to show the fine markings of a Lizard to perfection, some good specimens were no doubt overlooked through the birds refusing to show themselves to the best advantage. The principal winners in some stiff battles were Messrs. Dewsnap, Dickinson, Rukin, Holland, W. P. Barnes, Hampshire, and Fisher.

Among the Chubby Ones.

The Norwich section we were sorry to see not quite up to expectations as regards number of entries, although it was the third show of the Norwich Plainhead Club. But the quality, as is usual at Manchester, was of the highest standard, exceptional specimens being staged in every class. Such well-known breeders as Messrs. Irons, Seed, Cook, Dent, Raynes, Aitchison, Evans, Bowyer, and others put down some good birds, and these naturally obtained much attention. Mr. S. Cook's now well-known Ticked Yellow again rightly headed its class, as did Mr. Thos. Seed's "Little King II." and Mr. Evans' clear buff hen. The magnificent natural-colour Yellow belonging to that well-known Scottish enthusiast, Mr. W. Aitchison, was acknowledged by most to be one of the best Norwich in the champion section. The entries in the amateur section turned up satisfactorily, specimens well up to the standard, and capable of holding their own in the champion classes, being staged by Messrs. Hill, Curtis, Anderton, Venables, Fletcher, Walters, Oliver, Leeming Bros., Fildes and Marlor. Coming to the Border fancies, these little gems made a splendid display, both as regards numbers and quality, many noted Northern rooms sending strong teams down to represent them. Mr. J. S. Wilson, of Workington, secured no less than four lots. Other magnificent birds were those of Messrs. Lewthwaite, Hopper Bros., Robertson, Hancocks, Pennington, Cubby, Treadwell, Wardleworth, and Roberts. The Greens were a particularly nice lot, good both in colour and type.

In the Norwich Greens 33 turned up in the four classes provided, and a good percentage of these were foul-marked. The principal winners in the section were Messrs. Harrison, Barker, and Abbott, Jenkins, and R. Davies, who staged some excellent specimens.

Style and Headpieces.

Yorkshires, those birds of "grace and beauty," did not muster as strongly as one would have liked. Many very meritorious specimens were, nevertheless, to be seen. The marked yellow cock, staged by Mr. W. Broughton, struck one as a bird of exceptional merit, and the clear yellow cock, owned by Mr. A. Hirst, was voted a gem. Mr. L. Lane had on view a charming yellow hen, while the clear buff hen, grandly staged by Mr. G. F. Gray, captivated many. In the amateur classes Messrs. W. P. Fletcher and G. Welsh stood out prominently. The Yorkshire Greens were not so numerous as we have seen them on past occasions at this great Northern show, still many magnificent exhibits met one's gaze. Prizes were fairly well split up, the "spoil" being captured by Messrs. Teare, Hughes, Butterworth, Davie, Drinkwater, Cunningham, and Parker. The depth of colour observable throughout these classes was very satisfactory, and the symmetry of outline pleased greatly. Greens are undoubtedly advancing in character. No cinnamon-marked birds were on view, yet a show or two back we remember quite a capital lot of these charming exhibits being present, and we had the pleasure of saying very nice things about them. Now, cinnamon-marked fanciers, buck up, and don't let it occur again. The Crests and Crest-breds contained several "eye openers," and provided a study to those who swear by the "toppin" variety. Quite a multitude of curious eyes were cast on a buff, marked wings and tail, Dark Crest, owned by that well-known Northern "crack," Mr. T. Taylor. This specimen, we guess, is the Newcastle hero, and without doubt is one of the very best. Mr. W. Radley was not far behind with a bird of wonderful merit. In the Crested hens, Mr. T. J. King planted a couple of "right 'uns" down, his first bird being a topper. Amongst the Crest-breds, Mr. W. Radley held the whip hand in cocks, his buff var. being a monster, with a fine rise and great width of skull, lashed to perfection. In the hens, Mr. T. Taylor scored. The Novice section provided more than one bird quite capable of doing a lot of winning in open competitions. Mr. T. Bowyer, in particular, staged a couple of beauties. Cinnamons turned up fairly well, and contained the cream of the fancy. The "spoil" was split up, the following staging choice exhibits: Messrs. Godley, Davies, Bentley, Handt, Riding, King, and Donmer, the latter not doing quite such execution as has been the case on many previous occasions. In the novice section Messrs. Barraclow and Hill stood out prominently with nice teams. Belgians and Scotch Fancies were fairly well up to the mark. The former appeared to be smaller in build than usual. Many of the birds were far from being through the moult, and may in the course of a short time look much better. On scrutinising the amateur section, one was struck very forcibly with the great advancement accomplished since the 1907 function. The quality of feather has been improved upon, and the characteristics of the various specimens are a nearer approach towards the ideal. Many of the exhibits could have been placed in the open competition without fear of disgracing their owners, so meritorious were they.

Some Feathered Beauties.

Taken on the whole, the Hybrid, British and Foreign sections were considered very satisfactory, for, though they shared in the general drop as regard entries, the birds exhibited therein were a grand and highly attractive lot. Needless to say they were, as of yore, a potent attraction to the visitors. Beauty of staging was conspicuous throughout, and the exhibitors concerned are to be congratulated on presenting their pets in so effective a setting. The Hybrids saw Messrs. Jackson and Bond, Beaty, Walsh, Lea, Somerfield, R. W. Jones, Coffey, R. Jackson, Leigh, Longden, and Blackburn sharing the chief prizes. In the British classes the grand specimens put down by Messrs. A. P. Hurst, F. R. Jones, Tams and Son, J. Walsh, McMurdo, Chick, Beaty, A. Coffey, Pickles, Longden, Angus and Crane, S. W. Birchley, Holt, Alton, and Mort were conspicuous. Mr. Birchley secured both "Lucullus" food specials, and his Tree Creeper, truly a gem, was selected as winner of one of the L. and P.O.S. medals. In the Foreign classes Mr. Beaty held most of the trumps, and came out on top in three out of the four classes, Mr. Pickles serving up the other winner. Both of these gentlemen, with Mr. J. H. Harrison also, had some charming birds on view, in delightful condition. Messrs. Cheetham, H. H. Cooper, Creasey, and Smith and Son had out some beautiful specimens as well. Mr. Beaty's Lory secured the Foreign Bird Club medal.

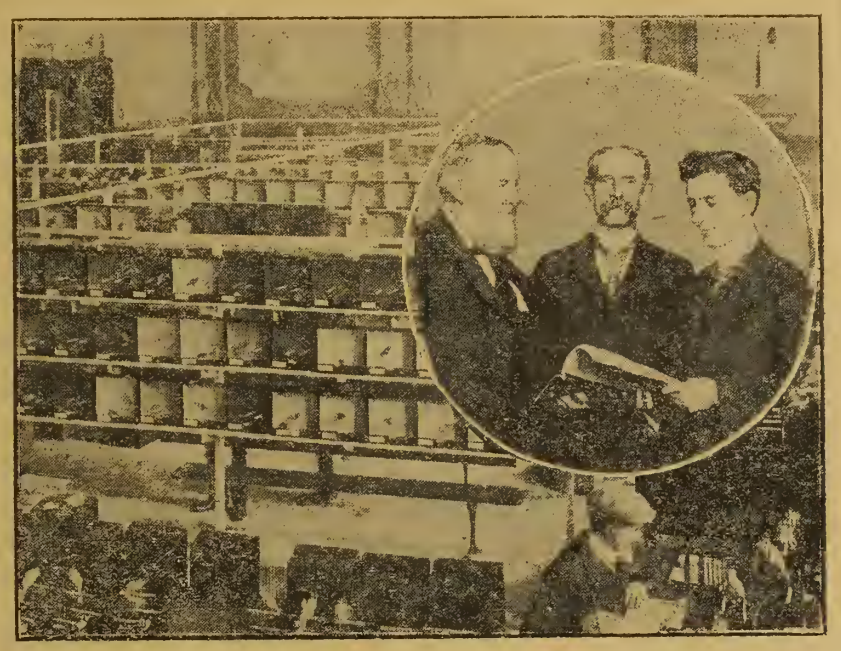
The judges were Messrs. S. R. Compston (Macclesfield), Lancs. and Lizards; J. Trengove (Rishton), Nor. Plainheads; W. J. Ferguson (Lancaster), Borders and Novice Members; J. Dobson (London), Crests, Crests, and Amateur Members' Nor.; R. Halliday (Shipley)—deputising for Mr. Ambler, indisposed—open Yorks., and Amateur Members' Yorks.; E. G. Wright (Manchester), Belg., and Scots.; and G. E. Weston (London), Hybs., Brit., and Foreign. They were favoured with an excellent light (not too common a blessing in Manchester) whilst discharging their duties, and very little grumbling reached our ears concerning their decision.

Mr. Compston's Classes.

LANCS. CL. BUFF COPPY: 1, J. Butterworth, grand coppy, very good in front, well filled up behind, nicely moulded, long-sided, with good position on perch; 2, Barrass, good coppy, rather tight behind neck, making it look narrow behind, rather slack in feather on body; 3, 4, Oldham; 3, nice type, not quite the substance of other two, coppy not as large, but good pattern of coppy, not through moult yet; 4, very tight feathered bird, well shown, wants wee bit more substance; vhc, Garner. TKD. YELL. COPPY: 1, Barrass, grand coppy, very dense, good shape, large bird, stout neck, true shaped body; stands well on perch; 2, 3, Adams, 2, nice coppy, good condition, not as large as winner, good type well shown; 3, Nice quality feather, well balanced, seems a little split in front of coppy, stands well; 4, Vickers, nice one, loose in coppy, centre being out; vhc, Garner. BUFF: 1, West, large good bird, very good coppy, stands well on perch; 2, c, Adams, tighter in feather than winner, and in better condition, but not as large, not as good in coppy; 3, Brocklee, good front to coppy, wants a little more size, stands well, will grow yet; 4, Vickers, very neat all round bird, in good condition; vhc, Barrass, better for stock than for show; hc, Fisher. YELL. P.H.: 1, Barrass, nice head, proper shape, neck well filled up, nice sweep from top of head to shoulders, good type, long in sides, plenty of daylight under it; 2, Garner, tightly feathered, but not as good in shape as winner, stands well; vhc, Oldham, nice length, but hardly through moult. BUFF: 1, Butterworth, long sided, good shaped head, stands up well, lashes well, plenty of substance, well filled up behind neck; 2, vhc, Vickers, tightest feathered bird in class, and best moulded, but not as good in head as first, will improve; 3, Ridyard, good length, not as good in shape of head as others; 4, Turner, good head, not far behind best in class in this respect, but lacks in size, will improve; hc, Garner. TKD. YELL: 1, Lowe, grand head, very wide, good length of head, long sided bird, plenty of substance, good all-round; 3, Turner, not as good in head as winner, long-sided, does not clear perch as well, but a good one; vhc, Garner, nice quality, well balanced, nicely moulded; hc, Barrass. BUFF: 1, Adams, very good head, well feathered, nicely moulded, good length; 3, Oldham, stoutly built, good body, long sides, best headed bird in class, but short of tail; vhc, Lowe, nicely moulded, but a little small; hc, Ridyard. HEN: 1, Barrass, ttd. yell. Plainhead, good size and shape, grand head, stands out in a moderate class; 2, 4, Garner, 2, buff coppy, nice head, but small, good quality; 4, yell. Plainhead, on small side; 3, Ridyard, buff coppy, rather scant in coppy, and slightly hollow in back. LTZ. C.C. GOLD: 1, vhc, Dewsnap, large work, well rowed, good cap, big head; 2, Dickinson, well rowed in straight lines, little too stout in cap, and smaller in spangling than winner, will improve; 3, 4, Rukin, 3, nice back, very straight lines, cap has a tendency to run behind; 4, big spangling, lines not very straight; hc, Holland. SILVER: 1, Holland, big in spangling, straight in rows, its only fault being that it is a little mealy in colour; 2, Barnes, fine back, nice soft colour, grand quality, one tail feather broken; 3, Hampshire, bold in spangling, nicely rowed, good cap, rather too mealy in colour; 4, c, Rukin, good bold spangling, big bird, good cap; vhc, hc, Dewsnap. GOLD: 1, Hampshire, well rowed, bold spangling, very distinct, nice shaped bird, good quality feather; 2, 4, Dewsnap, 2, nicely rowed down back, spangling not quite as distinct, good coloured bird, cap broken over both eyes; 3, Rukin, nice, bold spangling, though not very firm; 4, good coloured bird; vhc, hc, Lawton; c, Barnes. SILVER: 1, 2, 3, Dewsnap, 1, spangled in straight rows, right to bottom of back, also well spangled on sides, bold in cap, in very good condition; 2, spangling good, but spoiled by having one row too small in middle of back; 3, well spangled on both sides, good cap; 4, vhc, Rukin, good in black, rather mealy in places; hc, Cundiff; c, Lawton. HENS, GOLD: 1, 2, vhc, Dewsnap, 1, spangling well placed, very bold, and distinct, nice cap, broken over one eye; 2, Same type of hen as winner, but not quite as clear in spangling, big bird, in good condition; 3, hc, Rukin, 3, smaller, nicely spangled, good on sides, but fails in centre of back; 4, Fisher, big in spangling, but taken colour badly, will make good stock bird; c, Lawton. SILVER: 1, 2, 4, Dewsnap, 1, rich quality feather, soft texture, good quality spangling very bold and distinct; 2, spangled in good rows, nice cap, good colour underneath, rather mealy on top; 4, big spangling, not quite so distinct, good stock bird; 3, Fisher, large spangling placed in good rows, a tendency to open in back; vhc, Rukin; hc, Barnes; c, Hampshire.

Mr. Trengove's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (32): 1, Seed, capital size, rare head, neck and chest, grand quality and colour; 2, Shore, splendid quality and shape, good head and chest; 3, vhc, Massey, 3, again grand quality and colour, good head hardly so chubby; vhc, well up in size and colour; 4, Tristem and Taylor, beautiful quality and type, nice size and colour; hc, Baguley; c, Jones. BUFF (11): 1, Seed, old champion looking well; 2, c, Davies, 2, grand quality, pion looking well; 2, c, Davies, 2, grand quality, rare colour, extra type grand head, neck and chest stack in feather on body; 3, J. and J. Hopkins; (claimed at catalogue price); 3, J. and J. Hopkins; 4, Raynes, beautiful quality, fine type and colour; vhc, Cundiff, grand quality and size, shade paler in colour; hc, Massey. TKD. YELL (5): 1, Cook, Bolton and Accrington winner, slight grizzle on wing, real champion; 2, Ives, thick set, rattling colour,



A Corner of the Show-Room.

Inset is a group comprising (left to right), Mr. W. A. Blaydon (President), Mr. J. Raynes (Committee and Hon. Sec. Norwich P.C.), and Mr. E. Jones (Joint Show Manager).



A Worker at his Work.

Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the able and courteous Secretary and Joint Show Manager of the Manchester and N.C.O.S.

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extra fine shape, lovely quality, well known, 3, Davies, marked head, wings and tail, good size, red hot colour, rare shape and quality; 4, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. eyes and one wing, plenty of size, capital shape and colour, hardly the quality; vhc, Shore, tkd. over beak and wings, marked, grand quality and shape. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Evans, 1 ader, tkd. back of head, a beauty, grand head, short, full neck, good broad deep chest, good quality, a gem; 3, "Sign of the Cross," another slashing Nor. well known; 2, Davies, grizzle on cheek, wonderful shape, rare colour, grand quality, good one; 4, Seed, grizzle tail, grand colour, type, and quality, close up; vhc, Baguley, eye and wing mkd, good size, and colour, splendid quality; he, Davies, variegated, good round bold bird, nice colour and quality, hardly so clean cut; c, Clemin n and Taylor, eyes and wing mkd, grand bird. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Cook, noted cl., beautiful quality and shape, nice colour, grand hen; 2, 3, Davies, 2, tkd, on cheek, wonderful colour, grand type and quality, 3, rare shaped cl. splendid quality, beautiful colour, close up; 4, Jones and Chester, cl, grand quality, nice colour, hardly so compact as leaders; vhc, Shore, thigh and root of tail tkd, grand shape and colour; he, Barraclough, cl., splendid type, nice ecolour; c, Feaney. BUFF (12): 1, Evans, cl, Bolton and Accrington winner, teems with quality, magnificent shape, real gem; 2, Irons, another grand cl., marvellous quality and shape, grand wings and tail, nice colour, well known; 3, Cook, dark tail, big bouncing hen, nice colour and quality; 4, Cook, wings mkd., rare shape, fine substance and quality; vhc, Bentley, mkd. head, wing, and root of tail, good colour and quality, hardly the type; he, Shore, wing mkd, grand hen; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. VELL. (13): 1, Cook, Bolton winner, grand substance, red-hot colour, rare quality, good head, neck, and chest; 2, vhc, Davies, 2,cl, extra colour and shape, superior quality and carriage; vhc, mkd, on cheek, rare colour and quality, grand shape and size; 3, Irons, cl. grand bird all through, lovely colour and quality; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, cl. big, bouncing mdlig. grand shape and colour, nice quality, slightly soiled; he, Shore, good big hot-coloured bird; c, Dent. BUFF (19): 1, Davies, rare colour, grand size and shape; 2, c, Massey, 2, cl. grand size, good colour, nice quality; 3, Cook, cap and wing mkd. wonderful substance and shape, fine colour, rare head; make grand stock bird; 4, Oliver, fine shape and quality, rare head, neck and chest, short of flights in both wings; vhc, Sheldon, cl., capital size and shape, good head, neck, and chest, rare colour and quality; he, Godley, cl. rare colour and size. HENS (19): 1, Irons, cl. Buff, good size and quality, rare shape, nice colour; 2, Seed, yell. a gem, superior quality, shape and colour, very close up; 3, vhc, Davies, 3, tkd. back of head, Buff, rare shape, all front, splendid quality and colour; vhc, cap and wing mkd. yell. beautiful quality and shape, good colour, grand size, bonny; 4, Bowyer, cl. Buff, grand quality and shape, nice colour, hardly so full in neck; he, Taylor, cl. Buff, good shape and quality; c, Evans. NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, Aitchison, cl. yell., grand size and shape, exquisite quality, grand carriage, one of the right stamp; 2, Irons, beg, bouncing Buff, grand shape and quality; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, well known variegated yell.; 4, Raynes, grizzle capped Buff, grand quality and size, real good Nor.; vhc, Booth, clear Buff, good size and quality, shade longer; he, Martin; c, Fletcher. HEN (10): 1, Shore, variegated, good shape, nice size, splendid quality, grand hen; 2, Aitchison, cl. Buff, rare shape, beautiful quality, nice size, bonny exhibit; 3, Martin, yell., good shape and quality, nice colour and size; 4, Irons, cl. Buff, good head, neck and chest, grand quality; vhc, Sherwood, Buff grand quality and carriage; he, J. and J. Hopkins, tkd. eye unflig. Buff; c, Raynes. AMATEUR CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (19): 1, Hill, wing mkd, graud size, red hot colour, splendid shape and quality; 2, Anderton, variegated, grand colour and size, nice quality and carriage; 3, Sutton, grizzle root of tail, fine substance and shape, splendid quality; 4, Fryer, slight tick on wing, good size, and colour, shade longer; vhc, Grey, head and neck mkd., grand shape and quality, beaten a little in substance; he, Bexter and Chesworth, cl., good chest and head; c, Potter. BUFF (13): 1, Crimes, tkd. back of head, grand short, thick set bird, grand colour and quality, nice size and carriage; 2, he, Walters, 2, cl. beautiful shape and colour, marvellous feather, nice size, real good bird; 3, Grey, good colour and quality, nice size and shape; 4, Marlor, cl. good size and quality; vhc, Anderton, tkd on head, grand quality and shape; c, Hughes. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Venables, well known variegated, grand Nor. rare shape and quality, nice colour; 2, Fletcher, red hot colour, nice size, grand quality; good 2nd; 3, Sutton, cl. nice colour and quality, good shape and size; 4, Crimes, cl., well up in size and colour, nice shape and quality; vhc, Fildes, slight tick on neck, beautiful shape and quality; he, J. Woods, tkd. over beak, good Nor.; c, Wallwork. BUFF (23): 1, 4, Fildes, leader cl, fine substance and shape, grand head, neck and chest, good one; 4, cl., grand shape, quality and colour hardly so bold in head; 2, Oliver, cl. grand quality and colour, fine shape and substance; 3, Edwards, variegated, capital shape and colour, nice quality; vhc, Sutton, good colour and quality; he, Connor Bros., good size and shape; c, Sanderson. HEN (25): 1, Leeming Bros., cl. Buff, fine shape, feather like wax, nice head, neck and chest, grand hen; 2, Marlor, another very similar bird, wonderful quality and shape, close up; 3, Venables, bouncing cl. yell., extra shape and quality, good 3rd; 4, Fletcher, variegated, extra quality and shape, nice size and colour, not quite fit; vhc, Freeman, cl. yell., good shape and quality, superior colour and finish; he, Steele, wings, mkd, good colour, nice hen; c, Oliver. A grand class this.

NOR. YELL. GREEN (7): 1, Harrison, grand one, capital size and types, nice feather, good colour; 2, Jenkins, another clunking specimen, beautiful quality and colour, well laced, very good shape; 3, R. Davies, full of true Norwich properties and nice tone of colour; 4, Drinkwater, good size, nice quality; vhc, Hadwin; "wrong class," Dr. Martin and J. H. Davies. BUFF GREEN (7): 1, Harrison, rare thick set bird of grand quality and colour, well across the perch; 2, R. Davies, grand colour, good shape and quality, neat; 3, vhc, Walker, two fine exhibits, possessing good type and quality; 4, Hadwin, superior feather and colour, hardly so stout in build; he, Jenkins; "wrong class," Drinkwater. YELL. GREEN HENS (6): 1, Barker and Abbott, bouncer, good substance and shape, splendid quality and colour, excellent condition; 2, he, Harrison, good sound colour, nice quality and type; 3, Walker, lovely shape and feather, good head, wings and tail; 4, R Davies, grand bird, close up; vhc, J. H. Davies. BUFF HENS (13): 1, 4, Harrison, brace of grand hens, lovely quality, grand size and type, leader the thickest set; 2, Barker and Abbott, plenty of substance, rare shape, good head, worth the place; 3, R Davies, fine shape and colour, nice quality and condition; vhc, Johnson; he, Hadwin; c, Walker.

Mr. Dobson's Classes.

CREST CK. (11): 1, 4, Taylor, winner, very massive buff, mkd. wings and tail, d.c., wealth of rich quality feather, immense crest, wonderfully thatched, most delightful droop, centre rightly placed, a stormer; 4, buff, cl. body, d.c., fine body substance, abundance of feather; 2, Radley, another charmer, buff, almost green, d.c., well up in frame, crest dense, fine size and shape, slashing droop and centre, a bird to be remembered; 3, King, buff, almost green, d.c., shapely body, grand feather, crest of superb leafy feather, capital radiation and droop; vhc, he, Brotherton; c, Johnson. HENS (8): 1, 3, King, brace of A1 specimens, 1st buff, mkd. wings and tail, d.c., wonderful feather, great substance and shape, crest very dense, lovely frontal, droop to perfection, a marvel; 3, yell. vargt., d.c., feather of magnificent texture, not over massively built, but with crest of neatness throughout; 2, F. Johnson, buff vargt. d.c., well up in substance, wealth of rich quality feather, crest round as a rim, leafy, fine size and droop; 4, R. Johnson, buff, mkd. right wing, d.c., good quality and body, crest of nice size, broken at right side, otherwise very meritorious; vhc, Ogden; he, Broadhead. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Radley, buff, vargt., giant, showing heaps of superior quality feather, wonderful width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Bowyer, yell. vargt., lovely feather, grand shape, fine substance, magnificent head properties; 3, vhc, King, buff green, charming feather, A1 shape, nice size, capital head character, good 3rd; 4, Taylor, buff, mkd. wings, showing great amount of clinking feather, nice substance of body; he, F. Johnson; c, Broadhead. HEN (5): 1, Taylor, buff, mkd. head, fine substance and shape, A1 quality feather, broad high rise of skull, finely lashed, real stormer; 2, Ogden, buff vargt., not so massively built as winner, but possesses rattling feather of good length, nice head points; 3, Bowyer, buff vargt., very shapely, capital quality, very neat, good 3rd; 4, King, buff, mkd. wings and head, built on smaller lines, showing good amount of feather, in the pink; No. 911, Brotherton, absent. NOVICE CREST (5): 1, 2, Burgess, former buff, heavy marked d.c., magnificent feather, well up in size, grandly shaped crest, capital droop and centre; 2, buff, lightly vargt. d.c., A1 feather, very shapely, crest round as a hoop, shade smaller, but neatness itself; 3, Salisbury, buff, mkd. wings, d.c., rich feather, good substance, crest of lovely formation and droop; 4, vhc, Oldham, buff, lightly vargt. d.c., abundance of feather, capital feather, crest leafy, lovely frontal. C.B. (7): 1, vhc, Burgess, buff vargt., displaying abundance of feather, capital substance, good head character, credit to owner; 2, 3, Oldham, couple of very bonny exhibits, buff mkd. and buff green pied tail respectively, both full of quality, shapely, nice skull and lash, little between them; 4, c, Salisbury, cl. buff, abundance of feather, good length, nice rise and width of skull, well lashed; he, Jameson. YELL. CINN. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Godley, trio of grand specimens, former fine substance and shape, lovely depth of colour, beautifully burnished, a gem; 4, full of rich quality, capital colour and shape, well up in size; 2, Bentley, well up in substance, grand tone of colour, A1 quality, fine head and neck, beaten in width and depth of chest, still a good one; 3, Dormer, warmest colour in class, magnificent shape and feather, fine carriage; he, Ridings; c, Millburn. BUFF (8): 1, 4, vhc, Godley, again with a taking team, winner, wonderful size and shape, rattling depth of colour, shone like burnished copper, a gem all over; 4, well up in substance, A1 type, lacks little in colour and quality to 1st, yet far from a bad one; 2, Handt, all there for shape, lovely colour, full of quality, well polished; 3, Dormer, good in shape and size, grand carriage, one we admired; he, Bentley. UNFLIG. (11): A nice class; 1, 4, Davies, buff and yell. in order named, winner, rattling shape and quality, grand tone of colour, beautifully burnished, very promising; 4 ,slashing feather, great depth of colour; 2, c, Dormer, yell., wonderful tone of colour, capital feather, bit lean, yet very nice youngster; 3, King, buff, A1 feather and colour, well up in size, good 3rd; vhc, Godley; he, Handt. HEN (10): 1, 2, he, Godley, winner, monster of a yell., wonderful shape and quality, magnificent colour, jaunty carriage, topper; 2, buff, cobby in build, A1 feather and colour, deep broad-chested, clean cut, a gem; 3, Riding, yell., rattling shape, well up in substance, grand head and neck, superb colour, very close up; 4, c, Bentley, yell., fine tone of colour, beautifully polished, grand shape, a bonny damsel; vhc, Dormer. NOVICE CINN. YELL. (7): 1, Bairstow, red-hot, A1 quality, capital shape, not one of the largest, but delightfully burnished; 2, Beck, very shapely, grand feather, not quite so deep in colour, nice carriage; 3, he, Roberts, rattling colour and quality, nice head and neck, worth its place; 4, Heys, similar to 3rd, very little separates them; vhc, Gardner; c, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, Bairstow, lovely shape and carriage, superior quality and colour, well up in size, very bonny; 2, Massey, full of quality, good shape and colour, not far behind; 3, Beck, fine tone of colour, grand substance and shape, teeming with quality; 4, c, Hill, 1st, at Great Harwood, we heard, shade smaller than above, all there otherwise; vhc, Heys; he, Roberts. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Hill, huff, extra good in type, rich colour and feather, nice size, also winner at Gt. Harwood; 2, Bairstow, good shaped yell., full of quality, excellent depth of colour, shone like satin; 3, vhc, Massey, buff, A1 colour and type, not so large, but neatness throughout; 4, Roberts, yell., fine depth of colour, nicely feathered, good specimen; he, Heys;; c, Gardiner. HENS (8): 1, 2, Hill, couple of pleasing specimens, yell and buff respectively, both grand shape and quality, nice size, good carriage, shown in the pink of condition; 3, he, Massey, yell., magnificent feather, good size and type, worth its place; 4, Heys, buff, A1 shape, fine quality and colour, not over large, but very smart; vhc, Bairstow; c, Gardner.

MEMBERS' AMATEUR—CREST OR C.B., Void. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Smith, both cl., grand in colour and quality, very shapely, winner shade more substance; 3, Fildes, cl., lovely quality and shape, not far behind; 4, McKail, mkd. left wing, red-hot, good head, neck and chest; vhc, Parker; he, Harding; c, Lloyd. BUFF (11): 1, Fildes, cl., smooth as a bottle, lovely carriage and shape, in the "pink"; 2, Whalley, cl., A1 colour and feather, very shapely, close up; 3, McKail, cl., cobby, good size, rare colour and meal; 4, c, Smith, cl., large, hot, shapely; vhc, he, Harding. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Fildes, cl. yell., short and thick set, rattling colour and quality, very promising; 2, Parker, cl. buff, not over large, hut of grand shape, colour and carriage; 3, Harding, very hot cl. yell., A1 type, nice size, well cut; 4, he, Smith, cl. yell., good shape and feather; vhc, Boothman; c, Boswell. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Harding, mkd. wings and mkd. neck, both good size and shape, not much separates them; 3, Parker, mkd. root of tail, paler and rather smaller, but very neat; 4, Smith not at all a bad one; vhc, he, Boswell. BUFF (10): 1, Lloyd, cl., fine size and quality, sharply, good carriage; 2, 3, Harding, thigh tick, and mkd. wing, eyes and tail, former hot cobby and A1 quality, latter very shapely, good colour, well mealed; 4, Boothman, cl., grand head, neck and chest, capital carriage, good colour; vhc, Hughes; he, Boswell; c, Smith. A.O.V. (2): 1, McKail, yell. green Nor., good depth of colour, nice type and size; 2, Harding, yell. heavy mkd. Nor., red hot, silky feather, shapely.

Mr. Wright's Classes.

YELL. BELG. (7): 1, 4, vhc, c, Reddihough, cl., good quality, nice size, capital shoulders and wings, good on legs, works nicely; 4th, cl., full of nerve, grand feather; 2, Fairley, cl., grand in quality, nice broad shoulders, gets head well down, just beaten in size; 3, Walmsley, cl., nice quality, fair top end, might drop head better perhaps, and not over large; he, Greig. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Fairley, winner, mkd. head, just about best on view, A1 quality, fine shoulders, perfect stand, well up in size, bit rough in neck, grand exhibit; 4th, cl., good size, grand back, capital quality; 2, Greig, cl., grand top and superior quality, fine legs, gets head well down, full of action; 3, vhc, c, Reddihough, cl., magnificent shoulders, nice head and neck, nervy, in pen yet, will improve; h, Collins. UNFLIG. (16): A nice class, creating keen competition; 1, 2, 3, Fairley, neat trio, 1st yell., mkd. head, A1 quality, capital shoulders, correct legs, nice size, very promising; 2nd, cl. yell., full of nerve, gets into action quickly, drops head nicely, beaten in shoulder points; 3rd, buff, mkd. neck, nice feather, good shoulders, works well, worth its place; 4, vhc, Reddihough, cl. buff, big fine bird, stands well, far from through the mouth, all in pen on head, cheeks and neck; he, Walmsley; c, Greig. SCOT. CK. (6): h 4, Cobh, yell. green, lovely quality, well up in size, capital shoulders, grand head and neck, good action and circle; 4th, buff, mkd. left wing, grand feather, full of true character, moves well, rather smaller; 2, 3, Willison, cl. yell., extra large, A1 head and neck, good back, tail well under, moves nicely; 3rd, buff, ticked neck, good size, capital shoulders, full of nerve, grand in circle, worth its place; vhc, he, Kelsey. HEN (4): 1, Willison, buff, mkd. head, back and tail, fine long specimen, rare shoulders, lovely quality, grand circle, gem; 2, 3, Cobb, cl. buff and cl. yell. respectively, former beaten a little in size by winner, otherwise its equal; 3rd, good size and type, nice feather, in the pink; 4, Hales, buff, mkd. back and neck, good back and shoulders, moves nicely, good in circle.

Mr. Halliday's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, First, fine long-drawn specimen, slim and upstanding, feathered like wax, perfect back, flights and tail, a gem; 2, 3, Foden, couple of characteristic exhibits, former very stylish unflig., possessing great length, regular wedge, A1 wing carriage, pipe tail, close up, latter another true Yorkie, capital quality, lengthy, A1 position, in the pink; 4, Cuthbertson, fine length and stand, well-filled back, grand wing carriage, wee bit open on breast, yet very bonny; vhc, Burton; he, Lane; c, Teare. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Lane, both exceptionally good, winner wonderful length, grand long sided, beautiful position and quality, one of the first water; 2nd, teeming with quality, showing rich frosting, lovely shape, well up on leg, not quite so lengthy, still close up; 3, Gray, stands like a guardsman, capital back and wings, showing thighs nicely, we liked immensely; 4, Burton, superb colour, well mealed, good stand and length, shade stronger in figure; vhc, Hellewell; he, c, Broughton. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Broughton, mkd. right eye and thigh, regular charmer, feathered to perfection, wonderful length, A1 colour and position, bordering on the ideal, credit to breeder; 2, Knowles, mkd. both thighs, red hot, stands like a rush, slim, exceptional feather, perfect back and wings, neatly folded tail; 3, Cuthbertson ,thigh tick, possessing fine length and position, capital quality and colour; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. right wing and thigh, grandly feathered, nice tone of colour, worth its place; vhc, Lane; he, Burton; c, Teare. BUFF (7): 1, Knowles, mkd. left wing, smooth as glass, straight as a gun barrel, beautifully drawn, great length, well up on clever legs, a gem; 2, c, Broughton, mkd. left cheek, full of quality, nice colour and frosting, stylish, capital position, very promising youngster; 3, McNulty, mkd. right wing, exceptionally long, stands erect, lovely feather, A1 back and wings, can win at majority of shows; 4, Burton, mkd. head, well up in colour and quality, straight as a pencil, not one of the longest but one of the smartest; vhc, Cuthbertson; he, Hellewell. YELL. HEN (15): A nice lot; 1, Lane, tkd. right eye, tight as a Java, shone like satin, full of style, capital length, perfect back flights and tail, regular charmer; 2, Cuthbertson, cap mkd., smooth as polished marble, paler in colour, fine, long drawn damsel, A1 stand, very close on heels of winner; 3, Broughton, superb feathered cl., nice length, very bonny maid; 4, Gray, mkd. left wing and both cheeks, ablaze in colour for a hen, straight as a rush, lengthy, well up on leg, worth her place; vhc, Burton; he, Teare; c, Collier. BUFF (14): A good class; 1, Gray, charming cl., exceedingly close-fitting costume, real wedge shape, magnificent back well filled, grand sided, A1 quality; 2, Burton, another stylish, clear, lengthy, capital position, just beaten in head, yet an enchanting "girl"; 3, c, Broughton, cl., full of quality, nice length, good back and wing carriage, not so full of character as above; 4, Ogden Bros., tkd. head, well feathered, stands nicely, beaten a little in length, if anything too much meal, almost white; vhc, Knowles; he, Hellewell. CINN. MKD. classes 22, 23, 24, all void. AMATEUR, YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Bennett, former cl., superior quality, good in position and length, well up on leg, latter mkd. right wing and cheek, shooty, capital length, A1 colour and quality, full of style, well shown; 2, Brennan, cl., rather wild, unflig., teeming with quality, nice colour, length, and stand, will pny to steady him, pleasing specimen; 4, Dunkley, cl., rather small for present-day requirements, not bad quality feather; vhc, Potters; he, Welsh; c, Larkin. BUFF (14): A good class; 1, Fletcher, fine upstanding cl., lovely salmon-tinged, finely feathered, lengthy, A1 wing carriage, we liked much; 2, Schofield, another grand quality cl., hot colour, well frosted, straight as a pencil, lengthy, must have pressed; 3, Dewsnap, cl., very lengthy, stands delightfully, not so good in feather as above, still very neat specimen; 4, Elsegood, tkd. head, teeming with quality, rare colour, fine length, very bonny unflig.; vhc, Bennett; he, Nelson; c, Larkin. HEN: 1, Welsh, cl. buff, tight as wax, real wedge shaped, good position and length, capable of doing well in open competition, give her a run; 2, Critchley, cl. yell., neat and narrow, length and upstanding, A1 back and flights, in pen about face, will yet improve; 3, Schofield, buff, magnificent feather and colour, slim, capital stand, well up on leg, good 3rd; 4, Fletcher, cl. yell., very shooty, well filled back, grandly-carried flights and tail; vhc, Brennan; he, Elsegood; c, Stont; No. 383, Welsh, w.c., passed as a cock. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (8): 1, Teare, self, rattling depth of colour, beautifully polished, nolg, grand position, shows thighs nicely, real beauty; 2, Drinkwater, self, another very little inferior, if any, had this won few could have grumbled; 3, Parker, self, good length and stand, full of style, not quite so close in feather, yet good one; 4, Cunningham, self, smaller, but of true character, shown in the pink; vhc, Hughes; he, Larkin; c, Linaker. BUFF (6): 1, Hughes, self, magnificent tone of colour, rich quality, lengthy, capital position, stands on clever legs; 2, Drinkwater, self, well up in colour, A1 quality, nice length and position, stronger in build; 3, Larkin, foul tail and flights, straight up, good length, grand front, well carried flights and tail; 4, Folland, foul tail, good colour and feather, stands well; vhc, Davie; he, Butterworth. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Butterworth, self, fine, long, slim, upstanding damsel, grand back, flights and tail, beautiful colour, rich feather, gem; 2, vhc, Cunningham, self, lovely depth of colour, rattling quality, neat and narrow, lengthy very little behind winner; 3, Hughes, self, rich tone of colour, fine length, narrow, grand type, shows thighs well, good 3; 4, Folland, self, good in quality and colour, stands well up, worth his place; he, Davie; c, Drinkwater. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Davie, both selfs, lovely colour, good length and position, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, very similar, might be out of same nest, so near they are to each other in character; 3, Hughes, self, capital feather, rich tone of colour, stands well up, shorter, but neatness itself; 4, Drinkwater, capital feather and colour, good position, nice length; vhc, Parker. NAT. COL. YORKS. (3): 1, Morgan, clear, wonderful length, smooth as glass, straight as a rush, very bonny; 2, Mason, thigh tick, A1 position and quality, beaten in length only; 3, Jackson, clear, on the small side. BUFF. (3): 1, 3, Wood, both of fair feather, nice type; 2, Morgan, good in length and position.

MEM. AMAT. YORKS CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Downing, both lovely feather, straight as rushes, very stylish, former shade the longer; 3, vhc, McKail, capital quality, grand shape, well up on leg, not far behind; 4, McCann, stands well on clever legs, A1 quality and colour, not quite so lengthy; he, Stirrup; W.C., Nos. 2, Riley; 3, Cassin, both ticked, former on thigh, latter right wing. TKD. (4): 1, McCann, mkd. head, thighs, and tail, lengthy and slim, upstanding, A1 back and flights; 2, Stirrup, thigh tick, fine long drawn specimen, good position and quality; 3, Downing, cinn., mkd. wings and head, capital type and length, well feathered, good colour; 4, McKail, mkd. wing and eye, well up, good length, rather strong, good for stock purposes. CL. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Downing, like two peas in resemblance, lovely salmon-tinged colour, lengthy, A1 position; 3, Stirrup, paler in colour, good length, nice wing carriage, hit down when taking notes; 4, Riley, smooth as glass, nice colour, good stand, not quite ready, in pen yet; vhc, McKail; he, Cassin. TKD. (5): 1, Downing, thigh tick, feathered like wax, lovely meal, straight as a pencil, lengthy and leggy; 2, Stirrup, mkd. neck, wonderful length, good position, beaten in quality only; 3, 4, McCann, both thigh ticks, former very stylish, good in colour and feather, latter lengthy and leggy; vhc, McKail. HEN (13): A good lot this; 1, 2, Riley, couple of very bonny damsels, yell. thigh tick and cl. yell., both A1 colour and quality, well drawn, little separates them; 3, Stirrup, cl. buff, tight as a Java, full of style, nice length; 4, he, McCann, yell., mkd. back and left eye, very lengthy, good stand; vhc, Downing; c, Bleasdale.

Mr. Ferguson's Classes.

BOR. FCY. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Wilson, well moulded, extra quality feather, very neat wing carriage, fine mover, little gem; 2, Lewthwaite, better colour, sweet head, grand carriage, exquisite feather, close up; 3, Cherry, wonderful colour and quality, nice jaunty carriage, hardly so neat in head as leaders; 4, Hawkins, beautiful shape, teeming with quality, nice colour; vhc, Hudson, grand shape and carriage; he, Mc. Fildes, bonny little exhibit; c, Buskey. HEN (8): 1, Wilson, cl., very sweet hen, perfect model, feather like wax, grand wing carriage, gem when haudled; 2, Pennington, ticked back of head, nicely drawn, splendid shape and carriage, little beauty; 3, Parkinson, ticked over eye and on neck, grand-coloured little gem, teeming with quality, fine style and carriage; 4, Roberts, ticked over eye, rather paler in colour, well-bodied bird; vhc, Birkett, cl., very light and boxey in feather; he, Wardleworth, cheeks and wing mkd., exquisite quality and shape; c, Treadwell. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Wilson, cl., very free mover, clinking shape and feather, extra carriage and style, one of the best; 2, Cubby, cap marked, extra quality, very smart and stylish, in fine bloom; 3, Hawkins, cl., nice tone of colour and A1 carriage, hardly the type of winner; 4, Roberts, wing tkd., teeming with quality, beautiful colour, well worth its place; vhc, Bayley, very sweet cl., smooth as glass; he, Lewthwaite, wing ticked, beautiful quality and type; c, Ellwood. HEN (17): 1, Hopper Bros., a gem all over, grand position and feather, neat head, nicely drawn and staged to perfection; 2, Treadwell, wing tkd., another gem, all there for shape, quality and style; 3, Roberts, mkd. head, extra shape and quality, good third; 4, Wilson, cl., best of carriage and style, shade larger than 3rd, still grand Bord.; vhc, large wings and head marked, grand shape and quality; he, Lewthwaite, cl., rare feather, well carried wings and tail; c, Jones. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, Roberston, even eyes and wings marked, yell., grandly-balanced markings, beautifully cut, magnificent quality, in fine bloom; 2, Wardleworth, eyes and wings mkd. buff, very nicely mkd., tight as wax, very neat shape and carriage; 3, Ellwood, eyes and wings marked buff, grand quality and shape, moves freely; 4, Walker, marked similar to 3rd, grand feather and type; vhc, Harrison, well-marked buff. VARIEG. (16): 1, 4, Wilson, leader head and wings mkd. yell., a gem in every respect, extra shape and position, rare feather and style; 4th, head and wing mkd. buff, perfect model, well worth its place; 2, Roberts, eyes and wing mkd. buff, grand quality throughout, stylish and well got up, good one; 3, Bayley, variegated yell., grandly moulded exhibit, lovely quality, rare bloom and condition; vhc, Lewthwaite, head and wing marked yell., grand stamp, hardly so neat in head; he, Bayley, wing mkd. yell., rare colour and quality; c, Hancocks. GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, 4, Hancocks, 1st green, nice one all over, perfect in shape, grand wing carriage, lovely quality, nicely tapered; 4th, buff cinn., very typical, nice quality and colour; 2, Cubby, green, splendid bird, grand shape and quality, hardly so sound in colour; 3 (no name), green, nice jaunty carriage, fine quality; vhc, Bayley, green, nice quality and colour; he, Hadwin, yell. green, regular little swell; c, Wilkinson. MEMBERS' NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (4): 1, Leigh, grand length, good colour and quality, very straight and stylish; 2, Musgrave, good length and quality; 3, Mason, rare length and quality. BUFF (7): 1, Leigh, rattling length, splendid quality and carriage; 2, Atkinson, plenty of size and good position; 3, c, Jackson, nice Yorks., rather stronger; 4, Asphall, good length and quality; vhc, he, Mason. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Langley, ticked on head, beautiful quality, position and style; c, Jackson, tick on wing, rattling length, rare shape and feather; 3, Ellams, thigh ticked, grand bird, little behind in quality; 4, Leigh, head and wing marked, worth its place; vhc, Mason, he, Musgrave, c, Morgan BUFF (6): 1, Leigh, thigh ticked, long upstanding bird,

erect shape and feather; 2, Musgrave, another thigh ticked, grand quality and type, trifle smaller; 3, Jackson, grand quality and colour, rather stonier; 4, Kinsey, grand type and size; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Mason. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Ellams, beautiful type and quality; 2, Kinsey, ticked on head, grand hen; 3, Leigh, saddle-marked., nice exhibit, hardly quality; 4, Langley, neck and wing marked, another nice hen; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Morgan; c, Mason. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Lawley, couple of grand hens; 2, Leigh, cl., nice length, type and quality; 4, Mason, clear, extra type and quality; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Kinsey; c, Mason. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Mason, variegd., good type, nice size and colour; 2, Kenney, red hot colour, good shape; 3, Creasey, cl., fair type and quality; 4, Spencer, good colour and quality. BUFF (5): 1, Long, good size, nice feather; 2, Morgan, good big one; 3, Bruce, wing tkd., good size and quality, some preferred; 4, Creasey; vhc, Spencer. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Espley, variegd., lovely type and quality; 2, Creasey, cl., another nice Nor.; 3, Spencer, h ad and wing marked, grand type. BUFF (4): 1, Mason, cl., grand colour, type and quality; 2, Espley, very similar; 3, Morgan. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Spencer, cl., nice type and quality, good hen; 3, Espley, another cl., nice colour and quality; 3, vhc, Creasey, cl., good quality and type; 4, Mason, cl., fair type and quality; hc, Morgan. BUFF (7): 1, Espley, eyes and wing mkd., good short tucked set bird; 2, vhc, Kenny, clear, lovely quality, nice hen; 3, Spencer, head, neck and wings marked, good feather and shape; hc, Mason; c, Barton. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Spencer, foul green Nor., real good bird; 2, hc, Bruce, another foul green Nor., fair shape and colour; 3, 4, c, Atkinson, foul green and cinn. mkd. Yorks. respectively, good type and quality; vhc, Mason.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

HYBRID LIGHT: 2, 4, Jackson and Bond, leader very fine, almost clear (grizzled left shoulder and wing), Siskin-Can., very stylish and shapely, lovely quality plumage, in excellent condition; 4th, the well-known clear, late Colton and Williams, grand bird, though the hand of time is beginning to press perceptibly on it, splendid colour, waxlike quality of feather; vhc, Beaty, one of the best light Goldie Mules we ever saw for size, shape, colour and quality, almost 6-pointed, pity it has foul mark back of head. VARIEG. (10): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, leader the exceptionally fine lightly marked Linnet-Can., late the property of Mr. J. Williams, a grand exhibit; 2nd, head and neck marked Jonque Siskin-Can., another splendid Mule, both birds shown in fine style; 3, Walsh, variegd., Greenie-Can., deep, rich colour, lovely tight and sleek coat, nice size and shape; 4, Longden, another very smart Linnet-Can., not the size of winner, excellent quality and condition; vhc, Marsden; hc, Hampson; c, Williams. DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET (13): 1, R. W. Jones, beautiful Jonque Linnet-Can., very fine bird for size and shape, red-hot colour, sound all over, lovely tight, silky jacket, will want some stopping; 2, 3, Coffey, former exceptionally good Jonque Goldie, grandly marked, very large and well proportioned, extra warm in colour, not quite at the top of its form yet; 3rd, another really fine Jonque-Linnet-Can., grand size and shape, lovely quality, loses a little in colour; 4, Jackson, very nice buff Linnet, excellent size and shape, all there for colour and quality; vhc, Longden; hc, Jackson and Bond; c, Ridley. A.O.V. DK. YELL. (12): 1, Blackburn, extra big Siskin-Can., lovely quality and colour, well marked, very tight and polished, shade fine on head, grand chest; 2, Longden, lovely cinn. Greenie, fine size and shape, beautiful tone of colour, AI condition; 3, Somerfield; 4, Leigh, two more beautiful Mules, in very nice condition, and well staged; vhc, Lees; hc, Oldham; c, Williams; No. 1399, wrong class, a buff; No. 1408 Leigh, real Champion Greenie-Can., unfortunately imperfect in wing flights, or would have won; one or two excellent Siskin-Mules here, wheezing, and out of condition. DK. BUFF (8): 1, Leigh, Greenie, wonder for size, fine shape and style, lovely tone of colour, very tight in feather; 2, Jackson and Bond, same cross, also a topper for substance and shape, well fed, grand condition, loses a trifle in size; 3, Lea, bouncing Siskin Mule, shapely, well marked, in excellent order; 4, Walsh, yet another fine Greenie, real good size, shape, and colour; vhc, Grime; hc, Somerfield; c, Marsden. HYB. (6): 1, Jackson and Bond, lovely big Canary-Bullie, full of colour, AI condition, fine exhibit; 2, R. W. Jones, charming Greenie-Bullie for shape and style, grand head and chest, fine rich colour, nice size; 3, Coffey, Chaffinch-Bramble-finch, does not show the parentage any too well, very steady, grandly polished plumage, excellent colour; 4, Longden, Greenie-Bullie, biggest in chase and a grand one for shape, colour and markings, unfortunately had plucked a few feathers out of its breast; vhc, Mrs. Cue; hc, Birchley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Hurst, excels in blaze, wonderfully expansive and square cut, nice clean colour, though not quite up yet, grand almond Finch, very silky plumage, fine size and shape, should take stopping later one; 2, McMurdo, another beautiful bird, loses to leader in size and cut of blaze, though really excellent in those respects, a grand one for substance, and style, richly tanned and polished; 3, Tams and Son, lovely colour and condition, very shapely and stylish, well tanned and marked, grand little bird, fails somewhat in size and shape of face, but scores heavily on account of its forward conditon; 4, Walsh, another fine Goldie, nice flush, well buttoned wings, good chestnut, in capital condition, extra 4, Holt, very nice all round bird, good colour and condition, excellent wings, correctly cut blaze; vhc, Owens; hc, Allcock; c, Wagstaff; Nos. 1438, and 1439 had their flights missing; No. 1446 has a break of light feathers in under-blaze; No. 1448 is of very doubtful nationality. BULLFINCH (9): 1, F. R. Jones, gem for colour and quality, clean and rich on breast, good dense cap, fine back, wings and bars, shade slim in build; 2, 4, Walsh, leader the best bird for type, very cobby and stylish, grand head and wings, just beaten for breast colour and polish, will improve, close race; 4th, hot-coloured field-plumaged specimen, good bird, but loose at thighs at times; 3, Beaty, beautifully steady and shapely Bullie, trifle dull in breast colour yet; vhc, Hurst; hc, Ideson; c, Angus and Crane. LINNET (16): 1, Hurst, lovely all round exhibit, fine size, substance and shape, very steady, plenty of whites, rich sound colour, very nicely pencilled all over; 2, c, Walsh, not quite so thick-set as leader, beauty for colour and polish, grandly marked, nice one; 3, hc, Pickles, splendid size, grand chest, profusion of pencilling, little backward in condition; should do well later on; 4, Alton, another fine bird for shape and markings, beautiful colour and quality; vhc, Longden. SISKIN ETC. (7): 1, 4, Walsh, extra good Twite to the fore, for size, colour and polish a clinker, very nicely marked; 4th, smart non-fed Siskin, lovely quality; 2, Angus and Crane, big, and very good Lesser Redpoll, nice sound colour, finely marked; 3, Birchley, romping big fed buff Siskin, fine chest and head, nice feather; vhc, Whitney and Son; hc, Beaty; c, Fryer. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Walsh, splendid bird for size and shape, fed a nice even colour, and not overdone, lovely wings and tail, steady as a rock and tight as wax in condition; 2, Pickles, romping big non-fed sweet bird for quality, good deep colour, beautiful condition; 3, Coffey, grand bird for size and shape, rich colour, fine head and chest, seemed a trifle "soapy," in feather round neck; 4, Beaty, another excellent non-fed bird, full of quality; vhc, Hulme; hc, McMurdo; c, Fryer. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (13): 1, Longden, we suppose is the old champion Bramble, can still make the best of them "gallop," gem for richness of colour, quality and clean cut markings, grand size and shape, well spangled; 2, 3, Hurst, another topping Bramble leading, shade slimmer in build, very deep rich colour, grand hood, beautifully spangled, close up; 3rd, lovely Chaffinch, splendid size and shape, beautifully marked, needs little more time yet; 4, c, Angus and Crane, two fine non-fed Brambles, excellent size and shape; vhc, Coffey; c, Birchley. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (11): 1, 2, Chick, leader a wonderful Hawfinch, immense size, grand shape, plenty of colour, lovely bib and other markings, very forward condition, will want stopping, 2nd a topping Corn Bunting, extra large, very steady, full of marking, lovely condition; 3, vhc, Walsh, clinking good Yellow Bunting, wonderfully rich in colour, and well marked, a shade slim in build at present; 4, Hurst, also a beautiful Hawfinch, grand size, shape and bib; hc, Newlands; c, Pickles. HEN FINCH (10): 1, c, Birchley, splendid hen Hawfinch, grand shape, very stoutly built, lovely colour and polish, very clean-cut, dense bib, quickly claimed at catalogue price, 50/-; 2, Walsh, Corn Bunting, good bird, very steady, and polished, beautifully marked; 3, vhc, Chick, leader lovely Siskin, very shapely and full of marking, latter the noted hen Hawfinch "Queen," but easily deposed here; 4, spl, Alton, very nice hen Bullie, in good trim; hc, Bennett. WAGTAIL, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Walsh, leader a nice Meadow Pipit, excellent colour and polish, latter neat Grey Wagtail; 2, Chick, very pretty Grey Wagtail, fine plumage, looks like a hen; 3, Birchley, also a Grey Wag., grand bird, little rough in feather. SMALL INSECTIV. (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Birchley, splendid team, staged in grand form, gem of a Treecreeper leading, followed by a fine Black Redstart; 3, Beaty, real good Hoopoe, in nice condition; 4, Williamson, lovely Blackcap, rich colour, good head; hc, Walsh. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Mort, fine, shapely Songthrush, grand head and chest, rich colour, well mooned; 2, Alton, big, fine Starling, beautifully spangled, perfect condition; 3, Howard, very nice Blackbird, good size and shape, rich beak and cercs, not quite fit yet; 4, Young, another excellent Song Thrush.

FOREIGN PARROTS (8): 1, 3, Beaty, beautiful Lory leading, magnificent colour and condition, 3rd pair of Pileated Parrakeets, grand exhibits, but trifle wild, and hen had damaged her eye slightly, both beautifully staged; 2, H. H. Cooper, exceptionally good King, rich head and breast, fine trim; 4, vhc, Cheetham, really fine Port Lincoln leading, hardly over moult yet; hc, Ballington; c, Ditchfield. SEEDEATERS (10): 1, Beaty, magnificent pair Black-headed Gouldians, perfect condition, we heard were the Palace winners; 2, Cheetham, lovely Paradise Whydah, deep, rich colour, exceptionally fine, perfect tail; 3, Pickles, charming Pintail Nonpariel, very tight in feather, beautiful colour; 4, Creasy, fine Zebra Waxbill, gem for colour and markings; vhc, Harrison; hc, Bennett; c, Morgan. TANAGERS, ETC. (6): 1, Pickles, Maroon Tanager, simply perfection, marvel for size, depth of colour, and polish on the plumage; 2, hc, Harrison, very beautiful blue-winged Tanager, charming condition; 3, 4, Beaty, gold-fronted Fruitsucker leading, fine specimen, hardly over moult yet; vhc, Creasy. LARGE (5): 1, Beaty, very fine red-fronted Toucan, rich in colour, perfect condition; 2, vbc, Harrison, white-throated Ground Thrush leading, real beauty for size, colour and markings, splendid condition, latter fine pair silver-eared Mesias, heavy in moult; 3, Walsh, sweetly pretty Shama, perfect in every way, including song; 4, Smith and Son, grand sulphur-breasted Toucan, fine colour, in excellent trim; hard luck to meet winner. MEMBERS' CLASSES—HYB. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Pollitt, very smart Linnet-Can. leading, fine size, shape and quality, good colour, 2nd nice Greenfinch-Goldfinch, well-built and shapely, good face; 3, 4, spl, Whalley, two very creditable Mules, staged in nice style; hc, Ellams; c, A. G. Smith. GOLD. OR BULL (6): 1, spl, Pollitt, good, shapely Goldie, tight and sleek in feather, nice face and markings; 2, Lennic, good, bold bird, nice head and wings, excellent breast; 3, vhc, Morgan, smart little Finch, very well cut blaze; 4, hc, Whalley, also a couple of nice birds. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, A. G. Smith, well built, upstanding Linnet, very tight in condition, nicely marked; 2, 3, spl, Morgan, another fine Linnet leading, not quite so steady, sound colour and well pencilled, 3rd very nice Lesser Redpoll, in good condition; 4, Whalley, excellent Siskin, capital shape, colour and markings; vhc, hc, c, Lennie. A.O.V. HARD. (4): 1, Riley, strapping, fine Hawfinch, well marked, nice colour, very good shape; 2, Long, rich-coloured, well-spangled and marked Bramblefinch; 3, Morgan; 4, Whalley, two more very creditable exhibits. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Downing, very pretty Song Thrush, good size, shape and markings, lovely condition; 2, 3, Smith, very nice Pipit and Wagtail, hardly so tight in feather as leader.

SELL., 30/- (21): 1, Lowe; 2, 4, Proctor; 3, J. Williams; vhc, Wilkinson, Cowpertwaite, Haigh and Son; hc, Larkin, Bleach. 20/- (22): 1, Lindsay; 2, Nelson; 3, Johnson; 4, T. H. Jones; vhc, Bixter and Chestworth, Bullough, Fitton; hc, Procter, Johnson. 12/6 (23): 1, hc, Steel; 2, Brennan; 3, Salisbury; 4, Lindsay; vhc, Bullough, Riley; hc, Wilkinson, Perry. STOCK CLASS (27): 1, Clinch; 2, 4, vhc, Grey; 3, Boothman; vhc (3), Pease, Cowpertwaite, Lea. GIFT CLASS (3): 1, Brennan; 2, Riley; 3, Lindsay.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A.

Members' Show for the running competition throughout the year 1908, held on Oct. 24th. Entries numbered about 100. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged. Class 1.—1, Atkinson; 2, Thompson; 3, Bottomley; 4, Cowell. 2.—1, Cowell; 2, Thompson; 3, Firth; 4, Bottomley. 3.—1, Pownall; 2 and 3, Hudson; 4, Thompson. 4.—1, Cowell; 2, Hudson; 3, Bottomley; 4, Casey. 5.—1, Firth; 2, Blcazard; 3, Cowell; 4, Casey. 6.—1, Hudson; 2, Cowell; 3, Pownall; 4, Bottomley. 7.—1 and 4, Bywater; 2 and 3, Pownall. 9.—Bottomley. 10.—1, Bleazard; 2, Cowell; 3, Bywater; 4, Bottomley. NOVICE SECTION: 11.—1, Gledhill; 2 and 3, Pacey Bros.; 4, Clark. 12.—1, Gledhill; 2, Pacey Bros.; 3, Clark; 4, Dawson. 13.—1, Gledhill; 2, Paccy Bros.; 3 and 4, Clark. 14.—1, Clark; 2, Pacey Bros.; 3, Gledhill; 4, Stobart. 15.—1, Rowes; 2, Stobart; 3, Pacey Bros.; 4, Dawson.—J. E. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

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GLASGOW SOUTHERN (Confined).

Glasgow Confined O.S. annual exhibition of Scotch Fancy Canaries was held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on October 31st, and was a success. The quality was far ahead of anything staged in formers years. The entries were 50 up on the 1907 total, and the competition was keen all through. Mr. Bullions is the most genial of presidents, and takes a great interest in the Association; everybody got a welcome from him. Mr. Fleming, the secretary, is a gentleman of great personality. A practical breeder, he is master of his position, and in every way is a thoroughly capable secretary. He was ably assisted by a hard-working Committee. The business of the show was got through orderly and smartly. The judges, Messrs. Arnot (Sanchie), Black (Govan), Knox and Watson (Glasgow), Caldwell (Ballieston) and Paterson (Edinburgh), could not have been more painstaking, and their awards gave every satisfaction. The cup contest was much keener than is usual in a confined show. The leading birds were above the average, and at the final there was not a great deal between the two. However, the yellow piebald cock had the advantage in a most determined droop, and being seasoned to the show bench was steady, and worked with a will. Mr. Blue is to be congratulated on his success in winning the cup and gold medal, and Mr. Montgomery in gaining the medal for best of opposite sex. Mr. Renwick claimed the second Buff cock at £6 6s., and Mr. Porteous the green cock at £5 5s., other sales were also effected.

Critique.

YELL. CK. (23): 1, Renwick, grand size, erect head, well forward, nice neck, solid top, rare body, good front, easy win; 2, Buchanan, small, square build, good top (confined Derby cup winner); 3, 7, Orr, 3, erect, nice drive, fair top, good body, fine worker; 4, Hunt, nicely proportionate, good all round exhibit, value for position; 5, Fleming, erect, fine drive, good top, body and wing; 6, Kegs. HEN (27): 1, Long, Derby winner, grand size, much improved, erect, decided drive, long neck, fine, well filled top, long body, rare wing and tail, wins with honour; 2, John Orr, erect, fine head, and reach, good top, good body and wing; 3, Renwick, well set up, neat head, good drive, fair top, good body and wing; 4, James Orr, very good all round exhibit, free worker; 5, Montgomery, good size, grand body; 6, Fleming, nice type; 7, Fulton. YELL. PIED CK. (15): 1, Blue, cup and medal winner, lightly built, but full of merit, strong quality, most determined droop; 2, Montgomery, grand solid bird, rare substance, erect, fine, direct drive, good top, body and wing; 3, Fleming, erect, decided drive, grand top, body, and wing; 4, Fulton, nice reachy bird, erect, fine drive, solid top; 5, Wilson, very neat and tidy exhibit; 6, Blue, good stamp. HEN (15): 1, Fleming, beauty, in fine bloom, erect, decided breakaway at root of neck, thin neck, sweet head, grand droop, good body, wing and tail; 2, Buchanan, erect, good top body and wing; 3, Turnbull, smart, well got up bird, good body; 4, Shannon, erect, good drive, fine top, nice body and wing; 5, Gilchrist, value for position, good style; 6, Shannon, neat, typical exhibit; 7, Orr. BUFF CK. (32): 1, 2, Montgomery, 1, grand size, erect, rare solid top, fine drive, long body and wing, nice front; 2, another fine specimen, similar type, claimed at catalogue price, £6 6s., grand stock bird; 3, Fleming, erect, decided drive, fine solid top, rare body and wing; 4, Fulton, erect, head forward, solid top, good body; 5, Blue, fair size, neat, and typical; 6, Renwick, fine substance, good quality; 7, Tait. HEN (32): 1, 4, 5, Montgomery, 1, a champion, erect, determined droop, fine, clean front, prominent solid top, grand depth of chest, body and wing; 4, typical Scotch, crest firm, steady reach forward, solid top, grand body, takes fine position; 5, another grand hen, similar in style; 2, Orr, a beauty, erect, fine drive, rare top body and wing; 3, 6, Fleming, erect, decided drive; 6, fine size and quality; 7, Calder. BUFF PIED CK. (18): 1, 2, Fleming, 1, Derby winner, erect, nice drive, good top, nice body and wing; 2, nice style, free worker and steady; 3, Turnbull, well set up bird, nice type, very reachy in movement; 4, McCaig, grand solid bird, good substance, quick, fine for stock purposes; 5, McWilliam, good, all round exhibit; 6, Miller, nice, typical exhibit; 7, Baillie. HEN (19): 1, 3, Montgomery, 1, erect, rare droop, sweet head, free neck, grand top, rare body, full of substance, beautiful front, will be heard of again; 3, good substance, neat, value for position; 2, Fulton, erect, nice drive, solid top, grand body and side; 4, 7, Fleming, 4, well got up hen, erect, good top, body, and wing; 5, Renwick, fine type, free, but steady, wins position; 6, Porteous, an upstanding hen, grand body and wing. FOUL CK. (22): 1, 6, John Orr, 1, erect, massive frame, full of substance, rare coat of feathers, good stock bird; 2, Montgomery, erect, decided drive, good top, body and wing; 3, Calder, erect, fine reach, good top, nice body, and free in movement; 4, James Orr, well set up, head in proper direction, fine top, long body and wing; 5, Buchanan, neat and typical; 7, McCaig. HEN (23): 1, 4, Renwick, 1, fine lead off, erect, decided drive, rare top, good substance in body, fine wing and tail; 4, nice, solid hen of good properties; 2, Fulton, erect, decided drive, good top body, fine wings and tail; 4, nice solid hen of good drive; 5, Fleming, wins position easily, good stamp; 6, Porteous, neat, typical hen, fine quality. GREEN CK. (10): 1, 2, Fulton, 1, fine nerve, neat head, long, free neck, solid top, good body, a little unsteady; 2, similar in type to winner; 3, Baillie, erect, fine drive, good top; 4, Renwick, nice type; 5, 6, Buchanan. HEN (11): 1, Porteous, easy win, erect, decided drive, firm, solid top, nice body, wings fit like a glove; 2, Fulton, erect, fine drive, grand top, body and wing; 3, McWilliam, nice type; 4, Baillie, very fair stamp; 5, Renwick; 6, Lang. AMATEUR CLASSES—CK.: 1, 4, 7, Hunt; 2, Crow; 3, McQuillan; 5, Brooks; 6, Killock. HEN: 1, Law; 2, Crow; 3, Stewart; 4, Brooks; 5, Lochhead.

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LARKHALL.

The members of the Larkhall C.B.A. held their annual show in the Miners' Hall, on October 31st, and although there were seven classes less than at last year's show, the entries were a good bit up, numbering 188 in all. The show was as well conducted as any we have seen, and although it was "Larkhall," there was very little "larking," everything being conducted in quite a business like manner. The birds were all nicely staged, and there was plenty of good bright sunlight, which showed up all the exhibits to full advantage. Mr. G. Martin, of Hamilton, judged the Canary section, and his awards were well received. One thing that we noticed was the absence of Scotch Fancies, there only being two in the whole show. Mr. J. Livingstone, of Bathgate, judged British and Foreign birds, and he also seemed to have pleased the majority. The cup for best young bird was won by the 3rd Crested cock, the 3rd Hybrid (Linnet-Bullie) being runner-up, and only losing by the fact that it wanted three flight feathers in the left wing. However, it won a medal as second in cup competition, the 1st Greenfinch Mule gaining third. Mr. James Pollock makes a splendid secretary, being very willing and obliging to everyone. We heard rumours of the possibility of an open show next year.

COMMON CK. (15): 1, spl, Pollock Bros., yell. Pied, good feather, nice style and shape; 2, Johnston, cl. yell., good type and colour, shows well; 3, Gardiner, buff Pied, longer bird, nice feather and head; vhc, Thomson, buff, nice style; hc, Kennedy; c, McCluggage. HEN (12): 1, spl, 2, Pollock Bros., yell. variegd., grand style, shape and size, good quality, very sweet, wins well; 2nd, cl. yell., also sweet bird, good head and wing carriage, droops a little; 3, Smith, yell. variegd.; vhc, Thomson, good position, head and feather; hc, Laird; c, McLean. BORD. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, 3, Johnston, leader nice head and wings, well moulded, upright position, nicely drawn; 3rd hen, little larger, but splendid quality of feather nice, head; 2, McGhie, cock, well filled up, good size and position; vhc, McKinley, typical, nice style, well shown; hc, c, Gold. BUFF (10): 1, spl, hc, McGhie, leader splendid type, nice position and carriage, in fine trim, wins easily; hc, nice hen, but droops; 2, Pollock Bros., cock, rare frontal, very upright in position, shows well; 3, vhc, Johnston, good type and feather, crosses wings; c, Rundell. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (8): 1, spl, McKinley, yell. green, good quality, nice head, perfect wing carriage; 2, vhc, McGhie, 2nd buff, green, nice feather and pipe tail, fails head; vhc, buff cinn., good type and position; 3, McCrone, ticked yellow, grand head and in splendid trim; hc, McDermid; c, Neil. HEN (5): 1, spl, Murray, yell. cinn., splendid quality of feather, nice style and first-class head; 2, 3, McGhie, 2nd, yell. green, good position, fine shape and wing carriage, good tail, well placed; 3rd, nice buff cinn.; vhc, Gold, even mkd. buff, grand condition; hc, Pollock Bros. NOR. CK. (11): 1, spl, 3, Johnstone, leader grand yell. cock, good head, nice Bullfinch shape, carriage perfect, good quality; 3rd, good yell., but not through moult yet; 2, Thackeray, grand shape, nice chest, but course, tail too long; vhc, Nisbet, good bird but patchy in colour; hc, Rundell; c, Arnott. HEN (10): 1, spl, Rundell, grand fed buff, good chest, nice round head, splendid wing carriage; 2, 3, Johnstone, yell., good head and body, but droops tail; 3rd, yellow, better type, but not through yet; vhc, good type and quality; hc, McLean; c, Thackeray. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, spl, Rundell, variegd. yell., good frontal, plenty of feather; 2, vhc, McEwan, buff variegd. C.B. cock, plenty of feather, good breadth of skull; vhc, good length head feather; 3rd, cup winner, grand cock Crest, splendid frontal, neat centre, splendid droop, some preferred; hc, c, Arnott. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, Bruce, Yorks. ck., grand stand and style, good length; 2, Rundell, Scotch Fancy cock, yell. pied, grand position, well under, good head and neck; 3, Gold, Yorks., good size; vhc, Thomson; hc, Kennedy. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, 2, 4, Johnstone, leader Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good size and colour, nice cap, shows parentage well, but hard pressed by 2nd, Goldfinch Mule, marked on head and wings lightly, splendid exhibit, should be heard of; vhc, brother to 2nd, not yet through, also good one; 3, Nelson, Linnet-Bullie, almost won cup, only wanted three flight feathers, taking exhibit; hc, brother to 3rd; c, Swan. DARK (9): 1, spl, Clarkson, Greenie, grand size, well fed, worth its place; 2 Nisbet yell. Goldfinch, good size and colour; 3, Nelson, good size and well shown; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Thomson; c, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): Good class; 1, spl, Nelson, fine-sized Goldie, nice big blaze, good moonings and well buttoned, not yet up in colour; 2, Thomson, splendid type of a Bullie, grand colour, and tho right stamp, wins easy; 3, Rundell, another good Goldfinch, but fails in face to winner, still it may win; vhc, Brown, Bullfinch, good size; hc, Clark; c, Alexander. LINNET (9): 1, spl, Clarkson, grand size and colour, very steady, well shown; 2, Gold, better mkd. one, but not so big, well filled in front; 3, Clark, grand colour and lacing; vhc, Nisbet; hc, Johnston; c, Pollock Bros. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Clark, hot-fed one, grand size, nice wings, shows well; 2, Johnston, another good one, not fed, grand size and colour; 3, Gold, big but patchy in colour; vhc, Alexander, grand colour; hc, Pollock Bros.; c, Nisbet. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, spl, McGhie, fed Siskin, nice size, but looking for a bib, nice cap; 2, Swan, bigger one, but not fed, grand size and style, steady; 3, Nelson, Twite, good size and colour; vhc, spl, Nisbet, Lesser Poll, nice colour and size; hc, Alexander; c, Swan. HEN BRIT. (for Hybrid breeding) (19): A splendid class; 1, spl, McGhie, champion Bullie for colour and type, well shown and commands its place; 2, Clark, another good Bullie nice cap and colour; 3, Thomson, Greenfinch, a bit small, but good colour; vhc, McCrone, good colour, but lanky; hc, McCluggage; c, McLean. A.O.S. (8): 1, spl, Clark, very fine hen Grey Wagtail, nice colour, well staged; 2, Johnstone, splendid Bramble, nice colour, good chest, good size; 3, Pollock Bros., Chaffinch, good size and colour, nice bars, very steady; vhc, Gold, another Bramble, good colour; hc, Johnstone, fine size, but lacks colour; c, Sinclair. FOR. GOLDFINCH. ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, 4, Johnstone, 1st nice big Goldfinch, good blaze, nice moons, lovely yell., wing marks; 2nd, extra large Bullie hen, grand colour; 4th, another good Goldfinch, good colour and cheeks; 3, Nelson, nice face and colour, lacks size; hc, Johnstone; c, McCluggage. FOR. A.O.S. (3): 1, Swan, Grey Parrot, good plumage, a grand exhibit; 2, 3, Gold, pair of Blue Rice Birds and a pair of Avadavats. GIFT CLASS (8): 1, spl, Clark; 2, Gold; 3, Rundell; vhc (no name); hc, Thomson; c, McDermid.

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EDINBURGH (Southern) O.S.

The Edinburgh Southern O.S. held their 16th annual exhibition and competition in the Central Halls, Nicholson Street, on Oct 31. Office bearers: vice-president, Mr. R. Martin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. James Drysdale; committee, Messrs. W. Thomson, J. Baxter, C. Duke, J. Clark. The judges were Messrs. Carson (Dalkeith), and J. Adams (Dundee), whose awards gave satisfaction. There were 32 classes, only one or two classes being cancelled, through lack of support. The principal sections were the Norwich and Borders, which were both strong in numbers and quality combined, many of the winners being fit to win in open competition. The winner of the Cup and Gold Badge was Mr. J. Robertson, with a pied foul cock for the best Scotch fancy in hall. The winner was a fine type of a Scotch fancy. The runner-up was a buff foul cock belonging to Mr. Farquhar. The gold medal for best bird in the Norwich and Border classes was won by Mr. W. Thomson, with a very neat buff Norwich cock. The entries numbered 150 birds, being 60 fewer than last year's total, which is to be accounted for by the depression in trade, many of the members being out of employment. It is to be hoped all will come right next year. The secretary, Mr. James Drysdale, and members of committee, had everything to the best of order. Much credit is due to secretary Drysdale for his able generalship. There was a fair turn out of visitors, and breeders. Amongst the latter we noticed Miss Hope (Pebrie), Messrs. Adam, Drysdale, Senr., and Holmes, Whiter, secr. of the Scot National, Craig, late sec. Edinburgh Northern Society, and Thomson, sec. of the Western Edinburgh, and many others. The Central Hall, Nichol on Street, is very convenient in every way, and well adapted for show purposes. The Scotch Fancy section, although not strong in numbers, contained some very fair birds.

Critique.

YELL. CK. (1): 1, Thomson, good head and neck, fine drive, nice long side. YELL. PIED (2): 1, Trotter, nice size, and style, good reach and wings, hard up; 2, Robertson, head nicely down, good depth through, long wings, fair style. YELL. FOUL (1): 1, Robertson, cup and badge winner, fine head and neck, nice depth through, grand one for style. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 4, Robertson, grand size, nice depth through, good substance and drive; 4, smart shape, good substance, works well; 2, Farquhar, nice top cut, grand back and wings, fine style; 3, Mills, good size, nice shoulders, fine stamp, shade still to mature. PIED (5): 1, Robertson, neat head, good drive, fine length of wing, grand shape; 2, Farquhar, rough in front, fine size, shade thin, wants depth through; 3, Burnett, nice type, good top end, wings and tail, nice action. FOUL (1): 1, Farquhar, nice type, grand top end, good wings and tail, nicely stayed. GREEN (1): 1, Trotter, neat style and head, good reach, lacks thickness through. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Trotter, neat head, good drive, fine length of wing and substance, will improve; 2, Hills, falls only in length to first, nice free movements, head well down, good shoulders and back; 3, Farquhar, nice quality, good style, circle and drive, fine condition. YELL. FOUL (1): 1, Farquhar, nice substance, neat head, fine drive, back and wing. GREEN (2): 1, Trotter, nice one, good head, fine long neck, well set, grand shoulder, hard up, good bird; 2, Burnett, fine size and substance, barely so free in action, fails here only. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Robertson, nice size, plenty of substance, grand top end, head nicely forward, fine wings; 2, Thomson, good shape, hardly as much substance, head well down; 3, Trotter, barely so free in action, good head, wings and tail. PIED (5): 1, 2, 4, Trotter, first fine size, grand top end, nice reach, good substance; 2, good all-round exhibit, shade stiff to first; 4, nice length and substance, lovely wing and tail, will improve; 3, Burnett, fine style, neat head, good reach barely so thick through, fails here only. FOUL (1): 1, Mills, good substance, and drive, fine top end, nice pose and type. GREEN (2): 1, Thomson, good size and substance, nice top end, head well down, good length of wing; 2, Farquhar, shapely, plenty of depth through, fine length of wing, very neat exhibit. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Martin, cl., grand colour and texture of feather, neat wings, fine front, grand shape, full of quality; 4, nice colour, fails in substance, good quality; 2, 3, Farquhar; 2, a gem for colour and quality, grand head and chest, shade longer in flights, nicely staged; 3, hot colour, good head and back, short wings and tail, nice quality and style. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 5, 6, W. Thomson, first cl., grand size and substance, fine quality, smart shape, good wings and tail, fine front, winner of gold medal; 2, cl., nice style, good shape, neat wings and tail, clean waist, fine feather; 4, R. Martin, shade open in feather, barely the substance of winner; 3, 7, A. Thomson, 3, barely so good in shape and quality of feather, will improve. YELL. HEN (7): 1, A. Thomson, cl., rare shape, colour, and quality, nice size; 2, W. Thomson, very close on first, scarcely so chubby, in grand feather; 3, Alkenson, cl., good size, and shape, nice quality, neat wing carriage; 4, Martin, cl., neat model for shape and quality, barely so nice in feather. BUFF (9): 1, 2, A. Thomson, cl., first nice colour, and back, good wing carriage, and feather; 2, tick, grand buff, nice thick-set body, short flights, nice back and chest; 3, W. Thomson, nice feather, good style, grand legs and body; 4, Connal, cl., nice texture of feather, good quality, fails in substance only; 5, 6, Martin; 7, Luke. VARGT. ETC. (4): 1, 2, W. Thomson, first, wing mkd., grand colour, nice short wings, and front, full of quality; 2, yell. green, a gem for colour, and quality, grand chest, nice head, shade longer in flights; 3, McAdam, vargt., good head, nice level back, short wings and tail, fine quality and style, wins its place. BUFF (3): 1, 4, Connal, vargt., extra quality all round, grand shape, neat head, wings well carried, fine feather; 4, lovely quality of feather, nice shape, wings and tail; 2, Martin, vargt., rare size, shade strong in feather, will improve; 3, 6, W. Thomson, 3, vargt., nice quality, neat wings and tail; 5, A. Thomson; 7, Luke. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, W. Thomson, both vargt., first good feather, wings and tail, clean shape; 2, close up, barely as nice in feather. A good team. BUFF (5): 1, 2, W. Thomson, first, grand size, nice quality feather, rare substance, good clean shape, short wings, and good body; 2, vargt., nice chest, good head and neck, rare colour; 3, 4, A. Thomson, 3, vargt. nice quality, bloom and condition, shade long sided, var., grand colour and substance, nice feather; 5, Luke. BORD CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McAdam, cl., nice one, sweetly moulded, lovely shape and feather, good mover, grand carriage; 2, 4, Noble, tick, another gem, find of style, nice silky feather, and condition, nice front, but not so smart as first; 4, very neat, not so finely drawn or conditioned as winners; 3, Baxter, bit fuller in shape, nice quality, in grand condition, very smartly finished off; 6, Mills. BUFF (11): 1, Noble, very neat and stylish, lovely shape, like wax, good action; 2, 6, Clark, 2, cl., similar in style and quality to first, shade more length, very neat; 4, 7, Butler, 2, cl., barely so good in colour and bloom as former, very neat, shape will improve; 3, 5, Farquhar, 4, nice one for style, and quality, good feather, shade more length here. T.C. EFC YELL. HEN (8): 1, McAdam, cl., nice shape and colour, grand front, lovely feather, in rare condition; 2, 4, Noble, 2, another cl., grand type, quality, and condition, capital wings, nice model; 3, lovely shape, hue colour, fails in condition only; 3, Farquhar, rare type, quality and condition; 5, Clark; 6, W. Thomson. Bt FF (9): 1, Baxter, nice head and quality, plenty of action, grand front, wins; 2, Noble, rare quality, good front, plenty of style and action, nice light feather; 3, 4, Farquhar, 3, very fine feather, in grand condition, and working well; 4, shade heavy, nice quality feather; 5, Clark. A.O.V. (15): 1, 3, Noble, first tkd. Border, very neat, fine feather, nice jaunty carriage; 3, Cinn., Border, very neat, good style, very jaunty; 2, McAdam, nice jaunty carriage, close on first; 4, Martin, mkd. Border, sure to improve; 6, McAdam; 6, Dempster; 7, W. Thomson. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, C. R. Drysdale, Can. Mule, fine exhibit, staged in rare condition; 2, Baxter, colour fell, Canary Mule, in fine feather and condition. BREEDING FINCH (16): 1, 4, R. Martin, first Goldfinch, nice coloured blaze, good size, capital wings and buttons, wins; 4, Greenfinch, nice size and shape, in perfect condition; 2, Dempster, Mealy Redpoll, neat, in grand condition; 3, 5, 7, Baxter, 3, Bramblefinch, grand chest, colour going, well down, nice spangle, and good bars, in rare condition; 6, Hewitt.

WIRKSWORTH.

The fifth open show was held on October 31st. The Town Hall, which is very nicely heated and spacious, provided splendid accommodation for exhibitors. The entry, which totalled 32 in four classes, was a little better than that of last year, and the quality was very good. We hear there is likely to be a cup for competition next year, so the society will do well to provide more classes for cage birds. There was a very good gate when we arrived, and the show bade fair to be a success. The arrangements were most ably carried out by the Committee, Messrs. R. S. Twigg, T. Pearson, J. Byard, T. Else, H. Palin, J. Brough, J. Adams, etc. Mr. H. Twigg made a most capable and obliging secretary. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

YORKS. (11): 1, spl. hc, Elkins, long, stylish, yell, head and wings mkd, A1 feather, well up on perch; 2, 3, Mear, cl, buff and yell, in order named, hardly length of winner, but very slim and upstanding, grand locks and wiugs; res, Shilldon; vhc, hc, and members' spl, Brough. NOR. (8): 1, 2, Dallman, cl. yell. and neck mkd. Buff, leader A1 quality, rare colour and condition, grand shape and size; 2, another cloaking specimen, nice size and shape, in fine condition, both well shown; 3, Gentle, cl, buff, not the size of winners, and bit loose in feather, but very nice shape and condition; res, Elkin; vhc, Walker; hc, Brough. LINNET (7): 1, spl, 2, hc, McCreey, leader, grand size and shape, well pencilled, A1 condition; 2, hardly size of winner, but very nice colour and marking, two very fine exhibits; 3, res, vhc, Brough, hardly so distinct in markings, nice colour and shape. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Poole, light Goldfinch-Canary, and dark Greenfinch-Canary Mules in order named, winner very nice colour; 3, nice size and shape, grand colour, rather loose in feather; 2, McCreey, very fine dark skin Canary, steady as a rock, extra good size, and markings, splendid condition, could win at many shows; res, Elkins; vhc, Moore.

COATBRIDGE.

The annual show was held in the Hall at the Royal Hotel, Coatbridge, on October 31st, and was a success. The entries were slightly down, but the quality was up to the standard. Scotch Fancies of merit took part in the competition. The cup for best cock was won by Mr. Wynnes, with an exceptionally promising Buff, and the cup for best hen was secured by Mr. Mann, with an ideal Buff Piebald hen, the runner-up to latter being Mr. D. Caldwell's meritorious foul Buff hen. Mr. Smith, the president, in his usual courteous manner superintended the show, and had a kindly word for everybody; and Mr. Prentice conducted the secretarial work with great credit both to himself and the society. The judges were Messrs. Baird and Smith.

YELL. CK.: 1, D. Caldwell, hatched with only one eye, grand frame, erect, nice drive, rare top and body; 2, H. R. Caldwell, nice all round bird. HEN: 1, 2, Smith, 1, in grand feather, reachy, nicely circled, grand body and wing; 2, neat and typical; 3, Caldwell, grand solid top, but stiff in working, rare stock hen. BUFF CK.: 1, Wynnes, cup winner, very erect, most decided drive, grand top, clean front, fine thickness through, good long body and wing; 2, Caldwell, erect, nice reach, nice top, good body; 3, Hutcheson, typical, fine action; 4, Smith, good exhibit; 5, Wynnes; 6, Hutcheson. HEN: 1, Main, good body, nice bird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Wynnes, erect, head well forward, good top, body and wing; 2, Caldwell, fine substance and quality; 3, Fairley, nice type; 4, Killen, good stamp. HEN: 1, 3, Caldwell, pair of good all-round hens, both modern type; 2, Wynnes, neat and full of quality; 4, Killen, good style; 5, Fairley, nice and typical. BUFF COCK: 1, Wynnes, erect, fine reach, good top body and wing; 2, Smith, erect, fine drive, nice top, body and wing; 3, Main, good type. HEN: 1, Main, cup winner, erect, neat head good neck, capital drive, solid top, good body and wing; 2, Young, modern type, fine quality, sex doubtful, rich in colour; 3, 6, Hutcheson, 3, fine quality, rare size; 4, Wynnes, nice type; 5, Caldwell; 7, Fairley. FOUL CK.: 1, 2, Wynnes, good size and style; 3, Caldwell, grand size and substance. HEN: 1, D. Caldwell, much admired, erect, grand round, solid top, rare drive, grand body, cut-standing hen; 2, Young, erect, nice reach, top and body; 3, H. R. Caldwell, good modern type, free in movement; 4, Wynnes, nice style; 5, Fairley. GREEN CK.: 1, Prentice, erect, good reach, nice body annd wing; 2, Caldwell, very nice green, fine bloom; 3, Hutcheson, good quality. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Prentice, good typical birds; 4, 5, Fairley. OLD PAIRS: 1, T. Smith, rare quality, well matched and erect cock, yell, grand droop hen, rare quality; 2, Hutcheson, really well matched pair, pressed hard on winners; 3, J. Smith, another pair, wealth of quality, nicely mated; 4, Prentice, very taking, good size, and quality; 5, Caldwell, well adapted to each other, grand size and quality. SINGING CK.: 1, Main; 2, 4, Caldwell; 3, Fairley; 5, Smith.

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OSWESTRY.

This annual fixture duly took place in the Powis Hall on October 29th, when, as usual here, there was brought together a fine display of exhibits both in the open and local classes. This society commands a splendid support from the inhabitants of the district. The cage bird classes were not quite so numerous, but, all the same, a very fine lot of exhibits turned up, and competition was of a high order. The well known names of Major Bull and Messrs. A. Gough, G. Inglis, H. W. Pritchard, G. H. Finney, with those sterling efficient secretaries, Messrs. Morris Smith and G. A. Doody, is sufficient proof that the show was conducted in a perfect manner. Special prizes were given for nearly every class, and valuable extra specials were also included. The open Norwich section contained some excellent Buffs, a very cobby variety capturing special over the section. The Yorkshires were very strong, and keen was the fight for premier honours. A very smart Bull won the special over the Yellows and Buffs. A nice Canary Bullfinch won in the Hybrid open class, whilst a smart variety. Yell. Goldfinch-Canary won in the local hybrid class. The British birds were represented by some very handsome specimens, notably a Cale, a Wheatear, a Yellow Bunting, Goldfinches, Thrushes, Linnets, Bullfinches, Larks, etc. There was a Wader, which, with its big web foot, could not under any stretch of the imagination be termed a cage bird; this was staged in a poultry or Pigeon pen amongst the cage birds. The members' classes filled well as they always do here, and the novice classes were very strong, some wonderful Crests appearing here. The novice Goldfinch or Bullfinch class was a big class of 22, containing some good birds. A few Foreign birds were on exhibition, but not in competition; they were kindly placed in the show by a local enthusiast. The officials expressed their pleasure at receiving such high-class entries, and we sincerely hope there was a big attendance of the public. Mr. C. Houlton judged.

The Open Classes.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Campbell, rare size, cl., grand head and body substance, full of colour and condition, compact; 2, Brotherhood, cl., smaller, but grand quality and condition all round; 3, Turner, mkd. head and wings, full of colour, cobby shape, nice carriage and condition; res, Jones, nice cl, just beaten in substance and tail feathers to-day; vhc, Edwards, fair, paler in colour. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, Turner, head, neck and wing mkd., bouncing big thick-set bird, clean coned through, rare bloom and condition; 2nd, big cl, very fine quality feather and bloom, longer in body and tail than first, but grand in every other feature; 3, Parry, smaller, very chubby, grand quality and bloom, rare carriage; res, Brotherhood, tkd. head and wing, very fine quality and bloom, all four are very high-class; vhc, Tasker, grand substance and quality, almost like a good hen; hc, Brotherhood; c, Jones. YORKS. YELL. (17): A fine lot this; 1, vhc, Parry, grand length, finely drawn, round as a pencil, neat head, nice wings and tail, well up on legs, and tight in condition; 2, 3, Brotherhood, 2nd very fine type, good back and sides, neat head, well up on legs, just beaten in wing carriage a little to-day; 3rd, also good type, hardly so smart as others in finish yet; res, Jones, shorter, but all there in tightness and quality and condition; hc, Edwards; c, F. Hampson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Thomas, most stylish clear, tight, and round as a pencil, stands nicely, neat head, good wing and tail carriage, full of nerve, wins spl over yellows and buffs; 2, Edwards, lovely cl, shorter, and slightly beaten in tail, fine quality and stand; 3, F. Hampson, very slim stylish cl, fine quality, good all round; res, Butler, bold bird of fine proportions, good quality and condition; vhc, Campbell; hc, Parry; c, Gardner; Mr. W. C. Roberts' Yorks. were marked absent. HYB. (6): 1, spl, res, G. Edwards, leader very nice Canary-Bullfinch, and a fine Gold-Greenfinch, both in rare colour, feather and condition; 2, T. Edwards, nearly cl. buff hen Gold-Canary, small, slightly grizzled on wings and saddle, tight in condition; 3, vhc, Dorricott, two six-pointed Buff Gold-Canaries, 3rd largest and best mkd., both in good feather and condition; hc, Roberts. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, 2, res, Potter, 1st little waggon horse in shape, fine even moons and bars, big square face, plenty of body brown, wants polishing into glossy condition to make a gem; 2nd, smaller and narrower, but lovely quality and condition, stouter than most Finches; res, nice condition, wants more chest substance, when it would be a little gem; 3, Yates, nice colour, good blaze, rather slimmer in type, small moons, nice bars, good body brown; vhc, Janes; hc, B. Evans; c, Jas. Evans. LINNET (6): 1, spl, F. Jones, nice size, good shape, colour and markings, glossy in condition, well shown and steady; 2, Potter, longer and larger, pale colour, good cone shape, tight in feather and condition; 3, J. John, shapely, pale, nice markings, good condition of feather; res, Inglis, not up in condition yet; hc, Castle. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Brotherhood, fine Nightingale, well shown, in sound condition; 2, Potter, beautiful medium-sized Haw finch, in superb peach bloom and condition, like wax; 3, F. Jones, grandly mkd., good-coloured Yellow Bunting, in glossy feather and condition; res, Wadeson, heavily spotted Thrush, in good feather and condition. SELL., 10/6 (11): 1, spl, Beard, wing mkd. D.C., and a nearly green C.B., either bird worth all the money itself; 2, Butler, grand yell. Yorks., in A1 condition; 3, Tasker, good variegated Nor., grand shape and quality, soon claimed; res, Inglis, nat. col., yell., Siskin-Canary; vhc, F. Jones; hc, c, Parry, two nice buff Yorks.

Local and Novice Classes.

NOR. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Inglis, very cobby typical hen, cl. buff, wins handsomely, runs hard for guinea spl. for best members' bird; 3rd, similar type, and quality, fine head and neck, rare condition, smaller than 1st; 2, Jordan, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand colour and quality, shade narrower in head and neck than former two; res, hc, c, Finney, rare size and colour, rather too heavy eye brows, which wants breeding out more. YORKS. (16): A hot lot all round; 1, spl, guinea spl, Finney, most typical buff, well fed, prim and straight as a pencil, not a fault when worked into position; 2, vhc, hc, Butler, 2nd smart slim yell., fine type and quality, stands well, neat all through; 3, res, Duddlestone, both stylish and well finished; c, Hughes. A.V. CAN., NON-FED (11): 1, spl, Duddlestone, typical finely-drawn yell. Yorks., good carriage, well up in rare feather; 2, res, c, Inglis, variegated buff and two yell. Nor., all of fine quality, especially the buff; 3, Lloyd, smaller, yell. Yorks., nice quality and condition; vhc, E. J. George; hc, Hughes. HYB. (8): 1, spl, Finney, variegated yell. Gold Canary, rich colour, fine condition; 2, vhc, hc, Butler, very nice dark yell. Linnet-Canary, in good colour and condition; 3, res, Inglis, well mkd. four-pointed buff Gold Canary and a large nat. col. Greenfinch-Canary, latter well worth keeping and feeding; c, Roberts. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Finney, 1st very cobby, nice blaze, good body colour and condition; 2nd, smaller and finer through; res, Butler. A.O.S. BRT. (8): 1, spl, Mrs. F. Golden, very large Hawfinch, in good condition; 2, Lewis, nice Linnet; 3, c, Miss Jones, fine Skylark, steady; res, Mr. Roberts, nice Thrush, singing well; vhc, Castle; hc, Evans. NOVICE.—A.V. CAN. CK. (13): 1, spl, res, Mrs F. Cotton, good pair of Crests, former grizzled, cl. body, large, well-formed, well centred crest and good droop, fine body; 2c, wing-mark D.C., short on front of crest; 2, hc, H. Finney, jun., eye and wing mkd. buff Yorks., good type and quality; 3, Thomas, yell Nor; vhc, George; c, Dobby. HEN (7): 1, spl, Dorothy Edwards, remarkably fine D.C. green body, A1 size crest, well centred, rare droop, even formation, thick set, grand novice bird; 2, H. Finney, jun., cl. yell. Nor., in A1 condition; 3, Mrs. Emery, yell. Yorks., finely drawn, tight condition; res, c, Miss Dobby; vhc, Lewis; hc, Rogers. GOLDIE, ETC. (22): A fine lot; 1, spl, Katie Lewis, very smart and tight Bullfinch; 2, Barrett, very decent Goldie; 3, Malling, fine Bullie, in nice order; res, Lewis, a Goldie; vhc, Hugh Pones; hc, Mrs. Cotton; c, L. Johnson; winner cl guinea special, G. H. Finney.

HYSON GREEN.

The Hyson Green (Nottingham), C.B.S., held their annual exhibition on October 24th, at the Old Stand, the "Cricket Players" Inn, Lindsey Street. The exhibits were not over numerous, but this failing was made up for in quality. There were some extra fine Norwich, especially in the unflig. classes. The Crest and C.B. classes also contained some real good ones. Mr. R. Rhodes judged the Crest and C.B. classes, and Mr. W. Hardy the other classes. The latter gentleman did not arrive from Newcastle (where he had been judging) until 1 p.m., so that he made a capital job in a very short time. Judging was over and prize cards placed on the successful ones by 3 p.m.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hill, real Nor., full of quality and colour, capital wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, Sharpe, 2, larger but not the colour and quality of former, good stock bird; 3, nice colour and quality. BUFF (8), nice class: 1, 3, Alton, 1, good exhibit, fine size and substance, nice quality, good wing and tail carriage; 3, nice typical bird, good colour; 2, Sharp, larger, useful stock bird, rather long in wings and tail; vhc, Birch, good type, nice wing and tail carriage, full of bloom; hc, Carton. SLIGHTLY MKD. YELL. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Birch, 1, good exhibit all over, in splendid condition; 3, another good one rare type; 2, Hill, very good type and colour, nice short wings and tail, well packed. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Birch, 1, well known winner, looking well, cap and wing mark, nice type, etc., wins well; 2, Barnes nice exhibit, grand type, colour, and condition; vhc, Sharp, nice quality and colour; hc, Newman. EVENLY MKD. (8) 1, spl, Bertie, rare good one, unflig. yell. grand substance, good type; 2, Sharp, another good one, not quite the substance of former; 3, vhc, Hill, 3, another rare good exhibit; hc, Birch, nice type; c, Bertie. A.V. UNFLIG. YELL. rare good class: 1, Bertie, well known winner, clear, rare type, full of substance; 2, 3, Birch, two good ones, nice type, wings and tails, not much between them; vhc, Sharp, rare substance and type, little long sided, otherwise useful; hc, Hill; c, Brefft. BUFF, another good class: 1, 2, Bertie, 1, splendid youngster, rare type, full of colour, shines like marble, best of wing and tail carriage; 2, another Nor. all over, rare chest, head and neck; 3, Sharp, ticked both eyes, nice size, rare quality and colour, little pinched in head; vhc, hc, Newman, nice type; c, Birch. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Bertie, clear unflig., rare substance, short wing and tail, little loose behind, still a good one; 2, mkd. smaller than former, still a Nor. all over, also unflig.; 3, Birch, nice type, smaller than the former; vhc, Carton. BUFF: 1, c, Bertie, clear, rare size, best of quality and colour, good head and neck; 2, another good one, also clear, picture for type and quality; 3, Barnes, good one mkd, rare type, short compact wings and tail, well placed; vhc, c, Birch; hc, Hill. NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Hill, rattling good pair mkd, ck., clear yell, hen, well balanced; 2, Bertie, another good pair clear yell, ck. large, good head, mkd, hen, like a piece of marble; 3, Birch, both show signs of moult, useful; vhc, Sharp; hc, Thompson. NON-FED: 1, Sharp nice cl. buff hen; 2 3, Elsey; vhc, Bertie. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, Brown, heavy mkd, nice, neat, good quality crest; 2, Cottingham, nice, neat crest, large body, shows quite a lot of Lancashire. BUFF: 1, Alton, green, good all round bird, nice shaped crest. LIGHT CREST: 1, Brown; 2, Bertie; 3, Newman, all three good ones, not much to choose between them. CREST HEN: 1, Holmes, green, rare good front, good stout body; 2, Earnshaw, neat round crest, nice exhibit. YELL. C.B. CK.: 1, Bertie, rare good one, clear, great substance, rare cushion head; 2, Brown, green, old winner, still looking well. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, R. Holmes; 3, Bertie; vhc, Wolfe, four good ones, nice substance, good heads and lengths of feather. YELL. C.B. HEN, only one exhibit: 1, Wolfe, good one all over. BUFF: 1, Alton, good one, grand body, wonderful head, wins well; 2, Bertie, another good exhibit, close up; 3, Holmes; vhc, Cottingham, both good exhibits. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, Wolfe; 2, Bertie, former mkd. dark crest, latter clear body, dark crest, both useful birds. C.B. UNFLIG.: 1, Wolfe, grand bird. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Bertie, team of good Cinnamons, rare size and colour. MULE OR HYB.: 1, hc, Caunt; 2, Thompson; 3, c, Carton; vhc, Cottingham. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Caunt; 2, vhc, hc, Carton. FOR. SMAL: 1, hc, Carton; 2, 3, Caunt; vhc, c, Cottingham. LARGE: 1, Caunt; 2, Elsey; 3, Carton.


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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MORLEY and District C.B.S., formed some few months ago, is making good and steady progress, and now totals twenty-nine members. They have arranged for three members' shows, the first of which takes place to-day (Saturday), and the services of Mr. W. Cruise have been secured as judge. The next will take place December 5th, with Mr. R. Garnett to place the tickets, and third on January 2nd, no judge as yet decided upon. The officials and members are to be congratulated on the success attained in so short a time.

THE show of the Bradford City O.S. on Saturday last was a splendid affair, a grand entry of 536 birds in the 34 classes provided, the cream of the Fancy in both Yorkshires and Norwich meeting to do battle for their owners. Mr. P. Mason officiated as judge, this, I think, being his first appearance in that capacity at a Yorkshire show, and he was assisted by Mr. H. S. Naylor, who took the Norwich and selling classes, so as to lighten his task. All birds were cleared off in good time, being on their way home by about 7.30, and great credit is reflected on the management at this very satisfactory state of affairs.

ONE point I would like to mention occurred at this show, and it is a point where exhibitors could save a secretary and officials a lot of trouble. It refers to birds being entered and not exhibited. It appears that some birds were entered from a distance, but they did not put in an appearance, and the stewards were dispatched to the stations several times to inquire if they had arrived. As a last resource the owner was wired to notify him of the fact, but soon after a return wire was received stating that they had not been sent. What a lot of trouble and uneasiness would have been saved if a postcard had notified the secretary that they would not be there.

ANOTHER exhibitor entered three birds, and during staging one was reported as missing; result, all cases were overhauled to see if it could be found. But the search proved fruitless. These birds were brought to the show personally by the owner, and it would have been an easy matter to report that one was short, and so have saved a lot of bustle and trouble. Every secretary for a show likes to know that all birds are staged, and it is a cause of great uneasiness when some are missing, and it behoves all exhibitors to acquaint that official when they are not sending all the birds they have entered.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A. officials are sorry that a mistake has crept into their schedule in respect to the special prizes. Several class numbers are left blank in the list, making it appear that no special is given in these classes. But 2s. 6d. per class should have appeared therein, all prizes no blanks being the cry of this society. I note that Cinnamon ticks are catered for at this show, the officials taking advantage of the C.M.Y.C.C.'s offer in regard to ticked 'uns.

ALL exhibitors competing for prizes of the various clubs will do well to note that their exhibits are properly marked in the catalogues, and, if not, to acquaint the respective secretaries, so that entry forms can be seen and mistakes rectified.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SHIREBROOK AND DISTRICT F.A.

The best attended meeting since this society's formation was held at the Great Northern Hotel, on October 15th, Mr. C. Halmshaw in the chair. It was decided to hold the second members' show on Saturday, December 5th, prize money to be guaranteed. Will local fanciers kindly note, and assist the committee to establish this young society on a sound basis? Several cage birds classes were guaranteed. Among the guarantors were Messrs. Halshaw, Cooper, Cox, Reddish, Baldwin, Pickering, and Ashmole.—W. H. ASHMOLE, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting held at Headquarters, The "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, September 24th. Present, Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Weston, Trower, Dewhurst, Cooper, Maxwell, Goodchild, Plumbridge and Carr. Letters were read from Mr. Birchley, Mr. Chick, and the Liverpool O.S. An application from the Glasgow and West of Scotland Society, the committee granted a silver and bronze medal for most points throughout the British bird and hybrid section. It was decided to hold the club show on December 4th and 5th. Many were in favour of holding the club show at the Crystal Palace, but no application had been received from the authorities. Proposed by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that a gold, silver and bronze medal be granted at this show in each section, viz., Hardbill, Insectivorous and hybrid for 1st, 2nd and 3rd most points. Mr. Trower again offered a gold medal for most points gained by a member who had not previously won a medal throughout the British bird and hybrid sections. The following new members were elected: Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith, N.B.); Mr. S. L. Cocks (Peterboro'.) Mr. Weston then opened a discussion on "Meating off" and feeding small insectivorous birds, and the lengthy discussion that followed brought out some very interesting information from the various members present. The chairman, on proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weston, thanked him for opening such an important subject, one which had proved so interesting and enjoyable to all present. He hoped further discussions would be forthcoming for it was Fanciers giving the results of their experiments that brought about the successful keeping of our pets. The vote was seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, and supported by Mr. Trower. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR,

The Belgian Canary: Its Breeding and Management.

By R. J. BAKER.

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Belgians as Breeders.

Again, another point which one often hears directed against the Belgian Canary is that it will not feed its own young, and therefore one is put to double expense by having to keep feeders for them. My experience, however, has taught me that they are quite as good feeders as those of any other high-class variety, and require no feeders whatever. I could also give the names of several successful Belgian Canary fanciers who never use feeders, and usually manage to rear between thirty and forty young birds from four or five pairs each year. I think such records will compare with almost any other variety of exhibition Canary.

When you have commenced breeding operations, and the hen has commenced to sit, you should disturb her as little as possible, and I would advise fanciers to have their breeding cages fitted with wire ends, which enables them to look into the nest while the hen is off it for the purpose of feeding without having to open doors and lift the nest out every time they wish to examine it. You will see how handy this is; when you have young birds about, you can glance at them without so much as touching the cage.

I may say that my cages are about 30 inches long, 18 inches deep, and 12 inches from back to front, and are all fitted with moveable wire fronts, which arrangement enables me to clean my cages more easily than is possible with the old-fashioned fixed fronts For cleaning the insides of the cages I find nothing better than a good coat of whitewash, applied hot, with a good tablespoonful of some germ killer added to it. If you use this, you will not be troubled with red-mite very much.

How to Feed.

During the breeding season my method of feeding is as follows:—When the birds are first paired, I give the birds egg-food about twice a week, which I stop when the hen has commenced to sit. Should you have a hen which appears egg-bound, sprinkle a little white moist sugar over the egg food; I find this an excellent remedy, and you will not need to half boil a hen, so to speak, to get the egg away from her.

Until the twelfth day I give only plain Canary seed, after which I commence giving the egg food again. When the young are hatched, I add a little crushed hemp seed, gradually increasing the amount as the young birds get older. After the third day I give a little fresh green food three or four times a day. I like young dandelion leaves, young lettuce, and flowering groundsel, as well as anything. The best plan is to give one sort one day, and another the next, as this gives the old birds a change. Never forget that to be successful in the rearing of young birds you must be up with the sun, and give some nice fresh-made egg food to your birds.

I don't care for the method of filling up the egg drawers over-night, as the food is stale and dry by the time the birds are ready to feed with it in the morning.

What To Do With the Young.

When the young are about three weeks old I part them from the old birds by means of a wire slide, which I put through the centre of the cage, and through which they can continue to feed. And if you place an egg drawer containing some egg food inside with them, they will soon commence to pick it over and feed themselves. I crush the Canary seed for them, as I find this helps them on a good deal. I also give them for a change a little scalded bread in milk, squeezed nearly dry. This is a good thing for them, but you must not leave this in the tins very long, as it turns sour very quickly. You will find when the young are about five or six weeks old, that they can take care of themselves. You must then get them on to a plain seed diet as soon as possible, and at this stage give no green food whatever. If you follow this advice carefully, I feel sure you will be able to rear Belgians without the aid of any common feeders whatever.

About Exhibiting.

As regards the exhibiting of Belgians, I think they have a great advantage over most varieties in that they are exhibited in their natural colour and are not colour-fed, which is a great consideration, when the fancier has only a very limited amount of time to devote to his birds.

In conclusion let me say, when seeking to obtain new blood, or to start in the Fancy, it is best to get your birds from some well-known breeder, and follow the show reports and you will soon see what fanciers breed their own winners. A very decent pair of stock Belgians will cost anything from £3 to £6, according to their quality; but, remember, you will not get Palace winners at this price. A good winning Belgian Canary commands a high figure, and I have known them to run into double figures in pounds. I place before readers a sketch of what I should term a good Belgian.

I hope, should there be any among my readers who find their experiences differ from my own, that they will bear with the writer a little, for I am penning my own experience with the Belgians.

I cannot, in conclusion, do better than advise anyone seeking an interesting variety of Canary to keep for a hobby (or profitable investment) than to invest in a pair or two of this really elegant and fascinating bird, the Belgian.

IN THE COURTS.

Trouble About a Talking Parrot.

A sequel to certain proceedings instituted some three weeks ago, which concerned a deal over a talking Parrot, engaged the attention of the Deputy Stipendiary at the Liverpool Police Court on October 26th, when a well-dressed woman, named Lily Maud Seddon, or Barnes, was charged on remand with having obtained possession of a bicycle by means of a trick.

It appeared that George Collinson, of Huddersfield, saw an advertisement which the prisoner had inserted, announcing that she had a good talking, mimicking, and singing Parrot, which she was willing to sell or exchange. Prosecutor offered a lady's bicycle, valued at £5, in exchange, and this offer was accepted. He sent the bicycle to the prisoner's address, 53, Foxhill Street, Prince's Park, Liverpool. The prisoner, however, wrote back complaining that the machine was in a poor condition and was not worth 25s. She asked for a remittance of £1 or 30s. Collinson sent postal orders for £1, but as the Parrot did not arrive he stopped payment and came to Liverpool. He went to the prisoner's address and was told that the talking Parrot that had been advertised had been sold during the week. The bicycle had also been disposed of. Another Parrot that was in the house at the time was offered to Collinson, but he refused to accept it, on the ground that it wouldn't talk. He instituted a prosecution.'

Mrs. Seddon was brought before Mr. Kinghorn a fortnight ago, but the case was adjourned on the understanding that she would in the interval regain possession of the talking Parrot and hand it over to Collinson. Yesterday Collinson stated that since the adjournment he had received a Parrot, but it did not answer to the advertisement. The Parrot advertised was a Grey, and the one he received was a Green Amazon, and it was not a satisfactory talker. The Parrot was sent by rail to Huddersfield, enclosed in a cage, on which was written the following message:—"This is the Parrot which the magistrate says you must have or do without."—The prosecutor complained that this note was fastened to the outside of the cage "for all the world to gaze upon."

The defence was that the Parrot which was shown to the prosecutor at the prisoner's house was the advertised Parrot, and it was a good talker, although it was too shy to converse before a stranger.—For the prosecution it was pointed out that when the case was last before the court the prisoner admitted having sold the advertised Parrot.—The prisoner has been previously convicted for feloniously receiving money. She was now fined £10, with costs, or two months' imprisonment in default.

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A Washing exhibition and lecture were given by Mr. Broadhurst before a good muster of members and friends of the West Bromwich and District C.B.S. on October 27th. Mr. Broadhurst commenced by remarking on the particular kind of soap he uses; he advised all present to use Greaves' soap, it being in a white powder and specially prepared for washing birds. He then showed the company how to hold the bird. He advised us to hold it as loosely as possible and be on our guard, for when the bird fluttered it would otherwise soon be out of our hands. Do not hold the bird too tightly round the neck, he continued also when swilling in first water to first rinse the soap from your hands so that the bird will not get the soap from this quarter, thus saving both extra time and labour. The next thing was to roll the bird in the cloth. A piece of old soft sheeting about 2ft. square did admirably, or any other suitable material that would soak the wet well from the bird. Mr. Broadhurst went on to say: Be sure you keep the thumb and finger out of the neck of the bird or the feathers will not dry properly; also be sure you wash all the dirt from the neck as, of course, it always shows more there than anywhere else, also round the rump and tail. Be sure you hold the bird properly on its back with the tail down the wrist, and also be sure to keep the soap out of the bird's mouth. The lecturer urged fanciers to have plenty of cloths nice and warm before the fire; he felt sure that a cold cloth was answerable for a great many deaths; in fact, this was the cause more than any other of deaths during washing. At this point Mr. Broadhurst took the first bird he had washed out of the cloth and rolled it in the other end of it. Here, he said, make sure, when you are washing several birds, that you do not mix them up when they are rolled in the cloths. Start at one end of the drying board which is in front of the fire, and when the second bird is washed and rolled in the cloth move the first and place this second one where the first one was, thus keeping the first bird that was washed to the right or left, as the case may be, and the second bird second, and so on; by this means you will know which bird was washed first, and it will not be left too long in the cloth. When Mr. Broadhurst had washed several birds he invited any of the company to try his hand as, if you want to do any good on the show bench, he said, you must know how to wash a bird thoroughly or you will be rewarded with very little success. Mr. Beck (Handsworth), first tried his hand, while Mr. Broadhurst stood at his side ready to give him any information that might be required. The lecturer then gave some hints as to drying the birds after they were taken from the cloth. They were taken out of the cloth when about three parts dry, they having been in then about 25 minutes. They were then placed in cages before the fire, not too close, one of the cloths was placed over the front of the cage, thus answering two purposes at the same time—shielding the bird and drying the cloth. Mr. Broadhurst particularly urged any one about to wash a bird to get everything ready at hand, including three or four bowls (large) and some hot and cold water in jugs so as to avoid having to handle the kettle or tap. Also, we should see that the cages we were going to finish drying the birds in were perfectly clean, or the birds would be a lot worse than before they were washed. Mr. Broadhurst recommended holding the bird in the way he did as he thought it was much better than any other. Messrs. Carter and Collier at this point tried their hands at washing, and went through the operation successfully. Mr. Key then washed a bird, and he being an old hand at the game it did not take him long. During the drying process Mr. Key proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Broadhurst, which was passed. Mr. Green said he thought it was not many societies that had been able to get on as well as we had during the short time we had been in existence (about 18 months) with £5 in the bank. After a vote of thanks to the secretaries the meeting terminated.—DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, hon. secretaries.

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By P. JACKSON.

I will endeavour to relate my experiences in the British cage bird hobby as briefly as possible. My experiences date back as far as twenty years ago, when I was but a boy of sixteen years of age.

Nothing used to please me more than keeping birds, except it were catching them. Many a good thrashing have I had from my father for breaking the Sabbath by catching on that day. My mother used to say to father, "Let him have his own way; he might do many a thing worse." I remember once telling my parents Sunday was the only chance I had of studying and seeing God's wonderful works, and that I could not learn more if I went to church three times a day. I used to go at night to church to return thanks for the pleasure I had derived during the day, and to ask forgiveness if I had done wrong.

A First Start Off.

As I grew older, I got more of my own way. Father let me have a small place for my own use; so I turned it into a model bird-room.

First of all I made two small aviaries in it, each 2ft. 9in. long, 2ft. 6in. high, and 2ft. deep. I began with Lesser Redpolls, Greenfinches, and Brown Linnets. These I fed on a mixture of equal parts summer rape, Spanish Canary, linseed, and a little hempseed. The birds thrived well on this.

The water I placed in bottle fountains, but soon found out that for fresh-caught birds it was better to put the water in an open vessel; so I placed it in ordinary penny breakfast tins, which were about ½in. deep and 6in. across. These I filled fresh daily. The birds used the water both for bathing and drinking.

After awhile I began to get faith in myself, and I ventured upon keeping Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and Siskins. For these species I mixed in equal parts, Spanish Canary, teazle, hemp, linseed, German rape, inga, and sunflower. They thrived well on this mixture, but I found out that I must not overstock my aviaries, or the birds would quarrel, as I soon discovered that all three species were quarrelsome.

Increased Aviary Accommodation.

Later on I made an outdoor aviary, about 6yds. long by 6ft. deep, and having a sloping roof, with about 1ft. in 6ft. of a drop, which took the water off splendidly when rain fell. The bottom was raised about a foot from the ground, so that the wood floor was always dry with the wind constantly blowing under it. I had double doors at one end, 2ft. from each other, forming a porch, so that the birds could not get out. I used to shut the first door, then open the second. I partitioned the aviary off in four divisions, which left ample room for fifty small birds in each. I hung cigar boxes round the aviary, about six in each compartment. These I fixed by boring a small hole in one side and hanging them on to nails driven in an upward direction. I found that they made splendid hoppers, and I still use them. The arrangement keeps the seeds dry; they would otherwise go mouldy, especially if placed on the floor in the winter.

In one corner of each compartment, I cut a hole in the floor, about the size of an ordinary roasting tin, and underneath nailed a piece of ½in. mesh wire netting. On this I placed daily a roasting tin filled with fresh water. This to a certain extent kept the flooring dry. In each compartment, there were some fairly branchy but leafless trees, and on the roof I had a pane of glass, about 3ft. by 2ft., under which I nailed wire netting, for fear the glass would get broken and the birds escape.

At the side facing the sun, or which caught most of the sunshine, I had doors which could be opened and shut according to the weather, the opening being covered from the inside with ½in. mesh netting. In these aviaries I have kept almost every species of British birds.

A Stock of Wagtails.

I will now describe how I managed and fed a few of them. First of all, I will start with the Wagtails, a family I am very fond of, because of their graceful manners. I have had as many as 200 of these in my aviaries at once, including Pied, Yellow, and Grey Wagtails.

They all agreed fairly well together, except when mealworms came on the scene, when it was a case of the strongest getting the most. It is interesting to watch these birds. I have seen them even take a worm out of one another's mouths and fight for it like bantams with beak and claws. More than once I have noticed two or more fighting for a mealworm in the trees, and others looking on anxiously waiting for the worm to drop, ready to dart after it, and catch it before it reached the floor; which they were often successful in doing.

The best way to meat these birds off is by offering small mealworms. If a bird will not accept them, force its mouth open (you have sometimes to be cruel to be kind) and place a worm as far as possible down its throat; when it feels it wriggling, it will sometimes try to swallow it. If it refuses to take it then, dip its head in water, and in nine cases out of ten, it will swallow the worm. As a rule, of course, they will take food eagerly, especially if you have one already meated off, in which case place the fresh-caught ones with it.

Give at all times a fair quantity of live food daily. As a staple food for these birds I give them, say, one hard-boiled egg, 4oz. of stale bread, and a pinch of sugar; these I grind together in an ordinary egg mill. The shell of the egg I find acts admirably as grit. If the mixture is too moist, grind up a few tea biscuits, and mix these and the other well together; then add ½oz. of good ants' eggs and the same quantity of dried flies, and mix the whole again. This quantity, along with about six worms each daily, will feed about ten birds. Always give food fresh daily.

Some More Delicate Specimens.

I will now try to explain the way to keep some of the more delicate species, such as the Wrens, Warblers and Pipits. The following species I kept successfully in my outdoor aviary, but in nearly every case I meated them off in my bird-room in cages, which averaged in size 16in. square by 12in. deep, with a natural twig in each. I find that some of these birds are not easily meated off; they need a lot of persuading. But when once accustomed to their staple food, they are as easy to keep as the larger species.

All insectivorous birds I meat off with mealworms, varying the size of the worms according to the strength and size of the birds. The following are a few I have kept:—Lesser Whitethroats, Greater Whitethroats, Common Wrens, Willow Wrens, Wood Wrens, Chiff-Chaffs, Gold-crests, Fire-crests, Rufous Warblers, Tree-Pipits, Meadow-Pipits and Rock Pipits. They are all very interesting to keep.

These birds I treat like the Wagtails previously mentioned when I am meating them off, but I give them a more nourishing staple diet. This consists of hard-boiled yolk of egg and tea biscuits (about three ground with the yolk of one egg in egg mill). Then I add ½oz. of good ants' eggs, and the same quantity of dried flies. I chop a few large mealworms in with this food, and mix the whole well together, occasionally adding scraped raw meat, grated carrot, and hard-boiled liver, also giving fruit occasionally, such as apple, pear and banana. All food must be sweet and ripe. I spread coarse grit on the cage or aviary bottom.

Swallows, House Martins, Sand Martins, and Swifts will also live on this diet, and I find look well on it. These species are not suitable for aviaries, however, unless the aviaries are extraordinarily large, as I find that when aware of your presence they make for the windows, with the result that they sometimes dislocate their necks. I keep the birds in run cages, which measure about 6ft. long, 1ft. high, and 1ft. deep, having broad perches, about 1ft. apart. It is amusing to see the birds trying to perch on their feeding pots (shrimp pots I use). They stumble about as if they were weak or had cramp. They are poor perching birds, especially on anything slippery.

But it is surprising how they learn. I had one which I kept as a pet for a long time; it got that used to perching that it seemed little or no trouble to it. This particular one was a Swallow. I may add that I used dried flies and small mealworms chiefly for meating off and always had a separate pot of dried flies in each cage.

(To be continued.)



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SOME INTERESTING VIEWS ON BIRD-CATCHING.

Who Should Be Summoned and Fined?

I have been invited to say something nasty (Mr. Labouchere in "Truth") about a magistrate at Llandudno Police-court, who fined a man 2s. and costs for setting birdlime to catch Goldfinches contrary to the Act for the protection of such wild birds. If I could say it I would cheerfully, but I cannot help thinking of the fowler as well as the fowl. Nothing seems to me more mischievous than making criminals of men artificially, and to put a man in prison unnecessarily is a more serious matter than putting a wild bird into a cage unkindly. That is the effect of fining the man more than he can pay readily. In these days of unemployment I cannot see that reason requires you to be very hard upon a man who, seeing a market which he can supply without doing anything intrinsically criminal or wicked, sets himself to work for his living in that direction, even though he breaks an Act of Parliament or local regulation which has forbidden him to earn his living in this particular way.

Probably somebody will say that it is wicked to catch Goldfinches. I should be sorry to express an opinion upon that point myself, for it raises a very large question. I know a lady who keeps a Goldfinch in a cage. She lavishes a great deal of affection upon it, probably more than it deserves, and I should not think the bird is altogether unhappy. He frequently sings in the most exuberant style, from which I infer that he feels cheerful, for the time, at any rate. I dare say that he would escape if he had the chance; but even human beings do not know when they are well off, and the same thing may be true of Goldfinches. I should be sorry to see the lady put in a cage as a punishment for keeping the Goldfinch. The question whether it is or is not wicked to keep wild birds in cages seems to me to depend very much on how you treat them. But granting that it is morally wrong, I would point out that if it is to be punished by law the person most deserving of punishment is the one who keeps the bird in the cage, not the poor devil who goes out hunting wild birds in order to get a living for himself, and possibly for a wife and children as well.

As the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has before now done me the honour of noticing remarks in "Truth," I would ask whether this question of keeping wild birds in cages has ever been considered by its committee or officers. So far as my observation goes, there is no legal interference with the trade in live wild birds. I know a shop—and anybody can easily find such shops for himself—where Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and all sorts of wild birds are habitually exposed for sale in cages. If you prosecute and fine the horny-handed son of toil who catches the birds, why should you let off the bloated capitalistic middleman who stocks his shop with the birds when caught? Still more, why should you let off the parties who eventually buy the birds, and without whom the bird-catcher and the dealer would not be in their present line of business? It is generally agreed that the receiver is worse than the thief. I have also a strong personal opinion, which I have expressed before now, that wild birds are a good deal too much protected in the present day, but this point does not affect the question whether the present law is or is not just and rational.

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Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page 278*).

My Mocking Birds. (*Continued*).

After a few days given to song, he (the cock) settled down to business. The cock, in the case of Mocking Birds, does all the nest building; the hen simply nods approval. The first intimation of what was in progress was my seeing Master Mocking Bird carrying odd sticks in his bill. He selected a site in a small bush about 3ft. from the ground, and was soon as busy as a bee over his task.

The nest is a beautiful structure, very strongly woven externally of short thorns and twigs, and warmly lined inside with the finest grasses, and has a beautiful cup-shaped hollow. I sent the nest, after the birds had flown, to Dr. Butler, as I thought he might like to see it. Three eggs were laid; they are very pale green in colour, spotted all over with little brown blotches. The hen did all the sitting, the cock feeding her attentively, and signalling each time that the mealworms were given out, so that she might come and get her share. This she never failed to do. At the end of eleven days —speaking at a rough guess—I went and had a look, as I thought I saw the birds carrying live bait about. Sure enough, there were two fine younsters in the nest, very pink and very naked, but very plump and well looking.

One unfertile egg remained. I did not like to take it out of the nest for fear the birds might not appreciate it; so I left it to take its chance, but, as I expected, it got broken in the course of the rearing. I found the hatched egg shells at the very farthest point of the flight away from the nest. It is evidently instinct that tells the parents to remove these tell-tales as far as possible from the nest. I sent the shells to Mr. Phillips, knowing the interest he takes in all hatching operations.

I did not dare to enter the aviary after this, but had to content my soul with watching, like Moses' sister, "afar off," to see what would happen.

Things went on all right, as I could see the birds at regular intervals visit the nest with mealworms. They sort of threw themselves sideways on the nest, light as a shadow, in spite of their size. All the time the young were in the nest the cock never sang a note. On June 17, when the young quitted the nest, he opened out magnificently; proud, I suppose, of his success. I wish I could sing, as I am sure I should have joined him.

When feeding was in progress, if the parents fancied they were being watched, they made a loud sort of scolding noise. The weather was not very propitious all the time for rearing. What Fox once called "that little shower" was often going on; to say nothing of several gales of wind.

It is not everyone, I venture to think, that acted like Solomon, when he showed the Queen of Sheba all his royal treasures. I often think it must have made the poor Queen feel small when she got home. Perhaps that is why I have written this. When I do anything worth telling, be sure I always run a pen-and-ink race to tell you. I fancy that as the article is read, there will be a rustling demonstration of surprise, such as you may have observed in a country congregation when they hear an allusion to their week-day offences from the pulpit. The only thing I regret in the narration is that the third egg did not hatch. I'm a little like poor Mrs. Moss in the "Mill on the Floss," who, although she had eight children, could never overcome her regret that the twins had not lived.

Chapter XXI.—My Pagoda Mynahs.

Experiences are generally very like cherocts; they usually begin badly, taste perfect half-way through, and at the butt end are things to be thrown away and never picked up again. My experience, however, this time is a distinct exception; for it was happy in the beginning, middle, and end.

It generally takes me a couple of seasons to get a satisfactory pair, and in the case of the Pagodas there was the usual wait. In buying foreign birds, you have to remember that dealers try to sell the same variety under many different names. I suppose we should do the same, so I cannot blame them. Pagoda Starlings are known of late as Blythes Starlings. I nearly fell a victim; but luckily I asked what they were like, and the moment I heard, I recognised my old friends under a new title. But this is a digression.

I first of all got hold of a good cock, and then I began to look about for a mate for him. This proved an easy task. I wrote to a certain dealer, and he sent me what he said was a "certain" hen. I was none so sure; but I did not like to contradict him, an old dealer. Time, however, proved that I was right, and that he was wrong; for the so-called hen was a cock, and soon showed its sex by battles royal with his fellow-prisoner. In their combats one of the contending parties was slain, and, as it was winter, I did not bother any more for a time.

In the spring, at about Easter, I popped up to London for the inside of a week, and, of course, visited all the bird shops. At Mr. Hamlyn's I found, on my second visit, a pair of Pagoda Mynahs just come off the boat; and, as they looked all right, I bought them, but let them stop with my other purchases until the week-end, when I transferred them to Yorkshire.

They seemed to feel the cold a bit at first; but in a week or two they appeared to get accustomed to the constant changes of temperature we enjoy in England, and here especially in Yorkshire. I kept them in a bird-room till spring was over, and then I put them into what I call a beautiful outdoor aviary, but what my family insultingly call "The Stores." Here they soon settled down, in company with a pair of Redheaded Indian Buntings, and a pair of Red Vented Bulbuls.

I rigged up a box near the roof in the same place as the Andaman Starlings nested last season. It was not long before they took the hint, and went to work at nest building. I may say in passing that when the birds are nesting, I never allow strangers to enter the aviaries. If you would get the soul of Nature, go to meet her as you call upon your sweetheart—alone. There are times when the presence of our dearest friend is a distraction.

The nest was composed of little sticks (as I found on examination after the young ones had flown), and a very flimsy affair lined with box leaves, of all things in the world! The cock and the hen took it by turns to sit, and I think they took certain watches, and not day and night spells. I am unable to say what the eggs were like, as they all hatched out, and I was not so foolish as to touch the nest until the young had flown.

Later in the season the Pagodas laid a second time, and then I "pepped" and found the eggs were small and blue, like those of our common Starlings. I knew that if I looked I might cause an accident, and accidents are forbidden luxuries in birddom.

Whenever my birds are nesting, my procedure is as follows. I look long and lovingly at the nest. There is no harm in that, for may not a cat look at a king? Then I say solemnly: "Get thee behind me, Satan"; then I resolutely turn my back on the nest box, and by walking rapidly away I soon get so far away that it would be too much of a task to return —at least, I try to think so. It is *the only way*. There are some temptations you must *run away* from.

The sitting lasted, roughly, some 13 days, and the first intimation I had of "new arrivals" was by seeing one of the parents with a small mealworm in its beak, with which (by careful and unobtrusive watching) I saw it go aloft. But whether it was worth while going through so much, to learn so little, as the charity boy said when he got to the end of the alphabet, is a matter of opinion. I am easily contented, and thought it was.

Pagodas are very fond of fresh ants' eggs, especially for the early days of rearing, whereas the Andamans would hardly look at them. The difference in tastes in birds is very curious.

After about a week I began to hear the voices of the young, and day by day the noise grew more and more uproarious. The Pagoda parents were the shyest of feeders after the first week. I could never catch them at it, watch as I might. For the first week they did not mind a bit. The Andamans, on the other hand, were very shy at first, and got bolder as the days went on. I suppose on the principle suggested by the poet—

"For men may dwell by mountain stream, and all the summer round
Have music lingering in their ears, till they forget the sound."

Can any readers realise what it meant to rear Mocking Birds, Andamans, and Pagoda Mynahs all side by side? My friend, Mr. Phillips, wrote to me quite pathetically: "No wonder mealworms are so scarce and so dear!"

(*To be continued.*)

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*A Wren's Nesting Experience.

When we lived in Worcester we had a summer-house, and every year a Thrush used to build on a ledge in it. One year a Wren made a hay rope from the Thrush's nest and built its own on the end. When the Wren's nest was finished it fell down, or else the Thrush pulled it down. We nailed it up again, but the next morning it was on the floor again. After this the Wren forsook it, but the Thrush reared four young ones in her nest.—Sent by B. E. Frayling (aged 14), St. Nicholas House, Dovercourt, Essex.

*A Beautiful Singer.

I am nearly twelve years of age, and until last December have always lived in the country. My father has always had some British birds, besides an aviary at one time. Two birds which he kept which pleased me much were a little Redpoll, which father taught to wind water and open seed-box and do many little tricks, and also a fine cock Thrush, which he caught in a trap-cage in the back of a garden. This bird became so tame, he would take table scraps from my hand. He was a beautiful singer, and we could start him to sing at any time with our phonograph with a (bird-note) record. I have collected nearly 50 birds' eggs myself, and know each variety. I take great interest in reading CAGE BIRDS, which we take weekly.—Sent by Harry Sumner, 13, Franklin Street, Darwen.

**A Nest in a Treacle Tin.

In the plantation at the bottom of our garden is the most peculiar little Robin's nest I ever saw. The men had been cutting down old trees, and one day I was walking along the path with my friend when we saw a little Robin dart out of a tin which was lying on a broken tree. We went to the place and saw in the tin a nice little nest made out of hay and grass. Next day we went to see, and there was one egg, two days passed and then there were three. On the Sunday there were four eggs, the Robin sitting on them. You would thing she would desert her nest, seeing that a boy took one of the eggs, the little Robin seeing him do so. But when the boy saw the Robin near, he put it back, and presently when all was quiet we saw the Robin fly to the tin to see if the eggs were alright. The tin stood on its side and protected the Robin and its eggs from rain. It is as cosy a little nest that any Robin could desire.—Sent by Dorothy Mabel Clarke, Sunnyside, Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

More About Chats.

Stonechats never appear to increase or decrease. Any given spot where we have once seen them is a suitable place to find others, although years may have passed since we first noted their beauty. The nest is difficult to locate, and consequently few are destroyed. Many broods must be reared on the wilder heaths and common land, and in August I have seen almost every bush adorned with young Chats. A severe winter may reduce their numbers, and many fall victims to Hawks and ground vermin. All the Chats are beautiful birds, and have a wide range, extending more or less throughout the old world. There is a strong resemblance in all of them to our own species, if not in colour, mannerisms and habits. The Redstarts are no doubt closely allied to them, and so also is the Wheatear; both these are summer migrants, and have departed some time ago to their African home. All the Chats are not hardy, for the Whinchat, another beautiful bird, visits us only during the days of sunshine and warmth. In manner he resembles his congener, but may readily be distinguished by a white streak over the eye, and a patch of white on the side of the throat.

A Professor on Sparrows.

Writing on the Sparrow in a daily paper, Professor Lankester says: "It is really a parasite or 'commensal' (messmate) of man, living and flourishing entirely by helping itself to the grain and the young buds of shrubs grown by man, and in towns to the waste fragments of his food and the grain left in horse-dung. Whether it does any good in the early part of the year by eating grubs seems to be doubtful, but the conclusion is justified that it does more harm than good, especially as it drives away other small birds which are exclusively insectivorous." No doubt this is true enough, but the Sparrow would be tolerated and not much notice taken of his evil deeds, if the species was not so numerous.

Wild Fruits and Berries.

Fruits and berries appear to be unusually plentiful this autumn, for the glorious summer weather has been favourable to the setting of the blossom and subsequent development of the crop. In the hedgerows blackberries and privets are abundant, but the harvests of beech mast and haws are failures. This is the second year in succession that the beech nuts have been scarce, for which one cannot fail to be sorry. Three years ago when the crop was heavy we had enormous flocks of Chaffinches and Bramblings in certain districts in Surrey, their gay bright colours and alert manner, enlivening the woods and plantations, and giving a touch of living colour to the sombre hues of winter. No doubt the birds will drift into other districts where the nuts are more plentiful.

Migrating Kingfishers.

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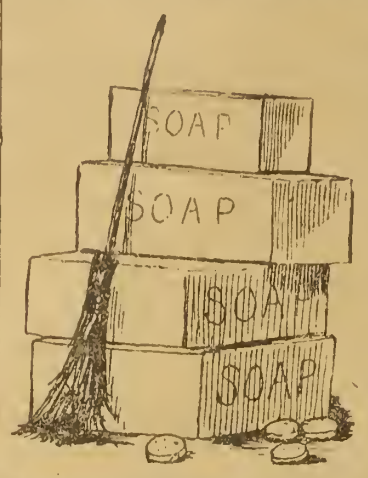
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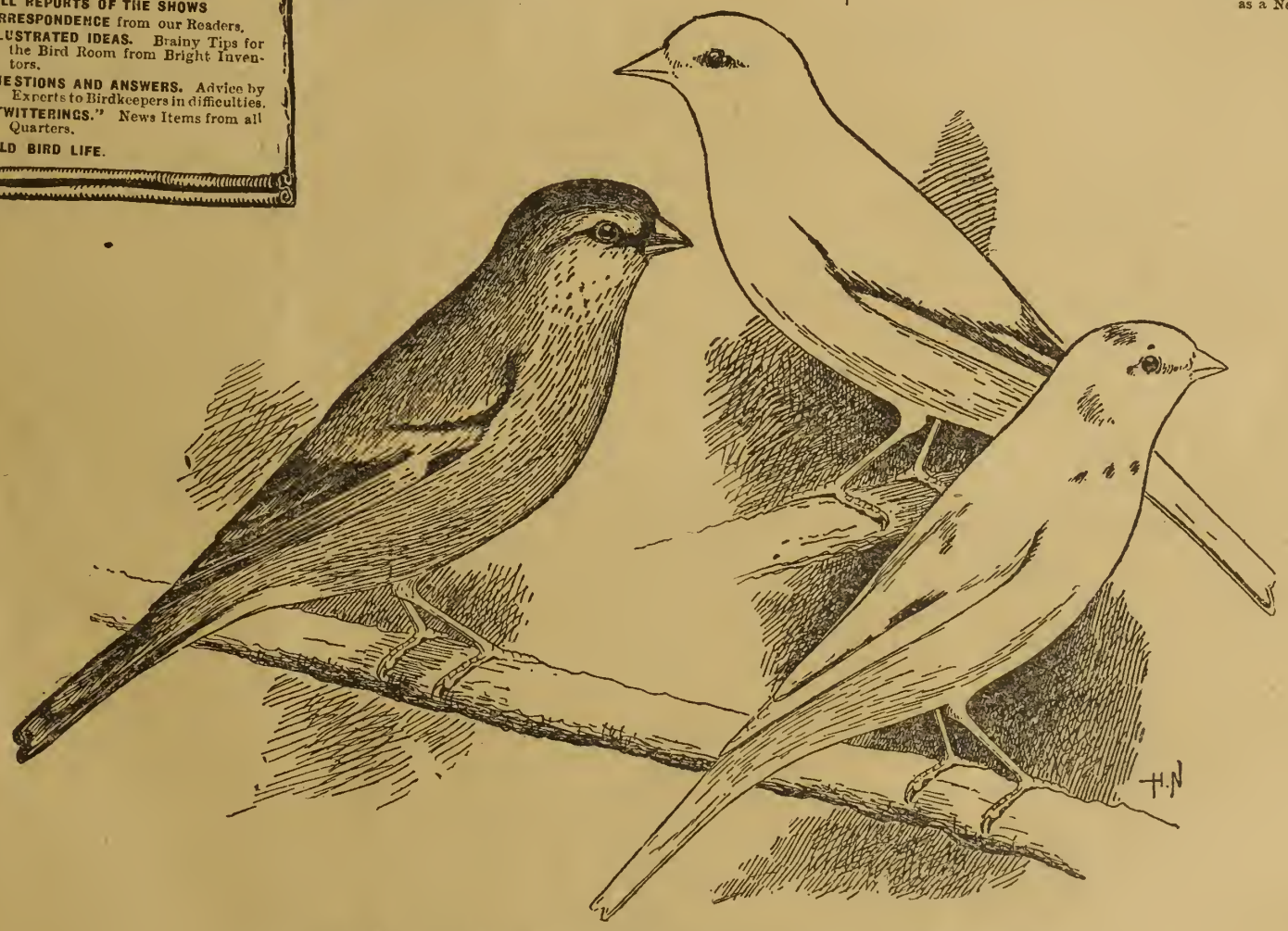
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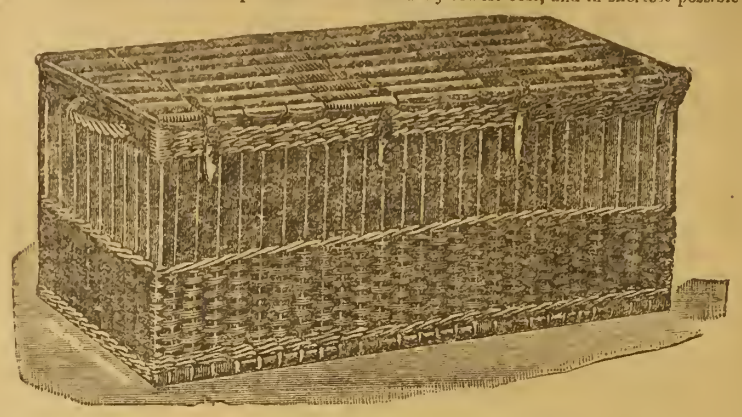
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All fitted complete with brass-mounted stave poles, pegs, lines, etc., ready for immediate setting. Sparrow nets, fitted on 15 feet poles 5/6, ditto 19 feet poles 6/6 each. Loose netting, made from 60's genuine thread, ¾ mesh, 7 feet deep, 3d. yard, 9 feet 4d. yard, 12 feet deep 5d. yard, post free. This netting is guaranteed finest procurable, and must not be confused with the American cotton fishing netting now being sold as bird netting. Self-acting spring net traps, by far the largest and most simple traps on the market, 24 inches long, 18 inches wide, 1/- each, ditto 18 inches long, 9d. each, carriage 4d. extra. Single trap cages 6d. each; double ditto, 10d. and 1/-; Treble ditto, 1/3 each, all have seperate compartment for call bird. Patent self-setting and self-acting trap cages (Reg. No. 23927) guaranteed to automatically reset immediately each bird is caught, 1/6 each. 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Jenkison." "65, Low Town-street, Worksop. Sir,—Please send 4 yards netting. I had some from another firm last year, and it did not last the season out. Yours, J. Richards." "Bright View, Old Ratbay, by Blairgowrie. Sir,—Please send 1 lb. birdlime. I have had it this three seasons, and it is best and cheapest I ever got, and first-class stuff. Yours, W. Hovelsrond." "10, Alpine Cottage, Beeston. Sir,—Please send 24 yards netting. I had some from one firm more like garden netting than anything else. Yours, W. Worthington." "13, Finsbury-terrace, Finsbury Park, London. Sir,—Please send another pull line, I was highly pleased with last, as it is better quality than I can get in London. Yours, G. Barfoot." "Turnhill-terrace, Nantyglo. Sir,—Please send ½ lime. I had some last year, and cannot get better. Yours, J. Wise." "94, Whitworth-road, Rochdale. Sir,—I am quite pleased with trap cage. Please send following. Yours, E. Dean," "7, Birkland-street, Mansfield. Sir,—Please send following. 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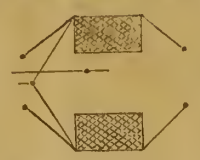
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Northamptonshires, singing Linnets, all on full song, 1/- and 1/6 each; cock Bullfinches, 1/6; picked for show; 2/6; cock Goldfinches, 2/6; picked for show, 3/- each; cock Greenfinches, 6d.; cock Chaffinches, 1/-; cock Redpolls, 6d.; young hen Bully 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Blackbirds 1/-; cock Thrushes, 1/-; all on approval; deposit.—Barwell, Overstone-rd., Northampton.

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THREE Border Fancy hens, Yellow, 2/- each; exchange cock.—Welland, Station rd., Haslemere.

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BORDERS for immediate exhibition, latest wins, 2nd, 4th, Longton; 1st, Bolton; 1st, 4th, Manchester, etc., from 12/6 pair.—Hancocks, Border Aviaries, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

HIGH-CLASS Borders; Yellow cocks, 10/6; Yellow hens, 7/6; stock pairs from 12/6; also Yellow Scotch Fancy cock, two Buff Pied hens, 15/- each; approval.—Russell, Prendergueast, Ayton.

MY entire stock of clear, ticked, and variegated Borders for sale; separate or in one lot; choicest blood; state wants; will be sold very cheaply; see Crests.—Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

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HIGH-CLASS Borders, clear and even-mark breeding, from 12/6 pair; approval; cash or deposit; odd cocks and hens, 4/- to 6/- each; whatever price you had to pay, you can't get better birds; see reports Clapham, Manchester, Morecambe, Dulwich, and Peckham.—E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor Penygroes, S. O.

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CINNAMONS, good; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich

YELLOW and buff Cinnamon hens, only 9/6 two.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries, prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Boorer's Farm, Crawley-Down, Sussex.

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TWO large 1008 Cinnamon cocks, Norwich type, one yellow, one buff, non-fed, 10/- each.—J. W. Routh, 14, Chalon-st., Ipswich.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has high-class cinnamons, real toppers, large and typical, for show and stock; best blood obtainable; inspection invited.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Notts.

FOR sale.—Fourteen Norwich Cinnamons, guaranteed bred direct from winners at recent Hayle, Plymouth, Gloucester, and Cheltenham shows; yellows and buffs from 10/- each.—Apply Pope, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

CHAMPION Cinnamon for sale, all guaranteed my own breeding, buff cock, 4th Accrington; unflighted yellow 2nd Great Harwood; buff hens and yellow; reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—L. Roberts, 44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn,

Crests and Crestbreds.

"BREEDER'S CARD.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

FEW Crests, and crestbreds, either sex; cheap to clear.—Hayes, Bargate, Derby.

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CRESTED and Crest-bred hens, 2/6 and 3/0; exchange cock.—Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere.

CRESTED and Plainhead Norwich Canaries; offers in cash.—Mrs. Cotton, Penley, Ellesmere, Salop.

GOOD stock Crests, 15/-, 17/-, 20/-, from birds worth from £5 to £25 each.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

NORWICH Crests and Crest-breds and Plainheads, cocks from 6/-; hens, from 2/6.—69, Lale-ham-rd., Catford.

MONSTER yellow body, grizzle Crested cock, Barnett's strain, 7/6; approval.—Dower, Grocer, Penryn, Cornwall.

MASSIVE Crested cock, winner of several first and specials, sell £4, show cage included.—Gwyther, Tailor, Pembroke Dock.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale, prize-bred, cheap to clear.—Apply, Currah and Son, 43, Elsdon-rd., Gosforth, Newcastle.

FIFTY show crests and crestbreds, good; come and pick what you want; stamp reply.—55, South-dean Gardens, Southfields.

GREEN Crested cock and yellow Crest-bred hen, 12/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—Brown, 10, Portland-rd., Bucknall Torkard.

GRAND Green-crested cock, 2nd Marklnch last week, only time shown, £3 10s.; approval.—Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

BEST winning blood, Crest-bred cock, 10/0; exchange boots (eights), grand matched pair Crest, 50/-; approval.—31, Eastover, Bridgwater.

CREST and Crest-bred from 7/6 to 12/6; overstocked; seen after 2 p.m., or Sunday; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay, champion Crest for sale, this stock has been bred carefully for 26 years, some of the best ever seen on the show bench, has been bred and shown by me, winning hundreds of prizes, from 10/- upwards.

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CLEAR body dark-crested cock, 20/-; crested bred cock, 15/-; make winners, both 1908; latest win 2nd Portsmouth.—Oldfield, 58, Alexandra-rd., Southampton.

G. GRANT, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has a few pairs for Crest breeding for sale, from £2 to £4 per pair, bred from good birds; Crest-bred cocks, £2; no odd hens.

GRAND variegated Crest-bred cock, enormous size, 2nd Marklnch last week, only time shown, £2 15s. to clear; approval.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WINNING blood.—F. G. Bale has a few pairs for disposal, bred same as Exeter and Plymouth winners, from 80/- Crestbred cocks from 20/-; see reports.—66, Victoria-street, Barnstaple.

HEAVILY feathered, young birds, Crested cocks, 12/-, 15/-; Crest-bred ditto, 10/-, 12/-; Crest-bred hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; approval.—Thomas Hislop, 67, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, from 20/- upwards; all the above are bred by me, and related to my well-known £70 pair strain; state wants.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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SPECIAL!! Special!! Heavily feathered champion bred Crests and Crestbreds of my own breeding; matched breeding pairs, 12/6 upwards; odd cocks and hens; show specimens reasonable; enquiries invited; approval anywhere.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

GREEN Crest, 30/-; clear body, dark Crest, 25/-; grizzle Crest, 20/-; green Crest, 15/-; variegated Crest-bred, 15/-; clear Crest-bred, 15/-; others, 10/- each, all cocks, winning strain; see Stockton show report; cash or deposit.—Yeates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

GOOD, dark or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-15/-; Crest-bred hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; Crest-bred cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; money returned if not approved.—Stewart's Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, no better strain in all the world, I have some grand birds to part with, several fit for Palace; I don't exhibit now, I breed for my customers to win; 30 years' breeder; advertised in fanciers' papers for 25 years; all birds sent on approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

A SPLENDID matched pair, variegated Crest-bred cock, massive body, enormous skull and wonderful length of feather, winner of 1st prize, and dark Crest wing-marked hen, best of type, lovely feather and excellent crest, last year's birds, good breeders, no fault; these birds won first at Manchester in stock class, 28 entries, a fortnight ago; sacrifice £2 10s.; see Borders.—Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

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Crested Cocks, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- 60/-**, upwards. Crested hens, **5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/, 20/-, 30/-** to **60/-** upwards. Crested-bred cocks, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-**. Crested-bred hens, ticked or variegated **3/6, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-** upwards. Clear, **8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-**. Green, **5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-**, pairs matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, **12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 100/-** per pair. Crest Breeders wanting to improve size, quality, etc., should let me send them a good Lancashire at a low figure. W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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DITCHFRILLS, Borders, Mules, Skylarks, Bridishers, Foreigners; bird stuffing.—Edward Williams, Parliament place, Liverpool.

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SELL self Buff Green Yorkshire cock; 2 yellow hens, 30/-, approval.—Wilbert Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge.

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Norwich.

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PAIR clear Buff Norwich Canaries, 1908, 7/6; also variegated, 6/- pair.—French, Gravel Pit, Aldwincle, Thrapston.

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TWO Norwich cocks 6/- each, four Norwich hens, 3/- each, 1908; P.O. or deposit.—Nuttall, 14, Peel-st., Haslingden.

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TWELVE young Norwich hens, guaranteed healthy, 16/- lot; genuine bargain.—Scott, 2, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

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TWO cocks, Buff Greens, two hens, Yellow Greens, 1908, lot 12/6; cash or deposit; genuine.—Breeder, 23, Chequer-st., Luton, Beds.

NORWICH Canaries, Sandiford's, Roberts' strain; Yellow and Buffs, cocks, 5/0, 6/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6.—Dickson, Union-st., Montrose.

NORWICH or Yorkshires, show or stock; inspection invited, 15/-; £1 pair.—Rorke, 60, Ringmer Avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

PRIZE Norwich Plainheads, and light variegated Goldie Mule, cock, for sale; stamp particulars.—Ross, 28, Moat-st., Edinburgh.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, part Trengove strain; cocks from 7/0; hens from 3/6.—J. Heneghan, 3, Southfield-place, Tong-rd., Leeds.

FOR sale, giving pp, 9, Norwich Canaries, 7 hens, and 2 cocks, 18/- lot.—James Gee, 30, Mill-street, Bughawton, Congleton, Cheshire.

NORWICH exhibition Buff cock, 3rd last week, 15/-; good stock Buff cock, good breeder, 12/6.—Cannon, Bootmaker, Strickland-gate.

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LARGE variegated buff, 1907, Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; clear yellow hen, 1907, 7/6; approval.—Elrick, 46, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

ABOUT thirty fine, healthy youngsters, all colours, including some fine yellow cocks, approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

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HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens 2/6; pairs 6/-, 6/6; grand value, satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Harton, Aviaries, Belper.

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NORWICH yellow cocks, 17/6; yellow variegated cock, 15/6; buff cock, 12/6; buff variegated hen, 7/6; approval.—Skinner, 57, High-st., Brechin.

REALLY good, typical, medium-sized Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval; cash or deposit.—Gibbie, Reservoir-st., Thatts Heath, St. Helens.

ROOM wanted, 1908; grand Norwich cock, 6/6; Buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6, approval deposit.—W. Wakely, 31, Powerscourt-rd., Portsmouth, Hants.

RARE chance; prize-bred pair Plainheads, Buff cock, Yellow variegated, hen unrelated 12/6; cold-room; approval, deposit.—Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

NORWICH Buff, yellows, cocks and hen's for sale; see show report Wimbledon; deposit; approval.—Lalk, 83, Glenthorne-road, Hammersmith.

BIG Norwich cock, clear buff, make grand stock bird, 10/6; one variegated buff cock, 7/6; two nice yellow hens, 6/- each.—Nelson, Mortimer-st., Oldham.

MUST sell five pairs, prize-bred Norwich; also a few singing birds, cocks and hens, 6/9 pair; take lot (stamp reply).—Hall, Old Gardens, Macclesfield.

COBBY, unflighted yellow-marked cock, 1st and Sandiford medal Luton, 2nd Bedford, 35/-; good birds from 5/- each.—Markham, Tavistock-st., Bedford.

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HIGH-CLASS cocks, from 7/- and 12/6, bred from winners; hens, from 3/- to 5/-, cold-room bred; approval.—Robert Waller, Boulby Bank, Whitby.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, mostly Buffs; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; approval; exchange Yellows.—Wm. Dale, 11, Church-walk, Rockbourne Cheney, Swindon.

HONEST value. Colour-fed Norwich (winners 1907) Buff cock, clear Yellow hen; Yellow cock, Buff hen; 15/- pair.—Eagleton, 39, Leicester-st., Norwich.

A FEW clinking colour-fed cocks to spare: Buffs, 10/- each; Yellows, 10/6 each; the right type to breed winners.—Warren Bowen, Woodfield, Morriston, Glam.

PAIR, large yellow variegated Norwich cock, ticked hen 7/6; pair clear yellow, 6/6, 1908 cold-room bred; approval.—Woodworth, 101, New Town, Ashford, Kent.

CHAMPION, large, 1907, yellow cock, extra deep natural colour, 12/6; another large one, 10/6.—McVicar, 13, Springfield-cottages, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

D. HUNTER, Railway-st., York, has a few pairs of champion Norwich for sale, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair, the same strain as his cup winner at York, November 14.

MR. TOTTLE has a few 1908 hens for sale from Palace winners, and four 1907 buff cocks, correct type, rare quality and feather.—Tottle, 23, Cobourg-st., Plymouth.

THIRTY typical, healthy birds for sale; cocks from 7/6; hens from 6/- twenty years' breeder; approval, deposit.—Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

NORWICH buff cock, 1907, won two 1sts, cards sent, 5/-, cheap treble; approval; sales effected on C.B. deposit system only.—Ewart Southcombe, Stoke-under-Ham.

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NORWICH Canarics for sale; Buff variegated cock, Yellow hen, 25/-; also two good pairs at 15/-, 12/6, bred 1908, colour-fed, own breeding.—F. Miles, Watergate, Wight.

DISPOSING of entire stock of Norwich, winners at our club show, typical, colour-fed, perfect health; see show report; approval; particulars.—Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

MR. E. FOX, Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham; fanciers in want of good birds for show and stock should sent to me; some grand birds for disposal; approval, deposit.

CHAMPION Norwich, stock and show birds in all classes, second to none; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval; deposit.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

TWO healthy cock Norwich, ticked Yellows, good siugers, 6/- each; and one cock Yellow Budgerigar, 5/-; lot sent carriage paid for 15/-.—F. Hoar, Church-st., Liskeard, Cornwall.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

CLEAR Buff hen, 1907, Vardy's direct, 12/6; two clear Buff hens, off above, 1908, good ones, 10/- each; also clear Buff cock, 15/-.—J. Davies, Alma Cottage, Maesgwyn-rd., Wrexham.

EXHIBITORS requiring typical Norwich cheap, see C. E. Brown's advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, cold-room bred; approval.—C. E. Brown, King's Weston, Shirehampton.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain; few real clinkers for disposal, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 7/6, hens 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; pairs 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cock Canaries, splendid songsters, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each; Mackley's prize strain.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

PRIZE strain Norwich Canaries, non-colour fed, bred from splendid feeders, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 5/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; approval.—Owen, 91, Ash-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

BARGAINS in Norwich Plainheads; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/6 and 5/6 each; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards; winning strain; none better; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Yellow cock, large Buff, variegated hen, Bullfinch type, pair 17/6; another pair, 15/-; two Buff hens, 7/6 each; ditto 10/-, ditto 5/-.—Hrailslord, Hairdresser, Clarendon-rd., Morecambe.

FEW high-class Norwich, cocks 10/-, 12/6; hens from 3/-; good type and quality, guaranteed; no rubbish; also some good songsters, 5/- each; seen at any time.—Orme, 4, Clarence-rd., Mottingham, Eltham, Kent.

THROUGH removal.—Breeder's stock of 18 prize bred Norwich Plainhead Canaries, and 6 hand-reared Linnets, from out-door aviary; offers for all, or separate.—Clark, Burgess Farm, Upshire, Waltham Abbey.

EXHIBITORS requiring show specimens or stock Norwich, see C. E. Brown's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS November 6th, cold-room bred, healthy birds, grand condition; approval.—C. E. Brown, King's Weston, Shirehampton.

MR. ECKERSLEY, having bred an exceptionally fine lot of youngsters, can now spare some grand yellows and buffs, 1908 and 1907, show or stock, from his famous winning strain.—51, Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

ALL my Norwich Plainheads for sale, about 20 good stock and show birds, breeding cages, four show cages, two cases, wanted cash offer for lot; must clear, seen any time except Sundays.—Shaw, 96, High-st., Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH, prize and prize-bred, from 7/6, 10/6 up; Yellow and variegated hens, 1st and 3rd Peterborough, 30/- each; having bred over 200 young ones this season, price reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivey-rd., Northampton.

LOOK. Champion Norwich Canaries; I give satisfaction to all my customers; grand cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; approval; cash or deposit.—J. Blackshaw, 76a, Butts, Coventry.

"A BLAZE OF COLOUR."—The last words in coloured Norwich Canary plates. On this plate are depicted six different specimens of this popular variety. Price 4d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/-, 12/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart's Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

LET me send you my illustrated price list, post free, of Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crests, or have one on approval, and some from any other advertisers, then compare quality and price; I shall delight you.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has a grand collection of considerably over 100 Norwich Plainheads, splendid pairs, 10/6; fine cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; the fountain head for value; approval.

FOR Sale, 18 Norwich Canaries, bred in out-door aviary, mostly 1908 birds, clear and ticked, including some good stock birds; must clear for want of space, 4/- each to anyone taking the lot, or best nearest offer.—Stickland, New-rd., Windsor.

PEOPLE looking for bargains apply at once, must sell in one lot 24 Norwich Plainheads, all colour-fed, yellows and buffs, mostly unflighted, in the pink of condition, room wanted; offers cash; stamp for particulars.—J. Almond, Abattoir, Blackburn.

SPECIAL!! Special!! large, typical champion bred Plainheads, hens, 3/- to 5/- upwards; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; show specimens; reasonable; matched breeding pairs, 7/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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Still further proof of the quality I send out:—Read this testimonial from 51, Raymond Street, Dublin, Ireland, Nov. 6th, 1908.—Yorkshires I bought from you have won all over Ireland, and are very good value for the money. They have won two firsts, 7 Seconds, 7 Thirds and 5 Specials, and other prizes which I cannot remember at present. Please send following birds for enclosed amount.—J. J. Cloke to J. Taylor, Frizinghall. Send for my illustrated price list, before deciding elsewhere, or have one or two of my Yorkshires on approval, and some from some other advertiser, and then compare the quality and value for money. Typical racy yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/8, 10/6, 12/8, 15/- each; buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/8, 12/6 each. All on full song, and fully seven inches long. Colour fed and natural colour; champion pairs (cock and hen), for breeding winners, at 8/8, 10/8, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; clears, green marked, and cinnamon marked; extra good large yellow and buff hens at 3/8, 5/-, 6/-, 7/8, 10/6 each; exhibition cocks and hens from 10/6 to £5 each, including several this season's winners. Kindly state wants; inspection invited at any time, and over 500 high-class specimens to choose from; illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages 2d. extra; all on 7 clear days' approval at my risk to any part of the country.



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YORKSHIRES "THE CHAMPION WINNING STRAIN."

Without doubt my strain of Yorkshires is one of the best in the Fancy. My birds this season have won 11 firsts, 12 seconds, 3 thirds, 5 fourths, 6 spls. See reports of Potteries, Cambridge, Torbay, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Bolton Woods, etc.; and birds that I have sold this season have won highest honours at Clapham, Watford, Hanley, Stockton, etc.; see testimonials published recently in this journal; and for further proof of birds sent out, and for straightforward dealings, read this testimonial from Elder Cottage, Aslington. Nov. 8th, 1908.—I received the birds in grand trim; thanks for your careful packing. I am more than satisfied with the cock; he is a beauty, and quite confirms what you said of him. I am obliged to you for dealing so fairly with me. I see you still continue to sweep the deck at your own show and at Cheltenham, etc., and am not surprised. Again thanking you for your straightforward dealing, and hoping to have further dealings with you.—E. H. Amos to L. Dykes.



Another from Cwn, Gelly, Blackwood, Nov. 9, 1908. — Bird arrived quite safe and am very pleased with it; wishing you every success.—W. Bradfield to L. Dykes.

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The show season is now in full swing, and if you want to win, or stock birds to breed your own winners, then send to the old reliable breeder who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction. I have the best collection of high-class birds in Bradford or elsewhere to select from, in clears, ticks, marked and cinnamon marked; all healthy and tight feathered; correct type and standard length; and possessing that touch of breed so much admired on the show bench, and all cold room bred and kept.

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WINNERS EVERY SHOW.

18 Money prizes, champion classes at six shows last month, also 1st and spl, two 2nds, 3rd, South-end last week, see report this issue; leaving Yeovil, must sell stock, 100 Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6; hens 5/-; approval, deposit.—Elsmore, Colmar-rd., Yeovil.

FAMOUS YORKSHIRES.

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I have some grand young Buff and Yellow cocks, unflighted; extra length, splendid quality, good leggy birds, fit to win anywhere. I have won Hartlepool's challenge cup 1905 and 1906; just beaten by one point last year by a Norwich fancier. I have not the time at my disposal to get them ready for exhibition, so I am selling nearly all my birds. I won 3rd and 4th at Middlesbrough (see report), also sold 3rd at South Shields to Mr. Elwell; all on three clear days' approval. Money freely returned if not satisfied; that is my way; £1 and £2 each; grand stock birds, 7/6 and 10/-.—Williams, 30, Lester-st., West Hartlepool.

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FOR sale, few good Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval.—Marshall, 75, Trafalgar-rd., Beeston, Notts.

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BARGAIN, two Yorkshire cocks (one cost £1), two Norwich hens, two white-legged Goldfinches, lot, 25/-.—95, Green-st., Eastbourne.

GIVING up, Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires, together with cages, grand hand-reared Magpie, 10/-; stamp for full particulars, must be sold.—Mullett, 11, First-st., Dudley, Worcs.

COCKS from 6/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/6, Yorkshire or Norwich; grand birds; or exchange Pullets, White Leghorns, or Buff Orpingtons.—Harper, 104, Sherbourne-rd., Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand Buffs and Yellows, for show or stock; also two grand pair of Cinnamon Norwich, cheap to clear.—Newman, Hingeston-st., Brookfields, Birmingham.

FOR sale, eight pairs of Canaries, 6/6 pair; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; outdoor bred and healthy condition; good singing and feeding strain.—Watson, 14, Park-st., Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

OWING to pressure of business am compelled sell nearly all my birds, show cages, see last week's CAGE BIRDS report Oswestry show; stamp for particulars.—C. H. Finney, Whittingham-road, Oswestry.

FOUR clear Border Fancy, one cinnamon marked Yorkshire cocks, 1908, 5/6 each; Buff Yorkshire cock, 1907, 8/-; cock Greenfinch, 5/-; cash or deposit; inspection invited.—James Gillespie, 17, Allergate, Durham.

FOUL Green Yorkshire cock, unflighted, 15/-; five Yorkshire hens, 4/ each; fine Norwich cock, unflighted, commended Wellingborough, 25/-; two hens, 12/6 each; what offers exchange.—Parkes, 273, Shirley-rd, Southampton.

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COCKS, singing, 5/-; variegated and Buff green Norwich hens, 3/6; cock Greenfinch and 3 hens, 4/-; cock Bullfinch, 5/-; cock Chaffinch, 2/6; hand-reared hens, 1/6; cock Redpoll, 2/6; large cock Cut-throats, 5/-; large green singing Finch, 5/-; all above house-moulted, show condition; splendid cock brown Linnets, caged singly, 1/6.—Weare, Snodland, Kent.

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COCK Canaries fine songsters, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each; also pair of colour-fed Norwich; cock, 8/6; hen, 4/6; 12/6 pair; large Siberian Goldfinch Canary Mule, 7/6; smaller one, 6/-; all good birds and singing well.—Shaddock, 97, Moor-st., Earlsdon, Coventry.

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TWO Greenfinches, bred Mules, 1907, 3/- each; ditto Goldfinch, 6/6; ditto Linnet, 2/-; all cocks; good health; also Green foul cock Yorkshire Canary, prize strain, 8/6; or exchange well-trained Roller, full song; or offers; approval both ways.—H. Hall, Epworth, Doncaster.

LARGE full-coloured Welsh cock Goldfinch, 2/6; 1907 cock Siskin, 6/6; do. Redpoll, 4/6; do. Linnet, 5/6; do. Goldfinch, 6/6; the four 1907 British cocks are guaranteed proved breeders; hand-reared cock and hen Bullfinch, 2/6 each; approval, cash, or deposit.—Owen Lloyd, Llanfyllin.

NOTICE.—If you want a good Goldfinch or Linnet Mule in full song call any time and inspect my stock; over 100 birds for your choice at 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; will send on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd, London.

POST Office, Romford, June 24th, 1908.—Sir,—I am pleased to tell you the Sib. hen I had from you a week or so ago hatched three nice Goldfinch Mules, and they are decidedly on the light side, as far as I can see at present; I am very pleased with the result. Hoping to have a hen another year from you, faithfully yours, R. J. Talbot. To Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester. High-class Sibs.; few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 40 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each. Breeder of Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes; also bred 1905 clear Mules and eight lightly-marked; bred 1906 ten light Mules, including even-marked; also bred 1907 ten light Mules, including ticked yellow; also bred 1908 even-marked yellow ticked buff, nine lightly marked; 42 years' breeder high-class birds; approval.—Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

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TWO good Norwich hens, 2/6 each; or exchange good young singing cock Linnet.—Payne, Wood-st. Stable, Bognor.

CANARIES, eight good songsters, 5/6 each; pair of 1908 Yorkshires, 10/6.—Featherstone, Great Ayton, S.O., Yorkshires.

PAIR Norwich Plainheads, good size, type, and quality, 10/6; approval; exchange.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

WHAT offers in exhibition Goldfinch Siskin, hen Bullies, Zebra Finches, Budgerigars, for Norwich.—Dale, see Norwich.

FEW grand Yorkshires for disposal; hens from 4/6; cocks from 7/6.—P. Brierley, 101, Thicketford-rd., Bolton, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE genuine Seifert's cold room, Payne's or Tweeds, for song boxes, or eider-down quilt.—Clarence Gibbs, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE hens, few cocks for sale; or exchange show cages or offers.—E. Edwards, 100, Paulet-rd., Camberwell.

THREE fine large cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; cock Twite Mule, 7/6; exchange cock Canaries.—83, Aldron-road, Tooting.

ONE cock, 2 hens, and three 1908 Canaries, as bred, 15/- the lot; first P.O. secures them.—Hunt, 68, High-street, Chatham.

MEDIUM buff hen (Norwich), Silk's, good quality, exchange good songster, Mule; sell 12/6.—Williams, 3, Cross-st., Deri, Cardiff.

GOOD Yorkshire cock, German hen, offer in Yorkshire show cages, or sell 10/-; or offer.—Holland, Bollington, Macclesfield.

PAIR of Hartz Mountain Rollers, cock splendid songster, 8/6 or exchange; cock Siskin Mule, 5/6.—Squires, Millfield-road, Ilkeston.

WANTED, cash offers for four pairs of good Yorkshires, or useful exchange, lady's cycle preferred.—Burton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

TWELVE aviary-bred hens, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, £1 lot; exchange value 25/-.—Parker, 69, Millbank-st., Northam, Southampton.

SURPLUS few pairs, natural colour Norwich, cheap; exchange laying pullets; approval.—Judge Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

YORKSHIRES, 1907 cock and 2 hens, long, stylish, healthy birds, moulted, 25/-; approval; exchange violin.—Newhouse, Clifton, Brighouse.

TEN Norwich cocks, 5/- each; lot 45/-; three typical Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each; cheap; approval. —Burge, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE 7 young Roller Canaries (as bred), with parents, for gent's cycle, free-wheel, or cash offers.—Smith, 59, Reedswood-lane, Walsall.

PAIR of Yorkshire Canaries, standard length, 50/-; exchange home-fed hams, Wiltshire bacon.—Underwood, 19, Vivian-rd., Wellinghorough.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6?—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

GOOD cock Scotch Fancy, one cage, value £1 1s.; exchange good Lancashire Coppy cock.—Lawes Jones, Boot Maker, 72, Bathasda-st., Amlwch, Anglesea.

THREE good Norwich cocks, two hens, Yellow Yorks. hen, cock Linnet, 30/- lot; offers cycle, anything, no live stock.—Brough, Greenwich, Derby.

NOTICE.—Will give 1/- each for Norwich hen Canaries; or what offers hen Canaries for recordian, value 8/-.—Blacket, 10, Phillip-street, Kingsland, London.

ONE silver and one Golden Lizard, hens, also a Mule, winner, two prizes, open, exchange for two Roller cocks.—Fred Stott, 62, Bridgefield-st., Rochdale, Lancs.

SALE or exchange prize-bred clear Yellow or Buff Norwich cocks, 20/-; splendid hens, 10/- each; 4 ft. 6 Mule breeding cage, 4/-.—E. Hawthorn, Llandrindod Wells.

PAIR typical Yorkshire Canaries, sell 15/-; exchange pair cycle wheels, or tyres; offers.—Wood, 14, Ada Crescent, Leeds.

PAIR chubby Norwich Plainheads, Mackley's strain, 10/-; exchange for even-marked Borders; no rubbish; Borders first.—Ferguson, 40, Fisher-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

WILL exchange young singing Canary for house-moulted Goldfinch, mailer preferred, or sell 6/-; Goldfinch first; approval both ways.—Nettleton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

RACY Irish terrier dog, 12 months, long head, well carried ears, nice coat and colour, 12/6; exchange Canaries; offers.—Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-road, Horfield, Bristol.

FOUR Yellow and two Buff Yorkshire hens, 1907 and 1908 bred, one Roller hen, 15/- lot; or exchange pink-eyed Yellow York. cock, 1908.—It. Haworth, 16, Peel-st., Haslingden.

EXCHANGE genuine pure Seifert Roller, cock, splendid songster, with singing cage, for night commode, sacrifice 10/6; or nearest offer.—Bennett, 7, Fountain Terrace, Bacup.

MUST clear, six pairs Norwich and Yorkshires, 2 cock Linnet Mules, singing. Cages, etc.; exchange phonograph, camera; anything.—Legget, 35, Cleveland-rd., Islington, London, N.

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, unflighted, cocks, feather like wax, from 15/-; entertain exchange; stove for room, or single breeders, new.—J. A. Simpson, 84, Chevening-rd., Kilburn.

PAIR Yorkshires, 7/0; house-moulted cock Linnet; hen Canary, 0/-; house-moulted cock Greenfinch; hen Canary, 4/-; exchange blankets; anything.—E. Fawcett, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE prize strain Norwich Canaries for 1908 pullets, Buff Orpingtons or Black Leghorn, or Flemish Giant rabbits; on approval; no rubbish accepted.—Owen, 91, Ash-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

TEN pairs of grand, typical Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; or exchange joiner's tools; or anything useful; 1908 birds; few pairs of Norwich same price.—Bickerton, 154, Oxford-road, Barford, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE young healthy cock and hen Canaries, for bicycle in good condition; latest Norwich new show cages, Edison-Bell records (gold moulded), or anything useful, or sell.—Nicholls, High-street, Whitstable.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, 9/6 pair, full song; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred Mules, 9/6; cock Linnet, hen Canary, ditto, 7/6; two 3-ft. breeders, 10/-; exchange hand camera; offers; no rubbish.—Webb, 2, Windsor-rd., Holloway, London.

LOOK HERE- classical Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, show or stock birds; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply.—T. M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

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THE SHOWS.

LEWES.

The annual show of the Lewis F.A. was held on October 27th and 28th in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall. The quality of the cage bird exhibits (which were unfortunately slightly fewer in number than last year's) was all that could be desired. The society possesses quite a number of valuable officers, but two in particular, the hon. secretary and his assistant, Messrs. Frank M. Huggett and his son, H. Huggett, respectively. Mr. H. Tarbox placed the awards:—

NOR. OR YORKS. (non-col. fed): 1, res, Gravett; 2, Newman; 3, Walter; vhc, Plummer, Skinner; hc, Durrant. NOR. CL.: 1, spl, 2, Hedges; 3, Miller; res. Mustchin; vhc, c, Toms; hc, Mrs. Eyles; c, Colls. VARIEG.: 1, Toms; 2, Colls. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, 3, Dandridge; 2, Newman. YORKS. VARIEG.: 1, Mrs. Eyles. CREST.: 1, spl, 3, Gravett; 2, vhc, hc, Donne; res, Miller; c, Dean. C.B.: 1, Hedges; 2, Donne; 3, res, Gravett; vhc, hc, Dean. CINN.: 1, Donne; 2, Dean. SELL. (15/-): 1. Mustchin; 2, Goulden; 3, Soffner; res, Walter; vhc, Miller; hc, C. Pearson. SELL. (pairs) (15/-): 1, Toms; 2, Plummer; 3, Soffner; res, Goulden. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Eagle-Bott. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Neale; 2, 3, Soffner; res, Plummer; vhc, Durrant; ho Goulden; c, Downham. DARK: 1, Soffner. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 2, res, vhc, Kenward; 3, Hedges; hc, Goulden; c, Plummer. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Kenward; res, Horton. FOR.: 1, Miss Shiffner; 2, Calderwood; 3, Miss Biggs. NOVICE A.V.: 1, Mustchin; 2, vhc, Toms; 3, Rogers; res, c, Evenden; hc, Punker.

BODMIN.

The Bodmin and Dist. F.A. held their annual exhibition in the large Market House (which is well lighted and free from draughts), on October 28th. The committee consisted of Messrs. Perkin, Pincombe, Roberts, Spear, Chapman, Cole, Lander, Northcott, Cosway, Eade, Ham, and Hosken, who worked most assiduously and gave every attention to exhibitors and their exhibits. The secretary, Mr. E. Harris, being a most enthusiastic fancier, had all the arrangements well in hand, so that everything went like clockwork. This association was formed in April, 1903, not in opposition to the Bodmin and District Cage Bird, etc., Society, which has been in existence for 16 years, and has become such a popular and annual open show, being always held in November, but as a nursery for the encouragement of breeding and exhibiting among the more youthful local and district fanciers. And so successful has it become that two shows are held annually, one in January and the other in October, when nothing but young birds bred by the exhibitors can be shown. The exhibits show marked improvment and would do credit to even open shows; and the fact that five silver cups are annually offered as specials creates a keen interest among the exhibitors. The cup in the cage bird section was won this year by Mr. W. Lobb (Wadebridge) with a clear Buff Norwich of excellent type and quality, the best bird in show. Mr. S. Tickell (Bodmin) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR: 1, spl, 2, Lobb, 1st medium size clear buff, grand shape and feather, good head, neck and chest, lovely colour, well frosted, takes cup for best bird in show; 2nd, eye mkd. buff, lacking in type to winner. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Pincombe, former tkd. head, yell., well drawn, neat head and wings, good feather; 2nd, tkd. wing, nice quality feather, good position, wee bit small; 3rd, head and wing mkd., nice length but a little rough; vhc, Wills, variegs., nice length, loose in feather. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Pincombe, former very typical, grand head, neck and feather, the Liskeard winner; 2nd, Redwing, good shape and position, fine quality feather; 3, Lobb, trifle shorter than winner, good head, neck, and wing carriage, but not so well drawn; vhc, Wills, good length, nice head and neck, one we liked but a little loose in feather. HEN A.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Pincombe, all York., lot nice lassie of good type and quality; 2nd, good position, but a bit small in head and not the type of winner; 3rd, nice one, but a little patchy in colour. SELL, 10/-: 1, 2, Lobb, cl. buff Nor. and buff Yorks.; 3, Pincombe, buff York.

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton.)

The second annual show of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton), took place on Oct. 28, in the Badminton Hall. The entries exceeded 300 in the 55 classes provided, and were much in advance of the previous year's total. The exhibition throughout was a gratifying success. The officials we found to be an excellent lot. The secretary, Mr. J. N. Jeffery, had the arrangements well in hand, and carried his duties out in a thorough and creditable manner, being courteous and obliging to all. He was ably assisted by Mr. Jeffery, Jnr. The president is Mr. H. Whitley, and the vice-president Mr. W. J. Ham, C.C. The committee consisted of the following: Messrs. J. Webber (chairman), A. N. Innes (vice-chairman), F. Badcott, H. Daw, H. Fletcher, W. Hodge, G. Mudge, G. Parnell, J. Bastard, J. C. Elliott, G. Heathman, P. W. Mugford, E. Parnell, and J. Stoneclake. Mr. G. Sharp is the hon. treasurer and Mr. W. Drew is the auditor. Enthusiastic fanciers, they all worked splendidly, and took every care of the birds. The staging was lent by Messrs. Drew, and the hall was beautifully decorated with plants lent by Mr. H. Whitley. The quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired. The Yorkshires were the strongest section, and attracted most attention. Messrs. Parnell and Son won the members' cup for the best bird. The winner of the medal for hybrid or mule bred by an exhibitor was Mr. F. S. Collings. Mr. E. White carried off the set of fish carvers for the best British bird. Other special winners were Messrs. Gill and Pethick (for best Nor. or Yorks.); F. Collins, O. Millsum (silver medal for best For.), and J. Jeffery. Mr. J. Robson was the judge.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2 spls, Gill and Pethick, fine type and colour, rare quality of feather, good head, neck and wing carriage; 2, Hicks, not so stout as leader, but fine quality of feather, and rich colour; 3, Redwood, a typical bird of grand feather, not so warm in colour as others, but level; vhc, Garland; hc, Bastard; c, Daw. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, a bird of deep undercolour, bonny type, fine quality of feathers; 2, vhc, Redwood, the former a boxy feathered bird of good type, fails a trifle in colour; 3, Veale, fine type of bird, grand colour and quality; hc, Nosworthy; c, White. HEN YELL. (8): 1, Collings, a gem for shape, feathers like glass, short body; 2, Tottle, a bird of grand type and quality, nice colour, but not so hot as winner; 3, Gill and Pethick, brimful of quality, typical, nice colour; vhc Daw; hc, Veale; c, White. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Hopkins and Allsopp, A1 shape and quality, a regular "Duchess in Silk"; 2, Redwood, another bird of grand type and quality, rich under colour; 3, Gill and Pethick, a topping hen, fine type and feather, well after the leaders; vhc, Collings; hc, Jeffrey; c, White. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, a bird of great promise, possessing size and quality, full of colour, very typical, will be heard of again in the future; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, fine shape, lovely quality, not quite so hot in colour, but good; 3, Collings, topping shape, fine in feather, good colour; vhc, Veale; hc, Brownill c, Tottle. BUFF (14): 1, Richard, a bonny ticked bird of charming feather, and nice undercolour; 2, Gill and Pethick, a fine coloured bird of bonny shape, good wing carriage, well cleaned off; 3, Garland, type, quality and colour; vhc, Collings; hc, Nicks; c, Daw. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL (15): 1, spl, Parnell and Son, a grand positioned bird, full of fire, teeming with quality, plenty of colour, a good Yorkie; 2, Keegan, a bird of fine feather, beautifully staged, rare quality and stand; 3, Elsmore, good Yorkshire type, nervy, finely drawn, nice colour; vhc, Burton; hc, Woodley; c, Ellis. BUFF (14): 1, Dykes, well cleaned off, fine wing carriage, stylish, rich tone of feather; 2, Parnell and Son, a smart bird, needs bracing up, but of fine type; 3, Elsmore, hardly so good behind the leg, fine quality of feather; vhc, Woodley; hc, Chittenden; c, Easterling. HEN YELL. (14): 1, Easterling, ticked on the wing, gets well up from the perch, splendid quality of feather, nice level colour; 2, Pope, not the length of winner, but lovely feather and shape; 3, Elsmore, fine quality, not so finely drawn, beautiful feather; vhc, Lashbrook and Stevens; hc, Dykes; c, Hodge. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Parnell and Son, good Yorkie style, ticked, rich feather, and nice colour underneath; 2, hc, Lashbrook and Stevens, a bird full of action, grand position, nice feather and well cleaned off; 3, Keegan, another fine Yorkshire, of racy points, and fine feather; vhc, Stoneclake; c, Stiling. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL (13): 1, spl, Woodley, a topper for quality, not one of the largest, but full of fire and very shapely; 2, vhc, Dykes, needs a little training, but full of true Yorkshire qualities; 3, Wills, fine quality, rattling shape, full of nerve; hc, Elsmore; c, Stiling. BUFF (9): 1, Ellis, bonny bird of splendid characteristics, rich quality; 2, Keegan, excels in under colour, grand type, silky feather, stands up well; 3, Chittenden, fine type, pure feather, little flat in colour, but a nice one; vhc, Burton; hc, Parnell and Son; c, Hodge. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Horrill, the winner a grand yellow Belgian, fine top end, head well down, and plenty of reach, well filled in shoulders—a clean-cut wedge; 2, Medlin jonque, Cinnamon, thick-set, pure in colour, well furnished, and silky in feather; 3, Davis, a Scots Fancy, fine model and full of pretty play, long side, very full of breedy points; hc, Pope; c, Symons. MULE LGT. ETC. (8): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, buff Goldie-Canary, possesses size, has rich coloured blaze, grand waxy feather, a good one; 2, Mahbot, clear Goldie-Canary, smaller, but very nice feather, loses in colour to winner; 3, vhc, Collins, Linnet-Canary, rich quality of feather, of good size and well stinged; hc, Pearce; c, Locke. HYB. (6): 1, 2, spls, 3, Collins, the leader Greenie-Bullie, large, fine colour, overflowing with quality, a bonny bird; 3, Goldie-Bullie, fine face; 2, Smallridge, a stunning Linnet-Bullfinch cross, well up in colours and rich tone of feather; vhc, c, Collings; hc, Mahbot. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, 2 spls, White, wide and deep flush blaze, well up in chestnut, fine buttons and bars, and very steady; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, hardly so buttons, but good in blaze, bars and buttons; 3, Large, needs polish, very good face, but not quite up to leaders; vhc, Baker; hc, Shepherd; c, Webber. LINNET (8): 1, Bancroft, muddy, well marked, steady and lustrous, a charming bird; 2, Wills and Pridham, hardly so lustrous, but of splendid colour and markings; 3, Jordan, not the character of the other two, good colour; vhc, Mugford; hc, Conibear; c, Collings. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Lethbridge, Hawfinch, waxy in feather, glistening, clear cut definitions of colour, good bib; 2, c, Elliott, the former a Nuthatch, in the best of feather, shows markings well defined, steady; 3, Wills and Pridham, yellow Bunting, rich in colour, finely marked, and very steady; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Mugford. FOR. SMALL (11): 1, spl, Millsum, a charming and lustrous blue Tanager, in the pink of feather, and much admired; 2, Cooper, scarlet Tanager, looking just as rich as these beautiful creatures usually do; 3, Medcod, white Jaffis, very clear of staining, fine in feather, and well shown; vhc, hc, Skemer; c, Collins. SELL PAIRS (25/-) (9): 1, Elsmore; 2, Parnell and Son; 3, Oatey; vhc, Luxton; hc, Fellowes; c, Nicks. SINGLE (20/-) (14): 1, Pope; 2, Collings; 3, Davies; vhc, Nicks; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Roberts (10/-) (11): 1, Pope; 2, Collings; 3, Fox; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Nicks; c, Davies.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Veale; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Daw; vhc, Bastard; hc, Hodge. BUFF (8): Veale; 2, 3, Hoskin; vhc, Daw; hc, Jeffrey; c, Fox. HEN (5): 1, 3, Daw; 2, Jeffrey; vhc, Hodge; hc, Veale. UNFLIG. YELL (2): 1, Veale; 2, Daw. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Jeffrey; 2, Daw; 3, Bastard; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Hoskin. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Hodge; 2, Innes; 3, Bastard. BUFF (2): 1, Elliott; 2, (absent). HEN (2): 1, Innes; 2, Stoneclake. UNFLIG. YELL (4): 1, Hodge; 2, Bastard; 3, Hoskin; vhc, Mugford. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Hoskin; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, Stoneclake. YORKS. GREEN (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Innes. A. O. V. (1): E, Webber. NAT. COL CAN (5): 1, spl, 3, Rev. L. Giles; 2, Jeffrey; vhc, hc, Webber. MULE LGT. ETC. (1): Veale. DARK (4): 1, spl, Fox; 2, vhc, Mugford; 3, Fletcher. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, spl, 2, Elliott. SMALL (12): 1, Hodge; 2, hc, Miss Tozer; 3, Shepherd; vhc, Mugford; c, Webber. BRIT. HEN (5): 1, Rev. L. Giles; 2, Miss Tozer; 3, Elliott; vhc Mugford. JUNIOR CLASSES.—Nor. (6): 1, spl, 3, hc, Jeffrey; 2, vhc, Veale; c, Bastard. YORKS (6): 1, spl, vhc, Elliott; 2, 3, c, Bastard; hc, Stevens. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Parnell; 2, Elliott; 3, Badcott.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

The 20th annual show of the Great Yarmouth F.S., held November 4th and 5th, in the Winter Gardens. As a place for shows it cannot be beaten. The hard-working secretary, Mr. J. S. Shearman, who, by the way, did well with his Crests, deserves great credit; and he was ably assisted by the committee, Messrs. Tiptod, Smith, and Claxton, who paid every attention to the birds under their charge. The Norwich were first-class. Crests were good, though few. Cinnamons, too, were a nice lot. The Mule or Hybrid class contained a very fine Linnet-Bullie, also a good Goldie-Bullie. The British and Foreign classes contained some very interesting specimens. The show was officially opened by the Mayor, Mr. F. Arnold, who wished the society success. Mr. W. E. Greeves judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Rackham, real beauty, colour and quality A1, typical, shown to perfection; 2, 3, Claxton, 2 another nice one, close up to winner, 3rd on small side, nice shape; vhc, Whitleton, very close to 3rd; hc, Kirk, nice youngster; c, Tiptod. BUFF (8): 1, Rackham, bouncing buff, nice size and colour, well mealed, wins; 2, 3, Claxton, good type and colour, very even; vhc, Kirk, real nice youngster; hc, Tipted; c, Hart. TICK, ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Claxton, mkd. head and wings, nice colour and quality; 2, Rackham, fine Nor. stamp, grand head and neck; 3, Miller, wing and eye mkd.; vhc, Kirk; hc, Lang; c, Shearman. BUFF (6): 1, Claxton, mkd. head, nice, close feather of good quality; 2, Page, very similar to leader, typical; 3, Cullington, another head mkd; vhc, Tiptod. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Claxton, winner nice coloured buff, good wings and body, 2nd yell., nice type, neat as a new pin; 3, Cullington, yell., nice colour; vhc, Page; hc, Bedwell; c, Rackham, Keymer Bros. YELL. CINN. CK. (10): 1, Hart, deserved to win, lovely Cinn. colour, not a feather out of place, the sort we see in pictures; 2, Ingram, big, nice bird, well up in colour, good body; 3, Shearman, smart bird, hard to part from 2nd; vhc, Crow, rare stamp, good carriage and type; hc, Lang; c, Crow. BUFF (10): 1, Ingram, well up for size and colour, shown nicely; 2, vhc, hc, Gunnell, leader smaller than 1st, rather better colour; 3, vhc, Shearman, nice, typical bird, should improve; c, Hart. HEN (9): 1, James, yell., a topper, neat wings and tail, easy win; 2, 3, Ingram, former yell., grand stamp, 3rd thick-set buff; vhc, c, Shearman; hc, Hart. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, Shearman, winner D.C. and wing mkd., neat and large Crest, with good droop, 2nd green, with any amount of feather, nicely formed crest, good back and front, 3rd variegs, hen, good body; hc Irving. A.O.V. (8): 1, hc, c, Shearman; C.B. grand head, fine entrance, set off with an abundance of brow; 2, vhc, hc, Quinton, grand yell. C.B. ck., splendid quality of feather, close to winner; 3, Irving, C.B., plenty of feather; hc, c, Shearman, both C.B. SELL. (15/-): 1, Page; 2, hc, Quinton; 3, Page; vhc, 2, Claxton, Hart; hc, Marshall; c, Whittleton, Haylett. MULE: 1, Claxton, nice, light Goldie-Canary; 2, 3, Riley, former Linnet-Bullie of exquisite colour and condition, 3rd Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Claxton, nice dark Goldie-Canary; hc, Shearman; c, Whittleton. AMATEUR CLASSES—NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Marshall, stout body, good wing carriage; 2, Haylett, very similar; 3, vhc, c, Tiptod, grand shape; hc, Whittleton. BUFF (11): 1, c, Tiptod, very typical, lovely quality, wins easily; 2, South, very similar to winner, wee bit longer; 3, Marshall, nice body and wings; vhc, hc, Whittleton. TICK (10): 1, 2, Whittleton, buff, rich colour, neat as wax, perfect carriage, 2nd, variegs. buff, good one; 3, vhc, Tiptod, very typical; hc, Marshall. CINN.: 1, 2, vhc, three beauties for an amateur, could give some of the champions trouble, level Cinn. colour; 3, Marshall, buff, nice size and type; hc, c, Whittleton. A.O.V. (4): 1, Whittleton, variegs. yell. cinn. and very good one, nice size and colour, typical; 2, 3, Tiptod, variegs. cinn., thick-set like a Bullfinch, other buff Nor.; vhc, Haylett. HEN: 1, 2, 3, a team of gems, 1 yellow and two buffs, plenty of size and nice type, fair colour; vhc, c, Whittleton. BRIT. FINCH (any except Hawfinch) (4) all Goldies: 1, Keymer Bros., splendid blaze, in A1 condition; 2, Barton, very similar bird; 3, Claxton, best in class, but not yet ready, grand size, will want some beating. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, Claxton, winner a sweet Linnet; 2, Hipgrave, Redpoll, looking quite at home, beautiful plumage; hc, Tiptod. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, Frost, slashing Blackbird, steady, black as jet, and in A1 trim; 2, South, Thrush, steady as a rock, nice marking, well shown; 3, Mullinger, Thrush, difficult to choose from. FOR., LARGE: 1, Sanl; 2, Clark, both Parrakeets. SMALL (7): 1, 2, hc, Tomkins; 3, vhc, Lee; c Rumbold.

St. Albans' Show is to be held on December 16th, when the cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Exhibitors will kindly note, writes Mr. H. Emerson, hon. secretary of the Grimsby C.B.S., that we are affiliated to the C.B.U., and that our show on December 3rd will be held under C.B.U. rules.

A very nice little Young Stock Show was held by the Hertford F.A. on November 2nd. In Canaries Messrs. Dickins and Welch had matters all their own way with a nice lot of Yorkshires. Mr. Brace secured all the prizes in Soft-billed British, also taking the special for best bird with a magnificent Skylark. Mr. Welch held a very strong hand in Hard Bills, his winning Linnet being a little beauty.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

Blaydon on Tyne held their fifth annual show on Nov. 6 and 7, and we are pleased to chronicle an increase in the number of entries. The show was held in the Co-operative Hall, a very suitable place for an exhibition. Unfortunately the show was not favoured by ideal weather, there being a heavy fog during the whole time of judging. Norwich and Yorkshires were the strongest classes, some real good ones being on view. Crests and C.B.s, although not large in numbers, contained some really high-class specimens. Mules and British were well represented. The judges were:—Messrs. J. Wilcock, for Nor. and Yorkshires, and J. Mellay for Crests, C.B., and A.O.V. Their judgment on the whole was well received. This society are favoured by an ideal committee, under the watchful eye of Mr. Hawver, who did everything in his power to please the general public, and was ably assisted by his colleague, Mr. McGuinness. The society, judging from the manner of their despatch of birds which had been sent from a distance, are doing well and establishing a good name. The show was well supported by visitors, and we hope to see a good balance sheet as the result.

Mr. J. Wilcock's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, French, nice one, grand quality throughout, correct size and shape, nice carriage, well tapered off; 2, vhc, Hermeston, hot fed one, teaming with quality, neat body, grand carriage; 3, Harland, nice front and head, good substance and feather; 4, c, Cowling, nice headed bird; vhc, Richardson. BUFF (18): 1, Rowell, lovely quality throughout, rare short feather and plenty substance, well moulded, A1 head and carriage; 2, Criss, hotter fed bird, grandly finished in feather and shape; 3, Rodgson, good stamp, plenty size, well drawn; 4, Fletcher, grand bodied bird, neatly tapered off; vhc, Hermeston; hc, Richardson; c, Blaylock. TICKED ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Cowling, good one, grand head and front, bold and well-rounded, full, and nicely drawn below; 2, McGuinness, well forward in body and size, neatly finished off; 3, Gilson, grand colour, neat shape; 4, Younghusband, grand stamp, lovely tone of colour, neat head and front, well burnished off; vhc, Bunting; hc, Atkinson Bros.; c, Nicholson. BUFF (6): 1, Younghusband, romping size, plenty of front, beautifully rounded, neat head and wing carriage, easy win; 2, Harland, nice one, well drawn, must have pressed on winner; 3, Cowling, vargt. buff, good stamp all over, neat head and front; 4, Fletcher, plenty of size; vhc, Blaylock; hc, Pattinson. HEN CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Younghusband, grand made bird, lovely head, rare shape, fine full-fronted bird, good neck and loper; 2, Seely Bros., sweet made bird, good quality feather; 3, vhc, Richardson, good quality of feathers; 4, Myers, nice size and quality, good stylish bird; hc, Brown; c, Smith. BUFF (13): 1, Lackey, sweet one, fine size, grand shape, good head, lovely carriage; 2, Harland, warmer, shade off colour; 3, Rowell, gem for quality of feather; 4, Johnston, head tick, plenty of size, nice head, and wing carriage; vhc, McGuinness; hc, Gilson; c, Brown. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, vhc, Cowling, leader nicest fed bird in class, warm, lovel shade, grand shape, good head and front; 2, Lackey, nice head, good shape, round and well drawn; 3, Hayes, nice quality feather; 4, Gilson, good head and neck, nice front, fine size and quality feather; vhc, Lee; c, Bean. BUFF (14): 1, Holden and Todd, good stamp, fine full front, neat wing and body carriage, in grand trim; 2, McKay, grand quality; 3, Harland, nice one, good shape and quality; 4, Hermeston, good type, lovely quality of feather; vhc, Myers; hc, Blaylock; c, McGuinness. HEN UNFLIG. (20): 1, Hermeston, hot fed, short, stout, made up yell., regular Bullie shape, lovely quality of feather, and in A1 bloom; 2, Brown, buff, nice stamp, fair chest, well drawn, in fine trim; 3, McGuinness, yell., grand size and shape, lovely quality feather; 4, Blaylock, also a yell., grand carriage and finish; vhc, Cowling; hc, Harland; c, McKay. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Rowell, plenty of substance, noble front, finely finished off; 2, c, Blaylock, vargt. again, plenty of substance, grand feather; 3, Crass, nice stamp, good front and carriage; 4, Reid, grand quality feather, free shower, well finished; vhc, Cowling; hc, Hayes; c, Blaylock. YORKS CK.YELL (12): 1, Cuthbertson, hot fed one, gem for colour, slimly got up, nice length and size; 2, 4, Stewart; 2, good one, grand shape and quality of feather, well drawn, very stylish; 4, very slim, well finished off; 3, Kent, neat one, slim, well drawn, grand position, well staged; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Douglas; c, Slack. BUFF (10): 1, Price, easy winner, regular topper for shape, grand stamp, well drawn, lovely wing carriage; 2, Dr. O'Neal, rare taper and position, slim, well drawn; 3, hc, Stewart, good lengthy exhibit, fine quality feather; 4, Cuthbertson, another rare one for length; vhc, Heddon; hc, Stewart; c, Colling. HEN YELL. (11): 1, Dr. O'Neal, lengthy, well drawn, grand shape and position, lovely wing carriage, neat head and front; 2, Tindall, good shaped bird; 3, Price, rare order, lovely finished bird; 4, Cuthbertson, very nice bloom and position; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Colling; c, Fenwick. BUFF (13): 1, Douglas, easy win for colour and position, as straight as a gun-barrel, very good in quality of feather; 2, Heddon, plenty length, well drawn; 3, Dr. O'Neal, long one, well drawn; grand close-feathered bird; 4, Cuthbertson, nice quality of feather, good shape; vhc, Kent; hc, Allison; c, Fenwick. A.C. UNFLIG. (15): 1, c, Carr, wins, splendid style, lengthy, full of colour, nicely drawn, grand position; 2, Douglas, gem for feather and finish, rare carriage, well cut below; 3, Stewart, sweetly got up; 4, Dr. O'Neal, slim, well drawn, good head and wing carriage. NOVICE A.C. YORKS. (20): 1, Davison, slim yell., good one, finely drawn, very stylish, grand bloom, wins; 2, 3, Wigglesworth, buff, good body, grand feather, well placed; 3, also a buff, grand quality; 4, Mather, lanky buff, in tip-top form; vhc, Carr; hc, Kent; c, Mrs. Pearce.

Mr. J. McLay's Classes.

DARK CREST BUFF (3): 1, Armstrong, good head-piece, plenty length of feather, nicely laid on, good quality throughout; 2, Taylor, again plenty feather, fine fronted bird; 3, Currah and Son, nice one, fine Crest, should improve. CREST HEN (3): 1, 2, Almond, well centred Crest, grand length, very level all round, nice frontal, good shape; 2, rare frontal, good at back; 3, Armstrong, grandly finished, good centre. CREST 1908 BRED (7): 1, Armstrong, nice one, good lengthy feather, well centred, coming well down sides, beautifully groomed; 2, 3, 4, hc, Dobson and Sons, marvellous trio; 2, good one, fine length and quality; 3, well laid on; 4, good quality; 3 good ones; vhc, Currah and Son; c, Hands. A.O.V. CREST (4): 1, Hands, shapely crest, good length, good in sides and back; 2, Clark, plenty top gear, well divided; 3, Scott, good stamp, well put on; 4, Taylor, a fine exhibit. LIMIT (£3) (2): Scott, green, nice top piece, lengthy, well laid on; 2, Armstrong, fine length of feather. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Armstrong, cushion-headed fine feather, neat entrance and lush; 2, Taylor, grand entrance, fine length o flash, very shapely bird, plenty of substance; 3, Dobson and Sons, grandly hushed bird. HEN (7): 1, Bewick, best hushed bird in class, rare entrance, fine full, noble headed bird; 2, 4, Taylor; 2, well up in lush, good head; 4, nice quality, good length of feather; 3, Hands, nice entrancer, fine quality, neat lush; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Ripley. C.B. 1908 (4): 1, Bewick, green, grand all over, good entrance, lengthy feather, neat headed one; 2, 4, Dobson and Sons, forward in lush, good stamp; 3, Armstrong, good side and back. PAIR FOR CREST BREEDING (5): 1, Dobson, and Sons, nice crest, fine size, lengthy feather to a grand C.B., very likely pair; 2, Pearce, clinking C.B., and a very nice crest; 3, Hands., C. B., nice feather, front, and lush, and a neat crested hen; 4, Taylor, very good crest, fine top piece, and n C B, well balanced. BORD. CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, Patterson, easy win, grand foul yell., rare head, body, lovely position; 2, Currah and Son, grand position, well drawn and finished; 3, French, good front and head; 4, vhc, Ellswood, nice head and body, neat exhibit; vhc, Elliott; c, Bell. BUFF (7): 1, Hawkins, grand shape, round as possible; rare head and wing carriage, teeming with quality, well put down; 2, Patterson, good Cinn. mark, lovely quality feather; 3, French, good head and body, and neat size; 4, Pelton, nice quality feather; vhc, Bell; hc, Thomlinson; c, Ellswood. HEN (13): 1, 4, Currah and Son, leader sweet; 4, pointed yell., well balanced eye and wing marks, good stamp and quality; 4, buff, even mark, nice shape and position; 2, Patterson, good yell., nice front, head, and wing carriage, well staged; 3, vhc, Hawkins; hc, Lee; c, Scott. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, 2, Harvey, buff, and a vargt. buff Scotch fancy; leader best in quality free and stylish, good sub. throughout; 2, stylish, nice length of side and reach; 3, Seely Bros., rattling good Jonque Cinn., plenty size, good tone, off colour; 4, Hermeston, strong made buff Cinn.; vhc, Leach; hc, Scott; c, Kirkpatrick. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (8): 1, Taylor, pair of Liz., silver hen and a Jonque cock, both well up in spangling, good in caps; 2, Brown, pair of Plainheads, yell. vargt., nice stamp and substance, and a buff, good chest and wing carriage; 3, Seely Bros., pair of Cinn., well up in size, teeming with quality, good pencilling, grand colour; 4, Cuthbertson, nice balanced pair of Yorkshires, yell. vargt., and buff hen, grand length and quality throughout; vhc, c, Jobling; hc, Carr. SELL. PAIRS (30/-) (10): 1, Tyson; 2, hc, Taylor; 3, French; 4, Hands; vhc, Carr; c, Vallans. SINGLE (20/-) (9): 1, Ellswood; 2, Duncan; 3, Woodhouse; 4, Mason; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Davison. (15/-) (11): 1, Dobson and Sons; 2, Rowell; 3, Carr; 4, vhc, Taylor; hc, Woodhouse; c, Vallans. (10/-) (13): 1, Scott; 2, Elliott; 3, Duncan; 4, Rowell; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Bates. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, hc, Taylor, Greenie-Bullie Hyb., in very nice order, cap, nicely marked, well up in size; 2, Bruce, light vargt. Linnet mule, grand size, and in rare condition, close up; 3, 4, c, Maddison; 3, Jonque, vargt. Goldie mule, nice quality feather, good colour; 4, vargt. Linnet, nice shape; vhc, Graham. DARK (8): 1, Maddison, Jonque Greenie, warm colour, fine stamp, well up in size, wins; 2, G. Taylor, hot fed Siskin mule, well marked, good cap and lacing, nice exhibit; 3, Patterson, Jonque Goldie, dense face, plenty of size; 4, Kent, clinking Jonque Greenie, fine size and quality; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Stoker; c, Robson. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Robson, good Finch, fine dense blaze, expansive and well cut, good tannings and grand wing flights, neat buttons, dense-coloured cap, well up in size; 2, Taylor, good cheeks, nice shape and quality of feather; 3, Whinham, good dense colour throughout, unsteady; 4, Twales, well forward in colours, in fine bloom; vhc, Holmes; hc, Maddison; c, Gillespey. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Allison, good Finch, best in cap and colours, in rare bloom, well finished, good quality throughout; 2, Curry, nice breast colour, good cap; 3, vhc, Appleby, good shapely Finch, fine quality feather; 4, P. C. Forster, good one, fine size and shape. GREENFINCH (8): 1, McVay, nice size, grand shape, lovely feather and quality, well staged, fed to perfection; 2, Stamp, good quality, nice head, grand wings, sweet exhibit; 3, 4, hc, Maddison; 3, good ground colour; 4, largest in class, nice stamp, good head and front, but very soft; hc, Taylor; c, Schofield. A.O.S. FINCH (15): 1, Forster, Hawfinch, very slim got up, nice quality of feather, steady; 2, Storey, very nice Chaffinch, good head, well forward in breast; 3, Taylor, Bramblefinch, good markings, nice lacing and cheeks, well cut on breast; 4, Sheppard and Son, Snow Bunting, very steady; vhc, Maddison; hc, Locke; c, Wilson. LINNET (8): 1, Stamp, nice-coloured Linnet, full on chest, nicely laced, good flights and shape; 2, vhc, Dunn; 2, very steady, good head, nice chest markings; 3, French, good-coloured Linnet, very soft when we were taking notes; 4, Maddison, nicely marked, fine breast lacing; vhc, Dixon; c, Robson. SOFTBILL BRIT. (:): 1, Welch Bros., Blackcap, in good order, nice size and tone of colour, well staged; 2, vhc, Sheppard and Son; 2, romping Missel Thrush, good stamp and colour, well marked, in rare bloom; 3, McVay, clinking Skylark, grand size, markings and condition, grandly put down; 4, Woodhouse, Shrike, great grey, in nice bloom; hc, Foster; c, Bertram. FOR. (10): 1, 3, hc, Porteous, King Parrot, in superb order, and a grand, long-tailed glossy Starling, very taking exhibit; 2, 4, Taylor, superb, and Violet Tanager, lost in fine bloom; vhc, Robson; c, Young.

The Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (10): 1, Gibson; 2, c, McGuinness; 3, vhc, Bean; 4, Fletcher; hc, W. J. Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, hc, W. J. Taylor; 2, Blaylock; 3, Fletcher; 4, Brown; vhc, c, McGuinness. HEN A.C. (14): 1, hc, Brown; 2, McGuinness; 3, Blaylock; 4, vhc, Vallans; c, Bean. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Blaylock; 2, Gibson; 3, Clark. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Tyson. CREST OR C.B. YELL. (2): 1, Clark; 2, W.C. CREST CK. (4): 1, Tyson; 2, Hands; 3, Crawhall; 4, Ripley. HEN (4): 1, Tyson; 2, Vallans; 3, Hands; 4, Clark. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Ripley; 2, Blaylock; 3, Tyson. HEN (5): 1, W. J. Taylor; 2, Clark; 3, Ripley; 4, Blaylock; vhc, Tyson. SELF ETC. CREST: 1, Hands. YORKS. CK. YELL. (8): 1, 3, hc, Ellwood; 2, Crawhall; 4, Davison; vhc, Carr; c, Ackersley. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Carr; 2, Davison; 4, Ellwood; vhc, hc, Crawhall; c, Bowman. HEN (8): 1, hc, Carr; 2, Davison; 3, 4, Crawhall; vhc, c, Ellwood. BORD. CK. YELL. (3): 1, Ellwood; 2, Lee; 3, Turnbull Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Ellwood; 2, Lee; 3, Turnbull Bros. HEN (7): 1, Carr; 2, vhc, Lee; 3, 4, Ellwood; hc, c, Turnbull Bros. PAIRS (4): 1, Tyson; 2, W. J. Taylor; 3, Hands; 4, Brown. MULE (5): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Carr. GOLDFINCH ETC. BRIT. (6): 1, W. J. Taylor; 2, 3, 4, Maddison; vhc, hc, c, Clark. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, McGuinness; 4, Ellwood; vhc, c, Clark; hc, Tyson. CREST OR C.B. AMATEUR (4): 1, 2, Dixon; 3, 4, Clark. A.O.V. (10): 1, 3, Cross; 2, Brown; 4, vhc, hc, Elliott; c, Carr.

I have been a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS for a long time now, writes Mr. James Stredwick (Wood Green. N.), and think it a fine paper for all bird fanciers. I have myself got over many a difficulty by following the advice to others given by your experts.

LEICESTER.

The ninth annual Show of the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S. was held on November 7th and 9th, and proved a great success, the entry, within a few of 400, being a record. Quality was excellent in nearly every class. The venue was again the large room of the White Swan Hotel, where the exhibits were nicely staged in tiers. The birds were well attended to by well-known and experienced fanciers. Mr. Charles Draper again held the reins of office, and, as usual, was most efficient in his duties, and was the embodiment of courtesy and tact. He was assisted by an able body of workers, comprising: President, Mr. A W. Gibbon; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. J. McCarter, C. W. Wallen, Jno. Allen; committee, Messrs. J. Needham, E. Kilsby, W. Neale, W. Hales, W. Smith, and A. Boulter; trustees, Messrs. E. H. Hulse and E. Noakes. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, which were well received.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. NAT COL. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Herbert, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, good shape, nice colour, lovely track, neatly folded tail; 3, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice colour, full of quality, well rounded chest; 2, Hewitt, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, good size and shape, nice level colour; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Mason. HEN (10): 1, Walton and Noakes, yell., thick set body, good shape, lovely quality feather, nice head, full neck; 2, Hale, clear buff, splendid shape, short wings and tail, nicely rounded chest; 3, hc, Herbert, yell., mkd. eyes, splendid colour, nice shape and feather; vhc, Saunders; c, Colver. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Davis, nice shaped body, good head and neck, red hot colour, good carriage; 2, Walton and Noakes, mkd. left eyes, lovely quality feather, shapely level colour, well packed flights and tail; 3, Hulse, grand colour and full of quality, nice shape; vhc, Needham; hc, Mitchell; c, Mason. BUFF (20): 1, 2, spl., best in show, Jones, grand shape, full head and neck, nice deep chest, good colour and quality; 2, another clinker for shape, lovely colour and feather, nice wings and tail; 3, Freestone, short, thick-set body, full head and neck, nice back, close feather, wins Hyde's spl; vhc, Mason; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Freidham. MKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Davis, lovely colour, full of quality, grand back, mkd. head, left eye and wing; 2, Mitchell, mkd. wings, neck and eyes, splendid shape, nice wing carriage; 3, Fox, mkd. wings, eyes and shoulder, grand shape, nice quality, level colour; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Tyler; c, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, Davis, mkd. wings, neck, and rump, magnificent colour, full of quality, lovely back, nice flights and tail; 2, Fox, mkd. right eye and wing, beautiful quality of feather, nice neat head; 3, Sanders, cap mkd., beautiful shape, nice head; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Dent; c, Stevens. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes, thigh tick, beautiful colour and quality, good neck, head and back, short flights and tail; 3, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, nice shape, colour and quality, good head; 2, Needham, ol., lovely shape and colour, neat wings and tail; vhc, Yates; hc, Christian; c, Eckersley. BUFF (22): 1, Walton and Noakes, magnificent shape, short, thick neck, nicely rounded chest, lovely colour and quality; 2, Judd, lovely shape and colour, neat wings, and short tail, good head; 3, Stevens, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, nice shape, colour and quality, good head; vhc, Goodman; hc, Ball and Son; c, Christian. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (17): 1, Hale, beautiful colour, rich and level, nice head and neck, good shape; 2, Tyler, Cl., nice shape, good head, short tail; 3, Lucas, splendid shape, beautiful fitting jacket, nice head; vhc, Fox; hc, Eckersley; c, Judd. BUFF (15): 1, Fox, Cl., beautiful shape, lovely colour, full of quality, grand head, nice full neck, wings, and tail well packed, beautifully mealed; 2, Judd, lovely shape, feather and quality, nice head, wings and tail; 3, Colver, lovely quality, good shape, grand back, nice flights; vhc, c, Walton and Noakes; hc, Hunt. MKD., ETC., HEN (16): 1, c, Walton and Noakes, unflig. buff, splendid shape, short wings and tail, good feather, nicely mealed; 2, Hale, variegated, wonderful colour, full of quality, good size; 3, Hulse, buff, mkd. wings and tail, splendid quality, rich undercolour, nice head; vhc, Jones; hc, Tyler. GREEN, ETC. (13): 1, Walton and Noakes, yell., thick-set, well rounded body, short wings and tail, full neck, good back; 2, Drakeley, buff, beautiful quality of feather, nice shaped body, short flights and tail; 3, Dickens, yell., splendid colour, full of quality, nice tight feather, good shaped body; vhc, Boulter; hc, Freestone; c, Draper. CREST OR C.-B. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, green Crest, nice droop frontal and radiation; 3, C-B, nice shaped skull, good quality of feather; 2, Taylor, C-B, good length of head feather, nice entrance; hc, Wigginton; c, Osborne. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, vhc, Collins, buff, Belg., nice stand, straight back and quick to get into position; 2, Tyler, buff, Bord., grand feather, nice shape, jaunty carriage, good wings; 3, Exton, buff Cinn., of good size and quality of feather; hc, Colver; c, Harrison. CAN. YELL. NOVICE MEMBERS (15): 1, spl, Pole, Cl. Nor., good shape, lovely quality and colour, nice wings and tail, clean cut; 2, Gamble, mkd. head, neck and wings, nice shape and quality, good feather; 3, Lea, mkd. wings, neck and head, nice shape, grand colour; vhc, Buck; hc, Neale; c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Pole, sweet shaped clear unflighted buff Nor., close feather, of good quality, nice wings and neat tail; 2, beautiful feather, clean cut, nice shape: 3, Lea, variegated, splendid shape, nice colour; vhc, Mothersole; hc, Gamble; c, Wood.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT CAN. MULE (8): 1, Lander, six-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., beautiful colour, well extended down flights; 2, Gilbert, buff Goldfinch-Can., clear except for slight grizzle mark on left cheek, nice feather; 3, hc, Lawrence, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., good shape; vhc, Lees; c, Lamb. DARK (5): 1, Gilbert, Can.-Bullfinch, splendid colour, good size and shape; 2, Stevens, Linnet-Can., splendid shape and colour, beautiful feather and condition, 3, hc, Lander, Siskin and Can., nice size and shape, and well marked; vhc, Lamb. HYB. (3): 1, Lawrence, well-known Greenfinch-Bullfinch, nice size, shape and feather; 2, Gilbert, Goldfinch-Redpoll, beautiful colour and quality of feather, nice shape, good size; 3, Freer, Go'dfinch-Greenfinch, splendid wing bars, nice size and shape; vhc, Smalley; hc, Blockley; c, Birchley. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Seal, grand coloured blaze, nice cheeks, back, bars and buttons, well tanned chest, in fine order; 2, Pawlett, large square-cut blaze, beautiful buttons, nice back and chest, will improve a lot yet; 3, Lander, nice shape, good wing bars and buttons, close up; vhc, Osborne; hc, Hunt; c, Riley. GREENFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, 3, Hunt, Siskin, grandly placed cap, nice feather and colour, well marked flanks, in rattling trim; 3, good coloured and shapely Greenfinch, nice wing bars; 2, Osborne, Mealy Redpoll, fine shape, feather and body markings, nice bib; vhc, Birchley; hc, Tyler; c, Sanders. LINNET (13): 1, Hunt, beautiful colour, grandly laced, good shape, very steady; 2, Birchley, fine colour, shows nice whites, good shape and feather; 3, Clarke, good size and shape, grandly laced, nice feather, looks like making a good one later; vhc, Chick; hc, Moore; c, Seal. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Osborne, good shape and nice size, grand bars and cap, well coloured breast; 2, Birchley, rich deep coloured breast, nice cap and wing bars; 2, Osborne, Mealy Redpoll, fine shape, and shape, nice cap and bars, lovely back, vhc; Chick; hc, Tyler, c, Hunt. A.O.S. FINCH (17): 1, 2, Chick, Hawfinch, "Midland Chief," rare size, feather, colour and body marking, clearly defined and dense coloured bib; 2, Corn Bunting, good size, feather and spotting, very steady; 3, Osborne, Bramblefinch, rare size, colour of the best, and grandly spangled; vhc, Hunt; hc, Brierley; c, Poole. INSECTIV. SMALL (11): 1, Chick, Redstart, in most beautiful condition, lovely colour and feather, and as steady as a rock, a gem; 2, hc, c, Birchley, grand Tree Creeper, very pure in colour on breast, nicely marked back and head; 3, Howe, Blueheaded Wagtail, in grand feather, nice colour and markings; vhc, Collins. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Howe, Hoopoe, good colour, feather and markings, and very steady; 2, great Grey Shrike, nicely marked, good colour; 3, Poole, Ring Ouzel, grand size and shape, nice feather, and good shaped crescent; vhc, Chick. FOR. LARGE (1): 1, Howe, good conditioned green billed Toucan. SMALL (10): 1, Miss Galloway, lovely coloured and feathered pair of Parrot Finches; 2, Howe, nice Superb Tanager, good colour and feather; 3, c, Mrs. Galloway; vhc, Sills; hc, Bexon. A.V. CAGE BIRDS (30/-) (14): 1, Butler and Waring; 2, Jacklin; 3, Collins; vhc, Exton; hc, Hulse; c, Cayless. (20/-) (17): 1, Yates; 2, Hulse; 3, Hextall; vhc, Jacklin; hc, Wigginton; c, Lander. (12/6) (19): 1, Lander; 2, Sills; 3, Pole; vhc, Tyler; hc, Ball and Son; c, Needham.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Sixth open show held in the Corn Exchange, on November 10th. Cage birds were well staged and had every attention from Mr. A. R. Bailey, the secretary, who was backed up by a good lot of stewards. Mr. T. Irons judged.

NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (8): 1, Jeffs, good back and wing carriage, nice feather and colour; 2, Lewin, neat shape, wings well braced, warm colour; 3, Morris, shapely, feather and substance good; vhc, Hall; hc, Williams; c, Law. BUFF (9): 1, Jeffs, head and wing mkd, neat head, neck well filled in, good substance and feather; 2, Jeacock, unevenly marked; 3, Freeman; vhc, Holl, rare shape, grand feather and head, a wee bit pinched over beak or might have won outright; hc, Nelson. UNFLIG. (10): 1, c, Hall, former, yell. left wing mkd, good shape, wing short and compact, lovely colour and quality; 2, 3, Jeacock, heavily variegated, yell. and eyes, chest and wing marked Buff, former best colour; 3, nice quality; vhc, Freeman; hc, Williams. YORKS. (amalgamated) (14): 1, Hawes, Buff, good length and stand, nice bird; 2, Mole, Buff beautiful shape, well drawn, good length of side, lovely feather and meal; 3, Hawes, yell. lovely back, round as a pencil, wings well braced; vhc, Mole; hc, Heath; c, Johnson. CRESTS AND C.B. (9): 1, Smith, unevenly marked body, d.c., neat centre and droop, good frontal; 2, 3, Grant, saddle marked, leading, nice shaped crest; 3, very similar crest, feather of lovely texture, must have pressed hard; vhc, Rawlings; hc, Grant; c, Ward. MULE OR HYB.: cancelled. SELL. (10/-) (20): 1, Nelson; 2, Jeffs; 3, Bull; vhc, Brooks; hc, Soden; c, Freeman. All to Norwich, though some decent Yorks. were here. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Swingler and Blackwell, well known "Pride of the West" winning Goldfinch, good clear cut blaze, nice bars and buttons; 2, Mole, rattling good Bullie, nice cap and wing bars, deep breast colour, put down in fine form, made a hard fight for first; 3, Palmer, nice Goldfinch; vhc, Bazeley; c, White. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Gibbons, Paface winning Chough, not looking quite so well as we have seen it, but wins well; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, rare good Hawfinch, good colour, well cut bib, in fine order; 3, Burrows, Nightingale, beautifully steady, put down in the best of condition; vhc, Knight, white Dove; hc, White; c, Castle. Unnoticed: 1089, Burrows, topping good Magpie, in lovely form, beautifully cut breast. FOR. (3): 1, Berry, rare good coloured Amazon; 2, Hon. Mr. Hodgson, blue wing Lovebirds; 3, Miss Savage, Amazon; vhc, hc, Gibbons.

SUDBURY (Suffolk.)

A capital little show, with a nice entry and some high quality birds, was that of the Sudbury Society, which was held in the Drill Hall, on November 10th. Prominent amongst the committee is our old friend Mr. J. F. Hills, who is not only our oldest living judge, but also one of our oldest fanciers, and with him in the cage bird section were Messrs. C. H. Row, Simmonds, and H. Wilson. Major Armes, the chairman, Mr. W. J. Langdon J.P., the vice chairman, and Mr. J. H. Brown, the treasurer, each take great interest in the show, and are prominent workers, whilst the hon. sec., Mr. F. Machin Goodall, worked with a zealousness, and an urbanity that made him an ideal official. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, spl, Outten, grand shaped bird of high quality, and rich even colour; 3 good, but not so level in colour; 2, Rippon, beautiful quality, nice colour and shape, smaller in head. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, Martin, nice shape and feather, good style; 3, Wilson, good in colour and feather, not quite so chubby. TKD. (5): 1, 2, Outten, eye ticked, and cheek and wing ticked yellow of good colour, shape and feather; 3, Gilder, nice grizzle necked, good feather and colour; res, Wilson; vhc, Mrs. Barber. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, Broad, well-known Crest and C.B. in good form; 2, hc, Strutt, nice slim, stylish, close feathered Yorkshire; res, Mayhew; vhc, Mitchell. MULE (6): 1, spl, Outlaw; 2, hc, Brown, the Braintree winners; 3, Brooke, small dark Linnet-Canary, in nice feather; res, Gelder; vhc, Simmonds. BRIT. GOLD., ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Mitchell, very smart, clean cut, rich coloured bird, capital bars and buttons; 2, Whybrow, larger, but darked blaze, and darked in body, given the benefit of the doubt as to maturity; 3, Row, charming little Bullfinch, capital colour and shape; res, Sayward. HARDBILL (8): 1, Sayward, grand shaped, well marked mealy Redpoll; 2, c, Brown, nice bright coloured, well marked Siskin; 3, Simmonds, well shaped, nice feathered, neatly marked Linnet; res, vhc, Monk; hc, Thompson. SOFT BILL (5): 1, Row, lustrous coloured, well cut Magpie; 2, Andrews, nicely spotted Thrush, of good shape; 3, Miss Mauldon, large, good coloured, close feathered Jackdaw; res, Godbold; hc, Smith. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Row, very nice team, the Braintree winners, the Gouldians leading, with the Orange-cheeks next. LARGE (5): 1, 3, res, Row, 1, Scaley-Breasts; 3, an unknown Parrakeet, a most interesting exhibit; 2, Miss Parmenter, very handsome Alexandrine; vhc, Mrs. Oliver. SELL. (10/6) (6): 1, Miss Whorlow; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, res, Row; vhc, Outten.

Shows continued on page 373.

I was very pleased with the life-like portrayal of my Unflighted Norwich, for which I have refused three offers, one running into double figures.—H. W. SHELDON (Llandudno).

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. "Breeder and Exhibitor." 12, Launder Terrace, Grantham.

GEO. BENNET., 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 30 years experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, 8, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

L. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Pitt Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Endlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, Bodmin. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds. Seventeen years successful Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience

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DON'T FORGET

POPLAR and District Cage Bird Society's

First Annual Member's Show to be held in the School Room, Newby Place, Poplar, E. on **Saturday, Nov. 14th, 1908.** Judge, John Robson, Esq. Doors open 1 p.m. Admission 3d H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec. 4a, St. Dunstans Alley Gt. Tower St.

SLIGO

C.B.S. 8th Annual Show. **Nov. 18th and 19th, 1908.** 48 classes for Cage Birds. Judge: H. S. Naylor, Esq., Bradford. Send entries at once. Schedules apply Chas. J. Mulligan, "Cairns View," Sligo.

BERWICK and Dis. Poultry, Pigeons, and C.B.S, Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

Second Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed, on **Thursday, 19th Nov 1908.** 38 open Classes for Cage Birds. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6- & numerous specials. Entrance fee 1 6. Send entries at once. Judges:— Scotch Fancies, John Elder, Esq, Berwick. Borders and Mules, W. C. Duncan Esq., Coldstream. Norwich and British, R. S. Bewick Newcastle. Schedules from **SMART & GRAY, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

WIMBLEDON Nov. 17th & 18th.

OPEN CLASSES.
(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Queen's Hall, Two Minutes from Wimbledon Station. Under patronage of S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. and C.C.C. Grand Classification. Champion and Novice open classes. 11 Yorkshire, 10 Norwich, 6 Crest, 6 British, 1 A.O.V., 2 Foreign. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and H. Normnu, Esq. **100 Splendid Specials,** Entries Short, **Entended to Last Post Saturday November 14th.** Send on, I will classify.

H. SMITH, Hon. Sec., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

PLEASE SUPPORT

MORRISTON November 19th, 1908, One Day Show.

Compulsory extension of entries to **Saturday, November 14th, 1908.** Grand classification and specials. Specialist Judges. Entry 1/6. Held under C.B.U. Rules. **D. JEREMY,** Tanylan Road, Morriston, Swansea, and **A. C. EAST,** Secretaries.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

WORCESTER

C.B.S, Show Thursday, Nov. 19th. J. H. Payne, Esq., Judge. Special Prize Cards. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entries don't average two per class. Entries extended till First Post Tuesday Fanciers send your entries on, I will classify. **A. E. BISHOP,**

Hon. Sec., 14, Barry Street, Worcester.

Exhibitors; Look out for the Greatest Show in the North.

SUNDERLAND November 20th and 21st.

C.B.U. Rules.

Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C., N.N.P.C., N.B.B.M.F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., B.F.C.C., U.K.L.S., and C.C.C. Cinnamon Club Show. 60 Open Classes. Grand Prize Money and Splendid Specials. Entry Fee, 1/6. Judges, J. H. Roe and A. G. Cameron. Exhibitors who have been overlooked please send for Schedule at once, or send your entries on, we will classify. Entries close **Nov. 14,** Monday's Post in time,

REID & MADDISON, Secs., **2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland.**

City and County of **PERTH**

O.S., Great Annual Open Show on Saturday, November 21st, in the Co-operative Hall, under the patronage of S.P.C. & Y.C.C. of S. Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 4/- & 2/-;** Entry Fee **1/6.**

Judges: Messrs. C. Campbell, A. Roberts, D. Low, R. V. Raine & Geo. Fulton (Partick). Splendid Hall, well lighted and free from draught. Entries Close on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th. Schedules from

J. KERR, 6, St. Catherines Road, Perth.

CROOK

Original Cage Bird, Rabbit and Pigeon Society's 4th Annual Open Show, **NOVEMBER 21st. Entries close, NOV. 16th** 20 open Classes, 5 members classes for Cage Birds. Judge: W. Mundell, Esq. Cage Birds in separate Hall. Specials for nearly every class. Prize money, 8s., 4s., 2s.; 1s. Entry.

A. BOWES, 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Open Show on Sat. NOVEMBER 21st.

Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 17th. Members of Yorkshire Union, under the Patronage of Yorkshire Canary Club, Green Canary Association and Yorkshire and County British Bird and Mule Club. Judges: Mr. A. Ambler, Yorkshires, Mr. J. Beswick, Norwich and British Birds and Mules. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) will judge, the Novice Yorks classes. Good Classification, numerous specials. For schedules apply—**H. Clegg, 200, Hollings Road, Bradford. L. Lister, 44, Rand Street, Bradford.**

DULWICH

NOV. 24th & 25th. Appeal for entries, will you help us to make this show a success. Does not our prize list deserve support. Genuine workers are running this show. Enter at once. We shall be pleased, you will be pleased. Entries finally close **NOV. 17th. ROGERS AND MAZZONI, 4, Rye Villas, St. Aidans Road, East Dulwich, S.E.**

INVERNESS Ornithological Association

28th Annual Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons, and Bantams, **Wed. 25th NOVEMBER.** Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Money, 1/6. Liberal List of valuable specials, Judges: Messrs. Pettigrew, W. Stevenson and J. Goodall. Entries close November 18th. Schedules from **ALEX URQUHART, 86, TELFORD ROAD.**

Yorks. Canary Club of Ireland.

DUBLIN Thur. & Fri., NOV. 26-27, 1908.

65 classes for Cage Birds. Entry Fee 1/6
Judge—R. Halliday Esq. 3 cups and 44 specials.
Entries close NOVEMBER 16th,

Hon Sec., W. J. BIRSE, 34, Clonliffe Road, DUBLIN.

SIDMOUTH

13th Annual Show. **NOVEMBER 19th, 1908.** Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. Compelled to extend Entries till first post **MONDAY, NOV 16th,** Fanciers don't let us have to Cancel Classes. Full prize Money guaranteed. Judges, Messrs. Cornish, Billett, Tucker, & Robson. Send your Entries. We will Classify. **COLLIER & CLODE,** Hon Secs., **Church St., Sidmouth.**

SELBY

NOVEMBER 19th, 1908.

Entries awfully short extended to **Monday the 16th.** Entrance fee 1/-. Numerous specials. Good prize money. **J. H. DIXON, Sec., 77, Brook St., Selby.**

HULL

Open Cage Bird Show under C.B.U. Rules, **NOVEMBER 20 & 21st, 1908, 33 OPEN CLASSES.** Entries close Nov. 16.

Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee 1/6. Numerous Cash Specials, held in the Corn Exchange, North Church Side. Finest Hall in the North. Judges. H. W. Battye, and J. C. Barnes. Schedules:—

F. F. POTTER, 178, Thoresby Street, HULL.

CALASHIELS N.B.

48th GREAT OPEN SHOW.

of Pigeons and Cage Birds, will be held **Nov. 21st, 1908,** when the under-noted specialists will judge Cage Birds; Scotch Fancy Canaries Mr. Robert Wright, Greenock and Mr. David Brown, Edinburgh. Border Fancy Canaries Mr. Peter McKenzie, Kelso. Norwich, etc. Mr. Anthony Hay, Tweedmouth. Schedules ready from the (Secretary, **ALEX. SMITH. 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.** Ents. cls. 17th.

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SHOW. The Old and Original Exhibition.

Pigeons and Cage Birds Volunteer Hall, Alloway Street, Ayr. **Saturday, November 21st, 1908.** Good Classification, Numerous Specials, Judges, Pigeons—D. White, Cumnock. A. Edgar, Whithorn, D. Ramsay, Falkirk, W. Stevenson, Beith, Cage Birds—J. Smellie, Riccarton, P. McQuiston, Ayr. **JAMES THOMSON, jr., Sec., Leitchton, Holmston Road, Ayr.** Ents. cls. Nov. 16.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Show of Cage Birds, Sat., Nov, 21st, 1908. C.B.U. License. Radius 12 miles. Judge, A. J. Gladwin. Entries close **Saturday, November 14th.** Guaranteed Prize Money. Schedules ready—**J. R. Cooper, Brookside.**

HAMILTON

Nov mber 21st.

Annual Open Show held in Town Hall, under the patronage of the Border F. Club. 50 Open Classes. P. Norwich 12, Crest and Crestbreds, 1 each. Border Fancy, 14. Mules or Hybrids, 5. British and Foreign, 17 Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Numerous Specials. Entry fee 1/6. Judges, W. Muir, W. Hamilton, J. Calderwood, J. Mason and J. Taylor. Schedules, **A. CANT, 26, May Street.** Entries close Nov. 18th.

WIGAN and District Cage Bird Society.

Annual Open Show.

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules)

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds. **November 20th & 21st, 1908** in the Orange Hall, Leader's Buildings, King St. Judges:—Messrs H. Tams and A. Wellings. For schedules apply **W. RIDGE (Hon. Sec.) 55, Poolstock, Wigan.** Ents. cls. 14th

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Under C.B.U. Rules. B.F.C.C. & E.W.B.F.C.C. Patronage.

WHITEHAVEN

10th Annual Show,
Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, 1908,

Judges: Messrs. J. Wilcock, Esq., Bradford, and Jos. Thompson, Esq., Wigton, for Borders. 44 Classes. 7 Norwich, 8 Yorks, 10 Borders. Schedules ready. Apply

DOUGLAS and FERGUSON,
10 Coll ge Street, Whitehaven.

Entries close positively Nov. 16th.

WHARTON, Winsford and District 4th annual open show of Pity., Pigns., Rbts., and C. B., held at the Town Hall **Sat. Nov. 21st.** Judges: Rev T. W. Sturgess, H. S. Moore, S. G. Davies. Entries close Nov. 17th. **R. Ollier, Hon. Sec. 363, High Street, Winsford, Cheshire.**

STIRLING & Dis. O.S.

Annual Club Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Lesser Albert Halls, **Sat. NOV. 21st.**

EDINBURGH N. C. & Mule Breeders' Society. Members' Annual Show of Canaries British & Foreign Birds, in Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, Buccleuch St., on Sat., **Nov. 21.** The largest Club Show in Scotland Admission 4d. Open from 1 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. **Welsh,** Sec.

LAUNCESTON

Cage Bird Show,
November 24th, 1908.

C.B.U. Rules. Entries extended to **Nov. 16th, 1908.** Fanciers, do help us.

W. J. PASCOE, Hon. Sec., **Windmill Laundry, Launceston, Cornwall.**

WHITBY Fancier's Annual Show.

Wednesday NOVEMBER, 25th, 1908.

Cage Birds, E. Brunskill Esq. Classes for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits &c. Hon. Sec. J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers, Whitby, Yorks. Ents. close Nov. 18.

CARDIFF

November 25 and 26.

Entries close next Wednesday.

Judges: Messrs. Payne & Roe. Good classification (see this week's review) Excellent railway facilities. Exhibits attended to by qualified fanciers. Schedules circulated, if overlooked apply for one at once to

W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen Street.

CAMBRIDGE

NOV. 25 & 26, 1908.

Under C.B.U. License and Rules.

Entries coming in very badly. We appeal to Exhibitors to give us their generous support. Our schedule will show whether or not we merit it. Entries **extended to NOVEMBER 18th,** latest. **W. DRIVER, Sec,**

NEWARK-ON-TRENT

SHOW Thur. Nov. 26th, 1908.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds: 25 miles radius. Poultry club and Cage Bird Union rules. Specials for almost every class. Entries close **NOV. 19th** certain. **Hon. Sec. S. C. WILKINS, 72, Milner Street.**

PONTARDAWE SHOW,

November 26th, 1908.

Entries close **November 21st.** 15 Classes for Cage Birds: Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Fee 1/6. Judge, R. Bowker, Nantwich. Schedules—**C. Symonds, Sec.**

CIRENCESTER OPEN SHOW, Under C.B.U. Rules, Nov. 26.

Judge: Mr. Payne, Gloucester. Good classification. Schedules ready. **W. C. Inward, Cirencester. Entries close Nov. 14.**

SOUTHALL (Middlesex)

Fanciers Society. Eleventh Annual Open Show of Poultry and Cage Birds under C.B.U. rules will be held on **Thursday Nov. 26.** Judge of Cage Birds: F. Easterling, Esq. Entries close on **Tuesday Nov. 17.** Schedules of **A. SMITH, Hon. Sec., The Schools, Featherstone Road, Southall.**

OXFORD Fanciers' Society. Annual Cage Bird Show, under C.B.U Rules.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1908.

Open to Counties Oxford, Berks and Bucks. Good classification. Prizes and specials. 2 challenge cups for members only, membership open to all. Judge C. A. House Esq. Entries close **20th.** A. H. CALCUTT, Secty., Kedlington; Oxon.

CHICHESTER (Members' Show.)

12 Mile Radius. Corn Exchange. **Nov 26th.** Entries close Nov 14th. **ARTHUR STONE,** Hon Sec., 17, **New Park Road, CHICHESTER.**

HINCKLEY

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE DATE OF SHOW, **November 20th & 21st, 1908.** Entries absolutely nil. What does it mean, are you going to fail us, fanciers? We always pay our prize money within five days of the show. We have good specials and J. H. Robson is judging. What more do you require? Entries extended to Monday's post. Held under Cage Bird Union Rules.

First Prize, 10/-. Second Prize, 5/-. Third Prize, 2/6. Entrance Fee, 1/6

Class 53, Nor. (plainhd.,) any col, except oven. mark: nat. col.; 54, do., clr. or tick, Yel.; 55, do., do., Buff; 56, do , varg., Yel. or Buff, except oven. mark.; 57, Nor: Hen (plainhd), except oven mark.; 58, Nor. (plainhd), unfl., clr., tick or varg , except oven mark, Yel.; 59, do., do., do., Buff; 60 York. Cock, any col., except oven mark.; 61, do. Hen, du., do.; 62, A. o. v. Can.; 63, A. v. Mule or Hybrid. 5/- **Special** for best Dark Canary Male. 64, Brit. Goldfinch or Bullfinch Cock; 65, Brit. Linnet; 66, Siskin, Redpole or Twite; 67, A. o. v. Brit. Finch or Bunting (including Hen Bullfinch); 68, A. o. v. Brit. Bird, not larger than a Missel Thrush; 69, A. v. For. Bird, not larger than a Cardinal; 70, A. o. v. of For. Bird; 71, Self. Class, single bird, a. v. except Crests or Crest bred, price not to exceed 5/-; 72, do, pairs, do., do., price not to exceed 25/-; 73. Members, n. v., single Bird, price not to exceed 20/-. Enter from above, to **W. WARNER Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.**

PENZANCE

AND DISTRICT.

(Under C.B.U. rules). Tenth Open Show of Pigeons, and Cage Birds. **27th November, 1908.** Judge: Cage Birds, Mr. J. North. Entries close **19th November.** Schedules, &c. apply **J. P. Sampson, Parade Street.**

LEEDS C.B.S. Annual Open Show,

FRI. & SAT., NOV. 27 & 28,

C.B.U. Rules.

Under Patronage of Y.C.A., L. and P.O.S., and F.B.O. Judges, J. Robson and J. Beswick. Ent. close **Nov. 24.** Schedules of—

A. WILKINS, The Gardens, Oakhurst, Moortown, Leeds.

POLESWORTH

Fancier's Association 12th. Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. **Nov. 27 & 28.** Entries close **Nov. 17.** Cage Bird Judge, H. Tams, Esq., **W. WRIGHT,** Sec., **The Park, Polesworth,**

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND

Fy., Pg. & C.B.S. 13th Ann. Show under C.B.U. Rules, will be held in the Market Hall on **Fri & Sat. Nov. 27 & 28, 1908.** C.B. Judges, Mr. J. W. Bancroft, Cheshire; & Mr, J. Hopper, Keswick. Br. Fy. Patronage, Sch. ready. Ent. cls. **Nov. 21. Woodburn & Lucas,** H. Ss

MUIRKIRK

Cage Bird Show **Saturday Nov. 28th.** Large Classification for Borders B.F.C.M. and lots of specials. Judge: R. Hardy, Loanhead. Schedules from **James Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

WEST STANLEY CO. DURHAM

2nd Open Show, Nov. 28th. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds. Schedules apply **Jno. H. Leighton, Causey Row' Swalwell, S.O. Co. Durham.** Ent. cls. Nov. 21.

LITTLEBOROUGH

Cage Birds' 2nd Open Show, under C.B.U. Rules. will be held **Sat. Nov. 28.** Good classification. Prize Money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Excellent specials, Judges: R. Barrass & W. Mundell. Schedules from **H. SMITH, Sec., 1, TRAFFORD STREET, LITTLEBOROUGH.**

COWDENBEATH

The Show of the Season, November 28th. Cowdenbeath Poultry and Pigeon Society's Annual Show Cage Birds. Fanciers, we have 33 classes for you and handsome specials including point's special value £1 5s. Judge; Mr. Cockrane, Edinburgh. Prize money paid within 4 days. Those who have not already received a schedule kindly apply to **Jas. ORROCK, Sec., Boath Terrace.**

Golden opportunity for the Amateur and Novice Exhibitors.

The Show of the Season. Don't miss it.

The 4th Open Show of the

DARLINGTON Cage Bird Society.

Will be held on SATURDAY NOV. 28th, 1908, in the Corn Exchange (not under C.B.U. Rules.) All the big Exhibitors will be out at Leeds. Now's your chance! 49 Classes and Specials all through. **No Specialist Clubs here this time.** Schedules ready. **Entries Close Nov. 24th.** Judges: Messrs. Cowgill & Maddison. "The Palace Show of the North" for British Birds.

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Annual Show. NOVEMBER 28th, 1908.

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Open Show will be held on **Saturday, NOV. 28th.** in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Northumberland Street. 33 classes. Judges—Mr. J. C. Barnes (Yorks); and Mr. J. Trengrove remaining classes. ENTRIES CLOSE, NOVEMBER 24th. For Schedules apply—**S. LODGE,** SECRETARY, **34, JACOBS ROW, LOCKWOOD.**

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Second annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on Sat., **Nov. 28th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. rules. Judges: W. Vardy of Nottingham, Canaries; and W. G. Pooleof Stratford-on-Avon, British and Foreign Birds. There are 28 classes in all. 20 Canaries, 6 British and 1 Foreign class. Entries close November 21, 1903. Please write for schedules of—

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First Ann. Show in the Lecture Hall, Fatton Rd Sale, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Under C.B.U. Rules. Entries close **Nov. 23.** Prize Money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-** and **2/6** for most points in each open class. Also silver cup to be won outright (and one in members section, Canaries only). The room is well lighted all over, Electricity at night. Only one minute from Sale Station. Trams pass the door. Show open at 2 p.m., close 8 p.m. Date Sat. Nov. 28 Judges: A. G. Davis, Canaries in open classes; Geo. H. Massey, British Mules and Foreign.

FROME & Dis. C.B.S. C.B.U. Rules.

First Open Show, **Dec. 3rd.** Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Schedules ready **W. Minty,** Hon. Sec., **7 Stony St., Frome**

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City of DUNDEE & Dist. C.B.S. (A.) ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, **November 28th,** 56 Open Classes. Under the patronage of Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Plainhead Club and Glasgow & Western Norwich, Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club. Judges—Crests, Mr. John McLay, Kirkintilloch Plainheads, Mr. Alex. McFarlane, Glasgow; Scotch Fancy, Mr. J Arnot, Alloa, Mr. Wm. Muirhead, Bonnybridge; Borders, Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso; Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow. **Entries Close, November 21st.** For Schedules Apply **Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.**

NORWICH

NOVEMBER 28th and 30th. Under Cage Bird Union Rules.

Judges: J. Dobson, W. E. Greeves, J. F. Hills, J. Stark and A. Woollard.

64 Open Classes. Entries definitely close Mon., Nov. 23rd Schedules from Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road. Norwich.

BOURNEMOUTH

17th Annual GREAT OPEN and Members' CAGE BIRD SHOW. **Dec. 1st and 2nd,** at the Winter Gardens, under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judges J. H. Payne and W. G. Poole. Exhibitors please NOTE special arrangements have been made for feeding and caring for all exhibits, Night and Day Attention. Schedules: **JONES & LEECH, Hon. Secs., 155, Holdenhurst Road. Entries close, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.**

TAVISTOCK (DEVON) Dec. 2.

Open Limit, £10; Local £2. Entries Close NOVEMBER 23rd.

Poultry 47 Classes; Judges, Messrs. W. Brent & S. Climas. Pigeons 22 Classes; Popular Judges. Rabbits Cats and Cavies 9 Classes; Popular Judges. Cage Birds 18 Classes; Judge, Mr. W. F. Dowdell, Plymouth. Under Poultry, Pigeon, & C.B.U. Rules. **Arthur R. Clanville,** Hon. Sec., 9, Duke St., **Tavistock.**

KILMARNOCK Ornithological Cage Bird Soc.

Great Open Show will be held on DECEMBER 4th and 5th. Entries close November 28th. Under the patronage of Crest Club, U.P.C. and B.F.C.C. 64 open classes. Splendid Hall. Great List of specials. Judges—Scotch Fancy, W. Webster and D. Holden; Norwich, Alex. McFarlane; Crest, John McKay; Borders, P. W. Creadie; British and Foreign, P. Pettigrew. Send for Schedules to

Jas. B. Y. Murdoch 9, Burnside Street, Kilmarnock.

ALTRINCHAM

Cage Bird Society, (under C.B.U. Rules.) 5th Annual All England Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Dec. 5th, 1908,** at the British Schools, Oxford Road, Altrincham. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Silver Cups, Bowls, Electro Plate, Tea Service (48 pieces), Medals, Specials for every class and numerous other specials. Judges; Messrs. Battye & C. Houlton. Fanciers' note The Largest One Day Show. Entries close first post Nov. 30th. Schedules and particulars from **Tom Harrison; Altrincham Aviaries, 4, Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.**

CUPAR FIFE, N.B.

21st Annual Show, SATURDAY, 5th DEC. Cage Birds 47 Classes. Judges — J. Black, Esq., Arbroath, and T. Merrilees, Esq., Broughty Ferry (Scotch Fancies), Chas Campbell, Esq., Glasgow (Norwich), J. Craig, Esq., Brechin (Borders), John Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh (British, Foreign and Mules). Border Fancy Club Medal. Scottish Britisb Bird and Mule Club Medals, also Trophy Shield for Competition at this Show, and plenty specials. Entries close Monday, 30th November. For Schedules apply **CHAS. C. EDMOND, Jr., 57, Bonnygate, Cupar Fife, N.B.**

THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW, DEC. 10 & 11

Ents. Close Dec. 5. **79** Open Classes. Under Patronage G.C.A., S.Y.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C., L. & P.O.S., W.C.B.C. Big Prize Money. Challenge Cups, Money Specials. Schedules—**R. J. TRUSCOTT,** 27, Castle St, SWANSEA.

LONG EATON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Affil. C.B.U. OPEN SHOW to be held in PEOPLE'S HALL.

Saturday & Monday, Nov. 28th & 30th,

Under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Crested Canary Clubs. 42 classes to consist of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Grand Specials in all Classes. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and J. H. Roe, Esq. For Schedules apply **J. TURNER, 35, Market St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY.**

PEMBROKE DOCK Annual Show

DECEMBER 2nd, 1908.

South Wales and Monmouthshire. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds &c. **W. H. BOWLING, Hon. Sec.**

WANDSWORTH Open Show, Dec 1st & 2nd, 1908.

The Baths, High St. (30 classes Plty., Pgn., Rab., C.B. & Cats. Judges, Messrs. Fielder, Bayliss, Clark, House, Lady Deceis. Supported by Blue Langshan, (Club Show) Langshan, Buff Orp., White Wyandotte, & United Show Homer Clubs. Entries close **Nov 23rd,** to **W. Summers,** Hon. Sec., **829, Garratt Lane, S.W.**

WOKING

And DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY'S First Annual Members' Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits (10 miles radius.) Numerous specials. **DECEMBER 2nd.** Judge: Cage Birds and Rab. Mr. G. Gardner. Sched. ready, Ent. close **Nov. 21. L. C. B. HOCKIN, Hon Sec., Ferndale Rd., WOKING.**

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£5 LIMIT. WED. DEC. 2nd.

Entries Close Wed. Nov. 25th Borders and Scotch Fancy, 9 classes each. Judge, Mr. J. Patterson. **Alex. Gordon. Secy. Temperance Hotel.**

CITY of BIRMINGHAM

C. B. S. (Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.)

The Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. & For. Birds, will be held at Crown Hotel, Station Street, on **Dec, 2nd & 3rd.** Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 23 open classes. Entries close, **Nov 25th.** Schedules from **J. H. DeMAILLET,** Hon Sec., **121, Somerville Road. Small Heath.**

PORTH and District C.B.F.S. Affiliated C.B.U.

2nd Annual Open Show.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on **DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd; 1908.** Under the patronage of the W.C.B.C. Full prize money guaranteed. 47 classes, cash specials every class with extra specials. Judges—J. Robson Esq., & T. L. Castree Esq. Schedules ready, apply **R.C. CHALLENGER 13, School St., Cynmer, Porth.**

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SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD & Dis. O. S.

Will hold their Annual Members' Show of Can., Mules. & Brit. Birds, at the Railway Inn, on **SAT., DEC. 5th** Judge, W. Vardy. Sec. **JOHN SMITH, 30, Sherwood Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield.**

COCKERMOUTH FEATHER SOCIETY.

Cumberland's Great Open Show. (Under C.B.U. Rules),

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COVENTRY

DECEMBER 5th, 1908.

28th Open Show, Cage Birds only. C.B.U. rules. Prize money guaranteed No amalgamation. Judge:—J. H. Payne Esq. 35 classes. **Soc., G. PETERS, 29, Coundon Road.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT

C.B.S. Second Annual Show of Canaries, Mules British and Foreign Birds, on Saturday, Dec. 5th (Under C.B.U. Rules). Prize money 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Popular Judges. 31 Classes, being 14 Can., 10 Brit., 4 For. and 3 Selling and Members' Classes. The Show Room is well lighted and free from draught. Ent. close Mon., Nov. 30th. Scheds. from the Secs., Messrs. KIRKLAND & HADLEY, 29, Princess St., Burton-on-Trent.

SAUQUHAR

Saturday, December 5th. Grand Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits will be held in the Public School. Judges: P. Proud, Esq., Birkdale Southport, Poultry; T. Walton, Esq., Silsden, Yorks' for Pigeons; D. Holden, Esq., Muirkirk for Cage Birds Good Classification. Schedules from Moffat & Carruthers, HON. SECS.

HARROGATE

C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Show to be held on **Sat., DECEMBER 5th, 1908.** Under the Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.B.B. & M.C. patronage. Prize money, 15/, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6. Good Specials, Schedules ready this week. Apply, **GEO. HY. BARNWELL, 20, College Road, HARROGATE.**

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(Open Show) under C.B.U. Rules. **Sat. Dec. 12th.** 15 open classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Specials. Entrance fee 1/6. Judge: G. Russell. Entries close Dec. 7th. Schedules apply **G. Spencer, 4. Aldergate. Tamworth.**

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Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, on Saturday, **DEC. 12, 1908.** Good Classification. Large Prize Money. Splendid Hall and Railway Connections. Judges: T. Fullarton, T. Walton, J. McLay. Entries close Dec. 5th. Be sure and send for Schedule. **John C. Burnie,** 2, CARLINGWARK COTTAGES, CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

STONEHOUSE N. B.

Grand Annual Show,

DECEMBER 12th, 1908.

Judges: Messrs. Scaife, Walker & Adam. Sched. from **J. GOVAN, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

HAVERFORDWEST (Affil. C.B.U.) P., Pig., C.B., C., R., & Cav. Show. **Dec 17.** Ent. fee 1/-. Ent. clo. **Dec 11.** Sched apply **J. Llewellyn Phillips, High Street.**

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25 classes. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee 1/6. Judge: J. Robson, Esq., London. No Amalgamation. Full prize money if 5 entries. For schedules, ready shortly, apply **Jack Francis, Secretary.**

Don't forget the

FERRYHILL & District

First Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds to be held in the council schools, Deanbank on **Sat., December 19th, 1908.** Judge:—Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 25 classes, specials for every class. Entries close on **Monday, December 14th, 1908.** For schedules apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street Ferryhill, Hon. Sec.**

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Nov.14—**Cirencester**—W. A. Inward, 3, Corrin Villas.
„ **14**—**Chichester**—A. Stowe, 17, New Park Rd.
„ **14**—**Tonbridge**—F. J. Bingham, 88, Barden Road.
„ **14**—**Maindee**—J. Hawksley.
„ **14**—**Chapel-en-le-Frith**—J. R. Cooper, Brookside.
„ **14**—**Brighton**—F. Perrin, Turf Mousery, Market Street.
„ **14**—**Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road, Perth.
„ **14**—**Wivelscombe**—Hill and Dening.
„ **14**—**Buckhaven**—J. Lawlie, 3, Anderson Lane.
„ **14** (Monday's post in time)—**Sunderland**—Reid and Maddison, 2, Plantation Rd., Pallion.
„ **14**—**Pathhead (Kirkaldy)**—W. R. Gibson. 58 and 60 St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.
„ **14**—**Wigan**—W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock.
„ **14**—**Buckfastleigh**—G. A. Taylor, Station Rd.
„ **16**—**Whitchaven**—Douglas and Ferguson, 20, College Street.
„ **16**—**Crook (Original)**—A. Bowes, 15, Wilson Street.
„ **16**—**Swindon**—Allsopp and Edmunds' 43, Dixon Street.
„ **16**—**Ayr**—J. Thomson, jun., Leichton, Holmston Road.
„ **16**—**Dublin (Y.C.C. of I.)**—W. J. Birse, 54, Clonliffe Road.
„ **16**—**City and Suburban**—V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, W.
„ **16**—**Hull**—F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby Street.
„ **17**—**Bradford West**—H. Clegg, 200, Bollings Road.
„ **17**—**Southall**—A. Smith, The Schools, Featherstone Road
„ **17**—**Dulwich O.S.**—Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye Villas, St. Aidan's Road.
„ **17**—**Galashiels**—A. Smith, 26, Haliburton Pl.
„ **17**—**Wharton**—R. Ollier, 363, High Street, Winsford.
„ **17**—**Polesworth**—W. Wright, The Park, Polesworth.
„ **18**—**Inverness**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road.
„ **18**—**Cardiff**—W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.
„ **18**—**Whitby**—J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers
„ **18**—**Cradley Heath**—H. Grainger, 36, Whitehall road,
„ **18**—**Hamilton**—A. Cant, 26, Mays Street.
„ **19**—**Penzance**—J. P. Sampson, Parade St.
„ **19**—**Newark-on-Trent**—S. C. Wilkins, 72, Milner Street.
„ **20**—**Oxford**—A. H. Calcutt, Kedlington, Oxon.
„ **21**—**Egremont**—Woodburn and Lucas.
„ **21**—**Woking**—L. C. B. Hockin, Ferndale Road.
„ **21**—**West Stanley**—J. H. Leighton, Causey Row, Swalwell R.S.O., co. Durham.
„ **21**—**Coventry Godiva**—W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street.
„ **21**—**Pontardawe**—G. Symonds.
„ **21**—**Vale of Leven**—R. Conely, 9, Westonlee Terrace, Dumbarton.
„ **21**—**Dundee**—A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

„ **14**—**Morriston**—D Jeremy, Tanylan Road.
„ **14** (last post)—**Wimbledon**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.
„ **16** (1st post)—**Sidmouth**—Collier and Clode, Church Street.
„ **16**—**Hinckley**—W. Warner, Upper Bond Street.
„ **16**—**Solby**—J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook Street.
„ **16**—**Launceston**—Pascoe, Windmill Laundry.
„ **17**—**Worcester**—A. E. Bishop, 14, Barry Street.
„ **18**—**Cambridge**—W. Driver, Sussex Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Dysart, Earlston (N.B.), Blaydon-on-Tyne, Cheltenham, Luton, Arbroath, Leicester.

We are holding our First Open Show on Saturday, December 12th, and we hope fanciers will help us make it a success, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, hon. secretary of the Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S. We are giving numerous specials and prizes.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. has decided to hold its 2nd annual Open Show of Matched Pairs, on January 23rd, 1909, writes the secretary, Mr. H. J. Brown. Judges: Dr. Hird (Norwich pairs), A. Ambler (Yorks.), and W. J. Ferguson (Borders). I hope fanciers will rally round and give us their support, as we are dependent on outside help for the continuance of this show of matched pairs. If fanciers will please watch the columns of CAGE BIRDS they will find issued a second-to-none schedule, and can enter therefrom.

There is only one entry to hand, write Messrs. Jeremy and East, hon. secretaries of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., and that a foreign bird. Where are the Canary Mule and British bird fanciers? We hope fanciers will rally around us this year again. I have been compelled to extend date of receiving entries until November 14th, and letters bearing this post mark will be accepted. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies at Swansea to deliver direct into the show. Birds arriving in Swansea at or before 9 a.m. on the day of show will be in time.

TWITTERINGS.

Entries close for Crook, November 16th. Hurry up with your entries.—(ADVT.)

I have removed from Haverstock Road, to 35, Litcham Street, Kentish Town, writes Mr. H. Kemp.

Dulwich Show. Exhibitors. Entries close on Tuesday, November 17th. Kindly support us.—(ADVT.)

Yorkshire Union novices, do not forget Bradford (West) Show. A special judge for novice classes only.—(ADVT.)

At time of writing I have not had a single entry in cage-bird classes, writes Mr. John Hy. Dixon, secretary of the Selby F.S.

Kindly note my change of address from Arundel Crescent to 69, Mutley Plain, Plymouth, writes Mr. Charles Harries.

My last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS was very successful, as I sold all my surplus stock in two days.—W. EVANS (Manchester).

The report of Shields Show, writes Mr. J. Hands (Ryton), gives 2nd in pair Crest class, Hutchinson; this should read 2nd. Hands.

Morcambe Show report should read: Goldfinches, v.h.c. and h.c., Durston, and not Hardy, writes Mr. H. Durston (Lancaster).

The show of the Bonaccord Cage Bird Society (Aberdeen), is to be held this Saturday (November 14th), writes Mr. Wm. Jamieson, the secretary.

A printer's error occurs in our catalogue, writes Mr. J. Irlam, secretary of the Sale Open O.S. Classes 47 and 48 should read hens not cocks.

CAGE BIRDS has been a great help to me in my hobby, and as for the "Annual," it is simply invaluable to any fancier.—W. C. MCINTOSH (Glasgow).

I am shortly leaving Yeovil to start in practice at Taunton, writes Mr. W. G. Elsmore, the well-known South-country Yorkshire Canary enthusiast.

Will secretaries when sending out schedules kindly send one to me, writes Mr. A. Brown, 11, Melrose Avenue, Lordship lane, Wood Green, London, N.

As the schedules of the Hinckley and Dis. F.S. Show, writes Mr. W. Warner, the hon. secretary, are exhausted, will fanciers please enter from classification in CAGE BIRDS.

The Garston B.B.A. Annual Show will be held in the Wellington Rooms, Duke Street, on November 14, when Mr. W. Mundell will judge. The show opens at 1 o'clock.

We shall be glad of exhibitors' support, writes Mr. W. A. Holness, hon. secretary of the Herne Bay F. and F.S., as this is our first venture in open classes.

I have received four foreign birds from Burton-on-Trent, the sender of which gives neither name nor address, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, hon. secretary of the Nottingham Show.

As entries are so terribly short, write Messrs. Slater and Turner, hon. secretaries of the Matlock and Dis. Society, we are compelled to extend, and shall be pleased to accept same if posted Saturday.

Entries are very poor at Launceston Show, writes the secretary, Mr. Pascoe, and I will accept up to Monday next, November 16. We are under C.B.U. rules, and appeal to exhibitors to help us.

Report of Dysart Show, in the Linnet class, reads: "3rd, Kennedy, nice colour and condition, good in work." This should read 3rd Ramsay, as I took that honour and have my prize money.—JAS. RAMSAY.

At a meeting of the Ormskirk Ornithological Society, held October 29th, writes Mr. F. Foster, hon. secretary, it was decided to hold our 1st annual members' show of Canaries and British Birds on New Year's day, 1909.

Mr. Davis (Coventry), had his three birds each of which stood 1st in the Norwich section of our show, claimed at catalogue price, writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Our sales totalled £28.

We hope exhibitors will support Cambridge O.S. Show, held November 25th and 26th, writes Mr. H. Driver, the secretary, as we have done everything we possibly can to attract them, and our schedule is a captivating one.

Entries are particularly slack, write Messrs. Collier and Clode, secretaries of the Sidmouth and Dis. F.S., and we are bound to extend till November 16th. Full prize money is guaranteed, and there will be no amalgamation of classes.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. through ill health, writes Mr. S. A. Dicken. Messrs. Kirkland and Hadley have kindly volunteered to fill the vacancy. I hope fanciers will give them their best support.

On Thursday, October 29th, according to the "Wellington Journal," while removing some hay from a stack belonging to Mr. William Cooper of the Granville Pit, near Oakengates, Shropshire, a Wren's nest was found, containing two eggs.

The old time show at Prescot is once more to be brought into existence, with a strong committee to work same, writes Mr. John Platt, the hon. secretary. A two day show will be held early in the new year, dates to be advertised in CAGE BIRDS.

The bird section of our show will be held under the management of Messrs. Lupton, Tait, Melrose, and Henderson, all veterans, writes Mr. A. Smith, secretary of the Galashiels O.S. Birds will all be sent off on the Saturday evening if they can get to their destinations in time; if not, they will be dispatched by the first train on the Monday morning.

An error occurs under the heading "Choose the Right Birds" in Mr. F. Wraight's lecture, reported in your issue of October 31st, writes Mr. F. J. Bingham, hon. secretary of the Tonbridge and Dis. F.A. "Dark Mules" in line 10 should, of course, read "light Mules."

The Camborne fanciers are extending date of closing entries to last post Monday, November 16th (show November 19th), writes Mr. C. J. Allen, the secretary. Will exhibiting fanciers please support our first open show venture. There is good prize money and low entry fee.

The double number was more than the surprise you promised. It is enough to make one break the 10th commandment. It reflects great credit on CAGE BIRDS. Birds are so lifelike that one almost expects to hear them sing at any time.—MISS MARSHALL (Winchfield).

The report of Hyson Green Show, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley), credits me with 1st in the Yellow Norwich hen class, whereas I took 1st and 2nd. In Buff hen class I also took 1st and 2nd, and the report only credits me with 1st and e.

The second annual show of the Welsh C.B.C. is due to be held on November 18th, at the Parish Hall, Brecon, when Mr. T. L. Castroe will judge. The exhibition will be opened by the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Bevan, M.A., at 12 o'clock, supported by the Rt. Hon. Lord Glanusk.

After Tuesday, November 17th, my address will be 9, Gladstone Street, Myrtle Park, Bingley, writes Mr. J. Hartley, the well-known Yorkshire fancier, where I shall be pleased to see all friends. Business premises at the old address, 4, Willowfield Street, Princeville, Bradford.

Entries for Worcester and Dis. C.B.S. don't average two per class, writes Mr. A. E. Bisbop, hon. secretary. Obliged to extend entries till first post Tuesday, November 17th. Fanciers please help us and find me something to do, seeing I have sacrificed my week's annual holiday for the show.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret, writes Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale), that I have to announce the death on Sunday, November 8th, of Mrs. Bescoby, wife of Mr. Wm. Bescoby, chairman of the Middleton O.S., after a painful illness of over two years' duration. The deceased lady was 43 years of age, and leaves a family of three sons and two daughters, to whom, and to Mr. Bescoby, will go out the Fancy's heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. H. Thomas, hon. secretary of the Middleton O.S., also writes in sympathetic terms concerning the regretted demise of Mrs. Bescoby.

At the City and County of Perth Open Show (November 21), kindly intimate that we have fixed up with Mr. Geo. Fulton (Partick), the well-known Scotch Fancy judge, in place of Mr. E. G. Wright, who could not fulfil his engagement for business reasons, writes Mr. James Kerr, the secretary.

Through an oversight the medals for most points, given by the Glasgow and Western Counties N.B.M.B. and F.B.C., have not been mentioned in our schedule, writes Qr.-Master Sergt. Cant, A.P.C., secretary of the Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S. We have been granted the patronage of this club.

Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Newcastle, has again won our challenge bowl, which makes the trophy his, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, secretary of the South and North Shields, C.B.S., he having won it twice in succession. Mr. Godley, the winner in 1906, ran Mr. Taylor very near for it this year.

We are obliged to extend entries until last post Saturday, November 14th, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary, Wimbledon Show, and hope fanciers will give us their support. I have made special arrangements for birds entered at Worcester to leave here and arrive there in good time for judging.

Bird-lovers of the Metropolis, make this note for next week: Visit the City and Suburban's 13th Annual Show, Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 4 minutes' walk from Baker Street Station (Metropolitan Railway) and Regent's Park Station (Bakerloo Tube).—(ADVT.)

At the recent Liverpool O.S. Show, Messrs, Bunner and Sons, the well-known cage-front and show and other cage makers, of Blake Street, Copperas Hill, Liverpool, had a very nicely arranged stall of their specialities, and the excellence of their goods, combined with the very moderate prices asked, attracted much attention from the fanciers present.

Fanciers should not overlook making entries for the great Welsh fixture, Cardiff Show, held November 25th and 26th, the date of entries closing being Wednesday next, November 18. This show has a well-earned good name for first-class management, and the secretary, Mr. W. Sampson, writes: We will undertake to forward, in good time for competition exhibits to any shows held on the Friday following ours, on receipt of labels and instructions.

The Musselburgh O.S. first show will soon be here (November 28th), writes Mr. D. Kay, and the excitement is beginning to be felt among members, most of them having been winning at both open and confined fixtures. Musselburgh promises to be the "Tit-Bit" of the Edinburgh district. We have two excellent judges—Messrs. Patterson (Chirnside), and Chalmers (Kirkintilloch). The schedule is an extensive one for a first venture, but I think will go far to increase our membership next year, our club being open to all.

The Coventry Fur and Feather Society are not holding their show at Christmas this year, writes Mr. A. Booton, the secretary, to avoid clashing with the Dog Show on Boxing Day (the date we had fixed upon). It will be held later, and the date advertised as usual in CAGE BIRDS.

Arrangements have been made, writes Mr. Woolhouse, the manager, that any exhibit entered for Swindon will be despatched from Dulwich Show early on November 25th. Entries are coming in very slowly at present, but we trust exhibitors will appreciate our efforts by sending as many as possible. As entries close next Tuesday we cannot make a further appeal. Sixteen more specials have been given and have been alloted to the best fourths in each section.

In last week's advertisement under "Yorkshires," of Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, our printers made the words "proved winners" read "trained winners." This well-known bird specialist informs us that he has just executed the following foreign and colonial orders: Birds to Canada (five lots), Russia, Spain, Calcutta Australia, Natal (two lots), Switzerland, New Zealand, United States (three lots), France and Trinidad (two lots), also goods to Gibraltar, Natal, India, Canada, and other places.

Tonbridge Open Annual Show takes place on November 25th, and 26th. Messrs. W. H. Cook and T. Lambert are the judges, and a tempting array of specials should induce fanciers to give the society a record entry. Messrs. Spratt feed and pen the exhibits, and the committee are taking all possible steps to ensure the comfort and safety of the birds. Remember the entries close on November 14th, positively, so exhibitors should send along at once to F. J. Bingham (secretary), 88, Barden Road, Tonbridge.—(ADVT.)

At Cheltenham Show, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, the hon. secretary, (Mr. T. Taylor (Gatesbead), was the winner of specials for the most points in classes 1, 2, and 3, and Mr. L. Dykes for most points in Yorkshire classes, and not the exhibitors named in our catalogue, the latter being a mistake. Many thanks for your "twittering" re our short entry; it helped to bring in a very good one in the end, over 500. All the birds were packed and in the hands of the railway companies by 10 o'clock the last evening of the show.

All Happy at Cheltenham.

Everyone seemed very happy at Cheltenham, writes our representative, with the excellent show, while the hall it was held in delighted visitors, who said it was far the best the society had ever hit upon. The society deserves support; its officials are the best of fanciers, and its show is grandly managed.

Trouble About a Parrot.

With reference to the case reported in last week's CAGE BIRDS, where Mrs. Seddon, of Liverpool, was fined £10 on a charge preferred by Mr. George Collinson, of Huddersfield, we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Seddon (son), stating that an appeal is being made against the magistrates' decision, on the ground that the conviction is "wrong in law," and that the case was not one in which a criminal prosecution could hold good. He promises us a report of the proceedings.

At Dulwich and Peckham Show.

The opening ceremony was of a very pleasing character, the Mayor, who officiated, and Dr. Freemantle, who supported him, making felicitous speeches, the former expressing his pleasure and surprise at the character of the exhibition, and stating that he considered the hobby just about the best anyone could take up. Before leaving the hall, His Worship subscribed £1 1s. to the funds, and the Mayoress 10s. 6d., while the worthy Doctor also left £1 1s. as a token of his appreciation. The society presented a fine Canary, in a lovely brass cage, to the Mayoress, the chairman Mr. Tringham's little daughter gracefully officiating.

Are You for Nottingham?

It is Nottingham Show this week-end. Are you going? We expect the answer from hundreds of our readers will be: "Why, certainly. We never miss it." The old-established fixture in the city of the Goose Fair has every claim to be considered the premier show of the Midlands, both for attractiveness and accessibility, and the crowd of fanciers who annually makes pilgrimage there constitutes a remarkable sight in itself. We hear there is to be a splendid display of birds this Saturday and Monday (14th and 16th), both in number and quality, so that those who venture this year will be well pleased—and those who have to stop away are to be commiserated with.

Echoes from Falkirk Show.

That the show was a big success; that the entries, 535, made a record; that the members are elated; that they have a right to be; that secretary Chubb worked hard and well; that Mrs. Chubb was a power in herself; that her work was highly appreciated; that the hall was too small; that visitors were out in strong force, and delighted with the quality of the birds; that the specials were a big attraction; that an extra judge would have been an advantage; that considering the number of classes they got through well; that the forthcoming show of Scotch Fancies promises to be a good one; that the Derby bird has been already selected; that the judge may differ on the point; that a noted fancier from Rutherglen will judge; that "Sandy" knows a Scotch Fancy when he sees it.—SCOTCH FANCY.

Parrots for Pleasure & Profit.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

Being full instructions on the Caging and Treatment in health and disease of the Grey, Amazon, and other popular Parrots.

In writing of Parrots, one naturally takes the "Grey" first, although the Blue-fronted Amazon runs it close as a talker, and is much hardier when first imported, requiring no special care.

The Grey Parrot is so well known that a description seems superfluous. However, I must go on the usual lines, and begin by describing the bird. The Grey measures from ten to twelve inches long, is a pretty pearl grey in colour, being much lighter on the rump between the wing tips. The feathers on the head and neck, and often on the underparts, are also edged with a much lighter grey. The tail is short and broad, and its colour is bright scarlet. The beak is black and very strong, and the face is bare white skin and appears to be covered with a chalky substance; in fact even the bird's feathers seem to be chalky. The eyes are straw colour, and the legs ash colour.

Young Greys when first imported may be distinguished by their dark grey, almost black eyes. These begin to get paler when the bird is about seven months old and when it has reached the age of twelve months, are almost as pale as in the adults.

How to Sex Grey Parrots.

It is very difficult to distinguish the difference between the sexes, but a practised eye can usually tell the sex of a Parrot at a glance. In the case of such birds as Rosellas, Mealy Rosellas, and many other species in which the plumage of the sexes is exactly alike, if an aviculturist gets genuine pairs, he can carefully compare them, I mean sit and watch them closely, and look at them well in the face, when he will soon get to know the hen from the cock at a glance as well as he knows his own friends apart. Of course, he will then be surprised that other people cannot see the difference in them as well as he can.

I believe the late Mr. J. Abrahams was the one to discover a difference in the sex of Grey Parrots by the shape of the white skin on the face. He carefully compared them for a number of years, and came to the conclusion that the bare skin of the face was more rounded behind the eye in the case of the hen than in that of the cock. In the latter the white is more pointed behind the eye. My own opinion is that male Grey Parrots are very scarce in this country, but for what reason I cannot say, unless it be that more males than females die on arrival. Why I have formed this opinion I will state. I have been a taxidermist for over thirty years, and during that time I have had many Grey Parrots pass through my hands for stuffing; some have been most noted talkers, one bird having a forty years' reputation. Yet, during the whole of my experience, I have never yet found one of them to be a male, although every one has been carefully dissected after being skinned.

So, in choosing a Grey Parrot, I think no one need trouble about the sex of the bird. There is a Grey now only about a mile from my home, belonging to an old cottager; this bird is a most talented talker, and would not be dear at £10 Yet there is not a year goes by but she lays two or three white eggs in the bottom of her cage. So it is far more important in buying a Grey to see that you get a good, healthy bird, than to trouble about its sex.

The Evils of Importation.

If Greys were imported in a proper manner, they would be as hardy as any of the foreign birds we get, but they are crowded into boxes almost as thick as herrings, with just room enough to stand upright, the boxes measuring about 24ins. from front to back, with no ventilation except that provided by the wire front, and seldom any means by which they may be cleaned out. This kind of cage certainly keeps them free from draught, but what a stifling heat it must be for those at the back, to mention nothing about the unhealthy fumes which arise from the excrement on the bottom. So it is nothing to be wondered at that so many young Greys are sent out by the dealers already tainted with disease, only to die within a fortnight or three weeks.

I am not a man of science, so I cannot tell why it takes so long for this disease to show itself; but I once tried an experiment which may interest some of my readers. I had from a dealer in Shoreditch 6 Pennant Parrakeets and 4 Rosellas, which began dying off the day after I received them, and within a fortnight were all dead. As he had been advertising them for about three weeks, I thought the disease must take some time to develop, or he would have lost all his stock in that time. So as I had a Rosella in one of my outdoor aviaries that was useless, on account of an injured wing of long standing, I caught her and put her in the cage with the last two which were dying, scattering the seed on the bottom so that she should pick it up from among the others' voidings. In this way, I think the bird must have got infected within the first two days; yet she did not show the slightest symptoms until five weeks from the day she was put into the cage, when she became listless, sitting with closed eyes. Diarrhœa came on, getting more severe each hour, and in 48 hours, she got from a plump bird to a perfect skeleton, the disease only showing itself 48 hours before death. So readers will see from this that a dealer may have a hundred Greys in his possession, and everyone of them may be infected, and sent out only to die, for I believe the disease is exactly the same; the symptoms and death are, I know.

If a Grey lives over six weeks after you get it, I think you may be sure it is alright. Two years ago, I had 50 Egyptian Quails from a London dealer, and they were infected in the same way. I tried everything I could think of, but without effect, until I had only seven left. I then thought of Condy's Fluid, and so put some in their drinking water, making it quite coloured. This seemed to have immediate effect. One died, which was very bad before; but the other six quite recovered, and lived two years in one of my outdoor aviaries.

So, if ever again I went in for young Greys, I think I should give them a little Condy's in their drinking water on alternate days, and a little brandy on the intervening days for the first few weeks. The water should never be allowed to remain in the cage of a newly-imported Grey, but should be offered two or three times a day, and always with the chill taken off. I never give newly-imported birds of any kind cold water, but put just sufficient hot into it to take off the chill. It is best to cover the cage at night, leaving a small space at the top for ventilation; this keeps off all draught, and even an ordinary living room becomes cold about four or five o'clock in the morning, as anyone will find who sleeps in a chair all night, and lets the fire go out.

The Feeding and Treatment of Greys.

The very best food for a Grey when first imported is boiled maize, made just soft enough to be pressed quite flat between the finger and thumb. Great care must be taken to give this fresh, as it will soon go sour, when diarrhœa will result. The food tin must also be scalded out each time before fresh food is given. After the first week or two, the bird may be weaned on to dry seed. This can be done by three-parts filling its tin with hemp and small grey sunflower-seed, and covering the top with the boiled maize. When the bird has eaten the maize he will taste the hemp and sunflower, and will soon prefer these to the maize; but the maize must not be given up too suddenly.

Also offer the birds every day a bit of dry biscuit and a bit of banana. Apples they are fond of, but my experience is, that apple is liable to give birds diarrhœa; I much prefer banana. Young Greys have a habit at first of making a horrible squawking noise every time anyone goes near their cage. The best way I know of stopping this is to put the cage on the table when the bird has got hungry, stop your ears with cotton-wool, and then sit down and talk to it in the most endearing tones you are capable of, and (if he will eat it) offering it a piece of banana at the same time, or a piece of sweet biscuit; and don't forget that the bird does not make this noise in anger, but in fear. As soon as you convince your bird that you are not going to hurt it, and that you are its best friend, you will get no more squawking.



One of Scotland's Well-known Hybrids.

Greenfinch-Bullfinch, First Prize City of Glasgow Show for Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate).

When and How to Train Parrots.

When your bird goes fairly tame, and allows you to feed and water it without making a noise, then is the time to tame it, for the sooner it becomes perfectly tame, the sooner it will learn to talk. Now, the best way to make your bird quite tame is to always hang its water tin in the doorway of its cage, or better still, on the outside of the doorway, with the door open. Get your bird used to coming down to the doorway for its drink. When it is used to this, let it get very thirsty, and then open its cage door and hang a water tin outside, so that it must put its head outside to drink. Then when it attempts to drink, have your hand just above where its head will be when the bird is drinking, and without frightening it, try to scratch its poll.

You will not effect this at first, but with a little patience, you will eventually be able to do it. After this you will soon find he will come to the open door or the cage wires to have his poll scratched. With proper treatment you will soon be able to do almost anything with it

The Seed Mixture.

The seed mixture recommended for Grey Parrots by one authority is as follows: one part wheat, two of dari, two of hemp, and two of Canary by measure, together, of course, with banana, etc. Now, I cannot tell whether this authority speaks from an experience with these birds, but I must say I have never yet had a Grey, or an Amazon, or a Macaw, or any other of the Parrot tribe, that would touch dari, and very seldom wheat. Having at one time seven Greys, eight Blue-fronted Amazons, a Double-fronted Green-cheek, a Yellow-nape, a Red-vented, and two Macaws, I sent to London for a bushel of the best dari that could be got, and in a month my birds had not eaten half-a-pint of it between them, so I sold it to someone as a food for Doves.

I think hemp is the best staple food for Parrots, with about half its quantity of Canary seed mixed with it; and as a change from the hemp, I give grey sunflower seed. But I do not give sunflower and hemp at same time.

Grit is very essential for Parrots. I think none better than Spratt's Parrot grit. But when giving it first it should not be left in the cage, for after probably having been kept from grit for a long time, the bird may eat more than is good for it. Hang the tin of grit in the cage, and let the bird pick it over for a few minutes, after which take it away. Of course, after a few days, the grit tin should be kept constantly hung in the cage. I always cover my cage bottoms with pitch-pine sawdust; it keeps them so sweet and clean.

Mimics as Well as Talkers.

There is no particular way of teaching a Parrot to talk, except by repeating to them the sentence you wish them to learn. But Greys generally pick up most of what they learn. Amazons, it will be found, require more teaching. There are a few Greys I know that are really exceptional talkers, and seem almost to know the meaning of what they say. One of them even mimics the actions of a person as well as words. When my friend is going out, if he puts on his overcoat, a Parrot of his will go through all the motions exactly the same. But I think the most amusing bird I ever heard was one I saw about thirty years ago in a certain hotel. A customer would say, "Can you count ten, Polly?" The answer would come promptly, "Yes." Customer: "Come on, then." Polly, counting fast: "One, two, three, four, five, six, eight, nine"—then a pause; "D—— it, I left out seven." The last sentence usually caused roars of laughter, for Polly said it so earnestly.

(To be continued.)

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The Treatment of Thrushes & Blackbirds in Captivity.

By MISS M. E. PALMER.

Many articles have already been written on the above subject, but I have no doubt a little advice to the novice will be welcomed. By carefully following the directions given below the novice will have little cause for disappointment.

Now suppose you want a nice, tame bird; do not go rushing off to a bird-shop for it; you will very probably only be able to obtain a fresh-caught one which is absolutely of no use. Such birds never become tame; certainly never so tame as a hand-reared one. Get instead a nest of young ones about 10 or 12 days old, i.e., when the quills in tail and wings are just sprouting, and put them in a rather deep basket with a lid. The basket, however, must first be lined with fine, soft hay.

On Feeding the Young.

Do not force the little things to eat just at first, as they will probably be rather shy. Shut down the lid of the hamper and wait until they cry for food, which they generally do very soon. Then open the lid of the basket and you will find that they will gape readily enough.

Their food should consist of the following: One part finely-crushed puppy biscuit, two parts hard-boiled yolk of egg, and two parts soaked ants' eggs (the best). Just before feeding the birds moisten the food with warm new milk to the consistency of milk sop. Prepare only just sufficient of it at a time for one meal, as it is very liable to turn sour during hot weather. The young birds must be fed every half-hour from 6 a.m. till dusk during the first week, and every hour or two afterwards. In addition to their stock food they may have mealworms, beetles (small), snails, slugs, flies, caterpillars, earwigs, etc.

The food must be given them on a shaped and hollowed-out stick (see sketch), and put well at the back of the bird's mouth, or it will very likely be rejected, as these birds do not close the bill after a mouthful like young Finches. Do this very carefully, as the bills of young birds are very tender. In about a month's time your birds will begin to feed themselves.

Transferring to Separate Cages.

When you find your charges becoming restless, transfer them to separate cages. The size of each cage is a very important matter; it should not be less than 30 ins. long, 24 ins. high, and 20 ins. deep, and should have a good, deep tray for cleaning purposes. A zinc tray is the best, as it can be washed and does not rust like iron or tin, nor does it swell when wetted like wood; nothing is more annoying than to find when you go to clean out a cage that the sand drawer sticks so that the bird is frightened by the sudden jerk, when it gives way. This will not happen if you use zinc trays. Any ironmonger or zinc worker will make you one for a few pence.

Peat moss or road grit is the best floor covering for these birds. The cage should have two doors, one in front and one at the side. Three perches are required, natural branches being used for preference, the best position for which will be seen in sketch.

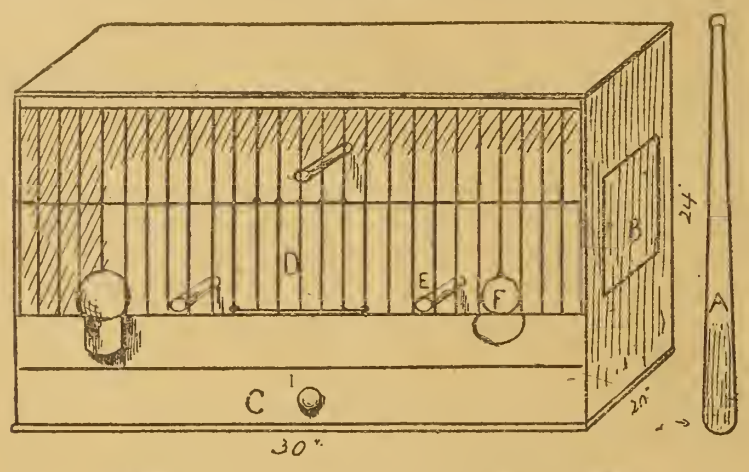
From Milk to Meat.

Now you must gradually wean the youngsters off the sloppy food you have been giving, and on to the following: 4 parts crushed puppy biscuit or pheasant meal, 1 part meat meal or fine crissel, and 2 parts ants' eggs. Prepare this as follows: Soak the meat meal in boiling water for ten minutes, then strain the water off and stir in biscuits and ants' eggs; add a little cold boiled potato, raw scraped carrot, lettuce, or finely-minced watercress.

I do not give egg to adult birds except during the moult. If properly made the food should be just crumbly moist.

Insects and clean water should also be given. None of my birds seem to care much about fruit, though a Thrush I have is rather fond of melon and banana.

In a few weeks' time the cock birds will begin to sing softly to themselves, and by the time they are over their moults will be in full song. They are generally at their best, so far as song is concerned, in their third year. Thrushes and Blackbirds, as we know, have sweet songs, but the Missel Thrush, Fieldfare and Redwings do not sing so often or so sweetly; they all, however, make excellent pets.



Miss Palmer's Thrush or Blackbird Cage.

A: Feeding stick for hand-rearing. B: Side door. C: Sand-tray. D: Sliding door. E: Perches. F: Holes for feeding purposes.

Colour-feeding Not Necessary.

I never colour-feed my birds, but I give them plenty of insects to eat and clean water to bathe in during the moult, and I find their colour is quite good enough.

I have only exhibited one bird—a Thrush—but he won two firsts and specials, one second, and one v.h.c., the only times he was shown, together with such birds as Waxwings, Great Grey Shrikes, Nuthatches, and, of course, Missel Thrushes, Blackies and Song Thrushes. And he has not even seen colour-food.

All the Thrush family are passionately fond of a bath, and they should be given one every day during the summer, and twice a week during the winter. The bath is best taken out of the cage, as it saves the cage from getting wet, damp being very injurious to birds. If a mealworm is placed in the cage after the bird has bathed, he will go in after it, and the door can then be closed. After a few times he will return to his cage of his own accord.

Plenty of Light and Fresh Air.

All birds are best kept in an unwarmed room, as the heat of a fire or a gas stove tends to make the feathers drop out, and they are also more liable to be worried by red mite. To have plenty of baths, light, and fresh air, is the best way of keeping these pests off. My birds are very seldom troubled with the red-mite.

At all times keep your birds perfectly clean, both in the nest and in the cage. They will require cleaning out every day if you wish them to look spick and span and keep their feet clean.

An Attempt at Breeding.

I do not advise the keeping of these birds in pairs in a cage, some being very pugnacious, though I should say a pair of Thrushes I had were on excellent terms with each other. The hen made a nest in an old one I had given her, and laid three eggs, but unfortunately laid them on the floor, where the cock promptly broke them. After this Mrs. Thrush gave up housekeeping, and the cock fell in love with a wild Thrush that lived in the garden, whom he welcomed with loud singing. But this was not the worst; the faithless husband clawed his poor little wife about so roughly that I had to remove her and bring naughty Mr. Thrush indoors. I dare say one would obtain better success in an aviary.

THE HAWFINCH AS A CAGE PET.

By J. W. CUTMORE.

(Continued from page 309.)

From my experience I have learned one thing, which chiefly concerns the exhibitor of the Hawfinch, and that is that there is a danger of the birds getting a claw smashed if kept in an aviary; if suddenly surprised he sometimes flies with great force against the wire netting. In a cage a fresh-caught bird will frequently catch a claw in the v-shape formed on each side of the drinking holes, and nip off a tip; and if it bleeds freely it will frequently dry up, and grow no more. The small rings formed at the top of the ordinary sliding-up door are also dangerous.

New Form of Steadying Cage.

I am constructing a new form of cage for the purpose of steadying down the Hawfinch in. It is one having no door on the front, no drinking holes, and no inside catches, and has a calico top, a door at each end for running the bird out for spraying, etc., a food and a water vessel fixed on little hinged doors in the centre of the front rail, clear from the cross perches (these perches being the only ones), and doors fastened with buttons outside. There is one objection an exhibitor may make to this cage, and that is that it has no drinking hole, and all show cages have them. The general objection to placing the water inside because of pollution is ruled out of court if the vessel is kept clear from the perches, and given fresh daily. The size of the cage is 21 inches long, 18 inches high, and 11 inches deep.

About the Moult.

The moultings of the Hawfinch and of the Goldfinch, for instance, are very different when the birds are kept in a cage. The Goldfinch, if properly fed and given a bath frequently, gets over it quickly and naturally; but with the Hawfinch it is different He is rather slow in starting, and the process is slower.

It takes a young Hawfinch about four weeks to grow a bib after the first sign is noticed near the margin of the lower mandible. It is a serious matter for the bird if he fails to moult in season, because he seldom lives to have another chance. I have moulted my birds outside in both a small aviary and an ordinary breeding cage, in an outhouse, with a bit of muslin drawn across the upper half of the cage front for shelter. The bird seems to appreciate this arrangement.

I trust that my effort in this article to stimulate a greater interest in a bird that, to my mind, has not been fairly treated by earlier writers, may not prove futile. I often think if he were an alien, what an attraction he would have for us.

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The Red Mite Nuisance.

Those little pests known as Red Mite are often a source of trouble to bird-keepers and their charges, and this contribution, which is written by Mr. J. C. DAVIES, and originally appeared in the "Bazaar," tells us something of their life history and discusses means of cure.

Probably all those who have had much experience of Canary-keeping have also had some experience of Red Mite. No pest is, indeed, more dreaded by breeders than these ubiquitous parasites, which, if not perpetually guarded against, soon overrun the cages and cause the greatest discomfort to the inmates. Like most other parasites of a similar nature, Red Mites are chiefly troublesome in the summer, particularly in hot weather. In heated bird-rooms, however, they may thrive and multiply the whole year round, and will then cause endless trouble to birds and owner.

These parasites are *Acarina*, or Mites, creatures of small dimensions, with short, thick bodies, and no appreciable head and neck. Once seen, their identity is unmistakable, as besides being decidedly red in colour, large specimens are about the size of a pin's head and easily visible to the naked eye, and the young ones appear as animated scarlet specks. The flattish bodies of Red Mites when running about (which they do most actively) are raised above the legs, and when in motion they suggest little red spiders more than anything else.

As a further aid to identification it may be mentioned that the *Dermanyssus avium*, as they are scientifically called, will usually be found in colonies of a great number of individuals, generally ensconced in some small hole in the wall, crack or joint in the woodwork, or especially in or beneath the lining of the nest-pan when there are young birds. Upon disturbances of their habitation the parasites scuttle actively about, and a certain nimbleness on the part of the operator is necessary to prevent distributing them broadcast.

The life-history of the Red Mites agrees closely with that of the other *Acarina*. The females lay eggs which, in a few days, hatch out into minute Mites (larvæ), distinguishable by being provided with only three instead of four pairs of legs. In a short time these immature specimens go through a change which leaves them with a fourth pair of egs (nymphal or pupal stage). A further metamorphosis brings about the development of the reproductive organs, and the Acarus is now a pubescent male or female, the former being always smaller in size and fewer in number than the latter. Finally, after mating, the females alone go through one more change, which makes them ovigerous or egg-laying females, and the cycle is complete. The rapidity with which one generation succeeds another is probably dependent upon the warmth of the weather and a favourable environment; under the best conditions a week or two possibly suffices to see the birth of a new generation. The colour of Red Mites is, to some extent, dependent upon whether the individuals are full or fasting; mature females, however, always seem to be darkish (under the microscope, purplish) in hue, whereas males and immature specimens are bright scarlet. These differences may, though be due to a preference for venous or arterial blood at different ages.

As already hinted, Red Mites live and breed in holes and cracks in the vicinity of their prey, and not upon the bodies of their victims. They are almost exclusively nocturnal in habit, and at nightfall issue forth from their hiding-places, spread themselves over the birds within reach, and by pricking with their sharp rostrums extract a notable quantiy of blood. Their punctures are not, as a rule, visible; indeed, their attacks are often quite unsuspected by the owner of the birds, who is frequently ignorant of the cause of the mysterious loss of condition, wasting, and even death of his charges. A close examination of cracks in the woodwork of the cages, the ends of the perches, or the picking out with a pin of any small holes in the stonwork of the walls will sometimes create a surprising exodus of scurrying Mites, which can be promptly exterminated with a drop of paraffin oil.

As *Dermanyssus avium* can live for months without satisfying its sanguinary appetite, it is not sufficient merely to remove the cages temporarily from the suspicious neighbourhood, as when returned months later the Mites will probably be found still waiting for a suitable host. The pests must be destroyed with limewash, boiling water, or some dilute parasiticide, such as carbolic acid or creolin. Personally, we have found paraffin oil quite as good as and much cheaper than the camphor dissolved in methylated spirit which is often recommended as a dressing for Canary breeding-cages. If every crack, joint, and crevice is carefully gone over with a small brush dipped in paraffin, all lurking Mites and their eggs will be successfully destroyed, and it is then advisable to distemper or limewash the cages inside to complete the cure. (We have ourselves found turpentine one of the best possible exterminators of Red Mite; or it can be mixed with paraffin in equal parts, and thus be rendered cheaper in use. A suitable brush, such as a one or one-and-a-half inch flat paint brush, is all that is needed to apply it to the cages, etc. Both the pests and their eggs will be destroyed.—EDITOR "C.B.")



Red Mite, very highly magnified.
(As seen under microscope).

Of course, if a few Mites are seen at any time they can be killed very easily, as comparatively slight pressure causes them to crush. If their presence is only suspected, it is not a bad plan to hang up a white cloth over the cage at night, and some Mites, if present, will be found on it in the morning; or to crumple up a piece of white paper and place it between the bars of the cage, or—if the birds pick it out—close up to the cage, and leave it for a day or two. If Red Mites are about some of them are sure to be found ensconced in the folds of the crumpled paper.

Where the Red Mites come from in the first instance is certainly something of a mystery. Some fanciers have thought that they are introduced in the seed or green stuff; others that they can only come on the bodies of newly-purchased birds from infested premises. It is possible that they are always present on all premises, and only increase unduly when they find an environment so peculiarly favourable to them as the vicinity of Canaries. Spiders are said to prey on them and keep them down; but we do not vouch for the accuracy of this statement, though it is extremely probable that some sorts of spiders eat any Mites they come across.

Red Mites do not, as a rule, find conditions favourable to their multiplication on man; but they may temporarily invade and bite human beings under certain conditions. People who have to pluck much poultry are the chief sufferers on the hands and arms and other exposed parts. Dogs and cats have also been known to suffer, and a peculiar eruption on cows have been traced to the Mites from Swallows' nests in the shed, and entirely ceased when these nests had been removed. It will be seen, then, that no trouble should be too great to exterminate this unpleasant Mite.

HOW I KEEP AND TRAIN MY LINNETS FOR SONG.

By J. Barber.

In writing these few notes on British birds, I do so in the hope that they will be of some use to someone who wishes to keep his birds in perfect health and feather, which we all ought to be anxious to do; it is our duty if we keep cage birds to see that they are properly fed and caged to the best of our ability. I will try and enable the reader therefore to do so, for what I have learned is what I have gathered by experience and from what I have seen. Many of us when first starting in the Fancy have sent for a dozen birds or so, and on arrival have turned them all into one large cage thinking there will be plenty of room for them; and after a few days we have seen them drooping and dying one by one and have stood by quite helpless, not knowing the cause. But I have found out since my earlier experiences that "one bird, one cage" is the best; and if they have come to me in a healthy condition I have always managed to keep them on this earth. Remember: When you have any fresh birds in—birds which you have sent away for—it is fresh clean water they first require. When I have any fresh-caught birds I have the cages all ready with plenty of sand in the bottoms, no seed at all in the cage, and the water fountains in their places. And when I have my birds in their cages I fill the fountains with water and cover the top of the water with seed, when they will not be long before finding it. When they have found their water I give them seed; if they are young birds they require scalded rape and crushed hemp until they can properly crack their own. I do not forget to give plenty of green-food, such as shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain stalks, and rape seedlings. (The last-mentioned are easily procured; sow some rape seed in boxes and keep them in a window or in any other suitable place which is under cover.) Supposing they are Linnets you have sent for and your wish is to get a good singing bird or two, don't think you are sure to get a contest winner out of a few odd birds, although you may be lucky enough to buy a good bird even though it is the only one you buy. The best plan is to buy as many as you have room for, as far as your pocket will allow, and then feed them so as to get them fierce and in full song, when you can pick out the freest singing and the best noted birds. Then if you do not require the others you can easily sell them for Muling purposes, or as call-birds for catching. Linnets, as a rule, do not sing their best in their first year; they are a great deal better after being house-moulted as they are steadier and seem to gain more confidence in you. If you obtain a bird which you think is good enough for contest singing begin at once to steady it. I have seen birds steadied by hanging their cages about four or five feet from the floor in a room where there is someone frequently passing to and fro, offering the birds every time they pass some tit-bit they have a great liking for. Birds treated thus will soon begin to know you. Another way of steadying them is: if you happen to have a corner where you always sit, hang your birds in the corner, level with your face, and offer them the tit-bits. Never let your Linnets see one another. When they are singing fiercely, if you have a friend who has any fierce birds, take your birds frequently with you to his house and see how they will sing against other birds in a strange place, and it will get them used to singing in strange places, by which they will soon come to know what is expected of them. I will now tell you how I feed my birds and how best to bring them fierce. For their stock-feed I give them 1lb. of Spanish Canary, 1lb. of German rape, 1lb. of English or black rape, ½lb. of teazle, ½lb. of linseed. When I am feeding them so as to bring them fierce I get ½lb. of dandelion seed, 1lb. gold of pleasure seed, 1lb. of clean charlock, ½lb. of maw, and ½lb. of turnip seed. I give them this mixture every other day, and when they don't have this I give them some wild seed which I have gathered, such as shepherd's purse, plantain, red weed, or any seeds I have seen Linnets feeding on in the fields. If you have not gathered any of these, go to the farmers when they are threshing their corn and ask them for some of their screenings, and when these are cleaned you have a fine assortment of seeds. For green-food, when it is scarce, I give them the rape seedlings mentioned above. Some of the birds I occasionally give a few drops of whisky in their water, but I prefer rum, or else essence of peppermint. I will give you my reason. Place a piece of liver in two cups and cover one piece with whisky and the other with rum, on the overnight; and the next morning look at them both and you will see which of the two liquids is the better to give birds. Some fanciers, when getting their birds ready for a singing contest, cover them well up (leaving it just light enough for them to see to eat and drink) for the last few days before the contest, and on the same day as the contest keep them in darkness until they are taken out for the same, not forgetting to give them a drink with something in their water. And when birds are hung up in the contest (if treated as I have advised) if they don't open their wings and sing for all they are worth when they see and hear other birds it will not be my fault nor their owner's.

A CANARY FIT.

The Sad Experiences of a Young Couple in Search of a Hobby.

Martha is something of a dog-fancier (relates "W. B." in the "Manchester Evening Chronicle"), but as she generally fancies dogs much beyond our moderate means, I persuaded her—not without difficulty—to adopt a less expensive hobby, to fancy something cheaper; birds, for instance. I see now that this was a ruinous suggestion, and, indeed, as far as mere expense was concerned, to have advised my wife to keep a pet rhinoceros would have been a saving.

The bird idea, once implanted, however, took firm root, and, as it were, brought forth fruit in due season, the first fruit being a mighty gorgeous Parrot. This I absolutely and finally refused to have about the place because, as I said—well, I gave my reasons.

Bitter Tears!

A few tears were shed, and Polly departed, only to be exchanged, however, for a couple of Doves! There are poets who rave about the cooing of Doves and liken it to "the soothing music heard by Love's young dream," and so on. And I don't dispute that it may be all that and much more to a poet; but to a sleepy man who needn't be knocked up till eight, there's not much soothingness in being disturbed at five every morning. So although I raved about the Doves equal to any poet, it was in a different way.

I didn't say anything to Martha, however, as relations between us were a trifle strained over the Parrot business; but I had a chat with Cardwell, our next-door neighbour, and at length prevailed upon him to come and make a complaint to me about our Doves disturbing his wife's rest, etc., etc. Needless to say, this little farce was timed for an evening, when Martha was present.

So the Doves went the way of the Parrot, and Cardwell's wife was crossed off our invitation list.

A Triumphant Entry.

Then came the Canary!

What, exactly, were the terms of the bargain Martha made with the bird-dealer, I don't know; but a few days after the Doves were returned a man brought a cage with a Canary in it. As he didn't fix the thing in position, Martha became quite friendly with me again, and I set to work to put up the cage.

At first we couldn't decide on the best place for it: the Canary, it appeared, was a delicate bird, must not be in a draught, nor near the fire, nor away from the light, nor where the cat could reach it. After due consideration of these conditions I fixed on a likely spot in the ceiling and brought the steps and some tools.

The matter presented little difficulty. At the first knock I made a hole about a foot square. Most of the loosened plaster fell on my head and I beat a hasty retreat, knocking over the bird-cage in transit.

A Clearance.

The cage-door burst open, and the startled Canary made a dash for liberty. Martha screamed and fussed about to such an extent that the frightened bird soon departed through the open window. We dashed through the front-door and gave chase, assisted by the whole neighbourhood, and so energetically that in half-an-hour we returned triumphant with the captured truant.

Then we discovered that some wanderer had entered the house by the front door (which Martha had obligingly left wide open), and in our absence had cleared the portable silver from the sideboard in the dining-room, and the two best umbrellas from the hall!

So far, so good; but the main thing at the moment was the Canary. I hung him up on high, and waited with a sad heart for his cheering song. I have waited for that song a considerable time now—nearly a fortnight, in fact—but the only notes I have heard so far are in the style of the chirp generally associated with a sparrow.

I don't like to say anything to Martha till she gets over the Canary fit but I have also noticed that the brilliant yellow of the bird's wings is changing to a dirty brown, and I sometimes wonder——!

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Our Coloured Plate: Four Favourite Buntings.

By S. A. SANDY.

Some Interesting and Practical Observations on the Corn, Reed, Cirl and Yellow Buntings: their life, both indoor and outdoor.

The various members of the Bunting Family, although utter failures as songsters, are very useful as exhibition birds, and no British bird exhibitor's stock should be considered complete without at least some specimens of the Yellow, the Cirl and Reed Buntings. If he has an unlimited amount of patience as well as "nerves of iron," he should also include a specimen or two of the Corn Bunting.

The family is a very numerous one, but, with the addition of the Snow Bunting which visits us in large numbers during the winter months, the Yellow, Cirl, Reed and Corn Buntings are the only species that have any real claim to be called British birds. During recent years a good number of Meadow Buntings have found their way on to the show bench in British bird classes, and also a few Ortolans, but I think the nationality of the specimens has in every case been open to question. They are both said to be migratory, and this is certainly correct, for I have very little doubt they had "assisted passages" over from some Continental port.

These Buntings are all resident species, and generally speaking very hardy birds. In winter they swarm round the stock-yards in great numbers, and feed upon the grain that is mostly found scattered around.

The Ever Popular Yellow Bunting.

The Yellow Bunting, or Yellowhammer (or "Ammer"), as it is more familiarly called, is the best known of the four birds under notice, and the most popular as a cage bird. But it has little to recommend its being kept in captivity, except for the purpose of lending a touch of colour to an aviary collection, or for the purposes of exhibition. In an aviary, it is very peaceful, and seems soon to make itself at home and upon good terms with the other occupants. I have, however, noticed that when I have kept a single specimen in my aviary for a good time, and have then turned in a fresh one, there has usually been a little disagreement to commence with; but they soon appear to become the best of friends

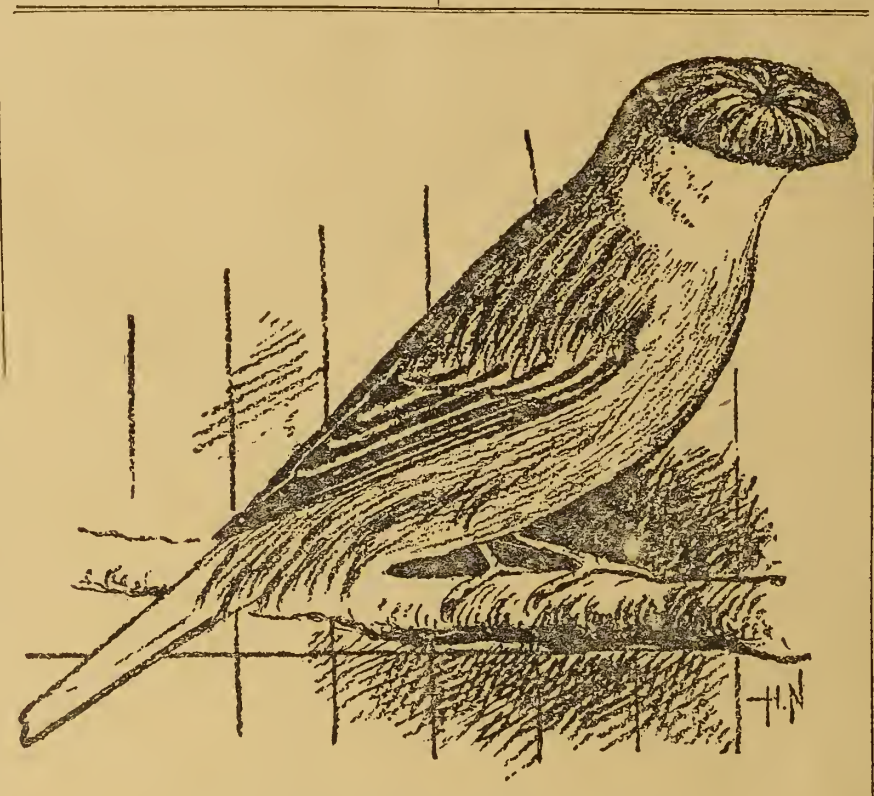
The staple diet of Yellow Buntings in captivity is Canary seed and the bird seems to do very well on this alone; beyond oats, it looks for little else, and will not eat hemp or linseed. In its wild state, it feeds very largely on insects when they are obtainable, and it consequently appreciates a tit-bit when caged, such as a few mealworms, flies, gentles, earwigs, and the like. I also give my Buntings a supply of soft food several times a week, and notice they are very fond of hard-boiled egg.

The Yellowhammer is common in almost every part of Great Britain, but I remember a few years back when staying in Devonshire taking a stroll in the evening through some fields on the outskirts of a town, and it seemed to me they were unusually plentiful in that part, for every few yards I heard the monotonous song (if song it can be called) which has been coined into "a little bit of bread and no cheese"; these words seem to fit very well to the six or seven short notes, and one long one for a finish, all uttered in the one key, and repeated a considerable number of times, the bird being perched on the top of some bush or hedge the while. This bird does not, however, confine itself to any particular locality, for it can be heard on most of the heaths and commons singing on some tall piece of furze or other bush.

It is, I am sure, needless for me to take up space in describing the plumage of the Yellowhammer for our artist, in the plate which is presented to the readers of CAGE BIRDS with this issue, has hit off the points of a perfect show specimen to a nicety, and I can imagine some of my friends wondering who possesses the bird from which Mr. Norman sketched his picture.

Desirable Points in the Yellowhammer

It is a very difficult matter to meet with a perfectly-marked specimen among those newly caught. A great deal of the markings and colouring depends upon the season of the year at which the bird is caught. For instance, after the autumn moult in the wild bird the head is usually heavily marked, as also is the throat; but as the spring approaches and the bird gets into breeding trim, the dark marks disappear, until the head in some cases is perfectly yellow, as in the Canary. I always think that a show bird, no matter of what species it be, should excel in the points most difficult to obtain, and I am bound to say I rather disagree with some of our judges who attach so much importance to size. Possibly I am wrong, but it always seems to me a fairly easy matter to get a big



A Noted West-Country Crested Canary.

Second Prize at Plymouth Show for Mr. J. Ryder (Plymouth).

Yellowhammer, showing plenty of yellow on the underparts, but badly marked on the cheeks and head. I have both seen and possessed a great number of Buntings, but for every one that is seen with dense markings running from the bill to the back of the head in the shape of a "V" and having heavy, dark, cheek marks and the crown of the head clear yellow, there are at least fifty with the head lines broken or irregular in shape, and the top of the head marked with small dark tips to the feathers.

Again, the back should be a rich tint of brown, the wing coverts nice and even, and the thigh marks regular. The yellow should extend from the throat down the breast as much as possible, and the bird should stand well on the perch and not crouch, as many of them do. I have found the medium-sized birds the best marked.

The show cage should be of the same size as that used for the Bramblefinch, and should be enamelled dark green, not quite so dark as for the Goldfinch. For a steady bird the cage illustrated in the issue of CAGE BIRDS of the 24th October last is about as good as anything I have yet found. I prefer to use well-damped fibre to sand for the cage bottom. The stock cage should be about 18 inches long and fairly roomy, with a door in front for a bath to be hung on. It is very seldom that societies provide a class especially for Yellow Buntings; the birds usually have to take their chance in the "A.O.S." class, and if there happens to be a Hawfinch in the class, the Bunting's chances of premier honour are somewhat remote.

The hen of this species is duller in the general plumage than the cock; it is usually smaller, and shows very little yellow. It is not worth keeping, as it stands little or no chance even in a class especially provided for hens.

As regards nesting operations, the birds go to nest at about April. The nest itself is composed of moss and dried grass, with a lining of hair, and may be found in a low bush or sometimes on a bank or among tangled herbage. The number of the eggs is given by most authorities as 4 or 5, but I have been told by several of my country friends that the usual number is 3.

The Beautiful Reed Bunting.

The Reed Bunting (or Reed Sparrow, as it is very often called), as its name implies, frequents the reed beds by the sides of rivers and streams, and for that matter may be found wherever there are plenty of sedges and reeds, in which it usually breeds. It is a resident species, and is generally distributed throughout the British Isles; but during the winter a movement south is said to take place, and the birds then congregate in small flocks.

An adult cock bird in full breeding plumage is a very taking bird. The head and throat are then a jet black, with a good sheen on the feathers, and the collar and marks at the sides of the throat are pure white, the breast being of a greyish white with dark markings on the flanks. The marks on the back are very regular in many specimens. Like the Yellow Bunting, this bird loses a good deal of its beauty after the autumn moult. The ends of the head and throat feathers are heavily tipped with brown and the collar and throat markings are buff instead of white; so that the bird is rarely seen at its best on the show bench.

The Reed Bunting is slightly smaller than the Yellow, being only six inches long. It is a restless bird in captivity, that is when caged, but in an aviary it seems quite at its ease, and keeps in the pink of condition. It is a great bather. Mine is usually one of the first into the bath, even in the coldest weather. I find, however, that the cocks do not agree quite so well as the males of the Yellow Bunting. They seem to take a delight in plucking the feathers from off each other, which is rather inconvenient if they happen to be wanted for exhibition purposes.

Reed Buntings do very well on plain Canary seed, but when newly caught, should have a rather liberal supply of mealworms or gentles for a week or so, for in their natural state they feed largely on aquatic insects. It is a good plan to put several in a spacious cage when they are first caught, as they seem to settle down better. But you will soon have to separate them, or they will commence the plucking operation.

The hen of this species is smaller than the cock, and has no black on the head and throat nor a white collar. It is very restless when first caged, but usually stands a good chance of being in the "tickets" in a hen class at an exhibition. If caged it should be given a bath daily, by which means it will keep in splendid order. I am in favour of colour-feeding this species, for I have found it puts a good sheen on the feathers and a rich tint. But I will deal with the question of colour-feeding further on. I have moulted a fair number of this species, and have found them to do well.

The Reed's Domestic Arrangements.

The nesting operations are commenced towards the latter part of March, and the nest, which consists of moss and dried grasses and is lined with the feathery tops of reeds may be found sometimes upon the ground or in small willows or clumps of reeds. The eggs number from 4 to 6 and are of a buffish colour, streaked and spotted with dark purple brown. The Cuckoo, by the way, is supposed to be somewhat partial to the nest of the Reed Bunting.

Two broods constitute the average, but sometimes as many as three are reared during the summer. It will, therefore, be seen that compared with some of our other birds, these are at any rate are workers. The youngsters resemble the hen, but if it is desired to select the cocks from hens in the nest feather, the safest way will be to take the largest birds.

The same sized show cage does well as was recommended above in the case of the Yellow, but it may be enamelled either dark blue or darkish green—the bird looks well in either.

The Cirl Bunting's Attractions.

Fanciers are perhaps less familiar with this pretty Bunting than with the two species we have been considering. It is by no means numerous in any part of Great Britain, and with the exception of the Southern parts of England, may be called rare. In Scotland and Ireland, it is practically unknown, except in captivity.

Its plumage is perhaps more striking than that of any of the others under notice. An adult cock has a yellow streak over each eye, the ceres, ear coverts and throat are black, followed by a pale yellow collar and a broad band of olive grey, succeeded by chestnut stripes and patches, with the abdomen and underparts yellow. The back, flights and tail are almost identical with those of the Yellow Bunting, and the length is usually a shade over 6 inches. After studying the plate, any reader should be able to easily identify a specimen, should he come across one.

Like all the Buntings, it has no musical attainments, its song being similar to that of the Yellow Bunting, without the last two notes. My friend, Mr. Walter Swaysland, of Brighton, in the course of a little birdy chat, told me that a few pairs built regularly at Portslade, in Sussex. He had found the nest sometimes in small bushes, and sometimes in a hole in a bank.

The young number from 4 to 5, and are very dull in plumage. The hen is slightly smaller than the cock, and is without the black throat and cheek markings, showing hardly any yellow in the plumage. The Cirls require a stock cage the same as that advised for the Yellow and Reed Buntings, and the show cage should also be of the same size, and enamelled a medium green in colour. The bird has to take its chance in a Bunting class, or in small shows in the "any species" class, but it usually gets near the top, for it is a species that catches the judge's eye.

As regards food, I have found that it thrives well for a while on Canary seed, but I consider it requires more attention to keep it in the pink of condition, than



FOUR FAVOURITE BUNTINGS.

CORN BUNTING. REED BUNTING. CIRL BUNTING. YELLOW BUNTING.

FOUR FAVOURITE BUNTINGS—continued.

do the others, and it should have a frequent supply of soft food and a more liberal insect diet.

The Largest of the Buntings.

As will be seen from the plate, the Corn Bunting very much resembles the Song Thrush in the breast markings, the spots appearing quite as distinct as in that bird. The plumage generally is the same shade as the Skylark and that is why we call the bird a Bunting Lark. Like the Lark, it frequently builds on the ground in a clover field, or under a clod of earth in a cornfield. The nest is a loose affair composed of dried grass, small roots and a little moss. The eggs are large, and are of a dull whitish colour, blotched and streaked with purple brown. The Corn Bunting has no song whatever, and the call note uttered from the top of some tall bush may best be described as "tio tio teese."

When fresh caught, this species is about as wild a bird as any fancier could possibly be unfortunate enough to find. It seems to do little else but feed and make frantic efforts to get free. It should be placed in a low cage with a canvas top, and should be hung in some part of the bird room, or in the kitchen where people are constantly passing too and fro; it may then become sufficiently steady to be shown at an exhibition, after the first cage moult; but I think the chances of success on the show bench, where steadiness very rightly plays a prominent part, are very remote until after the bird has passed through a couple of cage moults.

It of course requires a roomy cage when properly tamed, and the show cage should be of about the same measurements as that for the Hawfinch. For exhibition, the bird should be colour-fed, undoubtedly, and I think the judge when he sees a nice specimen shown, is pretty sure to recognise it by giving it an award. We must not forget that the judge sees before him the finished article, and unless he is a practical British bird keeper, probably has but a very vague idea of the patience that has been bestowed on our friend.

Its food should be Canary seed and plenty of oats, with a mealworm or two now and again as a delicacy. I do not think insect food is nearly so necessary for this species as for the other three species.

I have found each of the four birds fond of bathing, and as the bath is about the finest thing by which to keep a bird in good order, it goes without saying that it should have access to a bath every day where possible.

I have not found my Buntings to care much for green food; in fact, I have given up including it in their daily menu.

The Colour-feeding of Buntings.

I have previously referred to the question of colour feeding. I think it is essential in the cases of Yellow, Cirl, and Corn Buntings, if one wishes to get that density of yellow and that rich tint to the darker feathers, which are so much sought for in high-class exhibition birds; besides which, I find from experience that when moulted on colour feed, the birds have a finish that is seldom seen in a non-fed bird, and are far superior to field-moulted ones.

When colour-feeding, I commence to use the red feed early in August; I gradually reduce the supply of seed and increase the number of mealworms, etc., until I find the birds, especially the Yellow and Cirl Buntings, casting their body feathers freely, then I drop the seed altogether, and feed on ants' eggs, dried flies, etc.—in fact the food I use for my insectivorous birds. To this I add sufficient red feed to make the food a deep red in colour. The yellow parts of the birds should not be red, but an intense yellow. Some specimens take the colour more deeply than others, and if a specimen shows signs of coming out too hot, the quantity of feed should, of course, be reduced. It is as bad to turn the bird out too red as too pale.

When they are finishing up the moult, I put them back on seed again, but I keep up a little red food until the birds are well over the moult. I give a bath daily as I think it helps a free moult; I also put a small piece of sulphate or iron in the drinking water every other day.

The Koller, Glucke and Flute Notes of the Roller Canary.

A [Paper read before the British Roller C.C., by Mr. J. C. Schluter, being a translation from an article by Mr. L. Tretter in the "Allgemeine Kanarien-Zeitung."

Not so very long ago I was discussing with a few old friends, all, of course, being "birdy-men," our favourite topic, viz., Canary-Breeding. By and by, the conversation drifted to the "Koller," and one of my friends remarked: "I have been looking for a bird with the Koller for the last three years, and now, quite by accident, I have got hold of one; you cannot imagine how fortunate I consider myself in possessing a bird with this noble tour. Please come and hear it, and you will find it one of the greatest pleasures of our time to hear again a bird sing his song from the depth of his breast, after the tiring monotony that we have been used to of late."

The Revival of the "Koller."

Such and similar are the ideas of a good many other present-day breeders, and especially of those who have been breeding for this tour—unfortunately now so rare—and who remember the time when it was in its prime. That which one calls a "Kollertour" nowadays is nothing more than a shadow of that beautiful tour of bygone days.

It is only Koller-like tours that one hears now. Considering the fact that the demand for these tours is greater now than it was a few years ago, and, further, that a refinement of taste seems to have taken place amongst breeders, it is safe to predict that if the way to the "good old song" has not already been found, it soon will be, for at every possible opportunity—at club-meetings and in the Fancy Press—one hears of people lamenting the disappearance of those tours, at the same time giving expression to the hope of their early re-appearance.

And the young breeders, inspired by the old and yet new idea, ask: "We shall be glad to take up and care for these birds, but where can we hear and buy them?"

The "Koller" Described.

Let us now have a closer look at the "Koller" tour, already mentioned. Many breeders may not have had an opportunity of hearing it and, therefore, can form no idea of its beauty and effect. If I now take the liberty of describing it, I shall only give my own impressions from what I have actually heard. I describe the Koller as a deep, hollow, breast tour, which, rendered with a closed beak, combines sounds like Knorre, Glucke, Schockel, etc., in a wonderful richness of tone, which is still further enhanced by the tender, quick change of the sounds: o, u, ü, ö within one and the same song. As the light gleams in many colours, so the Koller shines in richness of tone! Now the bird presents to us the ü (pronounce between u and ee), with the guttural sounds g and kw, then he changes the ü for u (falls) or ö, o, and combines these sounds with b, bl, or r, somewhat like this: kwrruru rürübloooobe. These variations are the origin of that beautiful melody from which one might imagine to hear a triad.

If I have said before that the Hollow-roll has always been one of the noblest tours of the Canary's song, I should like to say with regard to the Koller that it is the finest—the Queen of all tours. And, therefore, it ought to be judged on the basis of main-tours, such as Hollow-roll, Knorre, Water-roll, etc., and to be awarded up to 12 points.

The "Glucke" Considered.

If you empty an ordinary beer-bottle filled with water, you will hear a glucking sound, sometimes accompanied by beautifully hollow and full-sounding echoes, making quite a distinct "gluck-gluck." We also hear the gluck-gluck in the fowl-run when the old hen calls her chicks. Very similar to these sounds is a tour of our birds' song, and which has derived its name from them, viz., the Glucke. One has to distinguish between Water, Hollow, Bell-Glucke, and Glucke-roll.

The Water-Glucke resembles the sound which you get when you empty a bottle of water. The silvery sounds glucklukluk, glokloklok or lokloklok, luklukluk follow each other in quick succession, but between the syllables there are short intervals which remind one of the bell tours. If you hear the vowel a or ä, the good sound is missing, and this fault is called the flat Glucke. This tour also loses through the too liberal use of the guttural sounds of k and g.

The Hollow-Glucke I. should compare with the Glucke of our house-fowl. Consonants and vowels are the same as with the Water-Glucke, only the rippling, watery sounds are missing. A very beautiful tour was the former Double-Glucke, which, however, seems to have quite disappeared.

The Bell-Glucke has its name from its ending in the letter i (pronounce ee): gluigluiluilui or kluiklui, and it used to be a very fine tour. It was the more beautiful when the i was the more metallic and pure.

The Gluck-roll is a Glucke rendered with the letter r. Started with kl or gl, the syllables u, ü, i are joined by the consonant r, which gives the tour its rolling character.

At all the exhibitions of last year, which I visited partly as a judge and partly as an ordinary visitor, I only heard two birds with a Glucke, and that was the Hollow-Glucke in each case. It is truly as magnificent as it is valuable. It was a pity the birds only treated us to it for such a short time. But this tour requires a great deal of work of the larynx, because all the sounds have to be formed there. In no other tour do we find so many consonants before and between the keynote, as in those of Glucke and Koller birds. And I should say that this great accumulation of consonants is the cause of most of the frequent deteriorations in the birds' song. Therefore, the breeding for the Glucke and Koller song is no doubt a difficult but a gratifying task and many breeders who have the improvement of our birds' song really at heart will here find a chance of gaining laurels. And as, furthermore, the Glucke is to be placed on the same basis as the other principal tours as regards points, breeders will have a chance of competing successfully at the shows.

The Character of "Flutes."

We come now to the Pipes or Flutes. The expression "Flutes" was more general in former times than it is now, and it was derived from the resemblance of the bird's notes to the sounds of the flute instrument. The Flutes might be divided into the following: deep, medium, and high; also into even, rising, falling, bent, drawn, nosey, and nose-flutes.

Just as the sounds of u, ü, o, ö, and i are the best in all the other tours, so are they the ones that count most in valuing the Flutes. Deep Flutes are the ones with du and do (less tender with tu and to), medium ones sound like dü and dö, and high ones di. The Flutes just mentioned are the most valuable, but within these good Flutes there are again degrees of quality, which to determine may best be left to the taste and judgment of the individual breeder or judge. The Flute is even when the key is not altered, thus: dududu, düdüdü, dididi; it is rising when the key is raised, thus: dududüdü, düdüdidi; falling Flutes move the other way about, thus: dididüdü, dodododu. Sometimes the vowel is drawn out, and then one speaks of a drawn Flute, which very often is rising like this: duidui, boiboi. If the vowel is drawn out too long we get stretched Flutes, which are just as reprehensible as those "Push and Gallop-Flutes" that are rendered in quick succession.

Among the valuable Flutes must also be mentioned the Dau or Tau-Flutes, but I have not yet met with any really good ones. Pointed Flutes are deteriorated high Flutes ending in i, with which various tongue sounds have been combined, and which unfortunately do not come out well in the song: djidji, dsidsi, tzitzi; sharp: ississ, istist. Nosey Flutes may be suffered, if they are not too numerous, while, on the other hand, Nose-Flutes are downright objectionable: nänänä, dnäkdnäk, zengzeng, gessgoss, tziautzian, or in higher keys: nini, tnitni, rendered with the open beak. It is a remarkable fact that we find these Nose-Flutes with the deepest birds, and especially amongst the Glucke and Koller birds, and they must be considered as among the principal reasons for getting rid of these tours in the endeavour to get a pure song.

I am also an advocate for cleansing the song of all objectionable impurities, but I should consider twice before throwing a good, deep strain overboard for the sake of a few unpleasant Flutes. In acquiring a new strain, the chances are that with it I shall get even worse faults; as the proverb says, "No rose without a thorn!" I am a friend of free progress, and get easily over such details by paying more attention to the principal tours.

I am fairly convinced that a capable and conscientious judge, although, of course, making deductions for such faults, will leave birds with otherwise good main- and side-tours in the first-class. The number of points is not alone decisive, but the entire rendering of the song. If, for instance, the judge deducts two points for Nosey Flutes, the bird may still deserve, and will get, an extra two or more points for his principal tours. Therefore, breeders, let there be no narrow-mindedness nor petty nervousness.

The "Nightingale Flute."

A Flute that used to be in great favour with laymen was the so-called "Nightingale Flute." The Tyrolese breeders used to put their full-grown young birds with the Queen of Songsters, the Nightingale. The youngster, hearing nothing but her song of love, of joy, and of wrong, by day and by night, soon acquired this song: tzjuktzjuktzjuk, tzjaktzjaktzjak, but not with the same fulness and strength of the teacher. Still, the young Canary made many friends amongst lovers of nature by means of this song. From the point of beauty, however, and in the interest of purity it had to leave the field to better tours.

All theoretic discussions are not of much good without being studied on the birds themselves. "No man is born a scholar." Therefore, if you want to fathom the virtue of the song, listen to it carefully, and examine what is good and beautiful. Try to remove that which hurts your sense of beauty, and, on the other hand, cultivate that which appeals to your musical conception. And if you do not at once succeed in forming the song to your liking, have patience and persevere, for "Rome was not built in a day," and it took many, many years' labour before our Canary's song could become what it is to-day: a classical song in the fullest sense of the word. I add a few hints with regard to the pronunciation of the German sounds: u = oo; i = ee; ü = between u and ee; ö = between o and ee; w = v; a = a in far; ä = a in bad; g = g in gold; z = ts.

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Notes on the Norwich Plainhead Canary.

A Lecture recently delivered before the Liverpool B.B.A., by Mr. J. RAYNES, Hon Sec. of the Norwich Plainhead Club.

In giving you a paper on this, the most popular variety of Canaries, one must necessarily go over some of the ground that has been trodden before, because so many articles have already appeared in the press on this subject, that it is somewhat difficult to introduce anything new of importance, especially to those who may have bred this variety for a longer period than myself. But if there are any novices here, it is for them my paper is intended, and if they gather any small crumbs that fall from me, which might be of any service whatever to them, then I shall be amply rewarded. I don't think it necessary to go into the matter of the feeding of the Norwich, nor into the origin of the bird, as to where it came from. It is supposed to have been bred by experimenting and crossing (both for shape, size and colour) from the Green Canary in its wild state.

A Word in Passing on Feeding.

I might, however, say briefly that I feed my birds on white seed only in the hoppers; the mixed seed I put in the egg drawer when required, thus preventing waste. I generally give the cock birds a little mixed seed once a week right through the winter, and the hens plain white seed, and by about the end of February I give the cocks a little egg food composed of hard-boiled egg and bread, and the hens mixed seed once or twice a week, with a little egg food a week or two later, according to the weather, and the state of the hens. Young hens come into breeding condition much sooner than old ones.

I prefer lime-washed single-breeding cages, without any false bottoms, and with loose fronts; they can then be cleaned out much easier, and it gives less harbour for the red mite. I like sawdust for the bottoms, except when the birds are breeding; then I prefer sand. I use pots for nests, the material being moss and dried soft grass. I take all the eggs away as they are laid, and return them to the nest on the evening the hen has laid her third egg. When they have hatched, I use for the hen bread and egg in one pot, hemp and maw seed in another, and lettuce, by way of green food. When the young can pick up egg food, I grind a little white and hemp seed, and mix them together with egg food, gradually diminishing the latter until the young are well on hard seed.

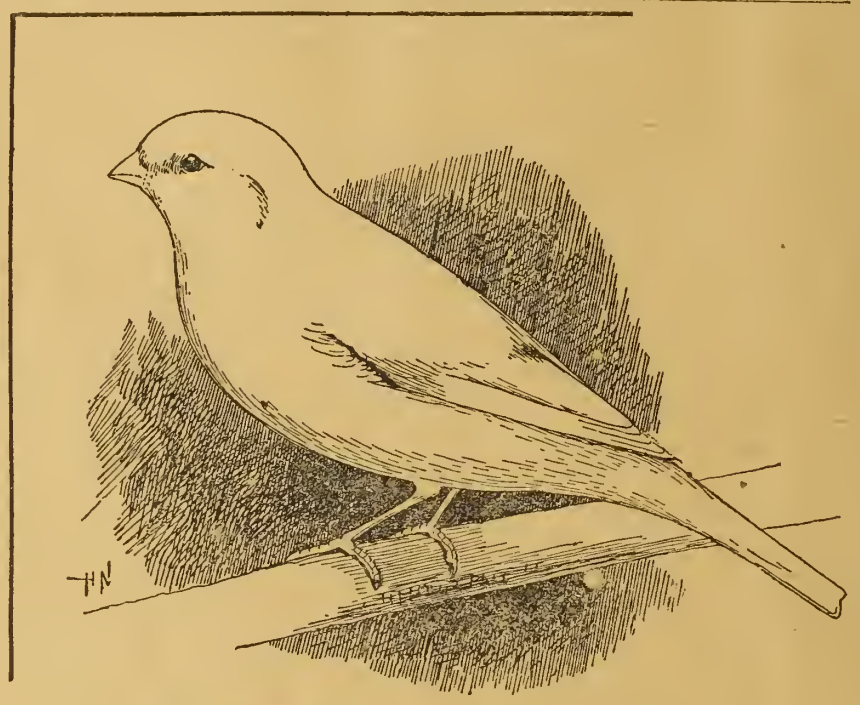
Breeding Canaries, or any other birds for that matter, for exhibition, is not, to my mind, simply putting two opposite sexes together. You must have some object in view, if only to keep the variety pure, although I have known novices to breed good birds the first time of trying, simply because the pair they put up happened to hit. They might have been selected to match, or bought at random.

The best way for a novice to start in anything is to go to a master for a lesson or two, and I feel sure there are plenty of Canary breeders willing to teach him. Let him visit shows and compare the winners with the cardless birds; visit also exhibitors' rooms; finally, let him put himself in the hands of a good breeder to furnish him with some good stock birds (not necessarily show birds, that is) that are likely to produce something decent. Even then, neither he nor any other man is sure of breeding winners from any given pair of birds. The fancier who can breed a team of winners of his own ought to be very proud of his luck.

The Standard Norwich Canary.

What is this bird like that all Norwich fanciers try to obtain? According to the Norwich Plainhead Club's standard just recently revised, the ideal is as follows:—Head—round, full, and neat, with short beak; neck—short and thick; 25 points. Chest—deep, broad, and full, 15. Back—broad and well-filled in, 10. Wings and tail—short, compact, and good carriage, 15. Feather—soft and silky, with brilliancy and compactness, 15. Colour—deep, bright, pure, rich, and level throughout, 10. Staging and good condition, 10. Length not to exceed 6½ inches; streaked beak, and marked legs not to be a disqualification, but to count against the bird to its extent.

To commence first with the head, which is very important; on looking at a bird sideways as it hops from perch to perch its head may appear nice and round, but if you look at it straight in the face it often appears to be very narrow, it having no width across the eyes, being what is commonly called "wedge-shaped." This is considered to be a bad fault in a show specimen, and where it occurs in a hen I should require a cock bird with a good big head for its partner to try and balance for fault, if I bred at all with her. The head should be round and full, without showing any tendency to browing, well backed up with a short and thick neck. Nothing looks worse than a thin neck and head on a bird with a big body.



A WINNING BUFF NORWICH CANARY.

First and Special Prizes at Bristo Show, for Mr. C. E. Brown (Kingswesten).

The back and chest should be broad, thick set, and nicely rounded off at the root of tail, without any long or loose feathers about the thighs and waist hanging down on the perch. This is a fault we often see in big birds; they carry too much feather for them to put it away in the compact manner desired. Most of the big birds either show it here or over the eyes, giving them the appearance of slackness in feather. Such birds may be beaten by a much smaller bird who carries its feathers where they ought to be, it looking smarter and better braced up.

The wings should not be crossed at the ends like a pair of scissors, nor yet be half of them tucked up and the other half hanging down over them. This latter is also a great drawback to a bird, and as yet I have not heard the cause of it, nor a way to cure it, and I have tried the birds both in and out of large flight cages. The tail should be short and nicely narrowed off at the end. Long and fish-tailed birds are decidedly objectionable.

You will have noticed the small number of points allowed for colour; by some it is considered to be too little, but I don't think so when I come to take into consideration the difference between breeding for type and quality and breeding for colour. Almost anyone can colour a Norwich Canary, but it requires a practical and experienced breeder to get the other good qualities. Personally I am in favour of wiping the former off the slate altogether and have the birds shown in their natural colour, the same as the Border Fancy and other varieties usually are. I believe that fully three-fourths of the Norwich breeders will admit that it is an anxious and expensive time, and would rejoice and gladly give up the nuisance if everybody else would; but, unfortunately, they don't practice what they preach, or they would support the natural colour classes which some of us have struggled to get included at a few shows, and natural colour birds are allowed to compete at the N.P.C. Club Show for its challenge cup. It is quite true that I colour feed some of my birds owing to the limited number of non-fed classes; but if there were more I should not feed at all.

It simply rests, therefore, with the breeders to try and breed the different points that make the model as selected by the members of the N.P.C.

About Breeding and Pairing.

How to breed such birds is a problem that all breeders are trying year after year to solve. Some have been successful while others have failed in the breeding of even second-rate birds. If you have not got something near the mark to start with, it will be of little use your trying to breed, as I think it is generally admitted that, as a rule, inferior birds crop up from birds that are good winners, and if that is so, what do we expect to get from inferior ones? It costs no more to keep a good one than it does a bad one. Then why not have the best?

In pairing up it does not matter much whether it is a Yellow cock and a Buff hen, or vice versa. Some prefer one way and some another, each claiming equal advantages. In selecting my stock birds I prefer to have the cock birds as large as possible, well bred, and of good shape. I would not object to their being a bit long in feather, especially if I had short-feathered hens to counteract that fault with. The hens must be very typical and according to standard—thick, short, and of nice, silky, short feather. I would not discard one because she happened to be on the small side, seeing that it is shape, speaking generally, that comes from the hen.

I pair my best and biggest Yellow cock bird to the best-shaped Buff hen I have, and the best and biggest Buff cock bird to the best typical Yellow hen, these being the two best pairs. Always try and keep the best out of the youngsters you get from them. I pair the remainder of my stock up as best I can, never, however, putting two birds together that have the same fault, but pairing them so as to try and get the happy medium, stamping out the bad points and trying to improve the good ones. One bad bird and one good one will never make a good pair; it requires that both of them should be good.

One of the pairs I would prefer to be ticked or marked, as birds so bred, or which are varicgated, have better colour (whether colour-fed or in their natural colour) than those bred from Clears for a generation or two back. I am very fond of a good Green, either cock or hen, as it is of great value in the breeding of this variety. If you wish to get some heavily-marked birds use it on the cock's side, but if you prefer lightly or even evenly-marked birds use it on the hen's side. You can get back to Clears quicker in this way than by using a Green or variegated cock; it all depends on what object you have in view.

I prefer to breed with birds which have only moderate looks, provided they be bred off good, typical parents, than attempt to breed off little, better-looking birds—the best out of a nest from even poorer parents—because the birds are apt to throw back to their grandparents This is where the uncertainty comes in.

The man who is fortunate enough to breed one or two good birds should not part with them, or with their parents, but keep them with a view to getting the whole of his stock nearer perfection. Show specimens are not bred in every nest, and when got, my advice to you is to hold fast to them and not part with the very thing you have spent a few seasons and many anxious days over to obtain. True, money has a wonderful influence over a great number of people.

Moulting and Colour-feeding.

In moulting either young or old birds I prefer to put them into flight cages (providing they all agree) where they can get more exercise than if they were moulted in pairs in the breeding cage—a method adopted by many fanciers. When the young are about six weeks old they and old ones intended for colour-feeding should have a little colour mixed with their egg food gradually; by degrees this should be increased to the quantity desired. When they are about three parts of the way through the moult I transfer them into clean, single breeding cages to finish them off, some taking longer to get really fine than others.

In preference to giving boiled egg and bread, I moult mine on a sponge loaf or cake, made with two or three eggs, flour, etc., and baked in the ordinary way; when grated or ground, when made this way, it breaks up like fresh egg food for the young in the nest. Then if the colour food is put to this the night before, the fat from the cake seems to draw or bring out the colour a deal better than if mixed at the time of giving. A little soaked rape seed mixed with it improves it; but this cannot stand more than a day or two, and it soon goes sour. If it is mixed fresh, however, it is alright.

I am not going to recommend any particular colour food; you must judge for yourselves from the samples you can obtain from the vendors. I add about an ounce of hot cayenne and a little sugar to each pound of colour-food, but no oil. A few grains of sulphate of iron put in the drinking water when the birds are nearly through the moult I find is also beneficial. As the birds come nearer the finish of the moult run them into show cages occasionally, and have a look at them sometimes; it gets them used to being handled, and they become steadier in the cage. Many a bird has to stand down for being wild at the time of judging. Birds for exhibition should be shown clean, free from soap, in good health, and as near perfection as human hands can possibly make them. The cages should be spic and span, as it is of no use putting clean birds into dirty cages. Both should, in fact, be turned out to the best of one's ability.

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KIRBYMOORSIDE.

The Kirbymoorside F.S. held their fourth annual show of Cage Birds in the Market Hall, on Thursday, October 29. Some fine specimens were benched. The principal prize-winners were the Rev. Bernard Wilton and Messrs. Pressey, Barnwell, Wildsmith & Hawkins, Wood, and Marwood. Messrs. Reed and Calam, the Hon. Secreturies, had the birds well staged, and looked after them as only two such fanciers can. They are to be congratulated on this. A great number of visitors attended the show during the day, and we hope the "gate" will come up to the able Committee's expectations. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS., CL. (16): 1, Pressey, buff, well up on leg, grand position, lovely feather, rich colour, good head; 2, 3, he, Rev. B. Wilton, second yell., very typical, rich colour, shows a little open on breast, third buff, nice type, full of quality, not quite ready yet; vhc, Marsden; c, Rand. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, spl., vhc, Barnell, eye tkd., yell., full of quality, position A1, long flights and tail, good head; 2, Marsden, extra rich colour, lovely feather, grand position, not so long as winner; 3, he, Rev. B. Wilton, third Clun mkd., full of quality, grand position, nice exhibit; c, Taylor. A.V. CAN. (six miles radius) (12): 1, Lumley, yell. Yorks., blaze of colour, well up on leg, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, c, Sample, tkd. yell. Yorks., full of quality, not so long as winner; 3, Hoggart; vhc, Watson and Ford; he, Scaling. NOR. (11): 1, c, Rev. B. Wilton, first grizzled on head, full of quality, chubby, grand wings and tail; 2, he, Hesp, rich colour, quality not quite ready; 3, Palmer, again rich colour and quality, just a bit light in head properties; vhc, Middleton. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand blaze, bars, and buttons, very steady, wins; 2, Harrison, good head, blaze, nice wings, steady; 3, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton, third nice Finch, lacks colour to winner; he, Watson; c, Wanspear. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (16): 1, 2, Wood, two lovely birds, good cap, rich colour, would look better if Mr. W. would stage them in up-to-date show cages; 3 and c, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, Stamp; he, Watson. LINNET (10): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nut-brown, lovely markings, grand type, very steady, wins; 2, 3, Hunt, lovely bird, beautifully pencilled, nut-brown, shown in grand condition; vhc, Stamp; he, Rev. B. Wilton; c, Smith. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, spl., and spl. for best bird in show, Marwood, even mkd. Gold'e Can., lovely condition; 2, 3, Wilson, Goldie Bullies, two nice birds, lovely colour, staged well; vhc, Hamble; he, Meadows; c, Rev. B. Wilton. DARK MULES (8): 1, Calam; 2, 3, Meadows; vhc, Wilson, No. 6, very little tail left in. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, Palmer, D.C., plenty of body feather, good centre and droop; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Rev. B. Wilton, second C.B. massive skull, plenty of body feathers, third Green Crest, body feather very long, nice droop, good centre. A.O.S., BRIT. (18): A lovely class of mixed Britishers: 1, Brasfield, lovely grey Wagtail, very clean and steady; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, well-known Hawfinch; 3, Harrison Bros., yellowhammer rich colour, lovely markings; vhc, Stamp; he, Jackson; c, Rev. B. Wilton. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, 2, 3, he, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, Palmer.

ALNWICK.

The newly-formed Alnwick and Dist. C.B.S. held their first annual show in the Corn Exchange Hall, on October 31st. The hall is an ideal one for a show, and is capable of holding plenty of exhibits. There was a grand light all day—electric at night. The society fortunately possesses a capable lot of officers, all working harmoniously; the president, chairman, and committee all did their shares. The secretaries, Messrs. Broadley and Rennison, worked like Trojans, and although only amateurs got through their part in professional fashion. The treasurer, Mr. Tennant, was in the thick of the work, as also was Mr. A. Dippie. Unfortunately, the show was not held under C.B.U. rules. This was through no fault of their own, they sending the affiliation fee, only to have same returned because they clashed with South Shields, who became affiliated first. They had a grand entry, some of the best exhibits of the day being there. That doughty champion, Mr. Cameron, of Kelso, had a strong team of Norwich, and took premier honours, his yellow hen taking special for best Norwich in show. Borders were toppers, Messrs. Smart and Voy staging birds fit for any show, while in the A.O.V. class we found one of the best young cinnamons we have seen this season; it took the special for best bird in show. This bird was the property of Mr. Luke whose name is new to the Fancy. The show was well patronised throughout the day. Birds from a distance were packed off in good time on Saturday night, so as to reach their destinations early. Everything appeared to pass off very smoothly and to the satisfaction of all. Messrs. A. Hay (Berwick) and J. Maddison (Newcastle) judged, and their awards were warmly received. Mr. Hay took the Canaries, and Mr. Maddison the British, Foreign, and Mules.

Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC. (12): 1, spl, Cameron, cl. yell., graud head and wings, rich colour; 2, Dippie, another cl. yell., fails in wings and colour only; 3, Bickerton, good bird all over, except in colour; 4, c, Snowball 4th crosses wings; vhc Miller; he, Dixon; wrong class, No. 9, Floyd, varieg. buff, a grand exhibit. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 2, Cameron, 1st grand cl., full of colour, fine back, and wings well carried; 2nd, close up, wee bit short in colouring; 3, Dippie, rough in chest feather, otherwise good; 4, Rennison, another nice buff; vhc, Miller; he, Snowball; c, Gardner. A.O. COL. (6): 1, spl, 2, 1st even mkd. wings, well carried, nice head and chest; 2nd, mkd. cap and wings, close up; 3, Dixon, nice varieg. buff, grand body, nice broad skull, presses winners hard; 4, Snowball, nice uneven yell.; wrong class, No. 1, Miller, and No. 4, Floyd, both clears, hard lines. HEN (12): 1, two spls, 2, Cameron, 1st lovely cl. yell., Kelso 1st, teeming with colour, grand silky feathers, faultless, takes spl for best Nor.; 2nd, nice buff, fails in chest and tail feather; 3, Gardner, another buff, close up on winners; 4, vhc, Dippie, 4th buff, grand head, fails in wings; he, Rennison; c, Rennison. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL (11): 1, spl, Voy, grand cl., lovely round head and neck, like wax, easy win; 2, Russell, fails in feather and head, but good for all that; 3, Smart, also fails in head; 4, Mather, close up; vhc, Smart; he, Scott; c, Mather. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Smart, tkd. buff, Kelso 2nd, grand quality, nice carriage; 2, Mather, sweet Bord., grand wings, presses winner hard; 3, Voy, close up on winners; 4, Mather, similar to 2nd; vhc, Smart; he, Russell; c, Jobson. A.O. COL. (7): 1, spl, 2, Smart, 1st varieg. yell., like the Kelso 1st, grand head, neck and chest, tapered well behind, best Bord. in show, wins easily; 2nd, fails in shape and condition; 3rd, Glass, presses 2nd hard; 4, Robinson; vhc, Chisholm; he, Jeffery; absent No. 3. HEN (14): 1, spl, Glass, even mkd. buff hen, grand markings, nice quality, wins easy; 2, Voy, yell. nice chest and wings, weak in head; 3, 4, Smart, both yellows, close up on winners; vhc, c, Jobson; he, Scott. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, spl, vhc, King, easy win, grand feather, rich colour, well staged, grand length; 2, he, Rennison, fails in feather to winner, nice length; 3, Logan, close up; 4, Dixon, good exhibit, fails in wings only; c, Dixon. HEN (3): 1, spl, Dixon, grand length, fine wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Logan, another nice Yorkie, presses winner hard; 3, Rennison, close up. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, spl, 3, Logan, 1st light bodied D.C. of grand formation, very neat in centre, might do with a little more Bullfinch-like body; 2, he, c, Gray, 2nd nice varieg. buff C.B., grand skull, well lashed, rough in body and wings; 4, J. and S. Cowans, Crest, nice body, fails in crest; vhc, O'Brien. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, also Sandiford's medal for hottest fed and spl for best in show, Luke, one of the finest mulfig. clan. we have seen this season, teeming with colour, grand chest and wings, easy first; 2, Dixon, grand cl. buff Scotch Fancy, grand size and action, hard lines to meet such an exhibit as winner; 3, 4, Thompson Bros., both Scotch Fancies, buff varieg. leading, fails in style; 4th, cl. yell., smaller, yet a nice exhibit; vhc, Smith; he, Dipple. LINNET (12): Some toppers; 1, spl, Luke, wonderful size, steady, nicely pencilled; 2, Handley, falls in breast colour; 3, Dixon, falls in size to winners; 4, Robinson, best in class, but unsteady, and a little rough in feather; vhc, Stewart; he, Hume; c, King. GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Floyd, nice Goldie, grand blaze, finely mkd. wings; 2, Rennison, Bullie, grand size and condition, wonderful cap and bars, presses winner hard; 3, 4, Tweedy; vhc, Straughan. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Welch Bros., Blackeap, grand exhibit, best of condition, wins easily; 2, Schooler, Thrush, Kelso 2nd, looking as fit as ever; 3, Dippie, fine Crosshill, in grand order; 4, Taylor, Bramble-finch, grand size and spangling, very steady; vhc, Wallace, Magpie, wants washing, book him Mr. W. for a week-end at the laundry; he, Luke, nice Siskin; c, Baxter, Redpoll. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, Floyd, dark Linnet, grand condition; 2nd, Goldie Mule, varieg., many preferred to 1st; 4th, another nice varieg. Goldie; 3, he, Luke, 3rd nice Goldie Mule; vhc, Tate; c, Robinson. FOR. (1): 1, spl, Robinson, Green Singing Finch. SELL., 10/6 (6): 1, spl, 2, Dippie, 1st clinking cl. yell. Nor.; 2nd, buff cinn., fails in type and feather; 3, Logan, nice buff Yorkie; 4, Miller; vhc, Rennison; he, Luke. 7/6 (3): 1, spl, Russell, nice Border, even mkd. wings; 2, Gray, Nor.; 3, Miller. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. CK. (10): 1, spl, 4, vhc, Dixon, three nice exhibits, buff varieg. leading, well staged; 2, Rennison, another nice buff, presses winner hard; 3, he, c, Miller. HEN (10): 1, spl, 4, Rennison, 1st nice buff, in grand condition; 4th, fails in feather and wings to winner; 2, he, Miller, very fair Nor.; 3, Dixon; vhc, c, Wake. BORD. CK. (12): 1, spl, spl for best Bord. shown by a member, Rennison, cl. buff, very jaunty, grand condition, wins well; 2, 3, Robinson, fails in type and condition; 4, Tennent, wants washing; vhc, Miller; he, Weatheritt; c, Sanders. HEN (14): 1, spl, Robinson, uneven yell., looking a little soft, yet a nice exhibit; 2, 3, Miller, both nice Borders; 4, Robinson; vhc, Baxter; he, Sanders; c, Forster. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Dixon, Scot. fcy., grand action, wonderful reach, wins easy; 2, 3, 4, Rennison, all Yorks., grand team; vhc, O'Brien; he, Beswick. LINNET (9): 1, spl, 2, Robinson, mentioned in open class; 3, Thain; 4, Beswick; vhc, Beswick; he, Cairns; c, Forster. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, spl, Rennison, quoted in open class; 2, Wake; 3, Miller; 4, Straughan; vhc, Robinson; he, Knox; c, Knox. GREENFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Robinson, Chaffie, looking well, easy first; 2, Rennison, Bramble; 3, Thain; 4, Staig. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Robinson, Redroll, nice exhibit; 2, 4, Baxter, Redpolls again, close up; 3, Rennison, nice Twite; vhc, Thain; he, Staig; c, Beswick. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, Tate, Goldie Mule; 2, 4, Robinson both Goldie Mules; 3, vhc, Ewan; he, c, Beswick. LOCAL CAN. (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, Robinson; 2, Rennison; vhc, Coxon; he, Crondace; c, Miss Tate. LOCAL A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Wallace; he, Rennison; c, Straughan.

NORWICH HAND-IN-HAND.

The Norwich Hand-in-Hand B.B.S. held their sixteenth annual show of plainheads, crests, and crestbreds at the Show Hall, Sussex Street, on October 26th. There was a large attendance of visitors throughout the day, and great interest was taken in the large collection of beautiful specimens, which numbered upwards of 200. The plainhead classes were very uniform in type, quality, and colour; the crested specimens were heavy in feather, and the crest-breds mostly well formed headed birds, with material most essential to the properties of these particular specimens. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged. The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. Stark, who is to be congratulated on its success.

YELL. NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, spl, Revell; 2, Stark; 3, Larnder; 4, Drury; vhc, Fish; he, Smith. BUFF: 1, J. Stark; 2, Nichols; 3, Smith; 4, Drury; vhc, Skipper; he, Freestone; c, Larnder. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Revell; 2, Skipper; 3, Nichols; 4, vhc, Stark; he, Fish; c, Freestone. BUFF: 1, Nichols; 2, vhc, Fish; 3, Revell; 4, Stark; he, Drury; c, Freeman. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Nichols; 2, Barker; 3, Freestone; ex. 3, Larnder; 4, Stark; ex. 4, Smith; vhc, Skipper; he, Rix; c, Fish. BUFF: 1, Shorten, sen.; 2, Nichols; 3, Rix; ex. 3, Smith; 4, Freeman; ex. 4, Revell; vhc, Stark; he, Freeman; c, Laccohee. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Nichols; 3, Shorten, sen.; 4, Stark; vhc, Drury; he, Freestone; c, Laccohee. BUFF: 1, Nichols; 2, Stark; 3, Freestone; 4, Freeman; vhc, Laccohee; he, Drury; c, Rix. PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING: 1, Stark; 2, Nichols; 3, Smith; 4, Revell; vhc, Fish; he, Smith; c, J. Drury. YELL. NOR. SELL. (15/-): 1, Freestone; 2, Bullard; 3, Fish; 4, Nichols; vhc, Larnder; he, Laccohee; c, Stark. BUFF (15/-): 1, Bullard; 2, Rix; 3, Stark; 4, vhc, Skipper; he, Parkerson; c, Larnder. YELL. CREST.: 1, Revell. BUFF: 1, Revell; 2, Holmes; 3, Cole; 4, Shorten, sen.; vhc, Smith. BUFF CK. (A.V. except cl. body): 1, Revell; 2, vhc, Holmes; 3, he, Howard; c, Shorten, sen. HEN: 1, Revell; 2, Drake; 3, Howard; 4, Shorten, sen.; vhc, Freeman; he, Bullard. C.B. YELL.: 1, 2, Drake; 3, 4, Skipper. BUFF A.V.: 1, Drake; 2, Howard; 3, Revell; 4, vhc, Holmes; he, Shorten, sen. HEN: 1, Drake; 2, Holmes; 3, Revell; 4, Shorten, sen.; vhc, Bullard. CREST, 1908: 1, 2, Howard; 3, Holmes; 4, Drake; vhc, Cole; he, Freeman. C.B.: 1, Drake; 2, Howard; 3, he, Holmes; 4, Shorten, sen; vhc, Freeman; c, Cole. PAIRS (matched for Crest breeding): 1, Revell; 2, Holmes; 3, Drake; 4, Shorten, sen. CRESTS SELL. (30/-): 1, Smith; 2, Drake; 3, Skipper; 4, he, Bullard; vhc, Shorten, jun.; c, Cole. C.B. ((20/-): 1, Cole, 2, Skipper; 3, Bullard; 4, Drake. YELL. NOR. (20/-) NOVICE: 1, Shorten, jun.; 2, Drake. BUFF: 1, 4, Drake; 2, 3, Shorten, jun.

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LEITH.

Leith O.S. held their third annual show in the Duke Street Hall, on October 31st, and it proved a record, many well known Scotch exhibits turning up. The show was confined to members. Scotch Fancies headed the programme, and contained some of the cream of the Fancy, some real toppers being staged. The cup for best bird was secured by a beauty in the shape of a buff pied hen, the property of Mr. McMillan, who has had a run of luck with an exceptionally high-class lot of his own breeding. The winner, we heard, changed hands for £10. This variety was judged by the veteran, Mr. J. Kean, and his awards were well received. Norwich were a good show. Some real good specimens were on view, the Plainheads were a very level lot. The Crest, and especially the C.B. classes were grand. Mules were also forward in force, as is usual at this show, and after carefully considering this variety, the judge was happy in his selection. These classes were under Mr. A. Cochrane, and he left little to be desired. Borders and British followed, and proved to be the heaviest classes. Some grand specimens were exhibited. The special for best Border was secured by a tip-top Buff cock, shown by Mr. Baxter, which secured for him the coveted silver teapot. The B.F.C. medal was won by Mr. Brown. Exceptionally good greens were shown by Mr. Buglass. British were grand, the special being won by a fine Goldfinch (Siberian). These classes were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce, and he left little room for grumbling. The show was under the management of a capable man, namely, Mr. Geo. Brown, who had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who did everything possible to make the show a success. The hall is an ideal one for a show, and was well patronised by the public. Entries were greatly in advance of last year's, and the membership too, and we hope to hear of this, their third show, being a great success. All the grand specials were placed nicely, so that the show looked more like a jeweller's shop than anything else.

Critique.

SCOT. CL., ETC. YELL., CK. (7): 1, 3, Dalgleish, looks like well known winner of this year, grand substance and quality, hard up, and free, fine exhibit, 3 good one, nice top end, scarcely the depth; 2, 4, Hendry, two good ones, fine and free, fine length off side; vhc, Carson. BUFF (5): 1, Dalgleish, again to the fore with a nice one, fine action, fine of substance, good exhibit; 2, 3, West, 2 nice stamp, shade small; 3, McMillan, good all-round, lacks the shoulders of winner, nice quality; 4, Carson, neat one, not quite so bold as winners. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, Howden, grand trio, leader freest, and tip-top in substance, 2 and 3 good all-round exhibits, all well put down; 4, Hendry, nice one, good length and style, shade narrow across. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Howden, again to the front, with a good one, plenty of substance and style, well got up, 4 beaten in freeness; 2, Dalgleish, good one, hard up, scarcely the length of side of winner; 3, Carson, taking exhibit, free and good. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Dalgleish, nice one, fine action, grand drive, free and easy, and plenty of substance; 2, McMillan, another hot one, plenty top, and fine reach, must have pressed; 3, 4, Hendry, two good all-round exhibits, well put down, grand class throughout. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Dalgleish, leader rare quality, plenty of top end, grand drive, fine action, sweet one, 2 also good, but shade plainer in action; 3, Hendry, nice quality bird, lacks the freeness of winner; 4, Carson, good substance, fails in top end. YELL. PIED, ETC. (5): 1, McMillan, good one, plenty go, and full of substance, rare depth, fair exhibit; 2, 3, Howden, 2 taking birds, very free, just beaten across; 4, Hendry, nice, stylish bird. BUFF (11): 1, cup, McMillan, good one, grand top end, massive shoulders, fine length of side, good drive, rare reach, well staged; 2, 3, Howden, 2 bot one, must have pressed, very stylish, full of go, and rare substance throughout, 3 very free, scarcely so prominent on top, good exhibit; 4, West, taking exhibit, but out-classed here. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 4, Finnie, leader fairly rounded, good head and wing carriage, neatly got up, 4 longer in side, beaten in front by winner; 2, 3, vhc, Dunn, hot fed one, grand feather, 3 again a shade long, beaten in front; he, Alcorn; c, Buglass. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Dunn, nice colour, grand size, lovely back and wing carriage, could do better in head a shade, 3 stout made one, grand body and shape; 2, Buglass, warm-coloured one, fails in body only, grand carriage and taper; 4, he, Carson, shade soft looking, but fine type; vhc, c, Caldwell. VARGT. YELL. CK. (8): 1, vhc, c, Alcorn, heavy varieg., teeming with colour and quality, lovely feather, neat head, nice weight, grandly staged; 2, Mills, shade slimmer got up, larger in appearance; 3, Lawrie, similar in build to 2, but good quality feather; 4, Carson, neat made, again fails in taper and finish; he, Lumsden. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Dunn, leader wins, best head and front, splendidly cut, and finished, good bloom, 2 close up, hard to separate. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Buglass, stout-made one, grand substance for a yell., rare head and front, topping size, well put down; 2, vhc, Allan, good quality of feather, well moulded, fails a little in front only, nicely staged; 3, Finnie, neat exhibit, lacks the fulness and finish of winners; 4, vhc, Dunn, nice-bodied bird, not so prominent in chest. BUFF (12): 1, Buglass, plenty of substance, fine, full front, well drawn, neat head and wing carriage, in lovely bloom; 2, 3, c, Finnie, grand feathered bird, shade longer in side, well put down; 4, Alcorn, stylish exhibit, neat, quality feather. VARIEG. YELL. (1): 1, Buglass, nice size and colour, nicely finished exhibit. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Finnie, nice buff, Cinn. good body, grand colour, well pencilled; 2, Caldwell, clinking buff for size, grand quality feather, A1 bloom; 3, vhc, Finnie, head and wing mkd., good one, fails in front; 4, Lumsden, nice colour, and neat shape, beaten in size. CREST CK. (3): 1, Holton, nice Crest, good length of feather and formation, grand substance, well put down; 2, Miller, nice, lengthy feather, good back and side, beaten in frontal; 3, Alcorn, shapely Crest, well laid on. HEN (2): 1, Alcorn, grizzle Crest, little open in centre, but well down on side and front, plenty of size; 2, Holton, good one, scarcely so well fitted as winner. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Holton, topper, regular stormer, and no mistake, grand entrance, lovely cushioned head, rare flash, and plenty of substance, grand exhibit; 2, 4, Alcorn, 2 good frontal, fine entrance, well lashed, not so good in front as winner, still grand 2nd; 3, Mills, nice shaped head, narrower at entrance, but nicely lashed, 4 beaten in frontal, plenty of substance. HEN (1): 1, Mills, nice head, good entrance and lash, and fine size, well staged. BREEDING PAIRS (7): 1, c, Buglass, leader grandly balanced pair of Plainheads, fine, shapely yell. ck., good body and head properties, nice, stout buff, hen rare top end, scarcely so well drawn as cock, but plenty of substance, good pair; 2, vhc, Alcorn, Crested cock and C.B. hen, Crest fine top piece, of grand length, the C.B. plenty of feather and entrance, well matched; 3, vhc, Dunn, pair of Plainheads, cl. yell. ck., and a booming loud buff hen, of plenty of size and substance; 4, Holton, nice balanced pair, likely to breed the desired specimens. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Barclay, Redpoll Greenfinch, grand size and well marked, enormous head on it, and well pencilled, grand order. DARK (18): 1, he, Sayers, I a Jonque-Goldie, plenty of colour, good head face, and body colour, nice team; 2, 4, Brown, buff Goldie, well up in size and face, beaten in quality of feather, 4 yell. Greenie, sweet exhibit, plenty colour, on small side; 3, Moffat, good Linnet, well up in size, well marked; vhc, he, McMillan. GOLDFINCH (Brit. or For.) (12): 1, spl, Barclay, up-top Siberian, in grand order, well forward in colour, dense face, fine cut cheeks, and cap, good wing flights and buttons, teeming with quality; 2, Colbron, good British, nice flush face, and expansive collar, good chest, lovely tannings, in extra good trim, scarcely up in face yet; 3, Kelly, also Brit., close upon 2nd, but not so well-cut on cheeks, grand size, lovely quality, in fine order; 4, Baxter, Siberian, plenty of size, good face and tannings, lacks quality of finish of winners; vhc, Sayers; he, Brown; c, Kelly. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Colbron, leader good one, plenty size, fine shape, very neat breast markings, good wing flights, steady, 2 sweet pencilled bird, very small and clear, plenty of work, good colour; 3, c Moffat, lovely fronted bird, well marked, good ground colour and flight, inclined to crouch, still a good one; 4, McMillan, nice size and quality, well up in size; vhc, Brown; he, Hook. GREENFINCH (18): 1, vhc, Carson, topper for size, enormous shape, lovely quality feather, very steady, sweet tone of colour; 2, Finnie, large one, good shape, lovely tone of colour, shade soft looking in feather, grand wing flights and tail; 3, 4, Colbron, two toppers for quality of feather, 3 Jonque, hot fed, nice quality feather, lovely shape, smaller than winners, lost the metallic green through feeding, 4 also good one, lovely feather, also had a good share of pepper; he, Finnie; c, Moffat, a grand class. SISKIN (6): 1, he, Moffatt, leader a beauty, not a feather out of place, nicely fed, grand lashed cap, good eye markings; 2, Kelly, nat. col. one, in very fine order, good cap and bib, well laced on side, A1 trim; 3, Colbron, nice size and well laced, good cap, largest in class, dense cap and good markings; vhc, Sayers. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, Sayers, grand trio, leader nice Twite, good breast markings, lovely shade of colour, nice flights, in fine order, 2 large Losser Redpoll, grand bib, warm tone of colour, shade on dark side, but immense size, 3 well-marked Mealy 'Poll, in fine bloom, nicely put down, a lovely team; 4, Barclay, Lesser 'Poll, beaten in bib and size by winner; vhc, Kelly; he, Baxter; c, Moffatt. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Barclay, large Chaffinch, steady, good cap and breast colour, well marked on wings; 2, Allan, Wagtail, nicely staged, scarcely up in feather, plenty size and colour; 3, Baxter, steady Bramble, nicely laced on head and back; 4, Brown, well conditioned, steady Chaffinch, smaller than winner; vhc, Sayers. BRIT. HEN (for Mule breeding) (6): 1, 2, Moffat, pair of good Bullies, former in best order, and deeper in colour, good cap and size, 2 larger, but fails in breast colour and loose at thighs; 3, Kelly; 4, Baxter, both Bullfinches, plenty of size and grand shape, both beaten in feather only; vhc, Sayers. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Miller, nice, shapely yell., grand head, lovely position and wing carriage, very neatly drawn; 2, Todd, well up for 1st place, grand position, shade stronger than winner; 3, c, Caldwell, rare body, lovely shape, grand feather, shade small; 4, Hook, grand tapered bird, very stylish, fails in head to winners; vhc, Finnie; he, Brown. BUFF (21): 1, spl for best, 3, Baxter, leader sweet one, grand shape and lovely bloom, neat head and wing carriage, a popular win, 3 grand body, well up in feather, beaten in carriage by winner; 2, Todd, longer made bird, but splendid carriage, nicely drawn, not so nicely rounded as winner; 4, Miller, well rounded and stylish, lacks taper and wing carriage of winners; vhc, Brown; he, c, Hook. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Brown, leader, sweetly made, fine substance, good wing carriage, neatly drawn, 2 stronger got up, upright in carriage, fails a little in roundness of body; 3, Caldwell, well-rounded bird, neat head and wing carriage; 4, Mills, nice quality of feather, neat head and wing carriage; vhc, c, Hook; he, Todd. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 2, Lawrie, leader good one, fine rounded bird, tight as wax, A1 for shape, 2 good one, not so round, but splendid carriage and well drawn; 3, vhc, Caldwell, 3 good stamp, grand substance, in lovely bloom, lacks position, and taper of winners; 4, Baxter, good quality feather, beaten in head and neck; he, Alcorn; c, Finnie. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, he, c, Buglass, leader grand Jonque-green, 2, pencilled, grand shape and quality of feather, in buff green and 3 Jonque cinn., all good ones, well pencilled, grand shape and quality of feather, in tip-top bloom; 4, vhc, West, 4 buff green, nice shape and quality, well pencilled, little bronzy on wings, good stamp. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Buglass, again to the front, topping lot, leader grand Cinn., 2 buff green, 3 Cinn., and 4 buff green, leader wins with something in hand, grand shape and markings; vhc, he, West. UNEVEN, ETC., CK. (14): 1, B.F.C. medal, 3, Brown, leader well-rounded, uneven buff, nice shape, good quality feather, well-rounded, in A1 order, 3 yell., nice quality feather, rather slim got up; 2, Carson, grand feather, lovely position, fails to winner in front, rare wing carriage; 4, c, Hook, yell, nice markings and feather; vhc, he, Alcorn. HEN (8): 1, 3, 4, he, Hook, leader grand buff for feather, lovely finish, good position, 3 nicely-shaped buff, good in feather, rather unsteady, 4 yell., good quality throughout, beaten in body; 2 Finnie, neat yell., nice body and quality of feather, fails to winner in head, good 2nd; vhc, he, Lawrie.

BOLTON WOOD C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held on October 31st. Mr. E. Broadley judged, and gave every satisfaction, 80 birds being staged. Mr. Dykes won the spl for best bird in show, and Mr. Atkinson for best hen.

CL. YELL.: 1, 4, he, Dykes; 2, Tate and Day; 3, Firth; vhc, Taylor; c, Hutton. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, vhc, c, Dykes; 3, Kershaw; 4, he, Goodwin. TKD. YELL.: 1, Shepherd; 2, c, Dykes; 3, 4, Taylor; he, Firth. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Dykes; 2, Shepherd; 4, c, Goodwin; he, Hutton. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Hutton. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Atkinson; 2, Tate and Day; 3, Taylor; 4, he, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, 4, vhc, Dykes; 3, Goodwin; c, Shepherd. HEAVILY VARIEG. HEN: 1, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 3, Hutton; 4, Hillas; vhc, Raistrick. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Firth. BUFF: 1, 2, Dykes. YELL. HEN: 1, Goodwin; 2, Firth. BUFF: 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Tate and Day. STOCK BIRD: 1, Taylor; 2, Tate and Day; 3, Hutton.—E. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK.

The Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S. held their twentieth annual Show and Competition in "Oddfellows Hall," Grahamston, on October 31st. The president is Mr. Robert Dickson, treasurer, Mr. Robert Ronnie, the secretary, Mr. William Clubb, and the committee, Messrs. T. Wallace, T. Grant, H. Moutland, J. Millar, J. Brindle, J. Penman, W. Walker, W. Dewar, P. Russell and J. Morris. The judges were Messrs. M. Craig (Glasgow), G. Scaife (Fauldhouse), and J. Jeans (Camelon). There were 45 classes for cage birds. Entries were much in excess of last year's total of 400, there being fully 535 on this occasion. Norwich and Borders were especially strong in numbers, and the quality was of a very high standard throughout. The same remarks apply to the British and Foreign bird sections, which were very fine lots. There was a splendid array of 54 specials, and the extra specials offered made a handsome total of 69, including three six-guinea challenge cups, and eight medals, six of these being club medals. Some of the best blood in the way of Norwich and Border Fancies were forward, competition being open to breeders within a radius of 20 miles. For the successful issue of the exhibition much credit is due to the secretary, Mr Wm. Clubb, as also to his able committee for the efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried through. A goodly share of the success was due to Mr. Wm. Clubb, whose efforts the association justly appreciated. Next year the management may have to look for more room, the Oddfellows' Hall being rather too small for a turn out. The hall was packed with visitors during the afternoon. The judges, who had a big task to perform, got through their duties well, their awards giving general satisfaction. The principal winners were six-guinea challenge cup and medal for best young Nor., Mr. W. Scaife; six-guinea challenge cup and medal for best young Crest, C.B. or Mule, Mr. R. Esson; and six-guinea cup and medal for best young Bord, Messrs. Wilson Bros. The "Ramsden medal" was won by Mr. R. Todd, and "Sandiford's" by Messrs. Millar and Eadie.

The Critique.

NOR CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (18): 1, 3, Smart, 1, cl. grand size, head and neck, good flights and tail, real model, easy win; 3, falls only in head and neck; 2, McNaughton, ol. good size and quality, grand colour, barely so nice in wing carriage as first; 4, Bishop, nicely cut away wings and tail, 5, Marshall; spl, 6, Ramsden's medal, Todd; 7, Veitch; 8, spl, Miller and Eadie. BUFF (27): 1, c, spl, 6, spl, Simpson, 1, cl, Buff, nice size and shape well modelled head and wing, grand condition; 6, Ramsden's spl.; 2, Smart, cl. very close on first, shapely bird, typical, good quality feather; 3, McNaughton, cl, nice and shapely, good head, neck, wings and tail; 4, Ovenstone, neat size and shape, nice back and chest; 7, spl, Bishop; 8, Ure, Sandiford's medal. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Sharp, variegated, grand shape, nice quality, wings, tail and markings, very neat; 2, McFarlane, variegated, very neat model, in lovely feather, falls a shade in size to first; spl, 3, Scaife, varlegt, nice quality, falls in shape to winner; 4, Dunn, variegated, very fair size shape, and wing carriage, will improve; 5, Carson; 6, Jarvie; 8, McNaughton. BUFF (7): 1, Marshall, variegated, grand size and shape, good chest, back and carriage; 2, Ovenstone, eye and wing mkd, very close on first, falls a shade in carriage to first; 3, Smart, grand type, nice rich feather, on small side; 4, (lifted); 5, Penman; 6, McFarlane; 7, McNaughton YELL HEN (15): 1, Binnie, cl, nice size, and colour, rare colour, lovely shape, in grand condition; 2, Bishop, cl, similar in size, shape, and quality, barely so nice in colour; 3, Inglis, cl, not so good for size but nice shape, and quality; 4, Ovenstone, falls only in type and feather; 5, Todd; 6, McNaughton; 7, Marshall; 8, Ure. BUFF (27): 1, spl, Scaife, cup and medal winner, cl, grand size, shape, and quality of feather, nice model, wins; 2 spl, Todd, cl, shade richer in colour, barely the substance of body, however, grand quality; 3, Bishop, nice type, all round, barely so nice in feather, will do better yet; 4, Simpson, falls in size to winner; 5, Sharp; 6, Binnie; 7, Smart. NON-FED. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Dunn, cl fine head, chest and colour, grand stamp; 2, Dickson, variegated, plenty of substance and colour, but barely the quality of first; 3, Cousions, cl, falls a little in size only, equal in other points, presses hard, will improve; 4, 7, Reid, nice quality, good colour, lacks substance. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Hamilton and Wallace, buff green runner-up for cup, an all-round model, must have pressed hard, looking well; 2, Penman, ol, nicely built, grand quality, lovely head, neck, and chest, neat model; 3, 8, Dickson, good type and quality, shade small in head, perfect feather, nicely staged; 4, 7, Reid 4, cl, nice size and colour, neat build, a taking exhibit; 5, spl, Millar and Eadie; 6, McNaughton. CREST CK. (7): 1, spl, Moreland, winner of Hyde's spl, dark Crest and wing mkd, nice size, neat even crest, grand feather; 2, Augus, cl, even crest, barely so well built as first, crest large and dense, staged in nice condition; 3, 7, Whytock, 3, falls in size to first and second, crest even and nice droop, nice Bird; 4, Johnstone, nice size and even crest, but barely so nicely in frontal to winner; 5, McNaughton; 6, Beaton. HEN (9): 1, spl, 4, 5, spl, Esson, best bird in Crest section, grand hen, rare size of crest good radiation, easy winner; 4, grand body, nice drooping crest; 2, 7, Moreland, 2, dark crest and wing mkd, crest of nice radiation, barely so dense as first; 3, spl, 6, McNaughton, 3, dark crest, nice size, leafy feathers, barely the model of winners good bird; 8, Johnstone. C.B. CK. (10): 1, Ure, large variegated, fine shaped skull, excellent feather and lash, a beauty; 2, Esson, variegated, quite as large as winner, grand skull, head feather, nice and dense, fine lash, presses hard; 3, Whyttock, variegated, another good bird, not quite so large as first and second; good shape, head feather nice and dense; 4, Bootson, variegated, nice skull, good lash, and dense feather of good quality, not so large as winner in front; 5, Johnston; 6, McFarlane; 7, McNaughton. HEN (11): 1, 5, Esson, 1, cl, nice size and skull, head feather dense, nice length and leafy, good entrance and flow at back of head, nicely finished off; 2, McFarlane, variegated, similar size, shape and build, nice developed skull, head feather of good length and lash; 3, 6, Moreland, a gem, nice exhibit, falls a little in size, but in other points equal to winner; 4, Johnstone, nice quality, good skull and lash, barely the length of third; 7, Miller and Eadie. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK (16): 1, Hamilton and Wallace cl, fine model, grand shape and carriage, neat wing and tail, both carried to perfection, feather as close as wax, wins; 2, Cox, cl, another good cl, grand shape and quality, nice colour, very jaunty carriage, not quite the style of winner; 3, Smart, a gem, sweet and shapely, nice quality, jaunty carriage, barely so good in feather as winner; 4, 8, Mummouth, good shape and quality, lacks smartness in carriage; 5, McWatt; 6, Craig; 7, Gartner and Heerd. BUFF (20): 1, vhc, A. H. McWatt, 1, eye and wing mkd, rare shape and feather, grand jaunty carriage, in lovely feather, like wax; 2, Cartner and Heerd, head tick, good shape, lovely feather in the pink of condition, barely so jaunty as first; 3, Godfrey, head markings, grand shape and quality, feathers as close as wax, well modelled; 4, Mitchell, shade heavier in build than winner, splendid carriage, neat wings, and tail, barely so jaunty; 5, Marshall; 7, Cousins; 8, Wilson Bros. A.O.V. YELL. BORD. CK. (7): 1, McWatt variegated, Bord, excellent shape and carriage, very jaunty, feathered like wax, a model; 2, Wilson Bros, another variegated, of almost equal merit to first, grand carriage, perfect wing and tail carriage; 3, Cousins, variegated, yell, grand shape and quality, scarcely so shapely; 4, Cox, nice shape, close lying feather, perfect wing and tail carriage, shade stronger in build; 5, Marshall; 6, Mitchell; 7, Reid. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Wilson Bros, variegated, runner-up for cup, really fine model, in the very pink of condition, wins easily; 2, spl, 3, Auld, 2, wing mkd; 3, eye mkd, two real gems, nice and shapely, 3, hardly showing the quality of feather of first and second, nicely staged; 4, 5, 8, McWatt, 4, splendid carriage, neat wing and tail, and staged in lovely condition, not so jaunty as winners; 6, Mitchell; 7, Jeffrey. YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl, Wilson Bros, cup and medal winner, grand one, sweetly moulded, lovely shape, and feather, very smart, lovely type, hard to beat; 2, 7, Cartner and Heerd, 2, variegated, sweet shape, very neat and stylish, feather like wax, lovely action, good all-round quality; spl, 3, Jeffrey, cl, yell, nice quality and shape, nicely carried wings, in lovely feather, good carriage; 4, 6, McWatt, nice quality of feather, shapely, shade loose in wing, when noticed; 5 Cox; 8, Cousins. BUFF (23): 1, 2, Cartner and Heerd, 1, body mkd, grand style, fine front, head and neck; 2, ol, very close merit to first, but barely so good in condition; 3, Mitchell, cl, smart, grand type, quality and condition, nice wing, and carriage, very jaunty, good value for place; 4, Marshall nice shape and feather, barely so jaunty. 5, 7, McWatt; 6, Jeffrey; 8, Armitage. CL. ETC. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Bishop, Goldie-Bullie, grand bird tight in feather, nice style and size; 2, Smart, Linnet-Bullie, good shape, colour and feather, nice front; 3, Bishop, Goldie-Canary, grand size and shape, in rare condition. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (8): 1, 4, Ovenstone, 1, Greeny Mule, good chest and shape, in lovely feather; 2, Dunn, Goldie-Mule, nice feather, good shape and colour; spl, 3, McFarlane, Linnet-Mule, nice front and staged in the pink of condition; 5, spl, McGregor; 6, Arnott; 7, Condie. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, Moreland, Cinnamon Nor. in nice bloom and shape, close in feather; 2, McWatt, Scot. Fcy. small in size, but very typical; 3, spl, 7, Humerston and Wallace, 3, Yorks. in lovely condition, fine pose, good exhibit; 4, Grant, staged in rare condition; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Jarvie.

OLD BIRDS.—CK. (COL. FED) (17): 1, spl, McNaughton, grand shape and size, lovely rich, even colour and quality, grand quality feather; 2, Ure, similar, nice shape, very tight in feather, barely so hot in colour as first; 3, Jeffrey, falls in size, nice shape and quality, very smart; 4, Miller and Eadie, fair in all points, staged in lovely condition; 5, Smart; 6, Ovenstone; 7, Rennie; 8, Binnie. HEN (15): 1, 2, Bishop, nice colour and feather; 2, quite as good in shape but not so crubby, lovely quality; 3, spl, Smart, good shape and quality, barely as good at waist as first and second; 4, 5, spl, 8, Miller and Eadie, barely so bold in head, but nice feather; 6, Scaife; 7, Penman; NON FED CK. (9): 1, spl, Smart, model, nice size, lovely shape, well up in colour and feather wins; 2, Mitchell, very typical, barely so neat in head or wing carriage as first; 3, Kemp, very fair model all over, but lacks size of winners, in excellent condition; 4, Bishop, was not showing so well when noted; 5, spl, Grant; 6, Lyon; 7, Arnott; 8, Miller and Eadie. HEN (12): 1, Bishop, nice and chubby, grand head and neck, wing and tail carriage, staged in grand condition; 2, 8, Hamilton and Wallace; 2 grand type, and quality, well placed; 3, spl, Dickson, falls in type, in grand condition; 4, Welsh, very fair exhibit, in lovely condition; 5, Kemp; 6, Munroch; 7, Clubb CREST CK. (11): 1, spl, Esson, D.C. cup and medal winner, grand body, nice sized crest, rare droop neat centre and leafy, wins easily; 2, Grant, green, nice shape and feather, crest barely so large as winner, nice dense feather; 3, spl, Miller and Eadie, nice crest, closely feathered, neat centre; 4, Drynan, rare body, neat crest; 5, McNaughton; 6 Dilchart; 7, Whyttock; 8, Davie HEN (3): 1, spl, Whyttock, cl, body, D.C., not big, but very neat in body and feather, good centre and droop; 2, Davie, small, moderate crest, shade heavy at side. C.B. CK. (7): 1, McNaughton, cl, rare substance, good skull and entrance, nicely lashed, very typical; 2, McFarlane, variegated, fine size, good body, not such a fine entrance as leaders; 3, Ovenstone, rare size and substance, grander head, and more feathers than second; 4, (lifted); 5, Dickson; 6, Grant; 7, Johnstone. HEN (5): 1, 2, Esson, ol, nicely moulded, carrying plenty of head feather; 2, not so large in head, but nice dense head feather of good length; 3 Johnstone, loses in frontal only; 4, Sharp, very neat, nice type; 5, Duchart. BORD CK (9): 1, spl, Jeffries, variegated, fine shape, quality and excellent style; 2, Marshall, cl nice wings fine and smart good carriage, very jaunty; spl, 3, McWatt, cl, nice quality, in splendid condition, falls a shade in size; 4, Welsh, good colour, and head, nice style of front; 5, spl, Wilson Bros; 6, Arnott; 7, Cartner and Heerd; 8 Reid. HEN (9): 1, 5, McWatt, 1, cl, silky feather, good style, very jaunty, nicely braced wings, neat carriage feather; 2, 6, Cartner and Heerd, 2, neat head, nice front, good back and style; 3, Wilson Bros, variegated, nice tight feather, very jaunty, neat carriage, rare wing and tail; 4, Marshall nice shape colour and feather; 7, Reid; 8, Arnott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH ETC. (18): 1, Cooper, Goldie, grand size, fine shape, nice flush, good buttons, nice chest, well tanned; 2, Brisbane, Bullie, good shape lovely colour, nice back, good cap, bars; 3, Sharp, Goldie, rich coloured blaze, nice body colour, very steady, shade small; 4, Morris, Bullie, good shape and colour, grand cap, lovely feather; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Cousins; 7, spl, 8, Hislop. LINNET (21): 1, Cooper, grey Linnet, in splendid condition, nice tight in feather, good colour; 2, Clubb, grey Linnet, very similar to winner, perhaps not quite so shapely; 3, Corbett, grey Linnet, shade dull in colour to winner, and not so tight in feather; 4, McWatt, grey, will improve; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Grant; 7, Miller and Eadie; 8, Muir. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Sharp, nice, thick-set shape, and tight feather, good wings neat head, fine chest and colour, wins; 2, spl, Strachan, fine deep colour, neat head, and body, tight feather, barely the bloom of winner; 3, (lifted); 4, A. and H. Parker, nice shape and feathers; 5, Clubb; 6, McWatt; 7, Muir; 8, McFarlane. SISKIN (5): 1, Morris, nice, smart Siskin, size and shape good cap, bib, and lacing; 2, Kirkwood, another good bird, very close on first, not quite so well bred; spl, 3, Bishop, smart Siskin, good cap and bib, nicely laced, falls in size only, very neat; 4, Ovenstone, just a shade dull in colour; 5, P. Arnott. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, Wilson Bros, Twite, grand one, rich colour and pencilling, in lovely condition; 2, Love, Redpoll, fine, well mkd, bird, in lovely feather, equal to winner for choice; 3, Kirkwood, Redpoll, very close on second, falls in bloom; 4, Moreland, Redpoll, very similar to third, dull; 5, Strachan; 6, McWatt; 7, Brisbane; 8, Hislop. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, 8, 4, Miller and Eadie, Brambleffinch, nice bird, rare size and shape, excellent colour and spangling, staged in rare condition; 2, Hislop, Chaffinch, good size and shape, grand breast colour, large bold whites; 3, Sharp, Brambleffinch, good size, rich breast colour and wing markings, back spangle and lustre; 4, Strachan, another Brambleffinch in nice condition; 5, spl, Miller and Eadie; 6, 8, Rennie; 7, Arnott. A.O.S (HARDBILL) BRIT. (11): 1, 2, Kirkwood, Corn Bunting, well marked, nicely feathered, steady, in perfect feather; 3, Binnie, Yellowhammer, rare size, good shape, rich in colour; 4, 6, Miller and Eadie Hawfinch, good colour, perfect bib, and wing bars; 5, Binnie; 7, Corbett; 8, spl, Inglis. SOFT BILL BRIT. (7): 1, spl, 2, 4, Miller and Eadie, 1, Bearded Tit, in lovely feather and condition, a beauty; 2, Blackbird, grand size, and shape, in perfect feather and lustre; 4, Grey Wagtail, shown in rare order, lovely style and finish; 3, 5, Richardson, Mistel Thrush, nice size, and shape, nice even breast markings, and rich colour, nicely finished; 6, Moreland. CL. ETC. MULE OR HYB. (3): spl, 1, 2, Ovenstone, 1, Bullie-Mule, in rare condition, lovely feather, nicely staged; 2, Goldie-Mule, in grand lustre and feather, very fine pair; 3, Linnet-Bullie, staged in grand condition. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (11): 1, 5, Ovenstone, 1, Goldie-Canary, excellent colour, good blaze, in lovely condition; 2, Moreland, Goldie-Mule, nice rich colour, tight feather, looking well; 3, spl, McGregor, Siskin-Mule, beautiful colour and condition, perfect feather; 4, Dunn, Goldie-Mule, nice rich colour and feather; 6, Angus; 7, Johnstone; 8, A. and H. Parker. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (FOR.) (6): 1, spl, Sharp, Goldie, a gem, grand size, face of excellent proportions, nicely polished, richly tanned body, well marked breast; 2, Angus, Goldie, another fine one very little between them, presses hard; 3, spl, Corbett, Goldie, very neat, fine colour and markings, neat bird; 4, Cooper, Goldie; 5, 6, Ovenstone. A.O.S. FOR. (3): 1, Miller and Eadie, superb Tanager, very rich coloured, shown in rare condition; 2, Duchart, Red Cardinal, in grand feather and colour, in the pink of condition; 3, Dunn (lifted). HYB. PAIRS (16): 1, spl, Ovenstone, Nor. and Bullie, very fine pair, nicely staged; 2, Love, Goldie and Bullie then, another nice pair, looking well; 3, spl, Sharp; 4, Hunter, Goldie and Linnet, in nice condition, shade wild when noted; 5, spl, McFarlane; 6, McWatt; 7, Dickson; 8, Miller and Eadie. HEN BRIT (18): 1, spl, 3, spl, Miller and Eadie, 1, Hedge Sparrow, in nice condition; 3, Shore Lark, staged in the pink of condition, nicely mkd, very steady; 2, Moreland, Yellowhammer, nice rich colour, in excellent condition, very steady; 4, Brisbane, Bullfinch, nice colour, splendid cap, lovely shape and feather; 5, spl, Ovenstone; 6, 7, Strachan; 8, McWatt.

EARLSTON.

Earlston (N.B.) held their annual exhibition of cage birds, etc., on 31st October. The Corn Exchange, in which the show was held, is very well adapted for this purpose, being of medium size, no draughts, and well lighted from the roof. In point of quality this exhibition again took a high standing, although as regards quantity we would like to have seen much stronger competition, especially as it is in and around these Border shows, where the keenest rivalry was at one time held. But of late years this seems to have fallen off to a great extent. Still, a few of the leading Border fancy veterans staged some grand teams, and Messrs. J. Young (Chirnside), and H. Bennet (Kelso), had the lion's share of the spoils. The former exhibitor secured the B.F.C.C. medal, with a very fine yellow foul hen, while the latter was runner-up with a buff hen. The painstaking and energetic secretary, Mr. J. Brockie, staged some very fine birds in these classes, but it was a case of being so near and yet so far, as he had three seconds. Better luck next time, John. The Border Section was under a new recruit to the list of judges—Mr. John Linton (Selkirk), and his awards gave general satisfaction. The British and Norwich classes were handled by the well-known British fancier, Mr. Jas. Mason (Peebles), who left nothing to be desired. The various items in connection with the show were successfully carried out by the following gentlemen and fanciers:—President, Colonel Hope; vice-president, C. A. Hope, Esq.; secretary, Mr. J. Brockie, who is deserving of great credit for his supervision, and treasurer, Mr. A. Purves. The committee consisted of the following fanciers, who had a large number of the exhibits packed and ready to reach their destinations the same night: Messrs. W. Neilson, J. Cairney, W. Purves, G. Aitchinson, R. Aitchison, W. Stafford, J. Morris, R. Murdison, A. Aitken, W. Ballantyne, J. Fairley, and W. Bell.

Mr. Linton's Classes.

BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Bennet, lovely bloom, neat round head, short wings, well placed; 2nd, rather flouter body, good head, shade unsteady; 3, Watson, stronger build, longer wings, well up in colour; 4, Patterson, very neatbodied tick, fine bloom, grand wings and tail. HEN (6): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Young, tick, bold, jaunty carriage, grand wings and neat tail; 2, Brockie, foul wing, very sweetly moulded, neat head, well placed wings, very close tail, finely drawn, almost as good as winner; 3, 4, Bennet, pair of real smart ones, former a 2 marked, well rounded body, finely turned front; 4th, clear, free and stylish, falls only in colour. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Bennet, leading with real gem, neat taking style, very close feather, nicely mealed; 3rd, foul, neatly tapered body, lovely bloom; 2, Cormack, foul wing, good head, buck and chest, falls slightly in wing carriage; 4, McLevy, stronger build, full round head, good quality feather, but wild. HEN (6): 1, spl, 3, Bennet, again leading, very sweet one, neat round head, free style, best of condition; 3rd, similar stamp, rather unsteady, grandly finished feather; 2, Patterson, nicely moulded body, free head, finely tapered front, slimmer in body than winner; 4, Amos, good type, rather raw in feather finish. UNEVEN ETC. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Young, very typical vargt., finely drawn body, grand quality feather; 2, Brockie, similar type, nearly even-mkd., good head, back and wings, neat tail, presses winner; 3, McLevy, trifle heavier built, hardly so good in head and neck, in fine feather; 4, Bennet,, very neat style, lovely colour and finish, trifle unsteady. BUFF (6): 1, Robertson, very nicely formed body, neat wing carriage, closely packed tail, hardly fined down in head; 2, Patterson, neat vargt. in best of feather, inclined to draw on back; 3, 4, Tait, one of the best for type, neatly rounded, smart set up, trifle soiled in feather, or might have won. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Murray, again to the fore, Kelso winner, very good type, sound under-colour, finely pencilled; 2, Watson, also good in type, fails in grassy colour; 3, Brown, lovely cinn., rare quality and finish, well pencilled feather; 4, Tait, longer body, wee bit light in under-colour. SELL. (17): 1, Young, very neat, yell. hen; 2, 4, Brockie; 3, Bruce.

Mr. Mason's Classes.

NOR. CK. (10): 1, Lugton, grand quality and colour, buff, full round head, well developed chest, wins well; 2, Pringle, similar type, good wing carriage, just fails to winner in colour; 3, Ford, yell., lovely feather and colour, rather slim in body; 4, 5, Blackhall, yell. vargt., well proportioned body, finely rounded chest, short on leg; 6, McWilliam, 7, Innes. HEN (6): 1, Lugton, again to the fore, massive buff, fine level hot colour, well mealed feather, chubby built; 2, Ford, yell., good quality feather, falls slightly in head; 3, Innes, buff, good chubby specimen, full head and chest, neat wings and tail, not so hot in colour; 4, Blackhall, buff, nice type, not so well finished in feather; 5, Pringle; 6, Lawrie and Welsh. MULE DARK (7): 1, spl, Welsh, nat. col. Linnet Can., nicely marked, good one; 2, Henderson, well fed Linnet Can.; 3, Bell, splendid buff Goldie Can., rare hot colour, good blaze and wing bars, should be heard of again, but unsteady yet; 4, Laidlaw, col. fed Linnet Can., in good feather; 5, Bruce. GREENFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Watson, very fine wing bars, neat head, pale body, colour; 2, Bruce, neatly tapered body, grand colour, close up; 3, Bell, sound body colour, neat wing bars, trifle shorter body; 4, Scott, slimmer body, sound colour, unsteady. BRAMBLE ETC. (3): 1, Livingstone, Chaffinch, in grand feather, fine head colour, body markings and wings well defined; 2, McWilliam, Bramble, well up in colour, sound spangling; 3, Gill, Chaffinch, hardly so good in colour, steady. REDPOLL ETC. (7): 1, Innes, Siskin, good size, finely cut head, neat wing bars, sound body colour; 2, Livingstone, Siskin, stouter body, well up in colour, finely marked; 3, Clark, good feather, but dull in colour; 4, Laidlaw, neatly staged, very good feather; 5, Watson; 6, 7, Stavert. A.O.S. LARGE (3): 1, spl, 3, McWilliam, well spotted Thrush, in fine bloom, level colour; 3, Fieldfare, looks like making a good one; 2, Clark, Hawfinch, large, nice head and bib, hardly full up in body colour. SMALL (3): 1, Laidlaw; 2, Henderson; 3, Ford. FOR. (6): 1, Bruce, Gouldian Finch; 2, 4, McWilliam, Ornamental Parrakeets; 3, Innes, very fine Goldie, good blaze, buttons and wing bars.

BROMLEY.

Norwich and Yorkshires were the varieties most liberally catered for at the show of the Bromley and West Kent F.A., which was held in the Drill Hall on October 28th and 29th, but the former were all cancelled; still, taking into consideration the fact that two other shows were being held in the county on the same day, and that the show was not under C.B.U. rules, the entry was one upon which the committee and all concerned are to be congratulated. The arrangements were well carried out by the stewards under the direction of Mr. W. J. Harrington, the esteemed chairman, whilst Messrs. Spiller and Heaysman, the hon. general secs, and Mr. Wraight, the sectional secretary, by their courtesy and energy assisted greatly in facilitating the success of the fixture, whilst at the same time studying the interests of exhibits and exhibitors. Mr. J. Dobson judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. AND C. AND C.B.: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1 two spls, Mrs. Wraight, capital shape, nice colour, and feather, very stylish; 2, hc, Dell, very neat body, nice colour, style, and feather; 3, Mrs. Fryer, very showy and slim, paler in colour; vhc, Pallett; c, Spiers. BUFF: Cancelled. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Mrs. Wraight, nice long slim stylish yellow, and a very neat compact showy buff; 2, Foxen, buff of good shape and style; vhc, hc, Woodley; c, Pallett. HEN (8): 1, 3, Mrs. Wraight, two nice-shaped close-feathered stylish buffs; 2, hc, Foxen, very smart, showy, nice feathered yellow; vhc, Beaumont; c, Dell. MULES (13): 1, Gunnell, very nicely marked, rich-coloured Goldie-Bullie; 2, hc, Pilcher and Fnux, large, good-coloured, nice quality variegated buff; 3, White, well-marked, close-feathered dark Linnet; vhc, c, Casemon. FINCH, ETC. (22): 1, two spl, Knott, nice bright-coloured Goldie, well-cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, c, Gunnell, rich-coloured, well-marked, nice-feathered Yellow Bunting; 3, Casemore, very bonny Greenfinch, rich colour, well feathered; vhc, Martin; hc, Barber. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Dell, very handsome, well-marked Magpie, grand colour of feather, and a couple of beautiful Thrushes; hc, Brain. FOR. (8): 1, Mrs. Sandy, very rich-coloured Mexican Jay, beautiful markings and feather; 2, Jayes, large, good-coloured Blue-fronted Amazon; 3, hc, c, Dell, lovely pair of Yellow Budgerigars; vhc, Martin. SELL. 30/- (8): 1, Stevens; 2, c, Bellinger; 3, Wraight; vhc, hc, Edwards. 20/- (9): 1, spl, Bellinger; 2, Lancaster; 3, hc, Pilcher and Fnux; vhc, Wraight; c, Stevens. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (18): 1, Jordan, grand shaped, rich-coloured, well-marked Goldie; 2 Dell, very smart Bullie, lustrous cap, rich-coloured breast; 3, Mrs. Sandy, another capital Goldie in nice feather; vhc, hc, c, Gunnell. The members' classes contained a very handsome lot of birds, the winners excelling in type and quality. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Dell; 2, vhc, Bellinger; 3, Jordon; hc, Steed. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Bellinger; 3, Jordon; vhc, Steed. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, cup, 2, Jordon; 3, Steed; vhc, hc, Bellinger. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Bellinger; 2, Jordon; 3, Wraight; hc, Steed. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Pilcher and Fnux; 2, Edwards. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, hc, Pilcher and Fnux; 3, vhc, c, Edwards. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Pilcher and Fnux; 2, Edwards. HEN (2): 1, Edwards; 2, Pilcher and Fnux. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Stevens; 3, Steed. SEEDEATERS (3): 1, Jordon; 2, 3, Dell.

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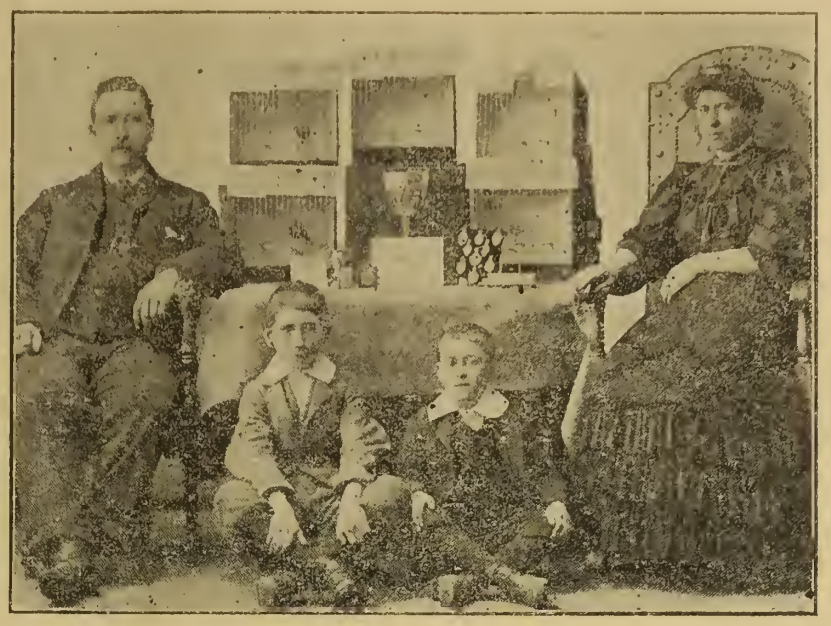
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Nov. 13and 14.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland.**
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Preston O.S.** P.R.,W.M. & Dr.H.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Wallsend & Mid Tyne C.B.A.** W.P.B., J.F.D., and W.A.C.
*Nov. 13 and 14.—**Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.** H.W.B. and A.W.
*Nov. 14 - **Consett.**
Nov. 14.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** D.B., P. Mck., A.C., and P.P.
*Nov. 14.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.** J.H.R.
*Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.** W.E.G., W.V., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 17 and 18—**Wimbledon** (H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd. Wimbledon, S.W.). J.R. and H.N.
*Nov. 19.—**Selby** (J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook-st.). W.M.
*Nov. 19.—**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.** (East and Jeremy, Glanhyrd Cottage, Tanylan-rd.). H.W.B. and J.B.E.
*Nov. 19.—**Worcester and Dis. C.B.S.** (A. E. Bishop, 14, Barry-st.). J.H.P.
*Nov 20 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** (F. F. Potter, 178, Thoresby-st.). H.W.B. and J.C.B.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** (A. Pickaring, Hill-street). J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland** (Reed and Maddison, 2, Plantation-rd., Pallion). J.H.R. and A.G.C.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** (J. Ferguson, 19 College-st.) J.Wk., J.Tn.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** (W. Ridge, Poolstock). H.T. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (H. Clegg, 200, Hollings-road.) A.A.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** (A. Bowes, 15, Wilson-st.). W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks)** (Q.M.Sgt. A. Cant, 26, May-st.). W.Mr., W.Hn., J.Cd., J.Msn., and J.Tr.
Nov 21.—**City and County of Perth** (J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's-rd.). C.C., A.Rs., D.L., G.F. and R.V.R.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** (Alex. Urquhart, 88, Telford-road). P.P., W.S., and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-rd.).
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (F. J. Bingham, 88, Barden-rd.).
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 43, Dixon-st.) J.R., J.P.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. J. Birse, 34, Clonliffe-rd., Dublin). R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.Mc.L., A.Mc.F., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berry-st.). W.V. and W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J.Mn.
Nov. 28.—**Mylrkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Turner, 35, Market-street, Draycott). J.R. and J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil-rd., Lakenham). J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.Sk., and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (J. Irlam, 101, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Leech and G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst-rd.). J.H.P. and W.G.P.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Porth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 13, School-st., Cymmer). J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (J. H. de Maillet, 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** C.H. Emerson, 129, Farebrother-st.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside-st.) D.Hn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC., and P.P
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (Kirkland and Hadley, 29, Princess-st.). J.B. and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.). J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jnr., 57, Bonnygate). J. Blk., J Ms. J.Gw., C C. and J.C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 20, College-rd.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd). J.H P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
*Dec. 19.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., and J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C. and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.
Dec. 13.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.** (Jack Francis, Carmarthen). J.R.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Donegall Rd. Belfast). G.H. and J. Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W. and C.H.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Msn., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd. Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.



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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.C.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 13, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place).
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport), T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S, and W.V.

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REMEMBER: The Shows this week are Preston, Friday, Nov. 13 and Nottingham, Sat., Nov. 14.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

The List of Shows Mr. Norman Attends This Year.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
November 13th.—Preston.
November 14th.—Nottingham.
November 25th.—Cardiff.
November 27th.—Leeds.
December 11th.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Yorkshire Union Show at Shipley, on Saturday, in the 25 classes had 335 entries, which works out at slightly over 13 per class, but although not so good in entries, the quality throughout was excellent, the best birds of the county being on view.

A BIRD in one of the unflighted classes was objected to on account of the longer flights having the appearance of a flighted bird, and the objection was upheld by the society's officials. There seems no doubt as to the bird being 1908 bred, the cover feathers of the wings are the usual brimstone colour, but the few outside flights are alleged to bear the appearance of new feathers, and as the schedule read "unflighted," the society were bound to uphold the objection.

BRAMLEY Society held their annual open show on the same date, and provided 28 classes. The entries totalled 417, an average of nearly 15 per class, the failing classes being the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshires and the Green classes; two of each had been provided, but only attracted 38 entries. All other varieties were fairly well patronised, and this enterprising society have still another successful show to add to their list.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. has decided to hold a social and whist drive (in aid of their special prize fund), which will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, in the Carnegie Library, Windhill. Tickets will be 1s. 3d. each, including refreshment, and it is hoped a good number will avail themselves of a pleasant evening, and at the same time assist the club. At the next meeting of the C.M.Y.C.C. the question of novice classes will be brought forward and discussed, therefore all members interested should prepare themselves in readiness for the fray.

WHILST Cinnamon Marks are on the board, I might mention that Mr. J. Hartley is shortly to remove to Bingley, and I am sure the fanciers of that village (or should I say town?) will be delighted to have him amongst them. As "Jimmy" will still continue his business at Princeville, the district fanciers will not lose him altogether, and may still have the pleasure of a quiet chat on birdy matters as of yore.

BRADFORD East had a very interesting lecture on "Cinnamon Marked Breeding," by Mr. F. Allen, of Cleckheaton, on November 3rd. The members turned up in full force and passed a very useful and instructive evening. Mr. Allen dealt very fully with his methods, and was asked a great many questions, all of which he answered very satisfactorily. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

AT next Tuesday's meeting, this society is holding the members' judging competition, and they have secured the services of Mr. W. A. Cowgill to officiate, in the first instance, the members to try and place them in positions he selects. The gift class will be included at this meeting, the proceeds to go towards the rose bowls that the society are desirous of obtaining for competition at their first annual open show. STRAIGHT-'UN.

We have received a copy of the rules of the Bromsgrove and Dis. C.B.S. from the secretary, Mr. Frank Jeffrey, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove. On November 25th, Mr. J. W. Rose will deliver a lecture on "Foreign Birds I have kept."

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 14, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Back-end show business, etc.—H. Foden.
Ayr and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Report of show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Nov. 14, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Final show arrangements.—H. Clegg.
Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 21, Clarence Hotel. Table show, judging to commence at 6.—E. Carlisle.
Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 17, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' Judging Competition; Pair Class, entry fee 6d.; also Gift Class, etc.—H. Hill.
Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 17, Temperance Rooms, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool). Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.
Bermondsey and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 17, Samson's Castle, S.E., 8.30. Annual show, prize money and other important business.—A. Lupton.
Coventry O.S.—Nov. 18, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Dec. 5th show matters, etc.—G. Peters.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Annual show; entries close Monday, Nov. 16.—V. Wynn.
Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Nov. 16, Queen's Head Hotel, 7. Members' entries and open show business.—A. Bowes.
Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Maskell's Restaurant, 8. General and show business. — W. S. Negus.
City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8 p.m. prompt. Washing Exhibition by G. E. Russell, Esq.; anyone interested invited.—J. H. de Maillet.
City of Wakefield O.S. — Nov. 14, Crown and Anchor, 7. Arrangements for Members' Show. — Parker and Atkinson.
Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Nov. 18, George Hotel, 8. Balance sheet of open show.—R. S. Black
Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Half Moon, 8. General show business, specials, stewards, etc.—E. Brunskill.
Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 11, 8.30. Schedule of open show.—J. J. Mullett.
East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Nov. 14, Barley Mow Hotel, 8. Classification for Nov. show. Mr. F. Allen, judge. Arrangements for getting specials for Boxing Day show; also classification and judge; 1909 schedules.—J. E. Hudson.
Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangements for schedule and arranging special prize lists.—T. Taylor.
Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 17, Hall of Science, Grimsby, 8. General business. Fanciers and friends invited.—Moore and Crowston.
Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Open show business. Also Members' Show, at 8.—J. Holroyd.
Hyson Green C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Cricket Players, 8. To receive monies for the special funds.—A. E. Garton.
Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 18, McMurdo's, 8. Committee meeting, to arrange working of back-end show, and allot specials, etc., for same.—A. H. Meadowcroft.
Halifax O.S.—Nov. 21, Talbot Hotel, 8. Monthly show. Members please note change to the Talbot Hotel.—J. F. Thackray.
Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Co-operative Classroom, 6.30. Open show business.—J. Turner.
Liverpool O.S.—Nov. 17, 64, Shaw Street, 8. General clearing up of open show; possibly balance sheet.—Metcalfe and Hillum.
Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Schedules and other important business.—D. John.
Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Mason's Arms, 7. Balance-sheet, payment of prize-money, election of office bearers, presentation; fanciers invited, new members enrolled.—W. B. Smart.
Musselburgh O.S.—Nov. 14, McDonald's Rooms, 8. Final meeting before show. Members' cards to be clear at this meeting; members with subscription books to forward them to sec.—David Kay.
Macsteg and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.30. To elect new secretary.—W. Jenkins.
Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Nov. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Mr. J. Hampshire will give a cage-making demonstration.—E. H. Jones.
Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Bull Hotel, 8. Allotting specials, and final arrangements for show.—J. England.
North London C.B.A.—Nov. 18, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Members' Judging Competition; distribution of prize money and specials; fanciers and friends welcome.—R. P. Harper.
Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Nov. 19, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30.—J. Bertram.
Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Schedule for open show. Bird Pests Discussion.—W. Pawley.
Shields C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Important show business; annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—W. Duke.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show of Yorks. Judge, Mr. Aspinall.—J. C. Spilsbury.
Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 17. Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Third Federation Team and general business.—W. Stafford.
Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 17, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8. Final arrangements for open show, and drawing for members' specials; members please bring subscription lists, for insertion in catalogue.—Reid and Maddison.
South-west London C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Plough Hotel, 8.30. To lay out prize money and transact other club business.—W. Lilley.
Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Nov. 14, Station Hotel, 7. Business, important.—H. Dobson.
Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Bell Head Hotel. Birds to be staged by 3. Monthly show, Yell and Buff Hens, variety class cancelled.—A. E. Morton.
West Stanley and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 18, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Thompson (Newcastle).—M. Mason.
Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Bennett (Great Horton).—E. W. Johnson.

Blaydon-on-Tyne officials deserve great credit, writes Mr. A. Price (Idle). My exhibits at their show, held Friday and Saturday last, I received back safely packed at 9.15 on Saturday night. I think Blaydon will be over 100 miles from here. Their promptness did not stop at this, for I was astonished to receive my prize money on Sunday morning, which easily constitutes a record, as far as my experience goes, for shows away from this district. Such good work deserves success.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., A.H.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Moulting.

A. T.—Although it is unusual for a bird to miss moulting one year it is by no means unknown, so as your bird keeps in good health and spirits I should not worry at all about its failing to commence moulting as yet. Being always a late moulter, and now six years old it is quite probable that the moult is only deferred for a few weeks, and that it will take place in the early spring as soon as the weather begins to get mild. As long as it keeps well, leave it alone; but keep an eye on it, and if you notice it beginning to drop feathers see that it is well protected from draughts and kept fairly warm, so that the cold weather will not affect it in its bare state. Should it begin to show rough staring plumage and evident signs of illness, at once give it a vapour bath, as described last week, keep warm, and covered over, and add a few shreds of saffron to its water four times a week.

A Plague of Beetles.

Old Fancier.—It is a little curious that you should have been so suddenly overrun with black beetles in your birdroom. A keeper of large soft-billed birds might almost envy you. If you have a friend in this hobby get him to put a few "Demon" beetle traps in the room, and the result will be mutually satisfactory—one your side because the plague will soon be reduced and on his because of the stock of excellent food his birds will get. Or you may set a trap or two on your own account baited with a little stale beer and treacle, and empty the contents as often as may seem desirable into a vessel of boiling water. Any ironmonger would probably be able to supply you with a "Demon" trap. As alternative remedies you might put down under strict precautions to prevent accidents, as the stuff is very poisonous, phosphorous paste; Battle's Vermin Killer; or "Rough on Rats." Personally I consider the use of poisons most objectionable whenever it can be dispensed with, and in a case of this kind should be inclined to try the effect of a couple of starlings flying loose in the room for a few weeks.

Roller's Voice Rusty.

"Rusty."—There is certainly nothing much the matter with your Roller for him to be coming on song so soon after the moult. The comparative rustiness of his rolls is nothing at all unusual, and will disappear as he gets more fully into song. But as you are in bad need of his services as a tutor, you might help to bring him into perfect song more quickly by keeping him in a comfortable temperature, and giving him the following concoction three times a week in the place of his ordinary drinking water. Place half a teaspoonful of linseed in a small teacup, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and a piece of Spanish liquorice, the size of a hazel nut, fill up with boiling water, stir until liquorice is dissolved, cover over, and allow it to stand until cold. Strain through muslin and give it in the drinkers instead of plain water. On the alternate days give five drops of tincture of steel in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

Norwich Gone Wheezy.

"Novice."—Your feeding is certainly very generous, even for birds kept in a quite cold room. Hemp and rape both together should not figure in the regular dietary, and twice a week would be quite often enough to give egg food, and a teaspoonful between the two birds would be sufficient at a time. Are you quite sure that the birds are not exposed to draught when the window is opened to air the room? If there is no doubt on this point, I should suspect dampness in the room, and look about for evidence of this. Again in a room of this kind birds kept in cages should not be given cold baths, except occasionally during nice bright weather. If both draught and damp are unquestionably non-existent, you should remove the birds to a room with a little warmer temperature, but see that it is not subject to violent fluctuations, and, of course, draughts must be just as rigorously guarded against as in a colder room. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape seed as a staple. Give a pinch of hemp twice a week, and a little egg food on two other days, well mixing in the latter two drops of cod liver oil emulsion for each bird, until they are quite well. In the drinking water give a piece of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea for a couple of days, and after that give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolee, two days in every three for a fortnight, or until all the wheeziness has disappeared.

Our Court of Appeal.

"Nemo."—My (I take it) fair correspondent gave a Canary to a friend, which ultimately became ill but recovered on a "diet" of whisky. When it was recovering its owner found what she declared was a long worm passed by the bird, which was responsible for its illness. A sister of my querist saw the object and thought it so uncommonly like a green caterpillar that she suggested it was nothing more than a caterpillar which had crawled into the cage from an adjacent geranium plant, a suggestion the bird's owner repudiated, holding religiously to the conviction that it was passed by the bird. Now she (the querist) appeals for enlightenment. Well, here it is! Cage birds certainly are not immune from internal parasites by any means, but cases where they occur, especially in Canaries, are very uncommon. None of these parasites, or worms, are at all like a green caterpillar, and judging from the colour alone, coupled with the fact that a germinum plant was growing close by, and that these plants are very often infested with the small green caterpillars of a moth, I have no hesitation whatever in saying that the suggestion of my correspondent's sister was the only true and correct one. The illness was due to a chill, and the whisky treatment was not so very far off the mark. Worms would not produce symptoms anything like it. The cause of the wheeziness which the bird suffers from now is either the result of that same chill, or the bird has been exposed to more draughts or chills since. See that these causes are fully guarded against, and give the bird twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two or nil of eucalyptus in its drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight or so. Shake the mixture thoroughly before giving it.

A Troublesome Plainhead.

D. Agnew.—Am afraid this bird will never be of much use, even if it survives much longer. It is evidently one of the physically unfit. Try following method of food and treatment for a few weeks and note result, and if any improvement is apparent write again. If no improvement takes place in, say, a month or six weeks you may safely conclude its case is hopeless. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Give separately twice a week a few grains of hemp, and every second day a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake—or egg-food, whichever it will take most freely—with four drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it each time; and every day a small spray of green-food—watercress, chickweed, groundsel, or plantain stalks, as may be obtainable—but no apple. Keep in a comfortable temperature, in a fairly large cage, in a nice bright position, but see it is free from draughts and red-mites. Allow it to bathe once or twice a week in bright weather, and keep cage well strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water dissolve as much Epsom salts, for one day only, as will cover a sixpence. After this give a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea, and the same quantity of extract of dandelion every second day for a week, and on the alternate days five drops of tincture of steel in the water. During second week give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and pure water on the alternate days. For the third and fourth weeks repeat treatment given for first and second weeks respectively.

The Sexing Problem.

Tipperary.—This question is without a doubt a puzzling one for the novice. Stick to your hobby, however, and in the course of time you will doubtless reach that stage when the sex of a given bird will be revealed to you at a glance. Only time and patient observation will enable you to do this. In external appearance the cock is bolder and more defiant in attitude; his "tweed" is more clear and resonant than the comparatively rusty, harsh, voice of the hen; his eye is fuller and more bold than the "soft" facial expression of his mate; his gait is more pert and confident; and the space between the under tail coverts and lower belly is filled in better. When caught, and the feathers of the abdomen blown aside, the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is comparatively flat and expansive. A healthy cock nearly always sings; a hen rarely does so, and when she does attempt it, her notes are harsh, short, and much broken, and there is little of the pronounced swelling and throbbing of the throat which characterises the song of the cock. When just leaving the nest the young cocks generally twitter and record their future song, otherwise, only their slightly more pushing ways and bolder appearances will enable you to pick out the cocks until you have acquired a little experience. You will find the difference illustrated and described in our handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d.

Does it Eat Enough?

"Bunvip," Edinburgh.—I should have no doubt whatever about an apparently healthy young Canary eating sufficient for its bodily needs, even though it does not consume a teaspoonful of seed per day, which, if I understand your note correctly, is in addition to egg food. As a matter of fact with caged birds the chances are all the other way, and the risk is rather of their eating too much. A teaspoonful of seed a day minus any other kind of food at all is a fair average quantity for a medium sized bird, so I do not think there is any need whatever for you to worry about the bird's appetite. If it looks thin that may be its normal condition, as every Norwich Canary is not so thick and cobby as its owner would wish it to be. Your feeding is not all that could be desired, especially if you give egg and sponge cake daily as your note seems to suggest. The following general rules will help you. For staple diet give Canary seed only, and in addition give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of rape seed, on two other days, the same quantity of egg food, or sponge cake, or a small piece of bread dipped in milk, and pressed nearly dry, and three times a week a spray of green food, or, when this is not available, a bit of sweet juicy fruit of some kind. Give all these extras alternately so that a different one will be given each day. On rare occasions as a special treat you may give a few grains of hemp, or a half teaspoonful of the seed mixture you are now feeding on. Keep its cage floor strewn with gritty sand, and give it a bath two or three time a week in winter, and daily in summer. On this treatment the bird should do very well.

Breeding Queries.

Big Head.—Your nom-de-plume is doubtless just what you are longing to see on your birds, which, you say, are of good type and quality, and then go on to say they are rather on the small side, and have pinched heads and are flat on chest. How can you reconcile these very contrary remarks? As a matter of fact birds with the defects you name cannot possibly be of good type and quality, and it is doubtful whether it is worth while trying to breed good stock from them. Personally, I should consider them wasters, pure and simple, and the best advice I feel I can give you is to discard them entirely for breeding, and replace them with more typical specimens. You might certainly improve the defect by mating with a short feathered cobby, Crest-bred, but at the same time you would get other undesirable features, which would have to be bred out, and the work might, probably would, occupy several years whereas there are lots of ready-made material in the Plainhead variety which you could utilise in place of these defective specimens, and by so doing perhaps produce good typical stock next year. It is simply going the longest and most difficult road to attain your object, and taking upon yourself unnecessary doubts as well.

A Masterpiece of Mystery.

T. Nolan.—Your query almost amounts to this, for beyond saying that your bird has suddenly become so terribly mopy that its wings droop almost on to the perch, I have absolutely no data to go upon. You should have said at least where, and how it is kept, whether in warm or cold room, whether its breathing was affected, and in a case of this kind the condition of its bowels would have been an important point. As it is, I really do not much care to hazard a guess as to what is the matter, much less to advise a definite course of treatment. But you might try the following treatment for a week or so, and meanwhile write me again, giving the particulars asked for. Feed on plain Canary seed only, and give a small piece of bread dipped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence each day for the first three days, then give it every alternate day, and on the intervening days twenty drops of chemical food, until you get a further reply to your next letter. Keep the bird fairly warm; free from draughts; give no cold baths; keep cage quite clean and well strewn with gritty sand.

Drops Feathers, &c.

X.X.—The bird will not be likely to come into song again as long as it continues to drop its feathers. It may be moulting slowly, and not really finished yet, or otherwise it is either subject to cold draughts or great variations of temperature. In the former case all you need do is to keep the bird a little warmer and free from draught, and give a little egg food three times a week, and twenty drops of chemical food on each of the days when you are not giving egg food. But if you are satisfied that it quite finished its moult earlier in the season, place it now in a comfortable temperature where there are no very great fluctuations, but at the same time do not overheat it. See it is not troubled with red mites, nor subject to cold draughts. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of rape seed, on two other days a few grains of hemp, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it. Give these extras alternately and on different days, so that a different one is given each day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days give six drops of tincture of steel.

Roller Losing His Voice.

Venture.—The Roller has almost certainly been exposed to a cold draught, even though it might have been only temporarily, or to some excessive change of temperature. Keep it comfortably warm now, and free from great fluctuations. Feed as advised "X.X." with the exception of giving a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and instead of giving rape separately substitute a small spray of green food. Give also a small cube of fat boiled bacon or fat pork stuck between wires for it to peck at. In its drinking water give ten drops of glycerine and five each syrup of squills and sweet spirits of nitre every second day, and on the alternate days the following decoction instead of its ordinary drinking water. Put half a teaspoonful of linseed into a small teacup, one chlorate of potash lozenge, a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a large pea, and half a teaspoonful of honey. Fill cup with boiling water, stir until the ingredients are dissolved, then cover over, and allow it to stand until cold. Strain through muslin, and give it in the drinker in place of plain water. Continue this for a fortnight if necessary. As soon as the voice returns and is getting fairly strong, stop the former mixture, and give six drops of tincture of steel alternately with the decoction for a week.

Not Moulting.

M.T.—As long as the bird keeps quite well, and in very good feather and song, you need not worry about its not moulting. You do not say how long you have had the bird, but if it is a fairly recent acquirement it is just possible that it moulted before you had it, or it might have moulted last spring, and in the latter case it is quite probable that the moult will again be deferred until the beginning of the year. In any case I would not advise any interference as long as it keeps so well. It is not an unknown circumstance for a bird to skip the moult for a year without any disastrous effect. Keep an eye upon it, and if it begins to moult during the winter or early spring months take due precautions to protect it from getting a chill through losing its plumage at an inclement season.

Sample of Canary Seed.

Nil Desperandum.—Judging from appearances and taste only, the sample of seed sent is fairly good, being clean and bright, and sweet in flavour, but rather small in size. I cannot hazard a guess whether it was the seed that was responsible for the deaths of your birds, though it is a very suspicious circumstance that you should lose so many in such a short time whilst using it, and all the rest that were ill should recover when the seed was changed. It would require a chemical analysis to discover whether and in what way the seed was responsible for the loss.

Loss of Appetite.

"Joey."—Your bird is evidently out of condition generally, and the moult has perhaps put a little too much strain upon it. Give it first a short course of some saline aperient, such as a few grains of Epsom salts in its water for two or three days. Then give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give three drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as a staple, and give a small piece of bread sopped in milk three times a week. A spray of watercress may be given three times a week, and, if you have them, a couple of mealworms a day for a little while would prove invaluable.

Heat and Not Much Draught.

F.R.B.—Reduced to a nutshell, I think this is what your treatment amounts to. Although you do not say so, I imagine your aviary is out of doors, and as you think there is not much draught, I take it you are aware there is some—more or less. Then, worst of all, you "occasionally" have a "lamp-stove" in. All this implies very bad management, whether you are aware of it or not, and if none of your other birds are affected, unless they are very uncommonly hardy specimens, you may confidently expect trouble with them before long unless you alter the system. In the first place the lamp-stove, I suspect, should either be used with absolute regularity or not at all. If the birds are a really hardy type, and cold bred ones, I should advise you to do without it, at any rate as long as the birds show no evident signs of discomfiture. The draughts must be entirely obliterated; you must be quite satisfied that they are quite non-existent. In a small aviary nothing is more fatal to the inmates than draughts and damp. Bear this in mind always. As regards the particular hen you now inquire about, remove her to a room with a comfortable temperature, but do not keep her too warm. Feed her on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and on two other days give a small piece of bread dipped in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine, five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a pea. Shake until the gum is dissolved, and give this two days in every three for a fortnight, or until the bird is quite recovered.

Renewed Moulting.

"Dooley."—You have probably been keeping the birds where it is very warm at certain times during the daytime, and correspondingly cold at night, and these variations would quite suffice for the feathers being cast off again. Keep them where the day and night temperature is as equal as possible, but you must not let it be much cooler than it now is, at least, not until the moult is quite finished. Feed as you are now doing, except that you should give only a small teaspoonful of rape twice a week to the two birds, not a teaspoonful to each bird, and a small spray of watercress would be preferable to apple. Give a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with ten drops of sherry mixed in it between the two birds every second day, and in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water add twenty drops of chemical food every other day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give six drops of tincture of steel. Give the chemical food on the days when you are not giving the sponge cake. Discontinue the treatment when the feathers have quite ceased dropping out.

A Cure for Red Mite.

R.N.S.T.—The loss of feathers on the breast may be due to either grey lice or red mite attacks. If the former, you should easily discover by catching the bird and handling it gently a few moments, looking underneath the wings, etc., when you will soon discover the tiny grey insects racing about your hand. In that case well pepper the bird all over with fresh pyrethrum powder, dusting it deep down into the feathers with a powder puff, then gently roll the bird up in a small soft handkerchief, leaving only the head free, but drawing a single fold loosely over it at the finish to prevent the bird struggling to get free. Lay it aside in this condition for ten or fifteen minutes, then release it into a clean cage, or into a temporary one whilst its usual cage is being thoroughly cleaned. Give it a bath daily for a time in which a little essence of quassia has been mixed. If the pest is red mite give it a daily bath as just mentioned, remove it to a temporary cage, and thoroughly overhaul its usual cage. Scrape the inside all over, and scrape out every crack inside and out with a pin or similar article, and burn the debris. Now brush it well all over with the spirit and camphor mixture you mention, using a stiffish small paint brush to work it well into the deepest cracks. Prepare a wash of sanitary distemper for the inside, but before applying soften a little distemper with a drop or two of water to make it about the consistency of putty, and fill up all the cracks inside with this. Then wash over with distemper. Fill up the cracks outside with putty, and re-paint, or stain, and varnish.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Exhibiting a Goldfinch.

Anderson.—1. It depends entirely upon whether a Goldfinch is dirty or not whether one needs to "tub" him. I think all birds, however, which do much travelling round the shows should be washed at intervals, as they undoubtedly get soiled, and this slight dirtiness is bound to tell if they run up against spotlessly clean Finches their equal in other respects. You must use your own judgment. If you live in a large town you will probably need to hand-wash oftener than a fancier living in the country. 2. Get a proper Finch show-cage, by all means. You cannot better the pattern and size adopted by the N.B.B. and M.C. (vide the photograph given some three weeks ago in our paper). 3. I don't advise a pale colour. Use an extremely dark green—not lighter than holly green—for inside and wires of the cage.

In a Kitchen.

Bunyip.—1. As you apparently keep the gas lighted until very late, I certainly think you should cover over the cages of the birds with some dark, thin material. Birds need a good long rest o'nights if they are to keep healthy. Probably the large species would not hurt; or, at least, would accommodate themselves to the prevailing condition of things. 2. I don't understand this query. A bird which "mopes," I should think, must be ill. Of course, he might be very wild, and so "sulky." But, then, you say he is hand-reared. A hand-reared Blackie, if a cock, ought to be singing by now, if over the moult, and well. The change of quarters, however (you say you have had him but a week or so) would be likely to send a bird off song for a time. 3. In all probability if you gave the birds a mild dose or two of saline medicine (see other replies this and last week). Immediately they look "queer and slack," you would succeed in saving them.

A Russian Goldfinch.

New Reader.—It seems quite the busy season just now for queries about Linnets and Goldfinches. I have very frequently given advice on the sexing of Goldies. The head of the hen, when viewed sideways, is always rounder looking, while the beak is shorter, and not so stout at the base the cock, with its flatter skull and longer beak, looks, and is, longer in the head. In the cock bird the black feathers surrounding the beak and running from base of beak to the eye, the black band at back of the head, and the black shoulders of the wings (wing-butts) are really black that is to say, a deep, intense, shining black, often shaded with green on the wing butts. In the hen the black on these parts is very, very rarely a deep, intense black, but is distinctly greyish (ashen-black), and the wing-butts are usually distinctly brownish, or greyish black fringed with brown. Even in Greys-pecies, when just beginning to strike into moult, the deep black feathers can be seen coming through on the shoulders of the cocks, contrasting distinctly with the grey moulting feathers. Then, of course, in the adult, the blaze offers another excellent guide. In the hen it rarely (if ever) extends back past the centre of the eye. In the cock it extends to the farther edge of the eye, and sometimes past

lt. A good stock mixture for a Russian (or Siberian) Goldfinch, when newly imported (or an English Goldfinch that has been but recently caught), would be Hemp, niger and teazle one pint each, Canary half a pint, linseed a quarter pint, with just a light sprinkle of summer rape and charlock if you like. A few of cracked sunflowery (or safflower, or both) seed should be offered daily, and as the bird gets on to it, the niger in the stock mixture should be gradually lessened. Maw seed is also relished, and very good for a tit-bit. Russian Goldies relish the same wild foods as our English Finch, viz., thistle, teazle and hard heads, dandelion, groundsel, etc. Many also get very fond of an occasional mealworm, once they have been induced to taste of them. A real good "tit-bit" mixture was given in the reply to "G.C." last week.

Concerning Finches.

J.R.—1. After the Linnets have moulted, the young cocks (that is, the birds of the year) never carry the same amount of red on the breast as two and three year old birds. Thus, if you see one with but just a sprinkling of red on the breast (an edging to the feathers there and there) you can be certain it is only a young bird. The feet and legs also supply a guide. 2. Some young Goldies (especially first-nest birds) come up into what is practically full colour after the first moult. These it would be difficult for any inexperienced person to tell from old (two-year, etc.) birds. The appearance of the fret and claws affords some guide, the depth of yellow in the wings also, and likewise the general appearance of the bird; but only an "old hand" could spot these things. Most young Finches, however, are very dingy-looking in the blaze for quite a long time into the winter. 3. Yes; young Finches are the same as Canaries, inasmuch as they do not shed flight and tail feathers until the second moult.

An Owl.

Oblige.—The bird you have is a Barn Owl. You are correct enough in terming it a pretty bird. So far as plumage goes, it certainly is a lovely creature. Barn Owls, however, are practically of no monetary value—a shilling or two at the most—as very few people care to keep them. Many would find it a difficult matter to supply the bird with a sufficiency of suitable food. With regard to exhibiting it, I am afraid you will not find it worth while. As a matter of fact, very few shows would accept an entry of an Owl. Most of them state in big type in their schedules: "Hawks, Owls, and Ravens not admitted." I have known them to be exhibited at small fixtures, and even get a prize. But this usually raises a (b)owl of another kind—from the other exhibitors with birds in the same class.

Caging Linnets.

Thankful.—You have probably been the unwilling victim (your Linnets, too) of inept advisers. Many of the people who shout the most about the "inhumanity" of small cages are either people who have had no experience of bird-keeping worthy of mention, or rabid individuals who can see no further than the ends of their noses—or who won't, and don't intend to, no matter what proof to the contrary may be adduced. Yet personally (with scores of other bird-keepers) I know that it is cruelty—wicked cruelty—to turn certain individuals of many species of British birds into large cages directly they are caught. Under such conditions they in a very short space of time beat themselves into a ragged, exhausted—and often bleeding—mass. They never seem able to understand this kind of liberty, which is yet not liberty at all. Yet these individuals, if given a few weeks in the much-abused "back-cage," would in all probability settle down to captive existence and become decent members of (birdy) society. Your ill-luck with Linnets in the large cage does not say much in favour of this method of keeping them—or trying to, rather. You should get some "back-cages" a few inches larger all over than the ordinary kind (they are to be bought even down "Club Row" now from 1/3 to 1/6 each), and give your Linnets a few weeks in these, keeping the cages in a quiet spot, and interfering but little with the birds except to feed and clean them out. They will soon begin to understand the uselessness of dashing madly about, and make themselves "at home." Then you can transfer them to larger cages, if you choose. I don't believe in all-wire cages myself, though, as a general thing, With newly-captured birds, the chief points are to put them where they can easily get the "hang of things," and where food is "under their noses."

Linnet Ailing.

W. R. Pike.—Am afraid, from your description, that you have let matters go a little too far. When the bird first looked dull and out of sorts, a mild dose or two of saline medicine might quite likely have pulled him round. Get an ounce of sulphate of soda crystals from a chemist, and in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much as will just cover a shilling. Repeat the dose after a day's interval in plain water. Note the replies on feeding Linnets given by me last week, and try to provide a change of diet. You should give plenty of maw seed daily, and a liberal quantity of lightly cracked hemp.

Two Real Teasers.

Novice.—Your questions are rare puzzlers; like so many fired at me by "novices." Have never tried to keep a Starling in the same cage as either Woodlark, Skylark, Robin, Linnet, or Thrush, for the purpose of his "learning their song," so I really cannot offer any opinion as to how he would behave towards members of these species—or they towards him. And who told you a Starling would learn the song of these birds? And if you want to try the experiment, what is the matter with putting the Starling in a cage of its own, and hanging this by the side of the cage containing the other bird? This would be much the best way. I am convinced of this, that you will be wasting time experimenting on an adult Starling—the pupil would need to be a young hand-reared bird. Your idea of breeding Hybrids with the Starling in a cage 40ins. by 24ins. is good enough; the only trouble is whether the Starling will be willing. Am afraid he won't. I have never heard of a Hybrid between the Starling and another British bird. I agree that a Starling-Waxwing Hybrid would be very beautiful. But surely you don't consider it a possibility? I could almost think you were "pulling my leg."

Brevities.

Linnets Not Singing (Surprise).—I think you must have overlooked the answers given "J. L." and "G. C." last week by me. I cannot add anything further thereto. If your birds are not steady ("well caged" as it is termed), you cannot expect to hear them sing yet. Neither, of course, can you if they are not cocks (although, I ought to say, hens often "sing" very decently when well domesticated).

A Muling Question (G.B.).—Much depends on the size of the birds composing the Muling strain. If they are not on the small side, I should advise you to double yellow with a pair or two, and mate the young bred this way with the youngsters bred from pairs mated yellow and buff in the usual way. This would keep up the colour without losing size.

Concerning Linnets and Goldies (H. W. H.).—Full directions as regards Linnets were given in the replies to "J.L." and "G.C." last week. For Goldies, note reply to "New Reader" this week. Try dose or two of mild saline medicine should they turn "puffy"; but give same at the very first sign of ailing.

Sex of Redpoll (R. K.).—This is quite an easy matter. The fully adult male has traces of red on the breast (an old bird with quite a fiery "waistcoat"), whereas the hen entirely lacks this ruddy tint thereabouts.

Muling (F. R. B.).—If you will put some definite questions before me, I shall be glad to answer. With regard to the Linnet Mule, if it has made no attempt to sing, you can be pretty certain it is a hen (I am assuming it to be healthy and well over the moult). If it is greyish in colour about the head, showing no traces of Canary yellow, then you can be quite certain it is. Am surprised to hear you have been "had" so many times in the sex of Goldfinches. Perhaps you are in the habit of buying low-priced birds. Far better to pay a fair price and get the genuine article. Note reply to "New Reader" this week.

Linnets and Goldfinches (Novice).—All your questions are fully answered in the replies given to "J.L." and "G.C." last week, and "New Reader" this week. A mild dose of saline medicine is the finest thing to give; note another reply concerning this. The special mixture advised "G.C." is a grand thing for moulting Goldfinches, especially if there is plenty of thistle in it.

A White Linnet (W. R. Duncan).—If your Linnet is white all over, he is worth £1 fresh-caught. If he is only partly white, however, his value is but small. White, or Pied, Linnets are not at all uncommon (though entirely white ones are somewhat rare). They are to be found in practically every rare-feathered class seen at our shows. They seldom get very high in the prize-list, though, as usually there are rarer Albinos, etc., in the class.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot with Swelling.

E.P.—Continue treatment advised in previous reply; but if you continue to give yolk of egg the bird will get gradually worse, and finally succumb; neither do Grey Parrots require moist food. Diet solely on seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a bit of fresh lettuce occasionally; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in cage. Get from your chemist a small box of Honey and Borax, and wipe out the bird's mouth twice daily with this; it will be sufficient if you put a little on its tongue (well back), with a camel-hair brush, well cleansing it, and using a fresh portion of the mixture for each occasion. Am convinced it is the improper food you have been giving that is responsible for the mischief. If you confine its diet and treatment to that given in my replies, the bird should recover, though you have aggravated the case by continuing to give egg. I will repeat my almost weekly warning: Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

About Silky Cowbirds.

Beginner.—(1) Yes, they are silky Cowbirds. Both are males. You can easily distinguish the sexes; the female is plain umber brown, and the male glossy blue-black. (2) A seed mixture of three parts each Canary and white millet, two parts oats and one part each hemp and sunflower seed. A little soft food (see advert. columns), fruit, and two or three mealworms or other insects daily. (3) They would require to be entered in the class reading "Cardinal and larger"; while, for a show cage, though it should not be too large, at any rate till they are well steadied, yet it should be of sufficient height to prevent them rubbing their heads as they hop on the perches, and also of sufficient length and depth that they do not fray their tail and wing feathers as they hop and turn on the perches. Their store cage should be a roomy one, kept well sanded, and regularly cleaned; they must have a daily bath, and as they indulge in a good splash it would be better to run them into an all-wire bath cage for the purpose; they would soon become accustomed to this, and thus the main cage would be kept nice and dry.

Breeding White-eared Conures.

Grimston.—Am much interested in hearing of your success, and hope they will be fully reared, though of course, seeing that we are now in the cold season, there is a doubt; still, your conditions and locality certainly provide a reasonable chance of complete success. The diet is satisfactory, but I should give them a separate tin of food—equal parts of Canary and White Millet seed. There would be no harm in throwing in a few pieces of plain biscuit. White-eared Conures have been bred on several occasions, though by no means commonly; I know of one Yorkshire aviary in which they have bred out of doors; but still your success is most certainly uncommon, and I should be interested if you would describe the plumage of the nestlings when they leave the nest. Glad to note there is an improvement in the condition of the Pennant, and I anticipate it will be in very fair condition in the course of a few weeks; continue the treatment advised till the bird is in condition. Many thanks for your appreciative remarks, and am pleased to note you find CAGE BIRDS interesting and profitable.

Sexing Blue-fronted Amazons.

M.A.G.—I know of no distinction save that of the beak, and this can only be told by comparison; but the beak of the male in most species of Amazons is longer, the hook more decided, and the arch of the upper mandible much less pronounced. Very probably there is also a difference in the colour of the iris of the eye, but of this I cannot speak definitely. The iris of the adult male is red, that of the young is much paler; but for such cases I mostly rely on the general appearance of the bird; in an aged bird the legs and feet are almost horny compared with those of a young bird; and in nearly all species of Parrots I have found an aged bird to lack the vivacity and go which is characteristic of young life; they are also more dosey, but a young bird, especially a newly-imported one, may be dosey if tainted with disease germs. However, in spite of the indefinities of the above, a little observation of a few birds will soon train the eye. Note all minor differences, try to find out the reason for these, get all the information you can as to age, etc., of the specimens that come under your notice, and you will soon find your judgment in such matters a fairly reliable one.

What Bird Is It?

W. Baker.—There are several races of the Spice Finch, most of which have been given specific distinction, but are all known under the popular name of Spice Finch. I rather incline to the opinion that your bird is one of the above local variations, some of which are more or less streaked with reddish on the breast and sides, and also the scaling are not crescentic, but more V shaped than the common Spice Finch. Will you give me a little more information? Can you say where it came from? What is the extent of the red on the breast, does it form a decided patch or band? Is there any white on the middle or lower back? Is the tail longish for the bird, and the central feathers extended to a point? I should say they would be safe company for the Zebras and Mannikins, but unless they have come from an outdoor aviary, it is now too late to turn them out of doors this year—you must defer doing so till Spring. When asking if birds can be kept out of doors the county should always be given.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (W.M.B.).—Bird fever. Items as to duration and symptoms of illness are at all times helpful in forming an opinion as to cause of death.

Canary (Miss Howard).—Septic inflammation of liver, lungs and bowels, ending in apoplexy. This infection must have been some considerable time developing in the bird's system.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Dead Jay (W.E.H.).—Why is it, we wonder, readers will not look over the rules before sending away dead birds? Under "Post Mortems" (vide the Query pages) we give full information as to where such unpleasant things receive a welcome. Your Jay had to be thrown away.

A Nottingham Matter (Bird Dealer).—Anonymous communications meet with no favour so far as we are concerned. Why could you not give your own name and address? Surely you have no reason to be ashamed to do so?

Sexing Canaries (Tipp).—The query you speak of must have gone astray. Are you sure you correctly addressed it? You should read "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (post free, 7d., from this office), which deals at length with the sexing of Canaries.

Seed-Husk Catchers (E. Jordan).—As this matter was dealt with in our correspondence columns, we cannot accept contributions concerning it in the "Illustrated Ideas."

Standard Colour for Norwich Plainhead Show Cages (G. E. Lewis).—It is quite true that the correct colour for the inside of the show cage for a Norwich Plainhead is "Hedge Sparrow egg blue." But very few brands of enamel agree exactly in tint, even though labelled as being of the above shade of colour. If you go to any large exhibition you will find that the show cages of leading exhibitors differ materially in this matter of colour; therefore we are disposed to think that you are wrong in assuming your bird was passed by the judge because you had not the "correct" tint on the back of its cage. Judges have enough to do to decide between the birds, without having to decide between different shades of enamel—poor fellows!

Cutting (A. Hawkes).—Many thanks.

Suggestions (A. Marshall).—Thanks for your suggestions, which, we may say, we have under consideration, and may adopt in the near future.

Book on British Birds (J. Kirby, High Wycombe).—The book you require is Part I. of the "British Bird Manual," by H. Norman, 1s. 1d., post free, from this office.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

City and Suburban (C.B.U.), November 20th and 21st, in the S. Marylebone Church Institute.—Judges, Messrs. J. Payne and G. E. Weston.—51 Can. and Hyb classes, and 23 Brit., For, and Sell. November 16th to V. WYNN, 22, Park Lane, London W.

Dublin—Y.C.C. of Ireland (N.P.C.C. of Ireland).—November 20th and 27th in the rooms of the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland, 6, Stephen's Green, N. Dublin. (Confined to residents in Ireland and members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland).—65 open classes: Cinn. Yorks. 2, Yorks 14, and 6 Novice; Sell 6, Crest 4, Nor. 8, Scot. 3, Brit. 15, Gift 1, For. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Fee 1/6. (Yorks., Scot., Brit. and For.); 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Fee 2/- (Nor); 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Fee, 1/- (Sell); and Gift (no fee) 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close November 16th to W. J. BIRSE, 24, Clonliffe Road, Dublin.

Woking.—December 2nd in the Assembly Hall, Commercial Road.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 18 members' classes. Fee 1/-. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entries close November 21st to L. C. B. HOCKIN, Heath View, Ferndale Road.

Cradley Heath.—November 25th and 26th in the Whiteley Memorial Schools.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison.—3 10-mile radius classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 18th to H. GRAINGER, 36, Whitehall Road, Cradley Heath.

Inverness.—November 25th in the Music Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. Pettigrew.—40 open classes: Scot. 1, Yorks. 2, Bord. 3, Nor. 14, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Sell 1, Brit. 9, For. 2, Aviary 1, Singing 1 (Judge, Mr. Kelly). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 18th to A. URQUHART, 86, Telford Road.

Norwich Alliance (C.B.U., C.C.C.).—November 28th and 30th in Assembly Rooms, Agricultural Hall, —Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Dobson, J. Stark, W. W. Freestone, A. Woollard and J. F. Hills. —64 open classes: Champion: Nor. 11, Crest 7, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Amateur: Nor. 6, Crest 7, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1; Novice: Nor. 2, Crest 2, Linnet, 10, Sell 2, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 23rd, to R. ROLL, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham, Norwich.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) (B.F.C.C.).—November 21st, in the Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Muir, J. Calderwood, W. Hamilton, J. Mason, and J. Taylor. 49 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 2, Bord. 13, Mule 5, Brit. 15, For. 2. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 16th, to A. CANT, 26, May Street, off Bothwell Road.

Cardiff (C.B.U.).—Nov 20th and 21st, in Stacey Hall, Stacey-road.—44 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 2, Yorks. 8, Scot. 2, Bord. 3, Sell. 3, Mules 4, Brit. 13, For. 3, and 6 novice members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Rae. Entries close November 16th to W. SAMPSON, 93, Llanishen street.

Hull (C.B.U.).—Nov. 20th and 21st, in the New Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and H. W. Battye. 33 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 6 and 2 Novice, Yorks. 6 and 2 Novice, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 1, and 9 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16th to F. F. POTTER, 178, Thoresby-street.

Whitby.—Nov. 25, in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. E. Brunskill. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 18th to J. G. TOMLINSON, Central-chambers, Baxtergate, Whitby.

Wigan (C.B.U.).—Nov. 20th and 21st, in the Orange Hall, Leader's-buildings, King-street.—Judges, Messrs. A. Wellings and H. Tams. 39 open classes: Yorks. 12, Nor. 12, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Stuffed 1, and 12 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14th to W. RIDGE, 55, Pool stock.

Dundee (S.C.C., S.P.C., Glasgow and West Counties N.C.M.B., and F.B.C.).—Nov. 28th in the Gymnasium, Ward-road.—Judges, Messrs. J. McLay, A. McFarlane, J. Arnott, W. Muirhead, H. Bennet, P. Pettigrew. 56 open classes: Crest 5, Nor. 12, Scot. 8, Bord. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 11, Sell. 6, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21st to ALEX MILLER, 3, Park-avenue.

Wiveliscombe.—November 26th, in the Parish Church Schools.—Judge, the Rev. G. W. Joyce.—12 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 2, Sell 1, and 2 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 14th to HILL AND DENING, Wiveliscombe.

West Stanley.—November 28th, in the Albert Drill Hall.—Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose.—14 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 21st, to J. H. LEIGHTON, Causey Row, Swalwell R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Penzance (C.B.U.).—November 27th, in the Central Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. North.—22 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 1, Cinn 1, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 2, and 6 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 19th to J. PEARCE SAMPSON, 4, Parade Street,

Coventry Godiva (C.B.U.).—November 28th, in the Chequers Hotel.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and W. G. Poole.—28 open classes: Nor. 6, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell 6, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 21st, to W. H. BRAY, 12, Berry Street.

Galashiels.—Nov. 21, in the Volunteer Hall.—Judges, Messrs. D. Brown, R. Wright, P. McKenzie and A. Hay.—32 open classes: Scot: 10, Belg. 1, Bord. 9, Nor. 3, Sell. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close November 14th to HILL AND DENING, Wiveliscombe.

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Southall (C.B.U.).—Nov. 26, in the St. John's Hall, King Street. Judge, Mr. F. Easterling. 14 open classes: Yorks 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 17, to ALBERT SMITH, The Schools, Featherstone Road.

Whitehaven (C.B.U., B.F.C.C., and E. and W.B.F.C.C.).—November 20th and 21st in the Oddfellows' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Wilcock and J. Thompson.—44 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 7, Pairs 2, Bord. 9, Scot. 2, Gift 1, Sell 4, Mule 3, Brit. 6 For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6 Entries close November 15th to DOUGLAS AND PEARSON, 10, College Street.

Newark (25-mile radius).—November 26th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. T. B. Mason.—10 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3 For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close November 10th to S. C. WILKINS, Milner Street.

Osprington.—November 25th and 26th, Minor Hall, East Street, Faversham.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—9 members' classes. Entries close November 14th, to W. C. BRAY, 14, Edith Road.

Mountmellick (confined to Queen's Co.).—November 25th and 26th in the Owenass Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Roberts, four classes. Entries close November 14th to H. M. SMITH, 1, Park Terrace.

Vale of Leven.—November 28th, in the Co-operative Hall, Bank Street, Alexandria.—Judges, Messrs. R. B. Gibb, and M. Craig.—29 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 2, Rollers 1, Yorks. 3, Scot. 2, Bord. 4, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1 Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (except Scot, Fancy, 10/-, 5/-, 2/- guaranteed), and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 21st to R. CONELY, 9, Westmiee Terrace, Dumbarton.

Buckfastleigh (4-mile radius).—November 21st Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. F. Tolchard. 2 local classes Prizes, 3/-, 2/-, 1/. Fee, 6d. Entries close November 14th to G. A. TAYLOR, Station Road.

Galashiels (B.F.C.C.).—November 21st, in the Volunteer Hall.—Judges, Messrs. D. Brown, R. Wright, P. McKenzie, and A. Hay.—32 open classes: Scot. 10, Belg. 1, Bord. 9, Nor. 3, Mule 1, Sell 3, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 17th to ALEX. SMITH, 26, Halliburton Place.

Bradford West (Y.U., Y.C.B.B. and M.C., G.C.A., Y.C.C.).—November 21st, in the Whitley Lane Schools, Girlington.—Judges, Messrs. A. Ambler, R. Sutcliffe and J. Beswick.—38 open classes: Yorks. 17, and 6 Novice; Nor. 6 and 2 Novice; Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 17th to H. CLEGG, 200, Hollings-rd., Bradford.

Bournemouth (C.B.U., C.C.C.).—Dec. 1st and 2nd, at the Winter Gardens.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and W. G. Poole. 46 open classes: Nor 8, Crest 5, Yorks. 7, Lancs. 2, Liz. 2, Bord. 2, Roller 1, A.O.V. 1, Limit 1, Extra Stock 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For.6, and 19 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 7/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 24th to E. LEECH and G. W. JONES, 156, Holdenhurst-road.

West Auckland —December 5th in the Talbot Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. Willcock.—16 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Brit. 4, Mule 1, and 3 Members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close November 30th to JAS. GILL, St. Helen's, Bishop Auckland.

Highgate —November 28th, in the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—68 members classes. Prizes, specials. Fee, 1/6 and 1/-. Entries close November 23rd to G. H. NEAL, 163, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, N.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CURIOUS GOLDFINCH MULE AT LEWES SHOW.

SIR,—At Lewes show the only dark Mule exhibited took the first prize. At some shows this year it has been passed. This bird is so like a Goldfinch in colour that some persons might take it to be a foreign Goldfinch in reality. The only Canary signs are in the blaze, formation of beak, and its Canary shape. It was exhibited by the breeder, Mr. Soffner (Lewes). Many years ago I bred a similar Mule; sometimes I got first prize, at other times not a card. J. H. VERRALL.

WHERE IS THE REMAINDER OF THE BIRD?

SIR,—I write to let you know what happened to me and one of my birds at South Shields show. I sent three birds, but I only received two back; for the other I got an empty cage, and the bird's tail. Where has the rest of the bird gone? This bird was third in the unflighted yellow class. I wrote to the secretary, Mr. Duke, and he says the birds left the show all right. There was no packing in the case when it landed to me. I received the birds immediately they came. There has been some rascal at work. I hope you will put this in your valuable paper, and we shall see if anyone else has been treated the same way at Shields Show.

Newsham. W. BAKER.

A SUGGESTION TO SPECIALIST CLUBS.

SIR,—I throw out the following suggestion to the specialist clubs in the cage bird Fancy. Why not grant certificate of merit to every show that provides a certain fixed number of classes in any given variety, the same as is done by the Pigeon clubs? For instance, the Magpie Club allot a certificate to all recognised shows that provide at least 3 classes for Magpies; why can't the Norwich Plainhead and other societies do the same? I should be glad to hear other fanciers' opinions on this point. I only make this suggestion for what it is worth, as no doubt the cups offered by such clubs can only be won by a few of those exhibitors who go in largely for exhibiting, whereas the certificates would give the novices a chance to win something, of which I have no doubt they would feel proud.

GEO. W. READ.

THE CRESTED CLASSES AT NORWICH SHOW.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will kindly announce through the columns of your valuable paper, for the benefit of the members of the C.C.C. who intend to compete for the specials provided by that club at our show this year, that, owing to our printer not giving a separate head-line, the young Crest and Crest-Bred Classes, viz., 45 and 46, are placed in the Limit Classes. They were intended to follow those classes, to enable amateurs and champions to compete together without the former losing their amateur status (if members of our Associations, see Rule 6, page 7, also note after Class 52, page 21). I shall be glad if this can be made quite clear, as I do not wish it to affect our entries, and shall only be too pleased to give all information possible to intending competitors on hearing from them. R. ROLL, Secretary.

THE FORTHCOMING CRYSTAL PALACE (1908) SHOW.

SIR,—In yonr issue of 31st October a notice from Mr. Ramsden appears under "Twitterings" inviting suggestions for making the Crystal Palace Show of 1909 a record success. Might I suggest that the committee do all in their power to amend the unfortunate state of affairs which prevented the Green Canary fanciers from sending any entries to the last Palace show? I believe that the reason why the Green Canary fanciers withheld their entries was because the judge appointed to judge the Green classes had, on a previous occasion, disqualified some birds for having "square feathers." But surely it is possible for the committee, without any loss of dignity on their part, to appoint a judge under whom the G.C. fanciers would show with confidence; and I feel sure it would tend to make the show a success if the Green Canaries were again seen at the Palace. To my mind the Green is one of the most beautiful varieties we have, and I was keenly disappointed in not seeing any at the last Palace show. Living as I do in the extreme South of England, the only opportunity I have of seeing any Greens is when I pay my annual visit to the Crystal Palace in February, and I have little doubt but that the Green Canary would be much more thought of down South if we had more opportunities of seeing it.

H. C. BROOKS.

[We are under the impression that the difficulty our correspondent alludes to has already been smoothed over, and that notification to this effect has been given in our columns by one or other of the parties concerned.—EDITOR.]

NEW SOCIETY FOR COLNE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—We have now formed a society called Colne and District C.B.S. Headquarters are at the Angel Inn, and Walton Arms. Meetings are held every fortnight alternately until Christmas. A meeting held on November 15th next, at Angel Inn, at 7 o'clock.

GEO. ROBERTS,
6, High Street, Colne, Lancs. Secretary.

LEAVING EXHIBITS WITHOUT WATER AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make a suggestion to cage bird show committees in favour of our pets? I believe that, as a rule, all water is taken from the exhibits before judging commences, and many of the poor things don't see any more until, perhaps, three or even four o'clock in the afternoon, especially at large shows, which everyone will admit is a cruel strain on a bird's constitution, and which, I think, can be easily avoided. What I suggest is that the water should be taken off only when the judges are ready for the birds, and I don't think that any bird need be more than about an hour without water. This would also make it easier for the judge, better satisfaction would be given, and we should have the consolation of knowing our birds were not suffering from that terrible thing thirst. It would also leave no excuse for that loud distinguishing mark sometimes seen, viz., a piece of sponge in the drinking tin. A. WOOLLARD.

THE LOSS OF BIRDS FROM THE SHOWS.

SIR,—It will be remembered by the majority of your readers that I had the misfortune to have two valuable birds stolen within six days, one at Neath Show after winning 1st and special, the other either on its way to Llanelly or just after its arrival, and this bird was only beaten by one other bird during the season. The Neath Committee made me a grant of £1 1s. towards the loss, which I consider a kind act. As regards the Llanelly bird, I put in a claim to the railway company, but they decline any responsibility on the grounds—first, that the bird was signed for by one of the committee; secondly, that the loss was not reported to them for three hours after the delivery of the birds. Every society should adopt some system of examining every case and cage before signing the delivery sheet, or in case of pressure should sign as "not examined." When I was Sec. of the Hereford Fanciers' Association we had 1,500 entries, and every case and hamper was opened and examined before being signed for; had we not done this we should have signed for birds that did not arrive until the second day of the show. The way-bills had arrived, and entries had been made on the delivery-sheet before the arrival of the hampers. I simply throw this out as a hint. A steward should be placed in each aisle to prevent any loss, especially just before the closing of the show; that is when my bird was taken at Neath. D. H. TEDSTONE.

THE JUDGING AT SCOTTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to reply to Mr. "Steward" anent my remarks upon judging at Scottish shows. It is no argument, sir, to brush my views aside by dubbing them "childish." I venture to say that a big majority of the visitors at the recent Glasgow show will hold a very different opinion. He seems to treat it as "presumption" on my part to dare give a word of advice to his committee. These gentlemen may be so accustomed to the old order of things that, apart from the actual management of the show, they regard what is really the most vital part, viz., judging, with apparently stoical indifference. I admit, sir, that I am but a "child" in the fancy, as Mr. "Steward" would put it, and have yet a lot to learn, but I am also cognisant of the fact that there are some things with which I have no desire to have anything to do, rather would I leave the fancy. Regarding the subject of a judge conversing with the assistant handing down the birds to the judging table: I hold it is quite unnecessary for a judge to discuss matters with such an assistant. The law upon occasions of wrong-classing is in his own hands, and his duty simply lies in the disqualification of such birds, therefore, to call upon the opinions or advice of a subordinate, plainly shows weakness or incompetence upon his part. "Steward's" closing sentence: "Many a bird is well forward in the prize-list at one show and fails to get a ticket at the next," touches the crux of the whole question. Is there not a model and standard adopted by the Plainhead clubs? An when even a novice sees these ruthlessly ignored on the show-bench, is it to be wondered at he should seek for an explanation? Your threats, Mr. "Steward," of Dundee solicitors, aye, or even Dundee policemen, do not alter the case, as for two days there was exposed eloquent ocular proof of my statements in the birds themselves; so, in the words of a celebrated statesman, "What I have said, I have said—I withdraw nothing." I trust some of our more experienced fanciers will take this subject up, and have it so thrashed out as to safeguard the future. I may add that in proof of my sincerity and bona-fides, I affixed my name publicly to my epistle, whilst I note my critic merely signs himself a "Steward," which he may or may not be; perhaps, if he is not ashamed of the fact, he will enlighten us upon this point. D. S. GOWANS.

IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF MR. J. F. HILLS.

SIR,—I have received a letter from Mr. J. F. Hills, the well-known British bird judge, in which he writes:—

"I cannot do better than take this opportunity of announcing that I shall close my judging career with the next Palace show—the Jubilee Show. My first engagement at the Crystal Palace was in 1857, and with the

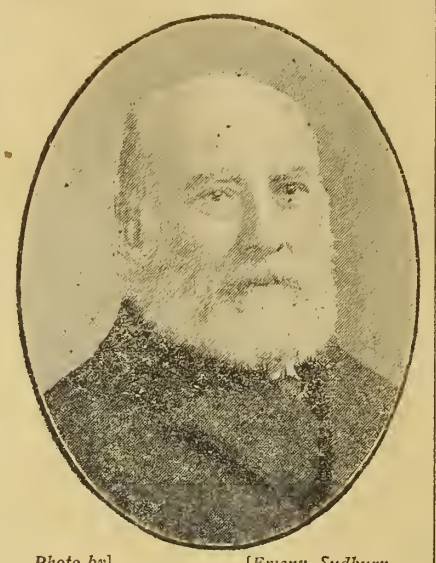


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Our veteran British Bird Judge, Mr. J. F. Hills.

Jubilee Show I terminate my official appearances at any show. I have had a good innings—I think it must be a record one. The work to me has been a labour of love, and the unbroken record of almost universal kindness received from the birdy world, will to my last days be a happy and pleasing reminiscence."

I hope our old friend will have a record entry, and find this, his last Palace show (in an official capacity) the happiest and brightest of all the Palace shows he has attended.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

ALLEGED UNFAIR TREATMENT AT BLACKBURN SHOW.

Sticking at the Half-prize Money Limit.

SIR,—I am writing to complain of unfair treatment at Blackburn Show. I entered two birds in the unflighted yellow class, as there was a special given for most points in this class. The secretary sent me one ticket, saying he regretted being unable to accept both entries. The number on the ticket was No. 4, and on receiving the catalogue I find eight entries, on which they pay half prize money. The competitors in this class were mostly Blackburn fanciers, and probably members of the society. I wrote saying they had not right to accept one entry in a class and refuse one, and that I should send both birds and expect them to compete. The bird I sent without a ticket arrived back with feathers missing from the butt of one wing, which was covered with blood, and it is ruined for the rest of the show season. I enclose an exact copy of the reply I received from the secretary, and should be glad if you would publish it along with this letter.

ROBERT HALL.

COPY.

November 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I was rather surprised when I received your P.O. back, saying you would send bird and he would have to compete. You must know, or else you are a novice in the show business, that no society can afford to lose £12 or £13 on a classification, and unless we advertise there is "no cancelling or amalgamating," we have a perfect right to accept or reject any entries we choose. I hope I am addressing a gentleman, as I was sorry I could not see you on Saturday. I hope this explanation is satisfactory to you. Re your bird without ticket that you sent, he arrived here on Thursday night with the butt of one wing bleeding. I have paid him every attention, and have sent him back in a better condition than I found him. I find you win 1st and special in class 4, which I will forward with your prize money in a day or two. You also win 1st and special in class 7, which is a window plant. What have I to do with this; have I to forward it on or what? You also win section special 1, volume of CAGE BIRDS. Please write and say how you want them packed. I will also return your entry fee 1/6 in class 8 with your prize money. Hoping we have given you every satisfaction.—I remain,

Yours respectfully,
J. W. MARSDEN, Secretary.

FOREIGN BIRDS AT GRIMSBY SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bernard Hollins' letter in your paper of October 31st, respecting the death of one of his pair of Blue Mountain Lorries exhibited at the above show, and which, unfortunately died a few days after being returned to him, we very much regret to hear of his loss, and sympathise with him. Mr. Hollins enquires why the Stewards or Committee men did not look after this section, thereby implying gross neglect on their part. As one of such Stewards, who devoted two days in looking after the wants and comfort of the exhibits entrusted to our care, I may say that we did our utmost to attend to their requirements, and, further, that Mr. Hollins' birds received our best attention. But he should know perfectly well it is an utter impossibility for the Stewards and Committee at any show to centre their whole time and attention on any particular exhibit. The birds appeared to be in good condition when dispatched from our show. In conclusion, I may say we have received complimentary letters from some of the exhibitors at our show, thanking us for returning their exhibits quickly and in grand condition, and also for prompt payment of prize money.

G. W. DOWIE.

WHEN IS A CLEAR NOT A CLEAR?

And What is a Tick?

SIR,—As Mr. Reid is trying to run from his words, I quote the words used in his letter of Sept. 19th: that it was most unsatisfactory both to judges and exhibitors that birds should have to be handled in order to determine whether they were clear or ticked. I also quote Mr. Reid's own words of October 10, which say: "Surely Mr. Woollard does not suppose that I was alluding to birds which had very dark underflue, or a large number of dark feathers at the thighs. The above, Sir, are birds which go into the ticked classes, as there are too many feathers to pull out without fear of detection." And now, I say again, that birds with the most dark underflue are those that cannot be detected without being handled, as it is above the thighs, also at vent, etc. And yet Mr. Reid says that these birds go into the ticked class. Mr. Reid says, in your issue of November 7th, "Why cannot Mr. Woollard understand that I never suggested that ticked birds should be shown in a clear class?" I now quote again Mr. Reid's own words, of September 19th: "He also thought by allowing thigh ticked birds to compete in clear classes a certain amount of fraud would be done away with." Now, Sir, if that is not a suggestion, it is getting pretty close to one. So you will see that the birds with thigh ticks which can be seen in most cases without handling, oven if only a few feathers (which I have proved again recently at a show where there were classes containing from 40 to 60 birds), Mr. Reid would allow to be shown in the clear class, and those having ticks that cannot be detected without being handled, although they have much more dark underflue, Mr. Reid says, go into the ticked class. Now you will see, Sir, by this that Mr. Reid has defeated himself. I see he also mentions birds with streaked beaks and legs. Now, if Mr. Reid wanted a bird of this description, with absolutely clear plumage, I venture to say he would be a long time finding one. As to the other part of his letter, I cannot go over all the old ground again, so must ask him to refer back to my letter of October 17th, and if he cannot understand it, perhaps he can get someone to explain it to him. He asks me to keep to the point; I have not run from it; but Mr. Reid has been running all over the place. As to Mr. Reid's little personal sarcasm, I don't mind a bit. I had a good hearty laugh when I read his letter, which I don't think Mr. Reid did while penning it.

A. WOOLLARD.

(This correspondence has had a "good innings," and we think may now very well close, especially so seeing that the Norwich Plainhead Club (and, we believe, the S.N.P.C.) purposes dealing with the question and endeavouring to dispose of it. We may say, however, as Mr. Woollard raises the point, that we have, in justice to Mr. Reid, perused his (Mr. R.'s) previous letters, but in none can we find justification for Mr. Woollard's contention that he has laid it down that "visible ticks" should compete in the Clear Class, and "invisible ticks" in the Ticked Class. Our own reading makes him to mean exactly the contrary. We presume the explanation of this seeming puzzle is to be found in the saying that "everything depends on the point of view."—EDITOR.)

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USEFUL CHART FOR COMPETITORS IN SPECIALIST CLUB, ETC., COMPETITIONS.

SIR, I am herewith sending you a chart which acts as an Indicator of one's position in any competition that may be in progress. I use the Yorkshire Union Novice Medal Competition as an example. For this competition I found it extremely useful last season, as it enabled me to see the results, and learn the progress of every competitor in the running, as well as to show me our own financial situation at a glance. I hope the idea may be of use to some other of your readers.

P. WILSON.

	Beaumont.	H. Lodge.	A. Gill.	A. Hiles.	J. J. Dunn.	E. Clegg.	T. W. Wilson.	Expenses.			Income.		
Skelmanthorpe	21	16	6	5	7	5	0						
Gt. Horton O.I.	10	5	11	11	6	7	4						
Sandy Lane	20	13	13	7	11	4	6						
Queensbury	17	8	10	2	6	14	11						
City of Bradford.. ..	19	7	0	3	1	11	0						
Totals ..													

THE VALUE OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIR,—I think it is time show committees were made to realise how responsible they are for the value of the special prizes they offer to induce exhibitors to send birds to their shows. I have myself won a supposed-to-be five-guinea cup, which a friend of mine who knows has just told me is worth at the outside but a paltry 35s. Now, if I had found this out earlier, I would have sued the society concerned for the difference between the stated and the actual value. I know I could have recovered it, though many people do not seem to realise this is the position. I think it is sharp practice, to say the least of it, to puff up the value of special prizes, and societies which mislead exhibitors in this way cannot expect to prosper. I see this game is going on this season, as merrily as ever, the latest to come to my notice being pictures, which can actually be bought for two and six-pence, put before exhibitors as worth as many pounds. This is not right, and societies which do this kind of thing ought to be exposed, and they can be by law.

A SUFFERER.

THE GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY'S SHOW.

An Astounding Circular.

SIR,—You will find enclosed an anonymous circular, which I understand has been widely circulated throughout Scotland and England, with the intention of injuring the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, which takes place on Friday and Saturday of this week. This circular was posted at 9 p.m. (postmark) in Edinburgh on Thursday, November 5th (two days before the entries closed), and was well timed to do any slight harm it might accomplish. But up to timo of writing it seems to have done none, as many fanciers have rallied round, and are doing their best to make the show a gigantic success. To sum it up, it is nothing more or less than a bundle of lies compressed into small bulk. Here is the circular:—

Brother Fancier

. You will no doubt ere this have received a schedule from a society known as "The Glasgow and West of Scotland."

Now I wish to put you on your guard against such a gang of adventurers. This alleged Society held a show last year, which no doubt was a total financial failure, although they have not yet published a balance-sheet of any sort, nor has same ever been recorded in any of the fanciers' papers. Some time ago I was in conversation with one of their principal office-bearers, and he assured me that the Society had not a farthing. They guarantee prize money, and judging from their elaborate schedule it will amount to a considerable sum. Just ponder for a moment and see where your prize money is to come from. I know of a few exhibitors that have not been paid for last year, also one or two accounts against this alleged Society that have not yet been squared up. They take in associate members at 2/6, who have no voice in the management, but who are gently reminded that the show is a failure, and that their share of the shortage is so much. If this is not barefaced robbery, I don't know what is. Give this bogus Society a safe miss and you will have no need to regret it.—I am, etc.,

A STERLING FANCIER.

Firstly: The Glasgow and West of Scotland is not an "alleged society," but one of the oldest standing in Scotland.

Secondly: The guaranteed prize money is as safe as if it was in the Bank of England.

Thirdly: The financial position of this society is better than ever it was.

Fourthly: £5 is offered to anyone who did not receive their full prize money last year.

Fifthly: Associate Members were not, and will not be, called upon to pay any shortage that may occur.

Sixthly: If it is not barefaced roguery to send out such a circular as that I have enclosed, I don't know what is.

It is too late now for my letter to catch the eye, before the show is held, of everybody who received this circular, but it is not too late, and never will be too late, to uphold the honour of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Society, and to try and discover the source of this outrage. I am an independent party, having nothing to do with any of the societies in Glasgow, but I like to see fair play to everyone, and I am fully authorised to make the statements I have made. AND. WILSON.

C.B.U. MEMBERS AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—I was more than surprised to see at Keynsham show on November 7th, members of the Cage Bird Union exhibiting in the British Bird class. What is more, I think I am right in saying that Mr. Lovell, the judge, is also a C.B.U. member. This is a thing which I think most unfair to outsiders, and it is no encouragement to bring men outside the C.B.U. "up to the scratch" to join. I think something should be done to stop this kind of thing. M. D. BARNES.

WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B. CLUB.

SIR,—Being a British Bird member of the above club, I wish to draw the attention of British Bird exhibitors to the fact that they have subscribed for four trophies, and the club has very kindly kept them to the Canary section, debarring me from competing. It is British I go in for, and I think this very unfair, after keeping a few Soft-bills (as they are not easily kept). I am allowed to compete for prizes in classes they are paying 1s. 6d. a class. [We print this sentence as written; its meaning is not clear to us.—ED. "C.B."] Now, I ask British Bird men if they will send in a few more specials, so they may have a few more for the Canary members to swallow up. EXPOSITOR.

"AMONGST THE GIRLS."

SIR,—As an exhibitor at a certain Scottish show held last Saturday, October 31st, I was much surprised at the decision of the judge in the British hen class. How he awarded 1st and special to a cock Hedge Sparrow I am at a loss to know. Perhaps the judge will explain. The further point arises as to whether the owners of the bird in question should not hand over the prize money to charity, for I consider they have no right to same. I trust that show managers will in the future engage British Bird judges who understand the name and sex of what they are judging. Such is the earnest desire of a member. S. J.

(Although on the priniciple of giving everyone a fair hearing, we publish our correspondent's letter, we are quite unable to see eye to eye with him on the matter. In the first place, having been awarded the prize by the person appointed to allocate the same, the owners of the Hedge Sparrow have the best possible right to it. Secondly, we were not aware that it is so easy a matter to sex Hedge-Sparrows as might be inferred from the above letter. We were under the impression that the sexes are practically alike in plumage; an impression apparently shared by ornithologists generally.—EDITOR.)

A PROPOSED DINNER TO LECTURERS IN LONDON.

SIR,—I am wondering whether the various societies in London would care to join together in giving the many gentlemen who favour us with their services voluntarily, in either giving us papers or lectures, a dinner one evening. There is no doubt whatever that a lot of the success of the societies is due to these gentlemen. They put themselves to a lot of trouble and inconvenience, come any distance required, and give us a full evening's enjoyment of the knowledge which it has taken them years to gain, all for nothing, and I feel we cannot be too thankful to them, and the least we can do is to get them together one night and publicly thank them. The cost to each society would not be very large, and I myself personally think it is the least we can do. I shall be more than delighted to have the views of the various societies in London on the matter, and have no doubt that there are many secretaries of London societies who are of the same opinion as myself, and who would be pleased to join me. To save encroaching on the funds of the societies, a very good plan would be to ask each member to contribute a small sum towards defraying the cost. I am sure that all members of every society in London, who have had the pleasure of listening to the various gentlemen, will be more than delighted to subscribe their mite towards it.

H. W. COOK,
Hon. Secretary, Poplar and District C.B.S.

THE SHOWS.

(*Continued from page 357.*)

BO'NESS.

The fourth annual show was held in the Drill Hall on November 7th. The society is to be congratulated on the great success which met their efforts. The secretary, Mr. McGillivray, had arrangements well in hand, and by the aid of his willing band of helpers everything was carried through with a smoothness and promptness which demanded attention. Cage birds were nicely staged round the walls of the hall, plenty of room being left for the visitors without crowding. Entries reached the same total as last year, viz., 460. The Norwich section was up from last year both in numbers and quality, some extra fine birds being forward. Border Fancies were slightly down in numbers, but the quality was of a high order, the medal winner being a bird of great merit. Scotch Fancies seem to be going down in this district, but there are still a few of the birds of circle left to grace the bench. The British and Mule sections were the feature of the show, the average being 12 per class over 22 classes, and, as this was the first appearance of Mr. Arright as a judge, he had a hot reception. He went about his task like an old veteran, and from the absence of adverse criticism and the complimentary remarks passed, we can safely prophesy that it will not be his last outing in that capacity. The other judges were: Norwich, Mr. Jas. Winter; Scotch Fancy, Mr. T. Todd; and Border Fancy, Mr. A. Gilchrist, and their decisions also seemed to be well received.

The Canary Sections.

CREST. CK. (9): 1, Grant, fine dense leafy crest, good centre, well laid; 2, Morelund, grand crest, not a feather out of position; 3, McNaughton, plenty of substance and body feather, nicely laid crest; 4, Crawford, nice crest; 5, Laing; 6, Bell; 7, Johnston. HEN: Cancelled. C.B. CK. (3): 1, McNaughton, cl. buff, fine expanse of skull, good entrance, splendid lashing, fine quality feather; 2, Patterson, almost green, and grand one, excellent head properties, presses hard; 3, Johnston, youngster, good substance. HEN (5): 1, Johnston, green, wide entrance and well lashed, good in substance and feather; 2, Mason, nicely cushioned head, fine at entrance, just fading in substance to winner; 3, Laing, extra large hen; 4, McGillivray; 5, Bell. CL., ETC., CK. (17): 1, McNaughton, buff, fine substance, nicely rounded head and neck, well-carried wings and tail, put down in grand condition; 2, Martin, cap mkd. yell., very typical, short wings and tail, fine quality feather; 3, Simpson, cl. buff, short and cobby, nicely mealed; 4, Sloan, yell., typical specimen, put down in rare bloom, shade on small side; 5, Erskine; 6, Smart; 7, Miller. HEN (16): 1, 7, Bishop, 1st grand stamp of hen, rare front, extra good wing carriage, sweet head and neck, hot colour, A1 quality; 2, Sloan, cap ticked yell., clean cut, very typical; 3, McNaughton, buff, fine quality feather, good body, well packed wings and tail, a nice bird; 4, Smart, extra large buff, good type; 5, Martin; 6, Sloan. A.O.V. NOR. (13): 1, 3, 4, Sloan, rare team, 1st yell. variog., rare size and condition, fine short feather, hot-fed specimen, wins; 3rd, also yell., good wing carriage; 4th, buff hen, fine type, good quality; 2, Bishop, buff, beautiful quality, neat head and neck, clean cut; 5, Calderwood; 6, Crawford; 7 (no name). NOR. CK., NON-FED (10): 1, 2, Sloan, 1st buff, grand type, short and cobby; 2nd, yell., rich even tone of nat. col., fine quality; 3, Smart, buff, nicely-rounded head, fine type and quality; 4, Grant, buff, nice type Nor., fine feather; 5, Flood; 6, McGillivray; 7, Livingstone and Sharp. HEN (8): 1, Martin, yell., nice stamp, short wings and tail, fine quality feather; 2, Calderwood, sweet quality hen, very shapely; 3, Bishop, buff green, good type, fine quality feather, woe bit short in head; 4, Davie, very neat yell., wants more substance; 5, 6, McGillivray; 7, Grant. SELL., 20/- (17): 1, Johnston; 2, Martin; 3, Calderwood; 4, Dunsmore; 5, Sloan; 6, Mason; 7, Laing. SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Strathearn, very stylish, quick in action, good drive; 2, Hamilton, good shoulders and wings; 3, Laing, nice top end, neat head; 4, Laing. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (4): 1, Strathearn, real good stamp, fine substance of body, well filled in shoulders, long wings and tail, well carried, takes good position; 2, Laing, large nice wings, fine action; 3, Hamilton, good circle, long in wings, well placed; 4, Grant. BUFF (2): 1, Laing, good size, well-carried wings, good top end, nice drive; 2, Easton, jun. BUFF (7): 1, Reid, fine substance, good top end, slow to come into position; 2, Henderson, nice drive, long wings and tail, good action; 3, Strathearn, grand droop, carries tail well in to perch, sweet head; 4 (no name), nice stamp; 5, Laing; 6, Yule; 7, Hamilton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, McWatt, good body, hard up, plenty depth of chest, nice drive; 2, Laing, fine size and drive, nice action; 3, Henderson. PIED, ETC. (1): 1, Grant, nice stamp, takes good position, decided drive, good. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Laing, nice length and ton end, drives well; 2, Hamilton. PIED, ETC. (4): 1, Strathearn, splendid stamp, great depth and size, well-filled shoulders, sweet head and long reachy neck, decided drive; 2, 3, Hamilton, 2nd, nice all-round specimen; 4, Easton, jun. SELL., 20/- (6): 1, Reid; 2, 4, Hamilton; 3, Grant; 5, Yule; 6, Henderson. BORD. FCY.: CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Bruce, true little Border, very finely got up, neat head, well carried wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 2, Smart, nice model, rare plumage; 3, Shields, very stylish exhibit, clean cut, finely carried wings; 4, Miller, good stamp, rare front; 5, Dunsmore; 6, McWatt; 7, Stevens. HEN (6): 1, Brockie, tkd. wing, lightly built specimen, fine quality feather; 2, Smart, same type as leader, very little between; 3, Shields, eye tkd., nice type, sweet head and neck, rare quality; 4, Miller, natty little Border, put down in rare order; 5, Dunsmore; 6, Aitken. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Peel, grand type, compactly built, clean cut, jaunty little chap; 2, Bruce, good conditioned bird, nice type; 3, Smart, tkd. wing; 4, Voy, nice type; 5, Cartner and Heard; 6, Shields; 7, Lambie. HEN (6): 1, medal, Smart, tkd. on head, well filled in back, nice wings and tail, excellent feather; 2, 3, Shields, 2nd grand type, 3rd fine quality; 4, Cartner and Heard, very shapely little lady, shows herself to perfection, feathered like a Java. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Stevens, buff, nice markings, good type and quality; 2, Aitken, yell. eyes and wings, well balanced markings. UNEVENLY MKD. (13): 1, Peel, yell., very shapely exhibit, grand wing carriage, in rare order; 2, Brockie, yell., fine stamp, clean cut, very neat head, follows well; 3, Smart, buff, nice type, smooth feather, very stylish; 4, McWatt, yell., very shapely, good condition; 5, 7, Shields; 6, Ramsay. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Lambie, fine stamp of yell. green, sound colour, nicely pencilled; 2, Duncan, very smart jonque cinn., in great condition; 3, Flood, nice type. SELL. (7/6) (10): 1, Smart; 2, Bruce; 3, Brockie; 4, Ramsay; 5, Shields; 6, McWatt; 7, Dunsmore. YORKS. (14): 1, 3, Stevens, 1st lengthy, raking yell., nice quality, 3rd yell. variog., nicely drawn, standing well up, beautifully quality; 2, McDougall, lengthy buff, nice quality; 4, McDougall, typical Yorks.; 5, Patterson; 6, Grant; 7, Ferrier. COMMON CAN (22): 1, 3, Johnston; 2, Sneddon; 4, Dewar; 5, Hamilton; 6, Ferrier; 7, McGregor and Boyd. A tickilish lot to deal with.

The Remaining Sections.

FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, good sized Goldie, rich coloured blaze, in good bloom; 2, 4, Pendrigh, 2nd square cut blaze, rich colour, lighter body, finely tanned, 4th largest in class, splendid moons and bars, expansive blaze of pure colour, hardly so well cut perhaps; 3, Goodfellow, nice stamp; 5, Taylor; 6, McLaren and Roy. BRIT. (10): 1, Colbron, grand little Britisher, nicely cut blaze, very pure colour, distinct moonings and bars, in rare bloom; 2, Watson, Dysart winner in new hands, nice blaze; 3, McLaren and Roy, grand type of Finch, nice face and bars, well staged; 4, Cullen, extra large Goldie; 5, McDougall; 6, Bell; 7, McGillivray. BULLFINCH DRIT. (7): 1, Donald, rich conditioned Bullie, well defined cap, splendid bars, even breast colour; 2, Cullen, rich breast colour, nice cap; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, startler for colour; 4, Henderson, extra large specimen, grand cap; 5, Drummond; 6, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Ferrier. LINET (16): 1, Erskine, Glasgow winner, looking well, grand colour, very fine pencilling; 2, Gentlemen, fine stamp; 3, Parker, nice condition; 4, Colbron, fine even colour, extra well pencilled, finished to perfection; 5, Pendrigh; 6, Calder; 7, McGregor and Boyd. SISKIN (8): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, nice colour and quality, good cap, nicely lashed; 2, Craig, well defined cap and bib, well laced, grand condition; 3, Gentlemen, fine colour; 4, Sloan, nice type; 5, McDougall; 6, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Colbron. SISKIN NON-FED (11): 1, Pendrigh, very shapely little fellow, rich nat. col., grand wing bars and cap; 2, Ferrier, splendid stamp, sound colour, fine lacing; 3, McGillivray, large and nice markings; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, sweet little chap, extra good cap; 5, Parker; 6, Gentlemen; 7 (no name). LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Pendrigh, jaunty carriage, sound colour, nicely pencilled, in rare bloom; 2, McGowan, extra good in work; 3, Sinclair, very shapely, good markings; 4, Gentlemen, finely pencilled, nice even colour, presses hard; 5, Calder; 6, Bald; 7, McGillivray. LARGER (6): 1, Calder, wonderful pencilling, shown in grand order; 2, 5, McGillivray, sound colour, nice markings; 3, McGregor and Boyd, extra good in markings, nice size, fine condition; 4, Bald, fine colour and markings, well placed; 6, Rennie. TWITE (11): 1, 5, McGillivray, rich colour, well marked, grand condition; 2, Bald, nicely marked, fine quality; 3, Pendrigh fine stamp, in rare bloom, presses; 4, Workman, nice conditioned bird; 6, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Duncan. GREENFINCH (13): 1, 7, Aitken, 1st large and shapely, rich even colour, wins; 2, 4, Livingstone and Sharp, 2nd nice model, very rich colour, in grand order, 4th nice type and colour; 3, Goodfellow, large, shown in rare style; 5, Calder; 6, Bald. GREENFINCH NON-FED (13): 1, Gentlemen, fine tone of nat. col., in faultless condition; 2, Goodfellow, grand size and shape; 3, Bruce, nice stamp; 4, Johnston, good condition, presses hard; 5, Whyttock; 6, Taylor; 7, Flood. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 6, Livingstone and Sharp, 1st hot coloured Chaffinch, fine wing bars, in grand trim; 2, Henderson, Bramble, beautifully spangled, rich breast, colour, fine condition; 3, Miller and Eadie, another hot coloured Bramble, fine back and thigh markings; 4, Aitken, Chaffinch, nice colour and condition; 5, Craig; 7, Sloan. HEN BULLFINCH (13): 1, Bald, beauty, grand size, sound colour, jet black cap, well defined, extra fine quality feather; 2, Pendrigh, put down in rare order, well placed; 3, 5, Livingstone and Sharp, 3rd nice shape, good colour; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, smaller, grand finish; 6, McGillivray; 7, McWatt. A.O.S. SMALL (13): 1, spl for best Brit., Erskine, Redstart, living picture, very rich colour, shown in faultless condition, wins; 2, Taylor, Crested Tit, elaborately staged, in good order; 3, Pendrigh, Yellow Wagtail, fed to perfection, steady as a rock; 4, Pendrigh, Bearded Tit, fine colour and condition; 5, Easton; 6, 7, Pendrigh. HEN, BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Pendrigh, Grey Wagtail, shown in good condition; 2, Bald, large Greenie, grand quality; 3, Reid, lovely Chaffinch, in grand order; 4, Moreland, Yellowhammer; 5, 6, McGillivray; 7, Taylor. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, McGillivray, 1st Starling, fair condition, 2nd Thrush, 3rd Starling; 4, Kirkwood. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (8): 1, Jamieson, buff Goldie-Can., eye and wing mkd., very shapely, good condition; 2, Gentlemen, variog. buff Goldie-Mule; 3, Bell, buff Goldie-Mule, nice condition, a hen; 4, Alexander, heavily mkd. Greenie-Mule, fine quality; 5, Lambie; 6, Sloan; 7, McGregor and Boyd. DARK (16): 1, McWatt, Jonque Goldie-Mule, rare colour, tight feather; 2, Baird, hot coloured Greenie-Mule, grand size and condition; 3, Watson, Siskin-Mule, good size and colour, fine tight feather; 4, 6, McLaren and Boyd, 4th buff Goldie-Mule, fine condition; 5, Wright; 7, Jamieson, Junr. HYB. (5): 1, Reid, Greenie-Bullie, hottest of colour, splendid quality feather, well staged; 2, 4, Grant, Goldie-Bullies, 2nd youngster great promise, grand size and blaze colour, will improve; 3, Jamieson, Goldie-Siskin, smart little fellow, shows parentage well, fine condition, well placed; 5, McGregor and Boyd. SELL., BRIT. OR MULE (7/6) (22): 1, Davie; 2, McGorum; 3, Sinclair; 4, Gentlemen; 5, Livingstone and Sharp; 6, Bruce; 7, Laing. BRIT. (for boys under 16) (12): 1, Johnston, very nice Chaffinch, in good order; 2, F. McGillivray, smart little Goldfinch; 3, J. McGillivray, Siskin; 4, 6, W. Johnston; 5, W. McGillivray; 7, A. McGillivray.

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Wonderful in its organisation and most lucky in being able at all times to rally to its succour a splendid band of workers, the Bristol Fanciers' Association has gradually grown and grown until it is now in its many sections quite the largest combined show in the kingdom. The entry at the show held in the Queen's road Drill Hall, on November 12th and 13th, totalled 4,000, to which cage birds contributed 620. Not only was the entry great but the quality also, the patronage of the Crest, Yorkshire, and Cinnamon clubs contributing to this end. The class of the show was that for unflighted Yorkshires, which had no less than fifty-one entries—a record for Bristol. The workers responsible for our section were Messrs. T. R. Ind, E. A. Lovell, F. Blackland, H. Grace, T. H. Maggs, E. Screen, and E. H. Stonelake—a combination of which any society might be justly proud. For zeal, energy, experience, and courtesy, a better set it would be difficult to find. They know how to run the section, and they do it to the comfort of the birds, and the benefit of exhibitors and visitors. Mr. Maggs, the hon. sec., has long been connected with the show, and his experience, coupled with wonderful tact and urbanity, were a great factor in the success of the show. The judges were Messrs. C. A. House and J. Robson.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (28): 1, spl, Parsons, grand shape and style, hot in colour, good feather, wing ticked; 2, Martin, cheek marked, rare shape and style, hardly so straight; 3, Greaves and Crabtree, lovely feather and carriage, not so hot in colour, good one; 4, Cuthbertson, long stylish clear, looked a bit soiled; 5, Keegan; vhc, Mrs. Garland; hc, Halliday; c, Fellows and Flyn. BUFF (21): 1, Miss Price, very sweet clear, grand feather and position; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, richer in colour, finely drawn, rare style; 3, Halliday, beautifully-moulded clear, drops right wing at times; 4, Ellis, lovely feather, nice shape, paler in colour; 5, Lovell; vhc, Broughton; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Walsh. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, Bowden, very smart, thigh ticked, full of style and quality; 2, Morgan, grizzled neck, rare shape and style, fine in feather; 3, Broughton, lovely feathered clear, not quite so clever in wing carriage; 4, Lovell, grand shape and style, bit soiled; 5, Lovell; vhc, Holmes; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Gregory. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Broughton, as tight as wax, grand shape and carriage; 2, Halliday, quite her equal if not superior, but had frayed her wing ends; 3, Broughton, long, grandly feathered, three-pointed, built on larger lines; 4, Lovell, smart-bodied clear, does not use her tail so well; 5, Morgan; vbc, Walsh; hc, Poole; c, Glossop. NON-FED (10): 1, Miss Price, neat, slim buff, good stand and shape; 2, Keegan, stylish yellow, hardly so tight; 3, Muckland, nice buff, built on more solid lines; 4, Canning; 5, Brown; vhc, Maghie; hc, Burnand; c, Nunn. BRED 1908 (51): 1, challenge bowl, Burton, long finely-drawn buff, as tight as wax, neat head, grand wings and tail, stands well; 2, 4, Foden, two sweet yellows, full of colour and quality, and very smart in handling; 3, Banks, clinking good buff, rare feather and colour, just a bit soiled; 5, Keegan; vhc, Howard; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Gregory. NOVICE (28): 1, spl, Thomson, very sweet cheek-marked yellow, rare feather and style; 2, Brown, cheek-marked buff, full of quality, lovely colour and well drawn out; 3, Jeffery-Jefferies, neck ticked yell., neat, good positioned, bird of capital feather; 4, Osborne, neck ticked yellow, rare body and position; 5, Brown; vhc, Beer; hc, Harding; c, Bateman. LANCS. COPPY YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Adams, rare length and spread, nice centre, good body; 2, spl, Tottle, not so massive in body, nicely centred and well-spread coppy; 3, Lee, good heavy body, nice carriage, loses in frontal; 4, Ind, not so wide in coppy, capital stamp of body; 5, Lee; vhc, Green; hc, Philipson; c, West. P.H. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Ind, a real good Lancashire, very massive, full of quality, and shown in the pink; 2 (no name), very massive and full of feather, beaten in condition; 3, Twiner, stout in skull and body, not so long; 4, Green, nice length and carriage of body, loses in skull; 5, Ind; vhc, Philipson; hc, Twiner; c, Turner. YELL.: Cancelled. BRED 1908 (14): 1, spl, Lee, very massive skulled, well lashed yellow Plainhead; 2, Lord, another clinking yellow Plainhead, but not so well shown; 3, Turner, ticked yellow coppy, rare shape, length, and spread; 4 (no name), grandly-feathered ticked yellow coppy, hardly so massive; 5, Tottle; vhc, Lee; hc, Minty; c, Turner. MULES, GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Jackson and Bond, very handsome, well-balanced four-pointed yellow, a gem; 2, Collins, noted six-pointed buff, looking well; 3, Wasley, another good six-pointed buff; 4, Locke, four-pointed yellow, not quite through moult; 5, Mabott; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Cook; c, Fullbrook. A.O.V. (13): 1, spl, Jackson and Bond, very large, grandly feathered, rich-coloured Canary-Bullie; 2, Collins, very handsome light Linnet-Canary; 3, Mrs. Fanny Davies, grandly coloured, rare feathered Chaffinch-Bramble; 4, Ward, very smart Redpoll-Bullie, in grand form; 5, Collins; vhc, White; hc, Mabbott; c, Greenwood and Burson. BRITISH GOLD. (21): 1, spl, Harris, lovely deep-coloured square blaze, grand feather and buttons; 2, Coggins, rare colour and marking, hardly so square in blaze; 3, White, big blaze, nice bright colour, will improve; 4, Stephenson, big bird with a good blaze, loses in body colour; 5, Coggins; vhc, Jordan; hc, Herbert; c, Baker. BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, White, almost perfection, a gem; 2, Mrs. Vincent, better shape, hardly so close in feather, rare colour; 3, 4, Davies, beautifully-feathered, well-marked hen; 4th, hardly so clear in colour, grand shape; 5, Andrews; vhc, Chick; hc (no name); c, Birchley. LINNET (10): 1, 2, 3, 5, Lovell, wonderfully fine team, good in size, grand in their colour and marking; 4, Birchley, large, nice colour, well marked; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Harrington; No. 544, Birchley, alleged colouring matter removed from it, and Mr. Brown, the C.B.U. representative, has reported the incident. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Lovell, a most charming Redpoll, lovely feather, shape, and marking; 2, Russell, grandly marked, lovely-coloured Siskin; 3, Andrews, handsome Mealy Redpoll; 4, Bowe and Hancock, another sweet little Siskin; 5, Russell; vhc, Barry Bros.; hc, Jordan; c, Chapman. SOFTBILL (15): 1, spl, Birchley, magnificent Black Redstart, in rare feather; 2, Bond Bros., very handsome Cornish Chough; 3, Pearce, rich coloured, grand shaped, well spotted Thrush; 4, Fullbrook, very smart nicely-feathered Long-tailed Tit; 5, Quant; vhc, Birchley; hc, Barry Bros; c, Parsons. MEMBERS': YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Haynes; 2, 3, Mrs. Garland; vhc, Lovell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Lovell; 2, vhc, Mrs. Garland. MULE (2): 1, Caines. BRIT. GOLD. (2): 1, Silcox. A.O.V. (4): 1 (no name); 2, 3, Barry Bros.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. P.H. CL. YELL CK. (10): 1, spl, Tristem and Taylor, beautiful short, compact wings, grand feather, sound level colour, well across perch; 2, Gill and Pethick, large, round level colour; 3, Baker, deep colour, well across perch; 4, Wasley, big, bounding bird, grand shape; 5, Garland; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Banbury; c, Baker. BUFF CK.: Cancelled. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, Garland, buff, wonderful substance, grand feather and quality, shines like silk, talk about a meal bag! 2, Tristem and Taylor, yell. ticked on each eye and wings, grand substance; 3, Brown, buff, wing tkd. cherry blossom, looking grand; 4, Brown, yell., ticked on thigh, well across perch; 5, Spillman; vhc, Banbury; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Baker. HEN (19): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, buff, grand quality, short in wings and tail, grand head, beautifully mealed; 2, Stephenson, wing ticked yell., grand substance, sound, level colour; 3, Collings, another yell., splendid substance, very short in wing, and legs, very full in neck; 4, Tottle, eye ticked yell., good sound colour; 5, Collings; vhc, hc, Follwell; c, Gill and Pethick. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Quarman, yell., ticked thigh, wonderful substance and colour, well across perch, grand wing carriage; 2, Brown, buff, grand back, beautiful head and neck; 3, Emery, yell., very typical, grand feather; 4, Emery, buff, grand feather and condition; 5, Ind; vhc, Tottle; hc, Quarman; c, Clark. BRED 1908 (23): 1, Seed, grand substance, yell., wonderful type, well over perch, very full in neck, short leg; 2, Bellamy, bull, nice size, good back and wings; 3, Baker, another of the right stamp, little to choose between; 4, Emery, yell., nice shape and condition, well carried wings and tail; 5, Gill and Pethick, vgtd.; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Wasley; c, Tottle. NOVICE: 1, Master Pool, unflg. yell., grand head and neck; 2, Master Pool, buff, grand substance, well mealed, beautiful quality and condition; 3, Wallace, tkd. yell., nice feather and condition; 4, Gibbons, good feather; 5, Cook; vhc, Robinson; hc, Bawn; c, Hopton. CREST YELL. CK. cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Colledge, cl. body, grey crest, wonderful size, grand frontal and centre, beautiful leafy feather, easy win; 2, Taylor, cl. body, green crest, beautiful droop, grand feather; 3, Bale, similar to 2nd, very little to choose between; 4, Pool, grizzle crest, nice size crest; 5, Tope; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, c, Pool. MKD. ETC. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Taylor, mkd. wings, dk. crest, wonderful centre, grand droop, very silky texture of feather, very leafy, grand size; 2, Taylor, marked wings and crest; 3, Marshall, wing mark, d.c., good centre, lovely droop, grand frontal; 4, Taylor, green, grand crest, wonderful size; 5, Hayson; vhc, King; hc, Simmonds; c, Rev. Joyce. HEN (10): 1, Lazarus, d.c., wonderful size, grand centre, and frontal, beautiful droop, nice leafy feather; 2, Evins Bros., green, grand size, wonderful feather; 3, vhc, Almond, vgt. green crest, good centre; 4, King, d.c., mkd. wings, neat crest, grand feather; 5, c, Greenwood and Burson. BRED 1908 (by exhibitor): Bristol Bowl Class (17): 1, Bowl, Colledge, cl. body, green crest, grand size, beautiful leafy feather, wonderful centre, stands right away; 2, Taylor, d.c., marvellous size, grand centre, nice leafy feather; 3, Gaze, ol. body, d.c., of good size, nice leafy feather; 4, Evins Bros., d.c., mkd. on wings, large crest; 5, Hayson; vhc, Peper; hc, King; c, Greenwood and Burson. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, 3, Cory, 1st, wing marked, d.c., grand leafy feather, grand centre, nice droop, shone like silk; 2, wing mkd., d.c., very expansive crest; 4, vhc, Hoar, good feather, wing marked, d.c.; 5, Burgess; hc, Burgess. C.B. YELL. CK. cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor, grand brow, wonderful length of feather, massive size, wing marked, wins; 2, 5, Pool, cl., nice brow, splendid broad leafy feather, of nice silky texture; 3, Evins Bros., eye and wing ticked, tremendous length of feather, great size; 4, Colledge, marked on eye and wings; vhc, Tope; hc, Joyce; c, Tottle. VGT. ETC. CK. (13): 1, Pool, green, wonderful entrance, grand skull, tremendous length of feather, silky texture, massive size, good condition; 2, Taylor, vargt., green, grand size, great bulk of feather, beautifully browed; 3, Peper, green, grand length of feather; 4, Gaze; 5, Simmonds; vhc, King; hc, Lazarus; c, Pool. HEN (13): 1, Peper, wonderful size, grand length of feather, nice entrance, splendid skull, grand condition; 2, 4, Pool, 2nd, nicely browed, good entrance; 4th, vargt., grand silky feather, nice length feather; 3, Taylor, good length feather; 5, Taylor; vhc, Mills; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Hayson. BRED 1908 (by exhibitor) (18): 1, bowl, Almond, vargt., grand entrance, beautifully browed, grand length feather, nice silky texture; 2, Bate, cl., grand length feather, wonderfully browed, wide entrance; 3, King, green, nice texture; 4, Greenwood and Burson, green, great size, good length of feather; 5, Pool; vhc, Joyce; hc, c, Mills. NOVICE (9): 1, vhc, hc, Cory, vargt., good skull, wide entrance, with plenty of feather of nice silky texture; 2, 4, Hoar, 2nd vargt., nice long flighted, good quality; 4, grand size, 3, Burgess, vargt., grand length, feather, nice quality; 5, Burgess; c, Pennell. A.O.V. CAN. cancelled. (35/-) SELL. cancelled. (20/-) Cancelled. (10/-) A.O.V. (10): 1, Stephenson; 2, Greenwood and Burson; 3, Godley; 4, Davies; 5, Lovell; vhc, Collings; hc, Follwell; c, Read. MEMBERS' CLASSES (7): 1, Ind, wing marked, d.c., nice droop and centre, good texture of feather; 2, Ind, d.c., marked on one wing; 3, Mills, vargt., plenty of feather; 4, Roberts; 5, vhc, Roberts. C.B. (5): 1, Miles, vargt., plenty of feather, good quality; 2, Roberts, vargt., good brow, plenty of feather; 3, 5, Ind, vargt., nice head and quality feather; 4, Roberts, good head and feather. P.H. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Roberts, 1st, good type, quality and condition; 2nd, well staged, nice feather and condition. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Roberts, 1st, grand colour and condition, well staged; 2nd, nice type, well mealed. CINN. YELL. (10): 1, Hargreaves, grand type, lovely colour, in nice condition, well cut away, wins on condition; 2, vhc, Dormer, blaze of colour; 3, 5, Godley, 3rd, grand shape, wonderful colour and condition; 4, Seed, good quality, nice colour and condition; 5, Godley; hc, c, Bentley. BUFF (10): 1, Handt, grand type and quality, lovely wing carriage, and tail, beautiful colour; 2, 3, Dormer, 2nd, good colour, all over a nice one; 3rd, fine size, grand wings and back; 4, Bentley, grand size, nice colour; 5, vhc, hc, Godley; c, Seed. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Godley, 1st, yell., grand type, lovely condition; 3, buff, good head and neck, grand colour and condition; 4, Dormer, yell., splendid colour, in nice condition; 5, vhc, hc, Bentley; c, Handt. UNFLIG.: Bristol Bowl Class (13): 1, 2, Dormer, 1st, grand shape and condition, yell., wonderful solid colour, fine head and neck, well carried wings; 2, buff, fine type and condition, shone like silk; 3, Hargreaves, yell., blaze of colour, very sound back, shapely; 4, King, buff, good type, nice colour and condition; 5, Seed; vhc, c, Godley; hc, Handt.

I have always found CAGE BIRDS "Answers to Queries" most useful, and thank you for former ones.—MRS. CROYSDALE (Sunbury).

A very pleasing little note has reached one of our members from an "old and esteemed" member of the Suffolk C.B. Society, writes Mr. Wm. Barrett, the hon. secretary. It is from Mr. A. N. Watson, a true fancier of the good old Norwich Plainhead, who has been good enough to forward us a special prize of 5s. for the best 1908 bred Norwich Plainhead in our forthcoming show, competing birds to be bred by exhibitor.

AYR.

The recently formed Ayr and District C.B.S. held their first exhibition on Nov. 7th in the Masonic Hall, High Street. This hall is a most central one, and is ideal for the purpose, being well lighted and very cosy. The total number of exhibits was about 300, which for an initial event must be considered very satisfactory. There were some exceedingly nice specimens forward, and the condition in which they were shown reflects the highest credit on the owners. The Borders did not turn up quite to expectations, nor did the Crests and C.B. The two classes provided for Scotch Fancies filled well, and it is some time since we had the pleasure of seeing such keen competition. Yorkshires, though not strong numerically, contained some stylish specimens. There was very keen competition in several of the British bird classes, and the Mules, Hybrids and Foreign birds were very attractive. The managing committee was composed of able and practical fanciers; we noticed Messrs. Cameron, Doolan, Brown, Conkie, Duncan, Hyslop, Steel, Hogg, Wason, McCulloch, Bell, McKay, Hutchcon, and Matthews, all of whom performed their respective duties well. The president is Mr. R. McKay, and the vice-president Mr. R. Cumming. The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. C. C. Irvine as their secretary. He proved himself a very capable general, and carried the arrangements through in a thoroughly practical manner; he is also courtcous and obliging. Mr. Allan Roberts (Thornliebank) adjudicated on the Canary classes, and Mr. Gavin Alston (Darvel) the Mules, British and Foreign bird classes, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

Mr. Allan Robert's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (13): 1, Hainey, grand upstanding buff piebald, good reach, grand droop, capital head and neck, wins; 2, Ralston, good cl. yell., grand clean cut bird, hard up, fine scat; 3, Reid, buff foul, old winner, age beginning to tell, grand worker; 4, Paton, buff piebald, graud stamp, rare position; vhc, Reid; hc, Taylor; c, Paton. HEN (12): 1, Paton, yell. green, grand condition, neck and head good, grand reach, fine style; 2, Taylor, buff foul, better substance than 1st, grand worker, really good, runs winner hard; 3, vhc, Hunter, yell. piebald, grand position and nice style; 4, c, Hainey; hc, Dalton (a name to be reckoned with a number of years ago). CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, 4, C. and J. Forbes, nice variegated buff, nice body; 2, Hunter, green, nice crest; 3, McKay, good substance. C.B. (5): 1, spl, McLean, variegated buff, grand body, good entrance; 2, 4, McKay, fine birds; 3, Hay. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, spl, McKay, yell. variegated, grand size and shape, nice close feather, rich colour, lovely quality; 2, c, Murray, yell. green of grand quality feather; 3, McFarlane, neat, nicely moulded, rich in colour, good size; 4, Connelly; vhc, Henry; hc, Duncan. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Kelly, cl. buff, immense size, good head, neck and wings, grand quality, nicely finished; 2, McFarlane, similar stamp to 1st, grand substance, shape and body; 3, Hutchison, nice body, good carriage and quality; 4, C. McKay; vhc, Irvine; hc, Brown; c, R. McKay. HEN, YELL. (cancelled). BUFF (6): 1, 2 spls, McFarlane, buff, lovely head, good neck, grand chest, nicely moulded, grand flights and tail, well finished; 2, Hutchison, another cl. buff, excellent size and shape, good wings and tail, very close on 1st, grand bird; 3, Kelly, variegated buff, lovely quality, nice head and neck, good shape; 4, Murray; vhc, Burgess; hc, Adair. SELL. NOR. (10/-) (7): 1, C. McKay; 2, Brown; 3, Kelly; 4, Hutchison; vhc, McDougall; hc, Connelly. YORKS. CAN. (13): 1, spl, Martin, long, stylish, upstanding cl. yell., beautiful quality; 2, vhc, Patterson, good size and style, well set on legs, rich quality, lovely position, presses hard; 3, 4, Girvan, lovely colour, nice style and quality; hc, McDougall. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (cancelled). BUFF (6): 1, Hannah, Junr., good typical bird, nice tone of colour, splendidly drawn, good head and wing carriage; 2, Mossie, gem, correct stamp all over, grandly rounded on front, best of heads, excellent colour; 3, Hutchison, nice feather, good carriage, well drawn; 4, spl, Findlay, good one, well drawn, rare stamp, in grand order; vhc, Hogg; hc, Wood. HEN, YELL., CL., ETC. (cancelled). BUFF (8): 1, Hannah, Junr., nice cl. buff, good quality feather, correct stamp all over, grandly rounded on front; 2, Livingstone, good stamp, colour and quality; 3, Montgomeric, nice shapely bird, good quality feather; 4, Taylor; vhc, Findlay; hc, c, Hogg. A.O.V. BORD. (7): 1, Findlay, gem for colour and shape, round as possible, lovely head; 2, Mossie, a 3-pointed buff, grand quality, little gem; 3, spl, D. and J. Gillies, uneven mkd. buff, good quality feather; 4, Wood; vhc, Hogg; hc, Taylor. SELL. (10/-) (4): 1, Robertson; 2, Paton; 3, Montgomerie; 4, Findlay. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hunter, nice team of Liz., grand quality feather, nicely spangled.

Mr. Gavin Alston's Classes

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, McQuiston, late Cunningham's celebrated 2-pointed Linnet Mule, grand size and quality, one of the lightest Mules we have seen; 2, 3, Johnstone, 2nd Greenie-Bullie, lovely size, grand quality feather, gem of the first water, 3rd buff Goldie-Mule, nice quality; 4, hc, Keys, 5-pointed buff Goldie, grand quality, in rare trim; vhc, Ross. DARK CAN. MULE (10): 1, spl, Doolan, large buff Linnet Mule, grand quality, good type, well staged; 2, Martin, Jonque Goldie-Mule, lovely colour and condition, pressing hard; 3, Henry, Greenfinch-Mule, grand colour; 4, McQuiston, large size cinn. Greenfinch-Mule, rare colour and quality of feather; vhc, c, Buchanan; hc, Roxburgh. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, McMinn Bros., grand little Goldie, nice flush face, well up in colour, grand shaped bird; 2, Conkie and Frame, plenty of face, grand checks, splendid frontal; 3, McQuiston, good crimson face, grand back and wing flights, rare quality feather; 4, Robertson, another well up in face, grand shapely bird, rare style; vhc, Fleming; hc, Matthleson; c, Henry. NOT MOULTED (9): 1, Raine, nice little Goldie, very steady, nice face, wins easy; 2, Conkie and Frame, well shaped one, fine front, good depth of colour on face, a likely bird; 3, Wason, grand little Finch, lovely crimson face, grand back and wing flights, very steady, presses hard; 4, Smith; vhc, Roxburgh; hc, c, Cassidy. BRIT. BULLFINCH (7): 1, McQuiston, well-known, bounce-moulted Bullie, City of Glasgow winner, stands out by himself, teeming with quality, good dense, large, expansive cap; 2, Irvine, grand shaped bird, fine full front, well up in breast colour, grand back and wings, nice cap; 3, Lindsay, another nice Bullie for shape, grand cap; 4, Murphy; vhc, McNaught; hc, Davidson; c, Stewart. GREENFINCH (12): 1, spl, McQuiston, well-known Greenie, bouncer for size and colour, lovely shape, deep full chested bird, rare head, lovely wings, deep yell. expansive bars; 2, McMinn Bros., large buff, nice quality feather, in clinking form; 3, Robertson, hot fed one, nice shape, good carriage, grandly finished off; 4, Connachie; vhc, Christie; hc, Conkie and Frame; c, McKay. NOT MOULTED (6): 1, McCulloch, large size, very stylish and steady, grand tone of colour; 2, Cumming, extra deep coloured Finch, lovely tone, fine shape and steady; 3, Moffat, another stormer for colour, deep level shade throughout, beautiful quality; 4, McQuiston; vhc, Frew; hc, Doolan. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Henry, lovely fronted bird, grandly laced, fine even colour, rather small; 2, Doolan, good shaped one, nice ground colour, good size, minus a few flight feathers; 3, vhc, McQuiston, grand size, lovely pencilled breast markings; 4, McPherson; hc, Burgess; c, Wason. UNMOULTED (22): 1, Nixon, very nicely marked Linnet, good shaped one, fine front and size, good depth of colour, rare spangling, looks a likely bird; 2, Muir, large size, steady Linnet, good ground colour, well up in markings; 3, Loudon, in grand trim, very nicely marked, full of quality; 4, Cummings; vhc, Robertson, McCulloch and Campbell; hc, Hutcheon; c, Lyall. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Wilson, Twite, well laced, forward in colour, nice size and shape, well put down; 2, Raine, Siskin, nice shape and fronted little Siskin, good thigh markings, fine cap, well staged; 3, Robertson, Twite, grand size and colour, rare breast markings, presses hard; 4, Mrs. Hodge; vhc, McQuiston; hc, McInnes; c, Irvine. REDPOLL (12): 1, Martin, large mealy, best one we have seen this season, bouncer for size and a marvel for quality of feather, well placed; 2, Clark, Lesser Poll, grand tib, very distinct, fine tone of colour, again in grand feather; 3, Loudon, another Lesser, field moulted, grand tib and crest, beautifully laced breast; 4, spl, Findlay; vhc, D. and J. Gillies; hc, Connelly; c, Doolan. SOFTBILL. SMALL (7): 1, Cummings, sweet little Willow Wren, well staged, in lovely form, credit to its owner; 2, 3, 4, Irvine, yell. Wagtail, Ox-eye Tit, and Hedge Accentor, all in rare fettle; vhc, Wilson; hc, Thomson. LARGE (5): 1, McQuiston's well-known Chough; 2, Tait, Nuthatch, in grand bloom, well staged; 3, Hardie, Woodpecker, in grand trim, well staged; 4, spl, vhc, Cummings, Starling, in lovely bloom, rare spangling. A.O.S. FINCH (15): 1, spl, Merr son hand-reared Hawfinch, in grand trim; 2, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting; 3, Martin, Yellowhammer, rare good one, deep colour throughout, grandly laced, fine back, lovely shade on breast, well staged; 4, spl, Doolan, Bramblefinch; vhc, Smellie, Black-headed Bunting; hc, Raine; c, Burgess. HEN (suitable for Hybrid breeding) (11): 1, Johnstone, colour-fed Nor., good quality; 2, Christie, nice Bullfinch; 3, Hutcheon, a nice Linnet; 4, Bell; vhc, Clark; hc, Mason; c, Ross. BRIT. SELL (7/6) (6): 1, Robertson; 2, Clark; 3, Wason; 4, 5, c, Doolan. GREENFINCH SELL. (5/-) (4): 1, Robertson; 2, Doolan; 3, Murray; 4, Irvine. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (10): 1, Martin, good dense coloured bird, rich throughout, well cut cheeks and good quality of feather; 2, McMinn Bros., rare size, good shape, dense blaze and plenty of it, very pure in white, fine tanning on chest; 3, Rorke, grand deep colour, nice shape; 4, 5, McQuiston; hc, O'Hare; c, McInnes. A.O.S. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, spl, Mason, well-known Red-headed Gouldians, staged in superb condition wins easily; 2, Robertson, pair of lovely yell. Budgerigars, best we have seen for a time, grand colour and markings, good size; 3, Morrison, lovely Whydah, in grand trim, well staged; 4, Irvine, lovely green Cardinal, well known; vhc, Tait; hc, Hyslop; c, Cowan. LARGE (2): 1, Wilson, Swainson's Lorikeet; 2, Cumming, grand King Parrot. GIFT: 1, 3, Doolan; 2, McKay; 4, Hyslop; vhc, Cumming. Mr. A. Robertson wins medal for most points over the show confined to members.

CARMARTHEN.

Held at the Assembly Rooms, Nov. 5th. The committee have every reason to be proud of their first effort; the entry and attendance were very flattering. Carmarthen Show has come to stay. The hall is very conveniently situated, and the exhibits were well looked after, being under the care of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Crabbe Lohr, and Evans. Mr. Fred King makes a most courteous and obliging hon. sec., and is the right man in the right place. In the Canary section the Norwich made a goodly show, the three cash winners in each class being fit birds for any company. Yorks. and Borders were also fine. The spl for best bird went to Mr. B. Davies, for a clinking Scots. British and Mules were excellent. Mr. D. A. S. Longden placed the cards, deputising for Mr. J. B. Evans, who was indisposed.

CREST OR C.B. (12): 1, 4, Lewis and Dymond, massive erect, grandly feathered, good leafy feather, well defined centre, wins easily; 2, 3, vhc, Howells and Beaven, 2 good big C.B., correct type, well clothed, deserves his place; 3, Crest, grand quality of feather, well radiated crest; hc, B. Simon. NOR. P.H. (13): 1, Hughes, lovely quality yell., grand silky feather, shown in tip-top form; 2, 4, Kirby, another couple of gems, former topper for quality and type, good sound colour; 4, we liked, rare wings and tail; 3, Love, another grand Nor., nice wings and tail, grand-headed one; vhc, Jones; hc, Turner; c, Clarke. BUFF (17): 1, Kirby, beautifully moulded buff, shows his frosting to perfection, perfect model for a Nor.; 2, 3, Turner, 2, very good quality, grand short-sided one, extra nice wings and tail; 3, same stamp, grand head and neck properties; vhc, D. R. Jones, not quite in form; hc, Hughes; c, G. T. Jones. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, John, rare good one, lovely position, good wing and tail carriage, a pretty shower; 2, Morris, very close up, well filled at neck and shoulders, nice lengthy one; 3, Taylor, another one we liked, plenty of length, straight as a gun-barrel; 4, Portman; vhc, Rees; hc, Sheppard; c, (no name). BUFF (7): 1, 3, Morris, real topper, very typical and stylish, shown with great taste; 3, also good, well shown specimen, correct stamp, position; 2, Evans, neatly feathered, good length and position; vhc, Rees; hc, Portman. UNFLIG. (7): 1, hc, Morris, one of the best, well feathered, in clinking form, stands right away; 2, Evans, very nice exhibit, typical and closely feathered; 3, Taylor, sound condition, beautifully carried wings and tail, close up; vhc, John; c, no name. BORD. (16): 1, 2, O'Connell, couple of gems, buff leading, rare stamp, pretty mover, excellent wings and tail; 2, close up, some preferred, marked yell., shown like a new pin, credit to exhibitor; 3, hc, c, Mugford, very pretty trio, teeming with the necessary Border properties, nicely staged; vhc, P. Jenkins. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Davies, well known Scots, looking his very best today, works without apparent effort; vhc, Hughes. CAN. (Confined) (9): 1, Tew, very fine buff Yorks., grand position on perch; 2, Lohr, buff Nor., nicely fed, some thought might have won; 3, vhc, Howella and Evans, good bird, very close to leaders. DK. MULE (15): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known Jonque Goldie-Canary, very good; 2, Serines, Siskin Mule, good sound yell., well defined cap, eye marks and bars; 3, Bancroft, another Siskin buff, if anything larger and better marked; vhc, Edwards, Linnet Mule, in grand feather; hc, Tew; c, Mrs. George. LIGHT (12): Very strong class, several good Hybrids left out of the money: 1, Shellam, very nice Greenie Bully, shows good frontal colour, nicely defined cap and bars; 2, Edwards, Bramble Chaffinch, much improved, shows both parents clearly, in grand trim; 3, Lewis and Dymond, good almost evenly marked yell. Goldie Mule, nice blaze and bars; 4, Jackson, clinking Goldie Bullie, in

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great colour and leather; bc, Jeremy; c, Portman. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Lewis and Dymond, good faced one, grand skull, nicely cut at corners, specimens, wins in all-round properties. 2, Watters, nice bright bird, rare expanse of face, good bars, neatly staged; 3, Reynolds, nice tans and back, well cut face, in lovely feather; 4, Williams, we liked, good face and bars; vhc, Evans and Griffiths; hc, Ray; c, P. White. GREYPATE (11). 1, 4, bc, Evans and Griffiths, leader rare size and expanse of face, rich tans, good bars and buttons; 4, hc, very nice; 2, Griffiths, very neatly got up, lovely square blaze, clinking good body colour; 3, c, B. Jenkins, couple of good sound Finches, lovely faces, well up in colour; c, King Morgan. BRIT. L. A. FINCH (12): 1, vhc, Davies, gem for size and colour in front, good well polished cap, well defined bars, very pretty exhibit; vhc, put down with nice taste; 2, Lewis and Dymond, grand hen, tight as wax; 3, White, very sweet little Bullie, good breast and bars; vhc, H. Jenkins; hc, Hughes; c, Richardson. LINNET (14): 1, Nicholas, well mkd., and polished, nice size, will improve in a few weeks; 2, Bancroft, grand size and polish, neatest of marking; 3, Ray, extra large, will improve with time; vhc, Sullivan; hc, Lohr; c, Prosser. BRIT. LARGE (5): 1, Crabbe, good Jay; 2, Hughes, beautifully spotted Thrush, sound body colour, in the best of form; 3, Brown, very good Hawfinch, show him in a suitable cage, Mr. B., and he can hold his own in any company; vhc, Thomas; hc, Lohr. SMALL (12): Very good class, hard to please all here; 1, Hughes, smartly feathered Lesser Whitethroat, staged in very fine form; 2, Bancroft, bonny Siskin, grand size and well coloured, clinking cap, eye marks and bib; 3, Nicholas, gem of a Yellowhammer, grand colour and polish, extra good for head, eye and cheek marks; 4, Edwards, really good Blackcap in wonderful form; vhc, Prosser; hc, Horne; c, Jones. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Edwards, Blue Bonnet and Port Lincoln Parrakeet, both in superb feather. SELL. (10/6) (8): 1, Davies; 2, Williams; 3, Turner; 4, Prosser. GIFT: 1, hc, Howells and Bevan. STOCK: 1, Simon; 2, 3, Howells and Beaven.

CARLISLE.

Carlisle held their 33rd annual show on November 11th and 12th. Unfortunately the entry did not quite come up to the expectations of the executive. Borders were well represented, some real good ones being on view; this was the strongest section of the show. The medal winner was the Foul Buff, a sweet exhibit, which must have been hard pressed by the clear Buff hen. The Borders were well handled by Mr. Hopper (of Messrs. Hopper Bros.). Norwich were a representative lot, and Crest-breds a grand collection, although small in numbers. No. 3, a good green, had unfortunately arrived with a broken leg, probably owing to rough handling in transit. Yorkshires contained some of the cream of the Fancy. These classes came under the judicial eye of Mr. Vardy, and his selections left little to be desired. The winning Thrush, captured the spl for best Brit. Mr. Laidlaw judged, and such an expert in British, deserved a far better entry. The executive are a genuine lot, indeed, Carlisle has always been famous for their committees. The old hands were good, and the young ones close up in point of merit. They were headed by the genial and ever obliging secretary, Mr. W. R. Wright, and his endeavours to make the show a success were appreciated by one and all. With the enthusiastic committee, the comforts of the exhibits were first and foremost. The hall is a good one, but owing to heavy, dull weather, artificial light had to be resorted to during the latter part of judging. It is to be hoped that Carlisle will next year regain the position it formerly held, as the premier show on the Borders.

Border Fancy Section.

BORDER YELL. CK. (13): 1, Poole, grand feather, fine shape, good wing carriage and rare position, well put down; 2, Robinson, well rounded body, and nicely drawn, gem for feather; 3, Dixon, nice quality, well rounded, neat wing carriage, good head; 4, Scott, neat in carriage; vhc, Wilson; hc, Thompson; c, Bell. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Poole, fine position, good in wing carriage, lovely feather; 2, 3, Robinson, lovely hen, grand shape, fine head and wing carriage, 3 good one, nice quality of feather, rare pose, fine bloom; 4, McGuffin, rare shape and size, smart hen; vhc, Pennington; hc, Cubley; c, Sloan. BUFF CK. (20): 1, Wilson, good-feathered one, grand head, and well drawn, A1 wing carriage and shape; 2, Ballantyne, stronger made buff, nice taper and quality; 3, Walker, very neatly drawn, good wing carriage and position; 4, Scott, nicely filled up in front, good feather and shape; vhc, Walker; hc, Gill; c, Robson; No. 6, Duncan and Logan, wrong class. HEN (17): 1, Dixon, correct size, lovely head, perfect front and wing carriage, well drawn, real good one, and no mistake; 2, Simpson and Nixon, neat bead and front, well drawn, grand wing carriage; 3, and Novice Medal, Paskett Bros., box-feathered one, lovely head and front, nice size and shape; 4, Robinson, well rounded and in tip-top feather, very unsteady; vhc, Duncan and Logan; hc, Pennington; c, Thompson. FOUL BUFF CK. (14): 1, and B.F.C. Medal, grand feather, very cleanly got up, and nicely drawn, a shade strong, otherwise all there; 2, Thompson, good stamp, well filled in front, and nicely finished off, good quality; 3, Thomlinson, good one, nicely drawn, rare position, good front and taper; 4, Pearson, nice quality of feather, grand-headed bird; vhc, Wilson; hc, Morgan; c, Meekley. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Thompson, fine position, lovely head and front, in fine bloom; 2, Robinson, paler in colour, well up in position; 3, Barclay, very fair head and front; 4, Pennington, nice quality of feather and good shape and style; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Sloan. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, Pennington, in rare bloom, splendid position, grand size, lovely feather, good front, staged to perfection extra good exbibit; 2, Duncan and Logan, deeper in colour, in rare bloom, and lovely shape, well rounded, good feather and finish; 3, vhc, Paskett Bros., rare trim, good shape; 4, Brown, nice feather and finish, grand head and wing carriage; vhc, Meekley; c, Pearson. UNEVEN BUFFS (14): 1, Brown, fine quality of feather, correct weight, well filled in front, neatly drawn; 2, Wilson, rare quality of feather, inclined to lie over perch, good finished bird, well staged; 3, Hyslop, nice one, good weight and splendid condition, rare position, a cinn. tick; 4, Simpson and Nixon, grand marked buff, in rare bloom, finely put down; vhc, Duncan and Logan; hc, Paskett Bros.; c, McGuffin. EVEN YELLS. (6): 1, Wright, grandly-balanced eyes, slightly broken on top on one side, but beautifully tapered off and even, good wing marks, rare shape, very showy bird; 2, Dixon, good one, close up, fails in length of eye marks; 3, Meekley, good one, nice size and quality; 4, Cubby, good markings; vhc, Duncan and Logan. EVEN BUFF (6): 1, Jones, wins hands down, grand marks, lovely eyes, well balanced, as even as possible, good size, nicely tapered off, staged to perfection; 2, Thompson, well balanced, shade smaller, nice type and quality; 3, Meekley, grand feathered hen, gem for quality and shape; 4, Thompson, nicely balanced markings; vhc, hc, Simpson and Nixon. GREEN OR CINN (11): 1, Docherty, nice green, wins on type, good ground colour, fine front, well drawn, 2, Brown, Jonque, Cinn., rare type, lovely quality, grandly laced, in tip-top order, some preferred to winner, 3, Harrison, nice green, very distinct leging on back, well moulded; 4, vhc, Cubby, green, good colour, fine size and quality; hc, McGuffin; c, Downie. PAIRS (11): 1, 2, Gill, neat, even marked buff hen and clear yell. cock, good ones, well balanced, a likely pair, 2nd clear yell. hen and buff cock, good bodies, fine style and position; 3, c, Simpson and Nixon, nice size and position, hen inclined to be a shade strong; 4, Cubby, yell. green and buff green, nicely balanced; vhc, Wright; hc, McGuffin. SELL. (7/6) (18): 1, Wright; 2, Hyslop; 3, Rea; 4, Simpson and Nixon; 5, McGuffin; 6, Morgan; 7, Nixon.

The Remaining Sections.

NORWICH YELL. (9): 1, Lawson, grand front, lovely head and chest, staged to perfection, good warm tone of colour; 2, Atkinson, hotter in colour, but slightly longer, well drawn, good bird; 3, Bunting, grand shape, plenty of substance, rare head and chest; 4, Chaplow, lovely quality of feather, grand front and head; vhc, hc, Atkinson; c, Lowthian. BUFF (10): 1, Younghusband, grand shape, great substance, good wing carriage, nicely mealed, well staged; 2, Cranstou, another slasher, hotter fed, but not so good in head, good body and wing carriage; 3, Godley, good feathered one, nice substance, little slim in head and neck, but rare body and taper; 4, Lawson, nice quality of feather, grandly finished; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Chaplow; c, Lowthian. TICK, ETC., BUFF (5): 1, Younghusband, topper, grand shape, fine, bold front, neat wing carriage; 2, vhc, Atkinson, good one, sweet head, hot colour; 3, Lawson, rare head, and good body; 4, Jones, inclined to be soft when taking notes. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Younghusband, lovely shape, as round as possible, grand front, deep chest, nice size; 2, vhc, Atkinson, hotter shade, lovely head, well filled up in neck; beaten in finish; 3, 4, Lawson, nice shapely bird, grand feather and finish, good tone of colour, 4 plenty of size, nice position and shape; c, Hopkins. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Godley, well rounded, plenty of substance, grand head and front; inclined to be dirty; 2, Robson, hot-fed one, nice shape, good wing carriage; 3, Hopkins, slashing var., good, bold head and front, well staged, close up; 4, Atkinson, nice buff, fine head; vhc, Cranston; hc, c, Lawson. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Wilson, hot-fed yell., clear, grand front, fine chest, A1 quality, good wings, well staged; 2, Murray, heavy var. yell., fine head, rare quality of feather, nice front and position; 3, Johnston, lovely size and quality of feather, in fine bloom; 4, Godley, hot fed yell., plenty of size, well finished; vhc, Lawson; hc, Atkinson; c, Jones. SELL. (£1) (14): 1, Lowthian; 2, Godley; 3, Wilson; 4, Williamson and Son; vhc, Cubby; hc, Lawson; c, Bunting. CREST-BRED (6): 1, Godley, easy winner, grand head-piece, dense lash, frill, noble entrance, rare body, a gem; 2, Johnstone, cushion-headed one, fine entrance, grand lashing, good substance; 3, Goulden, enormous sized body, good entrance and lashing; 4, Lowthian, green, neat head, fine entrance and lashing, smaller; vhc, Robson. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, Stewart, very lengthy, hot-fed, grand shape, nice wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, Tweedie, grand shape, rare front, nice quality, splendidly drawn; 3, Cuthbertson, hot-fed, lengthy, fine side, well up on leg, good in shape; 4, Dr. O'Neal, lengthy bird, good shape, inclined to be rough in feather, but well drawn; vhc Johnston. BUFF (6): 1, Cuthbertson, easy winner, grand length, beautifully drawn, good side, and wing carriage, rare finish; 2, Irwin, hot-fed one, very slim got up, grand style; 3, Parisb, paler in colour, well finished, good carriage; 4, Dr. O'Neal, good length, well drawn; vbc, Wilkinson and Son; he, Stewart. VAR. (7): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, lengthy yellow, in grand bloom, fine style and finish, exceptionally well drawn, real tip-top specimen, 4th nice buff, good top end and taper; 2, Stewart, grand conditioned buff, sbade stronger, but well up in lengtb, good one; 3, Tweedie, nice yellow, straight as a gun-barrel, rare length and style, slim as a pencil; vhc, Irwin; hc, Carr; c, Sbackley. HEN (8): 1, Stewart, good stamp, fine drawn, grand head, well filled in front, in good order; 2, Cuthbertson, similar in build, not as long, but well finished off; 3, Dr. O'Neal, straight as a rush, grand position, well drawn, bot colour, dirty in featber; 4, Shackley, buff, good feather; vhc, Irwin; hc, Carr; c, Tweedie. BRED 1908 (8): 1, Cuthbertson, slashing buff, well drawn, fine quality, good position, wins on finish; 2, Tweedie, hot-fed yell., slim got up, grand style, good length of leg and taper; 3, Wilkinson and Son, hot yellow, slim, nice length, good exhibit; 4, Carr, buff, good feather, shade dirty, well drawn; vhc, hc, Parish; c, O'Neal. NAT. COLOUR (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Nelson, yellow, fine length and style, nice drawn, good stamp, 2nd buff good shape and lengtb, carrying a little too much feather, 3 nice yellow, 4 a good var. SELL. 10/6 (10): 1, 4, Godley; 2, Chaplin; 3, Vart; 4, Godley; vhc, Bunting; hc, Lawson; c, Cranston. SELL. 5/- (8): 1, Goulden; 2, Godley; 3, Gill; 4, Hyslop; vbc, Cubby; hc, Atkinson; c, Simpson and Nixon. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Pickles, good one, fine shape, grand, deep grassy colour, nice, bold head, good feather; 2, Bruce, grand colour, deep sbade throughout, lovely shape and position, very steady, rare flights; 3, Robson, grand size, lovely shade of colour, good, bold front; 4, Dixon, grand headed bird, lovely gloss throughout, nicely fed; vhc, Wilson; hc Johnstone. A.O.S. FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, Bruce, Cornbunting, very steady, grand size, well marked, good tone of colour, a beauty; 2, Stewart, Yellowhammer, good one, grand bead and eye markings, fine lacing on back; 3, Pickles, nice Hawfinch, lovely colour, good head and bib, steady, rare bloom; 4, Wilson, Ortolan Bunting, in fine trim, nicely-finished, good colour and size; vhc, Johnstone. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Bruce, Thrush, topper, grandly laced, rare throat, grand size, and good natural colour; 2, Peurice, Blackbird, dense colour throughout, fine bill and eye cere; 3, Chisholm, Thrush, denser colour on back than winner, but not so clear on breast markings, well stroked; 4, Laidlaw, grand coloured Blackbird; vhc, I [illegible]. SMALL SOFTBILL (5): 1, Welch Bros., Treecreeper, nice size and well-laced on back, beautifully staged, lovely exhibit; 2, Holmes, large well-marked Wheatear, fine size, good colour; 3, Laidlaw, grand Meadow Pipit, fine size, well marked; 4, Davidson, steady Whinchat, grand size and markings. FOREIGN (6): 1, Snoddon and Thompson, red-sided Eclectus, in tip-top form, grand feather, lovely colour; 2, 4, Miss McWilliams, Ornamental Parrakeet, in fine bloom, lovely colour, 4 black-headed Conure, nice colour and size; 3, Holmes, splendid Grey, very nice bloom, grand eye and quality; vhc, Reid.

As a young fancier I never miss CAGE BIRDS, and always have to be up sharp on Friday mornings to get it before breakfast. I enjoy the answers to queries especially, to pick out one of many features.—DAN MCARTHUR (Edinburgh).

SWANSEA.

Eighth annual show, held in the Working Men's Institute, on Nov. 11 and 12. 47 classes were provided, and these brought together a grand total of about 470 birds. The society can count some 60 odd members and the committee of management is: Chairman, Mr. J. H. Ford; vice, Mr. W. T. Kirby, with Messrs. Robbins, J. Richards, W. R. Taylor, D. Roach, T. J. Vanstone, J. Cay, I. Heal, J. Gooding, H. Jenkins, W. Donnell, D. Jeremy, F. Mabbett. Show managers, Messrs. Phil. Jenkins, and J. Hocking. Hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. Alf. Hitchings. These gentlemen had everything well arranged, all the Canaries being staged in the main hall, and the Hybrids, British, etc., in an ante-room, with a splendid dome top light. These fanciers are essentially a strong band of real working men in every sense, and great credit is due to them for getting up such a fine show just now, when so many shows are on. Norwich Plainheads came up well, particularly the unflighted and non-fed classes. Yorkshires were hardly so strong in numbers as one would have liked to have seen, but quality was good. Borders turned up nicely, which spoke well for the popularity of these prim "Bantams." Hybrids were remarkably strong, and must be counted as one of the best displays brought together this season so far. Fancy 15 in the clear, ticked, etc., class. British birds, as is usual here, were well represented, particularly in the Seed-eaters, whilst a few excellent Foreign birds brought up the rear of a very creditable show. Mr. Hocking, and our old friend, Mr. Phil. Jenkins, are adepts at show managing, and they materially helped Mr. Alf. Hitchings, the hon. sec., to get through the work in a most able manner. Valuable cups, medals galore, and other valuable specials were offered for competition, and keen was the strife for these. No band of working men fanciers deserves support more than the members of the Swansea C.B.A. Some winners of specials were:—Border Fancy spl, J. Hocking; silver cup, Norwich, W. T. Kirby; silver cups for British, and most points, Phil. Jenkins; silver cup for Hybrids, R. W. Jones. The judges were Messrs. C. Houlton and J. B. Evans.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

NOR. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Jenkins, very cobby, grand cl., A1 bloom and condition, rare carriage, good head; 2, 4, Kirby, grand quality and condition, rare carriage, nice head; 3, c, Hitchings, big bold bird, fine head, A1 colour; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Pritchard. TKD. BUFF (9): 1, Pritchard, ticked eyes, lovely feather, nice carriage, splendid condition; 2, hc, Jenkins, very thick set, vargt., grand bloom and gloss; 4, Hitchings, vargt. body, grand feather and condition; vbc, Lees; c, Vanstone. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Lewis and Dymond, tkd. head, grand back and chest, tight in colour and feather; 2, Jenkins, cl., fine bold head, good back, wings and tail, grand bloom and condition; 3, Kirby, chubby cl., nice quality; 4, Slocombe, nice size, good feather; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Gabe; c, Veale. NON-FED (21): A fine class; 1, George, grand cobby buff, A1 type, feather and condition; 2, Uyser, fine yell., good bead, nice body; 3, Mabbett, very thick set, nice quality and condition; 4, Lewis, vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, c, Vanstone. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Shearn and Owens, fine drawn round as a pencil, well up on legs, steady, full of nerve; 2, J. Jones, all there for quality and condition; 3, Griffiths Bros., slightly frilled breast, grand back and sides, in tight feather; 4, Morris, grand quality; vhc, Taylor; bc, Watkins; c, Wilcocks. HEN (4): 1, Taylor, cl., yell., very breedy, lovely stand and carriage, well up; 2, Williams, very finely drawn, just beaten in breast condition a little; 3, S. Evans, L. Evans, good bird, nice shape, good feather; 4, David and Hanley. BUFF: 1, Shearn and Owens, A1, cl., long and round, grand feather; 2, vhc, Stamp, fine quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Jones, rather frilly, fine upstanding bird, tight feather and condition; 4, Morris, nice length and tight in condition; vhc, Taylor; c, Watkins. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, big vargt., d.c., fine droop, centre well and rounded, veiny, full in feather; 2, vhc, Lewis, good pair of Scotch Fancies, former best circle and reach, substance throughout, bead well under; 3, 4, bc, Howells and Bevan, vargt. d.c.; c, Andrews. BORD. CL.: 1, Donnell and Saunders, grand typical bird, level breast, good head, even wing carriage, neat tail, tight feather and condition; 2, Taylor, grand condition, neat carriage, level breast; 3, 4, O'Connell, splendid quality in feather and condition; vhc, P. Jenkins; c, W. J. Jenkins; hc, Williams. BUFF HENS (15): 1, Taylor, grand all over it, a regular typical Bord., tight as wax, neat contour; 2, Hammacott and Card, good bird; 3, bc, O'Connell, grand wings and tail, fine quality, tight condition; 4, Owens, nice type and quality, fine feather, tight condition; c, Hammacott, a fine class all out. VARGT. HEN (7): 1, 2, Mugford, grand pair, uneven, lovely type and quality, in splendid form; 3, W. J. Jenkins, ticked head, eyes and thigh, grand quality and shape, rare feather and finish; 4, P. Jenkins, cinn., var., good all-round Border in fine condition; vhc, Rowlands; hc, c, O'Connell. BUFF GREEN (14): 1, 3, 4, Hocking, splendid typical trio, fine feather and quality all through, like wax; 2, c, O'Connell, grand quality, fine feather; vhc, Donnell and Saunders; bc, Richards. SELL. (22/6) (10): 1, Veale; 2, Prosser; 3, Roberts; 4, Lewis; vhc, Love; hc, Hocking; c, Kirby. CL. ETC. HYB. (15). 1, hc, Jones, Green-Bull., grand size, colour, colour, quality, broad chest, level as a die; No. 5, same cross, very fine bird, but his breast was unfortunately plucked; 2, 3, 4, Edwards, 4 point buff, Gold-Can., nice Canary-Bully, and rich-coloured Gold-Greenfinch, in grand form, all of them; vhc, Shelham; hc, ——, nice Gold-Bull. DARK LINNET (6): 1, Jones, grand yell. Linnet, A1 size, etc., Manchester winner, in grand order, good win; 2, George, nice sized buff, grand quality and condition, well shown; 3, P. Jenkins and Son, A1 gloss and finish, 4, Roach, nice feather and colour; vhc, Edwards; hc, c, Jones. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Evans, smart wagon-horse shape, grand deep colour, fine bloom and bars, grand gloss; 2, Edwards, grand blaze, clean, neat and level, fine body and steady; 3, Reynolds, grand bird when fully ready; 4, Williams, typical Finch, nice tan, good blaze, moons and bars; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Davies; c, Roach. BULLFINCH HEN (4): 1, Lewis and Dymond, fine bold bird in grand feather and condition, nice size; 2, P. Jenkins, also good; 3, Jeffries, large, but a little rougher; 4, Browne; grand bird. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, 1, Bancroft, grand cobby Twite, bright colour, good markings, fine glossy feather; 2, 3, Prosser, beautiful little Siskin, nice cap, bib, markings and condition, and a level-feathered Redpoll, both well-shown; 4, Longden, fine big Twite, rare head, good cone shape, tight in feather; vhc, Bancroft. YELL. BUNTING (10): 1, 3, Goode, grand pair, former best marked and best all-round condition, both well shown, glossy as satin; 2, Nicholas, smart colour and marks, nice shape, medium size; 4, Ford and Son, fine bird; vhc, c, P. Jenkins; hc, Prosser. CHAFFINCH (7): 1, Longden, very smart, medium size bird, splendid colour and markings, shown in satin condition; 2, Goode, fine size, in fine condition, 3, Jenkins, paler but in grand gloss and condition; 4, Cocks, a big bird vhc, Jeffries, hc, Williams and Morgan, c, Edwards. A.O.S. 1, Lewis and Dymond, big Corn Bunting. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Hughes, good Whitethroat, well shown. LARGE FOR. (6): 1, Merriam, grand condit oned, Blue Mountain Lories, in A1 form, 2, Williams, pretty Alexandrian Parrakeet, in fine feather, 3, Jones, big Blue Front Amazon, 4, Rapley, good Grey, nice feather; vhc, Mosser; No. 6 absent.

Mr. Evans' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Love, perfect blaze of colour, nice type and quality, best of wing carriage; 2, Kirby, again a beauty, plenty of substance, short wings and tail, 3, C, Scitcombe, we liked, grand colour, neatly clothed; 4, W. Palmer, very neat; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Hocbings. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, W. T. Kirby, well coloured, lovely type and size, best of wings and tail; 2, Bradford, neatly staged, lovely head and neck, wealth of colour, 3, 4, c, Hitchings, very neat and cobby, in best of form; 4, Kirby; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Prichard. HEN (10): 1, Palmer, sweetly pretty, perfection in type and other Nor. properties, neat jacket; 2, Love, rare cobby sort, short sided, plenty of good properties; 3, P. Jenkins, extra good again, lovely head and neck, well filled up; 4, Hitchings; vhc, Heal; hc, c, Kirby. NOR. UNFLIG. BUFF (17): 1, 4, W. T. Kirby, grand youngster, of wonderful size and quality, neat carried wings and tail, shown with extreme taste; 2, W. Palmer, a very classy exhibit, beautifully rounded head, shown well; 3, P. Heal, close up rare stamp of a Norwich, extra well clothed; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, T. Vanstone; c, A. Hitchings. YORKS CL. YELL. (5): 1, Morris, grand, straight, lengthy one, good position on perch, wonderful colour; 2, James, very neat little gent., straight as a gun-barrel, beautifully light feathered; 3, David and Hanley, rare stamp, neat wings and tail; 4, Wilmot; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (4): 1, Morris, grand carriage and position, neatly carried wings and tail, and tight as a bottle; 2, Wilcox, also very stylish, best of manners, straight as a gun-barrel; 3, Watkins, a near thing, put down with neatness; 4, David and Hanley. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Jones, tick mkd., beautifully drawn youngster, excells in head properties, grand wings; 2, Wilcox, tkd. also, well staged, lovely position and carriage, put down very fit; 3, hc, Taylor, good length, neat wings and tail; 4, Davies, worth its place here; vbc Griffiths Bros.; c, Williams. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Hammacott and Card, neat exhibit, lovely mover, feathered like a Java, best of wing and tail carriage; 2, O'Connell, grand quality feather, full of go, nice fitting wings, good pipe tail, very close; 3, Hammacott and Card, very nice model, moves prettily, put down with fine taste; 4, W. J. Jenkins, very nice; vhc, Owens; hc, J. T. L. Taylor; c, Steers. NON-FED (8): 1, Simon Evans, yell, beautiful length and position, neatly carried wings and tail; 2, Lewis, buff, very stylish and neat, beautifully drawn; 3, A. E. Taylor, also yell., very smart, rare carriage, tight in plumage; 4, Bennett; vhc, hc, W. Jones; c, Ford and Son. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Hammacott and Card, 1st typical, gay and jaunty carriage, feathered to perfection, 3rd very nice exhibit, in best of plumage; 2, O'Connell, very neat and natty, and moves very gay, lovely quality, feather, staged well; 4, W. J. Jenkins, very nice; vhc, Owens; hc, Taylor; c, Steens. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Steens, very nice model correct size and stamp, neat carriage; 2, Roberts, neat model, gay carriage, best of wings; 3, O'Connell, also very typical, best of form; 4, Hammacott and Card; vhc, Williams; bc, J. Jenkins. YELL. GREEN (17): 1, Richards, lovely, grassy green, rare quality feather, shows to best advantage; 2, Hocking, another neat Border, moves beautifully, tight fitting jacket; 3, Richards, typical, good wing and tail; 4, Hammacott and Card; vhc, hc, Hocking; c, Donnell and Saunders. EVENLY MKD. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hocking, grandly staged, pretty model, good wings; 2, J. Hocking, neat and bonny, rare quality throughout; 3, —, good one, another beauty for quality and finish; 4, O'Connell. SELL. (19): 1, Williams; 2, Kirbly; 3, Jenkins and Son; 4, Arnot and Jameson; vhc, Heal; bc, Roberts; c, Rowlands. DK. GOLDIE MULE (18): 1, Lewis and Dymond, grand, big dark yell., fine size and quality; 2, Longden, tip-top quality buff, rare expanse of face, good colour; 3, 4, vhc, R. W. Jones, champion team, leader excells in size and colour; hc, c, W. J. Jenkins, a grand class for quality and quantity. A.O.V. MULE (13): 1, 3, Lees, 1st lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., grand size and colour, one of the best we have seen, 3rd very lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., another beautiful specimen; 2, 4, c, Longden, Cinn.-Greenie, extraordinary size, lovely shade of colour; vbc, Edwards; hc, Sorme; c, Lewis and Dymond. BULLFINCH CK. (11): 1, vhc, Norton, nicely polished cap, good breast colour, grand bars; 2, Ford and Son, also extra good, neatly-cut cap and bars; 3, Holborn, good, cobby type, neat cap and bars; 4, White, nice one; vhc, H. Jenkins; hc, Slee. LINNET (20): 1, Bancroft, very large one, grand ground colour, wealth of small lacing; 2, Jeffries, very finely laced, good size, correct nutty shade of colour; 3, Longden, topper for polish and general finish; 4, Nicholas, possibly the best-marked in class; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Ralph; c, Balsh. FIELD MOULTED (6): 1, Bancroft, gem for colour and size, finely laced, good size, and shows flights nicely; 2, Nicholas, stunning specimen, lovely lacing, fit for any moulted bird class; 3, Jeffries, grand, solid-coloured one, neatly ticked; 4, Martin; vhc, Williams; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Meeser. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, vhc, Prosser, very nice black-legged one, nicely laced at thighs, well defined bib; 2, Nicholas, very hot coloured, extra good bib; 3, H. Jenkins, nicely laced, in very good feather; bc, Donnell and Saunders; c, Lewis and Dymond. BRAMBLEFINCH (8): 1, Longden, well known, looking in the very best trim, wonderful breast colour; 2, P. Jenkins, another grandly spangled bird, good frontal and wing butts; 3, P. Prosser, good size and colour, best of polish; 4, Jeffries; vhc, hc, Price; c, Edwards. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Bancroft, yell., tremendous size, very clear win, sound level colour, nicely coloured flights; 2, Longden, nearly shown, sound self colour, best of quality; 3, c, Nicholas, very nice quality feather, good size and colour; 4, Lewis and Dymond; vhc, Price; hc, Jeffries. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Cocks, grand Redwing, beautifully mooned, in grand trim, steady as a rock; 2, Beed, Song Thrush, well-marked, shown in wonderful fettle; 3, C. Price, another good Song Thrush, almost equal; 4, Ford; vhc, Slee. SELL., BRIT. 10/-: 1, Prosser; 2, Bancroft. FOR. SMALL: 1, Millsum, nice coloured Fanager, in superb form, shows shades of colour to a marked degree; 2, Fricker, very neat pair of Zebra Finches, feathered like wax.

We have been granted a silver medal for most points in British bird classes by Messrs. J. Ross and Son (Hamilton), since our schedule was printed, writes Qr.-Mstr. Sergt. A. Cant, A.P.C., secretary of the Hamilton Cadzou Oaks O.S.

HASTINGS.

The 16th annual exhibition of Hastings United C.B.S. was held in the Parish Hall, on November 10th and 11th, and proved a great success. The hall is a capital place in which to hold a show, and the arrangements were everything that could be desired. The show was under the patronage of the S.N.P.C., and the S.Y.C. Clubs, and this lent additional interest to the competition. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Godden, with his assistant, Mr. H. L. Harris, were indefatigable in their efforts to secure success. They were efficiently helped by the committee, Messrs. Stevens (chairman), Craig, George, Dann, Stubberfield, Barham, Button, Chantler, R. May, Dawson, Morris, Clarke, Jenner, Upton, Harris, Bellamy, and Coombs. Several ladies were present to assist in the arrangements, and did much to make things run smoothly. The total entry was good, but many of the open classes were but sparsely filled. Still the quality was of a very high order, and the competition was very keen. Considerable local interest was displayed in the fight for the members' cup, and in this keen tussle Mr. T. G. Coombs was again victorious, taking the cup for the second time. The runners-up were Messrs. J. H. Bellamy, and Mr. H. Bond. The attendance was very good, and we trust the financial aspect of the show may prove favourable. Messrs. Geo. Gardner and J. Robson judged. The prize cards were up soon after two o'clock.

Mr. Gardner's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Rennie, very shapely, rich coloured bird, clean chest, takes perches well, shows clean thighs, rare quality; 2, spl, Baker, rich colour, soft feather, a gem; 3, Gill and Pethick, fine quality, rich colour; vhc, Midgley; hc, Miles; c, Bellamy. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Baker, leader beautiful frcarted bird, lovely feather, finely moulded head and neck; 3, rich quality, well braced wings; 2, Gill and Pethick, fine compact feather, rich under-colour, nice wing carriage and tail; vhc, Miles; hc, Hodder; c, Ellis. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Midgley, grand bird, great size, rich colour, fine head, back and beak; 2, Ellis, picked on wing, rare colour, not quite the substance of first; 3, Miles, good colour; vhc, Silk; hc, Baker. BUFF (6): 1, Hodder, well-known unevenly marked, grand type and feather, wants a tubbing; 2, Rennie, unevenly marked, rich colour, soft feather, trifle shock to-day, fine, bold bird; 3, Baker, variegd. lovely texture of feather, well carried flights; vhc, Ellis; hc, Miles; c, Silk. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Baker, topper, best of colour and feather, rare shape; 2, Gill and Pethick, rattling shape, soft silky feather; 3, Hodder, another shapely little lady, lovely feather; vhc, Midgley; hc, Rennie; c, Miles. BUFF (10): 1, c, Hodder, leader sweet variegt, short and compact, full of quality, rich under colour; 2, hc, Miles, former bonny bird, lightly mkd, fine shape and feather, plenty fat enough; 3, Gill and Pethick, chock full of quality, under-colour, and meal; vhc, Rennie. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Gill and Pethick, fine shape, nice head and neck, rare quality feather; 2, Rennie, splendid quality; 3, Midgley, a gem for feather, nice shape, grand colour and finish, put back for broken tail feathers; vbc, Miles; hc, Ellis; c, Hodder. BUFF (6): 1, Gill and Pethick, very sweet bird, lovely back and wing covering, feathers fitting like wax, rich under, well frosted; 2, Rennie, very similar bird, good one; 3, Bellamy, fine body; vhc, Ellis. GREEN OR HVLY. VARIEG. (4): 1, and runner-up for members' cup, Bellamy, heavily variegd., fine head, neck and body, short wings and tail, grand quality; 2, Ellis, also fine variegd; vhc, Rennie. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Brookes, good type, nice colour and quality, just a wee bit long in shaft; 2, Luff, fine feather, nice colour; 3, Pennells, splendid quality, nice shape of body; vhc, spl, Brookes. HEN (5): 1, Luff, yell., nice shape, feather and colour; 2, Brookes, yell, grand quality; 3, Pennells, Buff; vhc, Barnett. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Coseir and Crisp, very nice feather and colour; 3, Brookes, grand colour; vhc, Pennells; hc, spl, Brookes. BUFF (3): 1, Coseir and Crisp, fine quality of feather, and under colour, well frosted; 2, Pennells, bird of similar stamp; 3, Brookes, nice. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Bellamy, leader good type, quality and colour; 2, Godden, variegd, good quality and colour; 3, Douch, fine quality and shape; c, Godward. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Ellis, typical, rare quality, very nice; 3, Pennells, typical; vhc, Douch; hc, Bellamy; c, Pennells. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Bellamy, shape quality and colour; 2, Godden, rattling feather, nice build; vhc, he, Upton and Button; c, Pennells. BUFF (8): 1, Ellis, nice shape and feather; 2, Pennells, thickset, nice feather; 3, hc, Bellamy, the latter variegd. nice feather; vhc, Cave; c, Godden. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Bellamy, bouncing bird of great promise; 2, spl, Pennells, another bird of fine texture of feather; 3, hc, Ellis, grand feather; vhc, Tidey; c, Upton and Button. BUFF (17): 1, Bellamy, topping quality and under-colour, nice shape; 2, Tidey, fine feather; 3, Upton and Button, rare quality; vhc, hc, Douch; c, Godden. NOVICE CLASS.—NOR. A.V. (13): 1, spl, Cragg; 2, Cave; 3, Ramsan; vhc, hc, Goodward; hc, Cave; c, Wilson. GIFT (3): 1, spl, Upton and Button; 2, Coombes; 3, Miss O. Dawson. FOR. LARGE (9): 1, 2 spls, Miss Johnson, very fine Leadbeater Cockatoo, in splendid feather; 2, Mrs. Hill Reid, splendid lemon crested Cockatoo; 3, Godward, Bloodwing Parrakeet; vhc, Mrs. Hill Reid; hc, c, Lane. SMALL (5): 1, 2, Miss Stourton Johnson, crimson crested Cardinals and an Indian Mynah; 3, Godward, Weaver; vhc, Stevens; hc, Barham.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

YORKS. (6): 1, Knight, Buff, grand style, charming feather, well shown; 2, 3, 4, Knight, 2, unflig. yell. heavily variegd, fine length and taper, nice whip tails; vhc, c, Warr; hc, Sales. HEN (6): 1, Warr, charming yell, stands well, nice feather; 2, Coombes, Buff, finely drawn nice taper, good whip, rare quality; 3, 4, Sales, birds of style and excellent breed points; vhc, hc, Nagel. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. ETC. BUFF (4): 1, Allen, good style, beautiful feather, stands well up; 2, Lewis, fine quality and pose; 3, Mrs. Gill, neat and nice; 4, Dann. MKD. ETC. (3): 1, Allen, variegd. yellow of fine length, style and quality; 2, Lewis, Buff ditto, very stylish bird; 3, Pearson, yellow, also good. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lewis, racy and good quality; 2, Allen, variegd. fine pose, good feather; 3, Dandridge; 4, Dann; vhc, Mrs. Gill. HEN (7): 1, spl, 2, Lewis, both typical, the one a trifle better pose than the other; 3, vhc, Mrs. Gill, former, Buff rich feather; 4, Allen, Buff; hc, Sherwood; c, Pearson. MEMBERS' CLASSES — YORKS. YELL. (17): 1, Coombes, rattling good bird of feather and style; 2, Morris and Son, not far behind, very sweet; 3, Shack; 4, vhc, Randall; hc, c, Miss Dawson. BUFF (10): 1, cup, Coombes, really stylish bird, splendid feather, stands well up on leg, well shown; 2, vhc, Miss Dawson, neat bird, following well after leader; 3, Bond, neat, nice quality; 4, George; hc, Morris and Son; c, Sherwood. HEN. YELL. (8): 1, Bond, stands well, good feather; 2, c, Miss. O. Dawson, bird of good points; 3, Coombes, neat and good; 4, George; vhc, Shack; hc, Morris and Son. BUFF (7): 1, 3, best members' exhibit, Bond, Cinn. tkd. fine feather properties, and Yorks. style; 2, 3, Miss O. Dawson; 4, Coombs, all well staged and meritorious; vhc, Sherwood; hc, Morris and Son; c, Randall. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Randall, bird of much promise, goes up well, nice behind leg; 2, Morris and Son, neat, nice quality; 3, 4, Miss Hinton; vhc, Miss O. Dawson; hc, Barham; c, Coombes. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, Miss O. Dawson, quality and position; 3, Bond, neat and well cleaned off; 4, Coombes, good length and taper; vhc, hc, c, Barham. CRESTS (10): 1, 2, 3, Upton and Button, very good green, dense crest leading; 4, vhc, Bond, the former wing marked d.c.; hc, c, Duck. C.B. (8): 1, 4, vhc, c, Upton and Button, the leader a nice head, lashing and turn-back; 2, Duck, nearly green, dense long head feather; 3, Bond, green; hc, Stubberfield. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Miss Hinton. PAIR (16): 1, spl, 2, Ellis, Nor. good; 3, Upton and Britten, Crests; 4, vhc, Coombes, Yorks.; hc, Durch; c, Godden. TEAMS (7): 1, Ellis, Nor.; 2, Cairns, Yorks.; 3, Stanton, Johnson;; 4, Pennells; vhc, Mrs. Brookes; hc, Miss Hinton; c, Mrs. Phillips. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Godden; 2, Maymard; 3, Stevens; 4, Hobden; vhc, hc, Barham; c, Miss Dawson. GOLDIE (0): 1, Ransom, best in blaze, chestnut and mooning; 2, Miss Hinton; 3, Stevens; 4, Barham; vhc, Cave; hc, Phillips; c, Sherwood. BULLIE (5): 1, Pennells, good breast colour and poll; 2, Godward not quite so well finished; 3, Barham; 4, Sherwood; vhc, Miss Dawson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (13): 1, Pennells; 2, 3, Hobden; 4, Duck; vhc, hc, Barham; 3, Tidey. SOFT BILL SMALL (1): 1, Barham. LARGE (3): 1, Barham; 2, Duck; 3, Hobden. NOVICE YORKS. (8): 1, c, Stubberfield, very neat, good style and feather; 2, vhc, Dann; 3, Shack; 4, hc, Wilson. RESIDENTS.—A.V. CAN. (9): 1, 3, Denmard; 2, Cole; 4, Nagel; vhc, Stubberfield; hc, Miss Mercer; c, Cole. BRIT. (1): 1, Cole.

SHIPLEY.

The Shipley O.S. held their annual open show on November 7th, in the Central School, Saltaire Road, a fairly central place. The room is an excellent one, is very large and extra well lighted, and could hardly be improved upon for a show of this description. The society issued a good schedule of 25 classes, with plenty of specials, but were rewarded with only the meagre total of 333 entries, an average of slightly over 13 per class, the cause being probably counter attractions at several other shows within a reasonable distance. The show was held under the rules of the Y.U., and the patronage of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. Mr. J. Greaves officiated in the capacity of judge, his awards being received with satisfaction. The management was in the hands of capable officials, Mr. H. Dobson, the secretary, being at the head of affairs; he was ably assisted by Messrs. H. H. Towers, H. Bradshaw, H. Long, Sowden, Hudson and Marsden, all of whom deserve special mention for their courtesy. Messrs. Drake and Son, and L. Briggs were the top scorers in the competition for the weekly cash of CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of the Yorksbire Union.

YORKS. CL. YELL (13): 1, spl, Cruise, plenty of length, grand shape and position, leggy, splendid quality, neat head, looking well; 2, Bailey and Swanger, nice type, well up in position; 3, Shackleton, long slim shapely hird, stands well, grand back, nice quality; 4, Wilcock, shapely, lovely quality, very clean front; vhc, Towers; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Thornton and Bower. BUFF: cancelled. TICKED YELL. (12): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, lovely type and position, full of colour and quality, a gem; 2, Cruise, long and good shape, nice quality, very long and well braced flights, compact tail; 3, Hartley, lengthy, nice shape and quality; 4, Mason, good, long bird, nice type, rich quality and colour; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Walsh; c, Holroyd. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, tick neck, wonderful position, plenty of length, grand shape, and leggy, full of quality; 2, 3, hc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, 2, ticked cheek, feathered like glass, splendid shape and position, grand wing carriage, a beauty; 3, hot colour, rich quality, true type, stands well; 4, Wilson, extra shape and position, full of nerve, nice quality; vhc, Charlesworth; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. (14): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, slim, neat, typical Yorkie, well up in position, plenty of quality; 2, Wilcock, red hot colour, grand shape, stands well, good quality, was objected to, and the objection was upheld by the society, on account of the outside flights having the appearance and colour of new feathers; 3, Wright and Son, lovely shape well up in position, full of quality, grand wing carriage; 4, Shackleton, nice type and quality, stands well; vhc, Ackroyd Bros; hc, Bray; c, Stebbings. BUFF (22): 1, spl, Charlesworth, neat shape, stylish, nice quality; 2, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape, plenty of colour and quality, nice position, grand back; 3, Briggs, nice shape, nervy and good position; 4, c, Bray, grand colour, very typical and stylish, well finished; vhc, Radley; hc, Thornton; c, Bower. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Moss, nice size, good shape, lovely quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, very shapely, stands well, rich quality, lovely back and wings; 3, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, two grand hens, good shape and quality; 3, extra good in back, wings and tail; vhc, Ogden Bros; hc, Brown; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, 4, spl, Shackleton, leader, very long, good shape, stands straight as a rush; 4, fine shape and quality, well filled neck, good back; 2, Bailey and Swanger, ticked head, extra quality, grand shape, plenty of style; 3, Holroyd, very shapely, full of quality, very clean cut; vhc, Dobson; hc, Wilson; c, Towers. CINN. MKD. YELL. (17): 1, Cooper, nicely balanced marks, slim and good shape, plenty of leg and uses it, fine quality; 2, vhc spl, Wilcock, good length, splendidly cut, well up in position; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, nice length, good shape and quality; 4, Ogden Bros, red hot colour, correct type, well up on leg; hc, Dobson; c, Frankland. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Cooper, splendid shape, rich quality, well filled neck, very clean feathered; 2, Hartley, good marks, fine shape and position, very leggy, magnificent quality; 3, Chittenden, lengthy, good shape, nice quality and position; 4, Laugford, fine shape and position, nice back and wings; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Hirst; c, Dobson. CINN. TICK (6): 1, Walsh, tick wing yell, good length, splendid type, well up on leg, neat quality; 2, 4, spl Ogden Bros, 2, grand shape and position, buff, rich quality; 4, very slim, yell, neat type and quality, extra position; 3, Mallinson and Son, good slim hird, nice position; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Sutcliffe and Son. CINN. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Ogden Bros, grand shape, extra quality, well mooned, plenty of colour, good position; 2, c, Wilcock, neat typical lady, grand quality, stands well; 3, Towers, grand shape, nice quality, lovely back, good style; 4, Grange, slim, neat, plenty of leg, nicely feathered; vhc, Hartley; hc, Mason. BUFF (13): 1, 2, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, leader, exceptional quality and colour, grand type and position; 2, all there for quality, grand back, stands well, both staged in faultless style; 3, Drake and Son, good length, shape and position, nice quality; 4, Grange, well up in position, shapely; vhc, Hirst; hc, Lingley; c, Mason. CINN. TICK. HEN (10): 1, Dobson, yell, long slim, nice position, neat quality; 2, hc, Cook, buff, big bouncing bird, well up in position and quality; 3, 4, spl, Ogden Bros, 3, wing tick yell, red hot colour, lovely type, good quality and stands well; 4, lovely feathered buff, well up in position, very neat; vhc, Hartley; c, Cooper. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Wade, magnificent shape, well up on leg, rich quality, very clean cut; 2, Huddeston, lengthy, straight as a pencil, grand quality and colour; 3, Livesey, neat type, well positioned; 4, Lane, brimfull of colour, good shape and feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Phillipson; c, Priestley. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Walker, nice colour, shapely, fine position, nice quality; 2, Atkinson, longer, grand shape and quality, well braced wings and tail, leggy; 3, Radley, very typical, fine position; 4, Johnson, good shape and style; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Wilson; c, Clegg. TICK. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Laycock, very long, good shape and stands well up, fine quality; 2, Firth, tick cheek, grand type, beautifully drawn out, straight, full of quality and colour; 3, Brown, good length, nice shape and feather; 4, Varley, very straight cut, grand shape and quality; vhc, Wade; hc, Ferguson; c, Braddshaw. BUFF (13): 1, Sowden, very straight, grand shape and style, rich quality, well carried wings and close tail; 2, Beaumont, grand positioned bird, lovely shoulders, full of quality and style; 3, Townley, good length and shape, fine quality, very clean front; 4, Clegg, uneven marked, good shape and position; vhc, Jehson; hc, Priestley; c, Kaye. YELL HEN (20): 1, spl, Lane, grand length, beautifully drawn, good shape and leggy, lovely quality of feather; 2, Huddleston, shapely, straight as a dart, stands well, extra quality and colour; 3, Beaumont, grand type and position, rich quality; 4, Addy, stylish, nice quality; vhc, Birkett; hc, Atkinson; c, Sowden. BUFF (20): 1, 2, spl, Beaumont, two beauties, leader ticked head, grand type and position, very compact; 2, longer, ticked wing, good shape, and style, feathered like wax; 3, Wilson, good shape, well up on leg, good hack; 4, J. Lane, uneven marked extra shape and position; vhc, Whitwham; he, Warner; c, Battersby NOR CK. (12): 1, Ball, yell, nice size and substance, cobby, rich quality and colour, well staged; 2, 3, c, spl, Hammond, 2, el buff extra substance and shape, grand quality and colour; 3, uneven marked buff, grand type, extra quality and colour, very clean made; 4, Phillipson, uneven marked Buff, big strapping bird, grand quality; vhc, Markwell; hc, Fortnam. NOR. HEN (11): 1, Greenwood, Buff, marvellous substance, very cobby, grand quality and colour, looking well; 2, 3, spl, Hammond, 2, fine substance, very short and cobby, nice quality, beautifully mealed; 3, grand type, short, good feather, very neat; 4, Clark, Buff again, extra substance, full of colour and quality; vhc, Fortnam; hc, Markwell; c, Phillipson. SELL (£1) (10): 1, Denton; 2, Crossley; 3, Walton; 4, Townley; vhc, Towers; hc, Bradshaw; c, Russell. (15/-) (17): 1, Jebson; 2, Denton; 3, Garnett; 4, Grange; vhc, Firth; hc, Russell; c, Ball. HEN (12/6) (14): 1, Myers; 2, Jennings; 3, Hartley; 4, Craven; vhc, Towers; hc, Kaye; c, Holmes.

GOVANHILL.

The Govanhill and Dis. Show was held in the Dixon Hall, Govanhill, Glasgow, on November 7th, and was an undoubted success. There was a grand turn out, both in quality and in numbers. The cup was won by Mr. W. Raine, with a very stylish, compact Buff. The hon. president is Dr. Garey, who takes a practical interest in the society. Mr. Tennent is well known in the district. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. Watson, is the right man for the position, and under his guidance the association has made rapid strides since its recent inception. The placing of the awards was in the able hands of Messrs. Wright (Grethock), and Price (Barrhead).

YELL. CK. (14): 1, Raine; 2, Wilson; 3, 6, 7, Payne; 4, 5, Kerry. HEN (5): 1, McMichael; 2, Watson; 3, Harvey; 4, Raine. BUFF (16): 1, 7, Rennie, cup winner; 2, Clark; 3, 5, Watson; 4, 6, Harvey. HEN (16): 1, 5, 7, Raine; 2, 3, Clark; 4, 6, McCormick. YELL. PIED. ETC. CK. (4): 1, Raine; 2, Wilson; 3, 4, McMichael. HEN (7): 1, (no name); 2, Houston; 3, Kerry; 4, Wilson. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 2, McCormick; 3, Kerry; 4, Raine; 6, 7, McMichael. HEN (12): 1, McMichael; 2, 5, Raine; 3, 4, Wilson. OLD BIRDS.—CK. (14): 1, McCormick; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Payne; 5, Harvey; 6, Kerry; 7, Rennie. HEN (14): 1, Raine; 2, 3, 6, Wilson; 4, Kerry; 5, Harvey; 7, Payne. NOR. CK. (12): 1, 2, Peters; 3, Malcolmson; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Powell; 6, Edwards. HEN (15): 1, Peters; 2, Park; 3, 5, Malcolmson; 4, Edwards; 6, Stewart.

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Mr. Hamilton's Classes.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, spl, Nesbit, grand colour, nice upright position; 2, McKenzie, lovely small head and neck, well filled back, nice wing carriage; 3, Patterson, another one of same type, little behind for quality and condition; 4, Walker, larger, fails in condition, and a little frayed on wing ends; vhc, Smith, better condition, takes a nice position; hc, Lumsden; c, Cairns. HEN (10): 1, Barrie, good colour and type, well-carried wings, shade flat on head; 2, Black, also good colour and quality, very jaunty carriage, again frayed on wings; 3, Harper, nice size and type, but fails in condition; 4, McKenzie, good hen all over, hard back; vhc, Patterson; hc, Walker; c, Burns. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Barrie, good type, very nice head, free neck back well filled, very nice wing carriage; 2, Walker, fine stamp; good wing carriage; 3, Patterson, Glasgow winner, grand colour, type, quality and condition; 4, McAdam, ticked on neck, shade stouter built, very nice condition; vhc, McKenzie, another bird of true type, in the pink of condition; hc, Harper; c, R. Patterson. HEN (15): 1, spl, medal, 2, McKenzie, two sprightly little beauties, could not find fault in them, latter better colour and feather of better quality, former free in head and neck; 3, Hamilton, shade stouter built, fine rounded back and well laid on wing; 4, Lumsden, good colour and quality, little coarser in head; vhc, Walker, real nice hen, grand head, carried with a jaunty air; hc, Cairns; c, P. Patterson. EVENLY MKD. (6): 1, spl, 2, Haddon, former buff, nice round head, good bird; 2nd, yell., lovely markings, in good condition, little coarse in head; 3, Patterson, buff, well known, ideal markings in nice order, only fault a shade flat on head; 4, Millar, yell., good type, fails in eye markings; vhc, Skeddon; hc, Watt and Storie. UNEVEN (12): 1, Buddow, yell., fine eyes and wings, nice colour, little coarse in head; 2, Walker, buff mkd., eyes, wings grand type, good head, little dirty; 3, Patterson, five-pointed yell., good eyes, grand colour, quality, and condition; 4, McAdam, three-pointed buff, nice stamp all over; vhc, Harper, three-pointed yell., another nice one; hc, A. and J. Thomson, well-known five-pointed buff; c, Cockburn. YELL., GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, A. and J. Thomson, rare shade of green, nice type and feather of a nice quality; 2, Walker, another good one, just a shade duller in ground colour; 3, Tinline, good colour and type, but fails in wing carriage; 4, Haddow, thinner in front, not so good in colour; vhc, Forrest; hc, Barrie. BUFF (4): 1, A. and J. Thomson, one of the best we have seen for a buff, true Border shape, pencilled to perfection; 2, Walker, also good in shape, but falls in colour and pencilling; 3, Tinline, nice type and jaunty carriage; 4, Forrest, better colour, but bad wing carriage. SELL., BORD. (9): 1, McKenzie, ticked hen, real nice one, wins; 2, Walker; 3, Smith; 4, McAdam; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Burns; c, Barrie.

MARGATE.

The 11th annual exhibition of the Isle of Thanet F.S. took place in the Marina Hall, Margate, on November 4th and 5th. This hall is commodious, and well adapted for show purposes, and the committee are a band of enthusiastic and energetic fanciers. The President is Dr. P. C. Burgess, who is looked up to for his unbounded kindness and liberality. The society, doubtless through the exertions of its executive, show a double page of subscribers, and four pages of special prizes. Mr. North, the judge of the cage bird sections, got to work in good time, and, selecting the best-lighted position, where the sunshine came in from just over the sea, it was not long before the judging slips got into the printer's hands, and catalogues, with lists of awards in their correct places were on sale as soon as the show was opened. The secretary is Mr. W. J. Jones, to whom much of the success of the show is undoubtedly due.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl over the Buff and Variegd. Class, Gibbs, splendid quality colour and type; 2, Patterson, younger, well up in Nor. properties; 3, Maddison, nice colour; 4, Taylor, plenty of size. BUFF (3): 1, Gibbs, capped bird, nice size, shape and substance; 2, Taylor, good colour; 3, Patterson, nice quality. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, for best hen, 4, Gibbs, 1st splendid condition and type, 2, Howard, good shape, nice carriage and colour; 3, Thompson, a trifle smaller, but splendid type; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, Gibbs, lovely, silky feather, smartest of tails and flights; 2, Taylor, typical, neat carriage of feather; 3, Maddison, stylish and neat; 4, Patterson, full chested, good type; vhc, Burling; c, Stewart. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Gibbs, former tkd. bird, grand type, latter variegd., good substance; 3, Maddison, nice body; 4, Beerling, pretty dark head and tail; vhc, Taylor. CK. or HEN, 1908 (5): 1, spl, 2, also points cup, Taylor, typical yell. and buff exhibits; 3, Thompson, nice yell. bird, grand for stock; vhc, Maddison. NON-COL. FED (5): 1, 2, he, also spl for best Non-Fed, Holmes, winner very true to type, runner-up inclined to be feathery; 3, Elliot, nice size and quality; vhc, Jephcott. BUFF (10): 1, c, Williams, winner fine, bold bird; 2, he, Hogbin, nice quality and carriage of plumage; 3, Taylor, typical bird; 4, Mills, nice style; vhc, Kew. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Jephcott, tkd. buff, nicely mealed, good shape; 2, Patterson, tkd. yell., silky plumage, nice quality; 3, Holmes, typical, well up in Nor. points; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Gwyn. YORKS. CL. BUFF (3): 1, Gibbs, very smart hen; 2, Johnson; 3, Earle. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl for best Yorks, 3, Gibbs, winner very nice, typical bird, slim and straight; 2, Johnson, another good one. CK. OR HEN, 1908 (7): 1, 2, hc, and points challenge bowl, Gibbs, birds full of quality and type; 3, vhc, Reeve; 4, Allen. BORD. (3): Prizes and Points Challenge Bowl all to Dr. Bowes, typical yell. leading, followed by natty little buff. CREST OR C.B. (3): 2, Broad, neat crested green; 3, Thompson, good grey. PAIRS A.V. (3): 1, 2, Gibbs, Nor. and York; 3, Thompson, Nor. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (3): 1, 2, Gibbs, splendid Nor. and Yorks; 3, Patterson, variegd. Nor. MULES (9): 1, Taylor, grand Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, plenty of size and colour; 2, he, Williams, very nice Siskin-Canary; 3, Want, Greenfinch-Canary, colour-fed, and in good condition; 4, Stewart, Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, nice feather; vhc, c, Thomas. LIGHT (4): 1, spl, over Dark Mules, Taylor, tkd. yell. Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Twyford, beautiful, lightly variegd. buff; 3, Want; vhc, Boncey. SELL. PAIRS (25/-) (5): 1, Boncey; 2, Kew; 3, Moore; 4, Taylor; vhc, Patterson. (20/-) (6): 1, Elliot; 2, Moore; 3, Chapman; 4, Taylor; vhc, Boncey. (15/-) (8): 1, Taylor; 2, Jones; 3, 4, Moore; vhc, Elliot; hc, Ashlee; c, Brown. (10/-) (9): 1, Thompson; 2, 4, Wright; 3, Patterson; vhc, Howard; hc, Kew; c, Taylor.

OPEN TO ISLE OF THANET ONLY.—NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl over Buffs, 4, vhc, Jones, winner most typical bird, splendid size and quality; 2, Mills, well up in colour and size; 3, Brown, bird of excellent quality; hc, Kew; c, Elliot. BUFF (8): 1, spl, for second best in this and former class, c, (2) Jones, winner very typical bird, full of Nor. properties; 2, Gwyn, slashing Buff; 3, Mills, well up in class properties; vhc, Brown; hc, Elliot. BUFF HEN (4): 1, spl, 2, Elliot, well up in colour and quality; 3, Moore; 4, Housden. TKD ETC. (10): 1, spl, Gwyn, stout ticked yell. capital shape; 2, Elliot, nice capped Buff; 3, 4, Jones; vhc, Bateman; hc, c, Brown; c, Moore. YELL. 1908 (8): 1, Kew, capital deep cheeked bird; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Jones, birds of excellent type, and nicely shown; hc, Moore; c, Howard. BUFF (10): 1, Mills, excels in Nor. properties; 2, 4, Jones, large good birds; 3, vhc, Brown, good type and colour; hc, Gwyn; c, Housden, Moore. TKD. ETC. 1908 (11): 1, spl, (president's silver cup for best members' bird), Jones, grand ticked yell. splendid size, shape and quality; 2, Kew, grey tail buff, well up in size and shape; 3, spl, for boldest red-fed, Mills, nicely variegd. yell. good type and quality; 4, vhc, Moore, typical quality and colour, trifle open in feather; hc, Housden; c, Mills. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mills, grey crest of good size and substance; 2, Housden. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Shaw, perfect plumage, nice colour, clear bars, house-mounted; 2, Abbott, splendid colour; 3, Young; 4, Shaw, latter a nicely feathered steady hen. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, over Bullfinches, etc, Wickham, house-mounted bird, good colour, marking, size and condition; 2, Papworth, splendid colour and feather; 3, Shaw; 4, Young. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Pankhurst, splendid plumage and polish, nutty brown colour, very steady; 2, Wickham, nice size and pencilling; 3, Thomas; 4, Abbott; hc, Matthews. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Wickham, good sized yell. in perfect feather; 2, Papworth; 3, 4, Matthews, steady birds in excellent plumage; vhc, Brown. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Wickham, Siskin, well pencilled, nice shape and size; 2, Pankhurst, lovely steady Twite; 3, Shaw, Redpoll, house-mounted; 4, Minter, Siskin. LARGE (7): 1, spl, over next class, Brett, one of the best exhibition Blackbirds out, perfect lustrous plumage, orange core and bill; 2, Brett, Grey Shrike, in good feather; 3, Hunt, Starling, splendidly spangled and glossed; 4, Beerling, Thrush, distinctly spotted; vhc, he, Papworth, Blackbirds; c, Shaw, Thrush, good size and plumage. SMALL (6): 1, Hopgood, Black cap, in perfect feather; 2, 4, Brett; 3, Young, Chaffinch; vhc, he, Shaw, Brambling and Chaffinch, all very fine birds, well staged. PARROT, ETC. (4): 1, Elliott, Amazon, greatly admired; 2, Harts, very fine Rose Cockatoo; 3, Witt, another good Amazon; 4, Minter, A.O.S. (3): 1, Harts, Indian Mynah, with the best imitation of a bad cold and cough; 2, Skey, splendid pair Budgerigars, 3, Thomas, nice Weaver.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn and Dls. C.B.S. held their 12th Annual Open Show on November 6 and 7, in the Orange Hall, Richmond Terrace. Entries only came up moderately in the open classes, this, no doubt, owing to Rochdale and Liverpool Shows being held on the same day; but we trust the attendance came up to expectations, and that the show was a financial success. The novice and members' classes were very strong, and contained some choice specimens. Some grand Norwich were on view in the open classes. Cinnamons, under the patronage of the C.C.C., made a good show. The Yorkshires exhibited by Messrs. Fitton, Lane and Brooks were very typical specimens, and deserved better competition. The British, Mule, and Foreign bird classes made a very nice show, and as usual came in for a great deal of attention and admiration. The silver cup given by Dr. Lax for most points in British section was won by Mr. John Hunter, and the silver cup for most points in novice members' classes, given by Dr. Stevenson, by Mr. W. E. Seed. Mr. J. W. Marsden, the energetic and worthy secretary, had everything well in hand, and carried out his numerous duties in a very masterly and efficient manner. He was ably assisted by Mr. J. Lyons (chairman), Mr. R. Howarth (vice-chairman), Mr. S. Tweddle (treasurer), Mr. H. Fairclough (assistant secretary), and the committee. Messrs. A. Wellings, J. Walsh, and T. W. Walton judged, and their awards were well received.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Senior and Hartley, grand size and colour, splendid shape and quality; 2, Counsell, red hot colour, rare size, close up; 3, Godley, fine head, and colour, well up in quality; 4, Woodall, nice colour and quality; vhc, Worthington Bros; hc, Huggins (W). BUFF (8): 1, Godley, wonderful quality and shape, rare size and colour, good head; 2, Watson, marvellous colour and quality, good type and size; 3, Senior and Hartley, good size and colour, very shapely; 4, Wade, full of quality and shape, fine colour and bloom; vhc, Baxter; hc, Counsell; c, Huggins (S). TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Hall, thigh ticked rare colour, grand head, neck, and chest, fine quality and shape; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, marked head, neck, and wing, rare size and colour fine shape and quality; 3, A. Huggins, variegd. good head, fine quality, splendid colour; 4, Heys, ticked over eye, fine quality and colour; vhc and hc, Godley. BUFF (6): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, marked head and wing, grand quality, good size and shape, beautiful colour; 2, Senior and Hartley, again marked head and wing, typical head, neck, and chest, good quality; 3, hc, Wade, ticked root of tail, superior shape and quality, nice size and colour; 4, Hall, variegd, grand quality and shape, nice colour; vhc, Venables. YELL. HENS (13): 1, Tweddle, cl., real bonny hen, extra shape and quality, wonderful size and colour; 2 and 3, Worthington Bros., couple of good ones brimful of quality, both magnificent shape and colour; 4, Fowler, cap. neck and wing marked, grand size, shape, and quality; vhc, Waddington, another good hen; hc, Hall, c Ellison. BUFF (8): 1, Hall, gem all over, round as a ball, capital head and neck, magnificent quality and colour; 2, Huggins, cl. grand hen for shape and quality, good good quality and colour; 3, Hall, hot in colour, and shape; 4, Smith, variegd., splendid shape and size, extra quality and colour; vhc, Ellison; hc, Tweddle; c, Tetley. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, cl., capital size, rare shape, good quality and colour; 2, THall, hotter colour, grand shape and quality, good second; 3, Counsell, wings marked, rare colour and quality, nice size and shape; 4, Tweddle, cl., magnificent bird in every respect, well worth its place; vhc, Worthington Bros.; hc, Senior and Hartley; c, Godley. BUFF (11): 1, Counsell, cl., fine quality and shape, grand head, neck, and chest, wonderful youngster; 2 and 3, Tweddle, 2 marked wing, 3 cl., couple of rare birds, both good type colour and quality; 4, Clemenson and Taylor, big, bouncing cl., red-hot colour; vhc, Tetley; hc, Hall; c, Ellison. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, c, Godley, rare size, rich, sound colour, good head and chest wins; 2, Bentley, grand head, wonderful colour, good quality; 3, vhc, Dormer, nice colour and size, fine quality; 4, Hargreaves, shapely bird; hc, Riding. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Godley, 1, wonderful size, rare colour and shape, good quality, 2, grand bird, Norwich type all over; 3, c, Bentley; 3, grand shape and quality, nice size, and colour; 4, vhc, Dormer; 4, good big bird, worth its place; hc, Riding. CINN. HENS (8): 1, 4, Bentley; 1, yell. rare size and colour, superior quality and type; 4, buff, good quality and size; 2, hc, Dormer, splendid shaped buff, marvellous quality and size, nice colour; 3, vhc, Godley, another big romping buff, good colour and quality; c, Riding. CINN. UNFLIG. (7): 1, c, Hargreaves, yell., beautiful quality and shape, rare colour, nice size, good one; 2, Riding, buff, beautiful shape, grand quality, rare colour; 3, 4, Dormer; 3, hot-coloured yell., good quality, hardly stout enough; 4, buff, sound colour, true Nor. shape; vhc, hc, Godley. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Fitton, ticked head and grizzle wing, rattling length, stands on clever legs very straight and stylish; 2, 4, Lane; 2, cl., grand quality, rare length, nice colour, well placed; 4, long, slim cl., good colour and quality; 3, Millincamp, head and wings marked well, drawn racy specimen, grand quality; vhc, Brooks; hc, Stokoe and Chew; c, Huggins (W.). BUFF (8): 1, 3, Lane; 1, long, upstanding cl., grand quality, splendid position and shape; 3, another cl., good length, hot colour, teems with quality; 2, Stokoe and Chew, cl., grand length, well up on leg, good shape and quality; 4, Fitton, cl., nice colour and length, fine quality; vhc, hc, Brooks. c, McCann. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Brooks; 1, ol. yell., grand length, nice colour, lovely back, wings and tail, bonny hen; 2, 3, Lane; 2, long, cl. buff, rare quality, the best of back wings and tail; 3, thigh and wing ticked yell., rare length and colour, extra position and quality; 4, McCann, grizzle on wing, buff, grand quality, and type splend'd shape, hardly the length of leaders; hc, Stokoe and Chew; c, Senior and Hartley. CINN. TKD. (Cancelled). A.O.V. (7): 1, Walsh, buff, Scotch Fancy, fine length and reach and action; 2, 4, Dormer, good foul tail buff Cinn.; 4, grand buff Green Norwich; 3, Kilver, splendid yell. Green Norwich, rare shape and quality; vhc, Fitton; hc, Vignole; c, McCann. SELL. (30/-) (15): 1, Bentley; 2, Huggins; 3, Brooks; 4, Linaker; vhc, Dormer; hc, Crossley; c, Walsh. (20/-) (25): 1, Worthington Bros; 2, Senior and Hartley; 3, Bentley; 4, Baxter; vhc, Bentley; hc, Ryley; c, Grainger. (12/6) (21): 1, Godley; 2, vhc, Barnes; 3, Ryly; 4, Worthington Bros.; hc, c, Walsh. AMATEUR OR NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Almond, cl., good size and colour, grand head, nice quality; 2, 3, Barnes; 2, cl., hot colour, good quality and shape; 3, cap. neck and wing marked, rare colour, quality, and shape; 4, Seed (W. E.), variegd., grand colour, shape, and quality; vhc, hc, Stirling; c, Waddington. BUFF (19): 1, Ellison, red-hot coloured, cl., grand shape and quality, good type; 2 Schofield, grizzle on head, rare thick set bird, good size and quality; 3, Tetley, cl., splendid shape and quality; 4, c, Proctor. cl.. nice colour and quality; vhc, W. E. Seed; hc, Almond. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, Parkinson, very long cl., grand colour and quality, nice position and style; 2, 4, Ryley, 2 nice slim cl., 4, cl., grand length, full of quality; 3, Williams, cap and wings marked, nice back, wings and tail; vhc, Crossley; hc, Gregson; c, Stirrup. BUFF. (14): 1, Crossley, very nice cl., rare length, type, and quality; 2, 3, Proctor; 2, long, stylish bird, well up on leg, fine quality; 3, cl., grand length and position, nice quality; 4, Ryley, very similar clear; vhc, Anderson; hc, Parkinson; c, Stirrup. CINN. (13): 1, 2, vhc, W. E. Seed, leader yell. extra good shape, grand colour and quality, good one; 2, yell., again well up in shape, size and quality; 3, Birtwistle, clinking good-shaped buff, good feather; 4, Beck, yell., rare colour and quality; hc, Walsh. CINN. UNFLIG. (8): 1, W. E. Seed, grand yell. rich colour, splendid quality and shape; 2, Heys, yell., rare shape and quality; 3, hc, Roberts, yell., good colour and size; 4, Walsh, buff, typical Norwich, nice size. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. (20): 1, vhc, hc, Proctor; 1, buff, splendid shape, colour, and quality; 2, 3, Barnes; 2, cl. yell., extra colour, good quality and shape; 3, cap, neck, and wing marked yellow, good substance and quality; 4, Ellison, very nice clear buff; c, Hall. YORKS. (15): 1, vhc, hc, Marsden; 1, yell. grizzle on neck, nice length, good position and quality; 2, c, Vignole, slashing cl. yell.; 3, 4, Proctor; 3, raking cl. buff, good shape and quality; 4, cl. buff. CINN. (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, W. E. Seed, wonderful team, all possessing size, quality, and type; c, Proctor.

The Roller Canaries.

The entries in Rollers came in very well, considering that this is Blackburn's first attempt with classes for Rollers. The venture was supported by the B.R.C.C., with four medals, two silver and two bronze, for the best birds shown by any member of the B.R.C.C. Mr. T. W. Walton judged.

YOUNG BIRDS RUNG 1908 (11): 1, spl, Waring, excellent rising and falling hollow roll, 8; hollow bell, 4; hollow knorre, 2; bell tour, 2; flutes, 1; general effect, 6; total 23 points; 2nd, spl, Whittaker, nice bent hollow roll, 6; Schoekel 2; flute notes 2; bell tour 2; hollow knorre 2; general effect 6; total 20 points; 3, Waring, nice bent hollow roll 6, hollow bell 4, hollow knorre 2, one point off for high flutes, general effect 4; total 15 points; 4, Hirst, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 2, hollow knorre 2, general effect 3; total 10 points; vhc, Wirth; hc, Massey; c, Massey. OPEN CLASS (18): 1, spl, Whittaker, excellent falling hollow roll, 8; hollow bell 2, good daw-daw, flute notes 4, nice round bass roll 3, general effect 6, total 23 points; 2, spl, Waring, hollow roll 4, Schoekel 2, bell tour 2, flute notes 2, hollow knorre 2, general effect 3, total 15 points; 3, Hopkins, good hollow roll 6, Schoekel 2, nice du-du flute notes 2, bell tour 2, one point off for sharpe whistle, general effect 3, total 14 points; 4, Percival, rich toned hollow roll 6, water bubble 2, nice fine bass roll 2, sharpe flutes 1 point off, general effect 3; total 12 points; vhc, Hesling; hc, Percival; c, Watkin. LOCAL NOVICE CLASS (8): 1, spl, Banks, wins easily, fit for open class, good rising and falling hollow roll 6 points, hollow schoekel 4, hollow bell 3, daw-daw flutes 3; fine bass roll 2, general effect 4; total 22; 2, Yates, 14; 3, Yates; 12; 4, Banks, 10; vhc, Banks; hc, Fairclough; c, Marsden.

The Remaining Sections.

BRITISH NOVICE MEMBERS' (13): 1, Marsden, Nightingale, grand condition and plumage; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Fairclough; 2, good Wagtail; 4, Bramblefinch, good markings and colour; 3, Knowles, very nice Goldfinch; c, Yates. GIFT CLASS (8): 1, Tweddle; 2, Proctor; 3, Walsh; 4, Thompson; vhc, Barnes; hc, Godley; c, Cook. GOLDFINCH, Etc. (7): 1, 2, Kirkham, couple of Goldfinches; 1, rare blaze and body colour, very steady, grand condition; 2, good blaze and moons; 3, hc, Hunter; 3, Goldfinch, fine moons and buttons; 4, Holden Goldfinch, nice size, will improve. LINNET (7): 1, Holden, good size and markings, grand colour; 2, c, Hunter; 2, well pencilled, good colour, nice size and shape; 3, Kirkham, well up in size and colour; 4, vhc, Watt; hc, Wilson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Millincamp, good size and colour, feathers like wax, a gem; 2, hc, Hunter, very similar, good; 2, 3, McMurdo, fine size and shape; 4, Hunter, grand size and colour; hc, Fairclough. SISKIN, etc. (7): 1, 4, Watt, leader Twite well marked, nice size, good colour; 4, another Twite, grand colour and markings; 2, 3, vhc, etc., Hunter, 2nd, fine Siskin, rare colour, splendid feather, very steady; 3rd, Redpoll, very shapely, good bib, rich colour; hc, M'Murdo. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, hc, Almond, leader, magnificent Bramblefinch, grand size and colour, lovely markings, good one; 2nd, well-known Hawfinch, Toby, grand size and colour, good bib and condition; 3, vhc, Johnson, another very fine Hawfinch, good size and colour, good 3rd; 4, Venables, Bramblefinch, grand bird. SOFTBILL SMALL (7): 1, Fairclough, fine Wagtail, beautiful plumage, and condition; 2, Marsden, well staged Nightingale, rare colour and feather; 3, Almond, Meadow Pipit, very nice feather and size; 4th, good Wagtail; vhc, c, Kirkham; hc, Watt. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 3, Pitchford, leader Bullfinch Linnet, good colour and quality, nice size and bloom; 3rd, eyes and wings marked, Goldfinch Canary, extra quality, good size, bonny bird; 2, Smith, Bullfinch Greenfinch, shows both crosses distinctly; 4, vhc, Venables, Goldfinch Canary. NOVICE BRIT. OR MULE (8): 1, Riley, Hawfinch, good colour, size and condition; 2, Fletcher, grandly marked Thrush; 3, Holden, Linnet, well pencilled, good colour; 4, hc, Walsh, Bullfinch Greenfinch Hybrid, good colour and condition; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Knowles; c, Jukes. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, Burrows; 2, Cheetham; 3, Eccles; 4, Leaver; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Leaver. SMALL (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Fairclough; 3, Holden.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

The fourth annual exhibition was held in the Temperance Hall on Nov. 7th. The committee had every reason to congratulate themselves, as they had a record entry, and the quality in every section was high. Norwich were a good show, some very typical specimens being staged. Yorkshires, as is now usual at Northern shows, were present in good numbers, but the judging in this section aroused some comment, seeing most of the awards went to yellows, although in both classes some really good buffs were staged. Otherwise the judging appeared to give general satisfaction. British birds made a most imposing display, and some beauties were on view. Mr. Lawes carried out the secretarial duties in a most courteous and efficient manner, and was ably assisted by his committee, consisting of Messrs. Marwood, Wake, Nicholson, Yeates, Ducas, Freeman, Burton, Barker, Baines, Metcalfe, and others, all very good fanciers. Mr. Dixon judged Canaries, Mr. Howe (Wellingborough), the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 2, spl, c, Hill and Stewart, grand team, 1st, good colour, rare chest, and head, fine wings; 2, rare shape, A1 quality, nice head, hot colour, well over perch; 3, Hesp, lovely quality, good chest, wings and tail; 4, hc, Pickering and Wright, grand colour and quality; vhc, G. Harland. BUFF (14): 1, Hesp, neat shapely buff, grand feather and carriage, good head and wings; 2, 3, spl, Hill and Stewart, well up in size, A1 quality, good meal; 3rd, again good colour, quality and shape; 4, Greenfield, nice bird, rare size and quality, chest and head well put down; vhc, Nelson; hc, F. Agar; c, R. Winn. TKD. (12): 1, hc, spl, Hill and Stewart, grizzled headed buff, grand shape, size and quality, rare meal, neat head; 2, W. Crosling, yell., ticked on neck, good colour, typical, nice wings and tail; 3, Rev. B. Wilton, buff, ticked on head, good exhibit, nice quality and shape; 4, Burdett, nice shape and colour; vhc, Hanson; c, Harland. HEN (12): 1, Howe, yell., nice even colour, good cobby shape, fine quality; 2, Winn, buff, neat, cobby shape, A1 quality, good wings and tail, close up; 3, vhc, spl, Hill and Stewart, yell., leading rare size and colour, good shape and quality, beaten condition; 4, Pickering and Wright, head mkd., buff, good shape; hc, Harland; c, Nelson. UNFLIG. (17): 1, 2, spl, Burdett, buff tkd. on head, rare size and bloom, rich colour, good shape, neat head, wings and tail; 2, grand yell., A1 quality and shape; 3, Howe, buff, A1 quality, nicely mealed, good shape, neat wings; 4, Hesp, nice quality and style; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Holland and Grainger. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Chew and Stokoe, lengthy stylish, A1 quality, well up on leg, good colour; 2, Stevens, good colour, well up on leg, nice quality; 3, Woodhead, rare quality and length, nice wing carriage; 4, Cook, lengthy and stylish; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Howe; c, Meaburn; No. 7, Rand, better bird in some respects than some in money. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Dixon, nice salmon colour, good length and quality; 2, Cuthbertson, good length, stylish, A1 quality; 3, Rhodes, good wings and tail; 4, Rev. B. Wilton, rich colour, well up on leg; vhc, Howe; hc, Myers; c, Meaburn. TICKED (16): 1, spl, Howe, yell., ticked on wing, stylish, good length, wings and tail; 2, Chew and Stokoe, yell., hot colour, ticked on neck, A1 quality, good wings; 3, Rutherford and Bright, again a yell., ticked over eye, good quality and colour; 4, Cuthbertson, neck ticked, buff, good length, A1 quality; vhc, Cook; hc, Carter; c, Meaburn. HEN (13): 1, 2, spl, Rhodes, head ticked, yell. leading, grand shape, stylish, neat head, wings and tail; 2, buff, stylish, shapely, A1 quality, well up on leg; 3, Carter, good length and quality; 4, Chew and Stokoe, good back, neat and shapely; vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, W. Rand; c, Meaburn. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, Myers, yell., good length; 2, Rutherford and Bright, yell., good quality and length, neat wings and tail, well up on leg; 3, Woodhead, hot colour, yell., plenty of length, nice quality; 4, Stevens, yell., good colour, neat wings and tail; vhc, Dixon; hc, Elwell; c, Cook, all yellows. CREST (9): 1, Graham, real good heavy variegd., well radiated and dense neat centre, good droop, great size; 2, vhc, c, spl, Yeates, neat crest, good centre, grand quality feather; 3, Taylor and Smart, good big round crest, grand feather, open centre; 4, Palmer, cl. body, d.c., grand veiny feather, good shape, A1 quality; hc, Axe. C.B. (7): 1, Taylor and Smart, variegd., good cushion shaped skull, well browed, dense feather of good length; 2, vhc, hc, J. Yeates, green, good round head, dense feather, well lashed; 3, Gibson, variegd., nice size, dense good quality feather; 4, Graham, nearly cl., grand feather, good head; c, Rev. B. Wilton. A.O.V. (6): 1, Todd, and Son, buff, cinn., rare quality and shape, good colour; 2, Reid, Gold C.C. Lizard, well spangled, neat cap, good size; 3, vhc, hc, Summerhill, Scotch Fancies, neat head, good style; 4, J. Metcalfe. SELL. (30/-) (15): 1, spl, Todd, good pair, Crest and C.B., cheap; 2, Hill and Stewart; 3, Palmer; 4, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, Howe; hc, Sokell and Binks; c, H. Kilner. (15/-) (16): 1, spl, Fletcher, eye-marked Nor.; 2, Pickering and Wright; 3, Bescoby and Hurt; 4, Myers; vhc, Kilner; hc, Webb and Orton; c, Hill and Stewart. (10/-) (26): 1, vhc, spl, Hill and Stewart, Norwich, 2, could not find; 3, Clemenson; 4, Sokell and Binks; hc, Shepherd; c, Rev. B. Wilton. CL. ETC. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Graham, grand Goldie-Bullie, good size, rich colour, well marked, shows parentage distinctly; 2, Wilkinson and Danby; 3, 4, R. and F. Grainger, Goldie Bullies, rare colour, good blaze, A1 condition; vhc, Heaviside. DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, Cuthbertson, large good coloured yell. Linnet Mule, grand bloom, well marked, rather unsteady; 2, 4, spl, T. Wells, good Goldie Mules, nice size, grand colour, good blaze; 3, Jones, Goldie, rich blaze, well marked; vhc, Slack; hc, Hill and Stewart; c, Butterfield; No. 8 a good Greenie-Canary, passed for alleged defective vision. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Dunn, grand markings, good colour and size, lovely shape, real good one; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good shape and size, well pencilled; 3, Hill and Stewart, good colour and size, well marked; 4, Millburn and Hughes; vhc, c, Waters, for colour and markings a gem; hc, Moger; c, Hanson and Lancaster. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, Axe, rare size, nice square cut blaze, good colour, nice tan in grand trim; 2, Nicholson and Son, good rich coloured blaze, good body colour; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice face, well tanned on breast; 4, J. Peacock, good shape and size; vhc, c, Butterfield; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, F. Marwood. BULLFINCH (9): 1, spl, Johnson, good size, well cut cap, nice back wings and breast; 2, Cook, good shape and wing bars, nice cap; 3, Stevens, neat shape, good colour, on breast; 4, Dodsworth, shapely; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Handley and Redfern; c, C. and H. Moss. GREENFINCH (18): 1, spl, Sharp, rare size, grand shape, good head; 2, Todd and Son, nice shape, in rare condition; 3, Axe, grand size, colour and shape; 4, Wilson, very shapely. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, spl, Sharp, Bramble, A1 colour, good size, lovely markings; 2, Rev. B. Wilton, grand Chaffinch, fine head, rare size and colour; 3, Forster, Bramble, fine size, nice lacings; 4, Carter, Chaffinch, nice colour; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, c, Garbutt and Clement. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, spl, Waters, Siskin, good colour, well laced, nice cap; 2, Pecks, Twite, good colour, size and markings; 3, Todd and Son, well-known Siskin, neat cap and lacing; 4, c, Salmon, grand Redpoll; vhc, Moss; hc, Rev. B. Wilton. A.O.S. (4): 1, spl, Wilcock, grand Hawfinch, well-cut bib, rare size, good colour, and markings; 2, Axe, well-known Yellowhammer, grand size, splendidly marked; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, nice head and bib. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, 3, c, spl, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Starling leading, grand spangling, good size and condition; 3rd, good Blackbird, will improve; 2, 4, Freeman, good Thrush, nice size, good body markings; 4th, Redwing, a gem, grand colour, size and condition; vhc, Danby and Wilkinson; hc, Millburn and Hughes. A.O.S. (12): 1, 2, spl, Nicholson and Son, grand Wryneck, rare size, well marked, and well-known Blackcap; 3, hc, Wilkinson and Danby, Woodpecker; 4, Forster, Wheatear, rare size, condition, and colour. FOR. SEED-EATERS (12): 1, 4, spl, Nicholson and Son, grand Macaw and pair of White Javas, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Mackenzie, gem of a Red-headed Gouldian, in perfect condition, and a fine Diamond in grand trim; vhc, S. Sudron; hc, Dunn; c, Yeates. SOFTBILLS (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, spl, Nicholson and Son, grand team, greatly admired, lovely glossy Starling leading, followed by Shamah, Superb Tanager, and Scarlet Tanager, all staged in this exhibitor's well-known style. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, spl, Freeman; 3, c, Acheson; hc, Ducas. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Lowes and Son; 4, Freeman; hc, Burton. HEN (15): 1, 2, 3, hc, spl, Freeman; 4, Ducas; vhc, Burton; c, Baines. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, spl, Johnson; 3, 4, Acheson. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, spl, Johnson. PAIRS (7): 1, Yeates; 2, 3, 4, spl, Freeman; vhc Baines; hc, Acheson; c, Metcalfe. A.O.S. (5): 1, vhc, Yeates; 2, 3, spl, Baines; 4, Johnson. BRIT. SEED-EATERS (17): 1, 2, spl, Weedy; 3, c Ingram; 4, Marwood; vhc, hc, Freeman. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Weedy; 2, 3, spl, Acheson. Mr. T. Acheson won Ramsden's spl. The total entry was 422.



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A Peep at Morecambe Show.

In the centre aisle (from right to left, at front) are to be seen such well-known fanciers as Messrs. H. W. Battye (judge), W. J. Ferguson (judge), J. H. Ireland (sec.), C. Houlton (judge), W. H. Pickles (chairman), E. Baker (Cowes), and P. Waring (Preston).

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SHEFFIELD.

The Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual exhibition on November 6th and 7th. The Temperance Hall, Townhead-street, in which the exhibits were housed is of nice size, lofty, and is free from draughts. The entry totalled upwards of 840, the open section containing just over 300 in the 33 classes provided, and the members staged the remaining 540 specimens. President, Mr. T. Hemmings; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Brown, P. Walsh, E. E. Smith, and Dr. Mylan; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley, who is a genuine fancier, and a well-wisher of the society. Stewards were Messrs. Thorpe, Bishop, and Somerfield, a trio of capital workers, assisted by two well known personages in Messrs. Colton and Dawn. The secretaries are Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham who proved themselves capital manipulators. They worked like Trojans, and are to be highly complimented on the exercises they put forth. Staging was of a very neat order, and specimens could be seen at a glance. Prize cards were displayed quickly as each class was adjudicated upon. The show was well attended, and visitors should come out on the right side. Special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Colton and Dawn, their noted Redpoll Bullie doing the trick. The two silver medals presented by Mr. J. C. Barnes (the well-known local enthusiast), to be competed for by novices, went to Messrs. W. Holmes (Yorkshires) and S. Marlor (Norwich). Bamsdon's goblet was captured by Mr. W. Bagnell with a nice-coloured yell. Yorkie. Sandiford's cup fell into the hands of Mr. F. Coventry, his yell. Nor. being a warm one. Members' cups went to Messrs. Tow (Nor.), Lindsay (Yorks.), Memmott (Crests), and Walsh (British). The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye, J. Robson, E. E. Smith, and G. Browning. Mr. Jos. Bexson was also to have officiated as an adjudicator, but unfortunately was too ill to attend. The members' classes contained many very meritorious specimens. The Yorkshires, taken as a whole, were a capital lot, as also were the Norwich. Crests and C.B.s provided a nice assortment, and British male a fine display.

The Open Canary Section.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Radley, straight as a rush, slim, grand feather, rattling back flights and tail, well put down; 2, Spencer, very lengthy, A1 position, long sided, good in feather, stands on clever legs; 3, Dykes, magnificent quality and colour, stands delightfully; 4, Taylor, fine long-drawn specimen, splendid back; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hodgson; c, Heddon. BUFF (7): 1, Wilson, feathered to perfection, rare length and position, capital colour and frosting, a gem; 2, Radley, slim and upstanding, rich feather and meal, lengthy, grand wing carriage; 3, Allen, good length and stand, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 4, Simmons, full of quality and style, straight as a pencil, one of the smartest; vhc, Long; hc, Dykes; c, Pressey. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Whiting, mkd. wing and neck, wonderful length, stands like a guardsman, capital feather and colour; 2, vhc, Taylor, mkd. wings and head, tight as box, stands lovely, good length, beautiful back and wings; 3, Simmons, ticked neck, not a feather misplaced, delightful stand; 4, Radley, tkd. right wing, rattling quality and colour, very stylish; hc, Hodgson; c, Simpson. BUFF (12): 1, Radley, cap marked, superb feather and colour, straight as a gun barrel, lengthy and leggy, real gem; 2, Hodgson, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, wonderful length, feather of nice texture, capital position, not far behind; 3, Long, grizzled head, straight up, smooth as a bottle, full of swagger, good length; 4, Dykes, thigh tick, feathered to perfection, delightful stand; vhc, Whitings; hc, Hodgson; c, Allen. HEN (18): A grand lot; 1, Radley, charming cl. yell., tight as a Java, lovely outline and of rare length, very bonny damsel; 2, Oakes, beautifully feathered, cl. buff, magnificent colour and meal, capital length; 3, Hodgson, buff, cinn. marked wings and eyes, full of colour, and teeming with quality; 4, Allen, yell., cap marked, very slim, upstanding, and of A1 quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Goucher; c, Walker and Scrivener. UNFLIG (15): 1, Radley, marked wing, head and thigh, rich colour and feather, slim and upstanding, perfect back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, Goucher, buff, cap marked, straight as a rush, lovely salmon-tinged colour; 3, Williams, yell., marked neck, possessing rare length, A1 position, capital colour and feather; 4, Dykes, yell., thigh tick, delightful position, feathered like wax; vhc, Spencer; hc, Holmes; c, White. NOVICE (18): A keen class; 1, medal, Holmes, buff, cap, marked, superior feather and colour, good length and position, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 2, Bennett, yell., thigh tick as though chiselled out of marble, rare colour and stand; 3, Elshaw, buff, mkd. wings and head, excellent length and colour, grand feather and frosting; 4, Williams, cl. buff, lengthy and of capital feather; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Jennett; c, Simpson. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Vardy, ablaze with colour, well up in substance, rich feather, short and thick-set, clean cut; 2, Sandiford's cup, Coventry, red hot, very shapely, nice carriage, very close up; 3, Tow, cobby and of superb colour, neat head and neck, one of the smartest; 4, Doxey, lovely feather and colour, nice size and carriage; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Dent; c, Walker. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Coventry, brace of bonny exhibits, former grand colour and quality, tight as a drum, perfect shape, of good substance; 2nd, capital shape, jaunty carriage, nicely mealed; 3, 4, Vardy, well up in colour and quality, grand body and carriage; 4th, good size, A1 colour, feather and meal; vhc, Dent; hc, Hathaway; c, Taylor. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Hathaway, mkd. wings and head, well known, full of colour, feathered grandly, good size and shape, fine jaunty carriage; 2, Davis, mkd. wings, tail and head, red hot, teeming with quality, well up in substance; 3, Vardy, thigh tick, short and thick-set, all front, superior feather and colour, clean cut; 4, Marlor, var., rare substance, good feather and shape; vhc, Dent. BUFF (8): 1, Doxey, marked wings, exceedingly warm, lovely feather and frosting, capital shape, size, and carriage; 2, Davies, marked neck, full of quality and colour, nicely mealed, rattling head, neck and chest; 3, Vardy, marked wings and head, well up in size, lovely shape and carriage; 4, Marlor, ticked right wing, good substance, colour and frosting, nice front; vhc, Wootton; hc, Tow; c, Taylor. HEN (11): 1, Parlett, cl. buff unflig., fine shape and size, capital colour and meal; 2, Taylor, cl. buff, rattling colour and quality, nice shape and size, good carriage, clean cut; 3, hc, Davies, yell., marked wings and head, smooth as a bottle, round as a ball; 4, Marlor, yell., lightly var., cobby, and of excellent colour and feather; vhc, Tow; c, Vardy. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, Davies, couple of fascinating specimens, winner yell., ticked left eye, exceptional colour and shape, rare size and carriage; 2, cl. buff, red hot, teeming with quality grand shape, lovely wings, nice size and well cut away; 3, 4, Vardy, both buffs, former a charming cl., very shapely and of excellent feather and size, jaunty latter; vhc, Parlett; hc, Tow; c, Wootton. NOVICE (13): 1, hc, medal, Marlor, cl. yell., feathered to perfection, grand shape and colour, lovely carriage, nice substance, clean cut away; 2, Cowley, cl. buff, A1 colour and quality, nice type, good size and carriage; 3, Gibson, died soon after judging, plenty of seed and water on, hard lines this; 4, c, Smedley, buff, ticked wing, cobby, and of fine colour and mealing, good size and shape; vhc, Duckett. CREST (9): 1, 2, Taylor, couple of noted "cracks," former buff, mkd. both wings, grizzled crest, monster, possessing a wealth of rich veiny feather, crest round as a hoop, wonderfully thatched; 2nd, buff green, pied tail, D.C., lovely quality, well up in size, abundance of feather, rattling droop and centre; 3, hc, Brown, buff, marked wing, D.C., well up in size, lovely feather crest large, grand formation; 4, vhc, Radley, buff, almost green, D.C., good shape, fine quality, crest of magnificent frondal; vhc, buff, D.C., lovely specimen; c, Peace. C.B. (10): a rare lot; 1, 4, hc, Radley, trio of gems, winner buff var., giant of giants, best we have seen this season, regular "knock out" all through; 4th, buff green, possessing abundance of feather, fine body substance; 2, Taylor, buff green pied tail, well known, topper, rare substance, grand width and rise of skull; 3, Simpson, cl. buff, superb feather, slashing head character, nice bash; vhc, Peace; c, Brown. CREST UNFLIG. (6): 1, Taylor, buff, marked both wings, D.C., magnificent substance and quality, crest massive and thickly thatched, wonderful shape and droop; 2, hc, Radley, buff green, pied tail, D.C., capital shaped crest, leafy in feather, delightful droop and centre; 3, Smith, buff, marked wings D.C., abundance of rich quality feather, crest round as a rim; 4, vhc, Brown, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, well up in size, heaps of feather. C.B. (6): 1, 3, Simpson, cl. buff, capital quality, nice substance and shape, good width and length of head feather, nicely lashed; 3rd, buff, almost green, pied tail, superb feather, shapely, both very promising youngsters; 2, vhc, Brown, cl. buff, good substance and shape, nice head character; 4, hc, Radley, buff, almost green, abundance of feather, shapely.

The Remaining Open Sections.

LIGHT MULE (10): 1, vhc, Colton and Dawn, cl. buff Goldie-Can., good shape and size, lovely colour and quality, put down in fine fettle; 2, Edwards, buff, four-pointed Goldie-Can., capital feather and colour, nice size and shape, in the pink; 3, hc, Leam, well-known winner, often described, four-pointed buff Goldie-Can.; 4, Vardy, another noted specimen, buff, four-pointed, Goldie-Can.; c, Fletcher. DARK (14): 1, Edwards, Can.-Bullie, rare colour, nice feather, good shape and size, in neat order; 2, Somerfield, yell., Greenie-Can., capital colour, size, and shape, very bonny; 3, Swift, buff, Sis. Can., well up in size, good colour and markings; 4, Pogmore, Lin.-Can., A1 colour, nice shape; vhc, Gibson; hc, c, Leam. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, former noted Redpoll-Bullie, takes spl for best in show, often described; 2nd, Greenie-Bullie, nice shape and substance, capital colour and quality; 3, Edwards, Goldie-Greenie, nice size and quality, very neat, well staged. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, Walsh, fine bold Bullie, lovely shape, deep breast colour, dense well-cut cap; 2, Walker and Scrivener, Bullie, close up; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, Goldie, nice shape and size, capital face, good bars and buttons; 4, Rouse, Bullie, little separates these, well shown; vhc, Cushing; hc, Henderson; c, Colton and Dawn. LINNET (13): 1, Parlett, magnificent substance and shape, lovely nutty colour, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, steady as a top; 2, vhc, Hunt, capital shape and quality, taking exhibit, well put down; 3, Walsh, spleudid shape and colour, finely pencilled, staged to perfection; 4, Walker, shapely, nice feather, neat in markings; hc, Clarke; c, Dean. GREENIE (7): 1, Rouse, yell., wonderful substance, rattling colour and shape, a gem; 2, Drinkell, yell., capital shape and colour, grand specimen; 3, 4, Henshaw, both of good shape and colour; vhc, Howard; hc, Isherwood; c, Clarke. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Henshaw, Redpoll and Twite respectively, former good shape and size, capital colour and markings; latter, lovely colour and pencilling, good shape and condition; 3, Scott Bros., neat shape, good colour, nicely shown. HARDBILL (6): 1, Swingler and Blackwell, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, A1 colour, capital bit, in fine form; 2, Walsh, profusely spangled Bramble, capital shape and colour, well benched; 3, Drinkell, Lapland Bunting, good in colour and markings, in capital trim; 4, Isherwood, very neat exhibit, worth its place. SOFT., SMALL (10): 1, 2, vhc, Walsh, nice trio, all in lovely bloom; 2nd, Wagtail, staged in an up-to-date style; 3, hc, c, Medley, lovely Redstart, in the highest possible trim, rare colour, shape and size; 4, Jackson, 'Gale in good order, nice shape, size, and colour. LARGE (6): 1, 3, Chick, Chough and Magpie, both in full bloom, and nicely benched; 2, Walsh, magnificent Waxwing, in absolutely perfect feather, many thought should have won; 4, Darlow, Magpie, in fine form; vhc, Scott Bros. A.O.V. (5): 1, Hodgson, cl. yell. Belgian, nice feather, good size, capital shoulders, nervy, very bonny; 2, vhc, Colton and Dawn, Liz., nice shape and size, full of neat work, well shown; 3, Leam, yell. cinn., very shapely, A1 colour and feather, well up in size, good 3rd; 4, Lawson, yell., four-pointed Nor., good quality and colour, shapely. SELL., 40/- (5): 1, Simpson, buff-marked D.C., cheap; 2, Swingler and Blackwell; 3, 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Simmons. 20/- (9): 1, Simpson, nice green C.B., looks like a hen; 2, Walker and Scrivener; 3, Duckitt; 4, Hathaway; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; hc, Brown; c, Lawson. FOR., LARGE (13): 1, 2, Cheetham, pair Blue Mountain Lories, King Parrot, in delightful feather; 3, Hadley, pair Barnard Parrakeets, in full bloom; 4, Stocker, Eclectus Parrot, in good order; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Baxby, Booth; c, Baxby, Ballington. SMALL (13): 1, 2, spl, Hadley, Archbishop Tanager and pair Golden-crowned Parrakeets, looking in grand form; 3, Cushing, Superb Tanager, well up in colour; 4, Baxby, pair Pintailed Nonpareils, in fine order; vhc, Cheetham, Stocker; hc, Hadley; c, Coleman.

Owing to severe pressure on space Members Classes have been held over until next week.

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BRAMLEY.

The third annual open show, connected with the Bramley and Dist. O.S. took place on November 7th. The church schoolroom (Hough-lane), in which the exhibits were staged, is an ideal place for such a function, it being of most excellent light (both by day and night), spacious, lofty, well ventilated, and entirely void of draughts. The schedule issued was of capital classification, good prize money, specials, and extra specials, the response being an entry of 420 in the 28 classes provided, giving an average of 15 per class. Yorkshires took pride of place, both as regards quality and numbers. Many birds stood cardless that were capable of winning at most shows, and two lots of "tickets" could easily have been distributed in almost every class. Norwich contained several very meritorious specimens, and the Greens (both Yorks. and Nor.) were of a nice description. Mules displayed various "mixtures," the parentage of most being clear and distinct. British, we thought, proved excellent. President, Ald. S. Peckover; vice-presidents, Messrs. Riley, Mathers, Richmond, Bennett, Tate, and H. E. Wilkinson; hon. treasurer is Mr. E. Fletcher. Committee, well-known and well-tried fanciers, Messrs. Wilkinson (chairman), Tate, Wilson, Parker, Hargreaves, Benson, Holdsworth, Hanson, and Fletcher. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. Craven; a more courteous and willing worker it would be difficult to find, always on the go, and with every item at his finger tips. He plays his part well, and much of the success of the fixture is due to his efforts. Prize slips were quickly affixed by capital stewards in Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson, Wilson, Maltby, Thompson (Leeds), Fletcher, Tate, and Silson. The prize money was paid out to all successful exhibitors attending, and all birds were despatched by 8 p.m. to owners. The judges were Messrs. W. Cowgill and A. G. Davis.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Parkes, cl., great length, rare feather and position, fine back, well braced wings and tail, gem; 2, Tidswell, very smart lengthy cl., erect as a rush, feathered beautifully; 3, Gibbons, marked left wing, capital feather, racy, very bonny; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Priestley; c, Hill. BUFF (18): 1, Ross, marked right wing, smooth as glass, straight as a pencil, delightful stand, lovely colour and meal, topper; 2, Taylor, thigh tick, good colour and feather, nice length, capital back and flights; 3, hc, Hill, fine long drawn cl., superior feather; vhc, Hewson; c, Gelder. YELL. HEN (27): A rare class; 1, spl, Ross, magnificent cl, wonderful length, perfect position, feathered like glass; 2, Alderson, thigh tick, another most charming damsel, tall and stately, looking lovely, close up; 3, Jowett, thigh tick, regular wedge, full of swagger, tight as a Java; vhc, Dyson; hc, Farrar; c, Bearpark. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Hewson, marked right wing, neat and narrow, lengthy and stylish, splendid feather; 2, Dyson, cl., capital shape and quality, perfect back, flights, and tail, lengthy; 3, Dewhirst, long drawn cl., stands well, A1 feather and colour, one to admire; vhc, Morton; hc, Farrar; c, Lodge. YELL. 1908 BRED (16): 1, spl, Bearpark, cl., smooth as wax, straight as a gun barrel, fine length and position, grand back and wing carriage; 2, Duncan, lengthy cl., capital stand, good back and flights; 3, Ross, lightly feathered cl., full of nerve and style, clever legs; vhc, Dyson; hc, Gelder; c, Jowett; No. 15, Hanson, w.c., an old bird, and a good one, hard lines. BUFF (28): A rattling lot; 1, spl, Holmes, marked left wing as though chisled out of marble, position of the very best; 2, Dewhurst, marked right wing, good position, promising youngster; 3, Lodge, thigh tick, lovely salmon-tinged colour, slim, lengthy, and upstanding; vhc, Ross; hc, Hewson; c, Dyson. CINN. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Gibbons, mkd. wings and head, superb feather, capital length and position, fine colour and frosting, very bonny; 2, Gelder, marked wings and head, straight as a pencil, neat and narrow, delightfully clothed, pretty hen; 3, Bentley, marked wings and eyes, straight up, slim and lengthy; vhc, hc, Jowett; c, Whitley. BUFF (14): 1, Fawcett, marked wings and head, smooth as a Java, rare type and length, A1 back and flights; 2, 3, spl, Greenwood, both marked wings and head, former very lengthy and of grand colour and feather, stands well up on clever legs; latter, good length and position, capital back and wing carriage; vhc, Cartwright; hc, Taylor and Haigh; c, Jowett. NOR. YELL.: Void. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Royle, cl., hot in colour, nice feather and frosting, short, thick-set, capital head and neck, clean cut away; 2, Davies, variegated, wonderful substance, grand feather, rare shaped body; 3, hc, Wilkinson, marked wing, true shape, A1 quality and meal; vhc, Mennard; c, Hope. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Davies, ticked left eye, marvellous substance, rattling head, neck, and chest, capital wings and tail; 2, Middleton, marked wing, neck and face, all type, full of colour and quality; 3, Hargreaves, cl., nice colour and feather; vhc, Jackson; hc, Benge; c, Triffit. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Pepper, capital cl., well up in size, good colour and feather, nice type and carriage; 2, Royle, unflig. cl., ablaze with colour, covered with neat frosting, all type, clean under; 3, Talbot, cl., all there for shape, rich quality, grand carriage; vhc, Benge; hc, Benson; c, Morris and Woodhouse. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, c, spl, Wilkinson, cl., red hot, lovely feather, nice shape, one of the very best; 2, Maltby, cl., warm colour, slashing quality, very shapely, nice wing carriage; 3, Davies, cl., rattling head character, deep expanding breast, nice colour and feather; vhc, hc, Johnson, former fine bold specimen for stock. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Davies, mkd. wings and head, rare substance and shape, nicely feathered, A1 colour and carriage; 2, Middleton, marked wing, rich colour and meal, good size and shape; 3, Wilkinson, wnmn-coloured cl., A1 quality, very shapely; vhc, Triffit; hc, Holmes; c, Royle. GREEN YORKS. (10): 1, vhc, spl, Richmond, capital feather and colour, straight as a rush, good back and wings; 2, 3, hc, J. Riley, with a nice team, formed, rare length and colour, rich quality; 3rd, very similar, little separates them; c, G. Riley. NOR. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Richmond, foul tail, lovely colour, grand shape and carriage, nice substance, good specimen; 2, Benson, foul tail, well up in colour and quality, nice size; 3, Hornby, foul tail, good shape, feather and colour, clean cut; hc, Royle. A.O.V.: Void. SELL., 20/- (16): 1, spl, Bardaker and Sample; 2, vhc, Farrar; 3, Mennard; hc, Scargill; c, Johnson. 12/6 (19): 1, spl, Morris and Woodhouse; 2, Farrar; 3, Ireland; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Hope; c, Mitchell. GOLDIE (11): 1, 2, spl, Fox and Thompson, couple of choice "proud tailers," winner lovely shape and colour, nice substance, magnificent blaze, large and well cut, fine bars and buttons, a gem; 2nd, exceedingly close up, capable of winning at most shows; 3, vhc, Duncan, rich nutty colour, grand shape and substance, neat bars and buttons; hc, Inman; c, Talbot. LINNET (13): 1, 3, spl, Fox and Thompson, former nice size and colour, clear and distinct in markings, nicely shown; 3rd, lovely colour and pencilling, stood 1st York; 2, Royle, capital colour and shape, well marked, in grand trim; vhc, Owen; hc, Dunt; c, Kilburn. HARDBILL (10): A rare class; 1, spl, Hakes, slashing Hawfinch, grand shape and size, beautiful colour, a well-cut bib, a gem; 2, Inman, Yellowhammer, superior quality, fine size, good shape, delightful head character; 3, Boyle, fine bold Bullie, dense cap, large and well out, breast colour A1, good 3rd; vhc, Gregg; hc, c, Duncan. MULE (10): 1, spl, Inman, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and tail, Goldie-Can., nice feather, shape and size, shown in the pink; 2, vhc, Wilson, neat Goldie-Bullie, shapely, good quality, nice face; 3, Middleton, Lin.-Bullie, very smart, capital colour and quality, good size and shape; hc, Wilson; c, Duncan. SOFTBILL: Void. NOVICE LIMIT, YELL. YORKS., 40/- (31): 1, spl, Farrer; 2, Alderson; 3, Pratt; vhc, Hall; hc, Cook; c, Lealman. BUFF (28): 1, spl, Hall; 2, Farrer; 3, Alderson; vhc, Smith; hc, Pratt; c, Lealman. NOR., YELL. (15): 1, vhc, spl, Mann; 2, Atkinson; 3, Johnson; hc, c, Hallett. BUFF (21): 1, vhc (no name); 2, Johnson; 3, Potter; hc, c, Hallett.

BRAINTREE.

A most successful Show was that of the Braintree Fanciers Association, held in the Corn Exchange on November 7th. The entry came up fairly well, the quality generally was good. There was a splendid attendance; everything betokened that success had been achieved, and the committee who worked hard and well to bring about this result, are to be most heartily congratulated. Mr. Hunnable made a most energetic and courteous secretary, and in him the Braintree fanciers have a most capable official. Mr. J. F. Hills judged, and we heard no grumbling.

NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Rippon, clinking good yellow, full of colour and quality, and rare type; 2, Mrs. Barber, ticked headed yellow, very neat in shape, nice feather; 3, res, Schofield, again a typical, neat feathered yellow. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Bread, well-known Crest and Crest-bred leading, in nice form. BRED 1908 (4): 1, 2, res, Bread, clear Crest-bred, capital shape and position, and a neat wing marked crest; 2, Outten, lovely yellow Nor., rare shape and quality. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Row, nice team of Finches and Waxbills, in good form. TWENTY MILES RADIUS, £5 LIMIT.—NOR. (13): 1, vhc, Rippon, topping yellow, rare shape, colour, and quality; 2, hc, Outten, fine, big, bold yellow, not so level in colour; 3, res, Clayden, nice bodied yellow of good colour; vhc, Callicott, Wilson, Mrs. Barber (2); hc, Parsons (2), Puxley. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 3, Strutt, nice stylish, well feathered yellow, and two neat buffs; res, vhc, Lucking. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, res, Bread, nice shapely, well dropped, wing marked Crest; 2, Collicott, heavily fronted, even marked Crest, loses at side; 3, vhc, Parsons, another nice shaped Crest, but shorter; hc, Barnard. BRED 1908 (11): 1, Outten, very smart, neat feathered, level coloured, yellow Norwich; 2, vhc, Mrs. Barber, neat wing marked Crest, nice front and droop; 3, hc, Clayden, grizzle crested, buff Norwich, nice shape, colour and quality; res, Strutt; vhc, Rippon, Wilson; hc, Lucking, Bread. SELL (20/-) (8): 1, Collicott; 2, Clayden; 3, Prexley; res, Wilson; vhc, Lucking, Chippington; hc, Strutt, Outten. (10/-) (8): 1, Puxley; 2, Wilson 3, Strutt; res, Collicott; vhc, Clayden; hc, Chippington. MULE (7): 1, spl, Outton; 2, c, Brown, the Halstead winners, in fine form; 3, Mrs. Barber, very nice dark Siskin-Canary res, Amos; vhc, Watson; hc, Barnard. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Hayward, nice bright colour, good feather and style; 2, French, good, lovely colour and marking, beaten in blaze; 3, Collins, bright in colour, smaller in blaze. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, two spls, 2, 3, res, Row, very nice team, the black-headed Gouldians; 2, Orange-cheeked Waxbills; 3, Parson Finch, all in good form. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, Row, another nice team, with a pair of beautiful Scaly Breasts at the top, all in excellent condition. BRIT. A.O.V. (11): 1, Row, very rich coloured, neat shaped Bullfinch; 2, Sayward, nice shaped, well marked Mealy Redpoll; 3, res., Monk; vhc, Archer, Brunning; hc, Fitch (2); c, Game.

DARLEY DALE.

The 5th annual open show was held November 5th, in the Whitworth Institute Pavilion, which is situated in a lovely park, and makes a capital place for a show, being splendidly lighted from the top, and free from draughts. This section proved much better than in former years, the entry being 102 in seven classes, and the quality A1. This it is thought is the result of joining the C.B.U. Norwich were really a grand show. Competition was also keen in both Yorkshire classes. Messrs. Dawson and Hall are most able secretaries and deserve great credit. Every praise is also due to Mr. Mr. C. Gentle, the chief steward in this section. Mr. J. H. Roe, judged.

YORKS. CK. (14): 1, spl, Brotherhood, cl. yell., slashing feather, grand colour and position, nice length, A1 back and wings, well shown; 2, vhc, Wall, cl. yell. capital feather, very stylish, back and wings; 3, Hodgson, very stylish, cl. buff, nice quality feather; res, Truman; hc, Williams; c, Osborne. HEN (12): 1, Hodgson, cl. yell, rare length, slim and upstanding, smooth as glass, A1 back and flights; 2, York, head and wing mkd. yell., looks like Derby winner, loose and frilly today; 3, Smith, very stylish cl. yell., rather thick across shoulders, A1 quality and position; res, Brotherhood; vhc, c, Osborne; hc, Spencer. NOR. CK. (23), best class in show: 1, spl, Bellamy, very stylish cl. Buff, rare head and neck, nice short wings and tail, grand quality feather; 2, vhc, Beavan, cl. yell. lovely shape and head, neat neck and chest, grand quality and colour; 3, Drakley, cl. Buff, not the size of leaders, nice colour and shape, beautifully frosted; res, Nutt; hc, Parlett; c, Gentle. HEN (14): 1, Wilson, cl. yell, champion colour, fine size and shape, lovely feather, well cut behind; 2, Parlett, neat, compact cl. Buff, grand feather and carriage, good head and chest; 3, Bellamy, cl. yell. nice shape and colour but not quite the quality of feather; res, Millward; vhc, Nutt; hc, Dalmon; c, Simpson. CREST AND C.B.: cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, res, Chillingworth, Buff Can.-Bullie, grand condition and size, very steady, splendid colour and shape; 2, Poole, yell. Greenie-Can. in beautiful feather and condition, nice size and shape; 3, Pitt and Doxey, Buff Gold-Can, grand colour and shape, in pink of condition; vhc, Cooper and Sons; hc, Grime; c, Wray. GOLDFINCH: cancelled. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, spl, Hexter, Bullfinch, nice colour and quality, good dense cap, fine back, wings and bars; 2, Poole, Greenfinch, grand hen for size and shape, nice colour, beautiful condition; 3, Gilbert, Chaffinch, rather wild, not in condition yet; res, Bevan; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Owen. A. O. S. BRIT (MEMBERS'): cancelled. SELL (10/-) (13): 1, Spencer; 2, res, Nutt; 3, Wigginton; vhc, Drakeley; hc, York; c, Gilbert. A.V. CAN. (8 miles radius) (6): 1, Gentle, very stylish cl. yell, rather small, but nice quality; 2, Slater, cl. yell Yorks grand length, splendid colour; 3, Gregory, variegated, Buff Nor, nice quality; res, vhc, Gentle.

Battersea C.H.S. has given a gentleman's silk umbrella as a special at Dulwich O.S. Show, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries, and, since schedule has been at printers, another dozen specials have been presented.

LIVERPOOL.

This the first open show under the new name of the Liverpool O.S. was held on November 6th and 7th, and was a very great success. The society was formed by some of the leading fanciers around Liverpool for the set purpose of holding an open show becoming such a city. It is some years now since an open show of any importance was held in Liverpool. Time was when this city vied with all other provincial centres. Some 800 odd entries came forward in 52 classes, which is eminently satisfactory. The Norwich section contained many of the cracks of the day, and competition was very keen. Norwich Greens were out in full force, and several new champions budded forth. Crests used to play a very important part at Liverpool shows, but now we have to look for them in the A.O.V., as also for Lancashires, Lizards, Cinnamons, Belgians, and Scotch Fancies. Borders have come on apace, and it was a treat to see such a display of talent as was in evidence here. Hybrids were not up to the usual Liverpool strength. There were, however, three or four cracks in the dark Canary hybrid class. British birds were fine, and the local strength was much in evidence, whilst some grand birds came forward from long distances, notably the Isle of Man. The winner of Hyde's spl was V. H. Deacon; spl for best novice members' green, J. Gore; for best Border and 2nd best Border, W. Bayley; for best British, P. V. Williams. Altogether it was a splendid show, and the committee and officials are to be very highly complimented. Mr. Daniels is chairman, and Mr. Hales treasurer. The committee consists of Messrs. T. Rowlands, W. Thompson, W. C. Carswell, J. Gore, G. Benson, V. H. Deacon, and J. H. Isaac, with Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen as hon. secs. The secretaries may well be proud of the show. They worked like Trojans, and had matters in splendid order. Mr. Metcalfe is a young man endowed with a fine capacity for management, and success is written in that genial smile and expression one ever sees him wearing. Dr. O'Connell opened the show in the presence of a fine assembly, and eulogised the efforts of the new society in organising such a splendid show. Mr. W. Mundell judged the Yorkshires, Mr. Vardy the Norwich, and Mr. C. Houlton the Borders, A.O.V., Selling, Hybrids, British, and Foreign, and all had a very stiff task before them.

Messrs. Vardy and Houlton's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Treugove, grand type, colour, quality, and condition, A1 head, etc.; 2, vhc, Blackhurst, grand bird for substance, beaten in condition only; 3, Seed, well-known, grand colour, nice feather, etc.; 4, Wrigley, nice colour, feather, and condition; vhc, Irons; c, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, Seed, fine bold bird, rare bloom and substance, nice carriage, neat all through; 2, Barker and Abbott, very chubby, grand bloom, neatly feathered; 3, Hopkins, lovely feather and finish; 4, Caley, fine feather and condition; vhc, Boote; hc, Walker; c, Dent. TICK. YELL. (14): 1, Cook, tkd. wing, well known, grand typical bird, looking well; 2, Irons, longer tail, fine bold head, A1 quality; 3, Seed, mark head and wings, hot colour, rare feather and condition; 4th, tick cheeks and wings, good colour and quality; vhc, Mercer; hc, Trengove; c, Barker and Abbott. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Evans, tick nape, grand quality and shape, A1 colour, etc.; 2, Trengove, eye and right wing mark, fine feather and condition; 4, Mercer, tick neck, splendid shape, rare carriage; vhc, Barker and Abbott; hc, c, Sainter. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Trengove, cl. yell., A1 type, colour, and condition; 2, Cook, grand all over; 3, Blackhurst, mkd. head and wings, very deep colour, nice feather; 4, Huggins, cl., fine head, good body; vhc, Houghton; hc, Crellin; c, Hawkes. BUFF (10): 1, Evans, cobby type, grand shape and feather; 2, Trengove, mkd. eyes and wings, fine shape, quality and condition; 3, Barker and Abbott, nice cobby type; 4, Hillmen, pretty type, nice colour, quality and condition; vhc, Irons; hc, Grey; c, Ashcroft, some Nor. were rather feathery round the barrel about the thighs. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Cook, grand colour, A1 condition, nice cobby type, good carriage; 2, Trengove, nice head, well filled in all over, fine feather and condition; 3, Blackhurst, beaten just a little in substance, a good one; 4, Dent, mkd. head, nice type, good feather; vhc, Dickenson. BUFF (18): 1, Seed, mkd. wing and tail, grand substance, A1 bloom and condition, fine youngster; 2, Huggins, big cl., fine feather and condition; 3, Cook, tkd. head, A1 body, full of bloom and condition; 4th, tkd. head, good condition; vhc, Mercer; hc, Dent; c, Wrigley. AMATEUR YELL. (17): 1, 3, Crimes, tkd. right wing, A1, all out, rare amateur; 3rd, cl., fine condition; 2, Oliver, tkd. eye, cobby, lovely feather and condition; 4, Hillmen, longer, fine head, beaten in wings, good colour; vhc, Critchley; hc, Walker; c, Sutton. BUFF: 1, Walker, variegs., bonny shape, rare bloom and quality, beautiful feather; 2, vhc, Crimes, tkd. head, grand cobby bird; 3, Halsall, cobby, fine feather, good condition; 4, Walters, fine cl., A1 condition; hc, Hillmen; c, Walters. NAT. COL. YELL. (13): 1, Winter; 2, Aitchison; 3, Martin; 4, Hopkins; vhc, Raynes; hc, Houghton; c, Sutton. BUFF (18): 1, Irons; 2, Martin; 3, hc, Winter; 4, Raynes; vhc, Hales; c, Coffey. YELL. GREEN NOR. (24): Fine lot; 1, Davies, foul tail, good deep level colour, nice type and size, well finished in condition, nice beak and legs; 2, c, Deacon, typical Nor., a self, fine deep level colour, nice size, good beak and legs, markings and condition; 3, Rigley, self, on small side, rich deep level colour, fine feather, tight condition; 4, Cawley, foul throat and tail; vhc, Harrison; hc, Hawkes. BUFF (25): 1, Cawley, champion typical buff green, lovely level colour, fine feather and finish, all over a good one; 2, Lawson, big self, rare colour, fine-shaped body, nice condition; 3, Ryno, very cobby type, A1 colour; 4, vhc, c, Walker, nice colour, rather rough in feather; hc, Harrison. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Winter, foul throat and tail, grand typical hen, rare colour, lovely tight feather and condition, great winner; 2, vhc, Lawson, var., nice level colour, good feather, fine condition; 3, Walker, self, lovely level colour, nice type and size, grand feather and condition; 4, hc, Deacon, rare colour, just beaten in feather to-day; c, Isaac. BUFF (18): 1, vhc, Harrison, fine pair, former best in size, shape, colour, and all-round Nor. Green properties; 2, Bratherton, nice size, soft colour, good feather and condition, good type; 3, Ryno, self, all there for colour, type, quality and condition; 4, Deacon, foul throat, nice size and shape, good level soft colour, quality, and condition; hc, Hadwin; c, Davies. BORD. YELL. (12): 1, Hopper Bros., best of type, lovely contour, splendid wing and tail carriage; 2, Bayley, grand all over for quality, shape and condition; 3, Wilson, beautiful shape, carriage, and condition; 4, vhc, Blackshaw, fine feather and condition; hc, Woodman; c, Lewthwaite. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Blackshaw, tkd. head, grand shape and quality, good wing carriage; 2, Bayley, typical quality and colour, nicely filled in all round; 3, J. B. Moore, nice type and feather when tight; 4, Hopper Bros., tkd. wing, fine feather and condition; hc, Wilson; c, Andrews. YELL. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Bayley, lovely quality and type, cl., beautiful soft silky feather, tight condition; 2, Wilson, cl., A1 shape, compact, well-made Border, fine condition, neat carriage; 3, Lewthwaite, lick on one eye, fine shape, evenly proportioned, smart fitting wings and tail; 4, Moore, mark left wing, very fine quality and condition, close up; No. 4 left out as a cock, very good colour, slugging for all it was worth in the large nose of several stewards and officials. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Bayley, tick neck, takes spl for 2nd best Border in show, most typical, nice compact size, drawn tight as wax, feather fitting like a glove; 2, Moore, grand stylish bird, in the pink of condition; 3, Treadwell, tkd. wing, most shapely bird, fine in carriage, neat wings and tail, in best of feather; 4, Hopper Bros., all there for quality, style, and general contour; vhc, Bradshaw, grand feather; c, Hadwin. VARIEG. (16): Fine class all through; 1, hc, Bayley, yell., all out a grand little gem, like a wax model; 2, Wilson, buff variegs., another regular little "swank," puts it all on, quite a Java in condition; 3, Lewthwaite, variegs. yell., very tight feather, nice carriage of wings, neat tail, in tip-top condition; 4, Hadwin, nice type, good carriage; vhc, Hopper Bros., variegs. buff; c, Hancocks. BORD., GREEN OR CINN. (19): Rare good lot; 1, vhc, hc, c, Hadwin, going strong with a smart quartet, first all out a green gem, as tight and perfect as possible to-day; 2, Clinch, lovely cinn., practically equal in all properties to first; 3, Bayley, shorter compact green, nice carriage, fine tight condition; 4, Woodman, fine feather, carriage and condition. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 4, Hadwin, strong-limbed trio, two greens and a cinn., all in smart condition, first the best in all-round merit; 3, Hancocks, a green, A1 type, also in grand condition; vhc, Woodman; hc, Gore; c, Walker. A.O.V. (14): 1, vhc, Cory, wing mark, D.C., green body, D.C., former best Crest, neatest in centre droop and fulness; vhc, big Crest; 2, hc, Butterworth, grand buff P.H., 2nd very nice coppy H.C.; 3, Miss Thorburn, capital variegs. C.B.; 4, c, Millburn, fine big buff cinn. and a rich-coloured yell. cinn. SELL., 20/- (23): 1, Houghton; 2, Colbett; 3, Wilson; 4, Moss; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Walters c, McNulty. 15/- (19): 1, Walker; 2, Helsall; 3, Andrews; 4, Kay; vhc, Houghton; hc, Hill; c, McNulty. 12/6 (24): 1, Hawkes; 2, Stewart; 3, Hales; 4, Walker; vhc, Barker and Abbott; c, Gibbie. HYB., DARK (9): 1, 3, 4, Jackson and Bond; grand pair of Canary-Bullfinches, and a fine Greenfinch-Canary, all in fine form, 1st very large, fine head, deep heavy colour, fine markings; 2, vhc, Ceffey, crack pair, yell. Gold.-Can. and Linuet-Can., both in splendid form; hc, c, Gill, fine buff Gold.-Can., and a bold stout yell. Green-Can., latter a grand bird. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, 3, Capt. Hurst, "Pride of Liverpool," and the Manchester winner in the order named, former in best bloom, more even in all-round properties and finish to-day than the Manchester winner, the latter's blaze is very large, and nt present does not cut away so sweetly below as the "Pride"; 2, McMurdo, the Bolton, Newcastle, etc., winner, fine Finch, often described, beautiful rich tan, blaze cut away, similar to 1st, very deep tone of colour; 4, Angus and Crane, fine bold bird, deep colour, blaze, nice moons and bars, good tan body, a fine Finch; vhc, Crellin, capital size, good blaze; hc, Jones; c, Hales. BULLFINCH (13): Very good lot; 1, Harrison, most charming conditioned, typical gem, built with fine bold head, thick neck, broad back and chest, well rounded and beautifully coned, rich colours throughout, shone like a bit of satin; 2, Chick, large, grand shape, fine cap, wings and tail, lovely colour back, and peach bloom on breast; 3, Hillmen, another boldly-made bird, full-chested, grand condition; 4, Hurst, nice size, bold head, rare good colour; vhc, Jones; hc, Coffey; c, Crompton, all are above the common run of Bullfinches. LINNET (19): A smart set, too; 1, Burns, soon claimed, fine big bird, built on most typical lines, grand head, neck, back, chest, and body, well coned, well carried wings and tail, steady and very glossy; 2, Jones, grand size and colour, fine markings, good condition, wings and tail neat; 3, Hurst, very thick-set, fine head, good markings and colour; 4, Crellin, beautiful type, bold head, well marked, nice colour, good feather; vhc, Kelly, fine bold bird; hc, Bond and Son; c, Chick, the winning Linnet was claimed by three persons at £1 10s., and put up to auction, and was knocked down at close on £3. CREENFINCH (10): 1, Coffey, well-known bird in fresh hands, Newcastle, etc., winner, looking his best to-day; 2, 4, Hunsh, superb quality and condition, very smart pair indeed; 3, Coffey, grand colour, in fine feather and condition; vhc, Hillmen; hc, Jones; c, Royden. TWITE. ETC. (8): 1, Coffey, long, well mkd. Twite, nice colour, good gloss and size; 2, Fryer, pretty rich-coloured Siskin, nice cap and markings; 3, Angus and Crane, smart little Jonque Redpoll, rich colour, fine gloss and finish; 4, Hurst, good Twite; vhc, Trengove, well mkd., good-sized nat. col. Siskin; hc, Bond and Sons; c, Morgan. BRAMBLE, ETC. (20): 1, 2, Hurst, very fine large Bramble and good Chaffinch, both in the pink of condition, 1st very large of right, long cone shape to tip of tail, spangle and colour very good; 2nd, fine colour, markings, good head, nice glossy condition; 3, Kelly, very nicely mkd. Yellow Bunting, good colour, very smart glossy feather and condition; 4, vhc, Coffey, Bramble and Chaffinch, good pair; hc, Chick, fine Bramble; c, Eaton; this was a very strong class for quality all through. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (5): 1, P. V. Williams, massive Cornish Chough, in splendid plumage and condition, cage hardly tall or high enough to allow the bird proper easy reach upward, which now causes him to continually peck and twist, which will become a serious habit from a show point of view, takes spl for best British in show; 2, Mort, champion young Thrush, grandly spotted, nice bright colour, in A1 condition; 3, 4, Daniels, fine Blackbird, and a monster Thrush, latter had unfortunately damaged his tail; vhc, Brown.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

The great feature in the Yorks section were the Greens. Six classes were provided, and the fanciers responded to a man. Two hundred in this, averaged per class 33. In the yellow hen class, 44 entries were made, this, Mr. Metcalfe, the joint secretary, told us, beat the record, and "Pa Mundell" had a hard time of it trying to find the winners.

YORKS, CL. YELL. (12): 1, Lane, rich colour, full of quality, length of flights and tail, good head, very nervy, position A1; 2, Cuthbertson, g and length, full of quality, position, good head, show a little open on chest; 3, 4, Foden, two lovely birds, full of quality, rigid, wings, and tail, good head; vhc, McNulty; hc, Brougnton; c, Chorley. BUFF (14): 1, Knowles, full of quality, nice position, very steady, rich colour; 2, Lane, slim and typical, good wings and tail, nice, waxy feather, neat round head; 3, Cuthbertson, pair of good wings, neat tail, stands well, rich colour; 4, Broughton, nice position, quality, and wing carriage, piped tail, neat head, clean on chest; vhc, McNulty; hc, Wade; c, Walker. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Knowles, 1st wing tkd., full of quality, grand wings and tail, rich colour, nervy; 2, Lane, cheek mkd., boxey feather, nice position, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Cuthbertson, thigh tkd., well up on leg, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail; 4, Broughton, eye mkd., feather like wax, rich colour, typical, neat head; hc, Hampson; c, McNulty. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Knowles, 1st wing mkd., feathered like wax, grand position, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Lane, thigh tkd., grand position and feather, very nervy; 3, Cuthbertson, tkd. on head, boxey feather, long flights, tail, and position; 4, McNulty, very stylish, nice quality of feather, rich colour; vhc, Knowles; hc, Parry; c, Broughton. YELL. HENS (21): 1, Cuthbertson, capped on head, feathered like a Java, grand position, little soft when we saw her; 2, Broughton, cheek tkd., rich colour, full of quality, grand position; 3, 4, Knowles, Cinn. tkd., teeming with quality, nice position, grand wings and tail, 4th unevenly mkd. Cinn., blaze of colour, feather and position, staged to perfection; vhc, Lane; hc, Davies; c, McNulty. BUFF (18): 1, Broughton, full of quality, nice position, good flights and tail, neat, round head; 2, Lane, cheek mkd., well up on leg, nice wing carriage, good head; 3, hc, Cawley, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 4, Knowles, cheek tkd., typical, good head and feather, rich colour; hc, P. Victor Williams, Esq.; c, McNulty. GREENS. YELL. YORKS (36): 1, Fielden, grand position, slim, good wings and tail, rich grass-green colour, sound throughout; 2, Dixon, close up, good wing and tail, sound colour; 3, Parker, nice bird, good colour and quality; 4, Pickup, very typical Yorkie, full of quality, nice colour; vhc, Gore; hc, Atherton; c, Clayton. BUFF SELF, ETC. (37): 1, Fielden, foul tail, sound, grand colour, feather like wax, grand position; 2, Metcalfe, nice position, sound colour, well up on leg, good wings and tail, bit on stout side; 3, 4, vhc, Rowlands, 3rd typical, sound colour, long flights and tail, capital quality, 4th very stylish, nice wing carriage, good tail, two nice exhibits; hc, Hughes; c, Carswell. YELL. HEN, SELF, ETC. (44): This is a record entry amongst the Greens, some really fine hens were left out of the cards, that will be heard of later: 1, Christall, real lady, sound colour, very stylish, magnificent quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Hodgkins, jun., typical, good head, wings and tail, nice breedy hen; 3, Hughes, stands well on leg, good wings and tail, sound colour, very stylish; 4, Follard, good head colour and feather; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Atherton; c, Walker. BUFF (35): 1, vhc, Martin, feather, neat head, nice wing carriage, rich green colour; 2, Davie, typical, good head, nice wings and tail, sound colour, we liked very much; 3, Rowlands, very stylish, nice, sound colour, good head and wing, grand breedy hen; 4, Carswell, nice quality, long flights and tail; hc, Pickup; c, Robinson. SELF, ETC., YELL. (1908) (27): 1, Dixon, good head, well traced wing, sound colour, very typical, grand bird; 2, Rowlands, rich, sound colour, feathered like wax, well up on leg, a close race for 1st; 3, Handley, neat and typical, sound colour, capital quality; 4, Bell, good head, long flights and tail, very stylish; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Fielden; c, Martin. BUFF (1908) (21): 1, Rowlands, gem, wonderful quality and colour, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 2, Fox, nice quality, well braced wing, piped tail, sound grass-green; 3, Pilling, quality and position, clean head, sound colour; 4, Dixon, long flights and tail, nice position, steady; vhc, Atherton; hc, Walker; c, Follard.

KEYNSHAM.

The Keynsham F.A. held their annual show on November 7th in the Drill Hall. The cage bird section was held, as usual, in a separate room. We were sorry to see that more than half the classes were cancelled, and that most of the others were amalgamated. The shortage of entries, no doubt, was caused by the secretary's misapprehension in not applying earlier for a C.B.U. license. CAGE BIRDS specimen copies were in great demand; one old gentleman actually wanted to pay the writer for one, and on being told that they were free specimens, said, "Well, then, come and have a drink." The secretary, Mr. Belsten, had everything in apple-pie order, whilst Messrs. H. Cooper and A. J. Woodward looked after the wants of our pets. By the way, where are Mr. H. Cooper's foreign birds? Keynsham used to be noted for a grand collection of these. The judge was Mr. E. A. Lovell.

GOLDFINCH ETC. (8): 1, S. Jones, Bullfinch, grand colour, shape and condition, nicely staged, wins well; 2, vhc, Byerley, Greypate, Bristol winner, good colour, expensive blaze, nice wing bars and buttons; vhc, grand Linnet; 3, res, S. E. Jones, 3, Linnet, nice size and condition, well pencilled, good colour; res, Goldie, good square cut blaze, not yet quite ready; hc, Neal; c, Banks. YORKS. OR NOR. (10): 1, res, Gitsham and Son, 1, grand shape, good nat. col. yell. Yorks., well up on leg, beautiful feather, grand wing carriage, nice pipe tail, wins; res, non-flig., yell. as straight as a gun barrel, plenty of thigh and leg, sweet little hen; 2, Cole, Buff Yorks. beautiful shape and condition, well filled back, stands like a Guardsman, nicely mealed; 3, Williams, yell. Yorks. in good condition; vhc, Williams; hc, Hancock; c, v Hucklesby. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Bussey, Jay, "Jack," the old Palace winner looking well, grand wing bars, beautifully pencilled on head, looking just as cunning as old Charlie; 2, Barry Bros., Golden-Crested Wren, rather soft when we saw it, evidently feels the cold and wants some live food; 3, S. Jones, Hawfinch, another Palace winner, nice condition, not ready, nice clean cut bib, will improve, well staged; res, Pace Bros., Bramble, good colour and condition; vhc, hc, Barry Bros.; c, Leslie.

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CLEATOR MOOR.

The annual show took place in the Market Hall, on November 7, in conjunction with the local exhibition. The entries fell off considerably this year from local and others, owing in the main to so many fanciers in these parts being out of employment. The classes were rather small in numbers, whilst some of them had to be cancelled. Only the Linnet class came up to a nice entry, and was nothing like one is used to seeing hereabouts. The Canary section brought out some grand Yorkshires, although few, the Borders were not here in full force to-day, Liverpool having called a few away. Norwich had only 2 classes, but some good ones turned up here. Som grand Goldfinches, Linnets, and Greenfinches were also to be seen. The committee had matters well arranged. Mr. Wellings judged Canaries, and Mr. Houlton Hybrids and British. We found that Mr. Byrne, the secretary, was suffering from an acute attack of influenza, and he would have been better in bed, but he most courageously stuck to his work; we hope he did not increase the complaint through sticking to his post, and that a bumping gate was his just reward.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st, longest, finely-drawn, clean as a pencil through, well up, grand carriage of wings and pipe tail, 2nd a gem in every point; 3rd Douglas; lovely style, quality, and condition, smart typical bird; r, Coulson and Bradley; hc, Park. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Douglas, tick on head, fine condition, straight and well up, clean through, neat head, wings and tail; 3, another nice bird, very stylish; 2, r, vhc, Stewart, very smart trio; 2, long, clean thigh-ticked bird, good even colour, rich, beautifully cut, neat, well-rounded, stands A1; hc, Park. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Stewart, tick neck, grand, slim, finely drawn-out bird, very clean through, most typical; 3, large and long, grand feather, good level colour; 2, Douglas, grand Cinn. mark, fine quality, well up on legs, nice clean cut; r, Coulson and Bradley; vhc, Park; hc, Brown; c, Irwin. YELL. HEN (6): 1, r, Stewart, cl., A1 style and condition, really stylish, breedy bird; 2, Brown, long, smart carriage; 3, hc, Douglas, well drawn out, fine contour, well up on leg, good sides, clean through; vhc, Simon. BUFF (6): 1, Brown, useful hen, fine quality feather, good condition; 2, 3, hc, Stewart, another smart trio, level in tone of colour, finely drawn, all clean cut away right through, in tight condition; res, Douglas; vhc, Irwin. YORKS SELL. 20/- (9): 1, Douglas; 2, Coulson and Bradley; 3, Park; r, vhc, Stewart; hc, Davies; c, Seward. TKD. BUFF BORD. (5): 1, Leavason; tick left wing, A1 shape and quality, tight feather, good fitting wings and tail; 2, Younghusband, grand little gem, A1 feather and condition; 3, Hopper Bros., marked saddle, sound nat. col., good shape and quality; r, Walker; No. 3 left out as colour fed somewhat. HEN (8), 1, 3, Hopper Bros., variegated head and other parts, lovely stamp, very fine quality and condition; 3, thick set clear, nice quality feather, smart carriage; r, Leavason; c Davies. NOR. UNFLTD. (10): 1, hc, Sumpton Bros., tick neck buff, very chubby, rare saddle, fine quality of feather, nice even colour, grand condition; 2, R. Whalley; A1 cl. buff, real type, fine bloom, sound feather; 3, Davies, cl. buff, grand quality and type; vhc, Youngbusband; c, Seward. HENS (6): 1, Davies, bouncing, big, strong, coloured, cl. yell., fine head and body shape, grand wings and tail, good one; 2, hc, Sumpton, fine body, good feather; 3, Seward, well-shaped nat. col. buff, a gem for shape and feather; r, Youngbusband; vhc, Whalley. DK. CAN. HYB. (7): 1, 2, Dixon, grand yell. and a buff Linnet-Canary, both fine size, good colour, glossy condition, well shown; 3, c, Davies; fine buff Linnet-Can., and a big Green-Can., latter has foul feather in tail; r, Baines and Davies, large and long Redpoll-Can. buff, nice colour; hc, Johnston and Edwards, good stout yell. Siskin-Can., out of condition in tail or would have been higher.; BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Kearton Bros., fine pair of birds, first best colour blaze and body at present, well mooned, good legs, deep tanning, fine feathers and condition; 2, big, good shape, clean-cut blaze, grand bars and buttons, good stout body; 3, Carlyle; nice Finch when ready; r, Seward, also wants time; vhc, Clague. LINNET (16) a fine lot: 1, 2, hc, Kearton Bros., very pretty pair, former largest and broadest chest, both splendid markings, bright level colour, silky in feather, tight condition; 3, vhc, Mrs. Wilson, big long bird, grand bold head, deep markings, well-coned body, grand glossy condition; r, Keough, cobby, thick bird, upstanding, very fine markings, nice condition; c, Carlyle, smart. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Dixon; big, well-built bird, good head and neck on a stout body, grand colour, rare feather, nice glossy condition; 2, vhc, Mrs. Wilson, very fine bird, grand colour, good shape; 3, Kearton Bros., all there for colour, quality, shape, and condition; r, J. Wilson, fine colour; vhc is a grand conditioned small buff; hc, Penrice; c, Baines and Dixon. SIS. ETC. (6): 1, Christian, pretty Twite, medium size, nice colour, good markings, glossy condition; 2, Carlyle, very smart little Siskin, nice colour, good cap, and markings; 3, J. Wilson, very neat little Jonque Redpoll, smart; r, hc, Penrice, Twite and a rough-feathered mealy Redpoll, Twite nicely marked; vhc, Burke, smart little Jonque Redpoll close up to 3. A.S. SEED-EATER (10): 1, Bell and Fisher, very cobby-built Bramble, beautifully spangled, good colour, grand, glossy feather well coned to tip of tail; 2, Stewart, old crack Yellow Bunting, fine colour, good markings, very glossy, crown a little more spangled than last year; 3, Brown, big Hawfinch, drink hole too small, puts it out of form, good colour, bib, etc., when level; r, J. Wilson, very smart Cirl Bunting; vhc, E. Evans, very fine Sparrow, beautifully moulted, takes perches well; hc, Mrs. Wilson; very nicely-marked and good-coloured Bramble, grand condition; c, Bell and Fisher, another nice Bramble, in good order.

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METROPOLITAN C.B.A. (London.)

An eye-opener, for a first effort, was the show of the Metropolitan C.B.A., held in the Strathbbiane Hall, Clapham Junction, on the 29th and 30th October, when well towards 500 exhibits, representing some of the very best bird-rooms in the country, were ranged in competition. We may mention that the show was under the immediate patronage of his Worship the Mayor of Battersea, and that half the gate-money was to be devoted to the funds of Battersea Anti-Vivisection Hospital. The officers of the association include many well-known fanciers: Chairman, Mr. F. G. Martin; Treasurer, Mr. G. Saytch; Committee, Messrs. Matthes, Box, Best, McGregor, Wythe, W. Sawyer, C. Maby, G. Hartley, and A. J. Head; Auditors, A. E. Wilcox and E. Blum; with Mr. R. Dear, as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Martin has the benefit of experience in show management, and on this occasion superintended the efforts made to bring the venture to a successful issue. In this he was ably assisted by Mr. Dear. The room is a nice one, and the arrangements as to staging, etc., were excellent, while the stewarding was of the best, and the attention paid to exhibits by the ladies was deserving of all praise. Judging was over early, and the awards were placed upon the cages with dispatch. Mr. T. Heath judged Yorkshires; Mr. Geo Gardner, Norwich Plainheads, A.O.V., and Selllug; and Mr. H. Norman, Borders, British, Hybrids, and Foreign. Yorkshires were good, the quality being excellent, a fact not to be wondered at when it is noted that there were rooms in Baildon, Eccleshill, Southend, Battersea, Bexhill, etc., represented. The Open Novice Section came up splendidly. Norwich Plainheads had a splendid entry of 94 in the seven open champion classes, and in the open novice classes there were 65. The quality was admitted on all hands to be magnificent. This was most gratifying. The Borders had two nicely filled classes, the quality was good, and Mr. Norman handled them well. The winner in each class hailed from Chirnside, and the eye-marking of the evenly-marked buff was a study in exactitude. The Hybrids and British were wonderful classes for quality. The former section contained exceptionally meritorious representatives; they were served up "bloomin' 'ot," as we heard a fancier say. Goldfinches were a splendid show, and Linnets a topping lot. Chaffinches were few, and there seems a chance for the introduction of a stormer or two. The foreign were a lovely collection, if small, and included a Masked Love Bird and Violet-eared Waxbills, sent by Mr. Maxwell, and a beautiful Brazilian Green Jay, belonging to Mr. W. Cook. Specials were numerous, and of good value. We trust the gate would be liberal, thus recompensing those responsible for this meritorious first effort of the Metropolitan C.B.A.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

BORD., YELL. (8): 1, Patterson, lovely type and feather, beautiful wing carriage, nice jaunty style, wins special; 2, Brownlie, very neat, nice round head, well moulded, very free; 3, Saytch, another good one, excellent type, very tight in feather, stands well; 4, Brownlie, smart well-balanced bird, in good condition; vhc, hc, Brownlie; c, Saytch. BUFF (10): 1, Patterson, lovely bird of quality, grand eye and wing marks, wins well; 2, 3, 4, c, Brownlie, 2nd grand type, good wing carriage, well balanced, very free style; 3rd, beautifully moulded, excellent wings, capital head; 4th, good cinn., very good type and style; vhc, Mrs. McGregor; hc, Saytch. HYB. DARK (14): 1, 2, Mrs. Askham, 1st grand Cau.-Bullie, lovely shape and colour, beautifully marked wings, followed closely by 2nd, fine bouncing hen, same cross, good colour, lovely quality; 3, Morton, one of the best Linnets out, good bold bird, of excellent colour and quality; 4, Best, good dark yell. Goldie, exceptionally rich blaze; vhc, Muscall; hc, Lamb; c, Davies and Gerry. LIGHT, ETC. (10): 1, Miss Davies, good Bramble-Chaffinch, capital shape and size, nice rich colour, well shown; 2, 4, Fulbrook, 2nd fine bold Goldie-Bullie, rare size and colour, very dense black, good bar; 4th, good Linnet-Bullie, capital size and colour; 3, Shellam, Greenie-Bullie, rare colour, good cap and wings; vhc, Vale; hc, Lamb; c, Wickham. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Harris, a gem, grand size, lovely blaze, good shape, capital wings and buttons, well tanned, good 1st; 2, Botting, another good Finch, big square cut blaze, good size and shape, will he better later; 3, Maxwell, beautifully proportioned, not over large blaze, but good shape and colour, shade pale in tanning, will improve; 4, Carter, shade small but capital shape, good blaze, well tanned; vho, Smith; hc, Goodall; c, Edwards. BULLFINCH (9): 1, W. White, very shapely bird leading, good Bullie type, nice even breast and good wings; 2, Galton, shade larger, good breast and back, capital cap and bar; 3, hc, Francis, bonny bird, good colour and cap, nice style; 4, Mrs. Vincent, fine bold bird, good front, lovely back; vhc, Askew; c, Edwards. LINNET (14): 1, hc, Maxwell. 1st bonny bird, good size, lovely contour, pencilled to thighs, fine rich colour, nice position; 2, Francis, nice-sized bird, good bold front, very shapely, nicely mkd.; 3, Harris, fine big bird, beautifully pencilled, good carriage, back and wings; 4, Grahame, good bold bird, nicely marked, hardly fit yet, will do better; vhc, Mrs. Page; c, Fisher. TWITE, ETC. (13): 1, vhc, Francis, really good Siskin, capital size and proportions, good cap and wings; 2, 3, Maxwell, 2nd fine bold Twite, grand colour and pencilling, capital whites; 3rd, bonny little Redpoll, good shape, capital bib and well laced; 4, Botting, another good Twite, hardly the size of former but equal on points; hc, White; c, Mrs. Page. A.O.S. HARDBILL (15): 1, Maxwell, very fine Hawfinch leading, good even colour, lovely condition, capital shape; 2, Cutting, really good Bramble, capital size, shape and colour, nicely spangled; 3, Francis, good bold Greenie, excellent size and colour; 4, Withers Bros., another lovely Hawfinch, well shown, in good trim; vho, c, Askew; hc, Gilbert. A.O.S. SMALL SOFT (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, 1st one of the best Yellow Wagtails seen, gem for size, colour and shape, lovely exhibit; 2nd, very good Black Redstart, capital colour, nice size and shape; 3, Francis, topping 'Gale, very bold and active, splendid colour, shapely; 4, Frostick, lovely little Wren, beautifully marked, in capital feather. LARGE (8): 1, Maxwell, very fine Chough, good size and shape, excelling in polish, very steady; 2, Cook, fine example of the Great Grey Shrike, in grand condition; 3, c, Askew, good Starling, capital shape and condition, nicely spangled; 4, vhc, hc, Francis, 4th bonny Thrush, good size, full of work. PARROTS (12): 1, 4, Maxwell, 1st lovely little exhibit, perfect in feather, exquisite colour, beautiful bird; 4th, beautiful Lorrikeet, lovely bird of colour, shown in topping condition; 2, Gill and Pethick, very fine King, lovely colour, in grand condition; 3, Cooper, very fine Black-headed Caique, splendid colour and first-class condition; vhc, hc, W. Cook; c, Burgess. WAXBILLS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Maxwell, 1st beautiful Parrot Finch, rare size, very rich colour, lovely exhibit; 2nd, grand pair of Violet-eared Waxbills, in lovely feather; 3, 4, Cook, 3rd very neat little Bunting, as tight as wax, beautiful soft colour; 4th, good Parson Finch, very clean-cut black, nice feather; vhc, Hodgson. INSECTIV. (5): 1, vhc, Cook, his now well-known Brazilian Jay, looking as well as ever, lovely bird; 2, 3, Maxwell, 2nd very fine White-capped Redstart, in splendid colour and condition, well shown; 3rd, the charming Black-backed Tanager, perfect in plumage, very taking exhibit; 4, Smith, Green-billed Toucan, fine bold bird, little ragged in plumage.

Mr. Geo. Gardner's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (15): 1, spl, best Nor., Spillman, tkd top of head, one of the shortest and chubbiest yells. seen for a long time, not a blaze of colour simply, but all over a Nor., short well folded flights, full neck, tail and legs, what more does anyone desire? 2, Morris, full-fronted, good quality and shape, nice colour, silky feather; 3, Mathes, rich colour, beautifully polished, silky feather, scarcely so chubby as winner; 4, Bellamy, another of level colour, fine quality and shape, a warm and close lot, these last three; vhc, Rippon; hc, Young; c, Baker. BUFF (20): 1, c, Young, bonny, short and thick, grand wing, bracing short flights, legs and tail, noble head, well cleaned off, very rich in under-colour, good size; 2, Morris, somewhat similar, hardly the under-colour of first, but a good one; 3, Baker, richest texture of the three, beautifully finished on head, back and neck, grand shape, might have won but for feathers around rump being somewhat "reevy," probably through insufficient riusing, otherwise a gem; 4, hc, Spillman, hardly so good on head as leaders, nice body shape, but scarcely the under-colour of others; vhc, Martin. MKD. ETC. CK. (11): 1, Morris, tkd. both eyes, well known; 2, 3, 4, Baker, grand team; 2, tkd. on wing and thigh, sweet, unflig., consequently handicapped as against winner, but gave him a good run, should do well; 3, variog., very nice colour, typical, glistening feather, varieg. buff, fine tone of feather of the peach blossom kind, will make its mark in the breeding cage; vhc, hc, Spillman; c, Rippon. HENS A.V. (26): 1, spl, Young, nicely variog. buff, a Norwich all over, close as wax right to tail root, unflig., wings well fitting, sweet head and a beak which fascinated, beautiful under-colour and frosting; 2, 3, 4, Baker, 2, one of the best yell. hens staged for many a long day; 3, 4, two buffs, both gems for type and quality, very much alike, except the one is richer in undercolour than the other; vhc, Hodder; hc, Mathes; c, Spilman. UNLFIG. (22): 1, Hodder, cl. yell., abundance of rich colour, very pretty, well shaped head, nice neck, back and wing covering, bonny shaped body; 2, Kilby, yell., not quite so rich in colour, but lovely feather, grand all over, only defect, crosses wings at tips now and again; 3, c, Baker, beautiful buff, finest of fine feathers, bonny type, just a trifle browsy, probably not fined down after washing; 4, vhc, Spillman, another typical bird, not quite equal in colour; hc, Morris. A.O.V. (6): Fisher, very nice silver Lizard, good ground colour and rowing; 2, Martin, grand coloured yell. oinn., very glossy; 3, vhc, Curtis, two green Nor., full of the stuff that builds up colour in Plainheads; 4, Martin, Lizard; c, Martin. SELL (15/-) (9): 1, Miss Davies; 2, 4, Rippon; 3, Quantrell and Scars; vhc, Baker; hc, Saunders; c, Wright. (25/- and 35/-) (17): 1, Luff; 2, Saunders; 3, Cook; 4, Rippon; vhc, Miss Davies; hc, Hodgkin; c, Best.

OPEN NOVICE: NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (14): 1, 4, Mrs. Lovegrove, leader very smart bird for shape, quality and colour, a nice exhibit; 2, Luff, good type again, and quality, but lacks the colour of leader; 3, Brooks, nice shape, good feather, drops tail a bit, which handicapped it; vhc, Knight; hc, Head; c, Miss Marshall. BUFF (14): 1, Rogers and Mazzoni, full of quality, smart Nor. all over; 2, Hamer, quality and shape again, good under-colour, just a trifle free; 3, Cook, not much behind second; 4, vhc, Burton; hc, c, Head. MKD. ETC. CK. (8): 1, hc, Head, varieg. yell., rich colour, shape and quality, won Ramsden's spl; 2, Hamer; 3, Sawyer, junr., both good and fine in quality; 4, Mrs. Lovegrove, varieg. buff, good shape, little too much feather; vhc, Davies and Gerry; c, Knight. HENS (11): 1, Hart, yell., chubby, nice soft rich feather, good all over; 2, Daniel, buff, nice type and feather; 3, Mrs. Lovegrove, pretty, showed grand soft feather and good shape; 4, hc, c, Head, three nice ones; vbc, Sawyer junr. UNFLIG. (18): 1, c, Sawyer, junr., cl. buff, well built, rich tone of feather; 2, hc, Lawrence, buff, short body, fine quality; 3, Inglis, grizzle-headed yell., good front, short flights and tail, but hardly so rich in quality as some; 4, vhc, Mrs. Lovegrove, former variog. buff.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Mountain, bird of fine mettle, grand feather and position, played well along the perch, all over a nice one; 2, Warley, full of style, nice quality, made good second; 3, Brooks, really nice Yorkie, capital style and finish; 4, Wilcock; still another smart bird, well posted—four rattling good birds, which made a fine race; vhc, Dobson; hc, c, Mabey. BUFF (9): 1, Mountain, same mould as winning yell., rich quality and true style; 2, Wilcock, stylish, shines well, nice behind leg, neat head and finish; 3, Mabey, goes up at its work well, nicely polished, good wing and back; 4, Askew, loses a little all round to leaders, but typical; vhc, c, Warley; hc, Dobson. MKD. ETC. CK. (9): 1, 3, H. Davis, couple of his grand 'uns, stylish, teeming with quality; 2, Dobson, very full of "go"; 4, hc, Mabey, both good, the leader having the pull in pose and feather; vhc, Wilcock; c, Warley. HENS A.V. (15), a warm lot, headed by 1, Mountain, grand hen, superb feather, as merry as a cricket, sprightly Yorks. lass; 2, c, Davis, stylish, teeming with quality, well cleaned out all through; 3, 4, hc, Mabey, topping trio, stylish, full of quality, overflowing with breedy points; vhc, Dobson. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Mabey, rattling youngster, shows every promise of developing into an excellent adult; 2, Wilcock, a Yorks. from Yorkshire, possesses great merit, close on heels of winner; 3, Warley, upstanding, steady, full of life; 4, Askew, very nice; vhc, hc, Davis; c, Cross. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (17): 1, spl, Duke, very smart and stylish, nice quality feather and finish; 2, Simpson, another typical bird of good feather; 3, c, Whiteman, loses a trifle in finish to leaders, but good; 4, Mrs. Page, very neat, nice feather; vhc, Green; hc, Ingles. BUFF (12): 1, Walker, well up, nice behind leg, good feather; 2, Davies and Gerry, well up on leg, a good one; 3, Mrs. Gill, no note taken here; 4, Whiteman, will improve, and become more full of style and polish; vhc, Ralph; hc, Silverthorn; c, Green. MKD. ETC. CK. (7): These marked classes often lack support. The old hands seem chary of supporting them, hard to understand seeing that from this kind of birds the winners of the future spring: 1, Harewood, nicely moulded body; well up on leg; 2, Thorpe, good build and style; 3, Silverthorne; 4, Walker, two nice birds, merited their places in the list; vhc, Thomson. HENS A.V. (20), one of the most hopeful signs of progress when both Novices and Champion exhibitors enter like this, for the hen classes: 1, Simpson, won on her merits for style and feather; 2, Walker, close behind in most points; 3, Harwood, neat and smart; 4, Dukes, not so good as this owner's special winning yell. ck, but a neat hen all over; vhc, Masters; hc, Walker; c, Ingles. UNFLIG. (20), some birds of great promise here: 1, Duke, top sawyer, with a typical specimen in most points; 2, Beeney; 3, Ralph, all neat and showing the points of the breed; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Quantrell and Scars; c, Wright.

ST. COLUMB.

The 4th annual show of the St. Columb C.B., Etc., Association, was held in the Drill Hall, on November 4th. The light was excellent, and the staging was of the highest order. The entry was a large one—over 170 birds—and the competition in some classes was exceedingly keen. Mr. W. L. Salmon, who has for many years taken a keen interest in the fancy, made a most courteous and obliging secretary, and from the success achieved, was evidently the right man in the right place; he was ably assisted by an interested committee, most of them being old and tried fanciers, having made the bird hobby a study. The officers were: President, Mr. J. P. Dunston; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. J. Rowse, R. Lewis Tapley and C. E. Whitford; committee, Messrs. R. Bouey, John Brewer, F. Cornish, James Crapp, J. T. Endean, Mark Gatley, F. Liddicoat, S. Liddicoat, John Liddicoat, M. Hosking, and J. Hambley. The whole of the arrangements were carried out in a methodical manner, and the management of the show left nothing to be desired. The Crests, Mules, and Goldfinches were a splendid collection, and St. Columb has for years been noted as a hot-bed for the latter. The St. Austell String Band, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Sanders, played some choice selections to the delight of the visitors present. Mr. C. P. Telling judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, J. and J. Symons, good shape head and neck, nice wing carriage, good, level colour; 2, Gregor Bros., rare shape, good body; 3, Rickard, beautiful colour, quality and shape, neat round head, good wings and tail; vhc, Gregor Bros.; hc, Gordon, C. F. Liddicoat; No. 6 while cardless, some made the best in class. BUFF (6): 1, spl, White, good head, nice, full neck, short wings and tail, typical Nor.; 2, Rodda, grand shape and substance, deep chest, well cleaned out underneath, close up; 3, vhc, Gregor Bros., former lovely quality feather, well mealed, good type, latter good colour; hc, Rickeard, a very typical Nor., good colour and frostings; c, Gregor Bros. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, spl, J. P. Dunstan, tkd. neck, yell., nice quality feather, head and neck; 2, Ferrill, tick wing, yell., good body, short flights and typical; 3, hc, Gregor Bros., former tick eye, neck and wing, buff, good size and shape; vhc, White, tick buff, neat, chubby body, good head and neck, very typical; vhc, Parish, Glanville; hc, Rickeard, Gregor Bros., C. F. Liddicoat. NOR. HEN (11): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Gregor Bros., former tick head neck and wing buff, good type and quality, 2 tick yell., nice colour wings and tail; 2, White, grizzle back huff, fine chest, head and neck, a very typical hen; 3, Dunstan, cl. buff, good colour and quality; hc, Rickeard, tick head and wing, buff, short, chubby body, nice flights and tail; c, Rickeard. NONFLIG. (13): 1, spl, White, cl. buff, grand type and colour, lovely quality, well shown; 2, vhc, Gregor Bros., former another good one, close up, latter tick eye and wing, buff, good body; 3, vhc, J. Liddicoat, former neat, round head, good quality feather, latter nice colour, good body; vhc, Rickeard, tick eye, buff, fine shape and body, some preferred for third; hc, Lobb; hc, J. and J. Symons; c, Dunstan. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Webb, lovely colour and position, well drawn, good wings and tail; 2, Wills, nice length, and stands well; 3, vhc, Thomas, former nice, typical body, good head and wings latter a very typical Yorks; hc, Oatey; c, Fox. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Oatey, grand length, wings and tail, fine feather, we liked much; 2, Wills, good Yorkie in head, wings and body; 3, Phillpot, good quality feather and position; vhc, Thomas, good type, quality and carriage; hc, Symons; c, Thomas. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Oatey, tick wing yell., good, rich colour, grand feather, very typical; 2, Wills, tick buff, good length, well up on legs; 3, hc, Thomas, former tick head, neck and wings, capital head properties, good wings and tail, latter varieg. yell., good length and type; vhc, Lobb; c, Fox. HEN (10): 1, spl, 2, Thomas, former, cl. yell., very neat head, capital carriage, nice length and position latter tick wiag and cheek, yell., grand feather, and very typical, close up; 3, Webb, cl. buff, nice length and type; vhc, Wills, tick head buff, grand wings and tail, stands well; hc, Fox; hc, Oatey. NONFLIG. (9): 1, spl, Wills, gem, full of quality, good, close-fitting jacket, lovely pipe tail, put down to perfection, very creditable exhibit, wins spl. for best Yorks in four classes; 2nd, Lobb, cl. buff, good wings and tail, fine head; 3, Webb, cl. buff, very good length, well up on legs; vhc, Symons; 2, hc, Thomas; c, Boak. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Rahcy Bros., former cl. body, d.c. of nice formation, good droop, and leafy feathered, latter varieg. C.B., nice head and skull; 2, hc, J. and J. Symons, former varieg. C.B., good head, feathered, well lashed, latter green, heavily feathered body. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, White, good size buff, Cinn., nice, rich, even colour, good condition; 2, vhc, Roberts, Scotch Fancies, former good head, neck and shoulders, nice drive, and comes into position quick. MULE (4): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Heywood, former 4-pointed Goldie, thick-set shape, good feather and condition, latter Goldie-Bullie, good size and blaze, good exhibit; vhc, spl, light Linnet Mule, nice size and shape, in good condition; vhc, Pascoe, another nice Goldie-Bullie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT., CAGE-MATURED (9): 1, spl, White, nice size, shape and colour, clean, square-cut blaze, nice buttons, we think the Plymouth winner; 2, vhc, Miss Giles, former smart Goldie, deep blaze, good colour and tanning, not at his best yet, will improve, latter another good all-round one; 3, Webb, another good specimen; vhc, Jordan; hc, Chappell, a good class. HARDBILLS (5): 1, spl, White, Bullfinch, good size and shape, rich breast, nice jet-black cap, good wing bars, grand exhibit; 2, Heywood, Bramble, good size and spangling; 3, Jordan, Linnet, good ground colour, well laced, nice finish; vhc, Oatey, another good Bullie; hc, Jordan, Greenfinch. SELL. 15/- (18): 1, Rabey Bros; 2, Thomas; 3, J. Liddicoat; vhc, hc, Gregor Bros.; vhc, George; hc, J. and J. Symons; hc, Roberts; hc, Parish; hc, Kemp. (7/6) (14): 1, Oatey; 2, Richards; 3, Wills; vhc, Lobb, Kemp; hc, Thomas, Glanville; c, Gregor Bros., Rabey Bros. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, Nicholls; 2, 3, Bedford. SMALL (4): 1, Cooper; 2, spl, vhc, Rabey Bros.; hc, Tippett. LOCAL CAN. (8): 1, spl, White; 2, 3, Rabey Bros.; 2, hc, J. Liddicoat; c, Gregor Bros. BRIT. (9): 1, Luke; 2, Polkinhorne; 3, Tabb; vhc, Fradd; vhc, Rabey Bros.

I may say I consider CAGE BIRDS a splendid paper, writes Mr. C. Holroyd (Haworth). It has been the means of conveying a volumo of knowledge to me on Canary-keeping. Being a beginner in this hobby, I look forwnrd to it with great joy.

ST. AUSTELL.

The second annual exhibition of the St. Austell F.A. was held on Oct. 29th, in the spacious public hall, which is splendidly adapted for such an exhibition, being exceedingly well lighted and free from draughts. The entries came up wonderfully and far exceeded those of the previous year, and although the cage bird section was confined to members, it is a question if any other place in the county can produce such a lot of genuine and ardent fanciers as this association. This was clearly evinced by the splendid collection which faced the judge, most of the classes being well filled; and so excellent was the quality that in several classes two sets of winners could have been easily found. The Norwich Plainheads were excellent, colour, quality and type being very prominent. The Yorkshires were a characteristic lot and contained some grand ones. Mr. J. Trevenna made a very capital secretary, assisted by an able and energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Clemence, Davies, Lawry, Newton, Nile, Thomas, and Whitter. Mr. T. Mason Hocking was the hon. general secretary, and he conducted the whole affair in a very business like method. The show was opened by the president, who was supported by Lady Grace Sawle, Miss Sawle, and others. The weather was fine and the attendance large, and during the afternoon and evening a choice selection of music was rendered by the St. Austell Orchestral Band. Mr. J. Davies judged, and got through his task in a most praiseworthy manner.

Critique.

SCOT. OR BELG. (2): 1, 2, Best, former cl. yell., good shoulders, neck, and drive, comes into position quickly; 2, cl. buff, little short in neck, not much position. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Clemence, excellent type, good quality feather; 2, Nile, nice head, neck, and feather, hardly so stout as winner, close up; 3, vhc, Trevenna, former good body, neat flights and tail, slightly flat in head; vhc, similar; res., Gaved, nice quality, short flights, fails in neck and chest to winners. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Gaved, former nice short chubby body, typical specimen, full of quality, the kind we like; 3rd, good head, neck and colour, a good one; 2, Trevenna, excellent shape, good quality, feather well frosted, close run for 1st; res., Clemence, little flat in head, fails in body and chest to winners; vhc, Hitchins, good quality feather, tight as boxwood, bit small; hc, Craddock; c, Masters. YELL. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Lawry, tkd. eye, neck and wings, nice head and colour; 2, 3, res., Gaved, tkd. right wing, good body, not so tight in feather; 3rd, mkd. head and wings, good colour and wing carriage, slightly hollow in neck; res., variog. on head and back, good type and quality, should have gone up one; vhc, Julyan; hc, Whitter. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, Gaved, former tkd. eyes, good deep chest and quality, wins well; 2nd, varieg., good head, wing carriage and body, but not the substance of winner; 3, Julyan, head ticked, nice colour, slightly pinched in head, showing slight frill; vhc, Nile, good head and body, no doubt would have been higher, but shown in dirty condition; hc, Trevenna, nice short chubby body, showing little too much feather at thighs. HEN (13): 1, Clemence, cl. buff, very typical, good head, neck and quality, wins well; 2, extra 3, Trevenna, first cl. yell., very even colour, nice silky feather, neat head, wings and tail, another good one; ex. 3, heavily varieg., short chubby body, lovely quality feather, right stamp to breed from; 3, Gaved, tkd. bead, buff, good lassie, but could do with more substance; vhc (2), Whitter; hc, Thomas; c, Hawkin; a good class. UNFLIG. (10): 1, vhc, Trevenna, 1st cl. yell., excellent type and quality; vhc, another good one; 2, Whitter, slight tick on beak, but a typical Norwich; 3, Gaved, head tick, buff, nice body bird, bit small; res., Lawry, varieg., splendid colour, close feathered, loses in substance; vhc, Clemence; hc, Craddock; c, Hawkin. CRESTED (3): 1, 2, 3, Gaved, first, cl. body, dark feather, veiny crest; 2, Green, heavily feathered body, crest little rough and open in centre; 3, varieg., body, crest, split at side. C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Gaved, 1st, yell., varieg., nice head and skull well lashed; 2, Green, broad skull, narrow entrance, however; 3, another Green, not so good in head feather. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Thomas, 1st nice length and position, well drawn, good quality feather; 2, good length, and position, well up on leg; vhc, nice body, wings and tail, little hollow in neck, but a good Yorkie; 3, Ball, good size, stands well, trifle flat on head; res., Whitter, nice style, and quality. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, res., Thomas, 4 good Yorks., both in position and quality; c, Ball. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, spl, Whitter, tick wing yell., magnificent quality—straight as an arrow, good position, very typical, wins well; 2, Ball, tick check and wing, yell., another good one; 3, res., vhc, hc, Thomas, all full of Yorks. properties; a good lot. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Thomas, all 4 well drawn, nice type, and feather, cinn. Yorks. PAIR CAN. LIMIT £2 (3): 1, 2, Thomas, both Yorks., and well matched; 3, Gaved, pair of well balanced Plainheads. GROUP OR FOUR CAN., MULE, OR BRIT. (3): 1, Thomas, 4 good yellow Yorks., both in quality and type; 2, 3, Gaved, former 4 yellow typical Plainheads and latter 4 clear buff Plainheads, 2 real good Norwich groups. MULES (9): 1, spl, 2, res., and 2 vhc, Gaved, 1st an unevenly marked buff Goldie Canary, good size and condition, well shown; 2, Yellow Siskin Mule, looking well; res., vhc, both 6-pointed, and good feather and quality; 3, Daniell, dark Goldie Can., only ordinary; hc, Craddock. GOLDFINCH ETC. (7): 1, 2, Rowe, 1st Goldfinch, neat blaze, good flights and moonings, will improve; 2, Bullfinch, good cut, well defined cap and wing bars, dull in breast colour; 3, vhc, Thompson; 2 neat Goldfinches, not ready yet; res., Gaved, Goldfinch, similar to 3rd, close up. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, res., Gaved, 1st Siskin, good bib, nice lacings, and good tone of colour; res., Chaffinch, very steady and plenty of colour; 2, 3, Rowe, former Linnet, good colour and markings; 2nd, yellow Greenfinch, good colour, lovely wings, good shape and condition; hc, Sarah, Linnet. LARGE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Thompson, 1st, well-known Cornish Chough, grand lustre and condition, little pale in legs and beak colour; 2nd, Redwing, good markings and condition; 3, Ring Ousel, superb condition, all three put down in Mr. Thompson's unique style. BLACKBIRD ETC. (6): 1, Mason, Starling, beautifully spangled, in pink of condition; 2, 3, vhc, Thompson, former white Blackbird, grand specimen, well put down; 3, Missel Thrush, in fine feather and moonings, and rich lustrous condition; vhc, well spotted Songthrush; res., Smith, another Song Thrush, good one. SELL. (15/) (6): 1, Julyan; 2, Lawry; 3, Thomas; res., Ball; vhc, Gaved. SELL. (7/6) (3): 1, Gaved; 2, Lawry; 3, Whitter. MEMBERS (who have never won a prize) (2): 1, Hitchens; 2, Rowe. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, 3, Rowe, 1st pair Peach face Lovebirds; 3, pair Spice Finches; 2, Kendall, pair Budgerigars. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Manu, Lemon crested Cockatoo, in fine feather and show form; 2, Scoll, rich green colour Amazon; 3, Kendall, grey African Parrot, in grand plumage; res., Brenton, another Green Amazon.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

The 12th annual exhibition, promoted by the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., was held on November 7th, in the Parish Church Schools, Lower Tweedale Street. The room is a grand one for a bird show, being exceptionally well lighted, spacious, and lofty, and very close to the station, a feature which fanciers generally appreciate. Entries came up well especially considering there were several other shows being held in Lancashire. As is usual at Rochdale, Lancashires occupied the premier position in the schedule, and made a grand display, some really magnificent birds being on view. Lizards made another fine show. Splendid specimens of this variety were staged. Mr. Collinge's winner in the Crest Class and Mr. Hardy's in the C.B. class are two grand birds. The Yorkshire section contained some very classical specimen birds of beautiful quality, splendid type, and size, and straight as pencils, being exhibited. The competition for specials of the O.N.P.C. brought together some of the best of this variety, including some well-known winners. Mr. Sam Clayton is an ideal secretary, and had everything in first-class order, making a visit to the show most enjoyable. He was well supported by the president, Mr. T. H. Collinge, the vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Lord, J. Battye, G. Adams, R. R. Gaskill, and R. Brown, the treasurer, Mr. E. Hartley, and the committee, Messrs. Lees, Dewhurst, Holden, Holt, Sidaway, B. Lord, W. T. Banks, W. Adams and H. Carr. Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. J. Garner placed the cards, and we heard little complaint.

The Lancashires and Lizards.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY (7): 1, spl, 2, Barrass, leader slight grizzle on coppy, tremendous size and substance, grandly shaped coppy, very dense, good full neck, grand bird; 2, cl. rare substance and shape, very neat coppy, good colour and feather; 3, Collinge, clear, again grand size and colour, stands well; 4, Adams, nice coppy, good type, grand colour, well shown; vhc, hc, Laycock; c, Adams. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, Barrass, 1, magnificent substance and length, well formed coppy, nice quality, good position; 3, cl, plenty of size and feather, grand type, hardly so neat in coppy; 2, Adams, grizzle coppy, grand length and colour, very neat coppy; 4, West, grizzle coppy, grand size and substance, nice quality. YELL. P.H. (10): 1, spl, hc, Barrass, slight grizzle on head slashing size and colour, grand head and neck, good type and position; 2, Lowe, grizzle on head, wonderful substance and head, close up; 3, Adams, cl, good size and colour, fine length; 4, Mills, cl, grand length; vhc, Turner; c, Crossley. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Barrass, slight grizzle on wing, capital size, grand long head, good feather and substance; 2, Adams, tick over eye, any amount of size, grand feather, fine head and neck; 3, Oldham, very massive, good feather and quality; 4, Hartley, nice length and quality; vhc, Turner; hc, Laycock; c, Lowe. COPPY NOVICE (10): 1, Brookes, Buff slight grizzle coppy, rattling substance and feather, neat coppy, good length; 2, Fitton, yell., grizzle coppy, another grand Lancs., rare substance and feather; 3, 4, spl, Riseley, 3, yell. grizzle coppy, very neat, good size and substance; 4, yell. grizzle coppy, grand substance and feather; vhc, Postlewaite; hc, Beatty; c, Rhodes. P. H. (14): 1, spl, Bracegirdle, slashing yell, rare length, grand substances and colour, fine type; 2, Riseley, Buff, nice length and feather, good head and neck; 3, Dearden, yell. slight grizzle on wing, capital size and type; 4, Beattie, Buff, ticked back of head, good substance and quality; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Waters; c, Fitton. COPPY (1908 BRED) (13): 1, 2, spl, Lee, couple of stormers, 1, yell, cl, a gem, magnificent substance and feather, very neat coppy, rare length and quality; 2, Buff, grizzle coppy, full of substance and shape; 3, Lowe, yell. grizzle coppy, excellent type, neat coppy; 4, Oldham, Buff grizzle coppy, nice quality and colour, good length and type; vhc, Crossley; hc, Newell; c, Turner. P.H. (13): 1, spl, 4, Lee, 1, cl, yell, chiuker, rare head and neck, wonderful substance and type; 4, Buff, grand length, nice type and quality; 2, Fuller, Buff, cl. slashing substance and type, good head, nice quality, rare length and position; 3, Lowe, clear yell, grand quality and substance, nice length; vhc, Adams; hc, Fitton; c, Carr. LIZ. C.C. GOLD (10): 1, spl, 2, 4., Dewsnap, 1, beautifully spangled, rich colour, grand cap; 2, another grand bird, well rowed in good lines, grand colour, nice cap; 3, vhc, Rukin, fine ground colour and cap, good third; hc, Hampson; c, Barnes. SILVER (9): 1, spl, vhc, c, Dewsnap, 1, little beauty, lovely spangling and colour, wonderful cap, in good condition; 2, vhc, Rukin, lovely quality and type, grandly rowed, good size; 3, Hampshire, nicely spangled, good cap, and colour; 4, Butterworth, good spangling and colour, fails cap. B.C. GOLD (10); 1, hc, Dewsnap, well rowed, very distinct, bold spangling, grand bird; 2, 3, spl, Rukin, rare quality, beautifully spangled magnificent colour, close up; 3, good coloured bird, nicely laced; 4, vhc, Hampshire, well rowed, bold spangling, grand in colour; c, Barnes. SILVER (10): 1, 2, spl, Dewsnap 1, magnificent one, spangling very straight, bold in cap, lovely colour and feather; 2nd, well laced, splendid colour and quality; 3, 4, Rukin, 3, well marked on back, good colour and quality; 4, grand bird; vhc Butterworth; hc, c, Barnes. GOLD NOVICE (7): 1, spl, Martin, C.C. well rowed, good colour and spangling; 2, W. Dewsnap, b.c. well laced, nice exhibit; 3, Lee, another b.c. hardly so well spangled on back, good colour, nice quality; 4 vhc, Thompson, b.c., nice colour and quality, well laced; hc, Leach; c, Beattie. SILVER (9): 1, Lee, b.c., beautifully spangled, good straight lines on back, grand colour, well selected; 2, 3, spl, Thompson, 2 h.c., good size, nicely marked grand colour; 3, good colour; 4, Beattie, good bird, worth its place; vhc, Dewsnap; hc, Martin; c, Hilton.

All Other Classes.

CREST. (9): 1, 2, spl, Collinge (J.), leader varieg. d.c., nicely radiated, crest good, leafy feather, rare substance and quality; 2, yellow d.c. grand colour and quality; 3, Hyde's spl, T. H. Collinge, varieg. d.c. grand shaped crest of nice size and droop; 4, vhc, hc, Hardy, 4, clear, rare body and feather; c, T. H. Collinge. C.B. (9): 1, 2, 4, spl, Collinge, wonderful team, all possessing grand heads, plenty of feather, rare substance and quality; 3, Ratcliffe, beautiful one, well up in size, rare head and neck; vhc, Foxall; hc, Ratcliffe; c, T. H. Collinge. YORKS. CL. YELL (12): 1, spl, c, Wilkinson, rare length, beautiful colour, splendid type and quality, one of the best; 2, Spencer, hot colour, grand wings and tail, rare shape and position, splendid quality; 3, Burton, capital length, extra quality, nice narrow shoulders; 4, Smith and Sellars, stands to perfection, grand length and quality, worth its place; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Hirst. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Bradley, nice length teems with quality, lovely shape, straight as pencil wins; 2, Schofield, beautiful salmon colour, grand length and type, fine quality; 3, Dooley, rattling length and quality, good type; 4, Burton, magnificent quality and colour, splendid position and type; vhc, hc, Faulkner; c, Beesoby. YELL. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, spl, A. Spencer, Cinn. head and wing marked, a gem, wonderful length, rare position, teems with quality, nice colour and type; 2, Burton, grizzle head and wing marked, slim, leggy, stylish exhibit, splendid colour and quality; 3, Clayton, thigh ticked, grand type, and quality, good length and colour; 4, Bordern, grizzle neck and wing, extra colour, good length and type; vhc, Hirst; hc, Harrison and Rayner. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Whittaker, a topper, grizzle on wing, smooth as glass, nice length, grand shape and position, nice colour; 2, Beesoby, tight ticked, straight as a rush, magnificent quality, nice colour, close up; 3, Burton, grizzle back of head, rattling length and quality; 4, Clayton, thigh ticked, long raking bird; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hillary. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Beesoby, marked head and wing, magnificent length grand legs and position, not a feather out of place, a gem; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, eyes and wing marked, wonderful length, superior quality and shape, grand back, wings and tail, good second; 3, J. W. Howarth, ticked neck, long raking bird, grand quality and colour; 4, W. Spencer, grizzle on head, grand length, very warm in colour; vhc, Fitton; hc, Jackson; c, Chadderton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, magnificent clear, plenty of size, rattling shape, superior quality; 2, Shaw Bros, marked head and wing, extra quality and shape, put down in A1 style, close up; 3, Hillary, wing marked, wonderful length, very slim, and straight, grand legs and position; 4, Bradley, head and wings marked, good length and type; vhc, Jackson; hc, Whittaker; c, Harrison and Rayner. HEN (20): 1, spl, Hillary, yell, grizzle root of tail, splendid length and carriage, grand shape, position and colour, good hen; 2, Burton, grand clear Buff, exquisite quality and type, grand length and position, we liked; 3, Dooley, long raking, cl, yell, grand quality and colour; 4, Schofield, not a large one, but grand in all other respects; vhc, Faulkner, big bouncing cl, yell, fine colour and carriage; hc, A. Spencer, slim, stylish clear Buff; c, Burton. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, rare shape, red-hot colour, all front, grand size, good one; 2, Hirst, another grand one, magnificent shape, splendid colour and quality, close up; 3, Massey, rare short thick-set bird plenty of substance, good head, nice colour; 4, Greenwood, and Pickles, good size, fine head, neck and chest, hot colour; vhc, Marlor Brothers; hc, Kelsall; c, Massey. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Lees, red hot colour, nice size, good head and chest; 2, S. Willcock, grand head, neck and chest, rare colour and quality, close up; 3, Waters, beautiful colour, fine size; 4, Haigh and Son, splendid bird all through, we liked; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Foxall; c, Clayton. YELL. TICKED, ETC (7): 1, spl, J. Wilcock, ticked back of head, grand one, fine head, neck and chest, all front, rare colour and quality; 2, Haigh and Son, thigh ticked, extra shape and colour, good head, size and quality; 3, Hirst, cap marked, very fine specimen, fine size, quality and type; 4, Lees, thigh ticked, wonderful colour, grand quality; vhc, Marlor Bros; hc, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (11): 1, spl, J. Wilcock, grizzle neck, shoulder and wing, plenty of size, good head and neck, rare chest and colour, clinking Nor.; 2, Beswick and Gaskill, thigh ticked round as a ball, rare colour, substance and quality; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, wing ticked, good size and colour; 4, Lees, head and wing marked, wonderful size and shape, make grand stock bird; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Hirst; c, Foxall. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, cl. red-hot colour, grand size, good head and shape, nice quality; 2, Mottram, wing marked, wonderful size and shape, rare colour and quality; 3, Marlor Bros, clear, correct stamp, fine size, lovely quality and type; 4, Lingard and Baker ,very shapely, and quality, nice, colour, good; 4, vhc, Beswick and Gaskill; hc, Mitchell; c, Lees. BUFF (14): 1, Lingard and Baker, cl, bouncer, grand short thick-set bird, fine head, neck and chest, rare colour and quality; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, clear, splendid shape, colour and quality; 3, 4, spl, Massey, 3, variegated, plenty of substance, good shape, fine quality; 4, clear, grand bird; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Schofield; c, Hirst. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 3, spl, Lingard and Baker, 1, cl, grand shape, rare colour, good head, nice quality; 3, clear, unflighted, grand quality and shape, nice colour, good head, neck, and chest; 2, Haigh and Son, cl. rare quality, fine shape and colour; 4, J. Wilcock, cl, rattling size and shape, good fourth; vhc, Hirst; hc, Seed; c, Mitchell. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Mottram, cl, good one, rare shape, nice size, grand colour and quality; 2, Foxall, marked, face and wings, grand head, neck and chest, beautiful quality and colour; 3, Hirst, wing ticked, rare quality and colour, good shape and carriage; 4, c, Lingard and Baker, 4, good size, shape and colour; vhc, Marlor Bros, grizzle on head, grand shape and quality; hc, Lees. CAN. OR MULE NOVICE (10): 1, spl, Schofield, Buff Nor. grand shape, quality and colour; 2, Carr, green C.B., wonderful substance and plenty of feather; 3, Parker, wing ticked yell. Yorks, long slim, stylish exhibit; 4, Leach, Buff Yorks, tkd, back of head, nice length and quality; vhc, Leach, Buff Nor; hc, Brooks, Scotch Fancy; c, Harrison and Raynor, Yorkshire. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (14): 1, Johnson, Greenfinch Bullfinch, good colour and size, grand feather; 2, vhc, spl, Tams and Son, 2, clear Goldfinch-Canary, regular beauty, exquisite quality, shewn in spotless condition; 3, Helliwell, even eyes and wings marked yellow, Yorks, grand length, quality and shape; 4, R. Howarth, Buff, Cinn. grand size and colour; hc, Law, variegated Goldfinch-Canary; c, Johnson, Goldfinch-Greenfinch. SELL. (20/-) (18): 1, spl, Butterworth; 2, Braybrook; 3, Hampshire; 4, Lord; vhc, Collinge; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Jackson. (12/6) (28): 1, spl, McKim; 2, Hampshire; 3, W. Spencer; 4, Collinge; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Brayhrcok; c, Lees. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, spl, Hirst, yellow Bunting, Shamrock, grand bird, well-known; 2, Birchley, Hawfinch, grand colour and condition, good bib and size; 3, Brooks, Bullfinch, magnificent size, rare colour, good condition; 4, Smith, beautiful Greenfinch, superior colour and feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Entwistle; c, Harrison and Raynor. SOFTBILL (5): 1, spl, 2, Law, charming Grey Wagtail and a splendid Missel Thrush, both in fine order; 3, 4, Birchley, 3, Wagtail, seems a little out of condition to-day; 4, Wineham; vhc, Blencoe, Cornerake. GIFT (3): 1, Rhodes; 2, Clayton; 3, Lees.

RUGBY.

A show, open to exhibitors within a radius of seven miles of Rugby, was held at the Town Hall on October 31st. Mr. T. G. Hough officiated as judge.

UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, Ward; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Savage; 3, Brooks; vhc, Leng; c, Wilcox. NOR. (any age): 1, spl, 4, Buswell; 2, hc, Clarke; 3, res, Leng; vhc, Westley; hc, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Westley; vhc, Greatrex; hc, Matthews; c, Clarke. BRIT.: 1, Clarke; 2, hc, Westley; 3, Skipwith; res, Jones; vhc, Goddard and Clarke; c, Gambrell. MULE: 1, 2, Skipwith; res, Westley; vhc, Matthews. FOR.: 1, Hardy; 2 Skipwith; 3, Bennett; vhc, hc, Labraham; c, Salter.—C. F. Savage, Hon. Sec.

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PORTSMOUTH.

Beautiful weather and a splendid attendance favoured the 22nd show of the Portsmouth Society, which was held in the Engineers' Drill Hall, on November 4th and 5th. The entry was not quite up to the average of past shows, but the quality was of a high order, many very handsome birds being staged. All the arrangements were ably carried out by the Committee at the head of which is Mr. F. C. Foster, the Mayor, at one time a most successful Crest breeder. Messrs. Woodhouse and Abrahams made a most excellent pair of secretaries, and all went smoothly and well. Mr. J. Dobson judged Canaries, and Mr. W. Swaysland British and Foreign.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Schneider, very neat body, nice level colour, good feather; 2, Morris, capital shape, colour and style, hardly so nice in feather; 3, Lowe, homny bird, grand shape and quality, we liked; vhc, Caddy and Moorman; hc, Harding; c, Saunders. BUFF (10): 1, Lowe, capital colour and feather, well mealed; 2, vhc, Burton, capital bird, but not over well shown; 3, Saunders, short, cobby, capital feather and colour; c, Stroud. TKD. (9): 1, Morris, very smart vent marked yellow, capital shape and quality, good colour; 2, Stroud, grizzle headed buff, capital colour and shape, nice quality; 3, Saunders, thigh ticked yellow, plenty of colour, nice quality; vhc, Schneider; hc, Watson; c, Mortara. HEN (6): 1, Miss Turner, grizzle tailed yellow, rare shape and style, capital colour and quality; 2, 3, Lowe, grizzle tailed buff, wing and neck mkd. yell., two lovely birds, rare shape, grand colour and quality; vhc, Upton and Britton; hc, Stroud. CREST: cancelled; C.B. (6): 1, Oldfield, very nice shaped, heavily feathered clear; 2, Marshall, nice quality, shapely, well feathered green; 3,, Upton and Britton, shapely green, not so massive; vhc, Galey; hc, Donne. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Oliver, very smart and racy, grand position and colour; 2, Jackson, nice feather and style, not so much colour; 3, Parrott, a beauty, full of quality, grand shape and rare style; vhc, Briscoe; c, Joiner. BUFF (4): 2, Lavis, neatly feathered capital style, good wings and tail; 3, Parrott, nice shape and style, well drawn out, and gets well up to his work; vhc, hc, Holliday. HEN (6): 1, 3, Parrott, Buff and eye and wing ticked yellow, grand shape and quality, very stylish and well finished; 2, vhc, Oliver, cap and wing marked yellow, very neat in shape, nice feather and style; hc, Lavis; c, Holliday. A.O.V.: cancelled. MULES (6): 1, Watson, nice shapcd, well feathered variegated Buff, 2, White, beautiful yellow, dark Greenfinch; 3, Smith, variegated buff, not ready; vhc, Constable. MEMBERS.—These classes contained a capital collection of birds of good type and quality.—NOR. CL. (11): 1, 3, Saunders; 2, Stevens; hc, Lowe; c, Minness. TKD. (8): 1, vhc, hc, Saunders; 3, hc, Lowe; c, Minness. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, c, Jackson; 3, Boxall; vhc, Lavis; hc, Joiner. A.O.C. (10): 1, Boxall; 2, Parkes; vhc, hc, Jackson; c, Smith. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, c, Marshall; vhc, hc, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Prior, a gem, very rich and bright in colour, grandly feathered; 2, Carrier, hardly so bright, capital shape and feather; 3, Herbert, well marked, not up in colour; vhc, Gandy; hc, c, Carter. BULLFINCH: cancelled. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, c, Smith Bros, very rich colour, nice close feather; 2, Prior, a larger bird, grand shape, splendidly marked, not so bright in colour; 3, Wake, very neat shape and feather, nice colour; hc, Jupe. REDPOLL, ETC.: cancelled. FINCH. A.O.S. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Prior, grandly feathered, rich coloured, well marked Hawfinch; 2, 3, White, splendid Bramble and Greenie, two grand, rich coloured birds, well staged. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Miss Matthews, beautifully spotted Thrush, nice colour and shape; 2, McLean, fine, big bold Blackbird, grand bill and centre; 3, Harding, very lustrous, well spangled Starling; hc, Alderman; c, Gilbert. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lean, very nice team, a most charming Nightingale, and a well-marked Wheatear leading; vhc, Lavis; c, Joiner. LOCAL GOLDIE (8): 1, 2, Long; 3, Carrier; vhc, Jupe; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Stevens. BULLIE (6): 1, Young; 2, Parkes; 3, Jupe; vhc, Tout; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Minness. A.O.S. (8): 1, Tout; 2, Hodge; 3, vhc, hc, Lean; c, Joiner. PARROT, ETC.: cancelled. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, 3, Willford, very handsome, rich coloured, well feathered Fire Finch, and a good Bishop; 2, vhc, hc, Harris, splendid pair of Parson Finches, rare colour and marking; c, Young. A.O.S. (7): 1, Willford, very handsome pair of Stanley Parrakeets, capital colour and condition; 2, Sandy, well known Mexican Jay, looking well; 3, Miss Hopwood, very nice Rosy Pastor, in good form. SELL. (20/-) (17): 1, hc, Haddow; 2, Caddy and Moorman; 3, Holliday; ex. 3, Watson; vhc, Marshall, Adams; hc, Smith; c, Saunders, Parkes, Minness. (12/6) (10): 1, Marshall; 2, hc, Saunders; 3, Miss Turner; vhc, Minness, Adams; hc, Smith; c, Harding.

LUTON.

The third annual Show was held in the Corn Exchange, on November 4th. The quality of the exhibits was of high order, but the number of entries did not come up to the committee's expectations; this necessitated the amalgamation of several of the classes. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. Oberry—a hard-working and energetic official—and he was ably assisted by Mr. T. A. Reddall. The Foreign bird classes were well patronised, many very choice specimens facing the judge, Mr. J. Robson.

NOR. (classes amalgamated) (13): 1, spl, 3, 4, Cooper, 1, very fine cl. yell., excellent colour, well made throughout; 3, richly coloured, mkd. Buff, teeming with quality; 4, another good Buff, shown in excellent condition; 2, Kilby, almost equally good Buff, wonderfully broad head, rare colour and condition; vhc, Priestly; hc, Barwise; c, Pigg. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Kilby, rare size for a yell, lovely soft silky feather, rich in colour; 2, Belcher, another yell., rare good one, true Nor. type; 3, hc, Popple, very smart and typical Buff, tight as wax, rich in colour; 4, Pigg, very nice quality yell.; vhc, Barwise; c, Cooper. YORKS. (amalgamated) (16): 1, 2, Murrell, both yellows, true Yorks. type, correct length, very straight, nice quality, not much between them; 3, Paddock, tkd. Buff, smooth as a bottle, nice length; 4, vhc, Sweetman, lovely yell. excellent quality; hc, Brooks. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Sweetman, lovely yell. well carried wings, nice tail, teeming with quality; 2, 3, Murrell, two very smart Buffs, true Yorks. properties; 4, Paddock (we missed); vhc, Lindsay; hc, Brooks; c, Dickens and Welch. CREST (8): 1, Mrs. Pearse, heavily mkd. green, immense crest, good frontal, feathered to end of beak; 2, Mrs. Haysom, green, very fine round Crest, well radiated, nice centre; 3, 4, hc, Mrs. Galloway, 2, lovely cl., oval crest of excellent formation; 4, green, nice crest; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; c, Hale. C.B. (10): 1, 3, Mrs. Pearse, 1, rare head and wealth of feather; 3, variegated Buff, very fine broad head, well lashed; 2, Mrs. Haysom, good head, well lashed plenty of feather; 4, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, very fine green, looks like a young bird; hc, Hayle; c, Bloomfield and Rose. A.O.V. CAN.: No first; 2, vhc, Ingram, couple of very nice Cinn.; 4, Lindsay, smart Border. CAN. MULES (7): 1, Gilbert, very highly tkd. Buff, put up in prime condition; 2, 3, L. S., four-quartered Goldfinch, and lightly mkd. Linnet, both well known; 4, Lambert, smart, variegated Goldfinch Mule, outclassed here; vhc, Andrews; hc, Barwise; c, Alford. HYB. (5): 1, 3, Ward, well known Redpoll Bullfinch and Linnet Bullfinch, both in excellent trim; 2, Gilbert, very smart Goldfinch Redpoll, in prime form; 4, Andrews, excellent Goldfinch Bullfinch; vhc, Barwise. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Mays, smart Goldfinch, in excellent condition; 2, Lee, very large brightly-coloured Bullfinch, several doubted its nationality; 3, Andrews, excellent blaze, very rich tanning; 4, Cocks, nice Goldie; vhc, Cutting; hc, Harris; c, Wilmot. A.O.S. HARDBILL (17): 1, Mays, very fine Hawfinch, in lovely bloom; 2, Howe, fine Linnet, well pencilled; 3, Cocks, richly coloured Bramble; 4, Lindsay, smart Lapland Bunting; vhc, Walters; hc, Lambert. SOFT. (10): 1, Cocks, charming Treecreeper, in good trim, well staged; 2, hc, Mays, bonny little Gold Crest, appeared as happy as a king, also well staged; 2, (no name), excellent Ring Ouzel; 4, Smith, hen Bearded Tit, in good plumage; vhc, Dell; c, Howe. FOR. WAXBILLS, ETC. (6): 1, Howe, green Avadavats, in excellent form; 2, hc, Miss Galloway, Blue-breasted Waxbills, very pretty pair; 3, vhc, Meadows, excellent pair Cordon Bleus; 4, Howe, very nice pair Golden-breasted Waxbills. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (11): 1, Miss Galloway, lovely pair of rare Finches; 2, Mrs. Warren Vernon, rare Gorgetted Finch; 3, hc, Mrs. Galloway, pair of Scaly-Crowned Finches, in fine bloom; 4, Timaeus; vhc, Miss Hopwood; c, Howe. INSECTIV. ETC. (9): 1, Smith and Son, Sulphur-breasted Toucan in rare form; 2, hc, Mexican Green Jay, in very brilliant plumage; 3, vhc, Watts, Archbishop Tanager, excellent exhibit, and Curve-Billed Tanager, also good; c, Mrs. Galloway. RADIUS CLASSES (20 miles), NOR. CL. YELL: 1, Wilmot, typical, excellent colour; 2, Markham, trifle larger, good head and body, beaten in colour only; 3, Webb, excellently made, correct type; 4, Reddall, smart bird; vhc, Litchfield. BUFF: 1, Wilmot, excellent type, nice colour; 2, Litchfield, well made, in good condition; 3, Goodman, excellent quality bird, deserves its position; 4, Pedder, very good type; vhc, hc, Webb. TKD. ETC.: 1, Markham, lovely dark-capped yell. of superior quality, won Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird; 2, Webb, very nice cl. yell. correct type; 3, Goodman, well-made mkd; 4, Pigg, good, just a bit too small; vhc, Quantrell and Sears. HEN, an excellent class of 15: 1, Litchfield, very smart buff hen; 2, Prudden, large, full of bloom, lovely meal; 3, Smith and Son, tkd. Buff, full of quality; 4, Beamland, very nice cl. Buff; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Reddall. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, F. Webb, 1, very smart, extra good wings and tail, takes perch well; 3, another good one; 2, Haigh and Co., nice lengthy bird, very straight; 4, Cox, smart, well-made; vhc, Reddall; hc, Webb. BUFF: 1, Sapwell, nice and smooth, good head, carries wings well; 2, Buckingham, real Yorks. for type; 3, hc, Quantrell and Sears, excellent length, stands well on perch; 4, Stokes, just a bit weak in head, otherwise very good; vhc, Cox. TKD. ETC., an excellent class of 14, which took some sorting: 1, 2, F. Webb, tkd. yell. well proportioned throughout; 2, also tkd. correct length; 3, Webb, Cinn. mkd. lovely quality; 4, vhc, Codd, variegated buff correct type; hc, Sapwell; c, Reddall. HEN (9): 1, Stokes, rare typical yell. nice length, excellent position; 2, Webb, grand buff, well drawn out; 3, vhc, Quantrell and Sears, two smart birds; 4, F. Webb, nice smart bird; hc, Buckingham; c, Reddall. CREST ETC. (9): 1, 4, Mrs. Pearse, easy first, wonderfully good Crest of excellent formation, nice frontal, well filled in behind; 2, vhc, Bloomfield and Rose, green, very fine, large, well-formed crest; 3, Bennett, lovely quality of feather, good frontal; hc, Smith; c, Giddings. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, F. Webb, capital evenly mkd. Nor.; 2, Reddall, nice-coloured buff Cinn.; 3, Smith, another nice Cinn.; 4, Webdale, smart little Border. MULE AND HYB. (11): 1, Thring, very smart Goldfinch-Mule, Bedford winner; 2, Cook, cap and wing mkd. Goldfinch-Mule, nice size, excellent condition; 3, Smith, bonny little Twite-Mule, in good trim; 4, Webb, Goldfinch-Mule; vhc, Palmer; hc, Bennett; c, Beecroft. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Quantrell and Sears, very steady Goldfinch, rich-coloured blaze, lovely tanning; 2, Mrs. Warren Vernon, lovely hand-reared Bullfinch, good colour, nice dark cap; 3, Goodall, Goldfinch, nice bright blaze, 4, Eling, nice Finch; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; hc, Timms; c, Darvil. GREENFINCH: 1, Quantrell and Sears, brightly-coloured yell. nice size; 2, Tucker, very large buff, good colour; 3, Smith, rare size; 4, Gardner, small but good; vhc, Goodall; hc, Hudson. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Quantrell and Sears, very smart Twite, extra good lacing; 2, Wilmot, bright coloured Siskin, very steady; 3, Goodall, nice Linnet; 4, vhc, Thring, smart Twite; hc, Smith. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Smith and Son, very fine Hawfinch, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Goodall, well coloured Chaffinch; 3, Darvil, smart Bramblefinch; 4, Smith, good Crossbill; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; hc, Withers; c, Whittemore. SOFT: 1, Smith and Son, charming Wagtail; 2, Eling, good Wheatear; 3, Smith, nice Song Thrush; 4, Withers, fine Bearded Tit; vhc, Sergeant. FOR.: 1, Smith and Son, Greenbilled Toucan; 2, Watts, Lineolated Parrakeet; 3, Wadds, superb Tanager, in brilliant dress; 4, Timeaus, almost equally good Scarlet Tanager; vhc, hc, Mayles. SELL. (10/-): 1, 3, Litchfield; 2, Webb; 4, Stokes; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; hc, Buckingham; c, Giddings. PAIRS (17/6): 1, Mrs. Cooke, Crests (claimed); 2, Markham, pair of excellent Plainheads; 3, 4, Bloomfield and Rose; vhc, Webb; hc, Cooke; c, Thring. NOVICE.—NOR. (14): 1, Litchfield, well made Buff; 2, Goodman, similar, close behind; 3, Beanland, excellent type and colour; 4, Dillingham; vhc, Horwood; hc, Rhodes. YORKS. (11): 1, 3, Rowson; 2, Rhodes; 4, Bull; vhc, Foxon; hc, Mabbutt; c, Fountain. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, vhc, Bull; 2, 4, Timms; hc, Thring. MEMBERS' CUP CLASSES, these contained a number of really excellent birds, all 1908 bred: YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, hc, Litchfield and Son, nicely moulded, excelling in quality; 3, lightly mkd. correct type; 2, hc, F. Webb, trifle bigger, rare colour; 4, c, Webb, excellent clear, not far behind. BUFF: 1, 4, Litchfield and Sons, 1, cup winner, very typical, tight as a Java, in excellent bloom, grand head; 2, 3, Webb, couple of very nice, well-made birds; vhc, c, F. Webb. YELL YORKS.: 1, spl, hc, F. Webb, 1, cup winner, mkd. on wing, standard length, good pair of legs, nicely filled in back; 2, Sapwell, nice straight bird, good quality; 3, 4, vhc, c, Stokes, trio of very nice birds. BUFF: 1, spl, Webb, Cinn. mkd. very rich quality, correct type; 2, hc, Codd, nice cl., looks like a hen, if so, a good one; 3, Sapwell, nice long straight bird, good shoulders; 4, Stokes, rare quality; vhc, c, F. Webb; hc, Codd. CREST. ETC.: 1, and cup, 2, 4, Bennett, 1, very fine large variegated, well formed crest, extra good frontal, nice centre; 2, cl. very dark crest, not finished yet; 3, spl, F. Webb, rare good C.B., excellent head properties; vhc, Smith.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM.

Held November 5 and 6 in the Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E., a really grand room, with an excellent light both day and night, besides being perfectly cosy and draught-proof. It was most attractively decorated with plants and banners, and when filled with birds, presented, as the Mayor remarked at the opening ceremony, "a really charming sight." The exhibits were benched in first-class style, and nothing was lacking in stewardship. In this matter the Dulwich and Peckham band of fanciers had something to "wipe off the slate"—the fiasco of last year. With the management in fresh hands it is but bare justice to say that this was handsomely accomplished, for no show could possibly have worked more smoothly, no birds could have received more thorough attention. Mr. W. Hodson, the respected secretary, is to be congratulated on the successful outcome of his work, in which he received able assistance from Mr. F. Cole, the assistant-secretary. These two genial and capable officials made no mistake. They were well backed up by a committee of true enthusiasts, comprising Messrs. H. E. Tringham (who is a very courteous and "live" chairman, just the one to make things go), A. Cunningham, E. S. Lagg, W. J. Cromfield, L. J. Richardson, N. A. Meredith, F. Johnson, and J. Hazell, while we noticed one or two of the vice-presidents (Messrs. J. B. Waterman and C. Mabey, for instance) taking a keen interest in affairs. That thorough fancier, Mr. R. Brownlie did everything possible for the Border Fancies. With these fanciers at the helm, exhibitors can rest assured that their welfare is in safe keeping. No doubt the memory of last year had its effect on the entry this, but we hope to see a record at the next time of asking now that the society's true worth has been established. The re-packing of the birds was very expeditiously accomplished, the hall being cleared of everything, and closed, shortly after 10.30 p.m.—smart work, seeing that the show only closed at eight. In the limit and selling classes there were some nice bargains, many of which got picked up. Norwich Plainheads were a fine collection, most of the leading Southern breeders being represented, consequently the quality was of the highest order. A point worthy of notice in connection with this variety in the present season is the great improvement discernible in the yellows. Good ones are more numerous, the type more pronounced, and quality and colour very much improved upon former years. Yorkshires were bouncing classes, and gave Mr. Broadley a good day's work. The honours were somewhat evenly divided between north and south, the competition being well sustained throughout the whole section, as keenly in the members' section as in the open. Crests were few but good. Borders had a good entry, and the quality was excellent. One defect we have noticed in this variety, which it may not be out of place to mention, and that is a tendency to flatness of head. It is not generally pronounced, but it is there in not a few cases, and it is a blemish which will tend to grow worse instead of better, if breeders do not attend to it. The various classes in the members' sections were well contested, and the quality was of a very praiseworthy order indeed. The Hybrids made two interesting classes, not the least interesting birds therein being three that the judge marked "wrong class." It was not easy to trace any Finch characteristics in them. Messrs. Hopkins and Allsopp, Lamb, Morton, and Fulbrook took the principal prizes. The British classes contained many specimens above the average in merit, among which may be singled out the fine Goldfinch staged by Mr. Harris, that difficult subject, the Sedge Warbler, put down in excellent trim by Mr. Baker, Mr. Mays' grand-coloured Greenfinch, and the bulky Hawfinch, a fine all-round specimen shown by Mr. Francis. Other fanciers who got their share of the spoil included Messrs. Botting, Prior, R. J. Howe, Marley, Gunnell, Adamthwaite, Simpson, Martin, and Fulbrook. The judges were Messrs. H. Broadley (Keighley), Yorks.; J. Robson (London), all other Canaries; and G. E. Weston (London), Hyb., Brit., Selling, Limit, etc., classes. They had an excellent light to work by, and we did not hear much fault-finding after the cards went up. The tit-bit of the show, the fine £7 7s. shield for best bird, was secured by Mr. J. W. Rennie's clear yellow Norwich, an exceptionally good bird, and a popular winner. This exhibitor bids fair to become a power to be reckoned with in the realm of the chubby ones. He also captured the members' challenge cup and bowl. Mrs. Haysom's fine Crest accounted for the ladies' special.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL CK. (16): 1, Rennie, the shield winner, a bird of grand body shape, rare quality of feather, lovely depth of colour, neat head; 2, Morris, well burnished, good colour, nice type and quality; 3, Gill and Pethick, lovely tone of feather, shapely body, neat head, good one; 4, Hodder, full of quality, neat in head, really excellent type; vhc, Matthes; hc, Miles; c, Bellamy. BUFF (12): 1, Young, the Metropolitan winner, looking even better than on that occasion; 2, Baker, lovely soft silky feather, fine shape of body and head, short flights and tail, coming along nicely; 3, Morris, similar type of bird to first, but scarcely so rich in undercolour and bloom; 4, Gill and Pethick, not so stout as leaders, but lovely feather and colour; vhc, Morris; hc, Miles; c, Ellis. TKD. ETC. YELL (11): 1, Midgley, a big 'un, good feather, in grand form; 2, Young, grand quality, good colour, rather longer in flights; 3, Morris, well-known eye ticked; 4, Spillman, ticked lack of head, grand type and quality, a Norwich all over, specially so for a yellow; vhc, Pope; hc, Miles; c, Bellamy. TKD. ETC. BUFF (9): 1, Rennie, silky feather, good shape, nice under colour, hold head, needs just a little tightening up under; 2, Morris, fine headed bird, tip top feather, nice type, colour and bloom; 3, Hodder, a well-known winner, nothing to beat it for type, but not looking its best; 4, Baker, grand feather and under-colour, might be just a bit fuller in head, but a sweet bird; vhc, Tootle; hc, Miles; c, Young. UNFLIG. YELL (19): 1, Midgley, lovely quality of feather and rich colour, nice stout body and full head; 2, Gill and Pethick, a bird of grand colour, fine outline, rare quality, we liked much; 4, Hodder, good shape, rich colour and feather, nice one; vhc, Rennie; hc, Spillman; c, Baker. UNFLIG. BUFF (17): 1, Ellis, ticked on neck and wing, lovely all over for type, quality and colour, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, Midgley, splendid quality of feather, nice type of body, just a wee bit weak in head; 3, Rennie, rattling shape, rich undercolour, nice quality; 4, Baker, good head, back, and body, fine texture of feather and terms with under colour; vhc, Morris; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Spillman. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR GREEN (11): 1, Ellis, heavily variegated, typical, rich colour, silky feather, gem for colour breeding; 2, Jordan, variegated buff, fine quality, fails in head; 3, Pope, long in wing, grand feather and under colour; 4, Hodder, bloomy feather, good wing covering, typical; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Richardson; c, Gill and Pethick. a beautiful bird of fine shape, feather, and under colour. HENS (25): 1, Rennie, a yellow, large, good colour and quality, crosses her wings at tips badly at times; 2, Tootle, splendid quality, feather shining like glass, typical, good Norwich carriage, deep colour; 3, Hodder, ticked buff of shape, quality and under colour, wee bit slack to-day; 4, Hopkins and Allsopp, bonny type, best of quality, and nice in under colour; vhc, Whent; hc, Rippon, a good one; c, Miles. Nos. 3 and 4, Baker, two lovely buffs; 5, Midgley lovely quality yellow; 18, Morris, a grand one, all fit to be in the money. CRESTS (8): 1, Tyson, wing marked dark Crest, with a massive head-piece, fine in formation, splendid droop, long in frontal, indeed all round, and very dense; 2, Mrs. Haysom, not so massive as the winner, but a very smart all-round Crest; 3, 4, hc, Johnson, good team from one roost; vhc, Horton; c, Ryder. BORDER CL. OR TKD. YELL (16), many right good birds amongst them: 1, Brownlie, grand bird, often described; 2, Calderwood, very neat and close feathered, gay little fellow; 3, Blackie, charming in feather and full of real Border life and action, quick, jaunty and stylish in dress, we liked much; 4, vhc, Saytch, a novice, who did well in such aristocratic company, neat with glossy close feather; hc, O'Connell; c, Brownlie. YELL HEN (8): 1, Brownlie, typical, nice feather; 2, c, Wardleworth, scarcely so well finished, but grand feather; 3, Roberts, really sweet little lady, typical, full of life and fine in feather; 4, Taylor, very clean in the moulting, lovely silky dress, carries herself splendidly; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Simpson. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Simpson, natty, full of go, high class feather; 2, Blackie, very jaunty, lively as a cricket, rich tone of feather; 2, Taylor, very sweet, silky feather, real Border carriage; 4, Brownlie, very pretty, good feather, trifle loose at thighs; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, Saytch; c, Roberts, bird we fancied, very neat and stylish, well finished. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Blackie, lovely wing carriage, jaunty, full of Border properties, stylish little lassie; 2, Taylor, scarcely so well finished, but grand carriage; 3, Roberts, bird of fine contour, lovely in feather texture, sweet head; 4, c, Hammacott and Card, grand carriage, fine quality, just a trifle wide in tail at times, but very sweet; vhc, Arnott and Jamoson; c, Riddles (a novice, on the right track, simply lovely feather and type). EVEN MARKS (5): 1, Robson, excels in marking, and well up in all other Border points; 2, Wardleworth, another nicely marked one, good carriage and feather; 3, Ellwood, delightful for tone of feather, hardly the finish in markings, 4, Brownlie, smart, all-round; vhc, Roberts. UNEVEN OR VARIEG. (13): 1, Simpson, yellow very pretty, fine quality of feather, gay carriage; 2, Phillips, carries itself nicely, silky feather, nice in colour; 3, Brownlie, yellow, lovely texture of feather, gay and full of go; 4, Taylor, a Buff, grand soft blooming feather, nice carriage; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, Roberts; c, Arnott and Jameson. GREENS (7): 1, Calderwood, fine in colour, lively as could be, well marked as greens go; 2, Stovin, fine feather, fairly nice carriage, scarcely so good in colour; 3, Arnott and Jameson, hardly so well finished, but a natty little bird; 4, Philip, smart carriage, and good feather; vhc, Arnott and Jameson; hc, Blackie. CINN. (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Brownlie, the well-known yellow leading; 2, Robson, nice colour, hardly so bright though, neat carriage; 3, Philip, nice quality, not so pure in wing colour as leaders; c, Saytch. LANC. COPPY (7), four of which belonged to the Southern veteran. Mr. Green, to which were awarded 1, 2, 3, vhc, the leader being a really typical and well finished yellow, fit to win anywhere; 4, Dyke, good, but beaten in coppy; hc, Westbrook. PLAINHEAD (6), five to Mr. Green, who had all the prize money, the leader being a topping ticked yellow, with massive skull, very fine front, stands well, and in rattling trim; vhc, Goodall, a bird that would win at many shows. DUTCH FRILLS (6), all to Mr. Brooks, who is to be commended, first on the quality he exhibits, and secondly on the determined and well sustained efforts he makes to popularise the variety. We wish him success: both the birds and himself deserve it. MEMBERS —CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Matthes, sound and level colour, good type and quality, a good one; 2, Richardson, good shape, nice feather; 3, Day, fine feather texture; 4, Morris; vhc, Rennie; hc, Lea and Kearney; c, Morris. BUFF (10): 1, Curtis, fine boxy feather, nice one; 2, Matthes, rare quality; 3, Hazell, grand shape; 4, vhc, Richardson; hc, Morris; c, Rennie. UNMKD. ETC. YELL. (7): Richardson, heaps of colour; 2, Hodder, type, quality, and colour, good; 3, Curtis; 4, Matthes; vhc, Lugg; hc, Cooper; c, Morris. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Cranfield, full of quality from beak to tail; 2, Young; 3, Morris; 4, vhc, Thomas; hc, Hodder; c, Hazell. UNFLIG. BUFF (14): 1, Cooper, nice quality, under colour and bloom; 2, Males; 3, Cranfield; 4, Hodder; vhc, Thomas; hc, Morris; c, Richardson. HENS (17): 1, Hazell, smart bodied bird, good quality yellow; 2, Cooper, buff, rare type, beautiful quality; 3, Rennie; 4, Morris; vhc, hc, Hodder; c, Morris. CRESTS (3): 1, 3, Johnson, leader nice Crest, well formed; 2, Horton. C.B. (2): 1, Horton, rattling clear, fine skull; 2, Johnson. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, hc, Green, very meritorious Lancs; 2, Cooper; 3, Fisher; 4, Curtis; vhc, c, Cooper; c, Hazell. NOVICE MEMB. —NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Mrs. Litchfield, good type and quality; 2, 3, Ferns; 4, Reeves; vhc, Hodson; hc, Hainer; c, Crackwell. BUFF (8): 1, Reeves, nice quality; 2, Long, neat, all through; 3, Mrs. Litchfield; 4, Welch; vhc, Reeves; hc, Ferris; c, Cole. UNEVEN, ETC. (3): 1, Ferris; 2, Coseir and Crisp; 3, Tomsett. UNFLIG. YELL (6: 1, Coseir and Crisp, rich colour, nice feather; 2, 3, Mrs. Litchfield, both of good type and quality; 4, Cole; vhc, Hamer; hc, Ferris. UNFLIG. BUFF (10): 1, Coseir and Crisp, good type, feather and under colour; 2, Hamer; 3, Cole; 4, Mrs. Litchfield. HENS (8): 1, Cole, yellow of good quality; 2, Reeves; 3, 4, Walsh; vhc, Cole; hc, Hamer; c, Coseir and Crisp. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Litchfield, smart birds, would want some pegging back in much more aristocratic company; 3, vhc, Archer; 4, Donaldson. C.B. (6): 1, Archer, fine headed bird; 2, 3, Mrs. Litchfield; 4, Reeves; vhc, Archer; hc, Donaldson. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Coseir and Crisp; 2, Reeves; 3, Meredith.

Mr. Broadley's Classes.

YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (25): 1, Ogden Bros, no complaint need be lodged here of lack of length or size, splendid position, plenty behind the leg, and goes up quickly, fine quality; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, not quite the size of first, splendid whip, grand feather properties, well tipped wings, good back; 3, Pattrick, full of style, shows plenty of fire, well up on leg, a good one; 4, Rennie, neat head, sharp into position, good quality, wing carriage and tail; vhc, Chippendale; hc, Drake, jun.; c, Wadsworth. BUFF (21): 1, 2, 3, Wadsworth, clean sweep, and all close together, 1, beautiful style, well cleaned out under, grand quality; 2, good backed bird, just a trifle less clean under, full of nerve and finely drawn; 3 also a gem that needs passing—a grand trio; 4 Pattrick, very beautiful feather, well up, clean cut, full of nerve; vhc, Shaw Bros; hc, Smith; c, Drake jun. MKD. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Rennie, nicely marked, typical, rich feather, clean cut and racy; 2, Ogden Bros. grand length and colour well tapered, nicely cleaned off, quick mover; 3, Warley, of the Cinnamon persuasion, magnificent feather, good length and style; 4, Pattrick, variegated, a very nice one, full of nerve, goes up well, nice behind leg, neat head; vhc, Crisp; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Wadsworth. BUFF (10): 1, Crisp, Chin.-marked, grand level back, fine pose, sweet head, well braced wings, nice behind leg and good whip, we liked much; 2, Hudgeth, marked, not so clean under, rare style and whip, rich feather; 3, Shaw Bros, very beautiful tone of feather, nice back and wings, well fitted tail, good head and neck, very smart; 4, Chippendale, clean cut bird of rattling feather; vhc, Towers; hc, Pattrick; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. (21): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, yellow, racy, full of nerve, grand type, goes up like a rocket; 2, Peel, good top end and style, well up on leg, spreads tail a trifle; 3, Crisp, buff, very sweet, full of style, finely drawn, a nice one; 4, Rennie, yellow, stands grandly, rare length and side, well cleaned out under, nice back, rump and tail, gem of the first water; vhc, Peel; hc, Pattrick; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HENS (16): 1, Crisp, a stately lady, to the Yorkshire manner born; 2, Cooper, stands well, has a good back, neck and head, well up, nice behind the leg, fine quality; 3, Walsh, nice all through, fine type and quality; 4, Peel, very sweet and full of good points; vhc, Chippendale; hc, Pattrick; c, Crisp. BUFF HENS (20): 1, Pattrick, full of quality, grandly drawn, well up, nicely folded tail, typical hen; 2, Wilcock, somewhat similar to first, hardly cleaned off so well, but a good one; 3, Walsh, little different in style, beautiful feather, stands well; 4, Wadsworth, after the type of the first, grand feather, we liked much; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Wadsworth; c, Rennie. MEMBERS' CHAMP.—YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Simpson, typical, nice feather, well shown; 2, Mabey, also stylish, grand quality; 3, Easterling; 4, Waterman; vhc, Warley; hc, Tringham; c, Males. BUFF (7): 1, Mabey, stands well, nicely cleaned off, good feather; 2, Warley; 3, Tringham; 4, Easterling; vhc, hc, Tringham. UNEVEN ETC. YELL (8): 1, Brooks, very smart and stylish, good feather; 2, Mabey, close on leader; 3, 4, Tringham; vhc, Rennie; hc, Warley; c, Simpson. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Warley; 2, Tringham, neat and stylish. BUF (4): 1, Tringham, smart and promising, nice feather, neat head; 2, Mabey; 3, Warley; 4, Easterling. HENS (16): 1, Rennie, rare position, nice feather; 2, Simpson, very fine hen; 3, Easterling; 4, Tringham; vhc, Brooks; hc, Mabey; c, Waterman. NOVICE.—YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Whiteman, two neat and shapely birds; 2, Putner; 3, Silverthorn; vhc, hc, c, Whitby. BUFF (8): 1, Putner, rare style of feather; 2, c, Read; 3, Whiteman; 4, hc, Holloway; vhc, Goodwin. UNFLIG. YELL (6): 1, Whiteman, good promising bird; 2, Silverthorn; 3, Read; 4, Putner; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Coseir and Crisp. BUFF (8): 1, Silverthorn, stands well, good feather; 2, Whiteman; 3, hc, c, Holloway; 4, Putner; vhc, Goodwin. HEN (4): 1, Meredith, nice, typical lady; 2, 3, Goodwin; 4, Read.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

HYBRID LIGHT (8): 1, spl, Hopkins and Allsopp, the well-known four-pointed buff, grand big Mule, lovely shape, colour and quality, in fine trim; 2, Lamb, nice six-pointed, out a little at eyes, but a splendid exhibit, beautiful shape, very tight in feather, nice warm colour; 3, Fulbrook, finely-built, lightly-variegated, good colour, excellent condition; 4, Goodall, very promising young four-pointed; vhc, South; hc, Parmenter; "wrong class," Jessup (2), we could not trace any parentage other than Canary. DARK (11): 1, spl, 4, Morton, leader really high-class Jonque Linnet-Can., fine size and shape, red-hot colour, lovely condition, well-marked, a clinker; 4th, very hot buff Goldie, grand blaze and wax-like feathers, trifle small; 2, 3, Lamb, slashing big Twite-Can., rare size and shape, nicely marked, trifle loose in feather yet, should improve; 3rd, very pretty cinn. Siskin-Can., lovely tone of colour, fine shape and markings; vhc, Fulbrook, really nice buff Linnet-Can., very shapely and good in condition; hc, White; c, Turner; "wrong class," Jessup. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, Harris, stormer for blaze, wonderfully expansive and square cut, deep clean colour, fine-shaped body, well marked and polished, looks a bit "tired" at times, needs a rest; 2, Botting, very clean and well-contrasted in colours, fine, big, wide face, nicely cut, chubby, shapely body, good Finch; 3, Prior, another very stylish and well-shaped Goldie, nice tan and moonings, grand big blaze, very correct in cut, not so forward in colour as leaders, should do well later; 4, Adamthwaite, also has a lovely square-cut "rose," beautiful colour all through and nicely marked, attractive, stylish bird; vhc, Jordan, splendid bodied bird, lovely shape, little short of polish as yet; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Marley. LINNET (11): 1, spl, R. J. Howe, nice bird, excellent size and shape, rich, sound colour, finely pencilled 2, Harris, beauty for size, shape and style, well marked all over, trifle unsteady, should improve; 3, Marley, fine, big, good-chested, well-polished bird, nice warm tone of colour and fairly well pencilled, lacks a feather or two on one wing-butt; 4, Adamthwaite, trifle smaller, but very shapely and stylish, lovely rich colour, full of bloom; vhc, Mrs. Kirbin, another very pretty Linnet; hc, Francis; c, Elder. GREENIE (14): 1, S. H. Mays, real beauty for colour, rich green, not overdone with "pepper," fine wings and tail, nice-sized, shapely, stylish bird; 2, 4, Howe, leader a "whopper," grand chest and head, very nice colour and condition, inclined to fling the perch; 4th, a one-time grand bird, splendid size and shape, good tone of colour, now and again goes a little soft; 3, Marley, fine Greenie, grand size, shape and style, excellent colour, in first-rate order; vhc, hc, Francis, two real good examples; c, Adamthwaite; No. 7, Marley, also a fine Greenie, goodness only knows why the judge left it cardless. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Botting, clinking Twite, lovely colour and polish, fine size, shape and style, full of work; 2, hc, Francis, leader beautiful Siskin, sweet shape, in rare bloom, grandly laced cap, fine markings generally, fails trifle in bib only; 3, Howe, good-sized Mealy Redpoll, grand shape and carriage, rare being on flanks, in nice order; 4, Simpson, another very fine Twite, grand chest and head, in nice bloom, wants steadying down a bit; vhc, King; c, Elder. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (13): 1, Francis, truly a grand Hawfinch, exceptionally large and thick-set, noble head, fine bib and other markings, rich, clean colours; 2, 4, Howe, leader extra smart Chaffinch, beautifully proportioned, nice warm colour, well marked, big, bold, steady bird, in good trim; 4th, good-sized, rich-coloured Bramble, dense, well-spangled hood and back, clean cut markings; 3, Gunnell, very nicely marked Yellow Bunting, rich in chestnut, clean and warm in "gold," good size and shape; extra 4, Martin, another fine Chaffinch, grand chest, very well marked, good style, little out of condition; vhc, Simpson, another real good Hawfinch; hc, Marley; c, Mays. INSECTIV (10): 1, spl, Baker, gem of a Sedge Warbler, well marked, perfect in plumage (except for slight break over beak) and feet, very sleek and well conditioned, nicely staged; 2, 4, Fulbrook, lovely Tree Creeper leading, beautiful condition, good size and colour, well marked; 4th, very tight-feathered and lively hen Gold-crested Wren; 3, Mays, charming Pied Flycatcher, in lovely condition, and staged in most tasteful manner, would have been higher if in full colour, is also somewhat imperfect in feet; vhc, c, Pink, two good Skylarks; hc, Gardner, nice hen Wood Warbler. MEMBERS' HYB.: 1, 3, Marshall; 2, Botting; 4, Cranfield. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, 2, Botting; 3, Cooper. BULLIE: 1, Botting; 2, Johnson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Botting; 2, Fisher; 3, Richardson; 4, Marshall; vhc, Cosier and Crisp. A.O.S. HARD.: 1, Botting. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, 2, Lugg.

LIMIT, £3 (7): 1, Collings; 2, Mrs. Haysome; 3, vhc, Midgley; 4, Johnson; hc, Steed; c, Peters. SELL, 15/- (18): 1, hc, Mabey; 2, c, Richardson; 3, King; 4, Miller; vhc, Douch, Marshall, Hopkins and Allsopp, Sidgwick; hc, Cranfield, Matthes; c, Steed. DO., 25/- (13): 1, Brownlie; 2, Douch; 3, Wood; 4, Miller; vhc, Marshall, Richardson; hc, Stead, Cranfield, Wall c, Day, Sidgwick, Steed. DO., 35/- (13): 1, Douch; 2, Midgley; 3, Peters; 4, hc, Marshall; vhc, Matthes, Meredith; hc, Lugg; c, Rennie. GIFT (5): 1, Cole; 2, Waterman; 3, Tringham; 4, Lugg; vhc, Jay. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, 4, Richardson; 3, Cole.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

A splendid Show, and splendidly managed, was Tunbridge Wells. It was scarcely to be wondered at that the entry was good, near upon 200, and that on a date when shows were strewn thick and fast all about. The Sussex Assembly Rooms, are situated quite close to "Ye Pantiles," and are eminently suitable for the purposes of a show of birds. If they possessed just a little more top light they would be ideal. The arrangements of the show devolved mainly upon Mr. H. G. Whibley, the hon. secretary, who has had some years of experience, and may be called a past master now in the art of show management. He takes things coolly and works methodically, and consequently meets with success. His committee are heart and soul in the work, led by Mr. F. Wraight, the chairman, and composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Allen, Blackmore, Bavorstock, Bench, Borman, Cocks, Haines, Hagger, Hayward, Hobbs, Hughes, Lucas, McVicar, Richards, Schmidt, Stockton, Taylor, Urban, Walker and Warner. The opening day of the show was a beautifully fine one, consequently there were many lady visitors. Mr. A. Silver judged our section. The quality all through, and more especially in the British section, was good. The Norwich classes contained birds of high merit; Yorkshires were not so strong in point of quality; Crests were very nice; Males had good classes; and the British, as might be expected, were a fine lot.

Critique.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, Silk, yell., Caterham 2nd, looking well, fine feathered, rich coloured bird; 2, Berry and Mitchell, full fronted, bold headed Buff, nice tone of colour; 3, we could not find; 4, Hedges, nice Buff; vhc, Whitten, rare shape and quality; hc, Dell; c, Richards. NON FED. (5): 1, Whittem, Buff, nice feather, close and typical; 2, Warner, Buff, just a trifle smaller, nice quality; vhc, Dudman, typical yell., good size and silvery feather; hc, Warner; c, Hollomby. VARIEG (8): 1, Jeffreys, typical, rare quality Buff; 2, Berry and Mitchell, heavily varieg. yell. rich colour; 3, Silk, very nice varieg., full of colour, rich quality, nice type; vhc, spl, hc, Warner; c, Rudman. CRESTS (10): 1, Gale, grizzle crest, nice formation, length of feather, density and droop, neat centre; 2, Bond, varieg. loses in length of frontal only to winner, nice formation; 3, Duck, heavy and dense crest, nice vein; vhc, Hayward; hc, Barkaway, Humphries; c, Hedges. C.B. (9): 1, Gale, nearly green, good body, well-formed skull; 2, Duck, somewhat similar to first, only not quite so long and dense in head feather, or so wide in skull; 3, Hayward, good one, narrower at entrance; vhc, c, Hedges; hc, Miss Hollamby, fine headed cl., turns back well, nice skull. YORKS. CL. (7): 1, Humphries, yell., quick at work, nice quality, will yet improve; 2, Dell, neat, needs bracing up Mr. D.; 3, Silk, nice style of feather, carried its tail a bit open at times, we liked; vhc, hc, Knapp; c, Wraight. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Rudman, yell., neat; 2, Taylor, somewhat similar; 3, Batchelor, finely drawn, nice length and style; 4, Warner; vhc, Silk; hc, Shorter; c, Wraight. TKD. ETC. (10): 1, Rudman, yell., very sweet, nice style and feather; 2, Bond, grand feather, good one; 3, Batchelor, fails a little behind leg, else neat; 4, Taylor, varieg. very stylish; vhc, c, Knapp, former slashing varieg., well cleaned off. MULES, LIGHT CAN. (10): 1, Neale, varieg. Goldie-Canary, nice feather; 2, spl, 4, c, Wraight, former varieg. Buff Goldfinch-Canary; 3, Humphries, varieg. yell. Goldfinch-Canary, nice tone of colour; vhc, Hayward; hc, Pettens; c, Tickner. DARK CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, Wraight, rich coloured Siskin-Canary; 2, Buff Goldfinch-Canary, good size; 3, Greenfinch-Canary, rich colour; 4, Richards, rattling Linnet-Canary; vhc, Hobden. GOLDIE (12): 1, Hedges, nice lustrous face, good bars and buttons, nicely cut; 2, Favinor, rattling good Finch, wide and rich in face, nice shaped body, glossy and steady; 3, Reed, rich and good all through; 4, Whitten, fine in face, bars and buttons; hc, Richards, Hedges; c, Humphries. BULLIE (5): 1, Dell, rich breast colour; 2, Kenward, not so rich on breast perhaps, but clean at thighs, nice poll; vhc, Hedges; c, Reed. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Hobden, leader well mkd, fine toned lustrous Linnet, very steady; 2, Warner, smart little Siskin; 3, 4, Richards, Redpoll and Siskin, respectively, latter without a bib; vhc, Edwards. BRIT. SOFT BILL, SMALL (9): 1, spl, 2, Richards, leader large and lovely mkd. and coloured Grey Wagtail, steady, lustrous plumage; 2, Nuthatch, in good trim; 3, Borman, 'Gale, clean, steady, sound in colour; 4, vhc, Baker, 'Gale and a Jenny Wren; hc, Richards, Kenward; c, Kenward. LARGE (6): 1, Barly and Son, lustrous and steady Chough; 2, Hughes, well mkd., shining Jay; 3, Dell, very smart Magpie, must have given the leaders a good run; 4, c, Warner, Blackbird, nice bill and cere; vhc, Miss Watson, spanking coloured and spotted Song Thrush. BRIT. A.O.S. (6): 1, Kenward, well mkd. nice feathered Hawfinch; 2, 3, Hedges, both Greenfinches, in fine fettle; 4, Miss Harwood, Yellow Bunting, in lustrous feather; hc, Reed. SELL (30/-) (6): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Smith; 3, Knapp; 4, Warner; hc, Durrant; c, Silos. (15/-) (6): 1, spl, Richards; 2, vhc, Warner; 3, 4, Wraight; c, Downham.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CAN. A.V. (4): 1, 2, spls, Russell, yell. Nor., nice stump; 2, 4, Cross, former Yorks, possessing length and style; latter Nor; 3, hc, Ducks, leader very good Crest; vhc, Wraight; c, Knapp. HYB. OR MULE (7): 1, Wraight, Siskin-Canary, in rattling feather, nicely mkd.; 2, 4, hc, Wraight, blue first in Greenfinch-Canary; 3, Goldie-Canary; 3, Richards, smart, close feathered, good-sized, Siskin Canary. BRIT A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Richards, Goldfinch, wide in face, deep in tone, very bright all through; 2, White, rich-coloured well-marked Bramblting; 3, hc, Waters, former Crossbill, in good feather; 4, Wraight, Goldfinch; vhc, c, Reed.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT F.A.

A general meeting was held in Town Hall on October 28th, Mr. John Wilkinson (president) presiding. Mr. John Kelly tendered his resignation as secretary. He reported a balance in hand of £16. Mr. W. R. Cruickshanks was appointed secretary. The date of our show was fixed for Friday, December 18th.—J. Kelly.

MIDDLETON O.S.

A very successful supper was held on October 26th at headquarters. Mr. R. Williamson provided a "hot pot," to which full justice was done by all present, each member enjoying it very much. The chairman, Mr. W. Bescoby moved a vote of thanks to Mr. R. Williamson, and that gentleman ably responded.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters on October 26th, when a washing exhibition was given by our president, Mr. F. Washbourne, before a large gathering of members and friends. Our worthy vice-president, Mr. J. Dickinson, took the chair. Mr. Washbourne, in his opening remarks told us how he washed his birds for the show bench. He gave us a splendid demonstration on seven birds, and it was remarkable how soon he had them washed and dried. Several questions were put to him which he answered in his usual straightforward manner. After a vote of thanks to him had been passed the meeting closed, it being one of the most instructive evenings we have spent. Mr. T. Walton (Gorton) was elected a member.—J. C. Spilsbury. Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

All members must send on their subscriptions at once, otherwise points gained at any show or shows, prior to the paying of the subscription, will be lost, as per general rules. At our last meeting nine new members were accepted. If others wishful to join will send on their subscription of 3s., I will send them a schedule of our club show, held in the Parish Hall, Brecon, November 18th. We have valuable specials, etc. The show will be opened at 12 noon by the Ven. Archdeacon E. F. Bevan, M.A., supported by the President, the Right Hon. Lord Glanusk. We want to make this, our second club show, a gigantic success. The Brecon and Merthyr Railway issue cheap tickets on their lines. Club patronage to the following shows: Merthyr and Dowlais, Cardiff and Dist., Welsh National (Swansea), Porth, and Tredegar. We hope to arrange with a show in North Wales. Fanciers hurry up, and join the club that has been the means of improving the classification and prizemoney in Wales. Unity is strength.—D. H. Tedstone, Hon. Sec., 4, George-street, Brecon.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

The members had a treat on October 12th, when Mr. Cutmore, of the Liverpool Museum, lectured before them, the subject being "Popular British Hard and Soft Bills." The lecturer dealt at great length with the anatomy and reproduction, then describing the differences of some ninety specimens, which he brought with him, and which included among others the following: Goldfinch, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, Twite, Linnet, Sparrow, Crossbill, Bullfinch, Cornbunting, Meadow Pipit, Crow, Jay, Chough, Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, Redwing, Ring Ousel, and the Woodlark. There was no time for asking questions, and some of the members remarked that Mr. Cutmore ought to come again on the following Saturday afternoon so as to give more time to study the specimens and be able to ask a few questions. The chairman, Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Cutmore for his interesting lecture, which was carried unanimously. Amongst the visitors were Mr. W. A. Bladon, president of the C.B.U., and Mr. Raynes, sec., Norwich P.H. Club.—W. Jackson, sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND.

A meeting was held on October 27th in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, the chief business being the points secured at Kelty. The following figures were agreed correct:—McRobbie, 17; McDougall, 13; Penman, 11; Webster, 9; Paterson, 7; Bowman, Hendry, and Campbell, 6 each; Gibb, 4; Shewan, 3; and Cardwell, 2. The secretary was instructed to write country members as to what they consider the most suitable date to hold the annual general meeting; will members intending being present let me know as soon as possible, as it is suggested that we hold it on the last Saturday in January. It was also decided to write Mr. W. Fortune asking him to give a lecture or read a paper before the members at our next meeting. A friendly discussion then took place on the various points of the Yorkshire, and how to breed for them, which was entered into with much enthusiasm, after which the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. R. B. Gibb, who kindly acted as chairman. New members: Messrs. A. G. Gavin (Fraserburgh) and J. McLellan (Renfrew).—Fred Bowman, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

Mr. S. Dean gave a capital lecture on October 6th, his subject being "Preparing for Exhibition." He gave us first a list of points. In his opinion these points had been achieved by the different crosses. To illustrate his ideas he had about six coloured plates of the different varieties, which in some degree or the other had helped to make the Yorkshire of the present day. He advocated using the Belgian for getting good position, nice wing carriage, and narrow shoulders. He described the method he adopts for washing birds. He uses two basins with a spout to each, so that he can lay the bird in the spout to wash the tail and wings, this acting as a kind of stay for the bird's body. Mr. Dean said he preferred using badger hair brushes as these did not split when used in the water. He uses a good-sized sponge and a cup, turning plenty of water on, in order to get the soap well out of the feathers. He advised getting the birds into tip-top condition, and in order to do this he gives them the seeds that are good for this purpose, maw and gold of pleasure seeds being two good conditioners. He also gave samples of a new dry conditioning food for Canaries, and assured us that this would be put on the market in due course. Questions were answered satisfactorily, and a vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting.—H. Hill, Hon. Sec.

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IN THE COURTS.

A Novel Defence Prevails.

At Cannock Police Court, November 9th, Henry Clarke, described as a taxidermist, of Norton Canes, was summoned under the Wild Birds Protection Act for shooting what was termed a Lesser Grebe on September 28th.—Evidence was given by several witnesses that Mr. Clarke was seen to shoot what was described as a Dab-chick that was diving into Norton Pool, Chasetown. The Dab-chick (Lesser Grebe) is protected by statute all the year round.—The defendant denied that the bird he shot was protected under the Act.—He called Mr. F. Coburn, a well-known Midland naturalist, who said that the defendant forwarded a bird to him, which he produced "set up" to the Court. It was very rare in this part of the country, and while the Lesser Grebe lived here all the year round this other was a migratory species.—The Bench dismissed the case.—"Wolverhampton Express and Star."

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Fatal Quarrel.

During a walk across a number of cornfields a week or two ago I noticed a hatch of birds playing in the corn. When passing the spot I could plainly see a Blackbird quite dead. On looking round I could count easily twenty Sparrows flying round me. At last I came to the conclusion that they and the fatal Blackbird had had a quarrel and he had fallen their victim.—Sent by Leonard Smithurst (age 12), Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts.

*A Strange Nesting Place.

One day my friend told me she had found a nest in an old rusty cash box, near my house. It was cosily made inside the box, and the lid was half-way open. In the nest were two dear little Robin's eggs. About a week or ten days after we were told that the Robin had laid three more eggs, but the lid of the box was closed so that the bird could not get in. They opened the lid, hoping to see the little bird again, but it never returned to its curious nest.—Sent by Blanche Job (age 13), The Lodge, Trewern, Oswestry, Salop.

**My Sparrow.

My Sparrow was rescued from an untimely death, when its feathers were just appearing, but it was somewhat crippled from falling from its home in a Martin's nest. It was placed in a basket, where the parents would come and feed it. It became very tame, and on being let out of the window, would come in at the front door, and hop up the stairs when evening came and it was tired of being outdoors. I would find it sitting on the outside of the Canary's bath. Once, having flown to a high tree, it flew from there down to my shoulder to eat some bread. While I was away a cat put an end to its happy little life, and I felt I had lost a friend.—Sent by Vera Wainwright (age 14), Didgmount, Peaslake, Guildford.

PRESTON O.S.

The October meeting was held in the rooms of the Preston Scientific Society, on October 12th, Mr. Chas. Blackhurst, M.R.C.V.S., presiding. The working of the November show was discussed, and the schedule passed for printing. Mr. J. W. Cleminson was appointed show manager, the Rev. S. E. Collinson as chief steward, and the following members as judges' stewards:—Messrs. Brown, Gabbott, Gregson, Marsh, Taylor, and Walkden. At the conclusion of the business a washing competition was held in which Messrs. T. Leeming, Peake, Anderton, and J. Knowles took part. Mr. Leeming was accorded first place. Mr. J. W. Cleminson, who adjudicated, then gave a washing exhibition, which was much appreciated, especially by the younger members.—W. Hy. Heathcote, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

On October 20th some 40 members and friends meet at headquarters to witness an exhibition of washing Canaries for show by Mr. S. Hadwin, of Liverpool. Mr. J. Burnes, who was in the chair, in calling upon Mr. Hadwin said that that gentleman was well known to all as a keen fancier, and one ever ready to help. Mr. Hadwin proceeded with the washing exhibition. He is very thorough in his method and explained every stage of the process in a lucid manner. After he had got his birds in the cloths, Messrs. Burns, Moss and Harding gave their birds a wash. Mr. Burns proposed, and Mr. Watson seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin. It was proposed that we give admission tickets to the elder scholars at the schools, and also a special prize for the best essay on "cage birds."—J. Richardson, Secretary.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held October 5th, at 6, The Broadway. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided. Three new members were elected, and one gentleman nominated for membership. The secretary reported a slight bal[illegible] to the good on the recent young bird show. [illegible], the chairman said, almost established a record, and, at any rate, showed they were making prosperous progress. The medal for best bird shown by a novice at the show in question, was presented to the winner, Mr. Found, by the chairman, who heartily congratulated him upon his success. The only other business was the submitting to the meeting, for confirmation, the rules, list of classes, list of specials, and other important matters in connection with the show of the society to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17th and 18th. The meeting seemed to be thoroughly satisfied with the large amount of work which the secretary and committee had done on their behalf. The show will have the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club Champion Section, the Southern Norwich Canary Club Novice Section, and the Crested Canary Club.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

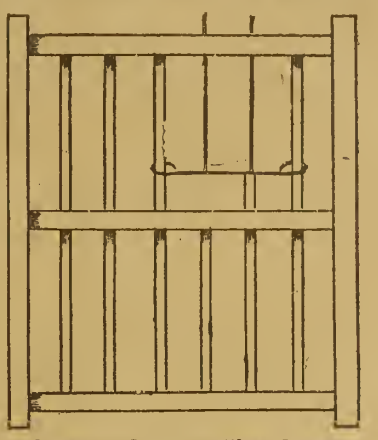
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 256.

A FITTING FOR WICKER TRAVELLING CAGES.

Sent by J. W. Stokes, Hill Top Dairy, West Bromwich.

The drawing represents one end of the well-known wicker travelling cages used primarily for Roller Canaries. My improvement is a little wire door at the end holding the water-bottle, to facilitate cleaning the latter out. It



A Device for Travelling Cages.

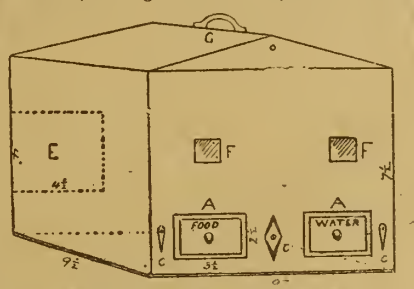
saves a lot of trouble, and the cages are often very useful when you have a lot of young Canaries about. The water-pot bangs on the second upright, which is left projecting half an inch or so. The door slides up through the holes left when removing the wood bars. The drawing, I think, clearly explains the notion.—J. W. Stokes.

No. 257.

A CARRYING CAGE FOR LARKS.

Sent by Mr. J. Fletcher, 18, Cobden Street, Waterhead, Oldham.

Enclosed sketch shows a carrying box for Skylarks, which I find very useful, as a fancier of this musical bird, to possess a good songster, must take his own bird out to hear the notes of his brother out in the fields. So here is my idea of a box for the purpose. The drawing gives you the outside which, if made as shown, will give the bird just nice room



A Carrying Cage for Larks.

to turn round. A are the small holes for food and water, covered by small doors, which must be fastened by small catches as seen at C. There should be a small space left for sand-drawer. E gives you the door through which to run your bird in and out; it can be made either to slide in or fasten with binges. F are the holes left for light; G the wood handle, which may be taken from an old stove brush. There should be a small hole at each end, for ventilation, and the top must hang over about ¼ of an inch all round. You will see that the food and water are kept out of the way of the bird's feet. The window boxes must stand a little out from the sides, so that the glass will slide in.—J. Fletcher.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Usual contest held November 8th when 22 birds sang: 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Robinson. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and C. Larriman.—W. Dean, Sec.

PENTONVILLE, N.

At the "Bee Hive," Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, for the week's handicaps, there was a good show of Linnets and Chaffinches. There was keen competition, "Birdie," "Hedges," "Tubby," and "Pouy Moore," proving the winners. Handicap, 28-day marble clock for Chaffinch next week.—W. Morrison, Timekeeper.

YORK.

The 1st Linnet Contest of the season was held at the Crown Inn, North Street, November 7th, when 14 birds competed. Principal winners: 1, Smith; 2, Lambert; 3, Kirby; 4, Watson. Judge, Mr. Perry; Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. Smith, Sec.

A proclamation has been issued by the Queensland Government protecting Egrets and Lyre Birds throughout the year in the districts in which the Native Birds Protection Acts, 1877 to 1884, are at present in operation.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Autumn Migration.

During a long ramble on a fine, sunny day, hardly half a dozen birds were seen, excepting at the end of the journey, when the all too short autumn day was drawing to a close. Then a few flocks of Woodpigeons, and Starlings were seen making for the woods on the higher ground where, during the autumn and winter months, some thousands of feathered creatures scramble and quarrel for roosting sites. The Larks, Buntings, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Wagtails, and other resident birds have all suddenly vanished. The peculiar ways of the birds at this season of the year are past comprehension. They appear to be continually moving from one place to another, without any reason for doing so; they are, no doubt, taking part in what we are pleased to call the autumn migration, which continues during the greater part of the winter, regulated mostly by climatic conditions. But it is not always regulated so, for in this district the weather is as good now as it was a month ago; then we were favoured with many birds, now we have none, and possibly in a week's time, they or their fellows will be back again. The spring migration of birds is familiar to everyone who takes the slightest interest in nature's subjects. We are, most of us, looking forward to sunshine and warmth, gay flowers, and the melody of graceful birds, lately come to us from over the seas; but the autumn migration is seen by few; one must have lived on the east coast, or near some tidal river flowing into the North Sea to have any idea of this great movement. The stretches of marsh land are visited daily by Snipe, Plover, Ducks, and other wild fowl, some to stay until disturbed or driven away, others to merely settle for a rest, after which they may be off again to quiet pools and reedy meres. The waders and water birds are not the only winged creatures taking part in the autumn movement. Great as the spring migration is, that of the autumn is no doubt greater. Almost every bird known to us appears to take part in it, the wild ones, the familiar and common species, all are on the move. Thousands of Larks, Starlings, Blackbirds, Common Greenbirds, and Linnets may be seen crowding the hedgerows by the coast, resting after the journey. Rooks and Crows come in huge flocks, and during the winter raid the farm lands and marshes near the coast; even the tiny Wrens make the perilous journey in thousands from their northern homes.

Missel Thrush in Ireland.

The present year is believed by ornithologists to be the centenary of the establishment of the Missel Thrush as an Irish bird.

A White Grouse.

A white Grouse has been found in Scotland. This, it is said, is the first entirely white specimen discovered, though sometimes birds have been found spotted with white or of a dark buff colour.

The Aquatic Plover.

It is not generally known that the Green Plover is able to swim like a duck, but it appears that they seldom indulge in this exercise unless compelled to do so. We have seen a wounded bird swim away from the shore and try to hide itself in the rushes growing in a shallow spot.

Migrating Falcons.

Predatory birds are as much subject to the migratory fever as seed and insect eaters. As a rule the young ones move first, and are occasionally caught in the traps and nets used for the capture of wild fowl. I have known a young Peregrine (distinguished by the brownish colour of his back) to be caught while chasing a wild duck into the net.

Rooks Returning to Roost.

Every evening just about sunset the long train of Rooks may be seen crossing the sky to roost. As the days shorten one may note them by the clock to be a little earlier than in the previous week. In fine weather they are very regular, but on dull, wet days they are evidently guided by the declining light, and will start some minutes earlier than in bright weather.

Wildfowl.

Wildfowl are on the move, and although the weather has been genial and summer-like, many have moved south or sought the companionship of their fellows. On the marches and open hillsides huge flocks of Plovers may be seen daily, and presently when the cold wind from the north reaches us it will bring with it a regular mob of waders and waterfowl adding an interesting feature to the marsh and seashore.

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Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHAT offers in Birds, live wild rabbits; anything for Amazon Parrot, worth 30/.- Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED, Budgerigars, in exchange for small green Parrot and cage; says a few words, or sell 25/-; or offers; birds first.—Taylor, Wharfedale View, Addingham, Leeds.

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EXCHANGE ½ plate R.R. lens for good Yorkshire cock.—J. Salter, 227, Tonbridge-rd., Maidstone.

FIVE cock Goldfinches, caged month, 10/-; offers; no live stock.—Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

OLD violin and case, 8/6; brilliant cue and case, 2/6; small portmanteau, 2/6.—Legg, 51, Parish-lane, Penge.

NOTICE. What offers in Canaries for show cages; any variety.—Write Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE double silver albert, and silver badge for good singing Canary; bird first.—Keir, Main-st., Barhead.

HAND camera, sell 12/6; or exchange Norwich Canaries. — F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

GOOD E flat Clarionet (Boosey, London); will exchange for Canaries, or sell.—Dart, Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.

EXCHANGE D flute for singing Canary.—John Grant, West End Aviaries, No. 9, Hatton Aberdeenshire, R.S.O.

DRAPER'S organette with 100 feet music, 35/-; exchange anything.—Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro.

WHAT offers for phonograph and records, nearly new, cost £5; sell £4.—Morton, 11, Main Place, Hunslet, Leeds.

LADY'S cycle, good condition, 10/6; exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—Edgar, 128, Fonthill-rd., Finsbury Park.

TWO years Sunday Companions, for two young Norwich hens, or breeding cages; offer.—Glover, Buriton, Petersfield.

EXCHANGE beautiful fox terrier, 5 months, 15/-; for Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches.—Hayward, Church-street, Chard.

SELL good six Canaries, also four flying boxes, new, 5/-, or exchange anything.—Smith, 10, Bonamy-st., London, S.E.

SALE or exchange for birds, three black and tan puppies, five week's old.—Whitmore, Wilton House, Dersingham, Norfolk.

EDISON gem phonograph, 15 records, good condition, sell 30/-; or exchange.—James Fogg, Knivedon-lane, Leek, Staffs.

EXCHANGE phonograph, Columbia, perfect order, cost £4 4s.; also 30 records. What offers?—Lewis, 79, King-st., Ramsgate.

GRAND whippet bitch; catch anything, £10 or exchange cock Mules, Canaries-Goldfinches.—Olding, Campbell-road, Eastleigh.

CLEARING out loft, I have black and Red Magpie Pigeons for sale; cheap to clear, or exchange.—A. Scarfe, Butcher, Swansea.

EXCHANGE Hobbies treadle fretsaw machine, new, for two good singing Norwich cocks.—Thompson, 16, Barry-st., Oldham.

SPLENDID pair 1908 exhibition homers, 15/-; or exchange birds, or anything useful.—Lewis, Howard Park, Cleckheaton, Yorks.

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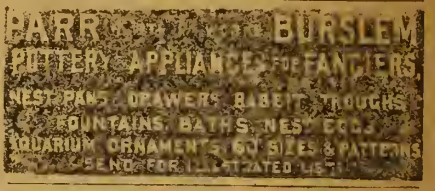
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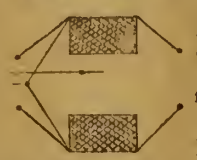
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TWO clear bull hens, fac-simile to the hen, 2nd Liverpool, 5/6 each.—Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

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HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

YELLOW and buff Cinnamon hens, only 9/6 two.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

CINNAMONS, Wanted 40 pairs of colour-fed Cinnamons.—Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Rose Aviaries, Norwich.

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HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, principally yellow hens, non-fed, 1908 birds, from 15/- each.—W. Griffith, 239, Blackstock-rd., Highbury.

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UNFLIGHTED buff Cinnamon cock, 3rd Manchester, 30/-; two others same strain, £1 and 15/-.—Geo. H. Massey, 106b, Higher Hillgate, Stockport.

TWO Buff Cinnamon cocks, from prize strain, one unflighted, one 1907, 10/6 each; cinnamon-marked Norwich hens, 3/- each.—E. E. Miller, 41, St. Luke's-st., Barrow.

CINNAMONS, good quality, best blood, yellow cock, 7/6; another, 15/-; Buff cocks, 7/6, 15/-, 17/6; yellow hen, 12/6; Buff hen, 12/6; approval; stamp.—Millburn, 27, Rye Terrace, Rexham.

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Crests and Crestbreds.

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GOOD stock Crests, 15/-, 17/-, 20/-, from birds worth from £5 to £25 each.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

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GOOD Crest cock and two C.B. hens, £1; or exchange good Crest hen.—Hands, 310b, Nechells Park-rd., Birmingham.

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CREST cock, grand size, same as winners at Kirkcaldy, small crest, 15/-; approval.—Bowie, Bothwell place, Dunfermline.

WANTED, surplus stocks from breeders, good birds only, cheap for cash.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

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J. DONNE has Crest and Crestbreds from my winner 1st Eastbourne, 2nd Lewes; also Cinnamons from 1st Lewes; see reports; stamp reply.

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GRAND Crest-bred cock, enormous size, from my winners at Kirkcaldy last week, 15/-; approval.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

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CRESTS and Crest-breds, a secret worth knowing, fanciers are beginning to realise that all Crests and Crestibreds sold by me are worth nearly double the price I ask, considering the quality. I sold a Crested cock on October 28th for £10, and three days after the purchaser was offered £15 for same, and refused. Let me inform Crest fanciers, I breed Crests as a hobby not business; a few for sale from 2l/- to £20.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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Greens.

TWO leggy yellow-green Yorkshire cocks, 10/6, 12/6.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

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UNFLIGHTED buff-green hen, vhc, strong class Manchester, 21/-; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

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FEW good Yorkshire Greens for sale; reasonable prices; inspection invited.—John Yates, 46, Horsley-st., Hall-lane, Liverpool

FEW cinnamon-marked Norwich hens, good type, suit big rough stock birds, these are the sort to breed Greens, 5/- each.—Mather, 65, Albert-rd., Widnes.

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HIGH-CLASS Lizards, from 3/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, gold and silver, for sale; single or in pairs; prices reasonable; approval.—H. Cooke, 12, Oxford-rd., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

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HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, from 7/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CLEARING out my Lancashires at once; stamp reply.—C. Whitehead, 53, Moss-st., Rochdale.

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12 LARGE, sound Norwich hens, 3/- each.—Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FIVE cold-room Norwich, three cocks, two hens, 10/- lot.—Lloyd, 1, Dover-place, Aberdare.

FIVE fine 1908 Norwich cocks; also seven hens, can be seen any time.—28, Pelham-rd., Ilford.

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NORWICH; a few good stock birds, Yellows and Buffs; approval.—Milne, St. Vigeans, Arbroath.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/6.—Hindle, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

NORWICH cock, champion, 6/6; Crest-bred hen, 3/-, worth double.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

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SIX Norwich hens for sale, 2/- each, 10/- the six; also three Green cocks.—Pryor, Hnirdresser, Kings Lynn.

SEVERAL good Norwich for sale, cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 1908 birds, own breed.—S. Wagg, Snettisham.

LARGE unflighted Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; approval anywhere.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

GRAND choice stock or show birds for sale; stamp reply; deposit.—Moakes, 23, Carr-lane, South Normanton.

A FEW nice Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/- and 5/-; approval, 32, Church-terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

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BIG buff stock cock; also yellow ditto (grand feeders), 7/6 each; approval.—Eddy, Bellevue Penzance.

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich, good stock pairs, will breed winners, 10/6 pair; approval.—Holab, Foggathorpe Selby.

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PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich from 7/6 to 50/- each; approval; see Cambridge report.—C. Handley, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

TWO pairs of beautiful Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair, or exchange anything.—P. Emery, 117, High-st., Boston, Lincs

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NORWICH Canaries, 1908; cocks, 7/6; pairs, 10/-; cold room; deposit, approval.—R. Dalley, 18, Ducketts rd., Crayford, Kent.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; seven days' approval; cages, 2d. extra.—M. Cann, 15, North-st., Lurgan, Armagh.

NORWICH cock Canaries, in full song, large Bullfinch type, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-.—Fred. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

20 large typical Norwich; winners, and fit to win; unflighted, 12/6 to 30/-; approval; deposit.—John Pringle, Curror-street, Selkirk, N.B.

NORWICH exhibition Buff cock, 3rd last week, 15/-; good stock Buff cock, good breeder, 12/6.—Cannon, Bootmaker, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

TYPICAL Norwich; pairs from 12/6 upwards; also few Yorkshires, cheap; stamp for reply.—Ackroyd, 9, Greenacres-rd., Oldham.

COCKS; clear yellow, 8/6; variegated, 8/-; dark-capped Buff, 7/; good healthy 1908 birds.—Barker, 123, Kings Avenue, Clapham, S.W.

ABOUT thirty fine, healthy youngsters, all colours, including some fine yellow cocks; approval. —Steven, 215, Moutrose-st., Brechin.

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A BARGAIN, giving up the Fancy, one pair of Norwich, 25/-; one pair, 15/-; one cock, 6/-; four hens, 3/- each.—F. E. Jackson, 6, Roebuck, Crewe.

FEW Norwich for sale, same strain as my winners, not hought, but bred by myself; stamp reply. —R. W. Mercer, 175, St. Hubert's-rd., Gt. Harwood.

WINNING buff cock, 21/-; another, 15/6; also large yellow hen, all 1907, several 1908 cocks and hens; pairs from 15/6.—E. Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

ABOUT a score of fine healthy youngsters, clear and variegated, including some fine stock birds, cheap to clear.—Jas. Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, Fraserburg.

ALL my Norwich for sale, yellow and yellow variegated; cocks and hens, fit for good company, from 10/- to 30/-.—Alex. Stables, 36, Holburn-rd., Aberdeen.

HIGH-CLASS cocks, from 7/- and 12/6, bred from winners; hens, from 3/- to 5/-, cold-room bred; approval.—Robert Waller, Boulby Bank, Whitby.

NORWICH, large Ruskin Bullfinch type, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- the pair; four days' approval; splendid songster, 7/6.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

A FEW climbing colour-fed cocks to spare; Buffs, 10/- each; Yellows, 10/6 each; the right type to breed winners.—Warren Bowen, Woodfield, Morriston, Glam.

GOOD Norwich, the whole of my stock of grand Norwich Plainheads for disposal, single or in pairs. —Bleach, 25, Chandos-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

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THIRTY typical, healthy birds for sale; cocks from 7/6; hens from 6/- twenty years breeder; approval, deposit.—Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

SEVEN Buff var. Norwich hens and five common hens, take 30/- for lot, or sold singly; also a few cocks, 6/-; 7/6, 10/-, 15/-.—Powell, Fulton-place, Sheddens, Busby.

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TYPICAL Norwich, all cold-room bred; Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/5 each; Yellow and Buff hens at 3/-, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

CHAMPION Norwich, few good 1907 stock pairs for sale; also 1908 cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, 10/- upwards; stamp for reply.—T. Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd, Ipswich.

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Brooklyn, New York. November 3rd, 1908.—Dear Sir,—The Yorkshire Canaries you sent me arrived in New York last Friday and I must say I am very much pleased with them. They are a fine lot of birds, and in first-class health and condition.—Yours truly, A. W—— to W. Rudd.

Thirsk Road, Northallerton. Nov. 7, 1908.—I am very pleased to say that at last I have come across a straight and honest man in the bird trade. Had I have known of you before I would have been pounds in pocket now. The pair of Yorkshires I got off you have surpassed all expectations, as I thought you would be like the rest I have dealt with (to my sorrow). They are the best I have seen at the price.—W. E—— to W. Rudd.

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Not half-bred Germans or some other cross-bred rubbish, but birds of the right type, and full of quality. Bred from and related to noted winners Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 3/-, 3/6 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each. Properly matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair. Amateurs should try my specially matched pairs of pure-bred Rollers, Yorkshires, or Norwich Canaries, in joiner-made breeding cage complete, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-.

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Wish I had done so before.

8, Arinide Road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. Nov. 5th, 1908.—Birds arrived yesterday in pink of condition. I must congratulate you upon their clean appearance, and the care you bestowed for their comfort during transit. I shall certainly deal with you for the future. Had I done so before, I should not have the wasters purchased elsewhere. Wishing you every success.—T. Walters to Miss Storey.

87, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford. Nov. 5th, 1908.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of crest-bird, which reached me in the pink of condition; I consider it good value for money, and shall remember you in all my future requirements in the bird line, etc.—T. Lloyd to Miss Storey. 6, West Hill, St. Austell, Cornwall. Nov. 5th, 1908.—Birds arrived in fine condition yesterday; they are above my expectation; thanking you for same.—A. Williams to Miss Storey. 96, Watford Road, Birmingham. Nov 6th, 1908.—Bird arrived Tuesday; I am more than pleased with it; shall send you order for two more next week.—T. Mason to Miss Storey. 126 Hudson Road, Woodwich, London. Nov. 6th, 1908.—It is with much pleasure I acknowledge receipt of bird; I am perfectly satisfied, and thank you for sending such a nice one.—Geo Poole to Miss Storey. 424, Green Lanes, Small Heath, Birmingham. Nov 7th, 1908.—The birds arrived safe in good condition; they all are doing well, being quite healthy; thanking you for your straightforwardness towards me.—E. Bodenham to Miss Storey. 2, Hill Grove Bryn, Glam. Nov. 6th, 1908.—Roller received quite safe; he is singing nicely; I am quite satisfied with him.—D. Clement to Miss Storey. 5, Cecil Street Yeovil. Nov 6th, 1908.—Many thanks for birds which I received quite safely. I am very pleased with them indeed; they both are quite lively and well after the journey; again thanking you.—P. Sibley to Miss Storey. 91, High Street, Guildford. Nov. 6th, 1908.—Many thanks for Roller, which arrived safely at 3 p.m., and at 3/30 he gave us an excellent specimen of his rolls.—W. Chapman to Miss Storey. 21, Gainsboro' Road, Felixstowe. Nov 5, 1908. Received birds quite safe and healthy, I am very well satisfied with them, and your prompt attention to my order.—A. Green to Miss Storey.

Boldock, Culloden, Inverness. Nov 11th, 1908.—Received birds in a very sound healthy condition; quite sure will keep you in mind for future orders.—D. Anderson to Miss Storey.

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34, Miskin Street, Treherbert. Nov. 10, 1908.—Bird to hand quite safe and well. I am pleased with it. I shall highly recommend you to any person I hear in want of a good bird, as I consider you one of the most straightforward gentlemen in your business transactions that I have come across. —A. R. Cook to W. Rudd.

Luton. Nov. 5, 1908.—The Goldie arrived quite safely this morning, and seems none the worse for journey. I am pleased with it.—E. Mooney to W. Rudd.

7, Harraton, Aspatria. Nov. 12, 1908.—Goldfinch arrived; am quite satisfied.—W. Sanderson to W. Rudd.

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10, Ravenscroft Road, Canning Town, London, Nov. 2, 1908.—Bird arrived; am perfectly satisfied and think it marvellous value for 5/-; I thank you for prompt attention.—T. Coombs to W. Rudd.

2, Elmedale, Bognor. Nov. 11, 1908.—Miss Bevan will keep the cock Canary which came last Thursday; she is very pleased and likes its song.

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GOOD Norwich and Yorkshires, some from winners, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- pair.—H. Cells, 11, Tennyson-place, Eastbourne.

CHEAP, six hen Canaries, 1/6 each; one cock, 3/6, good condition; approval, deposit 18, Greenhill-st., Bedminster, Bristol.

YELLOW Norwich, 15/6; Buff Yorkshire, 12/6; cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; approval.—Mallin, 62, Westcott-st., Shoreditch.

TWO cocks, one Yorkshire, two Gilt Norwich, 7/- and 3/6, fine type of birds; must sell.—Don want-ad. Driver, 1, Wildcroft, S.E.

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BEFORE purchasing Norwich Yorkshires or Crests elsewhere, see my free illustrated price list; birds also supplied.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

COMPULSORY sale of genuine good birds. I have still about 70 Yorkshires and Norwich, and advertising can do justice of quickly.—Eastwood, 17, Clifton-st., Lytham.

BUFF CLASS Yorkshires, grand Buffs and Yellows, for show or stock; also two grand pair of Cinnamon Norwich, cheap to clear.—Newman, Hargreaves-st., Brookfield, Middlesbrough.

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THIRTEEN young Norwich, cock and cock bred, and Yorkshire, strong, healthy birds, over moult, as bred; majority cocks, what offer; deposit; stamp reply.—Harry, Vicarage Lodge, Gwinear, Hayle, Cornwall.

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BEAUTIFUL singing Canaries, 5/- each; selected, 6/6 and 7/6; pair typical Yorkshires, 20/-; breeding hens, 4/-; inspection invited after 6. Saturdays 3; three days' approval, if all carriage paid.—Gunbie, 16, Cranbury-rd., Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham.

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MULES—HYBRIDS.

LIGHT cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 10/6.—F. Adcock, Stamford, Lincs.

COCK Linnet, Norwich hen; parents seven Mules, 7/6, approval.—Sawyer, 102, Rosebery-st., Normanton.

GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule, 2nd members', 7/6, bargain.—Mrs. Greatrex, 44, Victoria-avenue, Rugby.

GOLDFINCH Mule, pale Fifeshire, worth 20/-, to catcher, sacrifice 7/6.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

TWO 1908 cock Gold-finch-Canary Mules, splendid birds, 5/6 each.—Bishop, Bargate, Richmond, Yorkshire.

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GOLDIE-GRITNIE Hybrid, best living, can win Palace, 25/-; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

CHOICE Sib-bred Buff cocks, 9/- each, bred from proved light mating hens.—Geo. Dale, Wenden, Saffron Walden.

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LONG yellow Yorkshire cock, fertilised eggs with hen Bullfinch, 12/6; approval.—Lamb, 44, Guycroft, Otley, Yorkshire.

TWO yellow Siskin Mules, large birds, cock Siskin, fed; two good Linnets, cheap; approval.—Milne, St. Vigeans, Arbroath.

COCK splendid cock Goldfinch Mules, one light variegated; two hens, 25/-.—Miller, 82, Eaton-square, Portland, Dorset.

LARGE dark warranted cock Goldfinch Mules, on song, 7/6 each; approval; cash or deposit.—Johnson, junior, Wavenson, Bucks.

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, 4/6 each, 12/- the three; two hen Mules, 1/6; parcels of nine, 6/-.—Bridges, jun., Helingly, Sussex.

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TWO large, selected, 1908 dark cock Linnet Mules, exhibition specimens, true song; approval, P.O. or deposit, 12/6.—Kelley, New-buildings, Frome.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mules, three cocks, one light, reserve Lewes; two hens, one variegated, 1908 birds; stamp reply.—Plumer, Friars-walk, Lewes.

EXHIBITION, dark Goldfinch Mules fed, won two 1sts, and spl, only times cut; also few good Norwich Canaries, fed, could win.—Doggrell, Burnside, Forfar.

VERY fine Goldfinch, Greenfinch Hybrid, showing the parentage well, in perfect feather and condition, shines like satin, 15/-.—Moss, 18, King's-rd., Hitchin.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 and 7/6; cocks, 7/6 each; ten days' approval; deposit.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

12 OR more good Goldfinch-mules, six light variegated, also some good Norwich Canaries; all on song, seen after 2 p.m.—Catlin, 11, Regent's Park-terrace, Gloucester Gate.

BARGAINS, four dark cock Goldfinch-Canary mules, two yellows, two buffs, 6/- each; three 1908 large buff Norwich hens, 3/6 each.—Shaw, 9, Tindall-st., Scarboro.

GRAND, rich yellow Sib-bred cocks, 7/6 each; yellow hens, 5/- each; not approval, too far from station.—J. Hardy, Head Gamekeeper, Longport, Plantigh, Wye, Kent.

COCK Goldfinch, nice songster, and young 1908 Roller hen, 4/6; also 1907 aviary moulted hen Goldfinch, 1/-; can be seen any time.—Jones, Slip, Pentrepoth, Llanelly.

HOUSE-MOULTED, Clear-cut Goldfinch sacrifice, 10/6; two house-moulted Goldfinches, 6/- each; two house-moulted cock Linnets, 5/- each; house-moulted cock Siskin, finger-tame, yellow as Canary, 5/- the above are in full song, and genuine birds.—James, Windmill-terrace, Brighton.

NOTICE.—If you want a good Goldfinch or Linnet Mule in full song call any time and inspect my stock; over 100 birds for your choice at 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; will send on seven days' approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Fr cmanson's Arms, Mere-row-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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WELL-CAGED cock Linnets, warranted singing, 1/6 each; hand-reared Jay, 6-/; green Parrot, with cage, 10/-; approval; exchange Goldfinches.—Whiting 1, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

GOOD British for moulting out sure winners; also good Yorkshires, bred from winners; exchange good Norwich; no rubbish offered or wanted; state wants; many winners supplied.—Crundell, 83, Bennitthorpe, Doncaster.

THREE grand cock Goldfinches, caged August, full song, 3/- each; grand house-moulted cock Bullfinch, 2/6; Yorkshire cock Canary, can win, 5/-; two Yorkshire hens, 1908, 2/6 each.—Buckland, 48, Oxford-st., Totterdown, Bristol.

PAIR 1907 hand-reared, tame Owls, pure white-fronted, beautiful plumage, with aviary; exchange for child's (boy) bicycle, about 20-inch wheels, or overmantle; offers; been offered 30/-.—Lewis, 28, Priory-rd., South Park, Reigate.

NOTICE the follow.ug: Cock Linnet and hen Canary, bred Mules last season; three cock Greenfinches and three hen Bullies, two cock Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinch note, 7/6 each; two cock Blackbirds, very large birds; cock Hartz Mountain Roller, one of the best, singing by day or gaslight, many changes, 15/-; would separate; sell or exchange, Canaries preferred.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 21—Egremont—Woodburn and Lucas
„ **21—Woking**—L. C. B. Hoskin, Ferndale Road.
„ **21—West Stanley**—J. H. Leighton, Causey Row, Swalwell R.S.O., co. Durham.
„ **21—Pontardawe**—G. Symonds.
„ **21—Vale of Leven**—R. Conely, 9, Westonlee Terrace, Dumbarton.
„ **21—Dundee**—A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.
„ **21—Newport (I. of W.)**—F. Cooper, 44, Upper St. James Street.
„ **21—Cowdenbeath**—J. Orrock, Beath Terrace.
„ **23 Norwich** Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road.
„ **23—Wandsworth**—W. Summers, 8-9, Garratt Lane, S.W.
„ **23—Sale**—J. Irlam, 101, Harley Road.
„ **23—Jarrow** R. Blore, 28, York Street
„ **23—Egmonton**—S. Williams, Holland Lodge.
„ **23—United Metropol.**—A. Watson, 116, Maurice Avenue, Woon Green, N.
„ **23—Tavistock**—A. R. Glanville, 9, Duke St.
„ **24—Darlington**—E. Brunskill, 2, Dancebury Terrace.
„ **24—Bournemouth**—Jones and Leech, 156, Holdenhurst Road.
„ **24—Leeds**—A. Wilkins. The Gardens, Oakhurst, Moortown.
„ **24—Kirkirk**—J. G. Torbett, Smallburn.
„ **25—Perth**—R. G. Challenger, 13, School Street, Cynmer, Perth.
„ **25—Frome**—W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.
„ **25—Girvan**—Alex. Gordon, Temperance Hotel.
„ **25—Birmingham**—J. H. De Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.
„ **25—Buckingham**—G Simonds, Station House
„ **25** (1st post)—**Liverpool**—A. Thompson, 205, Smithdown Lane.
„ **26—Gravesend**—S. C. Stevenson, "Hillcrest."
„ **27—Falmouth**—Tom Burton, Mount Edgcumbe Villas.
„ **28—Grimsby**—H. Emerson, 123, Farebrother St.
„ **28—Kilmarnock**—J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside Street.
„ **28—Fleet** Avis and Hester.
„ **28—West Herts**—Clem. Watson, 77, Paddock Road, Bushey.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

„ **20—South London C. & F.A.**—G. A. Jefferys, 30, Grange Road, Bermondsey.
„ **21** (1st post) **Cardiff** W. Sampson, 93, Llanishen Street.
„ **22** (1st post)—**Oxford**—A. H. Calcutt, Kedlington, Oxon.
„ **22—Polesworth**—W. Wright, The Park.
„ **22—Inverness**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road.
„ **23—Goole** G. Butler, 3, Henry Street
„ **23** (1st post)—**Swindon**—Allsopp and Edmunds, 43, Dixon Street.
„ **23** (1st post) **Southall**—A. Smith, Featherstone Road School.
„ **23—Coventry Godiva**—W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street.
„ **25—Long Eaton**—J. Turner, 35, Market Street, Draycott, nr. Derby.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Harrington, Derby, Ilkeston, Oswestry, Stockton-on-Tees, Markinch, Carlisle, Liverpool, Rochdale Good Intent, Newdown, St. Boswells, Ayr C.B.C., Warrington, Swansea, Glasgow and West of Scotland.

Being a visitor at the Poplar and Dis. Cage Bird Society's Show, writes Mr. G. Livermore (Plaistow), on November 14th. I was surprised to see such a splendid turn-out. The exhibits were a good, all-round lot. Some very nice birds were seen in the Yorkshire and Norwich classes. I also saw some grand birds in the British section. The place was packed with people, which speaks well for the society and the management of the show.

SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Usual contest held on November 15th, when 21 birds sang. Result: 1st and 3rd, Simmons; 2nd, Beiners. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and A. Jennings.—W. DEAN, Sec.

YORK.

Usual contest took place at the Crown Inn, North Street, on Nov 14th, when 13 birds competed. 1, 2, Smith; 3, Smashedon; 4, Granger. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, November 1st, when 25 birds sang before a crowded house. Judges, Messrs. T. Simmons and C. Cooper. 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, 4, Stead. Also on November 8th, when 25 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Stead; 4, Johnson. Also on November 14th. Judges, Messrs. Harold and Robinson, 29 birds sang. 1, 2, Stead; 3, Robinson. Also on November 15th, when 30 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Simmons and Cooper. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, 4, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

THE SHOWS.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First old bird show held November 7th, at the Sycamore Hotel. There were about 46 birds staged. There was a good attendance of the public, which speaks well for the future of the new society. We made five new members. The birds were good both in quality and leather. Mr. W. Spence won special for best bird in show with a good yell., and Mr. Smith special in the Novice Class. Mr. W. Cruise judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, hc, Spence; 2, Smith; 3, Ramsden; vhc, Frost. BUFF: 1, hc, Spence; 2, Dean; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Smith; c, Frost. CLASS III.—1, Ramsden; 2, Spence; 3, Booth. IV.—1, 2, Ramsden. V.—1, Spence; 2, Turner. VI.—1, 2, Ramsden; 3, Pyrah. VII.—1, Dean. VIII.—1, 2, Spence. IX.—1, 3, Fawcett; 2, Pyrah. X.—1, hc, Pyrah; 2, vhc, Fawcett; 3, Booth; c, Mills. XI.—1, 2, Pyrah; 3, Turner. XIV.—1, Pyrah. XV.—1, 2, 3, Foxman.—ROBT. TURNER, Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT H.S.

The Alnwick and District H.S. held their annual show in the Town Hall, Nov. 7, when, as usual, a few classes were put on for cage birds. But the entries fell short of former years, no doubt owing to the show held only a week before. Unfortunately we could not follow the judge's awards, he apparently never having obtained open cage birds before. Most of the best birds stood down, while an unevenly marked Border Fancy won in the clear or ticked buff class. That the judge placed the cards to the best of his ability we have no doubt, but we never heard more adverse comments. It was very hard for the committee, who are a hard-working lot and deserve success, while the secretary is an excellent official and the hall a nice one. Mr. Gardner (Berwick) judged.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, spl, and spl best in show, Miller, cl. yell., very good type and quality; 2, spl, c, Dixon, another nice yell.; 3, Hay, cl. yell., good feather and condition; vhc, Miller; c, Atkinson. BORD., CL. OR TKD. (16): 1, spl, 3, Miller, 1st should have been wrong classed, 3rd buff, nice type; 2, spl, hc, Weatherill, 2nd very fair cl. buff, wants washing; vhc, Hay, we heard the Morpeth and York 1st, looking well; C. Robinson. LINNET (17): 1, spl, Robson, fairly good bird; 2, spl, Robinson, very steady, nice markings; 3, Hume; vhc, Willcox; hc, Atkinson; No. 2, Crockett, best in class, looks like the 1st at open show week before in new hands, grand markings and size. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Dixon, good Russian Gordie; 2, Crackett, we heard won spl best in show last week, a grand yell. cinnamon; 3, Rennison, Bullie, very nice bird; vhc, hc, Hay, good light Goldie Mule; No. 20 and 5, both grand Mules, Goldie-Can. and Linnet-Can.

CHELMSFORD.

The Chelmsford O.S. held its 23rd annual show in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 17 and 18th, and as is usual at this fixture (although limited to a 12-mile radius), the number and quality of the exhibits were excellent. The competition consequently was well sustained. The Corn Exchange is an ideal place for a show, having top light, and indeed all round light. The staging was conveniently arranged, and the stewarding well done. Messrs. Baldrey and Rippon, the joint hon. secretaries, had things well in hand; judging was commenced early, the awards up promptly, and everything ready for the public in good time. Mr. C. Richell is chairman of committee, and is well backed by Messrs. Youngs, Pannell, Bragg, Clover, Clift, French, P. Linn, H. Linn, Archer, Frith, Wheeler and Harris. There was a fine display of Norwich, special for best bird in show going here to a topping buff hen, shown by Mr. Rippon. Yorkshires, Crests and C.B.'s were nice, and British were good, especially in the large section. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Cup for best members bird was won by Messrs Outten and Welham with a grand ticked unflig. yellow Norwich.

NOR. CL. NAT. COL. (5): 1 Outten and Welham, good shape, soft silky feather; 2, 3, Willett, [illegible], nice quality; vhc, Puxley. BUFF (6): 1, spl, vhc, Outten and Welham, winner thick-set, grand quality; 2, Willett, not so nice in feather texture, perhaps, but fine shape; 3, Parkins, good feather; hc, Willett; c, Rippon. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, vhc, spl, hc, Outten and Rippon, leader lovely feathered bird, old winner; 2, 3, c, (2), former sweet head, lovely colour and feather; 3, lovely quality and feather, good carriage; vhc, Hyns; hc, Temple. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Rippon, leader grand type and feather; 2, scarcely so stout, rich in under-colour; 3, vhc, Collcott, good fronted bird; hc, Claydon; c, Outten and Welham. TKD. ETC. YELL (9): 1, 2 spls, 2, Outten and Welham, leader thick-set, fine headed, short-winged unflig. ticked on eye, grand feather, good one when thoroughly fit; 2, another fine quality bird, trifle longer in flights; 3, Rippon, very smart and good; vhc, Clayden; hc, Collcott; c, Puxley. BUFF (12): 1, 2, vhc, Rippon, leader gem for quality, shape, and under-colour; 3, Judge, good body, and quality; hc, Claydon; c, Collcott. CRESTS (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lewis, variegs. D.C. leading, fine head-place, nicely centred; 2, green crest, shapely, nice vein; vhc, Collcott; c, Lucking. C.B. (4): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Lewis, leader grand green, fine skull, turn back and lashing; 3, another green, loses only in skull, length and density; hc, Rippon. YORKS. (16): 1, 2, vhc, Lucking, fine team, typical yell. leading, stand up well, nice back, head and feather; 2, another yell, good one; 3, Strutt, Buff, stands well, rich quality; hc, Crow; c, Parsons. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 2, 3, Nelson, dark yellow Goldfinch Canary; vhc, Clayden. Hen (12): 1, spl, best in show, 2, Rippon, leader rare shaped Buff Nor. in splendid form; 2, another Buff, good shape; 3, hc, Outten and Welham, yell, rare size and colour; vhc, c, Puxley. SELL (25/-) (11): 1, Collcott; 2, Willett; 3, Rippon; vhc, Lewis; hc, Puxley; c, Clayden. (15/-) (11): 1, Rippon; 2, Parsons; 3, Outten and Welham; vhc, Collcott; hc, c, Weldon. GOLDIE (13): 1, spl, French, nice lace, will be better, clean cut, nice bars and buttons, lustrous; 2, Clayden, very close up, similar, nice lustre; 3, vhc, Parsons, very good, good tanning; hc, Parkins; c, Usher. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Temple, lovely colour, very steady, nicely marked, lustrous; 2, hc, Willers, former very rich and nutty, nice shape; 3, vhc, c, French, another very pretty one. BULLIE (4): 2, French, nice and steady, good head-lustrous; vhc, Miss Smith, nice one; hc, French; c, Willers. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, 3, vhc, French, leader very nice Redstart, followed by a pretty Lesser Whitethroat; hc, Wood. LARGE (8): 1, spl, 2, c, French, grand Redwing leading; 2, Blackbird; 3, Miss Craig, Magpie, well shown; vhc, Harris; hc, Linn; c, French. PARROTS ETC. (3): 1, Ireland; vhc, Stock. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Miss Sheppard; vhc, Ireland; hc, Miss Clift.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held at the Butcher's Arms, on November 14th, when 60 first-class Yorkshires were staged. Mr. W. Ormonroyd awarded the prizes and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS I.—1, Messrs. Hartley; 2 Self; 3, Waterworth; 4, vhc, hc, Lister; c, Young. II.—1, 3, Self; 2, Messrs. Hartley; 4, vhc, Lister; hc, Waterworth. III.—1, Messrs. Hartley. IV.—1, 2, Messrs. Hartley. V.—1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, hc, Self; 3, Young; 4, c, Waterworth. VI.—1, Lister; 2, Mann; 3, Messrs Hartley; 4, Waterworth; vhc, Young. NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS I.—1, 3, Whitaker; 2, Crabtree; 4, Simcock. II.—1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Oliver; 3, Whitaker. III.—1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, 4, Whitaker; vhc, Oliver; hc, c, Gibson. IV.—1, Crabtree; 2, hc, Kellett; 3, Whitaker; 4, c, Gibson.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

The 3rd annual Members' Show was held in Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, on Nov. 14th. The room is a very good one for a show. About 120 birds were staged, the majority of which were Yorkshires. The secretary, Mr. J. Davey, had everything in first-class order, and is a good secretary. Mr. Wellings (Prescot) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

AMATEUR AND CHAMPION CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. YELL (9): 1, Dearden, good length and position, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Norris, fine colour and quality, nice length and style; 3, Dalzell, grand position and leather. BUFF (5): 1, Dalzell, beauty, magnificent feather and length, well up on leg good type; 2, Deakin, grand colour and style; 3, Norris, nice quality and length; 4, Jones, vhc, Clarke. TICKED YELL. (5): 1, Clarke, thigh ticked, capital length, quality and colour; 2, Dalzell, ticked back of head, grand length and position, nice quality; 3, vhc, Collinson, slight grizzle on neck, grand colour and quality; 4, Jones, variegs. BUFF (4): 1, Norris, thigh and wing tkd. grand quality and shape nice length; 2, Dalzell, thigh ticked, grand length and quality; 3, Jones, Clinn. head and wings tkd. nice type and quality; 4, Deakin, grizzle on wing, nice length and style. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Clarke, cl. extra quality and style, good hen; 2, Dalzell, cl. good colour, nice shape and length; 3, 4, Norris, two very nice hens. BUFF (8): 1, Collinson, grizzle on wing, beautiful quality, fine type; 2, Norris, head mkd. very slim and stylish; 3, hc, Deakin, clear, grand quality, fair type; 4, Blundale, again grand quality, clear; vhc, Clarke; c, Dalzell. NOR. BUFF (1): 1, Deakin, good bold bird. YELL UNFLIG. (1): 1, Deakin, grand colour and feather, nice type. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Deakin, couple of nice Norwich. HEN (1): 1, Deakin, nice hen. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, Davey, very nice, clear; 2, Crossley, another clear. BUFF (3): 1, Crossley, marked on head, good type and quality; 2, Davey, clear, another nice Border; 3, Colley, cap marked. HEN (4): 1, Crossley, eyes, neck and wing marked, Buff lovely quality and shape; 2, 4, Colley, eyes and wing marked Buff, and clear yell respectively two good hens; 3, Davey, clear, good quality. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Oden, good colour and length; 2, Dawson, good long bird. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dunn, two grand Yorks; 3, 4, Odell, both good length and nice type; vhc, North; hc, Cheriton. TICKED YELL. (9): 1, Odell, thigh ticked, grand colour, length and quality; 2, vhc, Wilson, thigh ticked, nice colour and length; 3, 4, Cheriton, two typical Yorks; hc, c, Self. BUFF (9): 1, Dunn, cap mkd. Buff, grand length and quality; 2, 3, Kenyon, tick back of head, and thigh ticked, both full of quality and style; 4, c, Wilson, thigh ticked, good type and length; vhc, Odell; hc, Cheriton. HEN CL. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Wilson, unflig. smart little hen; 2, Odell, very slim and stylish; 3, Dunn, good hen, close up; 4, Cheriton, unflig. good length and style; hc, Eyres. BUFF (3): 1, Cheriton, nice size and shape; 2, Dunn, rare colour, nice quality; 3, Odell, good length and quality. TICKED YELL. (3): 1, Dunn, Clinn. head and wing marked of grand length and quality; 2, Odell, grizzle cap, grand quality and shape; 3, Cheriton, ticked eye, nice quality. BUFF (5): 1, Kenyon, grand quality and type; 2, Cheriton, head and wing marked, plenty of size, nice colour; 3, North, grizzle wing. CINN. ETC. (2): 1, Firth, Cinn. Yorks.; 2, no name, variegs. Cinn. YORKS NAT. COL. CK. (3): 1, Williams, cl. yell. good feather and type; 2, Wilson, nice clear Buff; 3, long variegs. Buff. HEN (2): 1, 2, Williams, two nice Yorks. NOR. BUFF (2): 1, Robinson, clear good size and shape; 2, Woods, clear good type. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Firth, cl. yell. YELL UNFLIG.: 1, Sandiford's medal, Woods, grand coloured, clear, nice type. BUFF (2): 1, Firth, good colour, type, and quality; 2, Firth, natural colour. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, c, Fish, nice Goldfinch, good bars and buttons; 2, Robinson, good Linnet; 3, 4, Odell, Greenfinch and Goldfinch; vhc, Robinson; hc, Woods. MULE, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Fish, two dark Linnet Mules. COTTAGE CLASS (11): 1, Slater; 2, Martin; 3, Hesketh; 4, Dr. Lakin; vhc, Marsden; hc, Slater; c, Flint.

YORK C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in All Saints' School, North Street, on Nov 9th. The chairman, Mr. T. Wright, presided, and there was a large number of members present. The secretary reported that all prize money and specials had been paid to successful exhibitors at the open show, and also read a batch of letters, congratulating the society on their prompt payment of prize money, and despatch of birds. According to notice given, the meeting was then made special for the purpose of considering the advisability of continuing or otherwise our membership of the Cage Bird Union. After nearly an hour discussing the pros and cons for and against the advantages that accrue from belonging to the C.B.U. it was unanimously decided to withdraw our membership from this date, Nov. 9th, so as to allow the whole of our members to show when and where they choose. A. WADE, Sec.

WALLSEND-ON-TYNE.

Fourth annual exhibition held in the Co-operative Hall, on Nov. 13th and 14th. Although there was a slight decrease in entries, the decrease in and around the town, caused by the shipbuilding and engineers' dispute would account for this, but the quality of the exhibits was far in excess of that of any show previously held in Wallsend. The total number of birds was 700 in the 85 classes, which included members. The society can be congratulated in having such a number as the Mayoress, Mrs. R. Irwin Dees, a most courteous lady. Her favourite variety is the Yorkshire, and she had some very choice specimens on the bench, some of them being in the money, and also winning honours. She has only been an exhibitor for two years. Their president, Alderman Matthew Murray, although not a practical fancier, was interested in the show, inspecting the various breeds in the different sections. Mr. Johnston, the secretary, and his assistant, Mr J. R. Cox, with their willing band of workers had the birds staged in good time, and the judging commenced quite early; the tickets were on the cages at the opening of the show. We saw several fresh faces, but a better working staff it would be difficult to find, such as Messrs. Wm. Ronald (chairman), Cockburn, Langlands, Hackney, Simpson, McGinn, McDonald, McQuillan, Appleby, Hopkinson, Heddon, Reeves, and Ronald, who all did their best to make the show a success. The judges were Messrs. W. P. Barnes, J. F. Dewar and W. A. Cowgill.

Mr. W. P. Barnes' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Dobinson, Morpeth and Newcastle winner, grand bird, fine shape, excellent head, neck, back and chest, and even colour; 2, Brown, rare shape, and quality of feather beautiful colour; 3, Taylor, nice type all over; 4, Hermeston, good type and colour; vhc, Brown; hc, Harland; c, Cameron. BUFF (10): 1, Dobinson, Morpeth and Newcastle winner, looking well as ever, excellent type and quality, lovely mealy in best of condition; 2, Harland, good type, colour and quality; 3, Taylor, another good Nor, nice colour and quality; 4, Grey, excellent type and quality; vhc, Scott; hc, Snowden; c, Cameron. TKD. ETC. (10): 1, 4, Cowling, mkd, yell, both eyes, excellent shape and colour, grand quality win; a good class; 4, variegated, Buff, all there for substance, colour and quality; 2, Dobinson, Buff mkd, on nape, Nor, all over, good head and body, rare colour and quality; 3, Grey, yell. uneven mark, grand bird for type and quality; vhc, Brown; hc, Snowden; c, Scott. YELL. HEN. CL ETC. (5): 1, Seely Bros, grand bird for shape, colour and quality, shown in A1 condition; 2, Cameron, cl, yell, extra colour and quality; 3, Brown, ticked yell, excellent colour and quality; 4, Barber, nice colour and quality; vhc, Snowden. BUFF (9): 1, Grey, cl. Buff, model for shape, beautiful colour and quality, a gem; 2, vhc, Cameron, variegated, buff, rare shape, good head and body, plenty of colour; 3, Dobinson, cl. good shape and quality, medium size; 4, Harland, cl. good colour and type; he, Brown; c, Heddon. YELL. CL. ETC. CK. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Morpeth winner, variegated marked on saddle, wing and left eye, extra type and quality, beautiful colour, noble bird for shape, colour and quality; 2, Cowling, grizzle mark on chest, rare type, good head, neck and body; 4, Heddon, good shape and colour; vhc, McGinn; hc, Taylor; c, Cameron. BUFF (18), good class; 1, Dobinson, extra shape, plenty of size, lovely quality, a beauty; 2, Grey, cl. good type, colour and quality, close run; 3, McGinn, cl. nice type and quality, shown to perfection; 4, vhc, Hermeston, variegated, good type and colour; hc, McKay; c, Harland. CL. ETC. HEN (11): 1, Cowling, cl. yell. gem of a lady, beautiful type and shape, good head, broad back and chest; 2, 3, Grey, variegated, buff, one of the best for colour and quality, grand exhibit; 3, cl. buff, similar in shape, nice colour; 4, Hermeston, good type and quality; vhc, Cameron; hc, Dobinson; c, Williams. NAT. COL. CK. (8): 1, Taylor, cl. Buff, rare type and substance, good colour and quality, flat on crown; 2, Cowling, ck. yell. excellent shape and colour, lovely quality, in the pink of condition; 3, Grey, variegated, buff, plenty of substance and size, colour and quality; 4, hc, Brown, cl. yell. good head, stout body; vhc, Hopkinson; c, Christer. HEN (8): 1, 2, Grey, cl. yell. wonderful size for a hen, good shape, lovely colour and quality; 2, ticked Buff, good all-round bird of medium size, nice col. and quality; 3, 4, Brown, tkd. yell. marked on neck, good shape and colour, another ticked, nice head, neck and back; vhc, Johnston; hc, Greenwell; c, Couchman. CREST (5): 1, 3, Currah and Son, variegated, Buff d.c. wonderful head piece, plenty of good veiny feather, excellent centre and radiation; 3, variegated, Buff, good bird, well filled in centre; 2, Armstrong, well up in substance and size, crest of nice formation; 4th, Hobson and Son, green, good body; vhc, McColl. BRED 1908 (4): 1, Armstrong, heavily variegated, Buff D.C., crest of oval shape, wonderful front, well filled in centre; 2, 4, Dobson and Son, heavily mkd, better radiation, well filled in centre; 4, heavily mkd; 3, Currah and Son, variegated, buff, good dense crest. CREST HEN (4): 1, Armstrong, lightly mkd D.C., only one to make an appearance in the class, good all round bird, fine shape, crest well filled in centre and radiation. C.B. (7): 1, Dobson and Son, variegated, buff, good head, well browed, excellent turn over, plenty of size and substance; 2, Grey, variegated, buff, good dome shaped head nice short beak excellent feather; 3, Hutchinson, about the largest in class, but short of the required top piece; 4, Currah and Son, cl. buff, nice colour and quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, McColl. BRED 1908 (6): 1, Armstrong, nearly green, very useful bird, grand head, well lashed, good length of head feather; 2, 4, Hutchinson, similar colour, excellent quality feather; 4, lightly marked head, good all-round bird; 3, Dobson and Son, large, nice looking head. HEN (6): 1, Hands, heavily mkd, lovely quality, good head, short beak, good length of skull feathers; 2, Robson, variegated, buff, nice dome-shaped head, well browed; 3, McColl, variegated, buff, plenty of substance and quality, nicely browed; 4, Berwick, grand substance, good head; vhc, Taylor. LIZ. GOLD (5): 1, 2, Hyslop, broken cap nice colour and quality, evenly rowed; 2, cl. cap, nice size and colour, spangling not quite so distinct; 3, Reid, broken cap, nice colour and quality; 4, vhc, Taylor, hen almost cl. cap. SILVER (6): 1, 3, Reid, broken cap, good colour, nicely rowed, perfect in flights; 3, broken cap, nice colour and feather; 2, 4, Hyslop, broken cap, well rowed; 4, good size Liz., well rowed; vhc, hc, Taylor. PAIR FOR CREST BREEDING (4): 1, Armstrong, exceptional pair, variegated, buff, D.C. cock, splendid top piece and radiation very dense, also C.B. Buff hen, grand head, well browed, plenty of substance; 2, Dobson and Son crest not so dense, good formation C.B. good stout body, short beak, well browed; 3, 4, Taylor, green C.B. rare size, good head, well lashed, crest grey rather open in centre, well balanced; 4, clear Buff C.B. cock, variegated, D.C. hen, well matched. MEMBERS.—NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, McGinn; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Hermeston; vhc, Allison; hc, Roy; c, Hermeston. BUFF (6): 1, McGinn; 2, Hermeston; 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, Allison; hc, Cox. YELL. MKD (4): 1, 3, Kent; 2, Allison; 4, Hermeston. BUFF (2): 1, Hermeston; 2, Cox; 3, Kent; 4, vhc, Chapman. NAT. COL. CK. (11): 1, Hopkinson; 2, Richardson; 3, Johnston; 4, Richardson; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Anderson. HEN (4): 1, Richardson; 2, Johnston; 3, Toubling; CREST (4): 1, Wilson, 2, 4, Toubling; 3, Wilson. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, Taylor; 4, Toubling.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Seely Bros., grand type, uniform distribution of colour, nice quality feather; 2, Armstrong, good type, grand quality; 3, Taylor, rare size and feather. BUFF (3): 1, Hermeston, we believe the Morpeth winner, wonderful size, lovely colour and quality, in excellent condition; 2, Seely Bros., good bird, plenty of size, nice colour and feather, hardly ready; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brown; c, McKackey. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Allison, house mottled, extra breast colour, cap and back, lovely feather; 2, Nicholson and Son, good all-round finish; 3, 4, Appleby, nice cap and feather; 4, good shape; vhc, Dobson; hc, Harrison. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Bruce, noted winner, grand shape, extra colour and quality, wants rusty; 2, McVay, good shape and size; 3, Maddison, well-known exhibit, needs no comment; 4, Nicholson and Son, nice shape and quality of feather; vhc, Heddon; hc, Dobinson; c, Todd and Son. LINNET (16): An excellent class, some noted winners had to take a back seat: 1, Dunn, grand colour, well laced, extra quality; 2, Innes, smart bird, good rich colour; 3, Innes, good quality; 4, Dixon, good shape and quality; vhc, Brown; hc, Watson; c, Waters. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 2, Maddison, Siskin, well laced, clean cut cap, lovely colour; 3, Todd and Son, Twite, extra size, good colour and quality; 4, Shepherd and Son, Siskin, nice bird, good colour and feather; vhc, Nicholson and Son. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, Bruce, Corn Bunting, finger tame, lovely colour and markings; 2, Taylor, Chaffinch, extra colour on breast, good wing bars and feather; 3, Storey, nice Chaffinch; 4, Wilson Yellow Bunting, plenty of size, rich colour, distinct marks; vhc, Shepherd and Son, Snow Bunting, very steady; hc, McVay; c, Mackey. A.O.S., SMALL (8): 1, 3, Alloway, excellent specimen, grand shape, plenty of colour, shown in A1 condition, 3rd little to choose between them; 2, King, model for shape, colour and marking, lovely feather; 4, Hackworth, plenty of size, good shape; vhc, Watson; hc, Johnston; c, McVay. SOFTBILL, LARGE (9): 1, Mrs. Woodhouse, Great Grey-backed Shrike, nice colour and marks; 2, Bruce, Song Thrush, grand size, lovely colour, sound in feather, well-spangled breast; 3, Shepherd and Son, Missel Thrush, grand colour and quality of feather, 2nd at Newcastle, in good condition; 4, Thomson, Starling, plenty good rich spangling, grand lustre; vhc, McGinn; hc, Foster and Patterson; c, Laws. SMALL (4): 1, Hackworth, beautiful Blue-throated Warbler, caught in the district, winner at South Shields, needs no comment; 2, Montague, Crested Tit, in grand feather and condition; 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, Wryneck and Blackcap, both in excellent condition. FOR, LARGE (10): 1, Brown, Mynah, last year's winner, well known; 2, Nicholson and Son, glossy Starling, lovely colour and condition; 3, 4, Porteous, King Parrakeet and green long-tailed glossy Starling, shown in superb condition; vhc, Mrs. McInie; hc, Mrs. R. Irwin Dees; c, Mackenzie. SMALL (9): 1, Porteous, Parrot Finch, grand colours and quality of feather, in good condition; 2, 4, Taylor, 2nd Superb Tanager, feather like boxwood, well shown, 4th Violet Tanager, in excellent form; 3, vhc, Mackenzie, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, very striking exhibit; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Patterson. MEMBERS' BORD. FCY., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Whittaker; 3, Ronald; 4, Haikney. BUFF: 1, 2, Whittaker; 4, Appleby; vhc, Johnston; hc, McQuillan; c, Greenwell. HEN (11): 1, Johnston; 2, vhc, Whittaker; 3, Haikney; 4, Christer; hc, Appleby; c, McQuillan. MEMBERS' MULE LIGHT, ETC. (5): (no awards). DARK (3): 1, Ronald; 2, Johnston; 3, Cockburn. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, Heddon; 2, Taylor; 3, Dixon; 4, Ronald. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Allison; 2, 3, Appleby. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Heddon; 2, Johnston; 3, 4, Markwell; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Hyslop; c, Richardson. LINNET (11): 1, Johnston; 2, Heddon; 3, Richardson; 4, Swan; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Cockburn; c, Laws. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Cox; 2, Dixon; 3, McQuillan; 4, Greenwell. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, Taylor; 2, Wilson; 3, Heddon; 4, Allison; vhc, Heddon; hc, Cox; c, Hutchinson. LARK (1): 1, Appleby. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, McGinn; 4, Appleby; vhc, Laws.

WAKEFIELD.

Wakefield Roller C.C. held their sixth annual contest at the Co-operative Hall on Nov. 13th and 14th, and was in every way successful. Five classes were provided and 103 birds competed. Great honour is due to Mr. Netherwood, and his committee for the very able manner in which all the birds were staged. Visitors turned up from Leeds, Manchester, Bolton, Blackburn, Bury, and in fact nearly every town saw some of the fanciers off to Wakefield from as far out as Nottingham. Messrs. F. A. Lester and T. W. Walton judged, giving every satisfaction.

Mr. F. A. Lester's Classes.

YOUNG BIRDS (31), judge, Mr. Lester, 1, spl, and silver cup, Whittlestone, beautiful singer, Hollow roll 8, hollow bell 4, schockel 5, flute 4, delivery 4, 2 off for high bell tour, total 23 points; 2, Wareing, very nice, soft pure bird, hollow roll 8, hollow bell 2, schockel 5, flute 2, purity and delivery 5, total 22 points; 3, Cole, another nice singer, hollow roll 6, bass roll 2, bell roll 2, schockel 4, hollow bell 3, water gluck 3, purity 2, total 22 points; 4, Hosling, nice water roll 3, good hollow roll 6, bass 4, hollow bell 3, bell 2, delivery 4, total 22 points; 5, Hosling, very much like 4th; 6, hc, Walton, another nice bird, with water gluck, hollow roll 6, bass 2 schockel 5, flute 2, water gluck 3, delivery 2, total 20 points; vhc, Cole; c, Fisher. OPEN (14): In this as well as in Class 1, Mr. Lester gave a silver cup for best bird, bred by exhibitor wearing a B.R.C.C. closed ring, and although Mr. Whittaker had bred his bird, which turned out an easy winner for the third time, he did not wish to compete for the cup, and it therefore went to 2nd; 1, and special, Whittaker, has improved since he stood first at Wolverhampton, and still retains his lovely pure song, hollow roll 8, bass 2, hollow bell 5, schockel 5, roller 2, flute 2, purity and delivery 4, total 28 points; 2, Harper, long range of tours, hollow roll 6, schockel 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, whizzing tour 1, water gluck 4, flute 2, purity and delivery 4, total 25 points; 3, Netherwood, very nice pure bird, rather short of tours, hollow roll 8, hollow bell 3, schockel 5, bell roll 2, purity and delivery 4, total 22 points; 4, Percival, hollow roll 6, schockel 4, bass 3, water gluck 3, flute 2, delivery 3, total 21 points; vhc, Wilsdon; hc, Whittlestone; c, Wareing.

Mr. Walton's Classes.

The following notes were kindly supplied by the judge, Mr. Walton: AMATEUR (16): 1, spl, Roebuck, hollow roll 5, schockel 2, bell tour, 2, flute 2, bass 1, 1 point off for sharp whistle, general effect 4, total 15 points; 2, 3, 4, spl, Swift, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, hollow knorre 2, general effect 3, total 12 points; 3, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 2, flute 1 bass 1, general effect 2, total 10 points; 4, hollow roll 3, bell tour 2, flute 1, bass 1, general effect 2, total 9 points; vhc, Austerfield; hc, Collins; c, Jacquemin. NOVICE (25): 1, spl, Banks, excellent rising and falling, hollow roll 5, hollow schockel 3, hollow bell 4, flute 1, bass 2, 1 point off for amazing (counting up to 50 or 60), general effect 4, total 24 points; 2, spl, Bland, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, flute 3, bass roll 2, 2 off for sharp whistle, general effect 3, total 15 points; 3, Burton, schockel 3 bell tour 1, du du flute 3, good bass roll 3, general effect 3, total 13 points; 4, Pearson, rest, good hollow roll 6, good bass roll 3, sang nothing else, general effect 2, total 11 points; vhc, Smith; hc, Collins; c, Percival. £2 LIMIT (17): 1, spl, Whittlestone, excellent heat hollow roll, 8, hollow bell 3, bell tour 1, du du flute 2, bass roll 1, general effect 4, total 19 points; 2, spl, Wareing, hollow roll 6, schockel 3, flute 2, bass roll 2, general effect 3, total 16 points; 3, Craig, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 4, flute 1, bass roll 1, general effect 2, total 2 points; 4, Oldroyd, hollow roll 4, schockel 3, flute 3, hollow knorre 2, 2 off for sharp whistle, total 10 points; vhc, Wilsdon; hc, Bank.; c, Oldroyd.

MALTON.

Malton and district held their 13th open show in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 12. Thirteen classes were provided for Canaries. Messrs. Slater, Watts, Atkinson, and Davison put down some nice birds in the York-shire classes. In Norwich Mr. Hesp took both 1sts with two nice exhibits. Mr. Geo. Horsley, the hon. secretary, and his committee, Messrs. Wilson, Waite, Lee, and Kitchen, looked well after the wants of the birds. Mr W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Atkinson, rich colour and position, excellent quality, long flights, nice piped tail; 2, Davison, good head, cream on chest, nice quality; 3, Watts, capped on head, blaze of colour, well up on leg, nice feather and position; 4, Barnwell, eye licked, nice quality; r c, Slater; vhc, Marsden; hc, Blanchard. BUFF (19): 1, Throp-Slater, wing mark, rich colour, long flights and tail, grand position; 2 Atkinson, grand quality, nice wing carriage position, good head; 3, Watts, blaze of colour, nice quality, position, good wings and tail; 4, Smith, pale colour, grand quality well up on leg; r, Barnwell; vhc, c, Davison; hc, Green. HEN (18): 1, Throp-Slater, leather like glass, full of nerve, grand position; 2, r, Atkinson, typical, well up on leg, long flights and tail, neat race for 1st; 3, Barnwell, nice colour, full of quality; 4, Campbell, quality, neat head, nice wings and tail; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Blanchard. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, r, Hesp, good head, rich colour, grand quality, nice type; 2, Middleton, rich colour, good head and chest well up in quality; 3, c, Agar, on even marked, full of nice quality, rich colour, very wild; 4, Campbell, patchy colour, nice quality; vhc, Hesp; hc, Mason. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 4, Hesp, 1st rich colour, good head and chest, magnificent quality chubby wins, 4th good head and chest short wings and tail, grand quality, rich colour; 2 Agar, nice typical bird, full of quality, etc., blaze of colour; 3, Hesp, short chubby bird, rich colour; r, Edwards; vhc, Savage; hc Axe; c, Smith. LOCAL, A.V. (11): 1, Middleton, wing tick yell. Yorks., well up on leg, full of quality; 2, 4, Wilson, buff Yorks., rich colour, well up in quality; 3, Lee, buff Nor., nice type and quality, rich colour; r, Sample; vhc, Kimmings; hc, Meadows and Bradley; c, Bowes. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Axe, good blaze and buttons, nice conditions, wins; 2, Kemp, rich blaze and buttons; 3, Simpson, nice blaze, smaller; 4, Raper; r, Watson; vhc, Talbot; hc, Calam; c, Meadows and Bradley. BULLFINCH (11): 1 2, r, Woods, grand team, rich breast, good cap, very steady, 2nd not quite so large, good cap, rich breast; 3, Kemp; 4, c, Calam; vhc, Watson; hc, Fletcher and Baxter. LINNET (cancelled). MULE OR HYB. (14): 1, Marwood, even Goldie Can., again in the pink of condition; 2, Nicholson, Goldie-Bullie, nicely staged; 3, r, Wilson, two nice exhibits; 4, Edwards; vhc, Calam; hc, Talbot; c, Meadows and Bradley. A.O.S. BRIT (6): 1, Sherwood, Thrush; 2, Hodgson, Jay; 3, Botterill, Thrush; 4, Kimmings; vhc, Burgess; r, Smith. A.O.S., SMALL (17): 1, spl for best in show, 3, Medley 1st Redstart, in the pink of condition, wins, 3rd Nightingale, grand condition; 2, 4, Bousfield, Bearded Tit, 4th Grey Wagtail; r, Axe, Yellowhammer, in the pink of condition; vhc, Raper; hc, c, Collinson. SFIL. (10/-) (17): 1, Monkman; 2, Marsden; 3, Middleton; 4 Savage.

EVESHAM.

A nice show was held in conjunction with the annual flower show in the Town Hall on Nov. 11, about 40 birds being entered in the five classes provided. This society is fortunate in being always able to rely on a good gate, and the cage birds are without doubt one of the greatest attractions to the many visitors. Mr. G. Witts is the secretary, and right well does he perform his duties. It is a pity that the room at the committee's disposal will not allow of the cage bird section being more liberally catered for in the way of extra classes, but perhaps another year this may be remedied. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

YORKS. (9): 1, Bishop, eye and wing mkd, yell., well up on leg, good feather and colour, straight as a rush, wins well; 2, Yates, tkd. yell., rare length and style, good back and wing carriage; 3 Silk, good position and length, close up; vhc, Paddock; hc, Andrews; c, Fallows. NOR. (10): A good class; 1, Silk, good shapely yell., nice level colour feather of good quality; 2, Hall, beautiful buff, good chest and under colour, well shown; 3, Yates, yell., rare shape; ex. 3 Houghton, yell., good shape and quality, must have pressed; r, Houghton; vhc, Yates, Hall, Lewis; hc, Andrews. LOCAL (5): 1, Miss Burlingham, yell. Nor., good shape and substance, nice feather; 2, Witts good Goldfinch; 3, Walton buff Nor., loses head and chest to winner, vhc, Andrews, Saddler; hc, Saddler, Taylor, Hosey Miss West.

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LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The following are the results of the challenge cup competitions at Rochdale O.S., Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, and Nottingham:—Champions: Lanes., J. Garnett, 62 points; J. Yorkers, 35; J. Oldham, 31; Novice: J. J. Brookes, 24 points. Champions: Lizs, J. D'wsrop, 93 points; J. Rukin, 80; J. Hampshire, 52; W. P. Barnes, 39; and W. Lawton, 20; Novices: J. Dickinson, 13 points.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

EDINBUR H N. AND M.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in rooms 142, High Street, on November 5th, Mr. Dunlop presiding. The final arrangements for show to be held on November 21st, were gone into. The cup having been won outright in the Nor. section, the members subscribed for a handsome rose bowl which was on view and was much admired. The bowl bears a suitable inscription and can be won outright by a member in three years, not necessarily in succession.—JOHN WELSH, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on November 7th, at the club room, Fawcett Street Cafe. There was a good attendance, presided over by the chairman, Mr. J. Farrar. The arrangements for the open show, November 20th and 21st, were proceeded with, and the various officials, stewards, etc, at the show were elected. The full list of specials for the members' classes was also forthcoming, there being now specials for every class. Arrangements were also made for taking every possible care of exhibits. REID AND MADDISON, Hon. Secretaries.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held October 29th. The chairman then called on Mr. Allen Silver to read his paper, which proved of a very interesting and instructive nature. He went at great length from A to Z in considering the different species of British birds, and to make the paper more interesting he exhibited about 100 illustrations of the different birds under discussion. Members were thirsting for knowledge, and kept the lecturer well plied with questions, which were very ably answered. The evening was a very pleasant and instructive one. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held at Rochdale Good Intent Show, when a large number turned up, Mr. J. Naden in the chair. Two new members were nominated, namely, Dr Conaghey (Macclesfield) and Mr. Beattie (Newbey). It was decided that a member commencing the season as a novice should go through the season as such. We had our medals on view at this meeting. Our next meeting will be held in connection with Littleborough Show on November 28th; time and place to be stated later. A hearty vote of thanks to our chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close. Points gained at Rochdale Good Intent Show:—Champion Section: Adams 17, Lowe 17, Oldham 9, and Laycock 10. Novice Section: Crossley 4, and Brooks 7.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

A committee meeting was held November 7th, Mr Gledhill in the chair. The secretary opened discussion on novice classes for cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canaries, and it was the feeling of the meeting that something should be done for our novice members in the direction shown. But we should want the support of novices more than we have had in the past; as the secretary pointed out, we gave more in competition alone than we received in subscriptions from novice members, and unless more joined our club we should scarcely be justified in asking those societies who have our patronage to provide novice classes. Now, novices, let us see if you are prepared to help yourselves. It was decided that we have a whist drive and dance in the Windhill Carnegie Library Hall on December 1st next, and we ask fanciers to help by attending. Tickets are 1s. 3d., including refreshments, and may be had from any member of the committee or from the secretary.—R. GARNETT, Hon. Sec., 17, Woodville-terrace, Windhill, Shipley.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Usual meeting held at headquarters, the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park, on October 30th, when Mr. W. Ward presided. About 60 members and friends were present. The secretary stated that no doubt most present were aware we had lost one of our members through death in W. Ward, jun., and as this was the first meeting since the occurrence he proposed that those present should show their sympathy for our vice-chairman and family. A handsome marble clock was on view, which was ready to be forwarded to our late secretary, Mr. W. Reynolds, as a mark of appreciation of his services as secretary. A brass plate denoting same is to be attached. Four new members were nominated and elected, after which a washing competition took place, Mr. W. Shakespeare judging. Only a small number took part in the novice section, and Mr. W. Cooper came out on top, with Mr. Turner a good second, and Mr. G. H. Neal third. During the time the birds were drying, the secretary was adding show specials to the already long lists. Mr. W. Rawlinson was elected assistant sec. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Shakespeare and Ward brought the meeting to a close. There must be three competitors in each class at our annual show, or points will not count for the £5 5s. cup.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Secretary.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S

The annual meeting was held on October 30th, when the reports were given and the society set a-going for the ensuing year. Our worthy chairman, Mr. Alf. Grey, presided. In an able manner he gave all due praise to the members who so ably carried our exhibition to a successful issue. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. E. Cowling, the treasurer and auditor, Messrs. Marshall and Willis respectively, guided the affairs of the evening. The treasurer read the financial statement covering the past twelve months, including the show accounts. The members' prizes were then paid out. We have a balance in hand of £5 14s. 9d., with which to start our new year. Our assets at the beginning of our year, it may be pointed out, were nil. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Abl. G. B. Grey Esq., J.P., C.C.; vice-presidents, Mrs. Farquhar Bowlar, and E. B. Atkinson, Esq., who were re-elected all with also the chairman (Mr. Alf Grey), the secretary (Mr. E. Cowling), and the treasurer (Mr. A. Marshall). The new appointments were Mr. C. B. Willis, assistant-secretary, and Mr. S. P. Lacey, auditor. It was decided that the yearly subscription for members remain at 2s., and that new members pay an extra 1s. for enrolment. We trust that our financial position and the record we made for Morpeth will regard to our show will bring us a good influx of new members. All wishing to join should send to Mr E. Cowling, sec., Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges (terms for insertion on application).

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SOUTHALL,

NOVEMBER 26th.

Fanciers! Don't forget us. Entries do not average two a class. Will accept till first post, Monday Nov. 23rd. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., Featherstone Road School, Southall, Middlesex.

POLESWORTH Nov. 27 & 28.

Entries Extended till Sunday Morning. We require your help to save all classes. W. Wright, Sec.

INVERNESS Ornithological Association

Annual Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons, and Bantams, Wed. 25th NOVEMBER. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Money, 1/6. Liberal List of valuable specials. Judges: Messrs. Pettigrew, W. Stevenson and J. Goodall. Entries accepted if posted Sat. Schedules from ALEX URQUHART, 85, TELFORD ROAD.

Amateurs and others in Counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks. A golden opportunity at **OXFORD** Show, Thurs. NOV 26th, 1908. 81 classes. Good array of Specials. 2 Challenge Cups for Cage Birds members only. Judges: Poultry and Rabbits, Mr. A. de Winton: Pigeons, F. P. Butley, Esq. J. P. Magpies A.O.V. Cvs. and C. B., Mr. C. A. House. Entries accepted morn. post. 22nd, A. H. CALCUTT, Sec., Kedlington, Oxon.

Yorks. Canary Club of Ireland.

DUBLIN Thur. & Fri., NOV. 26-27, 1908.

65 classes for Cage Birds. Entry Fee 1/6. Judge—R. Halliday Esq. 3 cups and 44 specials. Send Entries at once.

Hon Sec., W. J. BIRSE, 34, Clonliffe Road, DUBLIN.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. Py., Py., & C.B.S. 18th Annual Show under C.B.U. Rules, will be held in the Market Hall on Fri. & Sat., Nov. 27 & 28. C.B. Judges, Mr. J. W. Bancroft, Cheshire; & Mr. J. Hopper, Keswick. Br. & v. Patronage Sch. rdy. Ents. cls. Nov. 21. Woodburn & Lucas.

LEEDS Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

Will be held in Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Rd., on Fri. & Sat, NOVEMBER 27th & 28th.

C.B.U. Rules Under the patronage of the G.C.A., L. & P.O.S. and F.B.C. Judges: J. Robson and J. Beswick. Prize Money, 10/- 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. 53 Classes, Entry Fee 1/6. Entries close Tuesday, 24th. For Schedules Apply—A. WILKINS, THE GARDENS, OAKHURST, MOORTOWN, LEEDS.

City of **DUNDEE** & Dist. C.B.S. (A.) ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, November 28th, 56 Open Classes. Under the patronage of Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Plainhead Club and Glasgow & Western Norwich, Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club. Judges—Crests, Mr. John McLay, Kirkintilloch. Plainheads, Mr. Alex. McFarlane, Glasgow; Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Arnot, Alloa. Mr. Wm. Muirhead, Bonnybridge; Borders, Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso; Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow. Entries Close, November 21st. For Schedules Apply Alex. Millar, 3, Perth Avenue, Dundee.

NORWICH NOVEMBER 28th and 30th. Under Cage Bird Union rules. Judges: J. Dobson, W. E. Greeves, J. F. Hills, J. Stark and A. Woollard. 64 Open Classes. All classes, including Young Crest, Crest Bred and Cinnamons, open to the United Kingdom. Entries definitely close Mon., Nov. 2 rd. Schedules from Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Rd., Norwich.

BOURNEMOUTH 17th Annual GREAT OPEN and Members' CAGE BIRD SHOW. Dec. 1st and 2nd, at the Winter Gardens, under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judges J. H. Payne and W. G. Poole. Exhibitors please NOTE special arrangements have been made for feeding and caring for all exhibits, Night and Day Attention. Schedules: JONES & LEECH, Hon. Secs., 155, Holdenhurst Road. Entries close, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.

PORTH and Dis. C.B.F.S. 2nd Annual Open Show, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds on DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd, 1908. Affiliated to C.B.U. Under the patronage of the W.C.B.C. Full prize money guaranteed whatever entries. 47 classes, cash specials in all open classes with extra specials.

Judges—J. Robson Esq., & T. L. Castree Esq. Entries close, NOVEMBER 25th.

Fanciers, please help us. R. G. CHALLENGER, 13 School Street, Cymmer, Porth.

Many a bird does well because it is well looked after. We also will do well if paid the attention we deserve. Fanciers do support the society that is catering for all

SWINDON

C.B.A. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Show THURSDAY and FRIDAY NOV. 26 & 27. Under the patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, Crested Canary Club, and the Foreign Bird Club. Grand classification. 55 open classes. No Amalgamation. Full prize money Guaranteed. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson & J. Frostick. Entries don't average one per class. Bound to extend until first post Monday Nov. 23rd. Send on entries, we will classify. Genuine appeal. No whip up cards. Allsopp and Edmunds, 43, Dixon Street, Swindon.

JARROW & HEBBURN

and Dis. C.B. Fanciers Society.

2nd Annual Show Nov 27 and 28. C.B.U. Rules. Under patronage of (N.Y.C.C. Novice Sect on), N.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. and N.N.P.C. 58 open classes. Judges: Open, J. C. Barnes; and Members, Anthony Brown. Entries close Nov. 23. Schedules Apply Robt. Elore, 28, York St., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

SALE O. O.S. November 28th, 1908.

Judges: A. G. Davis and Geo. H. Massey. 2 splendid Cups, Hydes Teapot, etc. Entries close Nov. 23. Birds received on Friday night. James Irlam, Sec., 101, Harley Road, Sale.

COWDENBEATH

The Show of the Season, November 28th. Cowdenbeath Poultry and Pigeon Society's Annual Show Cage Birds. Handsome specials including points specials value £1 5s. Judge; Mr. Cockrane Edinburgh. Prize money paid within 4 days. Those who have not already received a schedule kindly apply to Jas. CRROCK, Sec., South Terrace.

MUIRKIRK

Cage Bird Show Saturday Nov 28th. Large Classification for Borders B.F.C.M. and lots of specials. Judges: R. Hardy (on hand). Schedules from James Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

LITTLEBOROUGH Cage Birds' 2nd Open Show, under C.B.U. Rules, will be held Sat. Nov. 28. Good classification. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/- 2/- Excellent specials. Judges: R. Barnes & W. Mundell. Schedules from H. SMITH, Soo., 1, TRAFFORD STREET, LITTLEBOROUGH.

COVENTRY GODIVA. C.B.S.

Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds Nov. 28th, 1908. Held under C.B.U. rules. Judges: W. Vardy, Canaries and Mules; W. G. Poole, British and Foreign Birds. Please write for schedules as entries are not coming in very well. Entries Extended till first post Monday, November 23. W. H. GRAY, 12, Berry Street, Coventry. Hon. Secretary.

Golden opportunity for the Amateur and Novice Exhibitors.

The Show of the Season. Don't miss it.

The 4th Open Show of the **DARLINGTON** Cage Bird Society.

Will be held on SATURDAY NOV. 28th, 1908, in the Corn Exchange (not under C.B.U. Rules.) All the big Exhibitors will be out at Leeds. Now's your chance! 40 Classes and Specials all through. No Specialist Clubs here this time. Schedules ready. Entries Close Nov. 24th. Judges: Messrs. Cowgill & Maddison. "The Palace Show of the North" for British Birds.

E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Sec., 2, Danesbury Terrace, DARLINGTON.

IN GLASGOW ON SATURDAY, 28th NOV.

WEST OF SCOTLAND

NORWICH, &c., SHOW, in the NATIONAL HALLS, MAIN ST., CORBELS, S.S. Sale of Prize Winners after 2 o'clock. Admission 6d., including Catalogue. Ladies Free. GEO. SMART, Hon. Sec., Ivy Bank, Carmyle near Glasgow.

LONG EATON & Dist. C.B.S. OPEN SHOW And, C.B.U. to be held in PRIORY'S HALL, Saturday & Monday, Nov 28th & 30th, Under the patronage of the Yorkshire and Crested Canary Clubs. 42 classes to consist of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Grand Specials in all Classes. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and J. H. Roe, Esq. Ent. extended until Wed. Nov 25th. Will Fanciers please help, up to now have not received an entry. For Schedules apply J. TURNER, Sec. 35, Marlot St., Draycott, Nr. DERBY.

WANDSWORTH Open Show. Dec 1st & 2nd, 1908

The Baths, High St. 130 classes Pgs., Pens, Rab., C.B. & Cs.s. Judges, Messrs. Fielder Bayliss, Clark, Hume, Lady Deeds. Supported by Blue Langshan (Club Show) Langshan Buff Orp. White Wyandotte & Pulled Show Homer Clubs. Entries close Nov 23rd, to W. Summers, Hon. Sec., 829, Garratt Lane, S.W.

GIRVAN. (AYRSHIRE) £5 LIMIT. WED. DEC. 2nd. Fairlea Close Wed. Nov 25th. Borders and Fancy 6 classes each. Judge, Mr. J. Pattison. Alex. Gordon, Beech Tree Hotel.

TAVISTOCK

(DEVON). December 2.
Open Limit, £10; Local £2. Entries close **Nov. 23** Poultry 47 Classes; Judges, Messrs. W. Brent & S. Climas. Pigeons 22 Classes; Popular Judges Rabbits Cats and Cavies 9 Classes; Popular Judges, Cage Birds 18 Classes; Judge, Mr. W. F. Dowdell. Plymouth Under Poultry, Pigeon, & C.B.U. Rules A. R. GRANVILLE. Hon. Sec., 9, Duke St., Tavistock.

EBBW VALE

Cage Bird Show,
will be held in the Market Hall, Dec. 2nd, 1908. (Under C.B.U. Rules). Judge, Mr. McIntosh, Cardiff. Schedules from R. Anthony, 11, Greenfield Terrace, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

CITY of BIRMINGHAM

C. B. S. (Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.)
The Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. & For. Birds, will be held at Crown Hotel, Station Street, on **Dec. 2nd & 3rd.** Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 23 open classes. Entries close, **Nov 25th.** Schedules from **J. H. DeMAILLET, Hon Sec., 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.**

GRAVESEND

£5 LIMIT,
Grand Open Show.
December 2nd and 3rd.
Popular Judges, Prize Money Guaranteed.
S. C. STEVENSON, Hillcrest, Gravesend.

FANCIERS! Don't Forget

FROME

C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules). First Open Show, **Dec. 3rd.** Entries close Nov. 25. Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq. Schedules
W. Mitty, 7, Stony Street, Frome.

FALMOUTH & DIST.

C.B.A.
Under C.B.U Rules.
The Third Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds will be held in the Polytechnic Hall, Falmouth, on **Friday, Dec. 4.** There are 31 classes in all. Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne. Entries close **Nov. 27.** For schedules apply to **Tom Burton, Mount Edgcumbe Villas Falmouth.**

BELFAST

Ulster O. Association.
16th Annual Show,
4th & 5th DEC 1908,
Belgians, Scotch Fancy, Nor. and York. Can., Mules and Brit. Birds. Judges—Messrs Arnott, (Sauchie,) and Mundell (Bradford). Under patronage of U.K.B.C.A. and N.P.C. and Y.C. Clubs of Ireland, Belgians open to the U.K., all other classes Ireland only. Fanciers whose names are not in above catalogues of 1906 or 1907 please write for schedules—**ROBERT TRIMBLE, Sec., 11 Waring Street, BELFAST.**

COCKERMOUTH FEATHER SOCIETY.

Cumberland's Great Open Show. (Under C.B.U. Rules)
DECEMBER 4th & 5th.,
Judge: S. Hadwin 26 Classes in Canaries and Hybrids, 16 British and Foreign. Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., the B.F.C.C. and the E. & W.B.F.C.C., in one of the finest Showrooms in the Kingdom. Secretary **J. Simon Mayo Street, Cockermouth**

MIDDLETON, O.S.

DECEMBER 5th
Assembly Rooms, Old Boars Head. 8 Open classes. 3 York 3 Norwich. 1 British 1 Selling. C.B.U. Rules. Entries close Dec. 1. Judge, A. Donnelly, Swinton. Schedules from H. THOMAS 47, Wood Street, West Middleton.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD & Dis. O. S.

Will hold their Annual Members' Show of Can., Mules & Brit. Birds, at the Railway Inn, on **SAT., DEC 5th** Judge, W. Vardy. Sec. **JOHN SMITH, 30 Sherwood Road Sutton-in-Ashfield.**

Fanciers, don't forget

FORRES

22nd Annual Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams, on Decemoer 5th.
Increased Prize Money. Heaps of Specials.
Popular Judges. Schedules from—
W. CUMMINGS, 4 Nicholson Place, Forres

HARROGATE

C.B.S. 5th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds (under the patronage of the Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.B.B. & M.C.) to be held on **Sat., Dec. 5th,** in the Central Academy, Belmah St. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. Schedules posted (anyone overlooked) apply early to **G. H. BARNWELL, 20, College Rd.**

SANQUHAR

Saturday, December 5th. Grand Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits will be held in the Public School. Judges: P. Proud, Esq., Birkdale So Apport, Poultry: T. Walton, Esq., Silsde, Yorks for Pigeons; D. Holden, Esq., Mirkirk or Cage Birds Good Classification. Schedules from Moffat & Carruthers, Hon. Secs.

WEST AUCKLAND

Open Bird Show, **Dec 5.** 36 classes for cage birds Judge: Mr. J. Willcock, Eccleshill. Entrance 1/- Prizes 8/-, 4/- 2/- and specials. Entries close Nov. 30. J. GILL, St Helens Bishop Auckland

WEST HERTS

Fanciers Association, Watford.
Under Union Rules. Open to 30 miles radius. Good classification for Cage Birds. **December 8.** Judge: J. Robson. Entries close **Nov. 28.** Clem Watson, 77, Paddock Rd, Bushey.

GRIMSBY C. B. S. Thursday, DEC. 3rd.

Under C. B. U. rules. Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judge:—J. C. Barnes Esq Specials galore. Grand classification. Open Classes. (Especial classification, Novice Classes.)
Entries Close, NOV. 28th. Send for Schedules **Hy. EMERSON, Hon. Sec.,**
179 Frebrother Str et, GRIMSBY.

KILMARNOCK Ornithological, Cage Bird Soc.

Great Open Show will be held on DECEMBER 4th and 5th. Entries close November 28th. Under the patronage of Crest Club, N.P.C. and B.F.C.C. 64 open classes. Splendid Hall. Great List of specials. Judges—Scotch Fancy, W. Webster and H. Holden; Norwich, Alex. McFarlane; Crest, John McKay; Borders, P. W. Creadie; British and Foreign, P. Pettigrew. Send for Schedules to
Jas. B. Y. Murdoch 9, Burnside Street, Kilmarnock.

ALTRINCHAM

Cage Bird Society, (under C.B.U. Rules.) 5th Annual All England Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Dec 5th, 1908,** at the British Schools, Oxford Road, Altrincham. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Silver Cups, Bowls, Electro Plate, Tea Service (18 pieces), Medals, Specials for every class and numerous other specials. Judges; Messrs. Battye & C. Houlton. Fanciers' note The Largest One Day Show. Entries close first post Nov. 30th. Schedules and particulars from **Tom Harrison; Altrincham Aviaries, 4, Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.**

CUPAR FIFE, N.B.

21st Annual Show, SATURDAY, 5th DEC.
Cage Birds 47 Classes. Judges—J. Black, Esq., Arbroath, and T. Merrilees, Esq., Broughty Ferry (Scotch Fancies), Chas. Campbell, Esq., Glasgow (Norwich), J. Craig, Esq., Brechin (Borders), John Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh (British, Foreign and Mules). Border Fancy Club Medal. Scottish British Bird and Mule Club Medals, also Trophy Shield for Competition at this Show, and plenty specials. Entries close Monday, 30th November. For Schedules apply **CHAS. C. EDMOND, Jr., 57, Bonnygate, Cupar Fife, N.B**

COVENTRY U.S. C.B.U. Rules. DEC. 5th.

8th Annual Open Show, Cage Birds only at the Sydenham Palace. The finest room in the country. Every cage given to the birds. 35 classes. No amalgamation Prize money guaranteed and paid day of show. Judge: J. H. Payne Esq. Just send for Schedule to **G. PETERS, "Sandgate," Coundon Road,** as Entries close on **November 30th.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT Cage Bird Society.

Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Will be held on **Sat. DEC. 5th.** Judges Messrs. J. H. Roe and R. J. Howe. Prize money 10/- 5/- 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6.
KIRKLAND & HALL £47, 29, Princess Street.
SEE THE WONDERFUL LIST OF SPECIALS. More than 50, to 32 classes.

WHITBURN

HERE WE ARE AGAIN.
and Dis. Cage Bird Society will hold their 3rd Annual Grand Exhibition and Competition on Sat. December 12th. Open to the United Kingdom. 40 open classes, 2 for Crests and Crestbreds, 6 Norwich, 12 Borders, 1 any variety, 15 British, 3 Mules, 1 Foreign. Prize money 10/- 5/-, and 2/6. Entry money, 1/6 each bird. Judges: A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Crests & Norwich; J. Patterson, Chirnside: Borders P. Pettigrew, Glasgow; Mules, British and Foreign. Schedules from
J. FORREST, 109, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.

WIDNES

and District O.S. Open Show under C.B.U. Rules **DEC. 18th & 19th 1908.** Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Assoc. E. & W. B. F. C. 36 open classes, including 4 York hires, 5 Norwich, 4 York Green, 4 Norwich Green, 2 Cp. Novice, 2 York. 2 Norwich. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and 2/- special each class. Ent. fee 1/. Judges Messrs A. Wellings & C. Houlton. Sch. apply **S. ANDREWS,** Sec. 10), Mersey Rd

CHESTER & Dis. C.B.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. 4th Annual Show **Dec. 9.** Entries close **Dec. 6.** Judge: A. Wellings. 10 open classes. Prize money 17/6 per class guaranteed. Schedules from **A. J. Red, Abbey Bldgs., Chester.**

STAVELEY TOWN (near Chesterfield) **Dec. 9th,** Cage Specials each class Judge, J. C. Barnes **FARMER & GRIFFITHS, Staveley Town (nr. Chesterfield.)**

PONTYPRIDD

And Pwllgwaun Society, Dec. 9.
2nd Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons R. & D. & G (C.B.U. Rules) Judges—Mr. J. H. Payne, Mr. P. Proud & Mr. W. Crow. Good Specials, Canaries, 9 classes, Hybrids, , British, 6, Foreign, 2 Poultry 46 classes. Pigeons—Homers, 7. Fancy, 7 **Entries close December 3rd.** Hon Secs., **J. L. Eborne and W. Price 1, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.**

CANTERBURY

The 33th Annual Show of Cage Birds etc., will be held December 9th & 10th. Open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Numerous Specials. No amalgamation Judge, Mr. C. A. House, 10 classes for Norwich, 7 York hires, 2 Border Fancy, 2 Liz., 4 Selling, 4 British Birds. C.B.U. Rules.
J. W. SARGANT, Hon. Sec.

STAMFORD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th.
All kinds of Cage Birds. 27 Classes. £5 limit. Judge: Mr. W. P. Barnes. Low Entrance Fee. Entries close Dec. 3rd. **A. W. Ludlow,** Hon. Sec., 89, Broad Street, Stamford.

RUTHIN FUR & FEATHER SHOW.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th
(Confined to North Wales).
Poultry, Cage-birds, etc. 62 Classes. ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 4TH. Judge, Mr. Henry Tams, Longton. Schedules from **J. M. WILLIAMS Secretary, Brynhyfryd, Ruthin, North Wales.**

THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW

DECEMBER 10th & 11th.
Entries close Dec. 5. 70 Open Classes. Prize Money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6. Under Patronage G.C.V., S.Y.C.C., E & W.B.F.C., L. & P.O.S. & W., B.C., Numerous Cups, Money Specials. Schedules ready—**R. J. Trueman, 47, Castle Street, Swansea.**

TAMWORTH

(Open Show) under C.B.U. Rules. **Sat. Dec. 12th.** 15 open classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Specials. Entrance fee 1/6. Judge: G. Russell. Entries close Dec. 7th. Schedules apply G. Spencer, 4, Aldergate, Tamworth.

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S. (C.B.U.)

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds will be held at Caxton Hall, Salford, **Dec. 11th & 12th** next. Judges, Messrs. Cowgill and Wellings. Remember we paid all Prize-money within two days of Show last year. Good classification. Open Novice Classes. Specials every class. Schedules when ready—**W. Jackson 11 Albert Square, Old Trafford Manchester.**

EDINBURGH OPEN SOC.

55th Annual Show of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, Artillery Hall, Grindley Street, on Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 11th and 12th,** Judges: (Scotch Fancy) R. Wright, Greenock; J. Stewart, Glasgow; J. Carson, Dalkeith; J. Arnot, Sauchie.—(Belgians) J. Kerr, Edinburgh. Schedules post free from **W. Thornton, Gardiner Road, Blackhall, Midlothian.**

—LOOK HERE—

CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, on Saturday, **DEC. 12, 1908.** Good Classification. Large Prize Money Specials Hall and Railway Connections. Judges: T. Pollard, T. Walton, J. McLay. Entries close Dec. 5th. Book sure and send for Schedule. **John C. Burnie, 2, CARLINGWARK COTTAGES, CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.**

STONEHOUSE N. B.

Grand Annual Show,
DECEMBER 12th, 1908
Judges: Messrs. Scaife, Walker & Adam. Sched. from **J. GOVAN, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

BROMSGROVE

Tuesday, December 15th.
Under C.B.U. Rules Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Valuable Specials. **J. JEFFREY, Hon. Sec Bromsgrove.**

CARMARTHEN

December 15. (C.B.U. Licence).
25 classes. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Judge: J. Robson, Esq., London. No Amalgamation. Full prize money if 5 entries. For schedules, ready shortly, apply **Jack Francis, Secretary.**

ANNAN

Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds **Saturday, 19th December** splendid classification. Cage Bird Judge, Henry Beaumont, Kelso. Entries close 12th December. Schedules, **A. IRVING, Secretary & Treasurer, 10 Albert Road, ANNAN**

DO NOT FORGET

BRACKLEY

12th Annual Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds on **December 15th.** Popular Judges. Prize money guaranteed with 10 days. Full classification in this paper on Dec. 4th. No schedules.
J. SHAW, Sec.

NARBERTH

(Under Kennel and Cage Bird U. Rules).
21st Annual Show of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds Cats, Rabbits, &c. **December 16, 1908** (the day following Carmarthen show). Judges: Dogs, Cats, Rabbits—T. Marples Esq., Manchester; Poultry and Pigeons, P. Proud Esq., Birkdale; Cage Birds, and Terriers, J. B. Evans, Esq., Sketty, R.S.O. Schedules now ready apply **James Owen 8t James St., Narberth** Birds &c., entered for Haverfordwest Show the following day forwarded in good time. Pens for Hire.

HAVERFORDWEST (Affil. C.B.U.) P., Pig., C.B., C., R., & Cav. Show. **Dec 17.** Ent. fee 1/-. Ent. clo. **Dec 11.** Sched. apply **J. Llewellyn Phillips, High Street.**

KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies on **Friday, December 18.** Judges: Poultry, Rev. J. N. Williams; Pigeons, Cats, &c., Mr. Ted Booth; Cage Birds, Mr. Jas Smillie. Schedules now ready. **W. R. Cruickshank, Sec., Daar Lodge, Kirkcudbright.**

WEST BROMWICH

and dis. C.B.S.
Hold their 2nd Annual Open Show of Cage Birds on **December 18 and 19** at the Dartmouth Hotel. Judge: J. H. Payne. Splendid classification and prizes. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Schedules ready. **J. Duffield, Hon. Sec., 13, Braybrook St., West Bromwich.**

Don't forget the

FERRYHILL & District

First Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds to be held in the council schools, Deanbank on **Sat. December 19th, 1908.** Judge:—Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 25 classes, specials for every class. Entries close on **Monday, December 14th, 1908.** For schedules apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street Ferryhill. Hon. Sec.**

Will fanciers who received schedules of the Perth Show on or before November 14th kindly destroy them, writes Mr. R. G. Challenger, the secretary, as, owing to several errors on our printer's part, we are compelled to have them reprinted. Having mislaid these fanciers' names and addresses, I cannot advise them personally.

Illustrated Ideas, No. 247 (the tin cover for water vessels) has long been used by catchers, writes Mr. J. H. Verrall (Hove). It was originally made, not for keeping the water clean, but so that birds when putting their heads through the fountain hole cannot see what the adjoining birds are doing. I have often used them when breeding Canaries; as when a "row" occurs in another cage, out pops the head of some inquisitive Canary.

I was delighted to see my Yellow-Marked hen depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS recently. It was a very fine drawing of Mr. Norman's I think she was the best hen I ever bred—she had such lovely feathers, and the markings were such that they showed well on a pale yellow. Her winnings were mostly in cock classes, only once I showed her in hen class when she stood first at the City and Suburban Show. Like most good birds she has gone over to the great majority; still I have the satisfaction of knowing that she left a cock and a hen, both yellows, which I hope to be successful with after their moult. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, at the same time thanking you for the honour you have conferred upon me.—F. EASTERLING (Battersea).

I wish to thank Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), for the knowledge I have gained by reading the many articles of his upon the Norwich Canary, published in our old favourite, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Perth). I also remember reading an article written by Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth), and Mr. Grey urged upon the novice to take one variety, and one variety only. I have taken Mr. Grey's "tip," and studied one variety, and I thank him for the hints I picked up from his article in your January supplement. I may say that I have followed Mr. J. C. Barnes' instructions upon colour-feeding, and my birds have almost completed their moult and have come out a beautiful colour. Mr. Barnes may rest assured that he has helped someone in the Fancy, if only myself.

I must thank you sincerely for the reproduction of the picture of my Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid in your 1908 CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I was highly pleased at the honour, and must congratulate your artist, Mr. H. Norman upon the drawing, as it is a true likeness of the birds. I regret to say that most of my birds dropped into the moult at a critical time—during my confinement to the house through my having met with a very severe accident on the town cricket field. Whilst batting, the ball hit me full in the face, smashing my nose, etc. I am glad to say, however, that I am now much better, and am hoping that very little trace of the accident will be left eventually. Through this, of course, the birds had insufficient attention; however, I am hoping to get a few ready for the coming show season. CAGE BIRDS has been my favourite periodical ever since its inception. I always look forward to it on Fridays.—JAS. A. TONKS (Wednesbury).

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TWITTERINGS.

Inverness are accepting entries if posted Saturday, November 21st. Send along at once to Alex. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road.—(ADVT.)

Rotherham's Show report in the Clear Yellow cock class should read: J. Tidgwell second, and not Crossland Brothers. J. TIDGWELL (Baildon).

Swansea Show report credits Hammacott and Card with 3rd in the buff cock class writes Mr. J. Richards (Swansea), whereas I won that honour.

Dublin, November 26th and 27th; 65 classes. Splendid list of cups and specials. Send entries at once, W. J. Birse, 34, Clonliffe Road.—(ADVT.)

Croydon Show credits me with 1st buff hen Yorks. I did not win in that class, although so marked in catalogue.—W. J. DOUGLAS (Whitehaven).

Swansea Show report credits Mr. Jenkins with first prize in class 2 No. 2 Clear Buff; this should have been credited to me.—GEO. SLOCOMBE (Cardiff).

The annual Members' Show of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. will be held on December 12th and 13th, at the Railway Hotel, writes Mr. R. H. Davies, the secretary.

The 1908 balance sheet of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S. shows well with a surplus of £4 7s. 5d., which reflects great credit on the officials of the society.

The Oxford Show will be held on November 26th, writes Mr. A. H. Calcutt, the secretary. We provide 85 classes, and we hope to receive the support of fanciers.

The Blackburn Show report in class 27, Cinnamon Unlighted Yellow or Buff should have read: 4th, Birtwistle, instead of Walsh, writes Mr. J. Birtwistle (Rishton).

Blackburn Show report reads: Buff Norwich, v.h.c., Bexter instead of Bixter; the same mistake also occurs in the 20s. selling class which reads: 4th, Baxter.—H. P. BIXTER (Prescot).

Mr. W. Rawlinson was elected assistant secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. at meeting held October 30th, writes Mr. G. H. Neal, the hon. secretary.

The "No Name" in the novice class, the v.h.c. in the 30s. limit, and the second in the 20s. selling in Wolverhampton Show report should have been F. DIPPLE (Birmingham).

Exhibitors in the 20s. selling class at Preston Show are asked to note that the awards as given in the catalogue were a printer's error. The correct placings are given in our report.

Bristol Show report credits Messrs. Gill and Pothick with fifth in class for birds bred 1908, writes Mr. C. Garland (Plymouth). This should have been C. Garland, this being my variegated buff.

The report of Stockton Show omitted to mention that I won Hyde's sp. with a Norwich buff cock for best bird moulted on Hyde's Mountain Bread, writes Mr. T. Acheson (Thornaby-on-Tees).

Coventry C.B.S. schedule, rule 6, should read: "Any exhibitor not receiving his labels by November 26th, write Secretary at once"; not the 28th as stated, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary.

I think "Canary Breeding for Beginners" is a great treat for all bird lovers. I have not had a single bird die this season, and this is the result of following the instructions there given.—A. BAILEY (Earl Shilton).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement, re Budgerigars, writes Mr. John Hill, (Swineflect), as I have had several replies from all parts. May CAGE BIRDS still continue to have the ever increasing success it deserves.

Will the person who took by mistake a case for one cage from Stockton-on Tees and Dis. C.B.S. Show on November 7th, please return same to me, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, the secretary, at 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Will exhibitors kindly note that a printer's error occurs in the St. Helen's O.S. Show schedule, writes Mr. A. Goodall, the hon. secretary. Mr. H. W. Battye judges Canaries and Mr. J. F. Hills the Hybrids, British and Foreign birds.

There is a printer's error in class 9 in our catalogue, writes Mr. J. Emmett, secretary of the Warrington Show. The following is correct: 1, h.c., H. Waters; 2, J. Mottram; 3 and v.h.c., Barker and Abbott; and 4 and c., A. Hirst.

Mr. A. H. Roosmalecocq, president of the Civil Service F.A., is offering a cup, value one guinea, for the member making most points at the Grand United Metropolitan Show, writes Mr. A. Watson, the show secretary and treasurer.

Kindly notify that the paragraph referring to the Crested Canary Clubs specials was included in Bournemouth Show schedule through a printer's error, writes Mr. G. W. Jones the hon. secretary. The C.C.C. are not offering any specials at Bournemouth Show.

Specials in our schedule should read: Nos. 98, 99, 100, confined to members' children, writes Mr. R. Conely, secretary of the Vale of Leven and Dunbartonshire O.S. Rule 17: Points to count—1st 6, 2nd 5, 3rd 4, v.h.c. 3, h.c. 2, and c 1.

We hope to receive a good entry at Southall Show on November 26th, writes the secretary, Mr. A. Smith. We pay out all prize money, and send out clean prize-cards within a week or so of the close of the show, and every attention is given exhibits.

Thanks for the splendid report of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.'s first show, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary. Pleased to say it was a great success, and I would thank all exhibitors. All prize money has been paid, and we have still a few pounds in hand.

Up to time of posting this we have a grand total of 428 birds, writes Mr. W. Wynn, hon. secretary City and Suburban Show, comprising 225 Canaries, 17 Hybrids, 155 British, and 31 Foreign. We have a class of 7 Albinos, which, I believe, has no parallel in a club show.

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Who, asks a Leyton correspondent, was the judge at a certain suburban society's show last Saturday, who was not satisfied with judging the birds, but was seen in the evening at the same show nursing and judging the babies? Could Mr. J. S. Clarke supply me with the solution?

All roads lead to the Imperial Hall, Dulwich, on November 24th and 25th. Trains every few minutes from London Bridge. Electric cars pass the doors. On no account forget to pay a visit; admission first day, 2 to 5 p.m., 1s; after 5 p.m. and all second day, sixpence.—(ADVT.)

There promises to be an interesting evening at the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s meeting on Monday next, November 23rd, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington, Street W., when that well-known British bird exhibitor and enthusiast, Mr. C. Prior, is due to give a lecture on the subject: "Is it Necessary to Colour-Feed British Birds?"

Report of Swansea Show, write Messrs. Hammacott and Card (Swansea), gives Connell as 2nd in the Border Fancy Clear, etc., buff cock class; it should read: 1 and 2, Hammacott and Card, and not 1 and 3. You have given us another good plate this week. We are constant readers of CAGE BIRDS, and take two copies each week; and the information we find in it is very useful.

The well-known firm of Liverino, Limited, (Grimsby), has met with extraordinary success with poultry foods, Health Grit for pigeons and medicines for all classes of birds and this augurs well for their specialities for cage birds. They are very large importers and producers and their seeds are clean, well-grown, harvested and packed, and we can recommend readers to give their goods for cage birds (as advertised in our columns this week) a trial.

We notice that a defence fund has been started by the Editor of "Lloyd's News" (London) for the poor unfortunate woman who has been arrested for the murder of her crippled son at Salisbury. It may interest many of our own readers to know that she is the sister of an East Dulwich fancier of British birds, who has received many expressions of kindly sympathy in this great trouble. With a good counsel to undertake the defence, it is hoped to prove the woman's perfect innocence, in which all her brothers firmly believe.

We have omitted the entry fee in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Minty, secretary Frome Show; it should read 1s. 6d. per cage.

I recommend CAGE BIRDS to all who speak about birds, and I shall continue to do so. I look forward to Friday, and my children are quite in love with the beautiful plates that are sent out with CAGE BIRDS. Last week's was charming.—F. J. CHILD (Leeds).

The Metropolitan C.B.A. Open Show cup winners, writes Mr. F. J. Martin, the secretary, are: Norwich, Mr. E. Baker (Cowes); Yorks., Mr. C. Mabey; British and Foreign (two). Mr. C. T. Maxwell; Border, Mr. R. Brownlie, to whom the cups have been sent, duly engraved.

The Liverpool Show report in the Norwich Green cocks class credits Ridgley with third; this should read Isaac. I have found your admirable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of great assistance, and I think the last week's issue and the splendid plate do you great credit.—I. H. ISAACS (Liverpool).

Your correspondent "Scotch Fancy" gave the name of the wrong person as the purchaser of the pair of birds that won first in Scotch Fancy pairs for Mr. Renwick at the City of Glasgow Show, writes a correspondent. It was Mr. John Neill, of Belfast, who claimed them at £20, and not Mr. Ronaldson.

Darlington Show cannot extend entries beyond the advertised date, November 24th, writes Mr. E. Brunskill, the secretary, and it is an absolute fact that at the present time we have not a single entry on hand. We have the reputation of being one the best managed shows in the north, so, fanciers, please hurry up.

Entries are very slack at Penzance and Dis. Show writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, the hon. secretary, and I am compelled to extend to Monday morning's post, November 23rd. We are affiliated to C.B.U., and I appeal to exhibitors to help the first and last show in England. We guarantee that all exhibits from a distance will be sent off on Friday night.

All prize money and cash specials won at the late Dulwich and Peckham Show have been paid, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary. I thank you for the splendid report you gave of our show, also for the many notes published before the show, which were the means of bringing us a large number of entries. I would also thank you for this week's splendid double issue of CAGE BIRDS; the plate is grand. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

A slight error has crept into Dulwich Show rule No. 11, write Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, hon. secretaries. Birds should be delivered Monday, November 23rd, and up to 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 24th, and not the 22nd and 23rd as stated therein. Arrangements have been made for teas and light refreshments to be served in the hall. Special railway arrangements have been made for quick delivery.

I inserted an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS recently for the sale of some birds, etc., and I could have sold them many times over, and consequently I had to return many remittances, etc. But one letter I have unfortunately mislaid which came from Lowestoft, and a P.O. was enclosed in it, so that I am unable to find the address of the sender to return him his P.O. Up to the present he has not written me again.—HAROLD E. FAWELL (Thetford).

I must thank you very much for the excellent frontispiece of my Mules and Hybrid on last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Collins (Camborne). The Greenie Bullie was bred in 1907, and has won 9 first prizes, 3 seconds. 8 specials, and 3 championships. The six pointed Mule was bred in 1905, and has won 14 firsts, 8 seconds, 10 thirds, 11 specials and 5 championships, while the light Linnet Mule was bred in 1906, and has won 5 firsts, 4 seconds, 6 thirds, 5 specials, and one championship.

Visit the City and Suburban 13th Annual Show at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., to-day and to-morrow (Friday and Saturday) or you will surely regret it. Unique collection of Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, with almost every variety of Canary represented. The case glittering with the silversmith's art (13 silver and plated cups, shield, besides gold, silver, and bronze medals), is quite a feature. Four minutes walk from Baker Street (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Stations—(ADVT.)

The Palace "Jubilee" Show.

To celebrate the jubilee of the Palace Show, the committee of the L. and P.O.S. have decided to give an extra cash prize in every class. Eight extra classes have been added to the classification, including one for frills. Forty cash specials of 5s. each have been allotted to members of the L. and P.O.S.—J. W. RAMSDEN, show manager.

The Cage Bird Union.

Some one signing himself "Novice," but giving no name or address has written me to know whether Grimsby Show, November 28th, is under C.B.U. rules. The writer will think it discourteous on my part if he gets no reply. Would you therefore announce that this is a C.B.U. Show? Correspondents should give their address; I receive quite a number of anonymous epistles.—GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

No Doubt Had a Cold.

It may interest readers to know the Cuckoo was heard in the Mansion House gardens, Roundhay Park, Leeds, on November 9th, at a quarter to four, writes "C.S." to the "Yorkshire Daily Post." Its note sounded like "cuckroo" as if the bird had a cold. I was under the tree where the bird was hopping from bough to bough, and had not I actually seen it, I should have concluded some one was imitating it, as I at first thought was the case.

A Record at Sunderland.

Just as we go to press this brief but satisfactory message comes to hand: "Record entry, Cinnamons grand.—REID AND MADDISON, hon. secretaries, Sunderland Show."

Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

At committee meeting of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, held November 9th, the following resolution was adopted: "That gaining a first prize in selling classes would in no way debar a novice competing for novice cup, etc."—W. J. BIRSE, hon. secretary.

Presentation at Leicester Show.

Advantage was taken of the visit of Mr. A. H. Jones, of Abbey Road, Bearwood, Birmingham (who recently left Leicester), to the Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society's show, to present him with a memento of his long and successful career as a member of this Society. The president, Mr. Gibbons, in handing him a handsome smoking cabinet, subscribed for by the members, referred to his connection with us and expressed our wish that Mr. Jones might have a continuance of success in his new sphere. At the same time he handed Mr. Jones the special for best bird in the show, won by him with a grand buff Norwich. Mr. Jones suitably replied.—C. DRAPER, secretary.

OBITUARY

Mr. A. R. LANGLANDS (Montrose).

The death of Mr. A. R. Langlands, the well-known Scottish fancier, of Montrose, took place very suddenly on November 8th, from heart-failure, writes a Scottish correspondent. He has left a widow, two sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. About two years ago Mr. Langlands was one of a pleasure party who undertook a journey to Brechin in a brake. For some unaccountable reason one of the horses took fright on the return journey, bolted, and the occupants were thrown out on the road. Mr. Langlands never seemed to have got over this shock. He was a native of Montrose, a master baker and confectioner by trade, and fifty-four years of age. From his youth he was an ardent lover of animals; his first success in the show line was with lop rabbits. A little later he appeared as an exhibitor of poultry. But early manhood saw him set for life as a lover of cage-birds, and as such he has been known in the Fancy for over thirty-five years. His knowledge of birds, domestic and otherwise, was very wide, and he possessed more than ordinarily fine judgment regarding the points that go to determine an ideal specimen. This ability brought him in much request as a judge, and his services were much sought after. Mr. Langlands was a man of social disposition, helpful and complaisant in his way—truly one who, intimately known, could be called a kindly soul. Peace to his ashes, and our sympathy to his widow and family in their loss.

Mr. J. S. Napier, secretary Arbroath S.F.C., also writes in sympathetic terms.

Mr. H. GRICE (Bristol).

I am sorry to inform you of the death of Mr. H. Grice, late secretary of the Bristol Fanciers' Society, writes Mr. W. G. Ball (Bristol). He held the office for some 11 or 12 years. Mr. Grice passed away suddenly this morning (Tuesday). Much sympathy is felt by local fanciers, among whom he was respected and loved.

Cinnamon Marked Yorks. C.C.

Owing to having to work away from home, writes Mr. R. Garnett, I am resigning my offices of secretary and treasurer to the C.M.Y.C.C. Mr. H. H. Towers, Heaton View, Cragg Road, Windhill, has consented to take the offices, and all club communications should be addressed to him. Our whist drive arrangements for the first of next month have been made, and it only means that all the members of the committee must do their best to make it a success. Anyone wanting tickets can have them from Mr. F. Hammond, 70, St. Margarets Road, Bradford; Mr. W. Crabtree, 12, Lytton Road, Girlington; or Mr. Towers, or any member of the committee. I hope they will help Mr. Towers to make this year one of the best the C.M.Y.C.C. has ever had. My address will now be R. Garnett, c/o A. Parker, builder and contractor, Mersbrook Tannery, Healey, Sheffield. I should be pleased to get into company with the Sheffield fanciers, as I shall be in a strange place, and no doubt time will hang heavy on my hands for a while.

The Clear and Ticked Question.

Last week we closed the "When Is a Clear Not a Clear?" question, so far as our correspondence columns are concerned. But Mr. W. Reid asks to have "the last word," seeing that Mr. Woollard opened the discussion. We have not the space to give in full the letter he sends us, but take from it the following points:—

"Mr. Woollard absolutely refuses to reply to the questions put to him, but contents himself with continuing to misconstrue my statements to suit his own purpose. Mr. Woollard says that I have been 'running away from the point.' I can only say that if I have done so, it has amply been in an effort to follow Mr. Woollard, and bring him back to the point which he has to constantly tried to avoid. Should Mr. Woollard decide to reopen a friendly discussion upon this question on some future occasion, I shall be only too pleased, if I am allowed, to accommodate him. In conclusion, I am very pleased to know that some of the leading specialist clubs are taking the matter up, and I venture to think that when a body of men who understand the subject, put their heads together, and discuss it in an unbiassed manner Mr. Woollard will find that my suggestions are not so detrimental to the Fancy as he seems to think."

AIRDRIE AND COATBRIDGE

Airdrie, Coatbridge and Dist. Amalgamated Show and Competition was held on Nov. 7, in the Trades Hall, Airdrie. A very suitable hall, having plenty of floor space, and being well lighted, and free from draught. All the arrangements were well carried out, the show proving a most successful one in every respect. Office bearers: President—John Purlie, Esq., secretary, Mr. A. Murdoch; treasurer, Mr. A. Russell; committee, Messrs. Reid, Fletcher, Hamilton, Murdoch, Simpson, and Clark. There were 25 classes for Scotch Fancy and Norwich, which were nicely staged round the hall. The entries this year showed a considerable increase on those of last year. The Scotch Fancies were a grand lot, both in quality and merit. Crests, C.B. and Plainheads, were a treat, quality being well to the front. The cup winner in the Scotch Fancy section was a surprise to many, the winner being the buff Piebald cock, belonging to Mr. J. Main. It was third in its class at Coatbridge the previous Saturday, and was looking well to-day, and fully earned its place. The runner-up was a buff cock belonging to Mr. J. Wyness, cup winner at Coatbridge. Mr. Main's buff Piebald hen won the cup for the best hen. The runner-up was a yellow Piebald hen belonging to Mr. J. Wyness; this was a close run, and must have given the judges some trouble. In the Norwich section, the cup winner was a buff Plainhead hen, belonging to Mr. Simpson. There was a splendid turn-out of visitors, and breeders. Secretary Murdoch, who is obliging and courteous, had all his arrangements well carried out, and was ably assisted by a hard-working committee. The judges for Scotch Fancy were Mr. McDougall (Larbert), and Mr. Hunter (Wishaw),and for the Norwich section, Mr. Adamson (Kilmarnock) The awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, Wyness, nice head and neck, well set, determined drive, good legs and tail nicely in to spar; 2, spl, 3, 4, Hamilton, 2nd, fine length and substance, good head and drive, grand worker; 3rd, neat shape and style; 4th, fine top end, nice shoulder, wings and tail. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl, 3, Wyness, 1st runner-up for cup, grand substance, fine head, nice reach, good shoulder, nicely filled in, grand back, wings and tail, rare drive; 2nd, grand pose, fine drive, good wings; 4, spl, Hailstones, smart, grand size, stylish, fine 3rd, good head and neck, shoulder and wings; top end, presses hard on 3rd; 5, spl, Hutchison; 6, Bow. YELL. HENS (7): 1, 2 Smith, 1s, fine bird, grand head, good lengthy neck, well set on nice shoulder, plenty of depth, nice back, and length of wing and tail; 2nd, grand size, plenty of substance, nice free action, 3, spl, Murdoch, grand style, neat head, fine neck; 4, spl, Wyness, nice head and neck, fine back and pose; 5, spl, Sneddon; 6, Hamilton. HENS (3): 1, Hamilton, fine size, plenty of top end, head well forward, good droop and wings, 2, Main, good shape and top end, nice droop, fine length of wing; 3, Hailstones, nice depth through, will improve. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, Wyness, nice size, rare depth through, nice style and length of wing, tail well under, very nervy; 2, Fairlie, rare top end, grand length, fine action, works well. BUFF (5): 1 ,spl, Main, cup bird, grand size, good length of tail and wing, fine head, neck and shoulder; 2, spl, Young, nice free action and top end, grand back and wings, very quick, nice style; 3, spl, Wyness, good size, nice shoulder, good stamp, shade stiff, top end; 4, spl, Hailstones, nice size, good reach, tail nicely under, good action; 5, McIvor. YELL. HENS (6): 1, spl, Wyness, runner-up for cup, neat head, good drive, fine length of wing, and neat shape, presses hard on cup winner; 2, Boag, grand size, plenty of substance, nice droop, good head and neck; 3, Sneddon, grand style, neat head, fine reach, will improve; 4, Fairlie, neat head, fine reach, nice pose, good shoulder; 5, McIvor. BUFF (9): 1, Main, cup winner, grand size and depth through, nice head and neck, nicely filled in shoulder, in rare condition; 2, spl, Wyness, fine size, grand substance, good style and shape, neat head, nice type; 3, spl, 4, spl, Hutchison, 3rd, nice top end, good size and substance, 4th, neat head, good size and depth through; 5, Harper; 6, Hailstones. FOUL CK. (3): 1, Murdoch, yell., grand size, neat head and depth, fine shoulder; 2, 3, Wyness, buffs, nice size, neat head and wings, good wing, typical; 3rd, neat head, good wings, fine drive, in nice feather. HENS (6): 1, Young, grand size, fine head, reachy, rare depth, fine shoulder and wing, in rare condition; 2, Murdoch, buff, nice size, nice typical hen; 3, Wyness, buff, good depth through, neat head, good wings and drive; 4, Boag, buff, nice length and substance, fine back, neat wings and top end; 5, Fairlie; 6, Murdoch. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Prentice, grand size, neat head, nice neck and shoulder, good length of wing and tail; 2, Hutchison, fine free mover, nice top end, grand back and wings, fine action; 3, Russell, nice shoulder, good stamp. HEN (7): 1, Prentice, nice substance, size, head and neck, was looking a shade soft when we saw it, good bird; 2, Russell, nice size and style, free action, good shoulder and wing; 3, Blacklock, neat style, fine neck and shoulder, and back, should improve; 4, 5, Prentice, 4th, fine size, good drive; 6, Fairlie. OLD CK. (14): 1, McIvor, yellow, neat head and drive, magnificent size and shoulder, fine stamp, looking like a young 'un; 2, Smith, another good stamp, nice action, fine size, good droop, nicely staged; 3, Hutchison, plenty of size, and substance; 4, spl, Douglas, nice length and substance; 5, Reid, 6, spl, Blacklock. HEN (7): 1, spl, Main, yell., fine stamp, neat head and drive, grand length of wing, good shoulder, nicely packed; 2, Prentice, buff pied hen, nice stamp, rare size, fine length of wing and droop; 3, Smith, buff, good stamp of Scot. Fcy., fine condition; 4, Reid, another good stamp, free action, good stock bird; 5, Fairlie, 6, spl, Hutchison. CREST CK. (11): 1, spl, 2, Clark, D.C., good body, crest nice size, fine droop, neat centre, leafy feather, wins; 2nd, good body and feather, neat shape, nice dense feather; 3, Frame, colour fed, D.C., closely feathered, neat centre; 4, spl, Kirkwood, nice body, neat crest. 5, Frame; 6, Clark. C.B. CK. (8): 1, 3, spl, Clark, first rare green body, and substance, good skull and entrance, nicely lashed, good bird; 3rd, green body, good size, and substance; 2, ——, good size, nice body, barely so good in feather as winner, but will improve; 4, McLaughlan, good skull, nice size, and feather, and condition; 5, spl, 6, Stirling. CREST HEN (9): 1, spl, Frame, good shape, nice dark crest, neat and veiny in feather, grand centre and droop; 2, 4, 5, Clark, 2nd, much the same as winner, small and medium crest, shade thick on one side; 4th, cl. body, D.C., crest neat but small, nice body and condition; 3, 6, Fairlie, 3rd, cl., nice crest and feather, neat centre, good body, presses on seconds. C.B. HEN (10): 1, McLauchlan, green, fine stamp, good body, neat head, good feather, nice action; 2, spl, 4, spl, 6, Clark, 2nd, nice size, feather and body; 4th, good body and feather; spl, 3, Fairlie, grand size, good shape; 5,Frame. YELL. P.H. CK. (7): 1,2,8 Simpson,1st yell., clear, nice, typical well built, all-round, good bird, rich in colour and quality, fine condition; 2nd, smart shape; 3, Kennedy, yell. variegd., very similar in shape and size, nice rich colour and feather; 4, Lamb, nice shape and quality, well built; 5, 6, Boag. BUFF (12): 1, Boag, neat, well built, bird, fine shape, very typical; 2, spl, McIntyre, wing and head markings, grand shape and feather; 3, spl, Simpson, nice, typical, well built bird; 4, spl, 5, Kennedy, 4th, good bird, fine shape and size. 5th, best all round bird in class, but fails through twisted claw. YELL. HENS (5): 1, spl, 2, Simpson, eye marked, yell., nice colour and quality, grand shape and style, nicely set up, in rare condition; 2nd, similar shape and size; 3, Boag, cl., nice size and shape, good quality, in grand order; 4, Kennedy, nice shape, colour and quality, shade slack in feather. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, spl, Simpson, 1st cup bird and best in Nor. section, typical shapely hen, neat wings and tail nicely carried, in lovely feather; 2nd, grand hen, similar shape and quality; 3, spl, Kennedy, nice shape, very typical; 4, Simpson, nice size and colour; 5, McIntyre; 6, Wilson. OLD CREST CK. (21): 1, 3, Clark, 1st, good body, nice sized crest, fine droop, neat centre, leafy feather, in rare condition; 3, D.C., and wing markings, closely feathered and neat centre; 2, Reinks, good body, nice droop, neat centre, lenfy feather, crest; 4, J. Clark; 5, Boag; 6, Kennedy. HEN (14): 1, D. Clark, fine size and shape, nice even crest, staged in rare condition; 2, 3, J. Clark, 2nd, presses hard on 1st, very typical, 3rd, neat crest nice, leafy feather; 4, McLauchlan; 5, Reinks; 6, Frame. OLD PAIRS (14): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, all yell. mkd. birds, very fine lot, nice even quality all-round, in the best of condition; 4, Boag, another good pair, in rare condition, fine feather, nicely staged; 5, Lamb; 6, Kennedy.

WEYBRIDGE.

The 11th annual show of the Weybridge and Dist. F.S. was held on November 11th and 12th in the Holstein Hall, which is an exceptionally fine building for exhibitions of this character. An entry of about 300 cage birds was received. The show throughout was a great success. Mr. H. E Parrott (who, by the way, had out a grand team of Yorkses), is the secretary, and right well did he do his work, being ably assisted by Mr. W. R. Sharborn, and a good hard-working committee, composed of Messrs. R. Elwood (chairman), Bemstead (vice-chairman), Foster, Randall, Jennings, Briggs, Hodges, Marchant, Handford, Fogwell, Parrott, Senior, Cillingham, Underwood, junr., Lees and Webb. The president, the Right Hon. Earl Stamford (who takes a keen interest in the society), gave away the prizes, including the five cups and medals, which the committee were able to offer for competition through the generosity of the subscribers. The Yorkshires were the best that have ever been benched here, and made a grand show—Norwich, Crests and Borders were also of good quality, and the British and Foreign were a nice and pretty collection. Mr. T. Heath judged, and his awards were well received.

Critique.

CREST OR C.B. (13): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Haysom, rare team, 1, green, fine dense leafy crest, good centre; 2, variegd. C.B. expansive skull, fine quality feather; 3, Bull, good bird; 4, Fellows, C.B., good quality feather. NOR. CL. (6): 1, 3, Clarke, both yellows, winner good size and colour; 3, nice shape and carriage; 2, King and Rogers, big Buff; 4, Hedges, Buff, grand shape and quality, we liked.



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MARYHILL.

The 32nd annual Show of Scotch Fancy Canaries was held in the Maryhill Burgh Hall on November 7th. There were 95 entries, which was satisfactory, considering the unfortunate luck of some of the members in not managing to secure young birds. Mr. Ferguson, the popular president, superintended the show, and welcomed members and visitors. Mr. Bell is a most capable secretary, and has the work of the association at heart. The quality of the birds was above the average. The cup for best bird, and for best hen was won by Mr. Cliff Bell, the secretary, with a yell. hen of excellent qualities, while the honour for best cock was carried off by Mr. Anderson, with a very stylish Buff Piebald, with a wonderful droop. The association has a future before it. The judges were Messrs. W. Hutchinson (Slamannan), and J. Smith (Govan). The show was well patronised by the members and friends.

YELL. CK. (8): 1, 5, Jardine; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, Young; 4, Anderson. HEN (9): 1, Bell; 2, Martin; 3, Stirling; 4, Hannah; 5, Usherwood BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bell; 2, 3, 4, Young; 5, Paterson. HEN (6): 1, Bell; 2, Young; 3, Ferguson; 4, Jardine; 5, Stevenson. YELL. PIED. CK. (6): 1, Stirling; 2, Wilson; 3, Jardine; 4, Stevenson; 5, Bell. HEN (5): 1, Bell; 2, Wilson; 3, Stirling; 4, Ferguson; 5, Aitkenhead. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Young; 4, Stirling; 5, Paterson. HEN (7): 1, 4, Jardine; 2, Young; 3, 5, Hannah. FOUL F.C. CK. (6): 1, Jardine; 2, Bell; 3, Stevenson; 4, Baird; 5, Anderson. FOUL HEN (7): 1, Stevenson; 2, Martin; 3, 5, Young; 4, Ferguson. GREEN HEN (4): 1, Stevenson; 2, Paterson; 3, Aitkenhead; 4, Ferguson. SELL. CK. (10): 1, Jardine; 2, Ferguson; 3, Martin; 4, Young; 5, Aitkenhead. HEN (8): 1, 3, Nairn; 2, Paterson; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, Ferguson.

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TKD. ETC. (6): 1, spl, second best in show, Parrott, Buff grand quality, good size and shape; 2, Fellows, yell, tight as boxwood and shapely; 3, Clarke, Buff, good quality and cobby; 4, Hedges, Buff, another good one. YORKS. CK. (13): 1, spl, 4, Dykes, leader yell, very long grand colour and quality, nice position and style; 4, yell, very warm in colour, tight as box; 2, spl, cup, best shown by a member, Parrott, yell, rare length and quality, straight as a dart, runs winner close; 3, Shetler, Cinn, marked, nice position and style. HEN (5): 1, Parrott, charming Buff, tight as wax; 2, 4, Mabey, 2, Buff, very similar, grand quality; 4, mkd, yell, another good one; 3, Warley, yell. long racy and good style. TKD. ETC. (11): 1, 2, Dykes, 1, tkd. Buff, feathered to perfection, rare length and position, a gem; 2, tkd. yell. another grand bird; 3, Mabey, tkd. Buff, close in feather, stands well; 4, Parrott, unflig. mkd. yell, well drawn, tight feather, grand quality. NORD. FCY. CK. (8): 1, cl. Hopwood, Buff, well drawn, dainty carriage, well put down; 2, 3, Ellwood, 2, bonny little buff, tight in feather, jaunty carriage; 3, yell, good colour; 4, Smith, good shape and position. HEN (8): 1, spl, best Border, Hopgood, variegd. Buff, well drawn, neat head, well braced wings, and tail, a little gem; 2, 3, Ellwood, 2, even mkd. yell. very neat, good quality, well put down; 3, Buff, good carriage and shape, tight in feather; 4, Smith, variegd. fine quality. BULLFINCH BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Galton, grand size and shape, very rich colour, well defined cap, a stormer; 2, Barrett, another good one, not far behind; 3, Fellows, good colour, but rather unsteady. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Hedges, nicely cut blaze, grand colour; 2, Martin, rich blaze, distinct markings, nice bars, steady; 3, 4, Fellows, 3, rich colour; 4, nice quality. FOR. (7): 1, spl, Cooper, King Parrot, in grand form, well staged, easy winner; 2, 4, Botting, 2, Diamond Sparrow, in good condition; 4, Weaver, in grand plumage; 3, Miss Ferguson, Cardinal, good plumage and colour. SELL. (11): 1, spl, Fellows, Buff Nor. good size and shape; 2, Clarke, Cinn. Nor. nice colour; 3, Sponsford, Whydah, wants larger cage, too cramped now; 4, King-Cooper. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, King and Rogers, 1, yell, grand type, colour, quality and condition; 2, Buff, a beauty; 4, Buff, good size and shape; 3, Parrott, yell, very cobby, close in feather, good colour. NOR. BRED 1908 (5): 1, spl, 3, Osborne, 1, variegd. Buff, tight in feather; 3, cl. yell. cobby shape, close feather; 2, 4, Smithers, yell, much ady at present, 4 lion good shape and size, close in feather. YORKS CL. CK. (6): 1, spl, 4, Parrott, 1, Bull, featured to perfection, good position, stands as a rush, 4, yell, capital shape and feather, 2, Underwood, junr, stylish buff, good carriage and shape; 3, French, yell, long, close in feather, stands well. HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Parrott, 1, Buff, very neat, well put down, 2, Bull, good length and quality; 4, tkd yell. long and racy, and tight in feather; 3, Underwood, junr, yell, straight as a rush, very smart. TKD ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, Parrott, 1, marked yell, capital feather, stands well; 3, tkd. yell. long upstanding hen, good quality; 4, even marked Bull, very close feather, good position, 2, King and Rogers, tkd. Buff, good length, very stylish. BRED 1908 (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Parrett, fine team winner; 2, Buffs; 3, Cinn. marked; 4, tkd yell. like wax, very stylish. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, 3, 4, Lamb, 1, 3, Linnet-Bullfis, nice shape, rich in colour, well shown; 4, Redpoll Greenfinch, in good condition; 2, King-Cooper, Goldie Bullie, good size and colour, very pretty. NOVICE A.V. (7): 1, spl, 2, 4, Montgomery, all Yorks, good shape and style; 3, Briggs, Buff Nor. close in feather, plenty of size. BULLFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Miss Turner, very fine hen, splendid colour, shape and markings; 2, 3, Millson, couple of very rich, coloured Bullies, deep breasts and steady; 4, King and Rogers, good shape and cap. A.O.S. (5): 1, Parrott, Yellowhammer, well marked, very steady; 2, King-Cooper, Greenfinch, good colour and size; 3, 4, Miss Turner, 3, Siskin, loses in colour; 4, Chaffinch, very wild. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. P. Combe, very fine African Grey, good plumage and condition; 2, King and Rogers. Cardinal, nice bird.

MAIDSTONE.

This show, the 19th annual, open to a six miles radius, was a greater success than ever this year. Held in the well-lighted Corn Exchange, on November 6th and 7th, the entry was a capital one. About 120 birds were staged, and the quality was very good throughout, especially in the British section. Mr. A. Day is an ideal secretary, kindly, firm, and practical. He has an excellent assistant in Mr. A. Hayman. The veteran Mr. G. Barney is chairman, and was here, there, and everywhere lending a helping hand. Amongst the others who assisted were the following:—Messrs. Lancaster (vice-chairman); Parks (trustee); E. F. Tadman, R. Woodhams, Buck, Froud, Stanley, Lott, Harden, Whibley (committee). His Worship the Mayor of Maidstone attended, and opened the show, making an excellent and appropriate speech. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The special for best bird, also Hyde's special was awarded to Mr. F. Hills, for a really nice unfed Yellow Norwich Plainhead.

The Critique.

NOR. COL.-FED (8): 1, spl, Jenner, good shape, colour and feather; 2, (no name), nice feathered Buff ,falls a little in size; 3, Lambert, variegd. yell., good shape, but open in feather; res, Jenner; vhc, Hills; hc, Whibley; c, Andrews. NOR. CL. YELL. NON-FED (8): 1, 2 spls, Hills, fine shape of body, good Norwich Canary, bright glossy feather; 2, Gooding, neat shape, loses in feather; 3, Jenner, not so typical, else nice; res, Reed; vhc, Andrews, hc, (no name); c, Harvey. CL. BUFF (5): 1, Hills, very shapely, nice feather, hardly enough undercolour, made a good fight with the clear yellow for the special; 2, Gording, not so nice in feather quality; 3, Lambert, nice one, will improve; res, Harvey. TKD. ETC. (15): 1, Hills, chubby, good size, wants a little more tightening up and polish to make a nice one; 2, Reed, neat and nice; 3, Barrer, very fair; res, Reed; vhc, Whibley; hc, Andrews; c, Jenner. CRESTS (6), of which three bore traces of the condiment, and were left out: 1, spl, Harvey, neat but not massive; 2, Jenner. YORKS. YELL (7): 1, res, Andrews, the winner variegd., stylish, fine drawn, nice whip; 2, 3, vhc, Lambert, the former best position and feather; hc, Jenner. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Andrews, very typical, nice feathered Buff, well on the leg; 2, Harvey, typical, well finished; 3, hc, Jenner; res, Andrews; hc, Jenner. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, Hills, a good headed green Crestbred; 2, 3, vhc, Jenner, neat Border, and variegd. Crestbred, res, Whiffen; hc, Harvey. PAIRS (12): 1, spl, res, Whiffen, the leaders a good pair for Crest breeding; 2, hc, Jenner, Norwich Plainheads; 3, Hills, ditto; vhc, Boorer; c, Hills. HYBRID (10): 1, spl, Curd, nice Chaffinch-Brambling; 2, 3, hc, Curd. Goldy-Canary, and Greenfinch-Canary; res, vhc, Terry; c, Hills. GOLD OR BULL. (10): 1, spl, Curd, very rich coloured fine polled lustrous Bullfinch, fairly clean at thighs; 2, vhc, Hoad, the former a lustrous, clean cut, nice blazed Goldfinch; 3, Whiffen, Goldfinch, loses in lustre; res, c, Jenner; hc, Terry. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Jenner, a bonny Redpoll and nice Siskin. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, res, vhc, Jenner, Yellow Wagtail in good fettle leading; 2, Harris, a really nice Skylark, very tame and well marked. FOR. (5): 1, spl, Usinar; 2, vhc, Martin; 3, Beasley; res, Ford. SELL (10/-) (5): 1, Lambert; 2, Miss Crump; 3, Jenner; res, Hills; vhc, Andrew.

CARSHALTON.

The 2nd annual show was held in the Public Hall on November 11th, and a very large entry in the total of a mixed show was the result, taxing to its utmost extent the capacity of the hall. Mr. D. Jones, the courteous and able hon. secretary, did everything possible for the comfort of the exhibits and the convenience of exhibitors. He was well backed up by the chairman, Mr. R. H. Jacob, and the committee, but in our section notably by Messrs. R. P. Broome and G. W. Saunders. Mr. D. H. Hudson, the excellent assistant secretary, seconded the efforts of his chief. W. Dennis ,Esq., C.C., is the president, and he, too, takes a great interest in its welfare. We might suggest that a slightly extended and more attractive classification in the open section should be arranged for another year and that a few of the "good things provided" should be allotted to this section. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

OPEN NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Kilby, the now well-known unflig. yell., looking in splendid trim; 3, hc, Muscutt, another unflig. yell., rich in colour, good body shape, tip-top quality of feather; res, Stroud, smart tkd yell., good colour; c, Stroud. MEMBERS'.—NOR. (11): 1, 3, Graves, feader close-feathered, fine quality buff; 3rd, unflig. yell., just a trifle small, but grand depth of colour, and fine silky feather; 2, Saunders, yell., rich quality feather, nice colour, splendid gloss; res, c, Saunders; vhc, hc, Muscutt. A.O.V. CAN. (10): Four of which were Goldfinch Canary Mules, and consequently wrong-classed; 1, 2, 3, Saunders, three good-coloured cinn., leather particularly sound in colour, good head, beautifully burnished, feather of best quality, unflig.; res, Jacob; hc, c, White. BRIT. (13): 1, hc, Tapper, Thrush, nice spotting; 2, rearman, Black headed Bunting, in the best of feather, nicely marked; 3, White, Bullfinch, grand feather and colour; res., Jacob; vhc, c, Truelove. This was a really attractive class.

LEEK.

The 8th annual exhibition connected with the Leek and District F.S., was held on November 12th. The entries turned up well, creating a record total of upwards of 230. The specimens were neatly staged, in the Co-operative Hall, which is of good size (quite capable of accommodating 500 birds), nice light (electric by night), cosy, well ventilated, and comfortable. A capital schedule was issued, and fully deserved the liberal response received. Yorkshires were by far, the choicest collection, ever seen at this fixture. We were informed there was not a single breeder of the "straight 'nus' in the whole town, may be the "Yorkshire fever" will break out in the noted Potteries district ere long. Norwich were also well represented, and contained several very meritorious specimens. Mule and British were of a nice order, and the open Novice section displayed some capital exhibits. The president is C. Watson, Esq. The committee are a band of most willing workers, who all do their utmost to help things on, in the way they should go, and are to be highly complimented. The secretary is Mr. R. Hall, who is an excellent manipulator, having the correct workings of a show at his finger tips; he is evidently master of his job. Leek are lucky to have in their midst such an enthusiastic and courteous Fancier. Messrs. Whetstone, Gibson, Clews and Hawley played their part admirably as stewards, affixing prize slips and so forth promptly after each class was adjudicated upon. The show opened in good time, and every thing went smoothly and well. Hyde's special went to Mr. R. Hall, his clear Buff Nor. then doing the trick. Sandford's, for hottest, was captured by a clear yell. Nor. owned by Mr W. Whetstone, the same bird also gaining special for best vhc, shown by the members. The best Nor. cock was staged by Mr. W. Bowyer, the best hen by Messrs. Moore and Son, Mule, Messrs. Clowes and Son (a good Greenie-Bullie), best British, Mr. P. V. Williams (a lovely grey Wagtail), best Yorkie, Mr. J. Burke, best Novice Nor., Mr. S. Oliver. Members' specials were won by Messrs. W. Whetstone, R. Hall, and W. Whetstone, in the order named, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best shown. The judge was Mr. J. H. Roe.

The Critique.

NOVICE YORK. (19): 1, Andrews, yell, mkd, neck and thigh, lengthy, and upstanding, capital back, flights and tail, lovely feather; 2, Heyes, clear Buff, tight as a Java, straight as a rush, lengthy; 3, Goldshew, cl. yell. fine long drawn specimen, grand back and wings; 4, vhc, Pygott, cl. buff, shows like glass, good length and quality; he, Perrins; c, Rowley. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Oliver, marked wing and head, red hot, fine substance and shape, rich quality, clean cut away; 2, Green, grizzled cap, true type, good size, capital feather, bonny; 3, c, Toplass, cl, very shapely, rattling cel ur and feather, most stylish; 4, Davies, cl. well up in colour, A1 type, jaunty carriage; vhc, Morris; he, Oliver. BUFF (11): 1, Evans, cl. very cobby, rattling colour and frosting, grand carriage, all front, well cut under; 2, c, Topless, cl better colour, superb feather, A1; 3, Davies, marked breast, fine shape and substance, nicely mealed, capital youngster, very promising; 4, Oliver, cl. unflig, rare colour and quality, cobby, beautiful carriage; vhc, Green; he, Bickerton. OPEN NOR CL. YELL (9): 1, 4, Bowyer, couple of taking specimens, winner, fine substance and colour, magnificent quality and shape, a gem; 4, all type, lovely feather and colour, nice carriage of wings; 2, Moore and Son, teeming with quality, rich tone of colour, very shapely; 3, he, Bevan, nice feather and colour, capital body, good head and neck; vhc, Whetstone; c, Willoughby. BUFF (7): 1, Whetstone, bouncer, slashing shape, beautifully feather, A1 colour, jaunty carriage, very stylish; 2, Wootton, good type, nice colour and frosting, capital wing carriage; 3, Hall, nice substance and body shape, rich feather and mealing; 4, Bevan, true type, full of colour and quality, neat mover, very taking; vhc, he, Bowyer; c, Hathaway. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Whetstone, mkd, left wing, magnificent colour and feather, good substance and shape, capital carriage; 2, Hall, marked left wing, A1 colour and quality, nice substance, clean cut away; 3, Hathaway, marked wings, and head, a blaze with colour, superb feather; 4, Bellamy, variegrattling feather and colour, fine substance; vhc, Oliver; he, Weaver; c, Broadhead. BUFF (5): 1, Hall, variegbouncer, beautifully feathered, rattling colour, covered over with delightful frosting, grand type, gem; 2, Bowyer, marked neck, well up in substance, very shapely, superior colour and quality; 3, Bevan, lightly varieg., bold, grand quality, colour and shape, clean cut, worth its place; 4, Hathaway, marked wings, head and neck, cobby, A1 colour and meal; vhc, Broadhead. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Tams and Son, clear, wonderful substance, rare colour and feather, grand head, neck and chest, A1 wing carriage; 2, Bickerton, bouncing clear, almost equal to winner, only catalogued at 30/-; 3, Hall, cl. good substance and shape, A1 wings and tail, worth her place; 4, Willoughby, Cinn. marked, good size and type, nice quality; vhc, he, Bowyer; c, Roberts. BUFF (15): 1, Moore and Son, cl. unflig, the "Maid" spoken well of at Grimsby, lovely throughout, in the pink; 2, he, Hall, another topping unflig. cl. stood first Blackburn and Potteries; 3, Bowyer, clear, 1908 bred, very shapely, capital quality, lovely; 4, Irons, magnificently feathered clear, capital shape and carriage, A1 colour and meal; vhc, Weaver; c, Tams and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Birks, cl. hot, rare substance, beautiful shape and quality, carriage of the best, clean under, gem; 2, Hall, stylish clear, teeming with quality and colour, nice type and size, jaunty, close on heels of winner; 3, Moore and Son, ticked neck, stood first York, very cobby, hot, A1 quality, clean cut; 4, Whetstone, warm cl, smooth as wax, nice size and carriage; vhc, c, Bowyer; he, Hathaway. BUFF (13): 1, Moore and Son, ticked right eye, grand substance and shape, lovely colour, feather and meal, moves well; 2, Tams and Son, marked head, short and thick-set, lovely feather and colour, capital head, neck and chest; 3, Irons, cl, feathered grandly, A1 colour and frosting, good carriage; 4, Bevan, clear, well up in colour, rich quality and of nice mealing; vhc, Hall; he, Roberts, c, Bowyer. YELL. AND BUFF GREENS: void. YORKS. YELL. (14), a good lot: 1, Hawley, fine lengthy drawn clear, capital position and quality, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, Wall, very stylish clear, stands delightfully, well clothed, good colour, 3, Millington, cl. long slim and narrow, upstanding, good feather, very neat; 4, Barker, clear, straight as a rush, wedge shaped, rare feather; vhc, Howes; he, c, Taylor. BUFF (11), a nice class: 1, Burke, cl. wonderful width, slashing position, feathered to perfection, stands on clever legs; 2, Thomas, grand long drawn cl, stands well, capital back and wings; 3, Croft, marked wings, straight up, long sided, grand back lights; 4, Wall, cl. tight as a Java, lovely colour and meal, full of nerve; vhc, Peake; he, Bradley; c, Williams. HEN (16), grand: 1, Howes, cl, yell, beautifully feathered, shone like satin, capital position and length, quite a charmer; 2, Piggott, cl, yell, neat and narrow, lengthy and stylish, A1 stand, rare colour, we liked; 3, Millington, cl. yell. well up in colour, superior feather, fine length; 4, c, Hawley, smart cl. buff, slim and upstanding, light as a drum; vhc, Croft; he, Perrins. UNFLIG. (17), a rare class: 1, 4, Williams, cl. buff, and thigh backed, yell, respectively, former, good length and stand, capital quality, smooth as a bottle, A1 wings; 2, lengthy, rich feather and colour, stands as a rush; 3, Peake, yell, mkd, left wing, stands like a guardsman, nothing back flights and tail; 3, Howes, buff marked left wing, smooth as wax, capital colour and meal, A1 position; vhc, Goodall; he, Taylor; c, Paddock. CREST AND C.B.: void. SELL (25/) (12): 1, Mason; 2, 4, Hall; 3, Yates; vhc, Bevan; he, Whetstone; c, Roberts. (12/6) (16): 1, Mason; 2, Yates; 3, Wilkins and Prince; 4, Wootton; vhc, Birks; he, Maitland and Dean; c, Heywood. LIGHT MULE: void. DARK (7): 1, Williams, Linnet-Canary, fine size and shape, lovely colour and markings, tight as a Java, very bonny; 2, Burgess, Greenie-Canary, well up in substance, capital colour; 3, Morley, Buff, Goldie-Cinn., neat shape, good colour and size, nice blaze; 4, Bower, yell. Greenie-Canary, A1 quality, nice shape and colour; vhc, Stockton; he, Morecon. HYB. (5): 1, Ward, noted Linnet-Bullie, looking in the best possible condition; 2, 4, Clowes and Son, brace of very bonny Green-e-Bullies, both capital shape, size, and colour, little separates them; 3, Tams and Son, neat Goldie-Bullie, good shape and colour, capital face. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, Williams, magnificent Grey Wagtail leading, closely followed by a prettily marked Warbler, both staged in delightful fashion; 3, Hallam, Goldie, delightful colour and shape, fine size, lovely well cut blaze, clear and distinct in bars; 4, he, Perkin, nice coloured Linnet, well pencilled, good one; vhc, Clowes and Son; c, Green. LARGE: void. MEMBERS' NOV. CLASS (9): 1, Green, cl. buff, hot in colour, good substance and shape, nice meal and carriage, well cut; 2, he, Gibson, cl. yell, nice tone of colour, capital feather and shape, bonny youngster; 3, Oliver, smart cl. buff, good shape, nice carriage; 4, c, Tattler, buff mkd, back, good size, feather and colour.

STIRCHLEY.

At this fixture held in the Institute, Stirchley, on Nov. 10th and 11th, Cage Birds had but three classes provided for them. Of these one was cancelled, and in the other two both first prizes were withheld, the classes being considered full at eight. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

YORKS. CL. (7): 2, 3, Pugh, both nice in shape and feather, leader longest and best position; vhc, Etheridge (2); c, Latham; No 288 absent. NOVICE (7): 2, 3, vhc, and spl. Derry, nice trio of Nor. Plainheads, leader best shape; 3, nice one, good size; res, he, Smith; c, Etheridge.

STOKE NEWINGTON.

The sixth annual members' show of the Stoke Newington F.A. was held in the Schoolroom of the Devonshire Square Church, on October 27th and 28th, and reflected the greatest credit on the hon. sec., Mr. Geo. Dowden, and all concerned. The officers are an enthusiastic body of fanciers, the chairman being Mr. W. Morris; vice-chairman, Mr. E. G. Rhodes; committee, Messrs. Bagley, Hawkins, Fox, Lacey, Churchman, Spence, Ford, Hatchett, Beard and Dane; while Mr. G. Niblett makes an efficient hon. assistant secretary. The room is a capital place in which to hold a show, being capable of accommodating a large number of exhibits, and, for such a room, exceedingly free from draughts. The entry was not so good, in point of numbers, as the membership would seem to guarantee, but the quality of the exhibits was excellent. The cup for the best bird bred by a member during 1908, was won by Mr. C. Bennett (of the novice section), with a rattling unflighted buff Yorkshire. Yorkshires all round were nice, Mr. Sweetman staging a good team; while Mr. Farmer sent half-a-dozen rattling Crests and Crestbreds. Norwich were not numerous. There was a capital class of non-feds however British did not shine conspicuously, and there was nothing startling in the Foreigners. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. Prize labels were promptly attached to the cages, and everything ready for visitors early. The weather was exceedingly unpropitious rain descending in torrents in the afternoon and early evening of the first day, which no doubt militated against the "gate."

YORKS (4): 1, spl, 3, res, vhc, Sweetman, leader spanking yell., straight as a dart, fine silky feather, grand level colour; 3, clinking buff, smart, but not quite the character of first. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Sweetman the leader promising yell. needs a little steadying when it will do well. CREST C.B. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, vhc, he, Farmer, winner really well built grey Crest, with crest of splendid formation, nice centre, good length all round, rare quality of feather; 2, nearly green C.B., dense and long, capital width of individual feathers; 3, wing mkd, D.C., nicely groomed, but not the evenness of formation of winner. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CK. (4): 1, res, Hale, the former thick-set grand quality yell.; 3, vhc, Tuckey, close feathered, rich coloured buff leading. HEN. (4): 1, Tuckey, yell. silky feather, good colour; 3, Ford, chubby little hen, short wings and tail, yell. rich colour, unflig.; res, vhc, Hale. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, Davies, yell, quick and shapely, needs tightening; 3, Mead, fine brawn, good quality; res, Lacey; vhc, Ford. YELL. 1908 (5): 1, Lacey, tkd yell, stands well; 2, Mead, Cinn. varieg. full of go, little slack at times; res, Bennett; vhc, Lacey; he, Davies. BUFF (4): 1, cup, and two specials, Bennett, very sweet bird, well cleaned out at all points, beautiful rich, close, bloomy feather, good waist and "something behind the leg"; 3, Lacey, typical and stylish, not quite so good behind leg; res, Mead; vhc, Lacey. HEN (7): 1, spl, Lacey, tkd. yell., nice length, good mould, straight, rich feather; 2, Bennett, buff, very smart, not quite so finely drawn or stylish, good one; 3, Mead, yell. good position, smart; res, Lacey; he, he, c, Davies. MULES (4): 1, spl, Mead, light Goldie Can., wins easily; 3, Mead, dark buff Linnet-Can.; res, vhc, Hawkins. SELL (15/-) (5): 1, spl, 3, Hale; 2, Sweetman; vhc, Lacey; he Bennett. NOR. NON-FED (6): 1, spl, 2, res, two really good buffs, first bonny fellow, best quality of feather, grand type; 2, good, but just tries the table flap business with its tail now and again; 3, vhc, he, Ford; one of the best classes of non-fed birds for type and quality we have seen. YORKS. (4): 1, spl, res Ford; 3, Lacey; vhc, Mead; by no means such a good class as the Nor. BRIT. FINCH (5): 1, spl, Ford, very pretty Chaffinch, well up in colour; 2, Hudson, another Chaffy, not so lustrous; res, vhc, he, Hudson. FOR. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Miss Rimington; all very well staged, but there were three birds entered in this class apparently in error, viz. an ordinary Canary, a Goldfinch and a Greenfinch, and all were described in the catalogue as "Australians." CHILDREN'S CAGE BIRD (3): 1, Emily Hawkins, nice buff Nor clean, good feather and shape, needs nicer and more roomy cage; 2, Bertha Dowden, nearly green Nor., well kept, in nice feather; 3, Marjory Loft, Crest of the olden time, when the early tassel-crown came out, and radiation and length were in their infancy.

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KILMARNOCK.

The Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. held their 34th annual show, in the Co-operative Hall, on November 7th, and it was without a doubt a complete success. The hall is one of the best for a bird show we have been in, having plenty of room, good, clear light. Entries numbered altogether 486, being 39 in advance of last year's show. The quality was of the best, many good birds not getting a "look in." Mr. A. Reid the judge on the Scotch Fancies, and Mr. Geo. Scear of the Norwich and the Crests, and we heard no complaints. Borders were superb, many watches being staged; 124 of this variety were here, and Mr. Wm. Moore (Annbank), who judged them, had hard work in selecting the best. Mr. Moore Reid (Glasgow) had a lot to do in the Mule, British and Foreign birds' section, where the quantity and quality also were good. This club is fortunate in having a secretary like Mr. R. McCaw, as he is most obliging and very attentive to his duties. The stewards, namely, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. Wm. Smith, Mr. J. Johnstone, and Mr. H. Train, also knew their duties, and did them well. The various cup winners were as follows:—For most points in Scotch Fancies, Mr. A. Bowie; in Crests, Mr. J. Noble; in Borders, Mr. Wm. Clark; in Mules, Mr. R. McCaw; and in British and Foreign, Mr. A. Mackie. Johnstone Cup and gold medal for best bird in show went to Mr. J. Noble.

Messrs. Reid and Scaife's Classes.

SCOT. CL., ETC., CK. (5): 1, spl, Bowie, grand buff foul, good drive and solid top, rare size, worth its place; 2, he, Bunten, 2nd cl. buff, grand size, nice head and shoulders, very fine drive; 3, spl, Allan, good, long body and wings, splendid drive; vhc, Templeton. PIED, ETC., CK. (3): 1, Bowie, yell. pied, grand shoulders, erect, decided drive, good top; 2 3, Templeton, 2nd buff pied, nice size, splendid nerve, good head and neck, 3rd cl. bull, good drive; vhc, Lyons. CL., ETC., HEN (6): 1, Bowie, cl. buff, decided drive, nice top, splendid wings and tail; 2, Allan, splendid qualities; 3, Lyons, nice head, good shoulders and wings; vhc, c, Gartshore; he, Lyons. PIED, ETC. (3): 1, Allan, champion hen, sweet head, splendid droop, solid top, wins easily; 2, Lyons, buff pied, erect, solid top, nice style; 3 Templeton. CREST CK. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Adamson, leader grand, round crest, buff D.C., good frontal, fine centre, 2 same honours at City of Glasgow; ground, even crest, well over beak, perfect centre; vhc, buff, D.C., nice centre and frontal; 3, Noble, plenty of feather. HEN (4): 1, 3, Noble, 1st indeed a noble bird, splendid formation, well filled, splendid droop, wins "The Johnstone Cup" and gold medal for best bird in Canary Classes, 3rd Green pied yell.; 2, vhc, Adamson, buff, pied body, D.C., nice shaped crest. C.B., CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Noble, another fine trio, 1st big one, grand entrance, plenty of feather, was wet when we saw it, 2nd yell.-green, fine lashing, splendid cushion, mass of feather; vhc, Allan; he, c, Adamson. HEN (7): 1, Watson, pied-buff, well lashed, good cushion and entrance; 2, vhc, he, Noble, 2nd yell.-green, good bird, vhc fine entrance; 3, c, Adamson, varieg., grand size, splendid entrance, plenty of feather, some preferred for first place. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3), splendid class, best we have seen at a club show: 1, Rae, perfect model, hot fed, graud, round head, chest like a Bullie, perfect wing carriage, nice, short tail; 2, Watson, another hot-fed one, nice head, neck and chest, good quality of feather, well paced, 3rd tkd., grand type, good, upstanding style; vhc, Hutchieson, nice body and feather; he, Muir, good style; c, Cowan, No. 2 in this class (Johnstone) a fine bird but a bad shower. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (12): another strong class; 1, Hutchieson, hot-fed buff, good head; 2, Rae, nicely fed, grand cobby type, good head, splendid feather, some fancied for first; 3, Watson, grand chest and wings, perfect carriage, nice, round bead, well shown; vhc, Muir, good head and chest; he, Latta; c, Johnstone. BUFF (18): 1, vhc, Watson, hot-fed, very typical, nice wing carriage, good head, deserves its place; 2, Train, very typical, short tail, grand quality all over, pressed 1st hard; 3, Hutchieson, grand bird throughout, well placed; vhc, Watson, nice type, but course of feather; he, Latta; c, McFadyean. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (17): 1, c, Watson grand type, size and, condition, fine front and feather for a buff; 2, Bowie, wing and eye markings, splendid head, nice, bold chest, stands erect; some preferred; 3, Latta, nice Bullfinch type, splendid condition, shows well; vhc, McFadycan, nice, stout hird; he, Muir, correct type. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, 3, Watson, 1st cl. champion type, nice size, perfect round head, grand flights and tail, wins with ease, 3rd another nice, cobby hird, grand style, nice bead, shows well; 2, Train, grand body, good, short flights, perfect carriage, well shown; vhc, Muir, good head and chest; he, Breadan; c, Latta. VARIEG. (10): 1, Watson, good body, nice short tail, very cobby; 2, Rae, nice chest, grand, upstanding style, perfect wing carriage; 3, Muir, good size, full chest, grand, round head, rare quality, in nice condition; vhc, Hutchieson, nice style head and chest; he, Cooper; c, Muir. CL., ETC., BUFF (16), a good class: 1, vhc, he, Watson, good head, nice, cobby style, splendid wing carriage; 2, Bowie, grand Bullfinch type, good round head, lovely tail carriage, flights perfect; 3, Hutchieson, grand bird, good quality throughout; c, Scott. VARIEG. BUFF (18): 1, Rae, grand, cobby type, perfect carriage, good, bold chest, stands like a soldier, nice head and neck, wins; 2, Watson, splendid head, chest and wings, good feather, and condition perfect; 3 Latta, has a fine way of showing itself, which took the eye; vhc, Hutchieson, grand type, good head, perfect carriage; he, Muir; c, Cowan. NON-FED (6): 1, Allan, varieg. yell, good chest, grand quality throughout; 2, Hutchieson, takes the eye, nice head, perfect flights; 3, Aitken, variegck., nice head and chest, worth its place; vhc, c, Latta, nice head; he, Hutchieson. CINN OR GREEN (7): 1, he, c, McCaw buff green, good head and style, nice wing carriage; 2, Scott, buff-green, nice chest, grand quality feather; 3, Brown, yell.-green, foul wings and tail, good stamp, nice head, neck and chest; vhc, Templeton, another nice yell.-green.

Mr. Mossie's Classes.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Smillie, 1st well-moulded, perfect tail and wing carriage, good quality of feather, 2nd free mover, lovely shape, grand head, perfect carriage, well placed; 3, Clark, splendid type, grand carriage, good pipe tail, nice head and feather; vhc, Willison, grand quality throughout, nicely tapered; he, Clark, another gem, grand quality; c, Guthrie. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, Clark, perfect carriage, feather like wax, moves freely; 2, Jones, another topper, grand colour, wings and tail superb, well moulded; 3, Smillie, grand head, well-drawn; vhc, Murdoch; he, Strathearn; c, Lennox. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (19): 1, J. Smillie, another gem, splendid position and style, good one in every respect, lovely head and wings; 2, Lee, another sweet one, grand wing and tail carriage, lovely colour, nicely moulded; 3, Clark, perfect head, grand style, free mover, the type that is wanted, we liked; vhc, Jones, sweet head, good carriage and quality; he, c, Murdoch. VARIEG. (12): 1, Clark, gem for type and quality, we could not find a fault; 2, Smillie, grand head, very neat body, smart and well drawn; 3, Guthrie, good shape, grand quality throughout, full of quality, splendid carriage; vhc, Lee, good head and wings; he, Blair, Cree. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Clark, 1st, perfect model, very sweet exhibit, grand quality throughout; 2, he, Murdoch, good head, neck and position, very nice bird, 3rd perfect carriage, lovely colour, nicely drawn, well staged; vhc, c, Smillie, grand feather, nicely moulded. VARIEG.: 1, Clark, grand type, sweet head, wings carried perfect, very sweet all through; 2, Scoular, nice head, perfect carriage, shows well, splendid colour; 3, Lee, another sweet one, very neat head; vhc, Clark, splendid shape and style; he, Kelly; c, Samson CL., ETC., BUFF (24), best class in this section, some good ones out, the tickets: 1, Clark, gem in every respect, good position and feather, perfect carriage, free mover, good quality; 2, Hannah, good type and feather; 3, Murdoch, sweet exhibit, shown to perfection, well drawn; vhc, Guthrie, splendid quality, sweet head; he, Lennox. VARIEG. (11): 1, Cree, splendid type, good position, free mover, nicely shown; 2, Clark, perfect gem for type, quality and style; 3, Clark, sweet head, well shown; vhc, Jamieson, sweet head, good wings and tail; he, Willison; c, Cree. CINN. OR GREEN (7): 1, Cree, green ck., sweet head, grand carriage, splendid shape; 2, 3, he, 2nd green hen, grand feather and position, free mover, full of quality, 3rd splendid type, nice size, sweet exhibit; vhc, McCaw, nicely tapered, well moulded; c, Bowie.

Mr. Reid's Classes.

LIGHT MULE (9): 1, 2, c, Miller, leader Goldfinch, heavily marked on head and wings, grand size, nice blaze, 2 another about the same, large blaze; 3, Brown, good size and colour; vhc, he, McCaw. HYB. (7), a good class: 1, Dale, grand Goldie Bullie, lovely blaze and cap, good size, wins; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, McCaw, grand team, 2nd fine-sized Linnet-Bullie, good chest colour, shows parentage well, 3rd another the same longer; he, Simkin Greenfinch. DK. GOLDFINCH MULE (9): 1, Brown, grand example of blaze, splendid size and wing markings; 2, vhc, McCaw, good size, yell., vhc good colour, nice markings; 3, Jones, buff, fine size, nicely shown; he, c, Cram. DARK GREENFINCH MULE (1): 1 and only, Scoular, nice size and colour, well shown. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 3, he, c, McCaw, 1st good-coloured Cauary-Mule, nice bib, 3rd another the same; 2, McCallum, Redpoll-Canary, splendid size, good colour, some preferred; vhc, Cram Linnet, good size, nice colour. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Fisher, wonderful size, grand square blaze, nice moons and buttons, good, white cheeks; 2, McCaw, nice size and colour, splendidly buttoned, face not up in colour yet; 3, c, Dunsmuir, good size, grand face, nice yell. wing marks; vhc, he, Brown, lovely Goldie; he, Brown. BRIT. BULLIE: 1, 3, Dunsmuir, 1st marvellous colour, grand size, nice bars and lovely cap, 3rd good size, well shown; 2, Smith, nice colour; vhc, Brown, fine size; he, Mackie; c, Fisher. LINNET (10): 1, Mackie, wonderful colour and markings, nice, close front, well-pencilled; 2, Dunsmuir, well up in size, nice wings, well shown; 3, Brown, nice lacing, good, nut-brown colour; vhc, Scoular, good size and markings; he, Rae; c, Smith. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Mackie, bottled one, good size, splendid yell. wings; lovely polish, wins easy; 2, Dale, red-hot fed one, yell., good size, well staged; 3, Johnstone, nice hot-fed one, shows well; vhc, Fisher, good size; he, Smith; c, Mackie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Johnstone, nice fed Siskin good size and colour, splendid cap and bib; 2, Dunsmuir, Twite, nice size; 3, Kelly, as good a Lesser 'Poll as we have seen this year, good colour and size, nicely marked; vhc, Scoular, Mealy Redpoll, good size; he, Mackie; c, Strathearn. BRIT. HARDBILLS (9): 1, 2, 3, he, spl, Mackie, leader Hawfinch, good size and colour, lovely condition, well shown; 2, Champion Yellowhammer lovely head markings grand chest colour, 3, he, spl, good-sized Corn Bunting, nice colour, well shown; vhc, Templeton, grand-coloured Bramhle; c, Smith. BRIT. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, vhc, Smith, leader, grand Wryneck, grand colour, well spangled, nicely shown, 3, Songthrush, very tame, he another nice Song-Thrush; 2, vhc, Mackie, extra big Missel Thrush, shown to perfection. BULLFINCH HEN (13): 1, spl, he, Dale, grand size and colour, polished like wax, he another nice one, good cap and hara; 2, Fisher, grand type, good size and colour, well shown; 3, Dunsmuir, fine size and colour; vhc, Smillie; c, Mackie. A.O.S. HEN: 1, Kelly, good-sized Greenfinch, nice cream colour; 2 Mackie, Corn Bunting, fine size and colour; 3, Smith, Greenfinch, very steady; vhc, Mackie, Bramblefinch nice chest colour; he, Fisher; c, Brown. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, Cree, wonderful size magnificent blaze and cheeks, nice moons and buttons; 2, Mackie, good cheeks, nice moons and buttons; 3, Smith, bird, fine face, splendid cheeks, nicely shown; 3, Johnstone, grand size and face; vhc, McCallum, good face; he, Smillie; c, Brown. FOR. (5): 1, vhc, he, Mackie, 1st Red crested Cardinal, good colour, well staged, vhc pair tri-coloured Maunikins, in good condition, he got out of its cage, and the hall was too big to report it in; 2, 3, Smith, 2nd very sweet Bibfinch, in perfect plumage, 3rd sweet Parsonfinch, well shown.

NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooper. BORDER (13): 1, 2, 3, Hannah; vhc, he, c, Crosbie. GIFT CLASS (6): 1, Muir; 2, Murdoch; 3, McCaw; vhc, Scoular; he, Noble; c, Cram.

FORFAR AND DIST. C.B.I.S.

A successful members' show was held on Oct. 24, in the small public hall, Kirriemuir. The entries totalled 79; Messrs. W. Hampton and J. Craig judge The special for best Canary in show was won by a novice, Mr. W Irvine, with a Border Fancy, that for most points was won by Mr. W. Grewar.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Grewar; 2, 3, spl, Bowman; 4, Cable. HEN: 1, Cable; 2, 3, spl, Grewar. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Grewar; 3, Bowman; 4, spl, Dundas; 5, Cable. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Bowman; 2, 5, das; 5, Cable. NON-FED: 1, 2, Bowman; 3, spl, Grewar; 4, Cable. NOVICE CK.: 1, 3, spl, Kydd; 2, Dogg, Grewar. NOVICE CK.: 1, 3, spl, Kydd; 2, Doggroll; 4, Brown; 5, Kemnery. HEN: 1, spl, 2, 4, Brown; 3, Kydd. SELL. (10/-): 1, Grewar; 2, Dundas; 3, spl, Grewar; 4, Doggrell. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Lawson; 2, Stevenson, 4, spl, Robertson; 5, Falconer. HEN: 1, spl, Stevenson; 2, 3, Lawson. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, Campbell; 2, Stevenson; 3, Lawson; 4, Falconer. HEN. 1, spl, Stevenson; 2, Irvine; 3, Lawson; 4, Robertson. 5, Falconer. NOVICE CK.: 1, 5, Campbell; 2, 3, spl, Kennedy; 4, 6, Irvine. HEN: 1, spl, and spl best Can., Irvine; 3, 4, Irvine; 2, Kennedy; 5, Campbell. SELL. (6/-): HEN (3/-): 1, Falconer; 2, Lawson. A.V. MULE: 1, spl, Doggrell; 2, Grewar. GOLDIE ETC.: 1, Lawson; 2, Ormond. LINNET ETC.: 1, Irvine; 2, 3, Grant. WILD BIRD: 1, spl, 2, 3, Grant. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Grant; 4, 5, Robertson.

—W. Grewar, hon. sec.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

LYE (Stourbridge).

The sixth annual show was held in the Temperance Hall, Nov. 2, and 3. Entries in our section came up badly, the British, Foreign, Mules and scoring classes being amalgamated, only 12 entries were received in these four classes. It would be to the committee's advantage if they were to advertise their show more. The show secretary is Mr. [illegible], who had everything well arranged. Mr. Harrison judged.

YORKS. [illegible], grizzle neck, nice length, good quality of feathers, 2, vhc, Hingley, [illegible], nice wing carriage, vhc, these bird in class, but was badly knocked about in transit to show, which put it down, 3, R. Chapman; hc, Russon. NOR. (1): 1, 2, Hingley, two cl. buff, good feather and quality, wings well braced, neat head; 3, r, Russon, two good birds; vhc, hc, Chapman. CAN. A.O.V. CK.: 1, c, 3, Russon, grand trio, leader good even-mark D.C., weak in feather, crest well formed; 2, vargt. C.B., nicely laced, good long head feather, deserved its place; 3, very nice cmn., in grand feather; r, Attwood; vhc, Taylor. BRIT., FOR., MULES, AND SELL. (Amalg.): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hingley, grand team, fit to win in any company; 1st, good Gold Bullie, nicely coloured face, nice breast, grand quality feather; 2nd, one of the finest Green-bill Toucans we ever saw staged; 3rd, grand pair of Black-headed Goldfinch Finches; vhc, splendidly feathered Nightingale, tight as wax; vhc, good vargt. Greenfinch Mule; r, Taywell; vhc, Arnold; hc, Hingley.

TIDESWELL.

The second annual open show of the Tideswell C.B. Improvement Society was held on Nov. 14th in the Bagshaw Hall, which makes a splendid place for a show of this kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. The entry was very good, being well over 200, and was much in advance of last year's. Norwich were a grand lot, and quality very good, considering there were a number of shows on the same day. Yorkshires, too, were good. The members' birds were quite a show in themselves, the Brotherton Flint fighting hard for the cup, which was won by Mr. [illegible] fine team. The Mules and Hybrids were a grand class. Messrs. Bagshaw and Flint proved themselves most able and obliging secretaries, and had the birds well staged. They were ably assisted by the committee, Messrs. W. S. Flint (chairman), D. Bagshawe (vice-chairman), Robinson, Lomas, A. Flint, Gilbert, Longstone, Bradbury, Hill, Drabble, H. Flint, Oven, C. Flint, Eaton, Greaves, Hardie, Swarbrick, and Millward. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. YELL. (Classes 1 and 3 amal.) (7): 1, c, Fox, cl. yell., rare size, grand shape, wonderful colour, in the pink of condition; 2, hc, rns, cl. yell., similar, nice close feather; 3, Watson, very typical head, and neck marked, neat head; vhc, Watson; hc, Fox. BUFF (6): 1, Greaves, bonny, very short and thick, grand head, wings, and tail, very rich colour, good shape and size; 2, Raynes, similar, neat and compact body and shape, in splendid condition; 3, Williams, good type, well mealed, good one; vhc, Watson; hc, Dakin; c, Smeaton. BUFF-TICK ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Rathborne, extra large vargs., grand substance and shape, neat head and wings, rare wide back, very compact tail; 2, Fox, head marked, nice head and neck, splendid feather and condition; 3, Raynes, cl. buff, good shape, hot colour, nice chest; hc, Harris; c, Walker. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Tams and Sons, large grand-shaped cl., good head, nice short wings and tail, lovely quality of feather, wins; 2, Harris, another cl., grand shape, good head, rare quality and colour; 3, Tyler, cl., nice head and back; vhc, Rathborne; hc, Raynes; c, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, Harris, vargs., rare size and shape, splendid short wings and tail, neat head and neck, A1 quality and condition; 2, Tams and Sons, cl., grand shape and size, rare head, wings and neck; 3, Newlands, very compact cl., very neat body; vhc, Tyler, neat buff vargs.; hc, c, Greaves. YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Haigh and Sons, very stylish, slim and upstanding, well up in position, grand length, splendid wings and tail, nice quality feather; 2, Harris, another very stylish specimen, straight as a rush, very neat back and wings, grand head and neck; 3, c, Gray, rare length, well up on leg, good one; vhc, W. Hodgson, good length and position; hc, J. Hodgson. BUFF (7): 1, Gray, splendid length, neat wings and tail, well up in position, tight as wax, grand quality feather, wins; 2, Harris, long and racy, well up on leg, full of style; 3, Green, excellent length and shape, nice close feather; vhc, Pass; hc, Goucher; c, Haigh and Sons. TICK. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, c, Harris, very stylish, neck marked, A1 quality and condition, very slim and upstanding, a gem; 2, Gray, thigh ticked, nice style and position, in A1 condition; 3, Williams, head and neck marked, smart carriage; vhc, Gray; hc, Green, two very stylish Yorkies. BUFF (9): 1, W. Hodgson, noted wing mkd. buff, looking very fit to-day, nice style and position, wins easily; 2, Gray, wing tick, nice length; 3, Haigh and Sons, nice close feather, neat and compact tail and wings; vhc, Goucher; hc, Clayton; c, Pass. HEN (15): 1, Haigh and Sons, cl., yell., good stamp, fine full front, neat wings and tail, fine body, carriage, in grand condition; 2, W. Hodgson, very stylish neck marked, grand shape, very racy, nice tight feather; 3, Gray, cl., very slim and upstanding; vhc, Hodgson, cl. yell., very neat, well finished; hc, c, Gray, very stylish cinn mark and neck marked, very nice hen. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, 3, Ward, 1st, noted Redpoll-Bullie, looking in A1 condition, very nice size, often described; 3rd, Linnet-Bullie, grand shape and colour, can win at many shows, in splendid feather and condition; 2, hc, Chilhingworth, buff Can.-Bullie, grand condition and size, splendid colour, looks like Darley Dale winner; hc, very nice light Gold-Canary, hard lines to-day; vhc, Tams and Sons, Gold-Bullie, in A1 condition, splendid colour and size; c, Hester, Bullic-Greenie, grand shape and form. BRIT. LARGE (7): 1, Bloodworth, Missel Thrush, extra good size, in lovely condition; 2, Poole, Ring Ouzel, lovely condition, very steady; 3, Swarbrick, Hawfinch, capital bib, nice shape, in grand condition, not one of the largest; vhc, c, Hall, two grand Thrushes, much smaller than winner; hc, Fowler. SMALL (14): 1, hc, Stinson, two lovely Nightingales, in tip-top condition, rare colour and size, very steady; 2, Bloodworth, Wagtail, in the highest possible form, splendid size and colour; 3, Hester, Bullfinch, nice colour and quality, fine wings and back, looks like Darley Dale winner; vhc, Gilbert, Chaffinch, getting in better condition; c, Hambleton, very nice Greenie, in good condition. SELL. (12/6) (18): 1, Flint, cl. buff, Yorks.; 2, Rathbone, cl. yell. Nor.; 3 Bradbury; vhc, Longstone; hc, Robinson; c, Fox. GIFT (10): 1, Longstone; 2, Flint; 3, Millward; vhc, Harris; hc, Flint; c, Robinson. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (12): 1, 2, W. Flint, 1st, very stylish ticked yellow, in lovely condition; 2nd, another fine capped yell., in A1 form; 3, Walker, cl., not the quality; vhc, hc, c, Longstone. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. Flint, variegs., and two clears, all in lovely condition, very fine team, hc, Longstone; c, Millward. HEN (15): 1, 2, Millward, leader, cl., in splendid condition, neat chest and head. 2, variegs. yell., both very stylish, 3, vhc, hc, Longstone, three very nice exhibits, in lovely condition; c, W. Flint, YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Lomas, cl., good hot colour, nice shape, good feather; 2, hc, A. Flint, cl., very smart, neat back and wings; 3, Bradbury, very stylish variegs., in nice form; vhc, Robinson; c, Oven. BUFF (12): 1, 2, vhc, A. Flint, three very fine exhibits, all in splendid condition; 3, Vernon, very neat; hc, Bradbury; c, Robinson. HEN (10): 1, 2, vhc, A. Flint again, leader grand length; 2, neck marked, in splendid condition; 3, Gilbert, very stylish; hc, Vernon; c, Oven.

SOUTHEND.

Southend held their 2nd annual show in the Clarence Hall, on November 3rd. The room is one of the best in the kingdom for a bird show, being well lighted from the roof, and free from draughts. Mr. J. Dobson, the hon. sec, had the birds well staged in good time, and was ably assisted by a hard working committee composed of Messrs. Patrick, Cunningham, Macklon, Cundy, Franks, Quilter, and Jenrics. The Yorks section turned up strong and some real good birds were staged by Messrs. Rennie, Patrick, Webb, Easterling, Knight, Elsmore, Mabey, Bishop, etc. Mr. Rennie won the diploma with a yellow unflig, one of the best we have seen for many a year; a "non-such," this bird will take some stopping in the best of company. Mr. Rennie ought to feel proud to be the owner of such a bird. The Norwich section was all cancelled. Some good birds were staged in the Novice Yorkshires. British and Foreign turned up well, and some really good specimens were staged. Messrs. Mundell (Bradford) and Easterling (London) judged.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (17): 1, Pattrick, well up on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, good head, very wild; 2, Elsmore, typical, fine head and chest, full of quality, rich colour, grand wing carriage; 3, Easterhug, position and quality, well braced wings, compact tail, neat head; 4th Webb, rich colour, quality, typical, shade strong, wants more handling; vhc, Rennie; hc, Rorke; c, Bishop. BUFF (20): 1, Knight, neat head, grand wings and tail, beautiful carriage, rich colour, good one; 2, Elsmore, typical, full of quality, neat head, rich colour, crosses wings at time; 3, Rorke, good head, back and wings; 4, c, Pattrick, shade stout, rich colour, feather, and position; vhc, Parish; hc, Bishop. UNEVEN (12): 1, 2, 4, Pattrick, green variegs. yell. rich colour, position A1, full of quality, carries wings and tail well; 2, buff Cinn. mkd, teeming with quality, blaze of colour, neat head, grand wings and tail; 4, Cinn. mkd, buff, typical, nice wings and tail; 3, vhc, Rennie, green yell variegs. long flights and tail, good head, nice colour; vhc, Bishop; c, Dobson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Diploma, Rennie, "Non-such," length and quality, slim, beautiful wings and tail, stands like a Guardsman, a beauty; 2, Pattrick, type, quality, neat head, long flight and tail, not steady; 3, Elsmore, good wings and tail; 4, Dobson, rich colour and quality, nice position; vhc, Whent; hc, Warley; c, Rorke. BUFF (12): 1, Elsmore, blaze of colour, position and quality; 2, Mabey, typical, full of quality, good head; 3, Knight, stands well up, good head and wings, nice bloom, very steady; 4, Smith, nice quality, long flights and tail; vhc, Warley; hc, Easterling; c, Pattrick. FOUL MKD. (6): 1, Knight, position and quality, A1; 2, Warley, long flights and tail, quality all there; 3, Bishop, good head, long flights and tail [illegible]tion; 4, Pattrick, neat head, rich colour, good flights; vhc, Reunie; hc, Dobson. HEN YELL. (20): 1, Rennie, wins diploma for best hen, a gem well up on leg, long flights and tail, grand position; 2, Pattrick, very typical, full of quality, neat head, grand one; 3, Knight, full of quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Easterling, very showy, grand wing carriage, full of quality, rich colour; vhc, Warley; hc, c, Webb. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Pattrick, wing ticked buff, full of quality, straight as a pencil, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Rennie, 2, typical, plenty of colour, piped tail and very steady; 3, neat head and chest, long flights and tail; 4, Bishop, rich colour, feather and position; vhc, Warley; hc, Rorke; c, Knight. A.O.V. CAN. (17): 1, 2, Broad, d.c. good centre and droop, plenty of feather, massive body; 2, d.c. good centre, plenty of body feather; 3, 4, hc, Mitchell; vhc, Bishop. GREEN YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Dobson. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 4, Mitchell, 1, good blaze and buttons, in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, hc, Quilter, 2, fine blaze and buttons; c, Blakie. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Mitchell, fine large cap, rich breast, grand condition; 2, Kelf, good rich chest, fine condition; 3, vhc, Ilderton. LINNET (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Quilter, 1, nice pencilling, nut brown, very steady; 2, hc, c, Cundy 2, nut brown, nice markings, very showy. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Quilter; 2, Blackie; 3, Whent; 4, Mitchell. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, 2, 4, Blakie, 1, Redpoll, in the pink of condition; 2, Redpoll, another fine specimen; 4, Siskin, nice bib and markings; 3, Mitchell, Redpoll; vhc, Cundy. MULES LIGHT (7): 1, Whent, Goldie-Canary; 2, vhc, Harrington; 3, c, Nicholls; 4, Quilter; vhc, Reynolds. DARK (14): 1, Parsons, Cinn. Greenie-Canary in the pink of condition, a gem, wins; 2, Acland, Greenie-Canary, shown well; 3, Morris Bros, fine Linnet-Canary, grand size and quality; 4, Whent, Linnet-Canary; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Pattrick; c, Bond. LARGE (7): 1, Bond; 2, Ilderton; 3, 4, Blakie; vhc, Mrs. Clements; hc, Mudd; c, Whent. All Thrushes. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, Morris Bros, Bearded Tit, shown in the pink of condition, a real beauty; 2, Miss Hopwood; 3, Parson; 4, Ilderton; vhc, hc, Blakie. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Blackie. SELL. (25/-) (12): 1, hc, Webb; 2, 4, vhc, c, Ainsworth; 3, Dobson. (15/6) (6): 1, Moss; 2, Wheut; 3, 4, Hutson; vhc, hc, Clements.

Mr. Easterling's Classes.

NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Green, position and feather, nice wings and tail; 2, 3, Edwards, 2, slim, full of good quality; 3, typical, good wings and tail; 4, Carson, nice type and quality; vhc, Moss; hc, Rogers; c, Forse. BUFF (15): 1, Edwards, nice type and quality, good head, wings and tail; 2, Found, very nervy, fine quality; 3, Edwards, nice wings and tail, well up in quality; 4, c, Jeffries; hc, Green; vhc, Silverthorn. UNEVEN TKD. YORKS. (13): 1, Green, typical, well up in quality; 2, Moss, fine flights and tail, grand bird; 3, Franks; 4, Hutson; vhc, Found; hc, Edward; c, Jeffries. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Adams, nice type and quality; 2, Rogers, good wing and tail, well up on leg; 3, Moss; 4, Franks; vhc, Reynolds; hc, c, Edwards. BUFF (9): 1, Hutson, boxy feather, position, nice wings and tail; 2, Silverthorn, long flights, and tail, position; 3, Jeffries; 4, Whittome; vhc, Moss; hc, Gill; c, Franks. BUFF HEN (18): 1, Carson, fine quality and condition; 2, Moss, well on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Rogers, typical, full of quality; 4, Green; vhc, c, Franks; hc, Whittome.

NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS.

St. Boswells held their second annual show on Nov. 7th, and it proved a record success. Entries in the cage bird section were far in advance of those of last year, and some grand specimens were staged. Borders were a grand collection, and the medal was secured by a nice positioned yellow cock, owned by Mr. J. Blaikie. Greens and Cinnamons were a splendid lot. This variety was judged by Mr. J. Nell. Scotch Fancies were good, and Norwich were strong, some good ones being on view. The British, however, were the show here the award was secured by Messrs. Linden [illegible] fare. This section was judged by Mr J. W. Bruce. The hall is a very suitable one for a cage bird show, and the day was perfect for judging. The management was excellent. Mr. Robertson, the highly esteemed secretary, had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by his willing stewards. The show was largely patronised by the neighbouring gentry, and all went towards making the show a grand success. The judges' awards gave great satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, Craig, good one, a gem for style, rare reach, top end and drive, very free; 2, 3, Pringle, stronger across, good length of side, 3rd green, good one, nice top end and reach; 4, J. and W. Veitch, close up on 3rd, rather slow to work, looked better later; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Lugton; c, Dodds. HEN (7): 1, 3, Pringle, leader good buff, fine top end, plenty shoulder, 3rd large one, rare substance; 2, Hyde's spl, Beveridge, stylish variegs., nice drive, good top end and reach, free appearance; 4, Craig, good stylish exhibit, nice shape; vhc, Veitch; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Dodds. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Lugton, grand fronted bird, good head and wing carriage, fine size, well rounded, plenty substance; 2, Hesketh, large one, good front and wings, nice quality feather; 3, Blackhall, grizzle on neck, stout made, good shape; 4, Cameron, nice quality and colour; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Smeaton; c, Laurie. HEN (10): 1, Chalmers, beauty, perfect mould, fine head, well rounded on front; 2, Wilson, rare size, plenty substance and shape; 3, Ford, neatly got up; 4, Smeaton, good one, nicely made; vhc, hc, Cameron; c, Gardiner. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Lugton, good one, plenty substance, grand feather, good front, well drawn, staged in rare trim; 2, Dickson Bros., grand bodied bird, lovely wing carriage; 3, Chalmers, nice quality and size; 4, Ford, hot coloured one, nice feather; vhc, Lawrie and Welsh; hc, Smeaton; c, Cameron. HEN (8): 1, spl best Nor., 4, Cameron, leader good hen, grand head and front, nicely tapered, in lovely bloom, 4th fine quality; 2, Lugton, plenty of size; 3, Frazer, nat. col. one, good stamp, lovely head and wing carriage; vhc, Wilson; hc, Chalmers; c, Lawrie and Welsh. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE (6): 1, Blackhall, large heavy variegs. buff, nice flush face, well mkd.; 2, 3, Bell, 2nd tight feathered one, 3rd nice and dark, grand quality feather; 4, Schooler, sweet variegs., lovely quality; vhc, Hardie; hc, Nichol. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (10): 1, spl best Mule, Frazer, tip-top Siskin, dark buff, hot fed, rare size and markings, in fine bloom; 2, Hesketh, flashing Twite-Mule, well mkd., fine feather; 3, Henderson, good Linnet, splendid shape and markings; 4, Welsh, Twite-Mule, fine trim; vhc, hc, Gardiner; c, Laidlaw. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, medal, Blackie, nice one, very upright in position, sweet colour, good full front, well drawn, very fine wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, Alexander, good style, fine quality feather; 3, Bennet, grand feather, very free pose, good size and quality; 4, Alexander, grand shape, neat wing carriage, well drawn; vhc, Laurie; hc, Scott; c, Peters. HEN (13): 1, 4, Bennet, leader good one, fine quality, lovely shape, neat head and front, well put down, 4th good in carriage; 2, Alexander, well feathered one, nice shape and style; 3, McKenzie, taking hen, fine stamp, lovely pose; vhc, Young; hc, Russell; c, Blackie. BUFF CK. (13): 1, hc, Bennet, leader good one, lovely shade of colour, shining like a piece of satin, in marvellous bloom; 2, McKenzie, close up for type, good head and front, well drawn; 3, Young, nice size, good in wing carriage; 4, Steel, well rounded, nicely drawn; vhc, Ford; c, McLevy. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Bennet, again to the fore, correct size and shape, well drawn, nicely positioned; 2, McKenzie, another hot one for shape, good front, lovely head; 3, Service, well drawn, good carriage, nice wings; 4, Linton, stylish hen, good body; hc, Tait; c, Young. EVEN MARK (8): 1, 2, Alexander, leader yell, heaviest in eye markings, good tone of colour, 2nd buff, rare size and shape, in fine order; 3, Jamieson, neatly mkd. buff; 4, McKenzie, best buff mkd. bird in class, inclined to be soft to-day; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Watson; c, Halliday. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, McKenzie, wins, in fine bloom, good position, well rounded in front, A1 carriage, fine head and wing carriage; 2, Thomson, good stamp; 3, Jamieson, nicely balanced, grand taper; 4, Brockie, sweet one for size and quality; vhc, Brown; hc, Blackie; c, Glass. BUFF (9): 1, Thomson, rare shape, lovely headed bird, full, round and well drawn, staged in tip-top form; 2, Bennet, again in rare bloom, neatly drawn; 3, Cockburn, nice shape, good quality; 4, Philips, sweetly rounded bird, good head; vhc, Tait; hc, Peters; c, Robertson. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, Bennet, in nice bloom, grand style and finish; 2, Mather, nicely drawn, good position; 3, McKenzie, neat one, well drawn, fine size; 4, Hamilton, good quality feather. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Bennet, leader in grand trim, fine head and front and neatly drawn, rare wing carriage; 2, 4, McKenzie, 2nd lovely positioned bird, grandly tapered, fine front and wing carriage, 4th nice shape and size; 3, Alexander, neat size, good shape; vhc, Marshall; c, Thomson. GREEN (11): 1, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, leader topping Jonque grassy green, rare shade of colour, lovely pencilling, grand shape, 3rd buff, lovely shaped bird, plenty of work nice lacing on back; 2, Nut Jonque, nicely pencilled, in grand order; 4, Scott, neat exhibit; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Thomson; c, Hamilton. CINN. (7): 1, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, leader buff, fine size, grand shape, lovely pose and carriage, 3rd buff, very shapely; 2, Brown, lovely Jonque, full of work; 4, Hamilton, good quality and markings; vhc, Nichol; hc, Chisholm; c, Graham. SELL. (7/6) (20): 1, Bennet; 2, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Mather; 4, Haig; vhc, Robertson; hc, Watson; c, Blackie. STOCK (for breeding) (5): 1, Alexander, pair of nicely matched clears, good hen to a taking cock; 2, Blackie, even marks, good even cock, grand markings to a buff hen; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, pair of greens, fine cock to a buff hen, well balanced; 4, Hardie, nice matched pair; vhc, Tait. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Gordon, wonderful quality throughout, grand shape, well buttoned, good nut-brown on front; 2, 4, Steel 2nd topper for blaze, dense well cut face, nice cheeks, 4th nice British; 3, Dick, sweet Brit., good size and quality; vhc, McDougal. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Halliday, nice one, house-moulted, good dense cap, grand size, nice breast colour; 2, Laidlaw, grand Bullie, rare breast colour, grand bars and cap; 3, G. Laidlaw, nice size and shape, well up in colour; 4, Richardson, sweet exhibit, in fine feather; vhc, Smart; hc, Purves; c, Scott. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Craig, gem, hot fed yell, good size, rare [illegible] grand feather and finish, well staged; 2, Hesketh, large bird, nice shape, good colour; 3, Watson, lovely feather, good stamp, full headed, well staged; 4, M. Dougal, nice shape, good quality feather; vhc, Bell; hc, Scott; c, Watson. LINNET (9): 1, Craig, fine one, grand size, rare tone of colour, well finished, good one; 2, Gordon, stouter bird, nice coat; 3, Ford, strong made bird; 4, Hesketh, dense cool bird; vhc, Hesketh. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, large one, good non-fed Siskin, nice cap and wing bars, fine quality feather, neat one, well put down; 2, Simpson, good Twite, well faced, grand colour, fine size and quality feather; 3, Gardiner, nice mealy poll, good bib and size fine colour; 4, Craig, hot fed Siskin; vhc, Gordon; hc, Dick; c, Hesketh. BRIT. SMALL, SEED EATING (9): 1, Simpson, Hawfinch, in lovely bloom, dense colour throughout, grand cap and bib put down in rare bloom, extra good quality of feather; 2, Laidlaw, grand fed Yellowhammer, well mkd head, good body; 3, Steel, nice black-headed Bunting, good cheek markings, grand bib, steady; 4, Blackie, romping Hawfinch; vhc, Steel; hc, Craig; c, McWilliam. LARGE SOFT-BILL (9): 1, Linton, Fieldfare, clinker for quality of feather, nice tone of colour, gramilly mkd. well staged, wins spl for best British; 2, Schooler, grandly mkd. Song Thrush, in extra good trim, nice spots; 3, Laidlaw, good Blackbird, fine bill and eye cere, grand finish; 4, vhc, McWilliams, 4th large Fieldfare, in nice feather, grand exhibit; hc, Gordon; c, Patterson. SMALL (3): 1, Laidlaw, nice Pipit, good colour and markings, fine bloom; 2, Henderson, large Nuthatch, good markings; 3, McWilliams, larger Cole-tit, nice feather and marking; r, R. (6): 1, 2, McWilliams, leader an ornamental Parrakeet, 2nd black-headed Conure, both in nice form and well staged; 3, Cochrane, pair of yellow Budgerigars, in good bloom; 4, Robertson, pair of sweet Zebra Finches; vhc, Mrs. Hogg; c, Clark. SELL. (12/6) (7): 1, 2, Dickson Bros.; 2 Lugton; 4, Hughes; vhc, Pringle; hc, c, Laurie and Welsh.

DUDLEY.

The 11th annual show, held Nov. 11, in the Public Hall, Netherton. The cage birds turned up rather poorly, several classes having to be cancelled for want of support; some other classes only contained three or four entries. Mr. O. E. Hodge (Bristol) judged.

NOR. P.H. (4): 1, 2, res, Guest, head and wing mark yell., nice colour and feather, 2nd, well conditioned bird; res, another very fair bird; 3, Ellson, nice quality buff, some thought should have been higher. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 3, Wells, 1st good quality buff, capital position, lovely back and flights; 3rd, another good type of a Yorkie, in splendid condition, nicely shown, we liked much; 2, Ellson, nice quality buff; vhc, Weeks, a very fine bird; c, Sturgess. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Caines, nice variegs. Goldie-Can., some thought the judge made a mistake here, some better ones being in class; 2, Hingley, grand Goldie Bullie, good in all points, shows parentage well; 3, Wells, grand six-pointed buff Goldie-Canary, splendid eye and wing marks. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, Grayur, Thrush, a nice bird, will improve in condition; 2, Russon, very good conditioned Blackbird, nice bill, fine eye cere; 3, Hingley, grandly marked Thrush, good spangles. SELL. 20/- (4): 1, 2, Willitts; 3, Sturgess. 10/-: 1, Hingley; 2, Ellison; 3, Wells.

FALKIRK O.S.

The annual club show was held in the Oddfellows' Hall November 7th. Entries were the same as last year. Mr. Maxwell had a nice team, and won the cup for best Scotch Fancy, with a Buff piebald cock, and was runner-up with yellow hen. The Norwich wins were well divided; Mr. Sharp won cup with a Crested cock, and Mr. Buchan was runner-up with a Buff Piebald. Judges, for Scotch Fancies: Messrs. A. Clark (Ruthergien) and J. Dalgleish (Leith); for the other classes Mr. T. Knight (Edinburgh). The secretary was Mr. W. Niven, who had all the arrangements well in hand.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, Maxwell; 2, M. Smith; 5, J. Niven; 6, Duncan. BUFF (8): 1, Maxwell; 2, Kirk; 3, M. Smith; 4, 7, Duncan; 6, Young. FOUL CK (3): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell. YELL PIED CK. (5): 1, 2, 4, 5, Maxwell; 3, Prattis. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Maxwell; 6, Miller, 7, Duncan. GREEN CK. (14): 1, 2, 4, 7, Maxwell; 3, Simpson; 5, Howie; 6, Miller. YELL HEN (13): 1, 6, Maxwell; 2, Strathearn; 3, 7, M. Smith; 4, Duncan; 5, Young. BUFF (13): 1, 2, M. Smith; 3, Maxwell; 4, 6, Young; 5, Wells; 7, Simpson. FOUL (7) 1, Strathearn; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, 5, M. Smith; 6, Duncan; 7, Simpson. YELL. PIED (8): 1, 2, 3, 7 Maxwell; 4, Duncan; 5, Howie; 6, Young. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 7, Maxwell; 3, Simpson; 4, M. Smith; Reid. GREEN (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Maxwell; 6, 7, Reid. OLD PAIRS (11): 1, M'Dougall; 2, Muirhead; 3, Robertson; 4, 5, M. Smith; 6, Kirk. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 4, Struth; 2, 3, 5, 6, Buchan; 7, Paterson. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 7, Buchan; 3, 4, Paterson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Struth. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Paterson; 2, 3, 4, Buchan; 5, M'Gregor; 7, Craig. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 5, Buchan; 3, 6, Struth; 4, Hamilton; 7, Paterson CREST CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, Sharp; 2, Davie; 5, M'Dougall; 6, J. Niven. HEN (8): 1, Davie; 2, 6, Paterson; 3, J. Niven; 4, Sharp; 5, M'Dougall; 7, Dick. C.B. CK. (10): 1, 7, Sharp; 2, J. Niven; 3, Davie; 4, M'Gregor; 5, Dick; 6, Rae. HEN (15): 1, 5, Davie; 2, M'Gregor; 3, Dick; 4, 6, 7, Sharp. OLD PAIRS P.H. (9): 1, 5, Buchan; 2, Paterson; 3, 6, Struth; 4, Wright; 7, Miller. CREST (7): 1, Sharp; 2, 5, Wright; 3, M'Gregor; 4, Paterson; 6, Rae. BORD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, Rae; 3, 5, McLaughlin; 4, M'Gregor; 6, Reid; 7, Aitken. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 5, Rae; 3, Aitken; 4, McLaughlin; 6, 7, M'Gregor. YELL HEN (13): 1, Buchan; 2, 5, Aitken; 3, M'Laughlin; 4, Reid; 6, Rae; 7, M'Gregor. BUFF (12): 1, M'Gregor; 2, Buchan; 3, Reid; 4, Aitken; 5, 7, M'Laughlin; 6, Rae. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, Prattis; 2, Rae; 3, 5, Paterson; 4, 7, M'Laughlin; 6, Craig. MULE OR HYB. (14): 1, 4, Paterson; 2, 5, Muirhead; 3, Hamilton; 6, Prattis. HYB. PAIRS (2): 1, 3, Prattis; 2, Duncan.

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The 13th annual show came off on Nov. 13 and 14 in the Conservative Club. The show had the patronage of the G.C.A. and the N.F.C., and was under new management, with Mr. W. R. Knowles as chairman and Mr. C. Dukes as hon. secretary. A fresh method of staging was adopted two tiers—which was a distinct improvement, but made a little stronger another year those would appear lighter and safer. The exhibits were ready much sooner than usual for judging, and the work was got in hand in good time. Yorkshires led the way and quality was much in evidence, some of the cracks turning up in force. Norwich were very good, too, and the club patronage brought teams of the top sawyers out. Both Yorkshire and Norwich Greens were very strong both in numbers and quality, and the Green Canary Club points are very eagerly watched and counted up as each show comes round. Hybrids and British were not at all numerous, and most of these classes did not stand. A few very neat Goldfinches and Linnets, however, came out. Foreigners were few, but very pretty and attracted much attention. A grand list of specials was given this year, and those who did not send here missed something. Mr. Dukes handled his secretarial duties very well, and he will make a useful hon. secretary for Warrington if they stick to him. His co-workers are young men with plenty of tact and go in them, and if they keep united they will keep improving at each show. The society will do well to insert the names of officials and committee in the schedules and catalogues another year. Captain Crossfield very kindly opened the show in a formal manner, and all went as merry as a marriage bell. Mr. H. W. Battye judged the Yorkshires, gilt, and selling classes; and Mr. Wellings the Norwich, British and foreign; we heard very little grumbling.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC. (10): 1, Spencer, grand, slim, typical specimen, A1 colour, neat head, good wing and tail carriage, fine feather; 2, Cowgill, long drawn out, grand carriage, A1 quality and stand; 3, Knowles, neat, fine drawn, grand quality and general contour; 4, Whiting, tkd. neck, well up, good carriage; vhc, Wilkinson and Hilary; he, Greaves and Crabtree; c, Dukes. BUFF (14): 1, Whitaker, cl., finely drawn, neat and round as a pencil, well up, and in fine condition; 2, Cowgill, tick neck, fine drawn, well up, slim and typical all through; 3, c, Lane, cl., thick body, grand feather; 4, Dukes, tkd. nape, grand style and quality; vhc, Whiting; he, Knowles. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Williams and Hilary, finely drawn, cl., very breedy and whippy, rare wings and tail; 2, Faulkner, long, very round, neat wings and tail, A1 condition; 3, Greaves, nice and typical; 4, Lane, also similar stamp, cl., very smart quality and style; vhc, Knowles; he, Spencer; c, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Knowles, most stylish cl., slim and typical, very finely drawn, in the pink of form; 2, 4, he, Cawley, very smart trio clears, 2nd very fine quality and condition; 3, Lane, tick right ear, A1 quality, nicely drawn, well up; vhc, Hirst; c, Greaves and Crabtree. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Cowgill, yell. variegated, very smart, typical bird, grand Yorkshire; 2, Cawley, cl. buff, slim and typical, in fine feather, well up and clean through; 3, Knowles, eye tick yell., A1 for style and position, tight as wax; 4, vhc, Spencer, tk. on head, grand, even all round bird, in the pink. NOR., YELL. (12): 1, Wilcock, tick nape, lovely shape, grand head, neat compact body, fine feather all through; 2, 4, Hirst, medium-sized cl., and a tkd. head bird 4th, former best in wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, big raking cl., very deep colour, quality and condition; vhc, Haigh and Son; he, Chesworth; c, Bloor. BUFF (20): 1, Haigh and Son, splendid thick set cl., very smart all through, a real gem; 2, P. V. Williams, eye, cheek and wing marked, large bouncing bird, grand head, body, and clean in thighs and lovely bloom and condition; 3, 4, Barker and Abbott, very cobby pair of clears, former best feather and finish; vhc, Walters; he, Foxall; c, Finney. YELL HEN (8): 1, Haigh and Son, rare type cl., fine head, shoulders back and breast, neat wing and tail, fine quality feather; 2, Hirst, grand shape, not so tight quite as 1st; 3, vhc, Wilcock, another pair of clears in fine form; 4, Mitchell, bonny cl., nice carriage; he, Walters; c, Jacks. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, Hirst big cl., grand chubby type, in champion form; 2, Mottram, cl., cobby, lovely bloom, etc.: 3, Barker and Abbott, variegated, large, thick set, typical Nor., splendid feather and condition; 4, Wilcock, tick wing, good shape; vhc, Hirst; he, c, Walters. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Mottram, mark right wing, rare size, shape, colour, quality and condition; 2, 4, Worthington Bros., very typical pair of cleare, former best head and clearest through; 3, Williams, very big tick nape and wing, nice type; vhc, Haigh and Son; he, Barker and Abbott; c, Fenney. BUFF (13): 1, Haigh and Son, tkd. left eye, grand, cobby, medium-sized bird, in the pink of condition; 2, Mitchell, cl., fine bloom, good colour; 3, Foxall, variegated, rare size, very thick set, splendid back and carriage and all round condition; 4, Greenwood, smart feather; vhc, Walters; he, Royle; c, Hirst. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (20): 1, he, Rowland, deep level colour, fine type, nice back and good carriage; 2, Clayton, smart all round bird for colour and type, not a feather wrong; 3, Pickup, deep level colour, nice length and condition; 4, Nimmo, long slim bird, good colour; vhc, Fielden; c, Vernon. BUFF (22): 1, Metcalfe, very fine upstanding bird, level in colour, neatly feathered, fine carriage and condition; 2, Clayton, tight in feather and finish; 3, c, Benson, deep colour, good length; 4, Pickup, very smart type, very neat and well feathered; vhc, Rowlands; he, Hughes, good colour, nice level feather. FOUL YELL. (13): 1, 2, Rowlands, foul wing, long and slim, fine deep level colour, nice legs, rare feather, 2nd foul wing and tail, good level colour, very slim type, fine carriage, good feather; 3, Atherton, foul wing, very deep colour right through, fine stylish shape; 4, Hughes, foul tail, good in all points; vhc, Pickup; he, Wardle; c, Fielden. BUFF (12): 1, he, Rowlands, foul wings and foul tail, both real Yorks., soft colour, nice feather; 2, Pickup, foul tail, light colour, nice type, good back, etc.; 3, Fielden, foul tail, deep, smart colour, tight in type and condition; 4, Nimmo, grand colour, etc., all over; vhc, Vernon; c, Hawkes. YELL. GREEN (14): 1, 2, Deacon, well-known hair of the right stamp, deep level colour, grand type, 1st thickset cock; 3, Ryno, smaller, nice shape, very good deep level colour, tight feather; 4, Barker and Abbott, full of deep level colour, larger, very level feather and condition; vhc, Lawson; he, Hadwin; c, Davie. BUFF (13): 1, 3, 4, Walker, grand trio, 1st largest and best type, colour and condition, all looking fit and well; 2, c, Deacon, grand colour and type, level as a die; vhc, Ryno; he, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (13): 1, Harrison, foul throat, thighs and wings, grand colour and type, fine size, good feather and condition; 2, Houghton, foul head, throat, breast and rump, lovely type, nice level colour, very light beak; 3, Ryno, foul throat and tail, cobby type, very deep colour all over; 4, Jenkins, foul throat, sides and tail, good type, grand colour and mealy feathered; vhc, he, Isaac; c, Davies. BUFF: 1, vhc, Isaac, foul throat and tail, cobby, nice level colour; 2, Cawley, foul tail (Liverpool winner), rare colour and grand type, best of condition, much liked and admired; 3, Harrison, cobby, foul thighs, wings and tail, nice colour; 4, Jenkins, large, good shaped bird, foul tail, grand colour and condition; he, Deacon; c, Walker. A.O.V. (5): 1, Hart, grand variegated. D.C., A1 crest, all over; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, even-mark buff Nor., A1 condition; 3, vhc, Hampson, rare Scotch Fancy; 4, Mosson, good buff cinn. SELL (20/-) (18): 1, he, Procter; 2, Hill; 3, Andrews; 4, Houghton; vhc, Julian; c, Knowles. (12/6) (18): 1, Spencer; 2, Walters; 3, Worthington Bros.; 4, Hill; vhc, Andrews; he, Brennan; c, Clare. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, Leigh, grand yell. Orecole-Can., A1 colour, feather and condition, no sign of any defects; 2, Beaty, good buff Goldie-Can., A1 blaze and condition; 3, Jackson, very smart yell. Linnet-Can., grand feather, colour and condition; 4, Cowgill, also fine Linnet-Can.; vhc, Billington; he, Harrison. BRIT.—GOLDIE, ETC. (14): 1, Beaty, grand all-round Goldfinch, fine rich blaze, rare body, colour, moons and bars, very silky condition; 2, 3, Taylor, Goldfinch and Bullfinch respectively, former beaten only in brightness and tight feather and condition, a grand one otherwise, 3rd tight, deep tone Bullfinch, medium size; 4, Mort, very cobby Bullie, in A1 condition; vhc, Billington, very pretty Goldfinch; he, Fookes; c, Fairhurst. LINNET (7): 1, Moston, grand colour and markings, nice cone shape, glossy in condition; 2, 3, Bower, nice pair for markings, 3rd best colour and grand shape and finish all through, both in fine feather and condition; 4, Clare, nice type and markings; vhc, Smith; he, Drury; c, Cowall. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, Beaty, grand Greenfinch all over it, nat. col., Morecambe, otc., winner; 2, 4, Hampson, Bramble and Chaffinch, both in very nice tight condition; 3, Mort, smaller, grand coloured Greenfinch, in nice order; vhc, Clare, Chaffinch. FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Beaty, grand Toucan, Gold-fronted Chloropsis, and Ceram Lory, latter very rare, Toucan in splendid condition; 2, he, P. V. Williams, handsome pair of Wood Swallows in grand order; 4, Clare, Blue-fronted Amazon in nice feather and condition; c, Conqueror, Brown Tanager in nice feather. GIFT (8): 1, Emmett; 2, Knowles; 3, Leigh; 4, Walters; vhc, Fletcher; he, Hampson; c, Billington. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CK. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Swindley and Gardner; 2, Fletcher; 3, Langley; 4, D. Leigh; he, Williams; c, Longworth and Lawson. BUFF (13): 1, Crossley; 2, Stout; 3, Fletcher; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Williams; he, D. Leigh; c, Atkinson. HEN (21): 1, Whitaker; 2, Stout; 3, D. Leigh; 4, Brennan; vhc, Longworth and Lawson; he, c, Langley. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 3, Critchley; 2, Langley; 4, he, Brennan; vhc, Bond; c, McNeil. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Walker; 2, Critchley; 3, Chesworth; 4, Vose; vhc, Longworth and Lawson; he, Emmett; c, Jones. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Walters, first is also winner of Hyde's Special; 3, Procter; 4, Critchley; vhc, Whalley; he, Walker; c, Hartfield. HEN: 1, Boothman; 2, Gardner: 3, 4, Espley; vhc, Procter; he, Bracegirdle; c, Campbell. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Clare; 2, 3, Espley; 4, Boothman; vhc, Cooper; he, Vose; c, Emmett. MEMBERS.—YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Dukes; 3, c, Davies; 4, Johnson; vhc, he, Stout. NOR. (7): 1, 2, Morrison; 3, 4, c, Davies; vhc, Emmett; he, Walters. A.V., LIGHT, ETC., MULE (7): 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Hampson; 4, J. Davies. BRIT. (6): 1, Bower; 2, Houghton; 3, Billington; 4, Hampson; vhc, he, Mort. Winner of Sandford's, Emmett's, of Hyde's, Walters'; for best unflighted Yorks. (member), Knowles. MEMBERS' NOVICE.—YORKS. CK., YELL. (8): 1, 3, Potter; 2, 4, Bennett; vhc, Langley; he, Harper; c, Fletcher. BUFF (6): 1, he, Bennett; 2, Fletcher; 3, Harper; 4, Potter; vhc, Kinsey. HEN (10): 1, Kinsey; 2, vhc, c, Bennett; 3, Fletcher; 4, Potter; he, Harper.

PAISLEY.

The 24th annual exhibition and competition of the Old, the Burgh, and the Tannahill Clubs, was held on November 7th, in the North Minor Town Hall. The entries were largely in excess of those of former years; about 250 birds, all Scotch Fancies, were staged. The amalgamation prize for best bird in hall was won by Mr. Menzies of the Burgh Club, with a clean Buff cock bird. The second was won by Mr. Price, of the Tannahill Club with a Buff piebald hen, and the third by Mr. J. Kennedy, jun., also of the Tannahill Club. There was a large turnout of visitors in the afternoon, and the show was one of the best held for a number of years.

OLD CLUB.—Judges Messrs. A. Nisbet (Galston), and J. Watson (Glasgow). CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, O'Donnell; 2, Kennedy; 3, Moore. BUFF: 1, 2, O'Donnell; 3, Donnelly; 4, Kennedy. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, 2, O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, Higgins; 2, 3, O'Donnell; 4, Lambie. FOUL CK.: 1, 4 Kennedy; 2, Moore; 3, O'Donnell. [illegible] CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Kennedy; 2, Moore; 3, 4, O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Kennedy; 3, Lambie; 4, Donnelly. YELL PIED: 1, 4, Moore; 2, Donnelly; 3, Kennedy. BUFF: 1, 3, O'Donnell; 2, Kennedy; 4, McArthur. FOUL: 1, 2, Moore; 3, O'Donnell; 4, Donnelly. GREEN: 1, Kennedy; 2, Lambie; 3, Hart. Club Specials.—Best bird in club, and 7th and 11th, Kennedy; 2nd, 5th, and 10th, Moore; 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 9th, O'Donnell. BURGH CLUB.—Judges, Messrs. Carlaw (Falkirk), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow). CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Wham; 2, Menzies; 3, Clark; 4, Hunter. BUFF: 1, 2, Menzies; 3, Wallace; 4 Smith. CL. YELL HEN: 1, Wham; 2, Hair; 3, Menzies; 4, A. M. Baird. BUFF: 1, Menzies; 2, Hair; 3, Briggs; 4 Alex Baird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Menzies; 2, Briggs, 3, Kennedy; 4, Clark. BUFF CK.: 1, Menzies; 2, Price; 3, Wallace. HEN: 1, Menzies; 2, Alex Baird; 3, Clark; 4, Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Wallace; 4, Price. FOUL CK.: 1 McArthur; 2, Hunter; 3, Hair; 4, Wham. HEN: 1, Menzies; 2, Hart; 3, Clark; 4, Kennedy. GREEN CK.: 1, 3, Price; 2, Clark; 4, Hair. HEN: 1, Menzies; 2, Hair; 3, Smith; 4, Thomson. Club Specials.—Best bird in club and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Menzies; 2nd, and 10th, Smith; 9th, Hair; 11th, Briggs; 12th, Hart. TANNAHILL CLUB.—Judges, Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick), W. Webster (Greenock), J. Park (Govan), and A. Somerville (Neilston). YELL. CK.: 1, Price; 2, Urquhart; 3, 4, Livingston. BUFF: 1, Hamilton; 2, McLennan; 3, Urquhart; 4, Malcolm. YELL. PIED: 1, Price; 2, Urquhart; 3, Powell; 4, Allison. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Fernie; 3, Urquhart; 4, Hamilton. FOUL CK.: 1, Allison; 2, Livingston; 3, 4, Urquhart. GREEN CK.: 1, Kennedy jun.; 2, 3, Neil; 4, McDonald. YELL. HEN: 1, Urquhart; 2, Allison; 3, McDonald; 4, Fernie. BUFF: 1, McDonald; 2, 3, Urquhart; 4, Ferguson. YELL. PIED: 1, Price; 2, McLennan; 3, McDouil; 4, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Forsyth; 3, Allison; 4, Urquhart. FOUL HEN: 1, 2, Fernie; 3, Hamilton; 4, Gillis. GREEN HEN: 1, Kennedy, jun.; 2, Powell; 3, 4, Neil. Club Specials.—Cup for best bird in club, and specials, 2nd, 4th, 9th and 12th, Price; 1st, and 15th, Kennedy, jun.; 3rd, McDonald; 5th, Urquhart; 6th and 13th, Allison; 7th, and 8th, Neil; 10th, Fernie.

NORTH BERKS (Abingdon).

This show was held on November 12th in the Corn Exchange, a very suitable place for a show. Cage birds were in a hall by themselves. Great credit is due to Mr T. Bowen, the secretary, who was here, there and everywhere, and to the committee, everything being well arranged. Our section was a good show. Mr. W. Greenwood placed the cards.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, Lewin, two good birds, 1st wins well; 3, Dale, close up to 2nd; res, Fleetwood; he, Childs; he, Miss Bulteel. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Carter, grand buff, wins easily; 2, Lewin, head and wing marked, nice quality; 3, Kilby; vhc, he, Fleetwood; res, Dale. YORKS. (8): 1, he, Smith, grand yell., nice pipe tail, well up on leg; 2, he, Carter, good bird, carries tail very badly to-day; 3, res, Hawes, cinn. mkd. bird of good quality; he, Alfred. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, res, Capt. Williams, good C.B.; 2, Field, Crest; 3, Loader, nice cinn. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 2, Lees, 1st Canary-Goldfinch Mule; 2nd, Linnet Bullie, two lovely birds, often described; 3, he, Fullbrook, Goldie-Bullie, a little rough in feather to-day; res, Gough; vhc, Smith; he, Gripps; a hot lot. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Otting, a good win, lovely cheeks, well buttoned; 2, Jupe, another good one, just a little pale in colour yet; 3, Cripps, not quite ready yet, will improve: vhc, Tebbutt; he, Smith; c, Gough; res, Fullbrook. BULLFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Jupe, nice exhibit, good cap, beautiful feather, wins; 2, Slatter, fine Bullie all over; 3, Oshurn; res, Savage; vhc, Pounsett. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, Poole, very nice Greenfinch; 2, Leavers, good Hawfinch; 3, Pounsett; res, Fullbrook; vhc, Slatter; c, Pearce. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (9): 1, 2, Fullbrook, 1st Tree Creeper; 2nd, Crested Wren, both very fine, smart exhibits, well staged, in good condition; 3, vhc, he, Loader, a grand Whitethroat; he, Osborn. FOR. SMALL (9): 1, 2, Pearce, 1st Palm Tanager; 2nd, Superb Tanager, two good exhibits, well staged; 3, res, he, Leavers, Diamond Sparrow; vhc, he, Miss D'Arcey. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Loader MEMBERS' CAN.: 1, vhc, Loader; 2, 3, res, Pearce. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Pearce; 3, Ivey; he Loader; he, Slatter.

BO M'N.

The 16th annual open show was held on Nov. 11th, and added another success to its vigorous career. The cage birds were staged in the large and spacious Market House, which answered the purpose admirably. The entry totalled 170, being an increase on the previous year's total. The president this year is F. Buller Howell, Esq., and its membership numbers nearly 400. It is also fortunate enough to have as its organiser one of the best secretaries in the county; he holds the reins in such a gentle and pleasing manner that everything goes like clockwork, and is kept in apple-pie order. In him the society have a real good worker, who deserves their fullest support. He was ably supported by the committee, composed of Messrs. Spear, Adams, Bartlett, Bray, Brewer, Brown, G. Buscombe, R. T. Buscombe, Dale, Edyvean, Hards, Harris, Jane, W. Hender, W. Hender, jun., Hore, Kendall, Kistler, Lean, Liddell, May, Northcott, Perkin, Pincombe, Scott, Shelly, G. Spear, W. Spear, Stevenson, Tickell, Tiverton, Verran and West. The show was thronged with visitors, and in the evening one could scarcely move among them. The show was an unqualified success, and a bumping gate was realised, the handsome sum of £109 being netted. This annual fixture is now recognised as one of the best and most successful held in the county. Norwich were a really good lot, of high merit, and the Yorks. although not numerous included several good specimens. The Crest was rather disappointing in numbers, but quality was excellent. Messrs. J and J. Symon's Crest took the special for best bird in show. The Goldfinches were a good lot and the small British, which numbered 20, were considered the best ever staged in the county. Mr. S. Tickell judged, and from the complimentary remarks that were heard from many exhibitors his awards seemed well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Spillman, fine size and shape, lovely quality and carriage, teeming with quality, a real topper; 2, Coad, nice substance and quality, good head and neck; 3, White, very cobby, nice short flights, very typical; vhc, Siddons, good even colour, nice quality and type; he, J. and J. Symons, good size and shape; c, Garland. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Trevenna, grand type, lovely quality and colour, wins well; 2, Kemp, good head, neck, and type, nice mealing; 3, Spillman, another good bird, close run; vhc, White, good type and quality; he, Coad. TKD. ETC. (11): 1, Spillman, grand type, level back, well filled in neck, well across perch; 2, Pope, ticked, good body and chest, nice colour and quality; 3, J. and J. Symons, full of quality; vhc, Lawry; he, Dunstan; c, Gregor Bros. HEN A.C. (11): 1, Spillman, ticked Buff, a gem for type and quality, grand head, neck and chest, short flight, good wing carriage; 2, Davies, another good one, ticked head and wing, very typical, teeming with Nor. quality; 3, Trevenna, variegated, yell. short chubby type, good quality, not a feather out of place, good hen; vhc, White, nice substance and type, lovely quality; he, Dunstan; c, Garland, and type, lovely quality; he, Dunstan; c, Garland. NON-FLIG. (14): 1, spl, Spillman, ticked yell, real gem, size and shape and quality combined, rich colour, nice close feather; 2, Trevenna, very typical, lovely feather, well shown; 3, Gregor Bros., well merited position, good shape and colour; ex. 2, Spillman, nice depth of chest, good full head and neck, close up; vhc, Dunstan, good quality; vhc, Lobb, nice shape, colour and quality; he, Gregor Bros.; c, Kemp. CREST (1): 1, spl, and spl. for best bird in show, light variegated crest, nice size, good formation and droop, very close centre, neat crest in every way a good exhibit; 2, Davies, another light variegated dense crest, good droop; 3, Ruby Bros, cl. body dark rich veiny crest, good size, pressed winners hard, good one; vhc, Symons, green, heavily feathered body, dense crest. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Pincombe, nice length, well drawn, good position, neat wings and tail; 2, Thomas, another good one, full of Yorks quality; 3, Fox, smart, good carriage and style; vhc, Wills, good length, shape and quality, pressed winners hard; he, Whitter, neatly moulded. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Thomas, former neatly drawn and stylish, excellent shape and feather; latter, similar length, shape and quality, well up on leg, good position; 3, Oatey, good length of leg, smart carriage and style; vhc, Fox, good head and neck, nice quality and colour; he, Whitter, good shape and style. TKD, ETC (8): 1, Oatey, grand shape length and colour, good wings and tail; 2, Thomas, Buff marked wings, long, stylish, well up on legs; 3, Pope, well drawn, neat head and neck, well merited place; vhc, Large, typical, good shape and quality; he, Thomas; c, Wills. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, J. and J. Symons, tkd head and neck, C.B. nice size, good skull, dense head feather, well lashed brow; 2, Davies, cl. Buff C.B. good size and feather, close up; 3, Pope, Buff Cinn., good Nor. type, even colour; vhc, Johnson, he, Roberts; c, Wills. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Heywood, former four-pointed Goldfinch Cinn, good size and conditikon; 2, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice size and markings, latter yell. Greenfinch-Cinn., nice depth colour, size and quality. BRIT. GOLDFINCH. C.M. (2): 1, spl, Polkinhorne, smart Goldie, very rich blaze, good tanning and buttons, very steady; 2, White, another good one, large blaze, good size and moonings, very unsteady, the St. Columb and Plymouth winner; 3, vhc, Giles, former nice size and polish, good under blaze, latter another good one, close up; he, Rowe; c, Sargent. BRIT. SMALL (20): 1, spl, vhc, Thompson, former Grey Wagtail, nice condition, very steady, prettily marked, good wings, and tail, latter Blackcap, real good one in grand feather; 2, White, clinking Bullfinch, nice size and shape, rich jet black cap, good wing bars and breast colour; 3, Rowe and Hancock, Yellow Buntung, capital size and colour, neat markings, very steady, grand exhibit; or 3, Wills, another good one; vhc, Mathews; he, Rowe and Hancock; c, Heywood, a grand class. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Thompson, 1, the noted Cornish Chough, grand lustre and condition; 2, Ring Ousel, in grand feather and condition, well shown; 3, Starling, rich lustre, grand spangling, and very steady, a grand trio, put down in Mr. Thompson's unique style; vhc, Woolcock, lovely Woodpigeon, in grand condition; he, Lobb, nice Owl. CAGE OF FOUR, CAN. OR MULES (4): 1, J. and J. Symons, four grand Crests; 2, Coad, four very evenly-balanced Plainheads, all good type and quality; 3, Thomas, four yell. Yorks, nice quality and position; vhc, Pincombe, four Buff Yorks, nice length, well drawn. FOR. LARGE. (4): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, King Parrot, grand feather and condition, charming exhibit, wins well; 2, Scott, rich colour Green Amazon, in good condition; 3, Twigg, Indian Parrot, good condition and markings; vhc, Trelease, Green Amazon. SMALL (4): 1, Cooper, superb Tanager, lovely feather and plumage, greatly admired; 2, Smith, good pair Java Finches; 3, Rowe, pretty pair Ribbon Finches; vhc, Trelease, Budgerigars. SELL (15/-) (15): 1, Rabey Bros; 2, Coad; 3, Farrill; ex. 3, Fox; vhc, Davies; vhc, Smith; he, J. and J. Symons; he, Pope; c, Roberts. (7/6) (12): 1, Richards; 2, Thomas; 3, Ferrill; vhc, Lobb; he, Davies; he, Oatey; c, Pope. LOCAL YORKS. (4): 1, spl, 2, Wills, former Buff York, well drawn, good length and position; latter, similar bird, very typical; 3, vhc, Pincombe, two yell. Yorks, nice quality and position. BRIT. GOLDFINCH C.M (5): 1, spl, 2, Wall, former, nice clean cut, square blaze, good buttons and tanning, very steady, latter, another good Finch; 3, George, steady, nice condition; vhc, Kendall, neat little Finch, close up.

HOYLAND AND DISTRICT O. .

Members' show held at the Hoyland Belmont Working Men's Club on October 24th. Mr. W. H. Linsley judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Oakley; 3, Whittingham. BUFF (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Whittingham; 3, Oakley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, A. Taylor. BUFF (7): 1, Whittingham; 2, Oakley; 3, A. Taylor. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Waters. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Waters; 3, Robinson. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Oakley. BUFF (3): 1, Robinson; 2, Thompson; 3, Oakley. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Watkin and Vaines. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Kitching, 1st Bramblefinch; 2nd, Greenfinch; 3rd, Chaffinch.—J. WARRENDER, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Annual 8-mile radius show, held on Nov. 14th in the Drill Hall. The entries in Canary classes were poor in numbers, but some very good birds were staged. Mr. A. Emery put down a few typical Norwich. The society's silver medal for best bird in show was won by Mr. S. Hakes' Hawfinch, a marvellous bird all over. Messrs. Cameron and Emery looked well after the exhibits. Mr. Cameron, junr., makes a capital secretary. Mr. A. G. Davis judged, and his awards gave great satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, Emery, cl. buff, lovely shape, colour and quality; 2, 3, Hathaway, cl. yell., good head, nice quality; 4, Cameron. BUFF: 1, 2, Hathaway, buff variegated, nice round head, very short in body, capital colour and quality; 2, yell. variegated, similar stamp. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Cameron, nice one. HEN: 1, Emery, cl. buff, very short and compact, hot colour, a gem; 2, 3, Hathaway, cl. buff and cl. yell, both very typical. UNFLI.: 1, Emery, cl. yell., rare stamp; 2 Hathaway, head and wing mkd. yell., nice type, 3, Wood, mkd. head and back; 4, Cameron. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, Emery, yell. mkd. eye, back and wings, splendid quality, good head, deep chest, wins spl for best Nat. Col. bird; 2, Dicken, buff, tick, right wing, big, bouncing bird; 3, Cameron; 4, Kirkland. HEN: 1, Hathaway, saddle mkd. yell. short, compact, good feather and type; 2, Emery, yell. variegated, short in body; 3, Freeman, cl. buff, very neat; 4, Cameron. PAIRS (matched for breeding): 1, 2, Hathaway, 1st, grand yell. mkd cock, very short and compact, and cl. buff hen, extra type and quality; 2, cl. buff cock, and yell. variegated hen; 3, Emery; 4, Hakes; vhc, Cameron. A.O.V.: 1, Docherty; Dutch Frill, a good bird. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Cameron, very neat Goldfinch-Linnet; 2, Kirkland, same parentage, not quite so distinct in markings; 3, Docherty, Siskin-Can.; 4, Thornhill, yell. variegated Goldfinch-Canary; vhc, Fitchett; he, Kirkland; c, Hadley. FOR.: 1, Hadley, grand Magpie Tanager; 2, 3, Hadley; 4, Freeman. SELL. (15/-): 1, Dicken, very neat green crest; 2, Hathaway; 3, 4, Ford; vhc, Hakes. (10/-): 1, Ford; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Hathaway; 4, Cameron GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, Cameron, rare blaze, rich tanning, well buttoned; 2, Hakes, very neat, close up; 3, Hadley; vhc, Docherty. LINNET: 1, Hadley, rich colour; 2, Hakes; 3, 4, Cameron; vhc, Salt; a nice lot. BULLFINCH ETC.: 1, Hakes, bouncing Bramble, well shown; 2, Wood, rich coloured Greenfinch, in perfect trim; 3, Hadley well marked Chaffinch; 4, Hakes; vhc, he, c, Cameron. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Hakes, Hawfinch, in grand order, one of the very best; 2, Wain, well spotted Thrush; 3, Hadley, Grey Wagtail; 4, Cameron; vhc, Hakes; he, Cameron; c, Bloor.

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*Nov. 2 and 21.—**City of Hull C.B.S.** H.W.B and J.A.H.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Hinckley F. and F.S.** J.R.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Sunderland C.B.A.** J.H.R. and A.G.G.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Whitehaven C.B.S.** J. Wk., J.Th.
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Wigan and Dis.** H.F. and A.W.
Nov. 21.—**Crook Original C.B.S.** W.M.
Nov. 21.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).** W.Mr., W.Hu., J.Co., J.Mau., and J.Tr.
Nov. 21.—**City and County of Perth.** C.C.A.Les., D.L., G.P. and R.V.R.
Nov. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** A.A.
*Nov. 24 and 25.—**Dulwich O.S.** (Rogers and Mazzoni, 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd.). G.G., W.M., W.H.V., and J.R.
Nov. 25.—**Inverness O.A.** (Alex. Urquhart, 84 Telford-road). P.P., W.S., and J.G.
*Nov. 25 and 26.—**Cardiff** (W. S. Negus, 161, Moorland-rd.)
Nov. 25 and 26.—**Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.** (F. J. Bingham, 58, Barden-rd.).
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Allsopp, 11, Dixon-st.) J.R., A.F.
Nov. 26 and 27.—**Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland (Dublin)** (W. J. Birse, 34, Clontilfe-rd., Dublin). R.H.
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Leeds C.B.S.** (A. Wilkins, Oakhurst, Moortown). J.R. and J.Bk.
Nov. 28.—**City of Dundee and Dis.** (A. Miller, 3, Park-avenue). J.McL., A.McF., H.B., and P.P.
*Nov. 28.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.** (W. H. Bray, 12, Berrisford.) W.V. and W.G.P.
Nov. 28.—**Darlington C.B.S.** (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury-terrace), W.A.C. and J.Mu.
Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Corbett, Smithilburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Turner, 35, Market-street, Draycott). J.R. and J.H.R.
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.** (R. Roll, "Dalwood," Greenford-rd., Lakenham) J.D., W.E.G., J.F.H., J.S.K., and A.Wd.
*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (J. Irlam, 101, Harley-road.) A.C.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Leech and G. W. Jones, 15a, Holdenhurst-rd.), J.H.L. and W.G.P.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Perth and Dis. C.B.F.S.** (R. G. Challenger, 15, School-st., Tymmer). J.R. and T.L.C.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (J. H. de Mallet, 121, Sommerville-rd., South Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** C.H. Emerson, 129, Fareham-st.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside-st.) D.Mn., W.Wr., J.McL., A.McF., R.McC. and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (Kirkland and Hadley, 29, Princess-st.). J.B. and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.) J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond jun., 51, Bonnygate). J. Bk., J. Ms., J.Gw., C.C. and J.C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barnwell, 20, College-rd.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd) J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
*Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., and J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's C.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., R.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main st.) J.P., A.C., and P.P.
*Dec. 15.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.** (Jack Francis, Carmarthen). J.R.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Donegall Rd. Belfast). G.H. and J. Rk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W. and C.H.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilsen, 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Msn., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd. Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh) J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L., and P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st.). R.H. and W.V.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place) J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place).
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport). T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
*Jan. 12. **Dips and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 1 Manor-park, Lee, S.E.) H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

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REMEMBER: The Shows this week are Cardiff, Nov 25 and 26, and Leeds, Nov. 27 and 28.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

In addition to the shows given underneath our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
November 25th and 26th.—Cardiff.
November 27th and 28th.—Leeds.
December 11th.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

My Unflighted Buff Norwich which appeared on the front page of CAGE BIRDS on October 10th is, I am pleased to say, keeping up his reputation, as on Thursday last he won 1st and 3 specials, including cup for best in show, at Merthyr. Owing to the life-like sketch fanciers have formed an idea of the type of my birds, which has resulted in many sales, not to speak of a few good offers for the original itself.—H. W. SHELDON (Llandudno).

It was a complete surprise to me to find my Buff Yorkshire illustrated upon the cover of your valuable journal, and I should have felt even more gratified had the bird been bred by myself, but it forms part of the collection I recently acquired from Mr. R. P. Broome, of Sutton. I find it difficult, I may say, to convince my friends that this picture had not been pre-arranged by me, and I should feel very grateful to you for correcting this impression. With many thanks and all good wishes for the continued prosperity of the bird paper par excellence.—H. E. TRINGHAM (Lambeth, S.E.)

(We are at a loss to understand the attitude of his friends which Mr. Tringham refers to. Our "Portrayal of Prize-Winners" scheme in nowise prevents us depicting in our pages any of the birds exhibited at a show, providing we think they possess sufficient merit.—EDITOR.)

We have been a little annoyed, but more than a little amused, by the receipt recently of a letter from a Scotch friend of ours regarding our "Portrayal of Prize Winners" scheme. As our readers are aware, this scheme has only been entered on by us with a view of benefiting provincial fanciers. It entails great expense and work and considerable sacrifice both on our part and Mr. Norman's. We have never yet met the human being, however who was not ready to accept something for nothing, and not only examine his "gift horse" in the mouth, but cavil at each of its points. CAGE BIRDS, it is said by adopting this scheme is "purveying for the rich and throwing the poor fanciers overboard." Our correspondent evidently loses sight of the fact that these "poor fanciers" to whom he refers *were never catered for before at all.* For the sum of 5s. the working-man fancier can now have a portrait of his bird in CAGE BIRDS, a portrait which costs us at least two guineas to produce. If a man has won a prize—and he cannot expect his bird to be sketched unless he has done so—the sum of 5s. is surely an extremely moderate amount to pay for such a permanent momento of a successful exhibit. As an advertisement alone it is worth five times the sum. The actual sketch is, of course, presented to the owner of the bird. We do not like to resuscitate the time-honoured joke about "bang goes six-pence," but we cannot prevent its flashing across our mind when we read such comments upon Mr. Norman's graciously liberal idea. Fortunately such narrow views seem rare, for the scheme has met with a measure of appreciation ample enough in all conscience to compensate Mr. Norman and ourselves (morally, if not financially).

Don't Miss Next Week's Special.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

LAISTERDYKE Show, held Saturday last, proved a great success, a grand total of 446 birds being entered, an average of a trifle over 17 per class. The Gloucester Locked classes, unfortunately, were again a failure; only 17 birds in the two. Where oh where, are all the birds the marked breeders used to be afraid of? They will have to be relegated to the breeding room, if this is the way they are going to turn up. I am afraid the C.M.Y.C.C. will lose more than they expected to do, when they guaranteed half the loss to societies who made classes for "ticked 'uns." The show was greatly favoured in the selling classes, several birds having four or five "claims," and these were run up to a good figure, about four times the stated price; result, a substantial balance to the L.B.F.A.

WIBSEY and District C.B.S. held a very successful members' show on the evening of the 14th, no less than [illegible] Mr. Bennett, of Gt. Horton, in the 9 classes. Rather a stiff task to go through after 8 p.m., eh, Thomas? The most points were gained by Messrs. Hardaker, Shaw, Taylor Bros., and Swailes in the order named. On Saturday evening next, at 6 p.m. the members and friends of this society sit down to a 'Beast Heart Supper." Friends are heartily invited; there will be enough for all, as they never run short. It will make a good finish to run up here after the West show and attend to the wants of the inner man.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A. have had a change of secretary, and the new official, Mr. Tom Elsegood is very enthusiastic, and labour up hard for the success of their show, to be held a few weeks hence. It is to be hoped that a "bumper" entry will be the result of his labours.

MR. J. Hartley gave a washing exhibition before the members and friends of the Tong Society on Tuesday the 9th inst., and his methods were very closely and attentively watched by a good company of fanciers, which contained a fair sprinkling of novices to whom an evening of this description is very interesting and beneficial. A number of questions were very satisfactorily answered and a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Hartley.

BRADFORD and District fanciers were very pleased to see one of their old friends amongst them for a few days, in the person of Mr. A. E. Pattrick, of Southend-on-Sea, who had brought with him another enthusiast, Mr J. W. Webb, also of Southend. They appeared to be enjoying themselves very thoroughly in a run round the show at Laisterdyke and the various rooms of old friends in the Bradford district.

THE committee formed to deal with the grievances which fanciers labour under at the hands of the various railway companies have at last received replies from some of the companies to their communications, but have obtained no satisfaction at all; the companies simply state they cannot see their way to alter existing conditions. Many friends really expected that either one or other of the requests would be granted, and therefore will be greatly disappointed. The one in regard to fanciers being allowed to take their birds with them when going to and from shows was probably the favourite. How is it that it is at the small stations where trouble usually takes place? I suppose the man in charge has not enough to occupy his attention. What about the 10 or 12 fanciers who refused to book their birds from a certain station and had to give their names and addresses: have they heard anything yet? I think not.

THE following little story is interesting. A certain fancier was just entering a station with some birds in a case when he was informed that certain other fanciers had just had to pay to take their birds with them. What did he do but retrace his steps a little, and secure a paper bag, in which he placed his birds, anticipating getting through free when his case was empty. Result, nobody ever wanted to know what he had in the box! Hard lines!

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Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S. Nov. 21, Albion P.S.A. Rooms. Entries for backend show. — H. Peden.

Burton on Trent.—Nov. 24, special meeting. — Kirkland and Hadley.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 24, Round House Inn, 8. Show business important. — F. Mitchell.

Barnsley and Dist. O.S. Nov. 21, Headquarters, 7.30. Members' Table Show. Friends invited.—E. Craven.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 21, Crown and Anchor, 2. Members' show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Bradford).—Parker and Atkinson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. To receive entries, members' section, of C.B. Show.—J. H. de Mallet.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 21, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Members' show, 8 Yorks. and 1 Nor; birds staged at 2. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford).—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 23, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. Prior, entitled, "Is It Necessary to Colour-feed British Birds." Payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes. — V. Wynn.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting show committee, schedule, etc.—J. G. Leech.

Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Royal Hotel, 3. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax).—N. Rayner.

Derby C.B.C.—Nov. 23, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Distribution of prizes, etc.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Half Moon Hotel, 8. Entries and other show arrangements.—E. Brunskill.

Federation of C.B.S. (Ashton-u-Lyne Centre). — Nov. 28, Albion P.S.A. Rooms, Ashton, 6.30.—A. Ackroyd.

Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 24, Howard Arms, 7.30.—F. Greig.

Green Canary Assn.—Nov. 26, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. Washing exhibition by Mr. Hales, and other important matters.—S. Hadwin.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist.—Nov. 21, White Lion Hotel. Show business.—H. Fenwick.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Y.M.C.A., 8. Choose stewards, allot special prizes, etc., for open show.—Williams and Easby.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 24, Lellos, Market Street, 7.30.—W. Simpson.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 21, Talbot Hotel. Monthly Show. Judge, Mr. W. Speak. Classes: Yellow and Yorks. Hen; Novice ditto; Yell. and Buff Hen; Novice ditto.—J. F. Thackray.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Rochdale Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To receive entries for show, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Inverness O.A.—Nov. 24, Music Hall, 6.30. Open show business.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow and Hebburn and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Nov. 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—R. Elore.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Annual Members' Show.—R. H. Davies.

London and Counties O.A.—Nov. 25, Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. "A Few Words on the Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. P. Broome.—R. J. Pretty.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—D. John.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table Show, Nor. Hen Unflig. Judging competition; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 21, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. A. W. Varley.—A. Bottomley.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Sycamore Hotel, 3. Show business.—R. H. Turner.

Musselburgh O.S.—Nov. 21, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Show arrangement.—D. Kay.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Nov. 28, Crown Hotel, 8.—A. Wake.

Middleton O.S.—Nov. 23, Old Boar's Head, 8. Show business.—H. Thomas.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Business, very important.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Nov. 26. "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Headquarters, 8. Entries for show.—T. H. Tiffen.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 26, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture on the Yorks. Can., by Mr. Geo. Gardner.—H. W. Cook.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Nov. 23, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Open show business.—W. Jackson.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Temperance Club, 8. Novel Competition, Supper. Mr. Gaskill will give 40 Cock Linnets; come and have one.—M. Clayton.

Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 23, Club Rooms, 8. Selection of judge and classes for Dec. Club Show.—J. Butterworth.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 23, Technical School, 8. To receive entries etc.—J. Irlam.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 21, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—J. Smith.

United Kingdom Lizard C.A.—Nov. 22, Howard Rooms, Glossop, 6.—Greig and Harrison.

Uddington O.S.—Nov. 20, Recreation Rooms, 7.30. To fix nights for meetings; also to fix date for a Members' Show.—W. P. Campbell.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 24, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Balance sheet of late open show.—F. Howes.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Nov. 26, Station Hotel, 7.30.—J. Johnston.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Horse and Groom Inn, 6. Beast Heart Supper; fanciers and friends invited. "Free and Easy," after supper.—Geo. Johnson.

Wandsworth and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Headquarters, 8. Final show business; election of stewards, etc.—W. Summers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Keeping Birds in Bedroom.

Workman.—Unless it could be clearly proved that your birds were a nuisance, and a danger to the public health, I do not suppose anyone could compel you to cease keeping them. If you choose to keep them in the bedroom because you have no other convenience for housing them, it is, I imagine, solely a question for you yourself to decide, and no one has any right to interfere with your choice. In a good-sized, well-ventilated room, when the birds are kept in a nice, clean condition, I see no insuperable objection to setting apart a separate corner for the birds if one chooses so to do, and, in fact, I know there are scores of fanciers with no other convenience who keep a few birds in the bedroom. Of course, with other convenience for keeping them, few, I suppose, would keep them there.

The Roller's Capacity.

"Notts."—In trade terms seven birds compose what is called a "stick" of Canaries. As to the number of "genuine" changes a Roller is capable of singing is a "poser" I do not care about attempting to settle dogmatically. It is a point altogether too ticklish and controversial to settle in this way, and can only be satisfactorily dealt with by specialist Roller breeders and trainers. This much I may say, however, that the enormous number of changes so often rattled off by vendors of these birds are purely visionary, and I should imagine that a bird that sang a dozen of what you call "genuine changes" would not be at the foot of it's class by any means. But it all depends upon what one calls a change, or a "genuine" change. In recent years, as you perhaps know, variety has not been so much sought after as length depth, and purity of rolling tones, and in consequence the best birds of to-day sing fewer changes than their predecessors of some years ago.

Moulting and Hoarseness.

H.L.—As you seem sure your bird is not exposed to either draught or damp, there are yet two other frequent causes of such a condition which you must satisfy yourself do not exist, i.e., great fluctuation of temperature, such as a very warm place, which becomes correspondingly cold at night. Reduce at once, by greatly lowering the vitality, will also cause this constant dropping of stray feathers, as well as opening the door to numerous other ills. Look well into both these matters in the first instance. Keep bird in a comfortable, but equable, temperature, not necessarily overheated, and feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one summer rape. In addition, give every second day, half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake in which two drops of cod liver oil emulsion have been well mixed, twice a week a few grains of hemp seed, and a little green food on each of the other days. In the drinking water give first for two days as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after that five drops of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. By this time the moulting should be stopped, and all the medicine and the egg food may be stopped, save for giving a little now and of the latter once or twice a week. If the wheeziness is then still in evidence, give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu to the water every second day for a week or so, with pure water on the alternate days.

A Troublesome Norwich.

T. Nolan.—The condition of the bowels is probably at the root of all the evil, and your feeding may be the original cause. Feed for a while on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg food. On each of the other days give a spray of watercress. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twelve drops of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu. See its cage does not hang over the fumes of the lamp you burn all night, and do not omit a supply of gritty sand in the cage always.

Aviary Accommodation.

H.A.B.—I do not fully understand the size of your cage-aviary, which you say is 5 feet by 6 feet by 18 inches deep. If the floor space is 5 feet by 6 feet, and the depth reckoned from floor to ceiling, it will accommodate from 20 to 25 birds the size of a Canary, but not more, on account of the low roof. If the floor space is 5 feet by 18 inches, it will only accommodate seven, and if 6 feet by 18 inches, nine. Calculate always on the basis of not more than one bird the size of a Canary to every square foot of floor space, and to begin the breeding season when the young will fly with the parents not more than a third of the full number is sufficient. Certainly you could introduce hen Canaries with the Linnets, but have only cock Linnets, and allow one to about every two or three hens. It will not be necessary to house the Linnet during winter.

Bird for Stock.

"Robert."—The pair of Norwich which bred the cinnamon marked cock had certainly got a good proportion of cinnamon blood in their veins. The cross is often introduced to improve colour or quality of feathers, but is deprecated by many of the best breeders, and with good reason, seeing there exists plenty of material in the pure Norwich to supply every demand in the building up of size, colour, and quality. If you have plenty of material on hand I would scarcely advise you to retain the cinnamon marked for breeding, but, on the other hand, as the bird seems good in Norwich qualities, and if your own have any little tendency to coarseness in feather, by all means keep it and mate it with a clear yellow hen whose feather is not quite so silky as it should be. See the hen has good all round head and tail Norwich properties.

Weaknesses of Yorkshires.

Novice.—To take your last question first, my reply is no; I do not consider Yorkshires, if kept under proper treatment, are any more subject to wheeziness than any other variety. On the contrary, they are as hardy as most other varieties. To tighten up your bird, treat as follows: Discontinue the seed mixture you are using, and give instead half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird twice a week, on two other days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, and a few grains of hemp twice a week. Give these alternately, and on different days. A few grains of linseed two or three times a week will help to add a polish to the plumage, but when giving this you should withhold the hemp, and give the linseed as a substitute, not as an addition. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give five drops of tincture of steel.

Glass Roof Difficulties.

"Furness."—Am at a loss to know how you can quite get over the difficulty of moisture forming on the underside of the glass roof. To prevent it there should be little, if any, difference in the temperature inside the aviary and out in the open air. My previous suggestions embodied quite as much free ventilation as I consider good for the welfare of the bird, and as the moisture still forms now you have carried out the suggestion, it is evident the ventilation is still inefficient to overcome the difficulty. I can only suggest further that you lay a covering of felt over the glass in very cold weather; or you might try the effect of wiping over the underside of the glass with a rag moistened in paraffin, and wipe off all visible trace again, and either paint the outer side of the glass with "summer cloud" shading as is used for greenhouses in summer, or dab it all over with a ball of fresh, soft putty. This latter method may overcome the difficulty, but it will, of course, be at the expense of spoiling the appearance of the glass roof. If it does not stop it then, I should advise you to substitute a wooden roof for the glass one.

Loss of Feathers.

Mr. L. Hines.—You ought to have said how you feed and treat the bird generally, as bad feeding may be the cause of all her feathers coming off, and of no others appearing to replace them. Examine cage well to see if it is infested with redmite. Keep it quite clean, and well strewn with gritty sand. Keep it also in a fairly warm place, and allow the bird to bathe frequently, but see there is no danger of its getting chilled afterwards. Feed on plain Canary seed daily as a staple, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape, twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and three times a week a spray of watercress. Give all these alternately, and on different days, so that a different one is given each day. Get as much flower of sulphur as will cover a sixpence, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, and mix well together, divide into four equal parts and add one portion to the sponge cake each time you give it in the first fortnight. To the drinking water add twelve drops of chemical food every second day for a month. Sufficient permanganate of potash may be added to the bathing water with advantage, to make it slightly pink in colour.

Yorkshires in a Bad Way.

Novice.—Am afraid your bird has gone too far for much improvement, much less to be cured. The failure to moult will also be against it. Keep it in a fairly warm place, but see there is not a very great difference in the day and night temperatures. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple for the next few weeks, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately twice a week, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg food, and twice a week a few grains of hemp. Give these alternately. Two or three times a week give a small spray of watercress. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for the first two days, and after that twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight. Give pure water on alternate days. If there is not a distinct improvement by that time after medicine to same quantity of whiskey and glycerine, and two drops of eucalyptus oil; try this for a fortnight every second day. Shake it thoroughly before putting it on the cage.

Starting a good Stud.

C.B.D.—If the facts are as you state and the birds were wheezy on arrival, you should have returned them without delay. By keeping them as the foundation of a stud you are doubtless laying up an endless store of worry. Of course you could scarcely expect the breeder to have them returned now after a lapse of three or four weeks. Your feeding is not very good. Discontinue the mixed seed you are using, and give in addition to the staple of plain Canary seed half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of egg food and a few hemp seeds each twice a week. Give all separately, on different days. Every second or third day give a spray of watercress. See the birds are fully protected from draughts and chills, and in the drinking water give every second day for a week or a fortnight as may seem necessary, twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus. Shake it thoroughly before hanging it on the cage.

A Variety.

"Amateur."—I begin with No. 4. The effect of mating a Roller cock with a Norwich hen would be to give you a larger, better coloured, and more stylish type of bird, which would make good singers, softer and more varied than the pure Norwich, but not so good as the pure Roller itself. (5) So far as I can judge from the plan you send, you could not improve upon the position of your cages in the kitchen. There is no door to the upper rooms marked on the plan, and this may make a difference. But if there is no other door which would draw a current of air round where the cages hang you could hardly improve upon the position. (6) The practice of keeping a lump of sugar fixed in the wires of the cage is harmless enough to be tolerated. There is no doubt it helps to prevent the beak getting overgrown. (7) Your bird probably moulted all right last month. Because they did not present a bedraggled appearance at any time is no reason for suspecting they had not moulted properly. Some birds moult much more gradually than others, and never present a ragged appearance over it.

We are Seven.

Rednob.—(1) This is the effect of constipation. Add ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water daily for two or three days, and every alternate day afterwards until the effect has quite disappeared. (2) The violent changes of temperature we had recently are doubtless the cause of many birds not finishing off the moult properly at the head. Keep the temperature up to 60 degrees, and add a few blades of saffron and twenty drops of whisky to the drinking water for a few days. Let them bathe as often as they will in fair weather, but guard against chills afterwards. (3) The temperature is quite high enough for anything for a regular thing. In fact as soon as the moult is righted, I should prefer to drop it by an average of at least 5 degrees. (4) I should also discontinue the seed mixture you give and substitute a few grains of linseed once or twice a week until the moult is quite complete, and then give half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird twice a week instead. (5) Don't see how you can improve upon this in the way of cleanliness. I assume you give a supply of gritty sand in some separate receptacle. (6 and 7) Also seem quite satisfactory, and need no amendment.

Breeding Outdoors

A. Bearman.—As your aviary is only covered with wire netting for a depth of two feet in front it is practically on open-air flight, as it will be subject to just the same fluctuations as an open shed. Under these circumstances you cannot expect to succeed in turning in any but the hardiest breeds: and of these only such as have been bred under normal conditions, either in cold rooms or out-door aviaries; at this season of the year, especially if you wish to keep them in cages and exercise personal control over their breeding. Of the hardy type of birds mentioned you might turn them in now, if you were going to allow them to fly about at liberty until next spring, but as we are so near to winter it would be scarcely advisable to keep them in cages, and thus limit their opportunities for exercise. On the whole you would be well advised to wait until the Spring before stocking the place. You would probably raise a greater number of birds by letting the parents fly loose, and allow one cock to about every three hens. The aviary will accommodate about twenty birds; or, as an initial stock to commence breeding, three cocks and nine hens would be ample.

Yorkshire Off Song.

"Yorky."—If the bird appears quite well and vigorous save for being weak in voice and not singing it may be nothing more serious than its age, which keeps it from coming into song again. Many birds after the first few seasons do not resume their full song after moulting until the approach of the following spring. But still the position in which you keep it—in an all wire cage in a window—is about the worst possible position for preserving its song. I would certainly advise you to remove it to a nice bright position, further in the room, where there is a comfortable and equable temperature, free from any draughts. A box cage, or at least one with wires in the front and ends only, would also be best unless you are quite convinced there is no possibility of draughts troubling the bird in an open cage. Keep a sharp look out for red mites, and the cage quite clean and the floor strewn with gritty sand. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed, as a staple, and give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with five drops of sherry mixed in it. Give a scrap of green food every second day. Add to its drinking water for a few days tey drops of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and mucilage of gum arabic.

Hoarseness, etc.

G.W.S.K.—1 and 2. Both the Yorkshire and Norwich seem to be troubled with a similar ailment, which is probably due to draughts or great variation of heat. As you seem convinced it is not the former, and as the birds hang in a cosy corner by the fire, it may possibly be the latter. Perhaps they get very warm from the fire by day, and at night the fire is put out, and then in the early hours of the morning it is exceptionally cold. If so, remove the birds to a place farther from the fire where the day and night temperature will be more equal, but see they are quite free from draughts. Give plain Canary seed only as a staple diet for a few weeks, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and a spray of watercress on each of the remaining days. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty of whisky ten of glycerine, and five of syrup of squills. The latter you may continue for a fortnight if necessary. You might also put a bit of fat boiled bacon in the wires. 3. I do not quite understand this query, unless it is that you think of converting the shut-up bod into an aviary, and want to know whether it would be best to have it all in one big flight or divided into smaller compartments. If so, it depends upon what you wish to breed. If pure-bred birds of good quality, it is essential that you should certainly divide the aviary into separate compartments—one for each pair.

Brevities.

Swelling under Eye (J. W. Dendy).—It is probably a small abscess. Bathe it morning and evening with warm water until it seems "ripe" for breaking, then prick it with a clean sharp needle and gently press contents out. Bathe in a warm solution of permanganate of potash, dry on a soft rag and slightly anoint with a little boracic ointment each evening. It will not be any detriment to his breeding next year. If the bowels are at all constipated a saline aperient every few days for a while would be very useful.

Feeding up for Breeding (T. Jenque, Sheffield).—I have not a copy of the book at hand at the moment to refer to, but I feel sure you will find the proper time and method of feeding up discussed. The ordinary winter diet should be continued until end of February; then begin to give a more generous diet, by easy stages (not all at once), during the last few days of February, or early in March, and continue feeding up until end of March, when you may begin to mate up the birds as they come into breeding condition.

A Late Clutch (R.E.C.).—You may be feeding a little too generously, or keeping her too warm, and perhaps in close vicinity to vigorous singing cock, which has induced her to lay a full clutch of eggs. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. It would be best to keep her in a different room away from the cocks. This episode will not be detrimental to her in the forthcoming spring. You did quite right to take the eggs away.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

About Brambleﬁnches.

D.F.—1. I do not think for one moment that you are likely to have much luck in trying to breed Bramblefinches in a cage kept in a bedroom. I don't suppose they would be easy subjects in any place other than an extensive aviary. It would be an interesting experiment, of course. 2. If you want to try for hybrids, then a Chaffinch is the best mate for a Bramble—that is, so far as known results teach one. If you ever feel inclined to experiment in this direction, then you might try, as a mate, any Finch of about the same size—a Canary if you like. 3. There is almost as much difference twixt cock and hen Bramblefinches as there is between cock and hen Chaffinches. The cock has a bright reddish brown breast and a glossy, dense black head and upper back, "spangled" with brown. The hen has but a dull, light-brown breast, tinged with yellow, at the best of times, and a brownish head, shaded with ashy-black. A normal-coloured Bramble has no white ring round the neck; are you sure you really have birds of this species? 4. Value sixpence to 2/6, fresh caught, of average merit. Show specimens anything up to £5.

About a Thrush.

E. Mackay.—1. The Thrush will not stand the winter through with comfort out-of-doors in a cage hung on a wall with a north-east aspect—a very bleak one. You are wrong in assuming the Song Thrush to be a migrant (in the same sense, that is, as the Nightingale), but for all that there is a limit to their endurance, and a cage offers small chance for exercise. I should not care to leave any bird of mine outdoors in all weathers when in a cage. 2. Your cage seems to me to be a very suitable one. The pattern Mr. Norman illustrates in his book is intended as a guide for those in doubt as to what is a desirable cage; not to convey that those of dissimilar style are necessarily undesirable. 3. The bird certainly ought to be singing loudly now, as a rule, it is to be well over the moult. I advise you to give it a fair supply of live food, say a dozen fat mealworms daily, a few snails (provide a biggish stone in the cage for the bird to hang them on), also gentles and blackbeetles (cockroaches); all these things are far from difficult to obtain, and ought to bring the bird out in song. Vary them, of course; do not give all at the same time. I must confess that a Song Thrush which will not touch snails is a curiosity; as a rule I have personally kept were lovers of these succulent dainties than I am of frogs' legs stewed in old port.

Bunnish Wasting Canary Seed.

L.B.W.—I really cannot see that you have the slightest ground for uneasiness. What matters it that your Bunnie smells that does not eat Canary seed so long as she keeps knocking on the other seeds? And that she does keep making is proved by the fact that she laid eggs, two of which were for the last breeding season. You cannot well desire anything better of her. Of course, it may possibly be that you have a very inferior quality of Canary seed at the moment; on the other hand, the Bunnie may not care much for this seed, however good in quality. Trizzle, charnock and summer rape, with some sunflower, will suit her admirably, I am sure, giving a little hemp and maw, with wild seed mixture, as "titbits." I certainly should not risk upsetting the bird by dosing her with various medicines, or you'll probably soon lose her. Let her be without Canary seed for a month or two, then offer her a little of extra good quality, and she may then eat it without waiting it. Give her something to "play with," say, a piece of cuttlefish, or even the sunflower seeds will answer this purpose, by providing her with occupation in the shelling of them.

Linnet off Colour.

R. M. F.—I have no doubt that cheek in the moult is the cause of the trouble with your Linnet. Six weeks, however, is a lengthy period to let slip by without taking any steps to refit matters, and the probability is that you have delayed too long to have much chance of saving the bird if you can start the feathers falling again, the Linnet may possibly struggle through, but as he is he will of a certainty succumb. You could try the modification of the "vapour bath" plan a friend of mine was telling me about. Hang the cage in a warm corner of a heated room (near the fire), and cover it over with flannel; clothes that is, say, a small towel rung out in very hot (as hot as can be borne) water, repeating when cool. Keep it up for about an hour, and don't let the bird catch cold afterwards. In a day or two the feathers should commence to fall freely. If this treatment is ineffective, I know of nothing else likely to be helpful. A teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water every other day would be helpful.

Treatment of Waxwing.

A.F.—The Waxwing is not a difficult bird to cater for—that is, to anyone used to keeping insectivorous birds—nor is it difficult to keep. I have had no trouble with the several specimens I have owned. You are likely to lose them in the moult, of course, like most other species, and they have a bad habit of getting too fat. They cannot be said to be often on the market; the supply fluctuates remarkably during different years. The value depends entirely on the bird, its size, shape and colouring, and the perfection of the waxlike wing and tail appendages; also whether the market supply is good or bad. The Waxwing requires feeding on a good insectivorous mixture. A suitable food is made of game meal (without grit), or finely crushed puppy cakes, six parts, ants' eggs, and dried flies two parts each, meat meal and powdered silkworm pupæ one part each by measure. Damp with a little water grated raw carrot, cold mashed boiled potato, finely chopped watercress, lettuce, chickweed, etc., varying them frequently, and according to the season. Add half a hard boiled egg to the daily food portion occasionally or a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake. Give a few mealworms daily, and any other suitable insect life as in season. They are enormous feeders, and being indolent and neglectful in the matter of taking exercise, usually manage to get as "fat as pigs." A mild dose of sulphate of soda is useful occasionally; also a fly round a good-sized aviary or room. Fruit, such as banana, sweet orange and apple grocer's currants, raisins, etc., chopped figs and dates, is much relished, and should be frequently given mixed with the stock food. Berries, too, the bird is passionately fond of, and Black, privet, elder, haw, etc., should be freely given whenever obtainable. Plenty of variety in the diet is absolutely essential. I remember a well-known exhibitor of this species saying he gave his birds some crushed Canary seed and coarse oatmeal.

About a Bullfinch.

Soft Sammy.—The "saftest o' the family," eh? I don't believe you're so very "daft" though, after all, for you show good sense in taking up British bird keeping as a hobby. The Bullfinch is not exactly a difficult bird to cater for, though it is true that he (or she) is the shortest lived in captivity of all the Finch family. At least, that is my own experience, based on long years of familiarity with the species; and all my friends entitled to speak on the point bear me out in this. Your own Bullfinch should do well on the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each, sunflower, safflower, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint each. You can reduce the proportion of sunflower and safflower if the bird does not eat it all or seems to leave part of it. As variety offer daily a pinch of one or the other of these things (in a separate vessel): maw, niger, hemp, wild seed mixture, thistle and dandelion; also give thistleheads, sharpheads, milk thistle, shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, blackberries, buds from hawthorn hedge, fruit bushes, etc., as may be in season, some suitable ripe, sweet fruit (banana, pear, apple, cherry, orange, etc.), and a small mealworm or two, now and again. This will give you a pretty varied menu to ring the changes upon, and so afford that variety which will keep the bird in good health and condition. Always remember that Bullies are great fruit, bud and berry eaters by nature.

Brevities.

Identity of Bird (Bunting).—You are quite correct: the bird you have is a Reed Bunting, and your description shows it to be a hen. As regards its worth for exhibiting, I can only say that last week I awarded second prize to one (a beauty, in fine condition) in a class for hen British birds at Nottingham Show, and competition was exceedingly keen. Steadiness is a great point.

Nightingale Ailing (A. J. B.).—I think the change from a "pleasant" situation to the "rather dark" kitchen is quite sufficient to be the cause of your Nightingale going off song, and being in a more or less listless state. Can't you fix him up in a more cheerful spot? If puffed out and sleepy, give at once two doses (on alternate days) of fluid magnesia—a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. The feeding reads all right.

Names of Birds (G. J. Harding).—The graceful brown bird, with Robin-like beak, which you see feeding among the Sparrows, is the Hedge Accentor, more generally known as the Hedge Sparrow. The Tit is either the Coal Tit (if with a noticeable white streak at back of head) or the Marsh Tit (if with head uniformly black). Both are small ashy-grey birds, except for their black heads, and less common than Blue and Great Tits.

Room for Mule Breeding (G. Knot).—I should certainly prefer the empty outdoor room to the kitchen for the purpose of breeding Mules. If you care to put any question to me, I shall be pleased to try and answer same. I dealt very fully with the treatment of Linnets a fortnight ago in these columns. If in high condition and song (with blue beaks) they ought to breed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Yellow-Fronted Amazon in Moult.

Bill Bailey.—In addition to the seed mixture, an Amazon should have ripe fruit, nuts, green food, and plain biscuits in addition to the seed mixture, though that forms its staple diet, the other being given at intervals. A piece of clean cuttlefish should be kept continually in the cage. A little boiled maize twice a week is very wholesome for Amazons; but note, this only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be cleaned out for each occasion. Sprinkle the boiled maize with flowers of sulphur, and then stir up before supplying to the bird. The maize should have all water well squeezed from it. For the next two months make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, letting it have clear water about once a week. Its bowels should be kept moving freely, but not watery loose; one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water in lieu of the chemical food will suffice to give relief if there should be any sign of constipation. Note warning re slops and table scraps in replies to other correspondents.

Parrakeet with Stiff Leg.

H. Green.—It may possibly be the age of the bird that is the cause of the trouble, but I certainly consider your method of feeding has aggravated the trouble, if it is not actually responsible for it. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Give two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in its drinking water (about one ounce)—with three days between each dose; in between (and continue indefinitely) make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Rub a little Elliman's Embrocation on the fleshy leg, and keep the bird out of draughts and damp. Diet: Seed mixture of canary and oats, two parts each, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix, and keep a supply always in the cage; also supply plain biscuits (dry), nuts, ripe fruit, and a little fresh lettuce occasionally. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish always in the cage. Note: In the matter of diet you cannot treat a Parrot as one of the family and keep it in health.

Blue-Fronted Amazon Gaping.

Mrs. Smith.—You will find the correct diet for an Amazon given in this issue in reply to another correspondent. I rather incline to the opinion that the bird is moulting, and that the pulling of the feathers is merely the assisting of the moult, which is quite natural with all species of birds. At the same time it has had something which has affected its digestion. Give two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with three days between each dose, and put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; for directions see other replies in this issue. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage and give a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally. Keep the bird out of draught, and do not give any messes or table scraps. See other replies *re* this also. If the gaping does not yield to this treatment, repeat query with full details in a week or ten days' time.

What Parrakeet is it?

P.T.—(1) It is an Alexandrine (*Palæornis alexandri*). (2) Variable; I have heard quite talented birds and many others that only uttered a stray word or two. Keep where it will hear plenty of ordinary conversation, also train it by repeating to it odd words and short phrases as convenience permits, and it should certainly talk and mimic more or less. (3) The value is variable; a bird in good condition, that has been in this country over a year, would be worth 25s. at least—much more if a talker. Well-trained birds that do not scream and have a good vocabulary often change hands at £5 each; but such are exceptions, after all. The intelligence of individuals of the same species varies, so that it is worth the while bestowing care and patience on your bird. See reply to "H. Green" for diet, and diet yours on same lines. Note: The drugs will not be required in your case.

A Grey Parrot with a Cold.

J. Tanpin.—Put a few drops of eucalyptus on cage bottom. Spray or dab (use a camel hair brush) its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; put one teaspoonful in my two tablespoonfuls of water and give no other drinkables till relief is given. Also give one small crust of household bread, into which you have soaked one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia as soon as it is practically dry. Keep bird warm (not hot), and out of draughts and there should soon be an improvement. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, but diet as advised almost weekly in this column. There is more in diet than in drugs. Parrots like many folks will take what is pleasant to the taste even though it slowly kills.

Treatment for a Cardinal.

Penzance.—Should not be smaller than a full-sized Thrush or Blackbird cage, these active birds, very wild at first, get their lovely plumage sadly frayed if their quarters are at all confined. Personally I use cages 2½ by 1½ by 1½ feet high myself for such type of birds—a pair could be kept in such a cage. Diet: Canary, millet, oats and in smaller portions hemp and sunflower seeds, ripe fruit (apple is greedily eaten as a rule), a little soft food, and two or three mealworms or other insects per bird daily. Green food, cuttlefish, grit and clean water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. Occasional mealworms will help you to tame them, they will soon in spite of their fear come and take one from your fingers; their love for this dainty is stronger than their fear, and they soon learn to know the hand that feeds them. They are then bold, fearless and striking birds for either cage or aviary, and they are quite hardy if kept out of draught.

Indian Rock Caging.

M. E. T.—The bird's condition is the result of improper diet, and if this is corrected the bird will gradually recover. Stop the milk sop at once, and diet as under. Seed mixture: Canary seed, oats, maize, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; will mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give plain biscuits, ripe fruit, nuts, a little green food (fresh lettuce is best at this season), and keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in cage. Give 3 or 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, with two days between each dose—one teaspoonful of Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water; give first thing in the morning and leave it in the cage till the bird has drunk at any rate the bulk of it. When not giving the Magnesia make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue latter till the bird is well again. You had better spray it once or twice a week with quassia solution, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Hope there will soon be an improvement.

A Budgerigar in Moult.

G. H. C.—It is difficult to treat Budgerigars as you would other birds—they are such small drinkers; but if you remove the drinking water overnight they are usually ready to take a drink first thing in the morning. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and let it have only this to drink from during the day. Follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food and continue till the moult is over, letting it have a drink of clear water say once a week. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage, and for the present let it have the following mixture: 2 parts each Canary and millet seeds and 1 part oats, also occasionally give it a millet spray for a change; whenever you can get it free from frost give grass in the car (flower grass); a little tender lettuce is very good for a change, as is also a little ripe apple. Keep up a supply of grit and do not offer baths till it has its morning drink. A crust of bread (in health they are better without this), on to which you have dropped a little Chemical Food will also help. It is rather difficult in your case to assign any cause unless the bird has caught a chill; very probably it is constitutional weakness in spite of its size. I should certainly isolate it from the rest till well again, although at present there is nothing to indicate this, it may be something contagious.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

H. L. A.—Am pleased to note the treatment advised was effective. The present trouble is due to the bird's being placed in a window; in such a position I do not see how draught can be avoided. Keep bird by all means in a light airy position, but certainly not in the window. Occasionally give the Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep its bowels moving freely—the evenings would not be watery loose. If there is any recurrence of running at the nostrils, spray or dab them (use a camel hair brush) with diluted glyco-thymoline, till it ceases. While there is any apparent cold, give one teaspoonful of the mixture as under to one ounce of water and let this form its daily supply (nothing else to drink), while the cold lasts. Mixture—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. When the cold yields to the above treatment, cease giving the mixture and put the Chemical Food in the drinking water, continuing this till the bird is in good feather and condition. Only give the Magnesia as necessary to keep constipation in check. Spray the bird with quassia solution every other day, except during severe weather (of course specially guarding against draught and keeping it in a warm position till dry), and you will soon get rid of the parasites. Only give shelled nuts and if these are not eaten do not give any. Wean from the boiled maize as soon as possible; try giving it every other day and gradually diminish the quantity, but do not let the bird suffer from want of food. Rub a little clean vaseline into the bare parts, but do not on any account make its plumage greasy.

T.T., *re* Bichenó Finch, and **W. Baker**, *re* "What Bird?" will be answered next week, there being not time to look details up before going to press.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Doves (Bunyip, Edinburgh).—1. Your cock Dove having a second moult seems to show something is wrong. Examine the cage for insects. 2. When breeding, Doves should have a shallow open nest-box proportionate to their size, or a shallow basket. For nesting material give short lengths of coarse hay, straw, or fine twigs. 3. Your feeding is right, but as you keep them in a cage you should let them out for a fly in the room as often as you can; I always think that Doves are most unsuited for continual cage life, and these domestic ones are easily made so tame that they are no trouble to get back again when out. If the cock has any constitutional trouble which has made him moult unseasonably, exercise would help to get him right. Give rock-salt, grit, and a bit of old mortar to peck at.

Names of Swans (S.D.H.).—The name of the young Swan (Cygnet) is well known and in common use; it applies as long as the bird is in the grey plumage. The male Swan is supposed to be technically known as the "Cob," and the female as the "Pen," but I have never heard the terms used myself; they no doubt date back to the time when Swans were more largely kept than now, when Cygnets were held in great esteem as food.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (M. Croft).—Liver disease of considerable standing, with recent inflammation of that organ, and rupture of blood vessels (which is apoplexy), and indicative of "bird fever."

Thrush (J. C. Quant).—"Chill," or inflammation of liver and lungs. It may have contracted this on its journey.

African Bird (Miss J. A. Palethorpe).—Congestion of liver, and, apparently, difficulty of moulting.

Canary (H.S., Rotherhithe).—Chronic liver disease with recent inflammation involving the lungs.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Whence Comes the Chick? (W. J. Smith).—Neither the white nor the yolk can, strictly speaking, be said to "be the chick." Broadly, this is the process: The chick develops from the tiny cell of living matter which lies on the upper surface of the yolk—light in colour, and, in a fowl's egg, about the size of a grain of hemp. In the process of development within the shell, the chick (embryo) absorbs the white to the purposes of growth; the yolk is absorbed to constitute the chick's first food during the period immediately before and after the actual hatching.

Report (J. Ainsworth).—Many thanks for your kindness. We, too, hope it will not be the last you will send along to us. Send the photograph, by all means, and we will reproduce it if at all possible.

Photos (W. B. Smart, and Metcalfe and Hillmen).—Photographs safely to hand. We shall hope to publish one or the other of them as space permits.

Safety Show Cage (T. Gregory).—The worst of those safety show cages is the trouble they give the judges should they wish to handle and examine the exhibit. If the door is soldered up, how is this to be done?

Obituary (D.P.D.).—Thanks for cutting. An intimation had already reached us from another source.

Bacon Beetles (H. Rees).—Your letter has been in type awaiting a chance to appear. You will readily understand that at this season of the year pressure on our space is very severe indeed.

Address Wanted (F. G. R. Reth).—It is contrary to rule for a contributor's address to be disclosed without his permission. If you care to send on your letter to us, duly stamped, we will have it forwarded to the right quarter.

Cover for Volume (Bootle).—Yes, shall be pleased to send you one for 1/6, post free.

A Purchase (J. Esdale).—Many thanks for your notification, which we had also received from another source.

Canaries and Consumption (Fancier).—Your friend who told you that your Canaries would bring on consumption" was, to put it somewhat vulgarly, talking "twaddle." He has been reading some "scare" paragraph in some paper which knows no better than to print nonsense of this kind. Fanciers must thrive on "consumption," if it be true, for they look a very healthy lot when we see them at the shows. The only "consumption" your Canaries are likely to let you in for, is the consumption of seed.

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Coventry O.S. (C.B.U.).—December 5th at the Sydenham Picture Hall, Lord Street. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—25 open classes: Nor. 9, Cres. 2, Can. 1, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Limit 7, Brit. 6, For. 1, Cost. 1, and a local drawing competition (Judge, Mr. G. E. Wilson). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2 6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 20th to G.O. PEYERS, "Sandgate," Croudon Road.

Falmouth (C.B.U.).—December 4th, in the Polytechnic Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Clun. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 27th to TOM BURTON, "Formosa," Mount Edgcumbe Villas.

Darlington.—November 28th, in the Corn Exchange, Feethams. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Maddison. 30 open classes: York. 6, Nor. 5, Clun. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, and 19 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 24th to E. BRUNSKILL, 2, Dundary Terrace.

Leeds (C.B.U., G.C.A., F.B.C., L. and P.O.S.).—November 27th and 28th, in the Eslem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Road.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Beswick.—53 open classes: Yorks. 9 and 3 Novice, Yorks. Greens 4, Nor. 8 and 3 Novice, Nor. Greens 4, Crest 1, Scot. 3, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 24th to A. WILKINS, The Gardens, Oakhurst, Moortown, Leeds.

Honley.—November 28th, Large Dining Hall, Rock Mills, Brockholes, near Huddersfield.—Judge, Mr. Mallinson.—2 open Yorks. classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd to J. A. MESSENGER, 16, Co-operative Terrace, Honley, near Huddersfield.

Muirkirk.—November 28th, in the Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. R. Hardie.—13 open classes. Bord. 9, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Brit. 2, and 1 local Can. class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 21th to J. G. TORBETT, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

Buckingham (Limit £10).—December 1st, in the Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. de Winton. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 25th to G. SIMONDS, Station House.

Sale (C.B.U.).—November 28th, in the Technical School, Tatton Road.—Judges, Messrs. A. E. Davis and E. Massey. 32 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 11, A.O.V. 1, Bord. 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Mule 2, Sell 2. 66 open amateur and novice members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd to J. IRLAM, 101, Harley Road.

Barrow (C.B.U., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., N.N.P.C.).—November 27th and 28th, in the Mechanics' Institute, Ellison Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and A. Brown. 54 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 4, Pairs 2, Cinn. 3, Bord. 5, Scot. 2, Yorks. 7, Liz. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 32 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd to R. BLORE, 28 York Street.

Girvan (£5 Limit).—December 2nd, in the Assembly Rooms. Judge, Mr. J. Patterson. 31 open classes: Scot. 9, Bord. 9, Nor. 1, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 25 to A. GORDON, Temperance Hotel.

Southend.—December 2nd and 3rd, at the Kursaal.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 21 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 13 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 25th to B. P. T. JONES, "Cherhill," Lancaster Gardens.

Gravesend (£5 Limit).—December 2nd and 3rd in the New Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. North. 18 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule, 2, Brit. 5, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close November 20th to S. C. STEVENSON, "Hillcrest," Gravesend.

Wandsworth.—December 1st and 2nd. The Baths, High Street.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1, and 9 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd to W. SUMMERS, 829 Garratt Lane, S.W.

Edmonton.—December 3rd, Town Hall, Fore Street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 14 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 22nd to S. WILLIAMS, F.Z.S., Holland Lodge, Fore Street.

Frome (C.B.U.).—Dec. 3, in the Central Mart.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 13 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Cres. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1, and 7 Members'. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 25, to W. MINTY, 7, Stony Street.

Grand United Metropolitan.—Dec. 3 and 4, at the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham, S.W.—Judge, Mr. F. Easterling.—11 open classes.—Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes by pool. Fee 9d. Entries close Nov. 23, to A. WATSON, 116, Maurice Avenue, Wood Green, N.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 28, in the Caledonian School's, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Wellings.—59 open classes: Yorks. 28, Nor. 14, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 7, Gift 1. Prizes 4d., 3d., and 2d. per entry in each class. Fee 1/-. Entries close (first post) Nov. 25, to A. THOMPSON, 205, Smithdown Lane.

Newport (Confined to Isle of Wight).—Dec. 2 and 3, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. de Winton.—24 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, short entry class 2, For. 3, Sell. 3. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21, to F. COOPER, 44, Upper St. James Street, Newport.

Cowdenbeath.—Nov. 28, in the Drill and Masonic Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Cochrane.—33 open classes: Scot 12, Nor. 4, Crest 4, Sell. 1, Bord. 2, classes: Scot 12, Nor. 4, Crest 4, Sell. 1, Bord. 2, Common 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21 (local Nov. 20), to J. Orrock, Beath Terrace.

Fleet.—Dec. 9, Fleet Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. H. Bellett.—3 open classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes from entry fees, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 28, to AVIS and HESTER.

City of Birmingham (C.B.U., C.C.C.).—Dec. 2 and 3, Crown Hotel, Station Street.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.—23 open classes: Nor. 1, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 2, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, and 10 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 25, to J. H. DE MALLET, 123, Somerville Road, Small Heath.

Tavistock (C.B.U.).—Dec. 2, in the Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. F. W. Dowdell.—13 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2 Sell. 1, For. 1, and 5 local classes. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Entries close Nov. 23, to A. R. GLANVILLE, 9, Duke Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LEAVING EXHIBITS WITHOUT WATER AT SHOWS.

SIR,—I am sorry to trouble you again, but I did not intend to suggest that the water should be taken off only when the judges were ready for the birds, as the birds might be wet. What I suggested was that the water be removed according to how the judges were progressing with their work. What I mean by this is, just to take it off a few classes at a time ahead of the judges, and by so doing I think no bird need be long without water.

A. WOOLLARD.

WHAT IS ITS NAME?

SIR,—Some little time ago a letter appeared in your correspondence columns signed by Mr. H. Glaister, Whitehaven, regarding a bird which he had in his possession. Mr. G. at that time said that many fanciers had seen the bird and had failed to identify it. Now, Sir, permit me at this point to inform readers that I saw this bird, and was as much puzzled as its owner. Since that letter appeared I have learned that the bird has passed into the hands of a well-known exhibitor of the Border Fancy Canary, who, I am told, knows what it is. If this be so, then, why does this gentleman withhold that information, which would ease our minds and edify us at the same time? Now, Mr M. let us hear from you; tell us what the bird is, and for ever earn the gratitude of G. W. MURRAY.

C.B.U. MEMBERS AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—I quite agree with M. D. Barnes in your last issue with reference to Union members judging at non-Union shows. I know of members of the Union in South Wales judging at both non-Union and Union shows; also of these very men sitting on the Committee of the Union, and passing sentence on those infringing the C.B.U. rules. If these members were to refuse to adjudicate at non-Union shows, we would get all shows to take out a licence or to affiliate, so that all exhibitors would be on equal footing.

NOT A JUDGE.

SIR,—I have noticed a letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS by a correspondent signing himself M. D. Barnes, in which he complains of Cage Bird Union members exhibiting British birds at Keynsham Show. I take it by the letter that Keynsham Show is not affiliated to the Union, neither is it licensed. Well, when I remember the letters that appeared in CAGE BIRDS during the last year or two respecting Rule 17, and how, after a lot of discussion, it was decided to let it stand, I begin to wonder myself whether the Cage Bird Union is still in existence only in name, or whether it has any backbone left in it at all, for I think, like M. D. Barnes, the goings on of some of the members that are affiliated to the Union are most unfair. This show season some of the members of the Union are exhibiting at non-Union shows with all the sauce imaginable. Now is the time to let those who are affiliated to the Union see whether the Cage Bird Union has any strength left in it, whether those who stuck to Rule 17 during the birth of the Union will stand by us that refuse to show at non-Union shows. In fact, when I see those so-called fanciers, who will exhibit their birds in the wife's name one week at a non-Union show next week in their own name at an affiliated show, I feel disgusted. I hope this will soon be put a stop to, or else I am afraid we shall see many societies withdrawing from the C.B.U.

AN AFFILIATED MEMBER.

BORDER FANCIES AT CLEATOR MOOR SHOW.

SIR,—I was surprised on seeing report of Cleator Moor Show to find it stated that my Border Fancy cock, No. 3, had been "left out as colour-fed somewhat." I beg to flatly contradict this, as no Canary of mine had tasted colour-food of any kind for some years; in fact, my main reason for giving up the Norwich bird was this troublesome colour-feeding. I will grant my bird is a very rich colour for a buff, but so is the buff hen (half-sister to him) that stood 2nd at this show, but which, by the way, your reporter seems to have left out too. Several more from the same parents are equally as deep in colour, which I attribute solely to the way they have been bred. They are from double yellows, and full of dark blood as well. I may add that I have bred and exhibited this variety in a small way since they were known as Cumberland Fancies, and surely would not be so insane as to colour-feed them now. I feel sure local fanciers, whom I am always pleased to see in my bird-room, will bear me out in this. I will be glad to see this denial in your next issue.

J. ELLWOOD.

STEADYING BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—Will one of your readers kindly oblige by giving me some advice on steadying British birds for exhibition? I have recently taken up this branch of the Fancy, and have at present several Chaffinches, Brambles, and Yellowhammers, but as they are fresh caught and very wild, it seems to me that I have a long job in front of me. I have been surprised to find how steady the birds are at the shows, and I notice by the scale of points given in "Cage Birds Annual" that this is a most important matter. I should be glad if some of my fellow-fanciers would give me a few hints. S. STEPHENS.

EXHIBITORS AND THE PACKING OF EXHIBITS.

SIR,—I wish to draw the attention of exhibitors to the practice of sending birds to shows packed up in paper. The Merthyr, Dowlais, and Dis. F.S. received about six lots packed up in this way, for our show last week. I have found in my few years of exhibiting that they are handled very roughly by some railway servants when properly packed in cases or hampers; I can only imagine the result if those packed in paper were handled in the same way. Then think of the extra work and trouble it gives those responsible for the repacking of exhibits. Will those exhibitors take this hint in good part, and send their birds to shows in a case or hamper? The birds will be more comfortable on their long journeys; consequently their chances of winning will be greatly enhanced. J. H. JONES.

THE SAID-TO-BE CANARY-CHAFFINCH-MULE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Verrall I as the exhibitor of the bird, think that instead of answering my questions, Mr. Verrall has written a lot of nonsense. I am quite willing to believe that Mr. Lowne has seen several variegated, and Mr. Verrall a clear yellow, Chaffinch; but what on earth has this to do with the matter? Mr. Verrall may as well say that because I was owning a cream-coloured and a slightly-ticked Goldfinch two years ago, that it was impossible for me to breed my slightly-ticked Goldfinch-Mule. I am wondering what Mr. Verrall will think of electric light and motors when he sees them. But without trying to be funny, I think the best thing Mr. V. can do is to wait until he has seen the bird, then I shall be pleased to see in print his opinion of it. Secondly, if I show the bird again, and win with it, the person that gets 2nd has a perfect right to deposit his money make his objection, and prove that my bird is not bred from a Canary-reared Chaffinch hen, and a cock Canary.

W. ANDREWS.

[Kindly write matter for publication on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—In my reply to Mr. Andrews, I do not think I made myself sufficiently clear in the latter part of the letter What I ought to have written is that I do not believe it is possible to breed from two different species of birds unless they are closely alike in the matter of feeding their young. Although the Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, and many birds that feed their young on insects will, when adult, live for years in cages on hard seed, this does not prove that such birds as Canaries and many Finches that feed their young on half-ripe seeds will produce young if paired to these insect-feeding birds. And again, I think that the colour of the Chaffinch's egg is so different a colour to that of the Canary and birds that are known to breed with Canaries, that this proves the Chaffinch to be a distinct remove from other birds with "finch" attached to their name. I do not know the colour of the eggs of Bramblefinch, Hawfinch, Crossbill, Pine and Scarlet Grosbeaks. I believe that some of these birds might breed with Chaffinches. I had a cock Scarlet Grosbeak that paired up with a hen Bramblefinch and this bird we know will breed with the Chaffinch. It was I who denounced the so-called Yellowhammer-Canary that was so successful as a prize-winner in 1882 and 1883 exhibited by Mr. T Beasley Northampton. The late Mr. Blakston was always praising it up. I wrote to Mr. Beasley in October of 1882 and told him he was showing an impossible Mule. He sent his Mule to a Brighton show in December, and Mr. Swaysland took care it did not take a prize. Then Mr. Beasley wrote to me and said we were all asses, and did not know a Mule when we saw one. But all the same, he purchased from me a pair of Redpoll-Linnet Mules. Before the Palace Show of that year I wrote to the late Jenner Weir to look at the bird. It was adjudged "wrong class," and then vanished for ever. In November, 1885, the year that I went to the Albert Palace Show, I had there to denounce a clear Albino Greenfinch which had taken prizes all over the country as a clear Mule. I expect I saw Mr. Andrews' bird, No. 1,549, at the last Palace Show, passed unnoticed.

J. H. VERRALL.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that a Cage Bird Society has been formed here, and will be known as the Grantham and District Cage Bird Society. A goodly number of members have already been enrolled, and everything points to the Society being a complete success. The first Monthly Members' Show will be held on November 30th, and from the number of entries at present to hand a very good show appears to be forthcoming. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) has promised to officiate, and also to give a washing exhibition.

P. P. KIRKBY, Hon. Sec.

Saltersford, Grantham.

RETIREMENT OF ANOTHER OLD AND RESPECTED BRITISH BIRD JUDGE.

SIR,—Would you kindly notify in this week's CAGE BIRDS that from date of letter, Nov. 16, I shall discontinue judging or exhibiting at any cage bird show, but shall continue taking in CAGE BIRDS, having done so from the very first issue. I must congratulate you on the life-like group of Buntings you sent out last week and wish your paper every success.

SAMUEL COOK.

An Appreciation.

SIR,—It is with deep regret that I hear of the retirement of another of our veteran judges, Mr. Sam Cook. I have known Mr. Cook for over 20 years—first as a colleague on the committee of the L. and P.O.S. and afterwards as a show secretary and judge of British birds. It is really more years ago than I care to remember that Mr. Cook was a prominent and successful exhibitor of British birds. In 1895, 1896, and 1897 he was one of the show secretaries of the L. and P.O.S. Autumn shows held at the Royal Aquarium—and good shows they were. In 1901, and, with the exception of 1905, down to the present time, Mr Cook has officiated at the Palace shows as a British bird judge. As a rule, he received a capital entry, and at all times performed his duties in an honest and fearless manner. At all times bluff and outspoken, he was one of the best of fanciers and a staunch friend. Although not elected to judge his usual classes at the forthcoming Palace "Jubilee" Show, a fact that I sincerely regret, Mr. Cook was offered classes in another section. He has, however, declined the offer and tells me that he has finished with judging and exhibiting. May he long be spared to be with us at our shows as a visitor. J. W. RAMSDEN.

ALLEGED UNFAIR TREATMENT AT BLACKBURN SHOW.

Sticking at the Half-prize Money Limit.

SIR,—I was pleased to see a letter in your valuable paper from Mr. Hall, complaining of one entry being returned, as I was in the same boat, having one returned. But what I am complaining about now is that they accepted three other birds, and never had them classed in their catalogue, although two were returned marked vhc. I have written to the secretary, and his answer is that my entries arrived after the matter had gone to the printers; also he has forwarded me slips to see that they were staged and judged. That does not satisfy me, as my contention is that, having accepted my entries, he ought to have seen that they were entered, or else have returned the lot. If my address was not too late to be inserted in the exhibitors' list, certainly my entries were not. In conclusion, I wish to ask what is a catalogue for but to show exhibitors and the public what birds are exhibited, and, moreover, those that take cards, however low? Enclosed is an exact copy of letter received from the secretary, and shall be pleased if you will publish same with this.

J. GOSTLING.

Nov. 14, 1908

(COPY.)

SIR,—Yours to hand re show. Yours is a printer's error, as the judging slips will show that your birds were staged and judged. Your entries came after the matter had gone to the printers, and I sent them on at once, but only your address was printed. Hoping this is satisfactory to you.

J. W. MARSDEN.

SIR,—I have waited the issue of your in valuable paper to see report of above show. I forwarded in due course to the secretary six entries:—Yellow Yorks, two; Buff, one; Hens, two; Selling Class, one; and fully expected to receive my numbers, but to my surprise, my fees were returned, with the following letter from the secretary:—

November 3.—To Mrs. Sunderland.—Owing to a poor entry, we are obliged to cancel your entries. Hoping you are not offended, as we are bound to do this.—Yours respectfully

J. W. MARSDEN.

I have been and am still, under the impression that Lancashire fanciers are as good sportsmen as Yorkshiremen, but when I find such reprehensible conduct of a society as that of the Blackburn C.B.S., I must reduce my opinion at least one unit. An attractive schedule is put forth, and you are induced thereby to show. But because there may be a small loss, your fees are returned too late to make entries elsewhere, and the classes are made what appears on the surface to be members' classes for the sake of the specials. It is high time the C.B.U. took note of such doings, and if a Society is only kept together to make money and take no risks, it is time that that Society closed its doors. I should like fanciers to look in your report of the show and see the number of entries, and ask themselves the question: Is it fair?

MRS. C. M. SUNDERLAND.

SIR,—I am extremely obliged to Mr. Hall for having sent a copy of my letter along with his complaint of alleged unfair treatment at Blackburn Show. There are two clauses in his letter that are most unkind and misleading. In one he says he will send both birds and expects them to compete; in his letter to me, which I have in my possession, he says he will send both birds, and they will *have* to compete. In the other, he says his bird with the damaged wing is ruined for the rest of the show season. My dear Mr. Hall, I showed Mr. Cleminson, of Preston, who was here as C.B.U. representative, your bird on Saturday night before it was packed for home, and he said your bird would be alright in a few days. There is no one more sorry than myself over your bird arriving here in its damaged condition, but there can be no blame attached to us for same. J. W. MARSDEN, Sec.

SOME POINTS FOR SHOW OFFICIALS.

SIR,—When one sees so much amalgamation or cancellation of classes in open shows, it certainly does not tend to give exhibitors courage to exhibit. Now I have received a schedule of the Gravesend Fanciers Society and I cannot but think that they are going the right way to achieve a grand success. They do not cancel any classes, and should there be a short entry in any of the classes they do not withhold the 1st or 2nd prize but, should any reduction have to take place, they cancel the smaller prize first. This is a rattling good idea, and one which commends itself. However small the money value, if an exhibitor gets 1st prize one knows his exhibit is the best, and should he wish to sell at any time, this is better than 2nd, and so on. H. C. LAMBERT.

PENRHIWCEIBER SHOW.

SIR,—Under the above heading in your issue of October 24th, appeared a letter from two fanciers, named J. W. Card and G. Gregory. They say: "We consider an explanation necessary to Cage Bird Fanciers, as our names appear in the schedule as committee men, whereas we have no connection whatever with the proposed show's committee or management." I wish to reply to this. I ask all fanciers what should a secretary consider as a member? I take it a person that has attended a meeting, proposed and seconded a resolution, took a donation book for the purpose of collecting for the society. I may say that one of these two fanciers has attended more than one meeting, and proposed and seconded resolutions; the other has attended one meeting and seconded a resolution. Should dates be required, I shall be pleased to quote same. Also they took one donation book at a meeting for the purpose, I believe, of collecting for the society. As fanciers are all aware, the schedules are put in print some two months previous to date of show, therefore a secretary naturally, when putting same in order, looks up the list of members, especially those who have attended meetings. But when catalogue of show comes along, the secretary has a look to see who are the members in arrear with their contributions. Then comes the time for expelling members for non-payment, and not before. These two fanciers are not named on our catalogue, seeing that it "hurts" them so much respecting the schedule. But I am pleased to say that the society had a most successful show without the aid of these so-called fanciers; no thanks to them, I can assure you, as their letter was published the week our entries were closing.

T. J. EVANS, Secretary.

[Kindly note that letters for publication must be written on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.]

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BACON BEETLES FOR SOFTBILLS.

SIR, In reply to your correspondent, A. Young, re the above, I don't think that he will find it profitable to breed these. Can he get any of these beetles at times that seem to be very abundant at the present time? Of course, mealworm breeding has been dealt with scores of times in your columns by Mr. Weston and others. I advise you to look up back numbers for these. Now for the beetles. First, the grubs of these mostly feed on the flesh of hams and bacon, just under the skin, and in this way of living are not noticed by a good many people; but now and again they are compelled, as they develop, to cast their skins, and these sometimes can be seen in the form of small rolls of hairy stuff on the piece of ham, or bacon, that they are at work upon. They are longer than the perfect beetle, are the grubs of a blackish brown colour, and are covered with scales, hairs, and long, reddish bristles, which stand erect on their bodies. The perfect beetle is about a quarter of a inch long, and the fore and hind parts are of a black colour, and middle portion of body is of yellowish grey colour, and bearing six white spots, three on each horny wing case. The beetles seem to prefer an existence in the open, and this enables one to catch sight of them. The grubs hatch from eggs laid on, or just beneath ham skins, or any other thing that is attacked. I daresay they would be freely given away gratis by any grocer, if he knows he has them in his store-room or warehouse.

H. REES.

HAS THE N.B.B. & M.C. STANDARD SHOW-CAGE COME TO STAY?

SIR,—It was with a considerable amount of interest that I followed the controversy in your correspondence columns, some weeks ago, with reference to the adoption of a standard show cage by the N.B.B. and M.C. I was struck by the force of the arguments used against the adoption of a cage with a bowed front by several of the correspondents. To me their arguments were proved most conclusively effectual by an incident at Liverpool Show, on November 6th. I was at the Show soon after opening time, and the Britishers were the first to attract my attention. In the Goldfinch class of 20 exhibits, only one was shown in a standard show cage, that being an exhibit staged by Messrs. Angus and Crane, and which secured fourth prize. This exhibit, a very nice bird, was persistently poking its head through the bowed portion of the new standard show cage (which action was predicted by several of the correspondents who took part in the controversy). On visiting this class again about 4.30 p.m., I was surprised to see the bird (which was so lively about one hour before) with its head under its wing in the corner of the cage. The steward's attention was called to the bird, and he immediately took it away. I have since learned that, despite all the care and attention bestowed upon it, it passed over to the great majority, in my mind suffering from shock, or perhaps dislocation of the neck through poking its head through the bowed portion of the wire front. In conclusion, I would like to say my only object in penning these few lines is to let your correspondents know that their prediction has come true, at least in one case, since the adoption of this standard show cage.

KEEN OBSERVER.

THE VALUE OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIR,—May I be allowed to endorse the opinion of "A Sufferer," of last week? I think it is quite time something was done to check the exaggeration which is practised with reference to special prizes. I have just received a certain schedule, and I notice that in the list of specials, there are several engravings valued at two guineas. This looks very well on paper, but I happen to know that these pictures can be bought by anyone for two shillings and sixpence. No wonder that clubs have to appeal for entries.

S. STEPHENS.

(Our correspondent will possibly find an answer in the letter from Mr. Lever this week.—EDITOR.)

SIR,—I was asked some few weeks since to present some engravings to the Dulwich Ornithological Society, and I forwarded to them some ten engravings of a picture entitled "Coming from the Horse Fair," by Rosa Bonheur, which the National Art Society inherited as part of the stock when the plate of this celebrated picture was purchased. Since then the picture has been reproduced by means of lithography, engraving by hand, and engraving upon India paper, at the price of 3s., 6s., and 12s.; but those presented were published at 2 guineas each, and I should be very sorry if there should be any misapprehension on this point. I have seen a letter in your issue of November 14 which is anonymous, and signed by 'A Sufferer." I shall be very pleased to show "A Sufferer" the difference between a lithograph, a reproduction of an engraving, or etching, and a genuine engraving etching, or artist's proof in its various states, if he will favour me with ten minutes of his time any morning by appointment. He will then probably not be so eager to depreciate the value of a free gift for the benefit of the competitions he appears to enter into. I enclose you a letter from my friend who asked me to present the engravings, for your private perusal. You will probably observe he does not know how to spell my name correctly, so that my gift was prompted practically solely for the competitions.

The National Art Society. A. LEVER.

(We have referred to the letter signed "A Sufferer," and find the words used were: "I see this game (i.e., exaggerating the value of special prizes), is going on this season as merrily as ever, the latest to come to my notice being pictures, which can actually be bought for two and sixpence, put before exhibitors as worth as many pounds." If the engravings our correspondent refers to are full value for the two guineas stated in the schedule, and we have no reason to doubt his word, it is not easy to understand why the Dulwich O.S. should immediately take this sentence as applying specially to themselves.—EDITOR.)

THE FORTHCOMING CRYSTAL PALACE (1909) SHOW.

SIR,—I note in "Twitterings" in your issue dated 1st October that suggestions are invited re the Palace Show in February next. The classification has been somewhat amended, I understand, so perhaps the following suggestions are already adopted:—A class for the Missel Thrush would, I feel sure, if provided, fill well, for the following reasons: 1. Quite a large number are being exhibited, both in the South, Midlands, and North, at various shows; 2. The bulk of these would undoubtedly appear at the Palace if they were not pitted against Woodpeckers, Redstarts, and a host of other "resident insectivorous species." The numbers in previous years shown at the Palace are certainly not encouraging—1906, three; 1907, one; 1908, nil. This is only correct as far as the catalogues inform one. If my memory serves me correctly, the only one during these years which got in the prize list was the noted "Stormer," in 1907, which was 4th. This would possibly account for the small numbers referred to above being exhibited at the Palace. The Yellowhammer is another bird which might be given a class, as the bulk of the Bunting class is usually of this variety. As it stands at present, there is not much chance of more than one Yellow getting in the money, if all varieties of this species are given due consideration. Both birds mentioned by me are quite common and easily within the reach of everyone's purse, and these are the particular birds that I consider all show committees should encourage. The rarities, although some of them very interesting, are not the working man's bird either in initial cost or in cost of feeding, and even comparatively small shows are providing a class now for Blackbird, Thrush, or Starling, leaving rarer British to have it out amongst themselves. In conclusion, I hope the Palace Show Committee will give due consideration to all letters on this subject which appear in your columns, and give us a liberal classification so that we may at least once a year have the pleasure of competing Missel Thrushes against Missel Thrushes and Yellowhammers against Yellowhammers. This I venture to think, would greatly encourage the keeping of the two birds named, and, if not in 1909, I feel sure that in the near future they would rival some of the well-filled Hardbill classes. Some idea of the extension of the classification, at as early a date as possible, would be extremely useful to exhibitors, and should benefit the entry. May it be a grand one!

G. A. ACLAND.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

I was greatly surprised on receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS recently to find the photo of my uneven Yell. Yorkshire cock (first prize at Battersea Show) on the front page of your valuable paper. It does your artist great credit.—A. E. BISHOP (Worcester).

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THE SHOWS.

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CONSETT.

The Consett, Blackhill and Dis. S.S. held their 12th annual exhibition on Nov. 14. The cage bird section was especially favoured, and the birds were in the Manchester hall by themselves. The most notable feature of the show was that Miss Hutchinson was the assistant secretary, and had the whole management of the Canary section, the way in which she carried out her duties was a credit not only to her sex, but to the Canary as a cage, she being thoroughly mistress of the situation. Although several of the classes were extended, taking the average per class, it was most satisfactory. The judging was over in good time, and the cards were placed by the opening of the show. The hall was packed from end to end with visitors, and it was almost impossible to move about. Mr. I. Dixon placed the cards, and very few adverse comments were heard.

YORKS., CL., ETC., BRED 1908 (8): 1, spl, Carter, cl. yell., grand type, good position, beautiful feather, plenty of length; 2, Williams, cl. buff, good length and position, excellent feather; 3, Stevenson, nice body and position; 4, Bayne, cl. yell., grand type; vhc, Forster; c, Colings. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Hill and Stewart, cl., rare shape and type, plenty of size; and variety., nice type and quality, good shape; 3, Stanger and Herdman, cl., extra type and quality, good head and neck, full chest; 4, Wake and Carr, cl., good type and quality; vhc, Johnston; hc, Piper; c, Atkinson. BUFF (14): 1, Hill and Stewart, grizzle mark on head, rare type and substance, good head, neck and body, lovely colours; 2, Stanger and Herdman, tkd. buff, grizzle mark on right cheek, teeming with colour and quality; 3, 4, Wake and Carr, cl., buff, plenty of size, colour and quality, also buff marked on cheat; vhc, Foyd; hc, Carter; c, Stubbs. CL., ETC., BRED 1908 (21): Good class; some good birds without a card could hold their own in good company: 1, Snell, variegated buff, model of a Nor. for shape, type, colour and quality; 2, c, Foyd, gem for colour and quality; 3, 4, Burdett, cl. yell., nice type and quality, good shape, 4th buff, mark on nape, plenty of size; vhc, Holden and Todd; hc, Humphrey. NOR. HEN (15): 1, Johnston, buff, marked on nape, grand hen, good type and quality, rare shape; 2, Stanger and Herdman, buff, marked on right wing, lovely type and quality, must have run winner close; 3, Telford and Marsh, cl. buff, plenty of size for a hen good quality and colour; 4, vhc, Wake and Carr, cl. yell., good shape and quality; hc, Slater; c, Stubbs. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Hayes, cl. yell., good type and quality, excellent colour and shape; 2, Armstrong, cl. buff, plenty of substance, grand bold chest, neat quality; 3, Stanger and Herdman, grizzle mark on chest, nice quality and colour; 4, Farrish, cl. buff, good colour and size; vhc, Masen; hc, Forster; c, Park. CREST (8): 1, Graham, variegated, D.C., largest crest, grand radiation, well filled in centre, nice quality; 2, Hands, grey crest, lovely formation, good quality feather; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Emmerson, even mark wing D.C., buff, a hen, nice quality, 4th variegated buff, nice quality feather. HEN (7): 1, Hands, buff, nearly green, good top piece, nice formation good leafy feather, wins easy; 2, Routledge, variegated buff, good crest, plenty of it; 3, 4, hc, c, Emmerson, variegated buff, dark, nice formation, 4th green crest, useful bird. C.B. (12): 1, 2 spls, 4, Routledge, Jonque green, good size and shape, extra colour and quality, fine dome-shaped head, wins easily, 4th green, plenty of feather and substance; 2, Stranger and Herdman, variegated buff, extra size, good head, well browed; 3, c, Emmerson, variegated buff, nice quality and shape; vhc, Grass; hc, Ripley. BORD. FCY., TKD., ETC. (14): 1, Lee 4-pointed yell., gem, lovely type and quality, rich soft colour, shown in perfect condition; 2, Elliot, cl. yell., good type and quality, rich colour; 3, Walker, marked head and wing, good type and quality; 4, Hawkins, grizzle cap buff, neat typical bird, rich colour; vhc, Ellwood; hc, c, Snell. A.O.V. BORD. (13): 1, 4, Lindsey, cl. yell., excellent type and quality, lovely colour, also a cl. buff, similar bird, good shape and type; 2, Scott, cl. buff extra quality and colour; 3, vhc, Ellwood, cl. yell., well up in type and colour; hc, Elliot; c, Urwin. HEN (15): 1, Snell, cl. yell., wee gem, lovely type, colour and quality, well shown; 2, Young, grizzle mark on root of tail, nice shape and colour; 3, Turnbull Bros., cl. yell., grand colour and quality, foul right wing; 4, Lee, neat Bord.; vhc, Walker; hc, Lindsey; c, Elliot. LIGHT, ETC., MULE (10): 1, Graham, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rare size and colour, grand feather, wins easily; 2, Todd and Son, dark Greenfinch-Can., plenty of size and colour a beauty; 3, 4, Foyd, dark Linnet-Can., excellent specimen for size and colour, 4th variegated buff Goldfinch-Can., good feather and colour; hc, Harris; c, Armstrong. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, true Brit., grand blaze, moons and bars, well tanned chest, beautiful feather; 2, Gowland and Crosby, grand bird for colour and markings; 3, Foyd, good Finch; 4, Thompson, nice size and quality; vhc Armstrong; hc, Kellett; c, Humphrey. BRIT. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Davidson and Boyd, plenty of size, a grand bird; 2, hc, Foster, good Finch excellent colour and quality; 3, 4, Curry, two good specimens, plenty of size; vhc, Wake and Carr; c, Hendersen. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (19): 1, Davidson and Boyd, excellent colour and quality, rare size and shape, a topper; 2, c, Dunn, plenty of size and colour, grand shape; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good bird, grand colour; 4, Walker and Carr, nice colour; vhc, Slater; hc, Curry. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, Forster, Bramblefinch, extra good markings, shown in perfect condition; 2, Wilcock good specimen of a Hawfinch, lovely colours and quality of feather, very steady, A1 form; 3, Slack grand Hawfinch; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Bramblefinch, good colour and quality; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Davidsen and Boyd; c, McVay. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL (9): 1, spl, Forster, Starling, extra size and shape, grand rich colour, best of spangling; 2, vhc Freeman, Song Thrush, lovely colour and quality of feather, grand work on crest, in excellent form; 3, hc, Collinson, Redstart, magnificent colour and markings, free action, very steady; 4, Forster Wheatear, plenty of size, distinct markings, sound feather; c, Craggs. PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, Ledger, hen King Parrot, in grand form and feather like silk; 2, McKenzie, many-coloured Parrakeet, shown in excellent condition; 3, Elliott, pair of Spice birds, fine colour and feather; 4, Mrs. Brown, Affrican Grey Parrot, grand size and colour, quite a talker; vhc, Harris; c, Stevenson. SELL. (15/-): 1, Routledge; 2, Scott; 3 Richardson; 4, Todd and Son; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Stubbs; c, Stevenson (7/6): 1, Todd; 2, Elliot; 3, Carter; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Scott; hc Snell; c, Grass. MEMBERS.—NOR (10): 1, Turnbull Bros.; 2, 4, Slater; 3, Thompson; vhc, Mason; hc, Henderson. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, hc Routledge; 2, 3, c, Gray; 4, Turnbull; vhc, Ripley. YORKS. (7): 1, Forster; 2, 3, c, Colling; 4, March; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Turnbull.

BRANDON.

Brandon Colliery (Durham) at Mrs. Burnell's Colliery Inn, held an open show on Nov. 14th, and provided three classes for cage birds. There was a good entry of 41. Mrs. Ames won special for best in show with a clear Buff Crest bred hen, second at the last Palace show, and best and spl. for best in show at the late Crook and District Show. Mr. George Read the secretary, had everything in fine order. Mr. Wm. Rutherford judged.

LINNET (22). 1, Needham, good Linnet, excellent colour, well pencilled, gauged to perfection; 2, F. Pullar, good colour, nice pencilling, neat shape, cross up; 3, Adams, another nice bird; 4, Beckburn; vhc, Boyd; hc, Cairns; c, Bainbridge. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, Pullar, in A1 condition; 2, Best, Hawfinch, good colour, just a bit on the small side; 3, Hunter, nice Goldfinch, steady; 4, Read, Bullfinch, good cap and bars, good breast colour; vhc, Adams, Bramble; hc, Ames, grand Lark; c, Bainbridge. A.V. CAN. (13): 1, spl, for best in show, hc, Ames; cl. Buff Crestbred hen, well known, needs no comment; 2, Best, Buff Nor. good colour and condition; 3, 4, Wetson, nice Nor. and Crest good condition; vhc, Bains, Yorks.; c, Boyd, Nor. hen.

MONTROSE.

The Montrose C.B.S. annual show was held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 14. The hall, which is situated near the N.B. Railway Station, is excellently lighted and free from draughts. A more convenient place could not be desired. The committee of management consists of well-known and excellent fanciers, viz., Mr. A. Mitchell (president), Mr. A. Harris (vice-president), Mr. R. D. Wilkie (treasurer); Mr. J. Clark as secretary is the right man in the right place, and is every ready to render assistance; with Messrs. Dorward, Forrest and Dunbar. The entries, which were 228, were below last year's, but the quality was of a high order. The judges were, for Norwich Mr. J. Smeaton, for British and Foreign Mr. G. Finnie. Their awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Marr and Murray, grand substance, rare colour, deep level tone throughout; 2, Lyall, good bird grandly fed; 3, Kemlo, splendid shape and quality, rare colour; 4, Harris; 5, Dunn; 6, Skinner. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Dunn, rare shape and size, nice colour and quality, well put down; 2, Harris, fine taking, jaunty style, well carried wings and tail, in the pink of condition; 3, Bowman, thick set body, deep chest, short wings and tail; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Warden; 6, Steven. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Bowman, magnificent colour and quality, rare head, neck and chest, beautifully cut away, a stormer, 3rd rattling tone and quality; 2 Murray, another beauty, good quality, feather and condition; 4, spl, Brown; 5, Harris; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (9): 1, Kemlo, grand size and shape, lovely quality, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Harris, lovely quality feather, nice head, back and wings; 3, Wilson, nice shape and quality; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Bishop; 6, Mitchell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Brown, grand size and shape, good head and neck, wins well; 2, Kemlo, good size, lovely feather, well placed; 3, Taylor, nice shape, good head and neck; 4, Smith; 5, Warder; 6, Harris. BUFF (12): 1, Bishop, good size and shape, rich colour, feather of a rich silky texture; 2, Harris, rich colour, nice quality; 3, Marr and Murray, true Nor. in every sense of the word; 4, Murray; 5, Bennet; 6, Grewer. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Harris, large, grand shape, lovely quality of feather, nice even colour; 2, Warden, fine shape and colour; 3, spl, Grewer, another good bold bird well shown; 4, Brown; 5, spl, Marr and Murray; 6, Murray. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Bowman, two smart birds, good shape and quality; 2, Milne, another rare bird; 4, spl, Mitchell; 5, Davidson; 6, Feddes. NON-COL. FED YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, Mitchell, very fine shape, good head and neck; 2, Petrie, another good bird, in its right place; 3, spl, Bowman, lovely type, nice set bird; 4, spl, Warden; 5, Smith; 6, Marr and Murray. BUFF (7): 1, Marr and Murray, splendid shape and size, in the pink of condition, well shown; 2, Harris, very fine shape, nice size; 3, Souter, good shape, nice well made bird; 4, spl, Porter; 5, Smith; 6, spl, J. Smith. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Lyall, very fine shape and size, nice head and neck, good 1st; 2, Porter, grand quality, well staged; 3, Steven, good well made bird, in proper place; 4, spl, Gove; 5, Smith; 6, Sinclair. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Porter, a gem all over, grand head, deep full chest, short, well packed wings; 2, Skinner, another very fine bird, close 2nd; 3, spl, Bishop, very cobby buff, want just a little more substance; 4, Steven; 5, spl, Milne; 6, Souter. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Grewer, exceptionally good, carriage perfect; 2, Brown, grand head, rich quality feather; 3, spl, Harris, another good well made bird, in the pink of condition; 4, Perie; 5, spl, Mitchell; 6, Turnbull. HEN (14): 1, spl, Harris, good, well made bird throughout, leads a splendid class; 2, Dunn, tight runner on 1st; 3, Stewart and Milne, neat little bird; 4, Lyall; 5, Bowman; 6, Davidson. SELL. (21): 1, Mitchell; 2, Smith; 3, Warden; 4, spl, Bennet; 5, spl, Bowman; 6, Brown. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Bishop, Goldie-Bullie, well shown; 2, spl, Kemlo, Linnet Mule, very wild; 3, Irvine, Goldie Mule, good bird, well shown; 4, Watson; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Fiddes. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 6, Whyte, grand size and colour, large deep square cut blaze, rich colour, good bars and buttons; 2 Irvine, very much like winner, not quite so good in blaze; 3, Watson, another good bird throughout; 4, spl, Dunbar; 5, Fiddes. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (15): 1, spl, 5, Jackson, 1st good size and shape nice colour, leads a lovely class; 2, Livingston, another good and well made bird; 3, 6, Watson, two good birds, well staged; 4, Wilkinson. GREENFINCH (12): 1, spl, Livingston, grand size and shape, rich even shade of colour, beautifully feathered; 2, Taylor, another good bird; 3, 5, Watson, good well made bird, steady, close 3rd; 4, spl, Gove nice shade of colour, good bird; 6, C. S. Crockatt. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Crockatt, beauty, fine size, well coned body, sound colour, distinct pencilling, full of life and bloom; 2, Bishop, grand one for soundness of colour and profuse pencilling; 3, Farquhar, similar type to 2nd, good even colour, grandly marked, clings too close to perch, all fine Linnets; 4, spl, Ramsay; 5, Watson; 6, Wilkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Watson, gem for size, beautifully coloured, nice laced, grand cap, rare bib, splendid exhibit; 2, Crockatt, beautiful colour, good feather, nicely marked; 3, spl, Warden, lovely bird, well laced on head; 4, spl, Irvine; 5, Johnston; 6, Fiddes. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Crockatt, 1st Waxwing in lovely condition, put down in faultless style 2nd Wheatear, very nice exhibit, steady, 3rd Hawfinch, fine size cap, grand bib, in the pink of condition; 4, spl 6, Mitchell, Bramblefinch and Skylark; 5, Douglas. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Whyte Toucan, pair of Grassfinches, pair Love Birds; 4, spl, Campbell. SELL. (5/-) (13): 1, spl, Harris; 2, Warden; 3, Souter; 4, Wilson.

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Nottingham Holds an Attractive Show.

The lace city is favoured with a magnificent display of Crests and a fine collection of birds in all departments, which the visitors roll up in crowds.

At their 27th annual exhibition, held Saturday and Monday last, Nov. 14 and 16, the Fanciers of Nottingham achieved another decided success. In common with many other societies this season their entries hardly mustered so strongly as on one or two previous occasions, though the decline was but a score or so. Only one word, however describes the quality of the birds which put in an appearance, and that is, magnificent. Every section contained teams from noted exhibitors, and in every class a stern fight for the leading positions was waged. Of course, it is an understood thing at Nottingham that the Crests and Crest-breds will be something out of the ordinary—the fixture never fails us in this—and it must be at once admitted that these noble birds dominated the present show. The classes containing them were a real treat from beginning to end. What a surprising figure would be arrived at if only some "statistical head" would work out the approximate value of the birds therein, and let us know the result—his total, we think, would prove an eye-opener. The officials well realise their responsibility towards those who entrust these valuable (some, we take it, almost priceless to their owners) exhibits to their care. For instance, we heard it said that the birds might have been viewed in a better light if the rows of staging had been arranged the opposite way of the room. The answer came at once: "Yes, we considered that, but decided this was the best way, because it admits of a clear view down each aisle from the end of the room, and we can keep an eye on the safety of the exhibits, so that nothing wrong can be going on."

All Eighteen Carat.

It is like gilding refined gold to say that the arrangements and management were all that could be desired. Those responsible for the running of Nottingham Show have little to learn in such matters as these. The now popular three-tier staging is in vogue here, and was nicely draped with what we took to be "art muslin" (we are no judge of drapery goods). Further, the Society (or Mr. Rhodes on its behalf) had had a number of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates framed and hung amongst the birds—a Lizard plate among the Lizard Canaries, a Hybrid plate among the Hybrids, and so on, these forming coloured charts, as it were, from which the general public could identify and name the exhibits on the benches near. This feature was highly appreciated, many delighted commentators concerning the innovation reaching our ears. That good fancier, Mr. G. C. Ley, and with him Mr. W. Cottingham, was in charge of the "receiving" office, and had devised a perfect scheme for checking the exhibits in and out of the show, and numbering the hampers so as to facilitate finding them. This helped greatly. Further, we should not be doing our duty if we omitted to acknowledge the very considerable services rendered by Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Wilkinson, in attending to the birds and arranging the case of splendid special prizes. We shrewdly suspect that the society is even more greatly indebted to them than appears on the surface. Mr. J. F. Bishop was also busy once again amongst the birds, and we were exceedingly sorry to hear a rumour that he intends retiring from the Fancy; we trust Dame Rumour is merely keeping up her reputation for inaccuracy. Mr. R. Rhodes, the highly popular chairman, worked very hard, as is usual with him, to ensure the success of the venture, and his urbanity and business-like methods must be ranked among the society's best assets. Mr. Ley is the vice-chairman, and proved once more a worthy "right hand." He is an enthusiast to the core. Mr. G. E. Wilkinson—that excellent non-fancying fancier—once again skilfully disposed of the secretarial side of the concern. He is "a gem," as the show reporters say, and the society can count themselves fortunate to have him at their command. Cool, methodical, painstaking, hard-working, and always happy, he is just the boy for the job. The committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Barker, J. Bertie, L. Burrows, W. Cottingham, J. Goode, J. H. Northage, I. Onion, E Wolfe, and G. A. White, worked very hard, and discharged their duties as stewards in most able and painstaking manner. We laughed at one gentleman, who, when at the end of a hard morning's work he was asked to carry down some heavy Parrot cages, suddenly discovered he had an appointment to take his best girl to a football match! Messrs. A. Cooper, Chick, H. Davis, A. Walker, J. E. Smith, and A. E. Garton, also lent valuable help in various ways. Their efforts were rewarded by a truly remarkable "gate," the visitors packing the hall from end to end.

Some "Knock Outs."

The Norwich Plainheads made a capital display. The keenest of competition was the order of the day, and substance and type, quality and colour were prominent; so close in merit were many of the specimens that we did not envy Friend Vardy his task of handing out the prizes. Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek), staged a nice team, capturing three firsts, the pick of these being his clear yellow cock, a grand bird. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) went strong in the feminine section, his noted marked yellow and clear Buff hens standing on the "top staves": they are two charming dames. Messrs. Beardall and Walker scored with a capitally matched pair, that looked capable of breeding the "right stuff." Messrs. Adnitt and Driver's representative, a marked yellow cock, was voted just about the best Norwich in the show—a gem of gems, without doubt; a regular "knock out," as we overheard one enthusiast say. Messrs. Lingard and Baker, and Mr. A. Huggins stood at the head of affairs in the unflighted classes, with two topping babies, which will be heard of again, given average luck. In the Novice Section, Messrs. N. Cooper and H. Christian plucked the largest "plums" with specimens of very nice type and quality, both a credit to them. Of the Crests and Crestbreds, what shall we say? Words almost fail. Throughout the entire section, birds of magnificent character met one's gaze. Truly we had here a wonderful collection, worth a journey of many miles to inspect. Nottingham Show is widely known for the high quality of its "top knots," and never at this popular fixture we venture to say, have more meritorious specimens been gathered together taking the section as a whole. In the adult classes, Mr T. Taylor (Gateshead) led his crack team out, and was present himself, along with Mrs. Taylor. Messrs. Norwood Bros. (Sutton-in-Ashfield) also staged some eye openers, while Mr. W. Radley (Skelmanthorpe), had on view his marvellous Buff Crest brid. Mr. G. C. Ley, also exhibited a slashing yellow Crest-bred, one of the very best it has been our pleasure to see. Other characteristic specimens, far and away above the average in merit, were those shown by Messrs. W. Gaze, H. Mannis, A. Cooper, R. Rhodes, T. J. King, and G. Coldge. Amongst the young birds, were several future champions. What a gem, to be sure, is the yellow Crest, owned by Messrs. Dobson and Son (Blaydon-on-Tyne), which took the guinea special for best young Yellow Crest, this being the first time for five years this special has been taken out of Nottinghamn. Mr. G Colledge (Derby) held pride of place in the Buff Crests, with a marvellous exhibit, the youngster, we understand, which accounted for the Bristol bowl this year. The Buff Crest-bred, the property of Mr. T. J. King (Chesterfield), was likewise voted a "stormer." These classes provided the judge, Mr. Greeves, with one of the hardest day's work he has ever encountered, and we heard him say that the adult Crest-bred classes were wonderful, while the young yellow Crest class was easily the best in the whole of his lengthy experience. In the Selling Classes, quality and cheapness went hand-in-hand, and many of the cages displayed a "sold" ticket. Some real bargains were to be picked up, and business at the clerks' office was brisk. Lancashires were not over numerous, but some "cream" was in evidence. Messrs. W. Adams, John Garner, A. West, W. Whipp, and J. J. Brooks with fine massive examples played havoc with the prizes. The Lizards, as pretty as paint, made a capital collection. In the majority of cases the ground colour was superb, and the spangling bold and distinct. Mr. W. Whipp, with charming specimens, captured three firsts out of a possible four, the other going to Mr. J. Rukin, who took it with a lovely clear cap Silver. Messrs. J. Dewsnap, J. Hampshire, and J. Dickinson also had present some grand ones. The Cinnamons were few, but fine, and once again Messrs. Godley and Dormer fought out a bloodless battle. Messrs. Bentley, W. Seed, and T. J. King also chipped in among the prizes. A few very nice Belgians were shown by Mr. J. D. Horrill (Barnstaple).

More Fighting.

The Hybrids were a choice lot, and the section contained some splendid examples of the art of mating two different species together. Messrs. Colton and Dawn's Redpoll-Bullfie is a real beauty, very rich in colour and nicely marked. This old (or partly old) Sheffield firm also put down a very promising Clear Goldie. Mr. Lander (Leicester), put down a wonderful coloured bird of this latter cross in the variegated class. Other very fine hybrids were exhibited by Messrs. T. Gilbert, Mabbott, Pitt, Coffy, Somerfield and Tonks. The class for pairs matched for hybrid breeding is a very good idea, and it proved immensely interesting to visitors. The British birds were noticeable for the keenness of the competition that prevailed, several of our "crack" exhibitors, Messrs. A. P. Hurst, H. J. Chick, A. Coffy, S. W. Birchley, R. J. Howe and others, fighting it out in every class, and finding other fanciers in plenty crowding on their heels, even upsetting them now and again. Mr. Chick does not seem to relish coming an occasional cropper, but, there, the best of horses stumble at times—and shall we say judges, too? In addition to the fanciers named above, who one and all had out teams of exceptional merit, some really beautiful birds were staged by Messrs. Parlett, Lander, Somerfield, Goode, Henshaw, Hunt, Tonks, Seal, Thomas and Ride. The Foreign birds made a capital show, a number of highly attractive species being staged. Chief among them stood the exhibits of Mr. O. Milksum (Swindon) which met with universal admiration, and well deserved it. His Purple-capped Lory is magnificent, though for quietness out-done by the Black-headed Green Sugar-bird, a truly beautiful little creature, which captured the Foreign Bird Club's medal. Mr. F. Howe (Wellingboro), also had out a particularly good team. Mrs. Duncan did well, and Mrs. Henson, too, while Messrs. Garton and Alton both got in the prize-list, the former's pair of Japanese Hawfinches being a lovely couple. The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy (Nor. Liz. and Gift), W. E. Greeves (Crests, Lancs, and Class.), and G. E. Weston (Bel., Hyb., Brit. and For.). They had a good light (until approaching mid-day, when storms threatened), and got through expeditiously, all things considered. We heard an odd grumble or two here and there, but so far as we could see all resolved themselves into purely personal differences of opinion. In several classes—both Norwich, Crests and British—either first or second, or even third, could have changed places and little harm been done.

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL (6): 1, Bowyer, fine, massive specimen, red hot, delightful feather, fine head, neck, and chest, jaunty carriage, a gem; 2, Whetstone, wonderful colour, capital shape and quality, A1 wings and tail, clean cut; 3, Severn, full of quality and colour, very shapely, capital mover, extremely nice; 4, Cooper, rattling type, good size and quality, bold front, clean under; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Hatton. BUFF (10): 1, Bowyer, wonderful substance, very rich colour, nice feather, good carriage and body shape, well placed; 2, c, Severn, full of quality, excellent type, rare colour and frosting, jaunty carriage, we liked; 3, Butler, capital feather and colour, good substance, lovely head, neck and chest, just a wee bit long in wings and tail, worthy of its place; 4, Bertie, all type, smooth as glass, not one of the largest perhaps, but one of the smartest; vhc, Beardall and Walker, ablaze with colour, capital type and quality; hc, Walton and Noakes. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Adnitt and Driver, brace of dashing specimens, winner, marked wings and eyes, superb tone of colour, perfect shape, rare substance and carriage, smooth and neat as a Java; vhc, ticked neck, red hot, very massive; 2, Fox, marked wings, head and root of tail, warm colour, silky texture of feather, good shape and size, moves well; 3, Walton and Noakes, marked left eye, A1 colour and feather, lovely shaped body, neat head and neck; 4, Goodman, mkd, left wing, rich colour and quality, very good type and carriage; hc, Severn; c, Hall. BUFF (8): 1, Bowyer, grizzled neck, bold shapely specimen, grand colour, feather and mealy, good carriage of flights and tail, clean under; 2, Fox, mkd. wing and head, shoulder like satin, capital tone of colour, delightfully frosted, all type; 3, Beardall and Walker, mkd. left wing and neck, tight as a Java, rare colour and feather, true type; 4, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. eyes and neck, short and thick-set, warm in colour, good size and mealing; vhc, Doxey, mkd wings, grand front, rare feather, clean cut, jaunty; hc, Butler; c, Cooper, hottest in class, rattling size and shape, a gem for stock. YELL. 1908 (13): 1, Lingard and Baker, cl. mass of colour, grand type and substance, A1 quality and carriage, another year should make a topper; 2, Walton and Noakes, thigh tick, red hot, roomy, capital quality, lovely wing carriage, very close on heels of winner; 3, Adnitt and Driver, grizzled tail, well up in colour and feather, snappy, good carriage, neat head character; 4, Bertie, cl, large, nice type, superior feather, A1 wings and tail, very promising; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Hall; c, Butler. BUFF (21), a grand lot: 1, Huggins, very hot, sweet shape, a gem for quality, A1 substance, clean cut, a real beauty; 2, Walton and Noakes, very cobby cl, magnificent feather, covered with delightful mealing, capital carriage; 3, Wilcock, smartly moulded cl., rich quality and frosting, neat shape, clean under, well worth place; 4, Severn, mkd wings and eyes, all type, smooth as wax, capital substance; vhc, Lingard and Baker; hc, Howe; c, Parlett. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Fox, well known saddle mkd, smooth as a bottle, rare substance and quality, capital mover, well up in colour, in the pink; 2, Adnitt and Driver, charming cl, perfect feather, nice tone of colour, fine deep broad chested, A1 wings and tail, must have pressed strongly; 3, Herd, mkd, left shoulder and thigh, model for shape, superb quality and colour, tight as a Java, most bewitching; 4, Lingard and Baker, mkd. head, cobby, nice carriage, lovely colour and feather, very promising; vhc, Hill; hc, Huggins; c, Tyler. BUFF (19), a fine lot: 1, Fox, slashing quality cl, well up in substance, magnificent colour and mealy, fine wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Hall, bouncing unflig. cl, wonderful shape and size, jaunty carriage, lovely mealy, another year should make a stormer; 3, Whetstone, thigh ticked, all type, teeming with colour and quality, charming expression, not far behind; 4, Huggins, fine bold cl, good colour and feather, nicely frosted, good carriage; vhc, Linkard and Baker; hc, Herd; c, Severn. NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, Draper, both Buffs, former mkd. wings, eyes and tail, cobby, tight as wax, good substance, clean cut, better cl, lovely feather and mealy, fine size and shape, nice specimen; 3, Leam, Buff, mkd. wings and head, rich quality, nice type, good carriage; 4, Sharp, cl. Buff, short and thick set, very neat. VARIEG. GREEN ETC. (12): 1, Higgins, variegated, yell, marvellous size, lovely colour and quality, wonderful head and neck, bold chested, a gem; 2, Bowyer, yell, green, pied tail, fine substance, soft silky texture of feather, good type and carriage; 3, Severn, variegated Buff, shaped like a Bullfinch, rattling colour and feather, magnificently frosted, a beauty; 4, Hall, variegated Buff, almost equal to third, little separates them; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Drakeley. PAIRS (17), a choice lot: 1, Beardall and Walker, massive yell. mkd. cock, lovely colour and shape, and Buff marked hen, slashing shape and quality, lovely carriage, clean cut; 2, 3, Severn, both cocks cl. yell. with Buff marked hens, grand brace of pairs, very little inferior to winners, look capable of throwing something worth looking at; 4, Herd, cl. buff ck, of good size and shape, with an unflig. cl. yell. hen of charming shape and quality; vhc, Butler, cl. yell. cock, and cl. buff hen, both very massive, we liked immensely; hc, Drakeley; c, Adnitt and Driver. SELL (20/-) (14): 1, 3, Beardall and Walker, both Buffs, cl. and mkd, in the order named, cheap specimens; 2, Severn, mkd. yell, ck, very chubby, well cut; 4, Collings, mkd. Buff, A1 type, feather and colour; vhc, Hill; hc, Fox; c, Butler. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (19), a good class: 1, 2, Cooper, winner very hot variegated, rich silky texture of feather, grand shape and size A1 wings and tail, clean under; 2, cl, warm colour, superior quality and type, good carriage, not far away; 3, Pepper, cl, model for type, close silky feather, nice size, A1 colour; 4, Christian, fine bold cl, capital colour and feather, nice one; vhc, Willcock and Sons; hc, Hill; c, Osborn. BUFF (19):, a rare lot; 1, Christian, mkd, wings, head and eye, ablaze with colour, fine substance and shape, lovely wings and tail, could win in higher circles; 2, Cooper, cl, A1 type and carriage, lovely feather and frosting, one we liked, close up; 3, Pepper, marked neck, well up in size, good shape and colour, well worth its place; 4 vhc, Hill, bonny unflig clear capital size and type, good quality and carriage; hc, Sharp; c, Hawksley. LIZ. GOLD. C.C. (14): 1, 3, Whipp, capital colour, grand shape and size, bold and distinct in rowing, a gem; 3, full of neat work, lovely ground colour, good one; 2, c, Hampshire, lovely quality and colour, fine rowing bold and cl; 4, Rukin, magnificent colour, neat spangling, well worth its place; vhc, Dewsnap, nicely spangled, neat shape, good colour; hc, Dickinson. SILVER (11): 1, c, Rukin, magnificent quality and colour, bold specimen, lovely cap and spangling, real topper; 2, 4, hc, Whipp, a fine trio, 2, beautifully rowed, superior colour and feather, neat cap; 4, good in shape and substance, fine colour and feather, neat spangling; 3, Dickinson, good size and colour, very shapely, not far away; vhc, Dewsnap. GOLD B.C (14): 1, 3, Whipp, again with a brace of beauties, slashing colour, good size and shape, rare spangling, bold and very distinct, well down sides; 3, almost void of cap, lovely colour and quality, delightful rowing, good size, very shapely; 2, 4, Rukin, former, regular eye opener, almost equal to first, and had it won no one could have grumbled; 4, neat work, grand colour, shone like satin; vhc, Dewsnap; hc, Hampshire. SILVER (12): 1, 3, Whipp, slashing colour, full of work, lovely spangling, cl, and bold, running well down sides, one of the very best; 3, capital feather and colour, good shape and size, we much admired; 2, 4, Rukin, fine shape and substance, capital bold spangling, neat rowing; 4, full of good work, nice shape and size, capital quality; vhc, Barnes; hc, Dewsnap. GIFT (12): 1, Holmes; 2, Bertie; 3, Hill; 4, Ley; vhc, White; hc, Smith; c, Cottingham. There were some very acceptable "gifts" there.

Mr. W. E. Greeves' Classes.

CREST YELL. (15): 1, Gaze, variegated. D.C., lovely feather, fine substance of body, crest of rich leafy feather, round as a hoop, delightful droop and centre, a gem; 2, Rhodes, mkd, left wing D.C. capital quality and substance, crest round, good droop and centre; 3, Wayte, cl. body, grizzled crest, massively built, A1 feather, crest very shapely, neat character, good droop; 4, c, Colledge, cl, body D.C., richly clothed, good size crest of good back and frontal, just a wee bit narrow at sides; vhc, King, heavily variegated, real picture and a gem; vhc, Bent, Smithurst; hc, Harris, Onion, Cooper; c, Woolfe, Taylor. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, Taylor, mkd, wings and tail, D.C. Newcastle and Manchester hero, wonderful substance, abundance of rich quality feather, crest large, delightful shape, dense, lovely droop and centre; 2, ex. 3, vhc, Norwood Bros, capital Irlo, former, green pied tail, magnificent veiny feather, crest of fine shape and size, dense rattling droop, richly placed centre; ex. 3, mkd wings and broad D.C., abundance of rich quality feather, fine substance, crest of good size and radiation, leafy, lovely droop; 3, Radley, almost green, pied tail, massively built, rich lengthy feather, crest of capital shape and size, fine droop and centre; 4, Ley, mkd, right wing D.C., full of quality, good substance, crest of rattling veiny feather, A1 centre; ex. 4, Brond, marked wings D.C., displaying a wealth of lovely feather, grand frontal; vhc, Rhodes; hc Wood, King, Colledge; c, Gaze, Smithurst. CLEAR OR GREY CREST (6): 1, Taylor, mkd wings and breast, grey crest, Newcastle winner, marvellous substance and length of feather, crest massive, as found as a run, a regular "knock-out"; 2, Colledge, cl, body, G.C., possessing heaps of rich feather, good body substance, crest large, dense, capital droop and centre; 3, Wood, cl. body, G.C., superb quality, nice size, crest of a very neat order; 4, hc, Rhodes, cl. throughout, abundance of feather, good size body, crest nice shape; vhc, Bowyers; c, Hutchinson. DUN (10): 1, Lazarus, buff, mkd, in bk, D.C., a gamester, grand shape, crest of immense size finely formed, A1 droop and centre, a charmer; 2, Gaze, Buff, mkd, wing D.C., wealth of feather, grand body, crest leafy, dense, and of lovely frontal, best of droop; 3, King, Buff, mkd, wings, D.C. superb feather shape, and substance, crest of rich veiny texture, nicely thatched, lacks droop to above, good third; 4, Rhodes, Buff variegated, D.C., heaps of capital feather, nice size, crest round as a run, good centre; vhc, Evins Bros; hc, Smithurst; c, Onion. PAIRS (12): 1, Norwood Bros, Buff, mkd, C.B. ck, good substance and head character, with a Buff green, pied tail, D.C. hen of wonderful size, crest of great merit throughout, couple of gems; 2, Riley Bros, Buff mkd, C.B. ck., massive, lovely feather and skull, with a buff mkd, D.C. hen, rare shape, crest leafy and of beautiful formation, mealing drop and centre; 3, vhc, Rhodes, Buff green, pied tail, D.C. cock, capital head gear, with a dun mkd. C.B. hen, rare shape, grand skull and lash, likely pair; 4, Davis, Buff, cl. body D.C. cock, large A1 quality, neat crest properties, with a buff green C.B. hen, abundance of feather; hc, Colledge; c, Wood C.B. YELL. (11): 1, Ley, variegated, a giant, marvellous quality, grand width of skull, wealth of head feather, lashed to perfection; 2, Smithurst, mkd wings and eyes, very massively built, good shape, fine skull character, grandly lashed, close on heels of winner; 3, Bowyer, variegated, very shapely, lovely feather, well up in substance, fine rise and width of skull, nice browing; 4, Norwood Bros, green, pied tail, great substance, abundance of feather; vhc, Goode; hc, Burrows, Barker; c, Bertie, Blatherwick. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Cooper, variegated, slashing texture of feather, well up in frame, magnificent width and rise of skull, good lashing, bonny damsel; 2, Wigginton, mkd, wings, head and tail; fine substance of body, good broad skull, one we liked; 3, Ley, mkd, wings and eyes, wonderful size, abundance of feather, neat browing, good third; 4, Wood, variegated, wealth of grand quality feather, fine shaped body, neat skull; vhc, Colledge; hc, Rhodes; c, Smithurst. BUFF C.B. CK. 824: 1, Radley, variegated, Manchester, Sheffield and Newcastle conqueror, its equal we have yet to see, most wonderful specimen, creates quite a sensation; 2, vhc, Taylor, dun green, pied tail, another stormer, near up; vhc, Bull, mkd wings, rattling skull and lash, rare substance; 3, Norwood Bros, buff green, heaps of rich feather, very shapely; 4, Simpson, cl. buff, rare quality and size, nice shape, typical head points; vhc, Nuttall, King; hc, Ley, Colledge; c, Davis, Lazarus. DUN (12): 1, Norwood Bros, buff, heavy variegated, well up in substance, grand shape, lovely quality, abundance of feather, slashing width of skull, well browed; 2, Alton, green, superb quality, fine bold specimen, A.1. shape, lovely head character, must have pressed; 3, Rhodes, variegated, capital feather in great profusion, nice shaped body, neat head, good missing; 4, vhc, Taylor, green, A.1. quality, good broad skull, well browed; vhc, variegated, capital head and lash; hc, Davis; c, Ley. YELL. CREST, 1908: 1, Dobson and Son, Newcastle challenge bowl winner, cl. body D.C., fine shapely specimen, great substance, crest of immense size, leafy, slashing droop and centre, splendidly groomed; 2, 3, vhc, Ley, lovely trio, 2, mkd. wing, grey crest, capital substance and feather, crest neat, nice shape, good droop, will improve; 3, green pied tail, shapely, rare quality, crest round as a run, well staked; 4, King, mkd. wing D.C., rich quality, nice shape, crest of good formation; hc, Cooper; c, Wolfe. BUFF (18): 1, vhc, Colledge, brace of gems, former Derby winner, cl. body D.C., wonderful substance, capital feather, crest large, beautiful radiation, fine droop and centre; 2, King, mkd, wings D.C., slashing feather, capital size, crest large and dense, lovely shape, drooped to perfection, very close up; 3, Barker, lightly variegated, D.C. fine size and quality, crest of splendid character; 4, Ley, cl. body, grizzled crest, abundance of rich feather, well up in frame, crest of lovely frontal, will improve; vhc, Dobson and Son, Rhodes, Taylor; hc, Gaye, Bowers, Evins Bros.; c, Bent, Wolfe. YELL. C.B. (11): 1, Bowyers cl, clinking quality, fine substance and shape, rattling width and rise of skull, grandly lashed; 2, Mason, mkd wings and head, wealth of feather, great substance, rare head qualities, good lash; 3, Wolfe, mkd wing and head, capital quality, heaps of feather, lovely body shape; 4, Ley, green, A1 feather very neat skull and brow; vhc, Cowpertwaite, Cooper; hc, Turner. BUFF (15): 1, King, green, magnificent quality, grand shape and substance, slashing skull character, well browed; 2, Rhodes, cl, rattling quality, good shape, neat head points, good lash; 3, Onion, mkd. wings, abundance of feather, grand body shape, nice head and brow; 4, Evins Bros, lightly variegated, displaying lots of rich feather, very shapely, neat head points; vhc, Davis, Wolfe; hc, Broad, Sampson, Davis; c, Blatherwick, Bowers. SELL (£2) (17): 1, Wood, mkd. wings, D.C. fine shape and substance; 2, Mason, nice D.C., good feather and character; 3, Bertie, cl, body, D.C.; 4, Simpson; vhc, Salisbury, Onion, Cooper, Holmes; hc, Holmes, Cowpertwaite; c, White, Holmes. (£4) (8): 1, Cowpertwaite, cl. body D.C., wonderful substance, A.1. quality; 2, Wigginton, buff mkd. D.C., built on massive lines; 3, Goode; 4, Norwood Bros.; vhc (2) Onion; hc, Evins, C.B. (£2) (19): 1, Norwood Bros, buff green, pied tail, grand skull and lash; 2, Doxey, buff variegated head, beautiful quality; 3, Holmes; 4, Davis; vhc, Simpson, Holmes; hc, Gilbert, Cowpertwaite; c, Memmott, Goode, Bertie. AMATEUR. CREST (8): 1, Bunn, buff, cl, body, grizzled crest, capital feather, good substance, crest of nice formation, neat droop and centre; 2, Barker, Buff, mkd. D.C., shapely, good quality, crest, leafy, round, nice droop; 3, he, (2), Burgess, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., good shape and substance, leafy crest, worth its place; 4, Salisbury, Buff, mkd, wings D.C., abundance of feather, good shape. C.B. (11): 1, Barker, Buff, mkd, wings and head, lovely quality and substance, capital rise and width of skull grand lash; 2, 3, c, (2), Burgess, nice team, Buff variegated, possessing characteristic qualities of merit; 3, Buff, variegated, nice size and feather, good broad skull and brow; 4, Stevens, buff, variegated, A1 quality, capital shape; vhc, Herrick; hc, Burrows. LANCS. COPPY. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Adams, brace of very typical exhibits, former, marked coppy and neck, good position, capital feather, long sided, neat, head gear; 2, mkd. coppy, good feather and size, we liked; 3, Garner, mkd coppy, slimmer build, good length and quality BUFF (9): 1, Brooks, mkd. coppy, long sided, capital substance, lovely feather, nice coppy properties, stands well; 2, West, mkd. coppy, wonderful size, good shaped coppy, grand

specimen, 3, c, Garner, mkd. buck of coppy, very lengthy, A1 quality, nice position, close up; 4, Whipp, mkd coppy, good substance, stands well, worth its place; vhc, Vickers; he, Oldham. P. H. YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Garner, fine tone, winner mkd. neck, capital feather, massively built, stands well, rare head; 3, cl. 1908 bred, great length, A1 quality, wish another year on his back should hold his own; 4, cl, wonderful substance, long sided, stands well, good head; 2, Adams, thigh tick, fine size, lovely quality, neck well filled, good position, vhc winner; he, Vickers. BUFF (6): 1, Adams, ticked neck, a giant, rattling length and quality, lovely head, looks like the Manchester winner; 2, Whipp, cl. lengthy, capital stand, neat head character, very bonny, and close up; 3, Vickers, fine upstanding cl. A1 qualitys well balanced; vhc, Oldham; he, Garner. GNN. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Godley, couple of the usual standard, winner, bonnier, magnificent feather and colour, shone like burnished copper, beautiful shape and carriage; 3, wonderful substance and shape, rattling head and neck, jaunty carriage; 2, he, Dormer, full of quality, red hot, display ing capital shren, very meritorious; vhc, Bentley. Seed: c, Bladon BUFF (7): 1, 2, Godley, both of wonderful size, magnificent depth of scand "cinny" colour, very shapely, good carriage, equal in almost every respect; 3, Bentley fine colour and quality, nice shape; 4, Seed, capital colour and feather nice type, very neat; vhc, Dormer; he, Bladon. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Godley, lovely yell, teeming with quality, full of colour, grand shape, and carriage, very promising; 2, 3, Dormer, yell and Buff, respectively, former, rich tone of colour, A1 quality; 3, grand shape and feather, good colour and carriage, well up in substance; 4, King, very large Buff, A1 colour and quality, very bonny; vhc, Roberts; c, Bentley. HEN (6): 1, 2 3, Godley, a trio of toppers, 1, capital sized yell, all type, lovely carriage, rich quality, gem for colour and burnishing; 2, Yell, very close on heels of his stable mate, little separates them; 3, cobby Buff, nice substance and feather, splendid colour and finish; 4, Dormer bouncing buff, superior colour and feather; he, Roberts; c, Bentley.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

BELGIAN (1): 1, 2, 3, 4, Horrill, excellent quartette, leader not over large but grand positioned bird, very nervy and quick, fine pair shoulders, neat, well-carried head, 2nd yellow, lovely quality, very long sided, good tail, hard up on leg, mounted to carry head trifle high, 3rd weighty bird, fine shoulders, nice poise of head, too whippy in tail, 4th another nice yellow. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (11): 1, nurst, grand one for polish and quality, lovely size and shape, well tanned and marked, finished on with a remarkably expansive Cinnamon blaze, not yet, however, full up in colour; 2, Somerfield, also a very shapely, stylish finch, rich tan, good moons and buttons, nice-sized square-cut face, in capital condition; 3, Parlett, rare size, good shape and carriage, excellent blaze, well contrasted colours, smart all-round; 4, Lander, shade thinner in build, big, rich blaze, fine tan and markings, little defective in flights one side; vhc, Goode, nice one, close up; he, Touks; c, Barnes. BULLIE (6): 1, Harrison, we heard was the Liverpool winner, beautiful cobby type, broad chest, bold, nice-capped head, fine even breast colour, excellent back and bars; 2 Coffy, another clinking good one, trifle less chubby in build, quite equal in quality, colour and markings, both birds feathered like wax; 3, Woods, grand stamp of bird, beautiful warm colour, very steady, hardly the condition of leaders; 4, Pitt, paler breast, well built and stylish; vhc, Chick, fine type, colour and quality, drops one wing; he, Thompson. LINNET (10): 1, Hurst, big, bold, grand chested bird, beautifully coned in shape, full, neat head, excellent wishes, rich sound colour, full of fine ticking; 2, Howe, another good-sized, nice-shaped bird, very stylish, warm colour, well marked, trifle open in centre; 3, Chick, somewhat slimmer, but a beauty for style, colour and polish, good whites and pencilling, inclined to be unsteady; 4, vhc, Parlett, former big, grand-shaped bird, very warm in colour, bit short of work; he, Goode; c, Alton; No. 1, Birchley, fine Linnet, had knocked out some feathers. TWITE OR REDPOLL (12): 1, Hurst, very sound coloured Twite, well marked, excellent condition, good shape, nice size; 2, Tonks, extra big Mealy Redpoll, grand chest and head well marked; 3, Henshaw, very hot-coloured Lesser, nice size and shape, decent bib and pencilling; 4 Coffy, grand big, shapely Twite, excellent colour and pencilling, very loose in feather though to-day; vhc, Howe, another fine Mealy, presses second, size smaller; he, Caunt; c, Osborne. SISKIN or GREENIE (13): 1, Coffy, champion, Greenfinch, splendid size and shape, lovely warm, even tone of colour, best of wings and tail, very stylish carriage, like wax in condition, we take to be the Manchester winner; 2, Birchley, fine Siskin, also looks like a Manchester winner in new hands, sound, rich colour, very nice size and shape, grand cap and wings, fair bib, splendid condition; 3, Hunt, very shapely non-fed Greenie, good chest and head, capital colour and condition, smart style; 4, Howe, wonderful Greenie for substance, shape, and sound, rich colour, grand fellow, hard luck it should be broken in neck feather; vhc, Henshaw, shapely, hot-coloured bird, lacks bloom; he, Allen; c, Eaton. BRAMBLE or CHAFFINCH (12): 1, vhc, Chick, two splendid Brambles, leader a shade fine in build, but for quality, depth of colour and markings, very bad to beat, both in beautiful condition, vhc bird a trifle thin in neck, otherwise A1; 2, c, R. J. Howe, splendid, bold Chaffinch leading, good head, broad, rounded chest, rich colours, well contrasted, wee bit short of poush yet; 3, 4, Hurst, two clinking good exhibits, leader grand hot coloured Bramble, beautiful hood and back, full of work, nice size and shape, a little soiled in condition, but pressed winner hard; 4, another very fine Chaffinch, better bloom than second, close up, hardly the width of chest; he, Thompson; 3, Osborne, fine, grandly-built Bramble, we liked much, but several broken feathers in tail. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (7): 1, 2 and special, Chick, leader the noted Hawfinch, an out-and-out champion, in really beautiful condition, 2nd the equally noted Corn Bunting, also in perfect order, a couple that will need a lot of stopping; 3, Goode, very fine, big Yellowhammer, splendidly marked, and genuine; 4, Birchley, another grand 'Hammer, fine size and colour, but short of a claw; vhc, Rate, very promising 'Hammer, should moult a beauty; he, Parlett. HYBS (14): a singing class, very difficult to judge, and containing two sets of winners: 1, Birchley, very large, bold headed Hawfinch, big, wellient bib, nice colour throughout, capital condition; 2, Hunt, beautiful Reed Bunting, fine size and shape, steady, perfect plumage and polish, full of colour and markings; 3, Seal, sweet little Siskin, exceptional colour and quality, very shapely, nicely laced; 4, c, Thomas, fine Bramble, good size and shape, lovely bloom on the feather; vhc, Chick, very fine Nuthatch, doubtful whether really eligible for this class, strictly speaking being insectivorous; he, Coffy, another beautiful hen Hawfinch, equal to winner in everything but size; "Wrong Class," Hinche'iff, we fancy is a cock Brambelfinch. SMALL INSECTIV (6): 1, he and spl, Birchley, Tree Creeper, one of the best we have seen, fine size, tight, perfect plumage, lovely colour, very clean eye-streaks and pure breast; 2, Chick, very beautiful Redstart, nice size, grand rich colour, rare condition, except for scales on legs, close race; 3, vhc, Howe, Blue-headed Wagtail, another charming exhibit, grand shape and colour, excellent condition; 4, Peach, cupual Nightingale, none too well staged. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Chick, big, deep coloured Chough leading, 2nd very smart Magpie, both shine like satin; 3, 4, Howe, Great Grey Shrike leading, fine specimen, but woefully unsteady, 4th nicely marked Hoopoe, in excellent trim. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, 3, 4, Howe, splendid team for condition topping Blackbird leading, very large and shapely, rich bill and eyes, dense, sound body colour, 3rd lovely Song Thrush for shape and style, warm colour, trifle faint in mooning, 4th, grand, bold, steady Missel Thrush; 2, Chick, one of the best Fieldfares we have seen, very steady, grand size and shape, best of colour, markings and condition; vhc, Alton; he, Peach. HYBRID CLEAR, ETC. (3): 1 and spl, Gilbert; 2, Colton; 3, Mabbott, look like three clears, all Goodies, nice birds too, leader has the pull in colour and bloom, 2nd is the finest built bird, but not quite at its best yet, 3rd is also a nice one for shape and quality. VARIEG., ETC. (10): 1, Lander, Goldie-Can., remarkable colour and quality, rich all through, nice size and shape, grand condition, we omitted to note exact markings, but believe it an almost six-pointed jonque; 2, Pitt, romping big buff, same parentage, fine shape and quality, needs a little more colour; 3, Colton and Dawn, good sized variegated Greenie-Can., excellent shape, lovely quality and condition; 4, Seal, Goldie-Can. smaller than second, but exquisite quality and condition; vhc, Pitchford, fine Mule, soiled in plumage, needs a tub; he, Leam; c, Loughton. DARK (14): 1, Somerfield, splendid big Jonque Greenie-Can., lovely shape and quality, deep even colour, in fine fettle; 2, Gilbert, good-sized Can-Bullie, fine colour and markings, slack in feather at judging time, or would undoubtedly have won; 3, Coffy, exceptionally good Jonque Linnet-Can, large, shapely, good colour, fine condition, pressed hard on the day; 4, Leam, remarkably hot-coloured Greenie-Can, fine bird, loses in size; vhc, Pitt, very nice Siskin-Can; he, Palmer; c, Lamb HYBRID (7): 1 and spl, 2, Colton and Dawn leader beautiful Redpoll-Bullie, best we have seen for colour and markings, fine size and shape, rare bloom, 2nd, lovely Greenie-Bullie, perfect condition; 3, Tonks, very smart Goldie Bullie, excellent size and shape, plenty of deep, rich colour, nice bird; 4, Gilbert, real smart Redpoll-Goldie, fine size and shape, good blaze and colour generally; vhc Pitchford; he, Caunt; c, Mabbott. HYBRID PAIRS (9): very interesting class; 1, Garton, smart hen Bullie, good shape and colour, with a wonderful big, close-feathered Buff Norwich cock of grand under-colour; 2, Hunt, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, very good-conditioned couple, steady as possible; 3, Chick, fine Linnet and a cinn. marked hen Canary, full of quality and colour; 4, Birchley, Redpoll and Siskin, real smart couple, hard at it feeding; vhc, Pitt; he, Henshaw; c, Howe. FOREIGN: BUDGERIGARS (10): 1, Mrs. Duncah, beautiful pair Greens, lovely markings and colour, very large, well staged; 2, 4, Howe, two grand pairs Yellows, shown in cages too small; 3, Alton, another fine pair Greens, shade smaller than winners; vhc, he, Garton; c, Cottingham. PARROTS (10): 1, 3, Millsum, exquisite exhibit leading, we take to be Purple-capped Lory, very beautiful colouring, 3rd grand pair Blue Mountain Lorikeets, both exhibits in faultless condition; 2, Mrs Henson, really fine Blue and Amber Macaw, splendid fellow; 4, vhc, F. Howe, charming Many Coloured Parrakeet, well shown, fine condition and a grand Blue-bonnet; he, Holt; c, Simms. WAXBILLS, ETC. (16): 1, Mrs. Duncan, beautiful pair Parson Finches, large, fine colour and condition, well shown; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, F. Howe, splendid team, S Helena and Golden-breasted Waxbills, Nutmeg Finches, etc., all nicely staged and in lovely condition; he, Hexter; No. 8 grand Diamond Sparrows, we made to be two cocks the feathers were flying, too. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (6): 1, Garton, very attractive pair Japanese Hawfinches, best possible condition, nicely staged; 2, 3, 4, F Howe, exquisite cock, Red-headed Gouldian leading, followed by a beautiful Green Cardinal, and very nice Siberian Bullfie. INSECTIV (6): 1 and spl, 2, 4, Millsum, beautiful trio, Black-faced Green Swear-bird leading, a gem, wonderful condition, 2nd, very handsome Peruvian Jay, 4th, exquisite Glossy Starling, all staged in A1 style; 3, Howe, grand Red-fronted Toucan, perfect; vhc, Garton, very nice Pekin Robin. GIFT (12): 1, Holmes; 2, Bertie; 3, Hill; 4, Ley; vhc, White; he, Smith; c, Cottingham.

The Dudley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. G. Leech, the hon. show secretary, have been successful in securing the Temperance Hall, High Street, for their show; it is the best hall in the town and is well lighted (electric light), and free from draughts. The show is to be held on January 20th and 21st, and Mr. J. Robson will judge.

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SHILDON.

This second annual show (confined to members) was held under the auspices of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club and Institute on Nov. 14, and it proved a great success. We had a record entry of 142, for which prizes of upwards of £50 in value were given. Some excellent specimens were staged—birds that have done honour to their owners in open competition. We have a membership of 39. The value of prizes ranged from £1 4s. for first to 1s. for last prize, and a special prize, value 2s. 6d. each, given by friends and members. We also had 9 open classes confined to members. Our officers and committee took a great interest in the show, and it is due to their efforts that everything proved so successful. The hall was an excellent place for a show. Our judges were Messrs. Gray, Binchester, Block, and Coundon, who had great difficulty in choosing the winners, particularly in the members' classes.

MEMBERS' CLASS (39): 1, Richardson, well-known C.B., in the pink of condition, staged to perfection; 2, Wheatley, Crest, good all round, excellent crest; 3, Ridley, Yorks., yell., lengthy bird, grand wing carriage; 4, Cuthbertson, Nor., buff, taken great honours this season; 5, P. Parnaby; 6, French; 7, Phillips; 8, Cooper; 9, Macerall; 10, Dent; 11, Webb; 12, Boody; 13, Moss; 14, Elwell; 15, Bradley; 16, Hedley; 17, Ainsworth; 18, Ridley; 19, Smurthwaite; 20, Dunn; 21, Longstaffe; 22, Livesey; 23, Kitching; 24, Young; 25, Hughes; 26, Foster; 27, Caygill; 28, Orton; 29, Parnaby; 30, Hunter; 31, Livesey; 32, Warnes; 33, Hutchison; 34, Wake; 35, R. Anderson; 36, Dawson; 37, Alderson; 38, Parker; 39, McNoughton. OPEN.—CREST (8): 1, spl, Richardson, grand Crest; 2, Wheatley, self Crest; 3, McNoughton; vhc, Webb; he, Goymer; c, Maddison. NOR. (10): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Ridley; vhc, Ridley; he, Tinsley; c, Cooper. YORKS. (14): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, c, Holmes; 3, Livesey; 4, Cooper; vhc, Harwood; he, Willerton. PAIRS (7): 1, Wheatley; 2, Orton; 3, Smurthwaite; vhc, Richardson; he, Parnaby; c, Elwell. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Dent; 2, Parnaby; 3, Livesey; vhc, Caygill; he, J. Ridley, c, Stephenson. SELL. (10/-) (13): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Mears; 3, Orton; vhc, G. Ridley; he, Parnaby; c, French. BROWN LINNET (13): 1, 3, Hughes; 2, Cooper; vhc, Hitching; he, Bennet; c, Crooks. BRIT. (19): 1, Taylor; 2, 3 Cooper; 4, Bowes; vhc, Hedley; he, Foster; c, Stephenson. YOUNG BIRD BRED BY EXHIBITOR (72): 1, Wheatley; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Richardson; he, Ridley; c, Livesey.—Thos. Boddy, Sec.

PORTOBELLO.

The annual show was held on November 7th, in the Masonic Hall, a splendid hall for the show of its kind. We found everything in apple-pie order when we arrived. With Mr. Dunn, the well-known Plainhead enthusiast at the head as show manager, coupled with those ideal fanciers, Messrs. Leach and Leckie, as secretaries and treasurers, and also backed up by a hardworking army of stewards, we found everybody in their place, and a place for everything. It must have been most gratifying to all to see such a host of fanciers from other societies. The birds all over were greatly in advance of last year's. Mr. Buchan's Scotch fancy yell hen won cup for best bird in hall, also cup for best Scotch Fancy. The Border cup was captured by Mr. Hogg. Mr. Dunn had a clear run for the Plainhead cup, and the winner, a clear Buff cock, is an ideal bird in every respect. The same gentleman also won cup for most points over the show with a grand total of 40 points, the next being Mr. Wilson with 37. The Crest cup was won by Mr. Arthur with a C.B. Mr. Leckie accounted for the Mule cup with a handsome lightly varieg. Mule. Mr. Patterson (Chirnside) judged Border and Scotch Fancies, and Mr. Sykes (Musselburgh) the remainder. Their awards met with great approval.

BORD. CK. CL. YELL. (26): 1, Miller,. good one, splendid colour, condition, well drawn body, nice wings; 2, 3, vhc, Hogg, nice quality; 3, tick, good head and front; vhc, very similar; he, c, Wilson. BUFF (20): 1, 2, c, Wilson, tick on head, nice level colour, good type, fine back and front; 2, close up, grand quality of feather; 3, Hogg, mill of colour, nice quality; vhc, Bell, grand stamp, good head; he, Dempster. YELL. HEN (16): 1, cup, Hogg, real model in splendid trim, nice jaunty carriage, hard to find a fault with; 2, Wilson, another nice one for type; 3, Millar, little soft, but nice one all over, good back, well carried wings; vhc, Bell, nice colour and quality; he, Millar; c, Crerar. BUFF (22): 1, Leach, nice one, splendid quality of feather, well put down; 2, Hogg, similar in shape; 3, Wilson, good typical body; vhc, Millar, tick on head, nice stamp all over; he, Wilson; c, Crerar. GREEN (17): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, all nice greens, former best in pencilling, style and quality; 2, nice trim; 3, good colour; vhc, Leach, Buff, green hen; he, c, Hogg. CLD BORD. (20): 1, c, Leach, 1, stylish Buff cock, in grand form, nice quality and condition; 2, Miller, even mkd. yell. hen, nice colour and condition, eye markings small; 3, vhc, Wilson, tick on head, nice style and quality buff; vhc, yell, nice level colour, good style; he, Hogg. SCOT. FY. (6): all the property of J. K Buchan, 1, cup best bird in hall and Fancy cup, grand yellow hen, nice size, rare length of side, long free neck, carried well down; 2, yell cock, stylish; 3, yell pied hen, great size and length, carries her head at times; vhc yell, cock, nice shoulders. SCOT. OLD (9): 1, 2, Buchan, 1, well known old winner, buff pied head in position in a moment, handles well; 2, cl. Buff; 3, Dempster, yell. pied, good shoulder; vhc, he, Dempster. PLAINHEAD YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Dunn, wonderful team, leader better finished, grand head; 2, very similar, only a little pinched; 3, grand head; vhc, real model. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dunn, 1, cup winner, lovely colour and quality, put down by a master hand; 2, shade longer drawn, little down in condition; 3, nice stamp; vhc, very similar; he, Bell; c, Mitchell. HEN (11): 1, 3, vhc, Dunn, 1, grand yell hen, real model, rare head, fine colour and quality; 3, in rare trim; vhc, another bird of grand colour and quality; 2, Bell, Buff, fine size, and substance; he, Matthew. TICK. ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Dunn, 1, wonderful size, nice head and neck, good colour and quality; 2, good bird; 3 lovely colour and quality; c, Mitchell. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, cup, 2, Nelson, good length, not quite ready yet; 3, vhc, he, Anderson. HEN (5): 1, 3, Nelson, Buff, very nervy, well drawn; 3, thick in front; 2, vhc, Anderson, good size. TICK. ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Anderson, 1, yell, cinn, tick, good head, nice body well drawn; 3, Buff, green, good colour, length and quality; he, Nelson. CREST (9): 1, 2, Crerar, both almost green, nice size, former yell, fine centre, and length of feather; 3, he, Leach, variog. good size not finished in centre yet; vhc, Matthew. C.B. (10): 1 cup, 2, vhc, Arthur, 1, variog. splendid size, long feather, wide skull, well lashed; 3, Matthew, green, good size; he, Crerar; c, Leach. MULE (6): 1 cup, Leckie, uneven Goldie Mule, good size, grand eye markings, scarcely in full colour yet; 2, 3, he, c Fraser, yell Siskin, nice colour; 3 Linnet, good colour, nice size; vhc, Neilands, Buff Siskin. BRIT. (18): 1, Wilson, Bullfinch, grand colour and markings; 2, he, Leach, Bramblefinch, in rare trim; 3, vhc, c, Leckie. Redpoll, shown in good trim; 2, c, Leckie. Redpoll, shown in good trim; 2, c, Leckie. Redpoll, shown in good trim; 2

GARSTON.

Garston H.B.A. held their 7th annual members' show in the Wellington Rooms, Duke Street, on Nov. 14 Mr A. Wilkinson makes an excellent secretary and carried out his duties admirably. Mr W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Crawley, well up on leg, full of quality, nice position, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Griffiths, shows a little frill at times, nice position, long flights and tail; 3, Woods, blaze of colour nice quality; vhc, Crawley; hc, Woods; c, Banks. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Banks, 1st nice position and quality, neat head; 2, Crawley, full of nerve, nice quality and position; 3, Thompson, full of quality, on small side, very typical; vhc, Griffin. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Christall, tkd. head and wing, nice position, full of quality, good head and tail; 2, Woods, cap and wing marked, stylish, good wings and tail, magnificent quality; 3, Thompson, marked on back, grand quality feather, nice wing carriage; vhc, hc, Griffin. BUFF (5): 1, Christopher, thigh tkd., nice quality and position, good wing carriage, rich colour, neat head, wins; 2, Christall, variegs., well up in quality, stylish all over; 3, Crawley, variegs., well up on leg, good wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Woods; hc, Thompson; c, Banks. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Crawley, typical, rich colour and feather; 2, Banks grand quality, nice position; 3, Woods, rich colour, feather and position; vhc, Barton; hc, Thompson; c, Kelly. BUFF (3): 1, Woods, typical, excellent quality rich colour; 2, Crawley, stands nicely, good flights and tail; 3, Thompson, nice type, wings and tail. TKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thompson uneven mkd., full of quality and style; 2, Banks, typical, full of bloom, good wings and tail; 3, Crawley, uneven mkd., good head, clean on chest; vhc, Griffin. UNEVEN MKD. BUFF (2): 1, Woods; 2, Griffin. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Griffin even wings, long flights and tail, full of quality, rich colour; 2, Thompson, cap, eye and wing mkd., typical; 3, Christopher; vhc, Ireland. BUFF (5): 1, Christall, cheek mkd., full of quality, well up on leg, grand wings and tail rich colour; 2, vhc, Christopher. 2nd variegs., nice type and quality; 3, Thompson, variegs., typical. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, Kelly, grass green, slim, true Yorks.; 2, Griffin, good sound colour typical, stands well; 3, Ireland; vhc, Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Kelly, two nice birds, lovely colour very typical, sound in feather; 3, Griffin; vhc, Thompson. FOUL BUFF (3): 1, Peake, foul tail and wing good size, nice stand; 2, Thompson, mkd foul on tail and wing lovely type and quality; 3, Kelly. SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Griffin, self, well up on leg, breedy, grand quality; 2, Thompson foul, nice type and quality; 3, Kelly. BUFF (2): 1, Thompson; 2, Kelly. YELL. SELF, ETC., 1908 (3): 1, Peake, nice grass green, very typical stands on good legs; 2 Kelly, long flights and tail; 3 Thompson stylish but on the small side. NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Mercer, good head, body, nice wings, magnificent quality; 2 Crawley, blaze of colour, well up in quality; 3 Thompson; vhc, Kelly. BUFF (4): 1, Crawley, grand quality, typical, good head and chest; 2, Thompson, good head excellent quality; 3 vhc Mercer CL., ETC., BUFF OPEN (3): 1, 3, Barton; 2, Thompson. MULE OR HYB (5): 1 hc Thompson 1st Linnet Can., rich markings, shown in the pink of condition; 2 vhc, Crawley; 3, Bryant GOLDFINCH (4): 1 Crawley, nice bars and buttons, good blaze; 2, Bryant; 3, Thompson; vhc, Jones. LINNET (3): 1, Woods, nicely pencilled; 2 Thompson; 3, Jones. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Thompson good size and colour; 2, Leather; 3 Jones. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Jones, Redpoll, grand bib, rich colour; 2 Leather Siskin. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Thompson Bullfinch good cap, lovely colour; 2, Jones Thrush SELF. PAIRS (25/-) (5): 1 3 Christopher; 2, Christall; vhc, Thompson; hc, Ireland (15/-) (4): 1 2, Thompson; 3, Ireland; vhc, Griffin HEN (10/-) (3): 1, Thompson; 2, Crawley; 3, Christopher. The Tate Challenge Cup: A. Thompson, having won the cup 3 years in succession it now becomes his own property Most points won in champion classes: 1 A Crawley; 2, H. Kelly; 3, A Christopher; 4, C. Christall; 5, J. Jones; 6, G Banks; 7, J Ireland; and 8, E Peake Novice points: 1 A Griffin; 2 T Woods; 3 W Mercer; 4 H. Barton; 5 A Leather; 6, W. Bryant Best bird shown by a novice was won by W Mercer's yell. Nor Hottest fed on Sandiford's Royal Red was won by A. Crawley, 2nd prize yellow tick Norwich.

SOUTH-WE T LONDON C.B.S.

This society's annual members' show was held on November 7th, and was in every respect a success, the quality throughout the show being excellent. The entries were about the same as on previous occasions. A great many visitors put in an appearance during the evening, and everything passed off most successfully. Mr. Robson judged, and we congratulate the committee upon the grand quality of the exhibits. The Champion Norwich Plainhead, also the Norwich and Yorkshire in the Amateur and Novice sections, were especially good. The Champion Yorkshire and Crests did not come up to former years in numbers but the quality was equally high. Novice and Amateur Crests and Crestbred came up much better, and showed an increase. The British Classes were not numerous, but some good specimens were well staged. In Mr. W. Lilley the society possesses a hard-working, enthusiastic secretary, a deservedly popular official, and he was well supported by an excellent committee in Messrs. Harris, Graham, Mabey, M'Laughlin, Miller, Burgess, and Prout.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. YELL (6): 1, 2, Miles, superb quality, rare shape, grand colour; 3, Brownlie, equally good in quality, not sufficient colour; 4, Harris, fine shape, good colour, little less substance; vhc, Boydon. TICK., ETC. (7): 1, spl, 3, Miles, 1st ticked nice shape, and beautiful quality, good colour, 3 marked over rump, good exhibit; 2, Trower's spl, 4th Boyden, 2nd variegs., fine shape and good quality, 4th good quality, not so stoutly built. CLEAR BUFF (7): 1, 2, Miles, full of quality; 3, Harris, good shape; 4, Thomas, good bird, not so tight in feather; vhc, hc, Boyden; c, Cranfield TICK., ETC. (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Boyden, 1st variegs., stout-bodied bird, excellent quality, good all round; 2, Harris, unevenly marked earns his position; 3, 4, c, Miles, good exhibits, well shown HENS (31), A fine lot: 1, spl, 2 c, Miles, first grand buff, 2nd ticked on head, good hen; 3, hc, Boyden, 3rd very smart, yellow; 4, Harris, yell., not the substance, but a choice one; vhc, Brownlie. UNFLIG YELL.: 1, 2 3, vhc Miles, a very fine team, all in rare trim; 4, Brownlie, beautiful bird, bit down in colour; hc, Thomas; c, Boyden. BUFF UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Miles good team, shown in faultless condition; 4, c, Cranfield, both good exhibits; hc, Boyden UNFLIG. HEN (7): 1, spl, 3, Miles, both good Buffs; 2, Brownlie yellow, a reeded, gem for quality, not well staged; 4, Cranfield will improve; vhc, Boyden, two (Miles) were marked wrong class for being cocks. YORKS YELL. CL.: 1, spl, Mabey; 2, Holbrook good specimens. TICK., ETC.: 1, Mabey, CL. BUFF: 1, Mabey; 2, Holbrook. BUFF TKD. ETC.: 1, Holbrook; 2, Mabey. YORK HENS: 1, 2, Mabey, both good bulls; 3, Holbrook, nice quality. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Mabey, fine yellow-mkd. Yorks. BUFF: 1, Holbrook; 2, Mabey, both smart birds, 2nd not so good in colour. UNFLIG. HENS: 1, Holbrook; 2, Mabey, not much to separate them. CREST: 1, 2, Miles; 3, 4, Lilley. CREST HENS: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lilley, 1st good green Crest, leafy feather, 3rd might have taken the place of 2nd, being much larger and more solid. CREST-BRED: 1, 3, Lilley; 3, Miles. AMATEUR AND NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Burgess, well-built and good quality; 2, MacGregor, equally good, but lacks colour; 3, Graham. YELL. TKD: 1, Burgess. BUFF: 1, 2, Burgess; 3, MacGregor. HENS: 1, and spl, Galo; 2, Burgess; 3, Graham; 4, MacGregor; vhc, hc, Graham; c, McLaughlin. UNFLI.: 1, Burgess; 2, MacGregor, good in colour and condition. UNFLI. BUFF: 1, spl, Gale; 2, Graham; 3, McLaughlin; 4, Burgess; vhc, MacGregor. UNFLI. HENS: 1, spl, 2, Graham, both good ones; 3, MacGregor; No. 1, Graham and No. 5, Burgess, marked "wrong class," as cocks. YORKS. YELL. CL.: 1, Graham, nice shape, in good trim; 2 Cullum, close up; 3, Slade, smaller, good quality. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, McLaughlin, A1 quality; 3, Slade; 4, Gibson, both good specimens. BUFF CL., ETC.: 1, spl, vhc, Cullum, good type, fine quality; 2, Ralph; 3, 4, Slade, all three good-looking ones, will improve. HENS, a good class: 1, spl, vhc, McLaughlin, a good-looking lady; 2, Cullum; 3, Graham; 4, hc, c, Slade. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, Cullum, regular swell, well up on leg; 2, Ralph, another good-looking one; 3, 4, Graham, both good birds; vhc, Pront; hc, Slade; c, Gibson. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Ralph, unevenly mkd., good style; 2, Cullum, close up; 3, McLaughlin; 4, Slade; hc, Gibson hc, Prout. UNFLIG. HENS: 1, spl, Slade, very beautiful hen, in grand condition; 2, 3, Ralph; 4, Gibson; vhc, Pront; No. 4, Slade, marked "wrong class," as a buff cock. CREST: 1, Gale, a green, wins easy; 2, 4, hc, c, Slade; 3, vhc, Burgess. CREST-BRED: 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, Slade, 1st lovely green, beats the champions; 2, Gale, nice-looking capped bird; hc, c, Burgess. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Brownlie, Border Fancy, 1st, yell. mkd., smart-cut bird; 4, vhc, Slade, silver and gold Lizard, fine specimen. BRIT. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Slade, smart Goldie; 2, Prout, nice Bullfinch; 3, Lilley; 4, Gibson; vhc, Slade. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Graham; 2, McLaughlin; 3, Lilley. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, H. S. Graham, Siskin; 2, 4, McLaughlin; 3, Thomas. A.O.V.: 1, Slade, Chaffinch; 2, Graham, Green Finch; 3, Thomas, Green Finch. MULES, DK.: 1 Slade; 2, Prout; 3, McLaughlin. LIGHT: 1, Cranfield.

Your double number this week is a treat, and the coloured plate is a gem, in fact the best we have had for some time. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. J. BAKER (Chichester).

What a prize packet this week! I have been waiting a long time for a plate of the Bunnings and must thank you for the same. It is lovely, and would be cheap at 5s. Well done, Mr. Norman.—BROWN (Weymouth).

I am sending two copies of this week's CAGE BIRDS to fancier friends in Australia, who I think, will be delighted with them, writes Mr. T. Acheson (Thornaby-on-Tees), especially the coloured plate, which I think is a real treat to look at.

Your Double Number was quite a treat, and the coloured plate was splendid. CAGE BIRDS is making great progress, and my sales through its columns have been a record this season. I trust it may have the success it so richly deserves.—JOHN MARTIN (Castle Douglas).

Allow me to congratulate you on your handsome plate and the double number of our favourite paper, CAGE BIRDS. It was a perfect treat to me to read the articles on the Linnet and Grey Parrot. These alone should be worth many pounds to all fanciers. Your plate reflects the highest praise upon your able artist. Wishing you every success in the future—THOS. CROSSLEY (Kendal).

Echoes from Glasgow and West of Scotland Show.

That a few of the principal clubs in England and Scotland gave their patronage; that the entries numbered 1,243, and beat last year by more than 100; that a feature of the show was the international contests in the Border and Norwich breeds; that they were the first of their kind in Glasgow; that the result was against England Scotland scoring 261 points, England 84, majority for Scotland 177 points; that "Scottics" were pleased; that the British and Foreign classes were a treat; that the Waxwing drew a lot of attention; that the Mynah had many admirers; that it is said to be the best speaker in Europe; that it had a fair audience round it; that the Lorikeet also a clever speaker, ably supported it; that the show is floating in troubled waters; that the mysterious circular was responsible for many entries held back; that its author has a hot time in store for himself; that he is known; that he did not grace the show with his presence; that he was a wise man to stay away; that he should have vented his grievances through the proper channel; that the Scotch Fancy classes were cancelled for want of support; that the "circular" gets the credit for this; that the exhibits were nicely staged; that the secretaries and committee wrought hard to make the show a success; that there was a large turn-out of visitors and breeders; that club members should be loyal to each other, and to their club in particular; that some good birds were sold by auction for fair prices; that Hastings is a good auctioneer; that the veteran of the Scotch Fancy, Mr. T. Thomson, was there; that all were pleased to see him looking well again; that he has a successor in the family for his hobby; that the management should set about putting their house in order and have all plain sailing next year.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

An appeal having been made to include Scotch Fancy classes, the association responded by providing 8 classes, but as the entries up to Wednesday only totalled 22 the Scotch Fancy classes were cancelled and the services of the judges, Messrs. Black and Hogg, were dispensed with. Beyond all doubt the circular above referred to had an influence on Scotch fanciers, and an opportunity of increasing the already too limited rhows has been lost. The Scotch Fancy Canary has but ground, and can ill afford to let opportunities like this slip by.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

A Thoroughly Successful Exhibition.

The Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. held their 2nd annual open show on Nov. 13 and 14, and it proved a grand success, there being an increase of no less than 200 entries. This was in the face of the blackguardly circular, sent out by an anonymous party or parties to all likely exhibitors throughout Scotland; such a publication was a disgrace to the fancy and to the name of "Scotland." Norwich opened the programme, and contained some real high-class specimens, many of the classes being very keenly contested, especially the yellow and buff cock classes. The unnlighted classes were very strong and contained some lovely specimens. The novice classes were especially good, being strong in numbers and containing some of the cream of the show. The novices do get a hold of them, and no mistake. These classes were judged by Messrs. Mackie (Aberdeen) and A. G. Cameron (Kelso), and their awards were well received by the large number of breeders and exhibitors present. Crests and Crest-breds were forward in good numbers, the Crest-breds being extra good. These classes were carefully handled by that well-known Tyne breeder, Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead), and his awards were universally well received, grumbling being conspicuous by its absence. Borders followed, and were, as usual, forward like an advancing army. Every show brings forth the new recruits in exhibitors and also in exhibition specimens. We noticed several new ones among the winners. This being the international contest of the B.F.C.C. and the E. and W.B.F.C.C., a large entry was naturally expected, but the English contingent was greatly in the minority, although what they had forward were good. There were two medals competed for, one being secured by Mr. H. Bennet with his gem of a yellow hen and the other by Mr. Gilchrist with his yellow uneven hen, an eye-opener. Greens and Cinnamons were an extra good lot, and took the judges some time to separate. Mr. Duncan, of the well-firm, Messrs. Duncan and Logan, judged the even numbers, and Mr. Mossie (Annbank) the odd numbers, and their awards left very little to be commented upon. Yorkshires and Cinnamons followed and brought together a splendid collection. The bird of length and position seems to be making headway in Scotland, when one considers the admiring crowds that were to be found gathered round them. The classes were very keenly contested, but the judge, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow) proved to be quite at home in his awards. Mules and Hybrids followed, and such an array of the breeder's art has never been seen in any show in Scotland. When we say there were no less than four distinct varieties, three of them clear and the other next door to a clear in one class, it will give an idea of the choice collection. This class contained a clear Siskin 1st, a clear Greenfinch 2nd, a clear Goldfinch 4th, and an almost clear Linnet 5th. Other classes were good and were represented by some choice specimens, especially the Bullfinch Hybrid class, which was headed by the best Canary-Bullic that has been on view for years. Britishers and foreigners were good, although we have seen them stronger in numbers. On the whole they were a good collection, some real tip-top specimens being amongst the winners. Unfortunately we noticed No. 1, class 85, a Yellowhammer, had been disqualified for alleged trimming of head. Many of the Foreigners were gorgeous, but one especially comes in for comment—an Amazon belonging to Miss Gray, which for vocal, speaking, and mimicry powers was worth the gate money itself and was cheap at catalogue price to anyone wanting a "living gramophone." These classes were judged (even numbers) by Mr. Watson (Edinburgh), odd numbers Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh), and, taken on the whole, their awards were well received.

The show was held as usual in the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, which is a good one. It might perhaps be a little better if heated as we noticed several birds feeling the cold. The day was good for judging, Glasgow being free from its usual heavy cloudy weather. The management was all that could be desired. The show arrangements were supervised by the genial and ever-smiling Mr. Matthew Craig, vice-president, and Mr. G. McPhail, who carried out their duties to perfection. They were ably assisted by a large committee, composed of Messrs. McLay, Henderson, Erskine, Whitelaw, McCallum, Sloan, Chalmers Griffiths, Brown, Crawford, Graham, Tannock, Thomson, Watson, Taylor, Bowman, Ferguson, McLeod, Gowans, Burnett, Donaghy, Tweedie, Jarvie, Barrie, and Fyfe. The secretarial and financial part of the business, which is a heavy one in a show of this magnitude, was under the steering hand of Mr. R. A. Brown, who, although young, has received the business training which fits him for his high post. He was ably assisted by his colleagues, Messrs. J. Brown and A. K. Chalmers, and the trio finished their arduous duties with flying colours. The president is Mr. P. Easton. The show was well patronised by country exhibitors and sales were numerous. We hope to have the pleasure of hearing of a balance on the right side.

Messrs. Duncan and Mossie's Class s.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Gilchrist, shapely body, neat head, finely cut front, level colour; 2, Bennet, deep colour, extra good quality feather, close up; 3, spl, Poole, fine level colour, a good bird; 4, McKenzie, sound colour, neat head and body; 5, Calderwood, good type; 6, Richardson; 7, Thomson; 8, Marchbank. HEN (20): 1, spl, B.F.C. medal, 6, Bennet, 1st fine hen all over, this is her 9th win we heard, very jaunty carriage; 2, Jeffrey, nicely-built, sweet head, neat wings and tail; 3, Harper, very typical, free head and neck, sweetly moulded body; 4, Rowe, similar stamp and colour; 5, Saville, sweet lady; 7, Richardson; 8, Clark. BUFF CK. (13): 1, spl, Bennet, very neat head, well placed wings, high colour, very level; 2, Simpson, good type, staged in faultless trim; 3, McKenzie, another grand exhibit, full of quality, neat head; 4, Miller, sweet head, finely tapered; 5, Hoddow, also good type; 6, Patterson; 7, Robertson; 8, Amos. HEN (14): 1, Saillie, very sweet one, neat head, finely-rounded front, good wings and tail; 2, spl, Richardson, similar type, just lacks a trifle in forehead; 3, Clark, very neat and stylish; 4, Gilchrist, finely-tapered body, well set on legs; 5, 6, Bennet, 5th jaunty carriage; 7, Henderson; 8 McKenzie. EVEN MARK. YELL. (7): 1, Patterson, finely-balanced cinn. mark., grand quality feather, good type; 2, Findlay, close feather, good type; 3, Robertson, very neat markings, soft rich colour; 4, Wilson, well balanced eyes, good typical body; 5, Harper, lightly marked, good style, close feather; 6, Wilson Bros.; 7, Hoddow. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Whitelaw, good type, nice close feather; 2, Findlay, well-balanced markings, nicely moulded; 3, spl, Watson, very stylish, neat in markings; 4, Gilchrist, lovely eye marks, shapely body; 5, Calderwood, also grandly balanced markings; 6, Arnot and Jamieson, among the best in class; 7, Patterson; 8, Thomson. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, McAdam, three-pointed, neatly-rounded body, good position, well tapered; 2, Harper, eyes and grizzle back, longer in body, good feather; 3, McGreachen, cinn. variegs., very close in feather, fine stamp; 4, Brownlie, head and body marks, fine rich feather; 5, Arnot and Jamieson, also well set up; 6, Findlay; 7, Haddow; 8, Simpson. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Gilchrist, very typical, three-pointed, lovely bloom, neat head, body and wings; 2, McAdam, eye and wings, marked, good type, close in feather; 3, spl, McCreadie, eyes, wings and chest mark, splendid carriage; 4, Robertson, another fine one for type; 5, Thomson, three-pointer, very fine feather; 6, Arnot and Jamieson; 7, Rutherford; 8, Amos. BUFF CK. (11): 1, spl, Patterson, two eyes one wing teeming with quality, neat head, finely rounded chest, close tail; 2, Bonnet, another lovely specimen, fine jaunty carriage; 3, Thomson, five-pointed, gramlly feathered; 4, Shearer, shapely body, level colour; 5, Roberts, another good one; 6, McAdam; 7, Marchbank; 8, Arnot and Jamieson. HEN (8): 1, Watson, good type, variegs., well-rounded body; 2, Bennet, finely-drawn body, excelling in finish; 3, Findlay, variegs., very fine feather; 4 Gilchrist, eyes, cheek, and head, variegs., graceful pose, free head, finely-cut front; 5, Arnot and Jamieson, typical, three-pointed, in lovely bloom; 6, Brownlie; 7, Hunter; 8, Ramsay. TICK. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Gilchrist, sweetly moulded hen, head tick; 2, 4, Bennet, 2nd very bold position, high level colour; 4th, one of the old champions, head tick; 3, Lappin, head tick, fine mover, neatly rounded; 5, Richardson, similar stamp, fine pose; 6, Roberts; 7, Marchbank; 8, Watson BUFF (20): 1, 7, Gilchrist, wing tick, finely tapered neck, shoulders, and front, close feather; 2, Wilson Bros., jaunty carriage, grand feather; 3, spl, Hislop, very neat, finely cut front, well-carried wings; 4, Smillie, close up, free jaunty style; 5, Thomson close in feather; 6, Clark; 8, Bennet. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. SELF, ETC. (22): 1, spl, Thomson, well pencilled grass, broad, dark marks, good under-colour; 2, 6, Arnot and Jamieson, former very sweet, upstanding type, evenly pencilled; 3, spl, Lanhie, similar style, stronger body, fine, grassy colour; 4, Richardson, neat head and body, fine lacings; 5, Thomson, good type; 7, Murray; 8, McMillan. Hen (22): 1, Thomson, well pencilled one, fine type, sound under-colour; 2, Richardson also finely pencilled, well tapered body, sound colour; 3, McMillan, fine, free style, good top colour; 4, Hutchison, A1 body pencillings; 5, Findlay, very typical; 6, Buglass; 7, Young; 8, Duncan. BUFF CK. (12): 1, spl, Bennet, new face, very close feather, pure green ground, excelling in pencillings; 2, spl, Arnot and Jamieson, very fine feather, good type; 3, Hadwin deep, sound colour and markings; 4, Murray, nicely pencilled; 5, Thomson, Glasgow City winner, lovely type, sound green colour; 6, Amos; 7, Forrest; 8, Buglass. HEN (12): 1, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, former grandly pencilled green, lovely type and finish, 3rd Cinn. very close feather, neat shape; 2, Hislop, well-known winner, in best of trim, finely pencilled, well up in colour; 4, 6, Hadwin, former very typical, good colour; 5, Buglass, very fine stamp and build; 7, Brownlie; 8, Freckleton. LIMIT CLASS, CK. (10/-). HENS (8/-) (14): 1, Bennet; 2, Smillie; 3, Henderson; 4, McKenzie; 5, 8, McAdam; 6, Harper; 7, Whitelaw.

Mr. Campbell's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Walsh, wing tick, very finely drawn body, close tail, nice position; 2, Fitton, just a trifle heavier across shoulders, fine free neck, well-packed wings, neatly drawn; 3, spl, hc, Mason, good body, neat head and front; 4, Wilcock, very hot colour, lengthy; 5, spl, Paterson, nicely-tapered neck and body, close packed tail; 6, Penman; 8, Webster. BUFF (14): 1, 5, Mason, leading with very fine variegs., free and jaunty in carriage, good back, nice slope of shoulders; 5th, wing tick, good style; 2, Walsh, very finely tapered, neatly laid on wings, finely drawn; 3, spl, Wilcock, neat body, cl., free head and neck, nicely drawn; 4, McRobbie, wing tick, takes good position, neat head; 6, Penman; 7, McDougall; 8, Fitton. YELL. (Confined to Scotland) (22): Good class; 1, Patterson, well drawn body, neat head, best of finish, hot colour; 2, Webster, paler in colour, good head, back and tail; 3, Bowman, finely posed, free and easy style, neat head, grand wing carriage; 4, Hendry, wing tick, blaze of colour, well up in style, neat wings; 5, Martin, very good in feather; 6, MacRobbie; 7, McCulloch; 8, Mitchell. BUFF (23): 1, 4, McDougall, former grandly feathered, fine head and neck, close-packed wings; 4th, wing tick, good type, fine upstanding, well drawn; 5, MacRobbie, wing tick, typical make and style, well-finished feather, very neat; 6, Penman; 7, Bowman; 8, Cobb. CINN. CK. (10): 1, 3, +, Godley, grand trio, winner lovely yell., very deep sound colour, fine round make; 3rd, chubby make, grand body, nice colour; 4th, more to the Yorks., rich ground yell.; 2, 7, Phillips, buff, very chubby, grand Nor. type, full round head and body; 5, Moreland, fine type and feather; 6, 8, Fyfe HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Godley, again leading, splendid yell jonque, full of quality, finely laced; 2nd, very massive buff of Nor. properties; 3rd, very neat yell., grand short wings, sound colour; 4, Tams and Son, buff, very typical; 5, Howe, yell., splendid type and feather; 6, Phillips; 7, Fyfe; 8, Munro.

Mesrs. Mackie and Cameron's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, 4, Sloan, 1st good one, nice size and colour, fine front and wing carriage, beautifully cut, rare finish, 4th somewhat similar in build, grand front and shape, tip-top head; 2, Holmes, well made, plenty substance, tip-top wing carriage and head; 3, Erskine, strong made one, well rounded; 5, Chalmers, nice stamp, grandly finished off; vhc, Irons; hc, Trengove; c, Jarvie. BUFF (13): 1, Trengove, good coloured one, grand head and front, nicely drawn, marvellous bloom; 2, Chalmers, plenty substance and well rounded, good head, neatly got up; 3, Smeaton, good one, grand shape, beautifully tapered off, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, Dent, good head and neck; 5, Varty, nice size and plenty of substance; vhc, Varty; hc, Thompson; c, Tamock. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Chalmers, wins, lovely shape, correct weight, rare rounded one, tip top head, splendid front, staged in rare style; 2, Paterson, hot fed one, good size, splendid back and wing carriage, showy bird; 3, Latter, stout made one, plenty front, good head and neck; 4, Roulston, good quality feather, nice size, neatly got up; 5, Hector, good feather and style; vhc, Gowans; hc, Mclay; c, Easton. BUFF (15): 1, Hislop, about the best Nor. in show, topper and no mistake, enormous chest, well filled in neck, good head well tapered off, exceedingly well staged; 2, Mclay, good all round exhibit, well up in size; 3, Watson, good size fine quality feather; 4, Chalmerwood, good stamp and size, finely rounded, grand quality; 5 Crawford, heavy variegs., good shape; vhc, McLeod; hc, Erskine; c, Trengove. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (21): 1, Bishop, grandly finished, lovely colour, A1 size, good front, tip-top

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wing carriage and style, well put down; 2, Trengove, bouncer for chest, enormous front, well drawn; 3, Malcolmson, very chunky, grand head and front, well drawn and finished; 4, Ferguson, nice shape, good front and wing carriage, A1 head of feather; 5, Watson, not coloured; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Smeaton; c, Miller. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Archay, leader good one, very chunky, finely rounded, neat short feather, well finished, nice exhibit, 3rd good feather and size; 2, Roberts, plenty substance, rare front, well drawn, good wing carriage and finish; 4, Frazer, good shaped one, grandly rounded; 5, vhc, Jarvie, nice type, good head and neck, well burnished; hc, Nesbit; c, Smeaton. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Braidwood, heavy variegated, good one, full of quality, rare front and taper, good wing carriage, very neat; 2, Irons, hot fed, grand colour, nice head and taper; 3, Hutchinson, nice sized bird, good head, grand wing carriage; 4, Smeaton, grand size, neat head, good wing carriage; 5, Easton, good quality feather; vhc, Crawford; hc, McNichol; c, Scaife. BUFF (9): 1, Scaife, grand quality feather, rare colour, good head and neck, fine wing carriage; 2, Trengove, good fronted bird, bold, well drawn; 3, Dunn, good quality feather, nice exhibit; 4, Sloan, nice shape, grand size, rare head and front; 5, Frazer, strong made, good quality feather; vhc, Hector; hc, Smeaton; c, Gowans. NON FED CK. (14): 1, Aitchison, a gem and no mistake, an easy win, noble bird, rare head and front, good wing carriage, nice silky feather; 2, Sloan, nice bodied yell., good in front and wing carriage; 3, Easton, also a yell., good all round bird, well staged; 4, Irons, slashing buff, well meaned, plenty substance, grand front and head; 5, McFarlane, nice shape; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Wilcock; c, Winter. HEN (15): 1, Winter, good heavy variegated, nice one, rare shape, round as a marble, plenty substance, lovely head and wing carriage, well staged; 2, Watson and Noakes, nice yell., grand shape, beautifully tapered off, A1 wing carriage; 3, Calderwood, yell., nice feather and shape, good carriage; 4, Hector, good buff, lovely style and wing carriage; 5, Muir, plenty of size and good quality feather; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Ferguson, c, Aitchison. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (35): 1, Jarvie, grand moulded bird, lovely front full and free, well drawn, nice full round head, well packed on neck, rare style and carriage; 2, Watson, good one, rare colour and quality of feather, close up; 3, Winter, hot fed cl., nice size, good feather, wanting some tail feathers, good fronted one; 4, Irons, bouncing cl., topper and no mistake, lovely shape and finish, worth its place; 5, Dent, nice variegated, good colour, shape and size; vhc, Trengove; hc, Calderwood; c, Smeaton. BUFF (28): 1, Howe, bouncing variegated, lightly fed, full fronted, well drawn, rare head and wing carriage, lovely finished bird; 2, Watson, good stamp, grand head and back, A1 wing carriage; 3, Holmes, rare shape, grand colour, lovely front and head; 4, Miller, grand order, plenty size, lovely quality feather; 5, Shaw, chubby one, grand quality throughout, good front and head; vhc, Cook; hc, Ferguson; c, Latta. YELL. HEN (30): 1, Martin, good one, very round, fine head and front properties, nicely drawn; 2, Paterson, close up for body properties, in rare order; 3, Ferguson, slightly pinched looking on head, grand front, lovely wing carriage, A1 style, well staged; 4, Paterson, small, lovely shape, good front and head; 5, Smeaton, large one, plenty of substance, good head and wing carriage; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Malcolmson; c, Winter. BUFF (28): 1, Calderwood, wins, grand shape, lovely size, full fronted, round head, free from browing, neat front, grand wing carriage, rare tone of colour; 2, Kelly, good fronted bird, dense, full chest, grand carriage, good 2nd; 3, Thomson, nice shape and finish, good front, well drawn; 4, Chalmers, neat size, lovely shape, full headed, grand back and wing carriage; 5, Young, very unsteady, but lovely colour and full of quality; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Jarvie; c, Miller. NOVICE CLASS.—CK. (27): 1, Jeffrey, easy win, tack buff, grand size and head, rare front and taper, full and free, staged to perfection; 2, McNeill, again well up in size, plenty substance, grand wing carriage, fine feather; 3, Sinclair, buff, nice quality throughout, lovely head and wing carriage, A1 condition; 4, Johnstone, nice all round yell., well up in substance; 5, Smith, hot fed yell., rare front, good head and wing carriage; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Edwards; c, McNaughton. HEN (25): 1, Henderson, neat rounded buff variegated, good head, fine front, neat wing carriage, well up in size; 2, Thom, nice chubby yell., well up in size, good head and front well drawn; 3, Jeffrey, another yell., very large, plenty of substance, fine quality; 4, McNaughton, nice chubby buff, good shape, neatly finished; 5, Edward, another good rounded chubby buff, fine front, well drawn; vhc, McEwan; hc, McLeod; c, Sanderson. LIMIT (30/-) (16): 1, Jeffrey, nice made, shapely buff, good quality; 2, Winter, another A1 buff for quality and shape; 3, Henderson, nice yell.; 4, Sinclair; 5, Brown; vhc, Sloan; hc, Mackay; c, Dent. CK. (15/-) (27): 1, Dunn, well fed yell., good stamp; 2, Gray, hot fed variegated, close up; 3, Muir, yell., nice shape and size; 4, Donaghy; 5, Holmes; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Easton; c, Dent. HEN (15/-) (14): 1, Muir, good cl. buff, fine size; 2, Martin, variegated buff, nice quality; 3, Hutchison, cl. buff; 4, Donaghy; 5, Kelly; vhc, Tannoch; hc, Seed; c, Sharp.

Mr. Y. Taylor's Classes.

CREST.—DARK CK. (10): 1, vhc, Noble, leader wins, best rounded top piece, coming well to front, nicely centred, good at sides, staged in fine bloom; 2, Paul, good at back, fine quality feather, neat at sides and centre; 3, Esson, plenty of feather, wants grooming; 4, Shillinglaw, neat one, well divided, grandly finished; 5, McLay, nice lengthy feathered one, well laid on top piece; hc, Duncan; c, Cairns. HEN (7): 1, Noble, well laid on top piece, splendidly centred, coming well down in front and sides; 2, McLay, good one, fine feather, plenty of it, grand back and sides, close 2nd; 3, Watson, lengthy feathered bird, good quality feather, rather rough in appearance; 4, Cram, good one, nice quality feather; 5, Cairns, good groomed bird; vhc, Montgomery; hc, McNaughton. CL., ETC., CREST (12): 1, Mackie, grizzle, easy winner, best laid on in class, fine length of feather, well centred, good at sides, well staged; 2, Bruce, cl., lengthy and well carried feather, front nicely centred; 3, Shillinglaw, grizzle, neat length of finish; 4, Thomson, rather horny in appearance, but good length and quality; 5, Cairns, nice all round top piece; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Griffiths; c, McInnes. C.B. CK. (9): 1, McLay, slasher, leading, a gem and no mistake, cl., wonderful head piece, dense skull, noble entrance, rare lash; 2, Noble, another hot gentleman, rare lash, grand entrance, good head piece; 3, Burnett, cushion headed one, fine quality feather, well put down; 4, McLay, variegated, good lashed bird; 5, Ferguson, neat all round; vhc, Cairns; hc, Young; c, McNaughton. HEN (9): 1, Cairns, cl., extra good in entrance, fine length of lash well carried forward, good body and quality of feather; 2, vhc, Young, 2nd variegated, good head, nice width of skull, well up in lash; 3, McNaughton, beaten in length of feather, good skulled; 4, Montgomery, well lashed, plenty feather; 5, Dick, grand entrance, nicely headed; hc, Thomson; c, Shillinglaw. CREST LIMIT (£4) (11): 1, Mackie, nice one, good shapely top piece, well centred; 2, Noble, grandly laid on, splendid centre; 3, Thomson, good dense feather; 4, McNaughton; 5, Cram; vhc, Brue; hc, Chalmers; c, Shillinglaw. C.B. (£3) (10): 1, Noble, good green, nice head and lash; 2, Cairns, variegated; 3, McNaughton, cl.; 4, c, Adamson; 5, Tweedie; vhc, Esson; hc, McPhail. CREST (£1) (10): 1, McPhail, lengthy head gear; 2, Mackie; 3, Clark; 4, Thomson; 5, Tweedie; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Loudon; c, McInnes. C.B. (£1) (8): 1, McPhail, good one, cheap; 2, Boyd, cushion headed; 3, Griffiths, well lashed; 4, Tweedie; 5, vhc, Muir; hc, Mackie; c, Wilson. YOUNG CREST CK., 1908 (15): 1, 4, Adamson, leader good green, fine length of feather, well centred, grand all round, 4th good large crest, rare size and back, nicely groomed; 2, Moreland, variegated, good one, fine centre and frontal, grand at back; 3, Cairns, grizzle, splendidly laid on, finely centred; 5, Young, good shape and quality, well finished; vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Mackie; c, Noble. HEN (15): 1, Noble, fine length of leather, good back and sides, grand centre and quality; 2, Young, good one, fine lengthy feather, coming well down all round, well placed; 3, Adamson, nicely centred, good all round; 4, Cairns, neatly made; 5, Duncan, good centred bird, nice quality; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Wilson; c, McLay. C.B. CK., 1908 (14): 1, Paul, nice cushion headed one, fine skull, well burnished, nice lash, good entrance, wins; 2, vhc, Noble, grand entrance, well lashed; 3, McLay, another good one, nice top piece, neat entrance, well lashed; 4, 5, Griffiths, 4th nice all round bird, 5th beaten by winners, but still a good one; hc, Lappin; c, Mackie. HEN (15): 1, Esson, nice cl., good wide entrance, very neat in lash, taking exhibit; 2, McLay, good front, grand entrance, well down in lash; 3, Adamson, well lashed; 4, 5, Sanderson, 4th well up in lash, 5th good in head properties; vhc, Moreland; hc, Shillinglaw; c, Dick.

Messrs. Watson and Cochrane's Classes.

CL., ETC., MULE (7): 1, 2, Galloway, 1st lovely cl. yell. Goldfinch-Can., a perfect gem, in grand bloom, wins easily, 2nd cl. buff, in splendid lettle, put down to perfection; 3, Arrighi, nicely marked Mule, almost cl., in perfect form, value for position; 4, Jackson and Bond, charmingly marked buff, smart, in excellent leather; 5, Duncan and Logan, another very fine Mule; 6, McQuiston; 7, W. Johnstone. VARIEG. (16): 1, 4, Jackson and Bond, 1st a gem, well marked yell., good size, rare quality, wins easily, Goldie-Can., 4th faultless Linnet Mule, full of quality and well staged; 2, Galloway, beautiful Linnet-Can., in grand condition, full of quality; 3, Johnstone, yell. variegated Goldfinch-Can., rare quality, in lovely condition; 5, Arrighi, nice Goldfinch-Can. Mule, in good condition; 6, Leigh; 7, 8, Douglas. DARK GOLDFINCH MULE (16): 1, Coffey, large bouncing yell. Mule, lovely feather, grand quality, wins easily; 2, Duncan and Logan, another grand dark yell., also in the best of feather, quite a treat; 3, Arrighi, nice leather and condition, in hot company; 4, Lawrie, also of excellent merit; 5, Nicholson, fine Mule; 6, Chalmers; 7, Buchanan; 8, Thomson. DARK LINNET, ETC., MULE (16): 1, Leigh, grand Greenfinch Mule, rare size, in very best of feather, a perfect gem; 2, Hamilton, grand Linnet Mule in rare leather, full of good points, value for place; 3, Baird, very nice Goldie Mule, good quality, rich in plumage; 4, Roddie, grand Linnet Mule, in fine condition; 5, Duncan and Logan, Goldfinch Mule, in excellent bloom; 6, Arrighi; 7, Taylor; 8 Fitton. CAN. MULE A.O.V. (except Canary-Bull finch) (10): 1, Leigh, charming Siskin-Can. Mule, good size, nicely marked, displaying parentage, in perfect bloom, smart; 2, Erskine, captivating Red poll-Can., nicely laced, in rare bloom; 3, Fraser, nice bright Siskin-Can., magnificent feather, full of merit; 4, Leighton, another meritorious Siskin-Can., in good condition; 5, Richardson, Redpoll Can., nice exhibit; 6, Jamieson; 7, McGregor; 8, Ward. BULLFINCH HYB. (10): 1, Duncan and Logan, nice sized Canary-Bullfinch, high coloured nice cap, beautiful bars, rich feather; 2, 7, 8, Arrighi, beautiful Goldie-Bullfinch, nice colour, rich bloom; 3, Reid, nice sized Greenfinch-Bullfinch, excellent colour in body and round the eye, value for 2nd place; 4, Jackson and Bond, large Canary Bullfinch, rare quality; 5, Grant, good Goldie-Bullfinch; 6, Johnstone, hybrid good quality. DARK HEN MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, Lawrie, sweet Goldfinch-Can., nice feather, worth its place; 2, Taylor, Goldfinch-Can., in good condition, fine quality; 3, McQuiston, Goldfinch-Can., good type; 4, Craig, smart Linnet-Can., well groomed, nicely put down; 5, Webster, grand Goldfinch-Can., lovely plumage; 6, Jackson and Bond; 7, Chalmers; 8, McKenzie. A.O.V. HYB. (13): 1, McQuiston, an outstanding Goldfinch Greenfinch, well marked, rich plumage, well placed; 2, Jackson and Bond, really charming Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, put down in perfect condition, rich plumage; 3, Duncan and Logan, ideal Goldfinch-Redpoll, nicely marked, very trim and lively; 4 Whiteford, grand Goldfinch Greenfinch, magnificent plumage, close up; 5, Buchanan, nice Goldfinch-Linnet; 6, Douglas; 7, Jamieson; 8, Raine. SELF. MULE OR HYB (20): 1, Roddie; 2, McCaw; 3, Howe; 4, McQuiston; 5, Menzies; 6, Kinnell and Brown; 7, Guthrie; 8, Johnstone.

BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Henderson, nice shape, dense face, well cut, very pure in whites, fine tanning and chest, in rare bloom; 2, Gow, lovely tannings, good fronted bird, nicely buttoned, well finished off, dusky cheeks; 3, Sanderson, neat all round finish, nice cut; 4, McDougal, rare order, well cut finish, nice shape, good tone of colour; 5, Roddie, nice face, well up in size; unnoticed, No. 6, Tams and Son, some made the best in class, must have been overlooked, in tip-top form; vhc, Raine; hc, McDonald; c, Todd. BULLFINCH (12): 1, spl, McQuiston, nice size, lovely shape, good dense colour, grand cap, rare wing bars, well staged; 2, Guthrie, grand capped bird, nice size and quality of feather, tight as a drum; 3, spl, Dunsmuir, dense coloured bird, grand cap, fine size and quality of feather; 4, Henderson, lovely sheen, grand finish, good cap and breast, plenty style; 5, Gow, large, good colour and quality of feather; vhc, McDonald; hc, Brown; c, Nicoll. LINNET (14): 1, Patterson, grandly toned, lovely shape and quality of feather, good head, front and style, well put down; 2, Erskine, well marked, clear and distinct, lovely wing flights, in rare bloom; 3, spl, Arrighi, nice tone of colour, well marked, bouncer for size, splendidly put down; 4, Howe, well



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(10): 1, spl, Craig, cloaking Twite, grand size, rare breast markings, good flights, A1 colour, well staged; 2, Love, nice Mealy, fine size, good bib and markings, well staged; 3, spl, Mequiston, another grand Twite, A1 colour and size, well up in flights; 4, Johnston, mealy 'Poll, dense bib, good markings and tone of colour; 5, Alison Bros., Twite, fine size and markings, well defined wing flights; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Ward, c, Lappin. LESSER REDPOLL (24): 1, Cairns, wins and no mistake, regular hot one, grand size, lovely markings, dense bib, rare head, fine tone of colour; 2, Carver, rare cap, splendid back and flights, lovely shade throughout; 3, Mills, grandly finished, lovely shade and sheen, well placed, 4, Pendrigh, another nice one; 5, Gow, nice size and shape; vhc, Kelly; hc, Sinclair; c, Shaw. GREENFINCH (12): 1, spl, Craig, St. Boswells winner, grand size, lovely shape, regular demon for colour, grandly fed, well staged; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, large, high fed, slashing buff, grand sheen, splendid shape, good wing flights; 3, Christie, nice coloured bird, grand wing bars; 4, Aitken, good, strong made finish, fine shape, well put down, good exhibit; 5, spl, McQuiston, nice one, rare colour and shape; vhc, Bald; hc, Brown; c, Aitken. NON FED (15): 1, Telfer, Jonque, good one, rare wing bars, teeming with colour, nice feather and shape; 2, Howe, slashing Finch, in extra good order, fine flights, good head; 3, Alston, nice quality feather, well staged; 4, Reid, grand order, extra good in colour; 5, Gavin, taking bird, good tone of colour; vhc, McCulloch; hc, Coffy; c, Dawdson. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, spl, Henderson, nice shapely Finch, good cap, fine breast colour, good wing flights, plenty of size, well staged; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, another topper for size, dense cap, good breast colour, well placed; 3, spl, Reid, nice shapely Finch, dense in colour, grand tone throughout; 4, Adams, nice size, steady, well forward in size; 5, Coffy, again plenty of colour; vhc, Aitken; hc, Simpson; c, McVay. BRAMBLEFINCH (16): 1, Alston, large, grandly cut, pure in chest, nicely finished and blended, good dense head, grand back facing, steady, in rare bloom; 2, Howe, beautifully coloured, grand front and head, distinct, nice size, well staged; 3, 5, Craig, good colour, grandly pencilled on back, 5th grand headed bird, dense markings; 4, Pendrigh, good colours, well cut, neat front, fine size; vhc, Livingstone and Sharp; hc, Erskine; c, Raine. HAWFINCH (6): 1, spl, Simpson, gem, easy winner, for colours and markings will take some stopping, grand head, rare bib, splendid breast; 2, Gilmour, large Finch, a good one; 3, Ward, nice tone of colour, good size, fine head; 4, Duncan, rare condition, well marked; 5, Pendrigh, grand bead, well cut on bib. YELLOWHAMMER (9): 1, Raine, good one, fine size, grand colour throughout, well marked on head, good chest and back facing, now at its best (claimed at catalogue price); 2, Crearie and Son, good one, pure, distinct in eye markings, well up in body; 3, spl, Pendrigh, stylish, well cut, good in head markings, nice breast and back, well placed; 4, Ward, good one, lovely front, rare tone of colour; 5, spl, Henderson, nice exhibit, rare size; vhc, Brown; hc, Calder; c, Watt and Storrie. A.O.S. FINCH (10): 1, McQuiston, slashing Corn Bunting, A1 size and colour, nicely marked, steady and staged to perfection; 2, Taylor, very nice marked, steady Meadow Bunting, good size, well defined on head; 3, Craig, Crossbill, grand size, good colour, steady, only half wing on one side; 4, Ross, sweet Cirl Bunting, grand colour and size, well marked, good exhibit; 5, Steel, Reed Bunting, fine size and quality of feather; vhc, Taylor; hc, Baird; c, Easton. BRIT. SOFTBILL, SMALL (10): 1, 2, spl, Henderson, leader Blue-throated Warbler, in very nice order, fine size, well marked, taking exhibit; 2, Blue-headed Wagtail, well up in size and colour, well staged; 3, Erskine, real good Redstart, topping size, grand colour on breast, clear markings on head, staged to perfection; 4, Martin, Grey Wagtail, nice colour; 5, Taylor, Crested Tit, sweet exhibit, beautifully staged; vhc, Cumming; hc, Henderson; c, Taylor. LARGE (8): 1, Crockatt, Waxwing, very nice one, fine size, good quality feather, good colours, well staged; 2, McQuiston, large Chough, plenty of sheen and dense in colour, rare bill and leg; 3, 4, Brown; 3rd, good Fieldfare, nice size and quality of feather; 4, Missel Thrush, rare size, well marked, plenty of colour, good exhibit, nicely staged; 5, Tait, Nutcracker, finely marked, and steady, and interesting; vhc, Craig; hc, Richardson; c, Muir. BULLFINCH HEN (15): 1, Wilson, good one, fine dense colour, good cap and wing bars, in A1 order; 2, 3, Livingstone and Sharp, well up in bloom; 2, neat cut cap, dense colour throughout; 3, pair of hot ones, well placed; 4, Duncan, nice size, grand shape; 5, Brisbane, good cap and bib, well finished; vhc, Nicoll; hc, Davidson; c, Vart. A.O.S. BRIT HEN (19): 1, spl, Martin, good sized well marked Grey Wagtail, nicely staged, in fine bloom; 2, Brown, Corn Bunting, nice size and colour, well marked, in A1 order; 3, spl, Milton Chen Redstart, good one, fine size, plenty colour; 4, Reid, grand Chaffinch, rare size, colour, and markings; 5, Howe, Hawfinch, well marked; vhc, Bald; hc, McQuiston; c, Erskine. FOR. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Livingstone and Sharpe, grand size, lovely shape, good buttons, rare wing bars, clean cut cheeks, teeming with quality; 2, McQuiston, good one, denser in face, real grand blaze, well cut, fine body, good back, neat cheeks; 3, Arrighi, another hot one, nice cut face, clearly defined on collar, rare nap, fine full blaze; 4, Shaw, another taking Finch, well forward; 5, Telfer, good shape; vhc, Steel; hc, Watt and Storrie; c, Pendrigh. FOR. SMALL (11): 1, Howe, Superb Tanager, nice size, grand colour, in tip-top bloom, well staged; 2, Mason, pair of A1 Red-headed Gouldian Finches, extra good condition; 3, 5, Manson, pair of fine Finches, in tip-top bloom, and a Long-tailed Whydah, well up in colour, good size; 4, Grey, Red-headed Gouldian cock, good face, nice size and condition; vhc, Henderson; hc, Alston; c, Gray. LARGE (9): 1, 2, Alston, leading pair of many-coloured Parrakeets, exquisite exhibits; 2, looks like a Hybrid, lovely exhibit; 3, Wilson, Swainson's Lorikeet, in faultless condition; 4, Campbell, Black-headed Caique, interesting bird; 5, Miss Gray, best talker we ever heard; vhc Proudfoot; hc, Manson; c, Crai-

PRESTON.

The annual exhibition under the auspices of the Preston O.S. was held in the Assembly Rooms, Public Hall, on November 13th and 14th, and proved a great success in every way, entries coming in well, and the gate being highly satisfactory. The room is an ideal one for a large bird show, allowing plenty of space for both birds and visitors, and is very well lighted. Although it was the Inter-club show between the English and Scotch N.F.C.'s at Glasgow, this did not prevent the Norwich men turning up at Preston, many noted exhibitors (including Mr R. Baker, of Dewes) sending grand teams. Yorkshires were a magnificent collection, some exceptional specimens winning in these classes, including Messrs. Ambler's champion clear yellow cock and yellow hen. In the four classes for Borders many beautiful little gems were staged. The yellow hen of Mr. Wilson's, and the buff hen of Messrs. Hopper Bros., are a couple of stormers, and worth going a long way to see. British and Foreign, under the patronage of their respective specialist clubs, brought together many noted champions, and made a striking and effective show. The novice classes as usual were very well filled, and many grand birds were amongst the exhibits. The cup presented by Lord Stanley for best Canary shown by a member was won by Mr. T. Seed with his clear Buff Norwich, Little King II., Messrs. Cleminson, and Taylor's undlighted yellow being the runner up. The Charles Blackhurst Cup was also won by Mr. T. Seed. The Preston O.S. Cup was won by Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor, the Oswaldcotton Cup by Messrs. Leeming Bros., and Hyde's special by Messrs. Colville and Knight. The secretaries, Messrs. W. H. Heathcote and J. T. Swarbrick, together the committee, Messrs. J. W. Cleminson (show manager), C. Blackhurst (chairman), the Rev. S. E. Collinson (chief steward), J. P. Leeming (treasurer), J. Curwen, T. Dunn, H. Heaps, F. Issott, T. Leeming, W. Lewis, W. Binns, W. Parkinson, W. Howarth, R. Taylor, H. Marsh, and W. Walkden, are to be congratulated on the very able and efficient manner in which they carried out their numerous duties, everything necessary being done for the comfort and welfare of both exhibits and visitors. The Judges were Dr. Herd (Morecambe) and Messrs. Mundell (Bradford) and Parker Robinson (Barrow-in-Furness), and their awards were favourably received.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Amblers, good head, blaze of colour and quality, position, well braced wings and tail; 2, c, Townsend, full of quality, well braced wings, piped tail, 3, Lane, long flights and tail, nice position, good head; 4, Binns, grand quality, well up on leg, neat head; vhc, Wilkinson and Hillary; hc, Burton. BUFF: 1, 2, Ambiers; 1, a long bird, brim full of quality, rich colour, grand position and nerve; 2, good head, nice wing carriage. 3, Lane, typical, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Blackhurst, position and feather, good wings and tail; vhc, hc, Bradley and Counsdon; c, Burton. TKD., ETC., YELL. 1, 3, Ambiers, tick on neck, nice position and feather, rich colour, grand wings and tail; 3, full of quality, neat head, clean on chest, nice wings and tail; 2, Watmuff, eye tick, wild, neat head, long flights and tail; 4, Lane, full of quality, good length; vhc, Blackhurst; hc, Crossley; c, Wilkinson and Hillary. BUFF: 1, vhc, Ambiers, grizzled .n colour, position, neat head, good wings and tail; 2 Wilkinson and Hillary, wing tick, full of quality; 3, Watmuff, chest and wing marked, long flight and tail; 4, Lane, very typical, long flights and tail; hc, Dewhurst; c, Townsend. HUN YELL. (13): 1, Ambiers, good head, position, long flights and tail quality; 2, Burton, lovely feather; 3, Lane, good head, wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Blackhurst, feather and position, long flight and tail; vhc, hc, Brooks; c, Douglas. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Burton, lovely hen, teeming with quality; 4, well up in position and feather; 2, Ambiers, lovely hen for quality and position; 3, Townsend, Cinn. tick, full of quality, position; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Crossley; c, Binns. CREST n d C.B. (8): 1, 2, Roberts; 1, Crest-bred, massive skull, plenty of body feather; 2, Crest, good centre and droop, plenty of feather; 3, 4, Hart, grey Crest, good centre, nice droop. SELL. (20/-): 1, Watson; 2, Bennison; 3, Parkinson; 4, Binns; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Sutton; c, Senior and Hartley. NOVICE OPEN YELL. YORKS (8): 1, Simpson, uneven, excellent quality, nice position; 2, Parker, long flights and tail; 3, Brown and Smith; 4, hc, Parkinson; vhc, Havenhand; c, Proctor. BUFF (6): 1, Holmes, cap, rich colour and feather, nice position; 2, Proctor, typical, feather well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Arkwright, pale colour, position and quality; 4, Parkinson; vhc, Parker; hc, Simpson. HEN YELL. (3): 2, Bennison; 3, Arkwright. BUFF (10): 1, Holmes, position, feather, nice wings and tail, rich colour; 2, Brown and Smith, typical, good wings and tail; 3, Havenhard, position good head, rich colour; 4, Parkinson, neat head, full of quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Bullough; c, [illegible]; Gerrard; 2, Johnson; 3, Linaker; 4, Dudeston; vhc, he, c, Howarth. A.O.V. CAN. (5): [illegible], Brown and Smith; 3, Parkinson.

Dr. Herd and Mr. Parker Robinson's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, c, Blackhurst, ol., red-hot colour, grand substance and quality, splendid shape, takes Sandford's Cup for best-fed yell. bird; 2, Howie, good size and shape, magnificent quality and colour; 3, 4, Seed, cl. and thigh ticked respectively, 3rd grand shape and size, good head, nice colour; 4th, rare colour, grand quality and shape; vhc, Sherrington, splendid quality; hc, Thompson. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Seed, leader well known Little King II., looking very fit; 2nd, another grand Nor., splendid shape, colour, and quality; 3rd, Sherrington, grand substance and shape, fine head, neck; 4, Isaott, good head and colour, grand quality and shape; vhc, and Sandford's medal for best fed Buff, hc, Cleminson and Taylor, two grand birds, good type; c, Watson. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Howie, leader head and wing marked, grand size, correct shape, good hold front, grand one; 4th, head and wing marked, rare colour and quality; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, marked head, neck, and wing, grand shape and colour, good size and quality; 3, Seed, head and wing marked, red-hot colour, grand shape and quality vhc, Mercer, ticked back of head, good size and colour; Leeming Bros., variegs., grand shape; c, Blackhurst. BUFF (10): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, marked head and wing, Blackburn winner, grand size and shape, good quality and colour; 2, Leeming Bros., variegs., grand quality, rare head, neck, and chest, nice colour, close up; 3, Howie, wing ticked, splendid size and colour, magnificent quality; 4, Seed, marked head, neck, and back, capital size, good colour, nice quality, vhc Howie, marked head and back, grand type and quality; hc, Senior and Hartley; c, Mercer. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (15): 1, hc, Blackhurst, cl., splendid shape and quality, rare colour and carriage, grand hen; 2, Cooper, rubbing type, splendid colour and quality, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, cl., undlig., teems with quality, extra shape, nice colour, we liked, 4, J. Thompson, smart cl., undlig., good shape and quality; vhc, W. Thompson; c, Howie. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Blackhurst, grand couple, leader extra size, c, good size, superior quality; 3rd, good colour and quality, nice size, hardly type; 2, Baker, clinking hen, magnificent shape and quality, nice colour; 4, Curwen, rare quality, nice colour and size; vhc, c, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, J. Thompson. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Seed, variegs, grand shape and quality, good size and colour, bounty hen; 2, Blackhurst, foul green, rare short thick-set bird, splendid quality and colour; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, eye marked; 4, Howie, variegs, extra shape and quality, nice colour; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Senior and Hartley; c, Fowler. BUFF (7): 1, Smith, variegs., bounter, correct shape, magnificent quality, good size, in rare bloom; 2, Howie, head and wings marked, good quality and shape, rattling size, nice colour; 3, Blackhurst, variegs, fine head, neck and chest, splendid shape and quality; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, eyes and wings marked; vhc, Anderton; hc, Cooper; c, Curwen. UNFLIG. YELL. (12) 1, Cleminson and Taylor, Blackburn winner, looking exceedingly well to-day; 2, Howie, cl., better colour, extra quality and size, close up; 3, Sherrington, variegs., good one, rare colour and quality, grand shape and size; 4, Blackhurst, cl., rattling quality and colour, nice size, hardly substance; vhc, Anderton, ticked over eyes, superior quality; hc, Roberts; c, Coventry. BUFF (10): 1, Seed, marked head, wing and tail, grand one, rare head, neck and chest, fine colour and quality, Liverpool winner; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, good colour and quality, nice size and shape; 3, Blackhurst, clear, extra shape, nice size and colour, good Nor.; 4, Mercer, marked breast and wing, superior shape and quality; vhc, Tams and Son, ticked back of head, magnificent shape; hc, Thompson; c, Baker. NAT. COL (8): 1, 3, c, Dr Martin, leader cl. yell., grand shape and colour, nice quality and condition; 3rd, very good clear buff, good size and quality; 2, Howie, slight grizzle on neck, buff, big bold bird, nice quality; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, variegs yell.; vhc, Seed; hc, Blackhurst. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (14): 1, hc, Bayley, cl., a gem, extra quality and shape, grand colour and carriage; 2, Davis, cl., wonderful colour and type, beautiful quality and condition; 3, Hopper Bros., ticked back of head, grand colour, smooth as glass, grand type, lovely mover. 4, Wilson, clear, fine quality, type, and colour, close up; vhc, Hudson; c, Harris. BUFF (16): 1, Davis, ticked over eyes, correct shape, rare quality, moves well, good one; 2, Bayley, clear, feather like wax, splendid shape and colour; 3, Hopper Bros., marked head and wings, neat, stylish, typical Border; 4, Simpson, again marked head and wing, exquisite type and quality; vhc, Harris; hc, Morrell; c, Parkinson. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Wilson, clear, a stormer, extra quality, fine mover, grand type, wins; 2, Bayley, clear, grand type and quality, nice colour and condition; 3, Hopper Bros., clear, magnificent type; 4, Parkinson, ticked head and neck, correct type, exquisite quality, nice colour; vhc, Bayley; hc, Davis; c, Simpson. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Hopper Bros., leader ticked over eye, perfect model, wonderful quality, splendid carriage, grand type, 2nd, head and wings marked, clinking little specimen, good 2nd; 3, Houghton, eyes and wings marked, fine shape, quality, and carriage; 4, Bayley, ticked back of head, lovely bloom and finish, grand quality and type; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Davis; c, Lange. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Walsh, grand Scotch Fancy, fine circle and reach; 2, Dr Martin, clinking good foul green Norwich, grand shape and quality; 3, Philpson, slashing Lancs. coppy; 4 Malburn, good yell. cinn.; vhc, Coventry; hc, Johnson; c, Holmes. CANARY MULE (6). 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, leader head, neck, and wing marked Siskin Can., rare colour and quality, perfect condition; 2nd, clear Goldfinch Cinn., shishing size and quality; 3rd, even eyes and wing-marked Goldfinch Can., well balanced markings, lovely quality 4 Issott, dark Linnet Can., rare shape and size; vhc, Tams and Son, Siskin Can.; hc, Kirkham, dark Greenfinch Can. A.O.V. MULE OR HYBRID (9) 3, Jackson and Bond, Linnet Bullfinch, shows both crosses distinctly; 4, Johnson, fine Greenfinch-Bullfinch. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Hurst, well known Prade of Liverpool, wonderful size, fine rich tans, lovely well cut blaze, grand mounts and buttons, stormer; 2, Kemp, another nice Goldfinch, well up in size, grand colour and blaze, in fine trim; 3, Marsh, lovely body colour, nice bars and buttons, good size; 4, Walsh, grand finch every respect, vhc, Kirkham; hc, Hunter, c, T and J. Kearton. LINNET (11): 1, T, and J. Kearton, capital size and colour, splendid mark ge, extra quality, very steady; 2, Hurst, rare shape and size, rich nut brown colour; 3, Tams and Son, very similar bird, good 3rd 4, Pickles, well pencilled, good size and quality; vhc, Bartonne, Holden; c, Hurst. FIELD-MOULTED (5): 1, 4, Cleminson and Taylor, grand size, rich colour, well pencilled; 4th, grand colour and markings. 2, Tams and Son, grand size and colour. 3, Marsh, grand Linnet, close up; vhc, Hopkins. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Hurst, wonderful size, splendid colour, feather like a Java, a gem; 2, Pickles, grand size, rare quality and shape; 3, Hurst, splendid colour and quality, very steady. 4, Hunter, good colour, splendid shape and quality, vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Milkinsamp; c, Fryer. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, Watt, grand Twite good size, well marked, beautiful finish; 2, Marsh, Redpoll, grand size and shape, splendid feather and condition; 3, Hunter, very good coloured Siskin, good cap and quality; 4, Fryer, another Siskin, hardly colour of 3rd; vhc, Barton BARD BILL A.O.S. (11): 1, 3, Hurst, Hawfinch and Bramblefinch respectively, Hawfinch grand size and colour, good bib, splendid feather; Bramblefinch very rich in colour, good size, clinking specimen; 2, Johnson, Yellowhammer, grand colour and markings, good size and quality 4, Hurst, well-known Yellow Bunting Shamrock, grand colour and markings; vhc, hc, Almond, Hawfinch and Bramblefinch; c, Hunter, Corn Bunting. INSECTIVE SMALL (7): 1, Walsh, Grey Wagtail, superb quality, grand condition, very steady, well shown; 2, J. and W Marsden, very fine Nightingale; 3 Wallbrough, Grey Wagtail, grand exhibit, worth its place; 4, Almond, Meadow Pipit, splendid colour, and markings; vhc, Woodruff, Nightjitch; hc, Kirkham, Wagtail; c, Mackwell, Wagtail. PARROT ETC. (5): 1, Rev S E Collinson, Alexandrine perfect feather and condition; 2, Cheetham, pair Lories wonderful colour, beautifully staged; 3 Cheetham King Parrakeet; 4, Grieve; vhc, Anderton. A.O.S. COMMON SMALL SEEDEATER (6): 1, Harrison St Helena Waxbills; 2, Walsh, Star finches; 3, Pyke, Spice Birds; 4, Creasey, Cordon Bleu vhc Cheetham Waxbills; hc, Creasey Zebra Finch. A.O.S SEEDEATER (3): 3, Pickles Pintail Nonpareil, 4 Bennett, fine Russian Goldfinch respectively SMALL (4): 1 Pickles, Maroon Tanager; 2, Harrison, Blue Winged Tanager; 3, Waden, Indian Shama; 4, Cressley, Superb Tanager, all nice birds, well staged. SELL. (12/6) (16): 1, Curwen, buff Nor.; 2, Auburn, buff cinn.. 3, Winders, yellow Nor.; 4, Smith; vhc, Burns; hc, Cleminson and Taylor; c, Lewis. GIF'S CLASS (10): 1, Issott; 2, Marsh; 3, Burns; 4, Leeming Bros., vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Balough; c, Hopkins.

OPEN NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Martin, variegs, grand shape and size, rare colour and quality; 2, Stenson, clear, splendid shape and colour, nice quality; 3, Johnson, eye and wings marked, resting shape, good head, rare colour; 4, Colville and Knight, clear, good size and quality 4, vhc, Anderson, variegs, good colour; hc, Fowler; c, Coupe. BUFF (24): 1, Lunse, clear, big, bouncing bird of rare substance and quality, good colour; 2, Wynn and Banna, head, neck and wing marked, fine size, correct shape, good quality 3 Proctor, again grand shape, extra type and quality; 4 Brown, clear, splendid quality and colour; vhc, Fowler, wing marked, good Nor.; hc, Winders; c, Marsh, a grand class. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Havenhand, cl. grand one, rare size and shape, fine head and chest, splendid quality; 2, Lucas, very similar cl., grand substance and quality; 3, [illegible], cl. [illegible] and quality, nice colour; 4, Coupe, cl., grand quality, good size, bold head; vhc, Winders, cheeks and wing marked, another clinking good hen; hc, Anderton; c, Peak. BUFF (20): 1, Fryer, wing tkd., magnificent shape, well across the perch, all front; 2, Peake, cl., superior shape and colour, good quality; 3, Brown and Smith, grand hen, well placed 4, Brown, ticked on wing, grand shape and quality; vhc, Marsh, nice variegs. hen; hc, Nickson; c, Winders. UNFLIG. (25): 1, Dixon, cl. yellow, slashing quality, grand bird all through 2, Peake, cap and wing marked buff, rare shape and colour, good head and chest; 3, Gerrard, grand shape and colour, magnificent quality; 4, Swalley, big hot coloured cl. yell., fine shape and carriage; vhc, Havenhand, neat cl. buff; hc, Waddington, cl. yell.; c, Johnson.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.

Held at the Drill Hall, on Nov. 12. The entry was affected no doubt by the crashing of so many shows on this date, both Swansea and Bristol taking place on the same day. The cage bird section was in the hands Messrs. Jones and Davies, supported by willing helpers, all capable fanciers, and the exhibits were well looked after. The Canary classes filled well, particularly in the Yorks classes. Norwich were also good. Two good classes of Borders were on view and the quality of the Scots Fancy was far in advance of what we usually see in Wales. Mules, Foreign, and British were a real good show, in themselves. The show was very well attended during the day and it looks like being a huge financial success. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. C. (9): 1, Sheldon, lovely quality, neat head, well carried wings and tail, in faultless form; 2, Hartber, another cl. yell., very true to type, wonderful colour; 3, Eynon, very good yell., rare colour, excels in head and neck properties; 4, A. Brown, large sized, good Nor. type; vhc, hc, Prichard; c, Bradford. BUFF (13): 1, spl, c, Tedstone, variegs. bull, stasher for size, type and quality, wins special for best Nor., ideal wing carriage, compact; 2, 4, vhc, G. T. Jones, clinking good team, rare size and type, feathered like boxwood; 4th, variegs., typical, well shown; 3, Sheldon, close up, neat head and neck, feathered like silk; vhc, Prichard; c, Bracegirdle. HUN (11): 1, Prichard, clinking cl., rare type and style, perfection for quality of feather, staged in splendid trim; 2, Harber, another very sweet yell. hen, good head and nice short wings, and tail 3, Hill, good size, type and colour; 4, Wright, good variegs., Nor., rare stamp; vhc, Jupe; hc, Eynon; c, Sheldon. YORKS. YELL. CK. (17): 1, spl, Cross, truly typical Yorkie, grand position and length, neatest of wings and tail; 2, Bracegirdle, good stamp, nicely drawn, best of necks, well filled in at shoulders; 3, Cook, very smart gentleman, neat wings and tail, in grand feather; 4, Pipplins; vhc, Perry; hc, Shearn and Owens; c, Mrs. Garland BUFF (13): 1, 2, Hughes, couple of gems, wonders for quality of feather, nicely drawn, shown in very best style; 3, Dates, very stylish specimen, neat head, good position and carriage, feathered well; 4, Parfitt, very good, grand style and carriage; vhc, Perry; hc, Griffiths Bros.; c, Davies. HEN (18): 1, Jeffries, very trim and stylish exhibit, good length of feather, in nice style; 2, Parfitt, very close feathered buff, exceptional quality feather, grand position on perch; 3, Cook, real warm fun, rare style and carriage; 4, Shearn and Owen; vhc, Card; hc, Wright; c, Howard. UNFLIG. (18): 1, H. C. Smith, splendid youngster, rare position and length, best of wing and tail carriage, feathered very nicely; 2, Cross high-class youngster, full of style and quality, rare showman for a youngster; 3, S. Evans, also much above the average, good length, nicely moulded back; 4, Shearn and Owen; vhc, Cross; hc, Thomas; c, Card. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, Mrs. Jenkins, leader eye and wing mkd., choice Border, feather like glass; 2, good yell. green, fine jaunty carriage; 3, Taylor, neat, good quality Border, grand typical specimen, staged with nice taste; vhc, Sheldon. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Jenkins, another clinking good team of Borders, all full of essential Border properties, put down in clinking style; 4, Taylor, very good Border, neat carriage, tail and wings; vhc, Sheldon. SCOTS FCY. (5): 1, vhc, J. H. Jones, massive variegs. buff, rare hop, splendid depression of head, works very smartly; 2, 3, B. Davies, former Carmarthen winner, lovely movers, got down in quick time; hc, Andrews, A.O.V. (7): 1, Prichard, even mkd. Nor., rare typical specimen, short and cobby, well nut down; 2, J. Jeffries, lovely yell. Green Yorks., good length, fine erect carriage; 3, Beard, nice specimen, rare quality feather, nicely staged; 4, B. Davies; vhc, W. H. Jones hc, J. H. Jones. UNFLIG. CAN (11): 1, Sheldon, clinking good young Nor. lovely size, type and quality, brimful of good Nor. properties; 2, J. H. Jones, very sweet young buff, Scots, rare substance for a youngster; 3 Brown, very fine exhibit, put down with very good taste; 4, Harber; vhc, Pritchard; hc Beard; c, G. Thomas. NOVICE CLASS (16): 1 Bradford; 2, Megg; 3, Edwards; 4, Andrews; vhc, Card; vhc, Dukes c, L. Brown MULE (6): 1 W Thomas, almost cl., buff Goldie Can., proficient shape, good bars, very nice; 2 3, G. Thomas, 2 good like., buff Goldie and Linnet, grand face and body colour on former; 4, Morgan; vhc, Colbourne; hc D. Jones. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Taverner, nice sized Finch, rare coloured face, very neatly cut nicely buttoned; 2, E. J. Davies, rare little stamp, good square blaze, nice expanse; 3, Pace, Clumping lge one, good face, colour, excellent polish; 4 F. G. Jones well up in face, very neat; vhc W. H. Davies; hc Dube; c, Lewis. GREENFINCH (7): 1 Tipplins, extra grand youngster, neat square face, plenty of polish, a tip topper; 2, D. Griffiths, very large, very high class one; 3, Taylor, very neatly got up, good tans and face, should be heard of again; 4, Morgan; hc, E. Davies; c, Rees. BULLFINCH ETC. (9): 1, L. Brown, Chaffinch, deep coloured one, rare blue head, good whites on buttes. 2, Williams, Greenfinch, fine size and colour, good wide lightly coloured flights; 3, Norton, very neat Budie, good coloured frontal, neat cap and bars; 4, J. P. Davies and F. H. Brooks; vhc, Lewis; hc, J. Davies, c, G. F. Jones. LINNET (5): 1, Reynolds, rare coloured, fine marks, good head, nicely carried wings. 2, Griffiths, another nutty one, wealth of lacing, shows whites off in fine style; 3, T. Sullivan, very fine bouncing bird, well braced. 4, Tavener, very choice, grand colour; vhc, J. Sullivan. SISKIN ETC. (3): 1, Lewis and Dymond, extra large Lesser Redpoll, well laced sides; 2, W. G. Davies, very neat specimen, good colour, well laced; 3, J. D. Jones, Siskin, well coloured, ly staged. A.S. BRIT. (5): J. Norton, Bramble, nicely sprangled, splendid front, and wing butts, well shown; 2, J. Davies, very neat Cirl Bunting, lovely defined eye and cheek marks; 3, Lewis and Dymond, good Yellowhammer, fine colour and size; 4, G. Thomas, Hawfinch, nice colour; vhc, Wilkins. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Castree, rare good Whinchat, faultless in feather, staged to perfection, very popular win 3rd, fine bouncing Blackbird, very lustrous black, good coloured eye and bill; 2, Thorne, pretty Swallow, shown to best advantage; 4, Clayton. FOR. (11): 1, 3, Millsum, grand plumaged Blue Mountain Lory, shown in best of trim, beautifully contrasted; 3, Blue Tanager, lovely condition, well staged; 2, Castree, Green-billed Toucan, in very good feather, shown well; 4, Thorne, Superb Tanager, rare contrast of colours; vhc, Edwards, Port Lincoln Parrakeet, well shown; hc, Tippins; c, Thorne. SELL. (15): 1 Tippins; 2, Harber; 3, Mrs. Brown; 4 Griffiths Bros.; vhc, J. H. Jones; hc, B. Davies; hc, Eynon; vhc W. H. Jones; c, Beard (10/-) (9): 1, 2, B Davies; 3, Lewis; 4, T. O. Sullivan; vhc (no name); hc, D Jones; c, Beard LOCAL CAN.: 1, J H Jones; 2 (no name); 3 Harber; 4, J. H. Jones; vhc, hc, c, B. Thomas. CAN. NOVICE (11): 1, Andrews; 2, 3, vhc, Brown; vhc hc, B Thomas; 3, E Brown; 4, J Thomas. BRIT. (LOCAL) (7): 1, J Davies 2, Rees; 3, Morgan; 4, Charles; 4, Williams; vhc, D. Jones.

OAKHAM.

Although the schedule was not an extended one, nor the special list a long one, and several classes were cancelled, a very nice collection of birds was gathered together at the show of the Oakham F.S., which was held in the Poultry Hall on Nov. 12th. The arrangements were most excellently carried out by the committee, under the superintendence of Mr. O. Smart, the chairman, whilst Mr. J. Hibbitt, the hon. sec., by his earnestness and willingness to oblige, did much to further the success of the fixture. Mr C. A House judged.

YORKS. (14): 1, spl, Blades, wonderful feather, style, and shape; 2, 3, Murrell, very slim, nice shape, but not served up with the polish of winner; 4, Collier; vhc, Paddock; hc, Hibbitt; c, Barlow. BRIT GOLDIE (16): 1, spl, Harris, magnificent colour, shape, and feather, grand'y cut markings; 2, Osborne, bit darker in colour, lovely feather, rare buttons and bars; 3, Paulett, very nice colour and feather, not so large in blaze; 4, Pepper; vhc, Andrews; hc, Cocks; c, Smith. BRIT. (12) 1, Hurst, rare shape, grand cap and breast, beautiful feather; 2, Nicholls, grand cap, rare shape and feather, hardly so tight in breast; 3, Andrews, beautiful colour, grand shape and size, not so tight in feather; 4, Osborne; vhc, Iliffe hc, Davis; c, Smith. MEALBES' CAN. (11): 1 3, Scott; 2, Harriman; 4, Blades; vhc, hc, c, Hibbitt. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Steel; 2, Needham; 3, Nicholls; 4, Carter; vhc, Hibbitt; hc, Atton; c, Carter. MULE (4): 1, 2 3, Needham; 4, Blades.

DUMFRIES.

The annual show of the Dumfries and Maxwell town C.S.A., was held in the Auction Hall of Messrs. Dunbar, Pattie and Gibson. The entries showed a considerable increase on last year's, and the exhibits were of excellent quality. Scotch Fancies were a good selection all over, and several of the young birds will be heard of at future shows, especially a young buff cock belonging to Mr. Edgar. This bird secured the gold medal and was closely run by Mr. J Hannay's champion foul buff hen. There was strong competition in the Border Fancy class. The British medal and also the Border Fancy medal were won by Mr. McCreadie, Mr. J. Calderwood being runner-up. The prize for most points over whole show was won by Mr Hannay, with a total of 107 points; he was closely followed by Mr. J B. Richardson. The show was an immense success, and everything looks well for the club. The judges were—for Border Fancies, Mr. Moodie (Annahank), and for Scotch Fancies, Mr. E. Ralston (Newmilns). The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. Wm. Ritchie.

BORD. FCY.—YELL CK.: 1, Calderwood; 2, 4, Marchbank; 3, Richardson; 5, 6, McCreadie. BUFF: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, 4, 5, Edgar; 6, McLauchlin. YELL HEN: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, 4, McCreadie; 5, Marchbank; 6, McLauchlin. BUFF: 1, 5, Richardson; 2, McCreadie; 3, Marchbank; 4, Edgar. EVENLY MKD: 1, 4, Geddes; 2, Marchbank; 3, 4, Calderwood; 5, W. Edgar; 6, McCreadie. YELL. TKD.: 1, Richardson; 2, Marchbank; 3, Geddes; 4, J. Edgar; 5, McCreadie. BUFF: 1, 4, McCreadie; 2, J. Edgar; 3, Hannah. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, McCreadie; 2, 3, Marchbank; 4, 5, Geddes; 6, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Marchbank; 2, McBurnie; 3, 4, J. Edgar. GREEN OR CINN YELL.: 1, 2, 6, Richardson; 3, 5, Thomson; 4, Hannah. BUFF: 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Chalmers. OLD BIRDS.—YELL CK.: 1, Richardson; 2, Blount. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Pattie. YELL HEN: 1, Calderwood; 2, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 2, Pattie. EVENLY MKD: 1 Calderwood; 2, Richardson BUFF TKD.: 1, Wilson; 2, Pattie. BUFF VARIEG: 1, Lawson; 2, Richardson. GREEN OR CINN: 1, Hannah; 2, 4, Thomson; 3, Richardson; 5, Chalmers. SELL. BORD. FCY. CK: 1, Calderwood; 2 Edgar; 3, 5, McBurnie; 4, Lawson. HEN: 1, Calderwood; 2, Lawson; 3, J Edgar. SCOT FCY.—CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Hannay; 2, Kirkpatrick; 3, Byers. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hannay. YELL. PIED. ETC. CK: 1, Lawson; 2, Hannay. BUFF: 1, W. Edgar; 2, 3, Hannay. CL. ETC YELL. HEN: 1, Hannay; 2, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hannay; 3, W. Edgar; 4, Blount; 5, Hannah YELL. PIED. ETC HEN: 1, 3, Hannay; 2, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 2 Hannay OLD BIRDS.—YELL CK: 1, 2, Hannay. BUFF: 1, W Edgar; 2, 3, Blount; 4, Kirkpatrick YELL HEN: 1, W Edgar; 2, Thomson; 3, Byers BUFF: 1, 2 Hannay. NOR: 1 3, Hannay; 2 J. Edgar. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Marchbank. GOLDFINCH BRIT: 1, Thomson; 2, McBurnie; 3, Richardson. FOREIGN: 1, Lawson; 2, Hannah. LINNET 1, 2, Thomson; 3 5, J Edgar; 4, Chalmers BRIT A O S: 1, Marchbank; 2, 3, Rennel 4, Blount. FOR.: 1, 2, Thomson.

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MARKINCH.

Markinch held their 35th annual open show in the Masonic Hall on November 7th. The hall is admirably suited for a bird show, being free from draughts and having good light. The floor space, however, was just a little too limited, which prevented the public, who patronised it well, from seeing the birds. Everything was in order for the Judges. Messrs. W. D. Hogg, J. Adams, and G. Marian, when they arrived, thanks to the energy of the president, Mr. W. Forrester, and the secretary, Mr George Mitchell, who works like a Trojan. These were ably assisted by a good committee of hard-working workers. The gate was a good one, and should go on the management to look for a larger hall. The entries were also considerably up on last year's total, and their quality was of a high standard. The awards of the several judges seemed to meet with general approbation.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, J. Thomson, grand bird, good size, fine thickness, fine reach and movements, wins spl. for best Scotch Fancy ck.; 2, Thaw, nice bird, well up; 3, Foster, another good bird, nice neck and reach; vhc, Wilson and Campbell; hc, Lesse; c, Carmyllie. HEN (9): 1, Talmour, grand hen, fine reach, good top and movements; 2, Reid, good hen, will improve; 3, J. Thomson, nice hen, good neck; vhc, c, Cairns; hc, Danskin. BUFF CK (1): 1, Thaw, nice size, good drive and top end, wins well; 2, Allan, magnificent drive, an old stager; 3, Archterlonie, good bird, inclined to keep up his head; vhc, Grieve; hc, Gibson, c, Reekie. HEN (9): 1, Wilson and Campbell, sweet head, fine top drive and thickness; 2, Danskin, good, big bird; 3, c, J. Thompson, fine thickness throughout, nice neck and shoulders; vhc, Reid; hc, Reekie. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (6): 1, Cook, plenty top drive and thickness, good bird; 2, Cairns, grand top and neck, well placed; 3, Grieve, inclined to raise head, otherwise a good bird; vhc, Carmyllie; hc, Thaw; c, Reekie. HEN (6): 1, Carmyllie, good top drive and neck; 2, Cook, good back and drive, a little soft when we saw it; 3, A. Thomson, another nice hen; vhc, J. Thomson; hc, Foster; c, Danskin. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Beattie, 1st good bird, plenty of size; 3rd, nicely set, fine drive; 2, Allan, nice top and neck, vic, Lesse; hc, Darling, c, Grieve. HEN (6): 1, hc, J. Thompson, grand sides and thickness, well worth its place; 2, Gibson, fine bird, will go better; 3, Allan, nice looking bird, sort when we saw it; vhc, Darling. SELF. CK. (7): 1, Wilson and Campbell; 2, Noyes; 3, Reill. HEN (6): 1, Gibson; 2, Reill; 3, Beattie; vhc, Bowie; hc, White; c, Cook. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, McFarlane, nice bird, full and stylish, well placed; 2, Bowie, another stylish one, short and thick-set; 3, Lyall, well placed bird; vhc, Foster; hc, Howie; c, Simpson and Penman. HEN (6): 1, McFarlane, sweet little lady, full of promise; 2, Lumsden, another one that should do some winning; 3, Fraser; vhc, Starr; hc, Sharp. BUFF CK. (4): 1, McFarlane; 2, Howie; 3, Kerr; vhc, Allan, all good birds, well placed. HEN (8): 1, McFarlane; 2, c, Howie; 3, Fraser; vhc, Laverock, jun.; hc, Sharp; a really smart set, some capital birds being among them. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, 2, Howie; 3, McFarlane; vhc, McNally, all good ones, full and plump and very stylish. HEN (6): 1, c, Howie; 2, McNally; 3, Marr; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Fraser, all capital exhibits, well placed and showing Nor. properties. NOR. CK., NON-FED (11): 1, 2, Howie; 3, Marr; vhc, Law; hc, Lumsden; c, Lyall. HEN (6): 1, Laverock; 2, Lumsden; 3, Lyall; vhc, c, Howie; hc, Davidson. CREST CK. (5): 1, Lindsay, fine droop and centre, a good bird; 2, Bowie, another nice one, well placed; 3, Arnott. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lindsay. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Arnott; 2, Bowie; 3, Law; vhc, Summers, a capital lot, which should do a deal of winning. HEN (3): 1, Law; 2, Summers; 3, Duncan, another creditable show. SELL. NO (10): 1, Johnston; 2, Lumsden; 3, Harrower; vhc, J. Kerr (Dundee); hc, Reid; c, J. Kerr (Perth). BORD. YELL CK. (11): 1, Kilpatrick, smart little Border, simply full of the essential properties; 2, Lumsden, another typical exhibit; 3, c, Lambie, a good one all over; vhc, Baird; hc, Duncan. HEN (12): 1, Burrie; 2, Peters; 3, Walker; vhc, Wilson; hc, Patterson; c, Lambie, all winners in the real sense, a capital lot. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Lumsden; 2, Paterson; 3, Barrie; vhc, Lambie; hc, Cargill; c, Walker, a credit to their owners. HEN (11): 1, Arnott; 2, Duff; 3, Cargill; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Baird; c, Hutchison; smart ladies one and all, much admired. SELL. BORD. (8): 1, c, Lumsden; 2, Peters; 3, Barrie; vhc, Wilson; hc, Paterson. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, Hamilton, Linnet-Canary, good size and colour; 2, Johnstone, Greenfinch-Canary, good size and colour; 3, Davidson, Siskin-Canary, good all-round bird; vhc, Arrighi, very large buff Goldie, the Dysart winner; hc, Simpson and Penman, nice level Linnet-Canary; c, Harrower. LIGHT, ETC. (5): 1, 3, McFarlane, 1st nice yell. Goldie-Can., not quite finished; 3rd, buff variegated Goldie, good size; 2, Arrighi, large light variegated buff Goldie, Dysart winner; vhc, Grant. HYB (3): 1, Arrighi, large Greenie-Bullie, in perfect feather, very steady; 2, Beattie, Goldie-Bullie, big bird; 3, Russell, red-poll-Greenie, in good condition. LINNET (7): 1, Malcolmson, fine big bird; 2, Arrighi, well known, last year's City of Glasgow and Scottish National winner; 3, Chalmers Bros., nice Linnet, will come up a bit yet; vhc, Hoggan. GREENFINCH FED (5): 1, Cargill, very nice bird, good colour; 2, Mackie, another nice-feathered bird, in grand order; 3, Johnstone, big, but not quite finished; vhc, Chalmers Bros. NON-FED: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, Mackie, nice one, white tick on face, 2nd at Dysart; 2, McDonald, good bird, will improve; 3, Foster, very similar to 2nd; vhc, Hill; hc, Thomson; c, Wilson and Campbell. BRIT LARGE (11): 1, 2, Brown, 1st very fine Fieldfare, steady as a rock; 2nd, famous Missel Thrush, "The Stormer," looking better than ever; 3, Gilmour, grand Hawfinch, hard lines to meet the two previous birds; vhc, White; hc, Lister; a hot class of birds this. SMALL (7): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st Wryneck, nice size; 2nd, Crested Tit, a fine exhibit, some thought could have changed places with winner; 3, Bowie, jun., good Bramble, a little broken in breast; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Kerr, jun.; c, McDonald. BRIT. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Thomson, A1 bird, good cap and bars, nice colour, wins well; 2, Mackie, grand bird; 3, McDonald, sweet exhibit, but fails just a little in size; vhc, Law; hc, Kerr; c, Purves. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bowie, jun., Siskin, good cap and bib, nice and distinct lacings, wins; 2, Malcolmson, Lesser Redpoll, very nice bird in good feather; 3, Law, well-fed Siskin; vhc, Malcolm, very nice Mealy Redpoll; hc, Lindsay. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, A. Howie, nice Goldie, good square face; 2, Malcolmson, another nice bird, but a little slim in build; 3, hc, Arrighi, 3rd very rich-coloured Bullfinch, house-moulted; vhc, Purves, Goldie, some preferred for 1st; c, McDonald. A.O.S. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Colville and Son, 1st Paradise Whydah, nice bird; 2nd, pair of very nice yell. Budgerigars; 3, Kydd, Green Indian Ringed Parrakeet. COM. CAN. (8): 1, Thomson; 2, Cargill; 3, Duncan; vhc, Murray; hc, Lambie; c, Davidson.

YORKS PARK CLUB.

Annual members' show held in Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., Nov. 13 and 14. It was a decided success, a feature of the exhibits being their high level of quality. The association is in a flourishing condition, having a substantial balance in hand. Its membership is good, and the management of its affairs rests in the hands of a capable and enthusiastic committee. Mr. J. G. Lawrence is an excellent chairman, and Mr. J. C. Birch makes an efficient, courteous, and practical hon. secretary. He had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything in apple-pie order for visitors quite early in the afternoon. Mr. C. H. Lewis, assistant secretary, ably seconds the efforts of his chief. The list of cups and specials in competition was a long and valuable one; indeed, the society has every factor which should bring success. Mr Hawes won a valuable bracket, presented by Mr. Dawtry for competition, to be won twice; this is Mr. Hawes' second win. He has also scored his second win for the Yorkshire cup. Mr. Battison secured his 3rd win for the Norwich cup. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION.—NOR. CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, 2, Lethbridge, the former good shape and quality, nice light feather, 2nd possesses quality but is scarcely so stout; 3, hc, Battison, red hot colour, nice quality; vhc, Roberts. BUFF: 1, 3, Battison, very chubby, nice feather, rich under colour; 2, Eaton, also good in under colour, nice shape and quality; vhc, Roberts. A.O.V.: 1, Eaton, yell., rare shape and quality; 2, 3, Battison, buff and yell. respectively, both nice; vhc, hc, Lethbridge. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Battison, short and chubby, good colour; 2, Roberts, buff, fine quality, nice under colour; 3, Easterling, buff, rare feather; hc, c, Lethbridge. CL. OR TK. HEN: 1, spl 2, Battison, good shape and feather, one a trifle stouter than the other; 3, Eaton, very good quality; vhc, Roberts. HENS A.O.V.: 1, 2, Battison, very nice shape and texture of feather, 3, Roberts smaller, but good. YORKS. CL. OR TK. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Hawes, winner lovely feather, beautiful style, sweet head, a racer; 2, spl, Easterling, very smart, nice taper, full of fire. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Hawes, variegated, grand feather, very stylish. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, Hawes, sweet birds for style, feather, and action; 3, vhc, Easterling, both nice, but the old 'un was beaten to-day; hc, Eaton. CL. OR TK. HEN: 1, Hawes, lovely feather, rich colour, splendid position; 2, Easterling, another grand hen; 3, Eaton, beautiful style, sweet hen. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Hawes, variegated, charming pose and feather; 2, Eaton, finely tapered, nice behind the leg. CINNS.: All the entries and prizes to Mr. Bassett, with a nice collection. AMATEUR.—YORKS. CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, Rogers, tkd. yell., very racy. BUFF: 1, Lewis, fine pose; 2, Rogers, smart, opens a bit at chest. A.O.V.: 1, Lewis, variegated, rare length and style, should do well as a stock bird; 2, Rogers, nice length, stylish. UNFLIG.: 1, Lewis, well drawn, stylish; 2, Rogers. CL. OR TKD. HEN: 1, 2, Rogers, leader a yellow of nice position and feather; 3, Rogers, very sweet buff. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Rogers, variegated, nice top end. NOVICE.—NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Churchard, bird of good quality, typical. BUFF: 1, 3, McMillan, leader rare quality and nice under colour; 2, Churchard, nice type, lovely quality. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Churchard, possesses quality, good shape, promising; 2, Baker, very similar to 1st; 3, hc, McMillan, yell., we liked practically as well as any, very close these three; vhc, Batchelor; c, Wise. CL. OR TKD. HEN: 1, 3, Baker, leader a sweet yell.; 2, Churchard, buff, nice type. SPECIAL NOVICE: 1, Horton, very fair bird at all points. C.B.: 1, 2, Munro, lightly variegated, fairly good skull and lashing, 2nd nice clear. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Creamer, nice quality, good style; 2, Birch, very sweet, scarcely the length; 3, Batchelor, nice pose. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Creamer, two well positioned birds, nice style and feather; 3, Birch, good type, fails only in compactness. A.O.V.: 1, Creamer, nice stand and quality; 2, Conibeer, grand variegated, very useful in the breeding cage; 3, Batchelor; vhc, Birch. UNFLIG.: 1, Batchelor, lovely quality, fine and racy, nice one; 2, 3, Birch, stylish, good, 3rd slashing variegated.; vhc, hc, c, Riston. CL. OR TKD. HEN: 1, Creamer, neat, nice feather; 2, Conibeer, good yell.; 3, Baker, good feathered buff; vhc, Batchelor; hc, c, Stuckey. A.O.V. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Lawrence, two really smart hens; 3, Morse, nice stand and quality. SPECIAL NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Brooks, nice team; vhc, hc, c, Horton. PURCHASED.—YORKS. A.V.: 1, 2, Ayres, good position, nice feather; 3, Creamer, stands well, shade thin in neck; vhc, hc, spl, Lawrence. HYBRIDS: 1, Conibeer, Linnet-Can., buff, nice size. GOLDFINCH: 1, Conibeer, nice face, plenty of white; 2, Battison, smaller, more tanning, not quite so large in blaze. LINNET: 1, spl, Battison, nice shape, nutty colour; 2, 3, Conibeer, good, nice colour; vhc, Lawrence. SOFTBILLS: 1, Bassett, pretty Song Thrush. SELL. (15/-): 1, 2, Hawes. SELL. (40/-): 1,hc, Hawes; 2, Birch; 3, Roberts; vhc, c, Rogers.

ROTHERHAM.

Members' Classes.

YOUNG BIRDS: YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, vhc, Oakes; 4, Bagnall; hc, Woodhouse. BUFF (7): 1, Oakes; 2, vhc, Brotherton; 3, Pearson; 4, Bagnall; hc, Stringer; c, Woodhouse. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Oakes; 2, 4, Brotherton; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Woodhouse. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Brotherton; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Ducker; 4, c, Stringer; hc, Oakes. VARIEG., ETC. (6): 1, Oakes; 2, 4, Brotherton; 3, Watson; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Pearson. NOVICE YORKS. (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Watson; 2, Hinchcliffe. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Ducker; 2, hc, Bagnall; 3, 4, Turner; vhc, Hunt. BUFF (9): 1, 2, hc, Turner; 3, Bagnall; 4, Brotherton; vhc, Ducker; c, Hunt. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Ducker; 2, Bagnall; 3, 4, vhc, Turner. BUFF (9): 1, Ducker; 2, 3, vhc, Turner; 4, Bagnall; hc, Hunt; c, Brotherton. VARIEG., ETC., GREEN (8): 1, 2, Bagnall; 3, 4, c, Turner; vhc, Ducker; hc, Knowles. YORKS HEN (7): 1, Oakes; 2, Stringer; 3 Bagnall; 4, hc, Woodhouse; vhc, Pearson. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, J. Smith; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Watson. CL. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Turner; 2, Knowles; 3, hc, Bagnall; 4, Stringer. NOR HEN (8): 1, Hunt; 2, Bagnall; 3 4, J. Smith; vhc, Bailey; hc, c, Turner. NOVICE NOR (7): 1, vhc, J. Smith; 2, 3 Hinchcliffe; 4, c, Bailey; hc, Watson. BRIT. HARD (4): 1, 4, Brotherton; 2, Turner; 3, Oakes. SELL (12/6): (7): 1, Watson; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Bagnall.

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LAISTER. YKE.

Annual exhibition (under Y.U. Rules and the patronages of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C.), held in the St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 14th, and in response to the schedule of 20 classes, the gratifying entry of 446 was received, giving an average of about 17 per class. This year they had a change of venue for their show, and the room, though a nice one, is not quite as good as the one they have had for the few previous years. Mr. R. Hamilton was the official judge of the Yorkshire Union, and in consideration of the large entry, and the fact of its being only a one day show, the services of Mr. J. Dawson were secured as assistant, Mr. Halliday judging all the open classes, and Mr. J. Dawson the selling and novice sections. The arrangements were well carried out under the direction of their old and trusted servant, Mr. A. Bottomley, who has returned to the post of secretary (after a few years' rest), with renewed vigour; he was ably assisted by a strong committee, composed of Messrs. Pownall, Casey, Lambert, Ogden Bros., Shoesmith and others. Messrs. Drake and Son and L. Briggs were the leaders in CAGE BIRDS Competition for Amateurs. Mr. W. H. Shackleton won special for most points in show, that for second being secured by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger. Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son notched the top points in the Clns. Marked Classes, and Mr. F. Hammond won special for most points gained in Novice Section. Hyde's fell to Mr. W. B. Swaine. The Members' Cup was won by Messrs. Ogden Bros., and this being their third successive win, it becomes their own property.

The Open Section.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Myers, grand length, splendidly drawn, plenty of leg, good wings and tail—well done, novice! 2, Cruise, slim, grand type and style, good shoulders, excellent quality. 3, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape and position, nice colour and quality; 4, Shackleton, good length, slim, lovely feather; vhc, Radley, grand shape, stand and quality, some thought might have won. hc, c, Wilcock. BUFF (9): 1, 2, c, spl., Shackleton, leader grand shape, stands well, full of quality and colour; 2, plenty of length, good shape and position, splendid feather; 3, Bailey and Swanger, grand colour and quality, very typical and stylish; 4, C. and C. T. Parkes, strong build nice quality and colour; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Wilson. TICK, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, hc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, noted winner, grand type and style, full of colour and quality; 2, Lodge, good length, shape, well up in position, nice quality; 3, c, Shackleton, plenty of length, good shape, grand back and wings; 4, Briggs, grand type and position; vhc, hc, Hellewell. BUFF (12): 1, Wilcock, great length, nice shape and quality, good back, wings and tail; 2, 4, spl., Bailey and Swanger; 2, rich colour and quality, fine shape and position; 4, ticked cheek, lovely shape and stand; 3, vhc, Shackleton, well up in position, good shape, nice quality and colour; hc, Briggs; c, Radley. UNFLIG. (32): Splendid class, 1, spl., Bailey and Swanger, yell. grand shape, straight, stands like a soldier extra quality and finish; 2, Shackleton, lengthy, very true to type, grand position; 3, Cruise, buff, capital shape, stylish, good quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Ross, yell., good style and shape, nice quality, very clean cut; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Wilcock. FOUL (18): 1, vhc, spl., Ogden Bros., green marked yellow, grand length and shape, rich colour and quality, lovely back wings and tail; 2, Taylor and Haigh, another good one very lengthy, grand shape and position, green mkd yell.; 3, Armstrong, green-marked Buff, lovely shape and quality, extra position; 4, Priestley, good shape, well-drawn, nice quality and colour; hc, Cundall; c, Cook. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (20): 1, spl, Lodge, grand type, well up in position feathered to perfection; 2, Shackleton, lengthy, good position, shape good, nice quality; 3, Radley very typical, stands well, lovely round back, full of quality; 4, Moss, good shape and quality, nice colour; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Ross; c, Dyson. BUFF (16): 1, 2, spl., Shackleton, leader grand type and position, all there for quality; 2, longer, good shape, stands well up, nice feather; 3, Bailey and Swanger, extra position, neat type; 4, Briggs, good shape, nice quality and colour; vhc, Dyson; hc, Drake and Son; c, Wilcock. UNEVEN, ETC. (13): 1, spl, Shackleton, yell., grand size and shape, good position and quality; 2, Bailey and Swanger, yell., grand type, very straight, lovely quality; 3, Hellewell, buff, very breedy, fine quality and colour, neat shape and position; 4, c, Ogden Bros., yell., very typical extra good position; vhc, Jowett; hc, Casey. CINN. EVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, spl, Cooper, leader very slim, grand shape, stands on a pair of good legs, feathered to perfection; 4, slim, neat and stylish, good shape and quality; 2, Wilcock straight as a rush, grand shape, rich colour and quality; 3, Ogden Bros., extra colour, good length and shape, nice position; vhc, Hirst; hc, Wilcock; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Wilcock, good shape, lovely quality and colour, fine position; 2, Hartley, slim, plenty of leg, and uses it correct type and nice quality; 3, Shackleton, good shape and position, plenty of quality; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, good size, neat shape and good quality; vhc, Clark; hc, Drake and Son; c, Cooper. YELL.



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HEN (15): 1, spl, Jowett, grand shape, correct position, lovely quality, a gem; 2, Hartley, grand shape, rich quality and colour, good deep shape; 3, Butcher and Son, slim, extra position and type, neat quality; 4, Towers, well up on leg, grand type and quality, wins C.M.C. spl. for best fourth in class; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Grange; c, Drake and Son. BUFF (17): 1, 2, spl., Sutcliffe and Son, often described, marvellous position, grand shape, full of quality; 2, hot colour and fine quality, very typical, stands well; 3, Jowett, grand shape and position, plenty of colour and feather like glass; 4, Drake and Son, lightly marked, splendid quality, good shape, vhc, Fawcett; hc, Tinkler; c, Armstrong. CINN. TICK, ETC. (8): 1, Moss, buff, lengthy, nice quality, considered by some lucky to win; 2, Tinkler, tick wing yell., very slim, nice shape, stands well, nice quality; 3, Ogden Bros., splashed buff, capital shape from shoulders down, stands well; 4, Fawcett, grand shape and quality, yell.; vhc, Holmes, buff, magnificent shape, rather on small side; hc, Gould; c, Walsh. HEN (9): 1, 2, spl., Ogden Bros., leader buff, grand shape and position, marvellous quality; 2, yellow, ticked wing, stands well, very good type, full of colour; 3, Hartley, bull, grand shape, rich quality, good wings and tail; 4, Dyson, grand position and shape, good quality; vhc, Casey; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Firth. SELL. (10/-) (24): 1, Padgett; 2, Radley; 3, Farrar; 4, Shoesmith; vhc, Jennings; hc, Milburn; c, Ludbrook. (12/6) (23): 1, Jennings, 2, Myers; 3, Farrar; 4, Suggitt; vhc, Holden; hc, Child; c, Bracewell. HEN (12/6) (13): 1, Walton; 2, Radley; 3, Hartley; 4, Lane; vhc, Shoesmith; hc, Casey; c, Atkinson.

The Novice Section.

NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. YORKS. (19): 1 spl., Livesey, good length, plenty of leg, nice shape and quality; 2, Lane, red bot colour, grand shape and quality, well up in position; 3, Huddleston, fine position and style, nicely cut; 4, Helliwell, slim, shapely, nice position, neat quality; vhc, Gill; hc, Townley; c, Hall. BUFF (21): 1, spl., Simonett, grand shape, extra position, full of quality, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Denby, lengthy, nice shape, plenty of colour, rich quality; 3, Tinkler, typical, well up in position, richly pencilled; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Clegg; c, Gill. TICK, ETC., YELL. (24): 1, spl, Greenwood, unevenly marked, plenty of colour, good markings; 2, Firth, very slim, grand shape, stands well, neat quality; 3, Ratcliffe, very leggy, good shape, grand back, fine quality; 4, Beaumont, grand type and leggy, nice quality; vhc, Varley; hc, Fergusson; c, Stables. BUFF (22): 1, 2, spl., Sowden, brace of beauties, grand shape, well up in position, full of bloom; 2, perhaps a trifle longer; 3, Livesey, tick wing, good size and shape, grand position, nice quality; 4, Fortnam, very clean cut, straight, good shape, neat wings and tail; vhc, White; hc, Helliwell; c, Clegg. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (25): 1, spl., Lane, lovely type, and stands to perfection, nice length, superb quality, third successive win; 2, Huddlestone, very good shape, leggy and stylish clean made; 3, Rigg, very neat, grand head, neck and back, rich quality; 4, Beaumont, very typical, stands straight as a rush, grand quality; vhc, White; hc, Burdekin; c, Sowden. BUFF (28): 1, spl., Beaumont, tick head, grand shape and position, perfect feather; 2, Tetley, well up in position, grand shape and quality; 3, Battersby, lengthy, shape and style good; 4, Lane, uneven marked, good shape, nice position and quality; vhc, Huddleston; hc, Kilner; c, Parker. NOR. CK. (11): 1, hc, spl., Hammond, cl. buff, extra sub., grand type, rich colour and quality; 2, Ball, yell., nice size and substance clean cut, grand quality; 3, Markwell, good size, substance and colour, nice quality; 4, Fortnam, buff, very neat type, full of quality; vhc, Markwell; c, Sykes. HEN (14): 1, vhc, spl., Hammond, leader buff, extra size and substance, grand shape, beautifully mealed, full of quality; 2, c, Greenwood, marvellous quality and colour, buff, very clean made, nice and cobby; 3, Fortnam, yellow, neat cobby type, rich quality, little gem; 4, hc, Markwell, variegated, yell., grand substance and shape, rich quality.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Members' Show held at headquarters, "Crown and Anchor" Hotel, on October 24th. Entries came up very well, about 90 birds being staged; some excellent specimens were found amongst them. The competition was very keen. The British were a very good lot, especially those in the Linnet and A.O.S. classes, and the judge had no light task in picking out the winners. Mr. Whitehead (Bradford) placed the cards, and his awards gave general satisfaction; every credit is due to him for the excellent way in which he dealt with them. The show was in every way a success.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Parkes, nice trio; 4, Rollings; vhc, Brown; hc, Rothwell. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Parkes; 3, 4, Talbot; vhc, Taylor; c, Rothwell. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Parkes; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Johns. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Parkes; 4, Brown; vhc, hc, Parker; c, Rollings. NOR. CK.: 1, Netherwood; 2, 3, Talbot; 4, Brown; vhc, Parkes; hc, Walker; c, Midgley. These were all very good birds. HEN: 1, Parkes; 2, Talbot; 3, Taylor; 4, Netherwood; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Atkinson. LINNET: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Isherwood; 4, Netherwood; vhc, hc, c, Walker. GOLDFINCH: 1, Talbot; 2, Walker; 3, Netherwood; 4, Burgon. BULLFINCH: 1, Parkes; 2, Rothwell; 3, Burgon. A.O.S.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Isherwood; 2, Crowther, nice Robin, very steady; 4, Netherwood, very good class throughout. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Rothwell. SELL.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, 4, Jones.—PARKER AND ATKINSON, Secs.

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KIRKCALDY.

Annual show held Nov. 14, when the executive were rewarded by a good entry, the total being about the same as last year's number, while the quality on the whole was extra good. Scotch fanciers, although down in numbers, contained the cream of the Fancy. These classes were judged by Mr. H. Brown (Edinburgh), whose awards were well received. Nor., Orests, and Crest-breds, were forward in large numbers, and the judge, Mr. Chalmers, who also gave satisfaction, had a hard day's task in front of him. The cup winner was found in this variety, in a grand unflighted yellow. British, Mules, etc., were a good lot, some outstanding birds being put down. These were judged by the veteran, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), and his awards were well received. The committee is an ideal one, consisting of Messrs. Neish, Adamson, Gibson, Mathewson, Storrar, Clark, Hutton, Mitchelson, Henderson, Kay, and Lister, and under the careful and capable guidance of Mr. Wilson, the secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. Arnot, the assistant secretary, they had everything in apple-pie order. The president is Mr. G. Arnot, and the vice-president Mr. E. Allan. The staging of the exhibits and the care that was taken of them were all that could be desired. The hall is an ideal one for an exhibition, being well lighted, and free from draught. The show was well patronized, and we hope to hear it was a financial success.

The Border Fancy section was well catered for, and as usual provided the largest classes in the show for clears. The marked classes were down in number. The quality all over was of a high order, the competition being very keen. Mr. Patterson, who came in for the lion's share of the spoil, won the shield for most points over the show. This shield has been kindly presented by Mr. J. Wilson, their worthy secretary, which clearly shows his love for our feathered pets, so that no one need fear to send his best team to Kirkcaldy as long as Mr. Wilson and the Messrs. Arnots are at the head of affairs. Mr. Peter McKenzie (Kelso) judged with his usual care, and left little room for grumblers. The cards were up in plenty of time, and towards night the visitors simply swarmed in. Truly it was a fixture on which the officials deserve congratulation.

The Border Fancy Section.

BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, 4, Patterson, leader little gem, from head to tail like a piece of silk, grand free head and neck, good front, well laid on wings; 4, similarly built, takes very jaunty position; 2, Smith, nice level colour, in grand condition, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Mather, grand type, quality and condition; vhc, Baird; hc, Bickerstaff. BUFF (12): 1, Patterson, rare stylish little fellow, in the pink of condition, nice small head, grand filled back, well up in position and style; 2, R. Patterson, another good one, nice colour and quality, grand front; 3, Bennet lovely quality and condition; 4, Mather, nice stamp, good colour and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Braid. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Spence, very stylish one, nice stamp, well rounded back and front, nice wing carriage; 2, Bennet, fine style, quality and action, very free in head and neck; 3, Bickerstaff, grand colour, nice quality, very jaunty cariage; 4, Patterson, tick on head, nice one; vhc, Wilson; hc, Barrie. BUFF (13): 1, Smith, rare little gem, well placed, nice stylish air, very fine head and neck, grand colour; 2, Baird, lovely quality and condition, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Bennet, grand stamp, nice head, good front; 4, Patterson, ticked at side, nice head, in grand condition; vhc, Mather; hc, Anderson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Patterson, mkd. eyes, wings and cheek, rare colour, quality, style and condition; 2, Barry, well known cinn.-mark, good style and action; 3, Arnot, grand colour and type, fine colour; 4, Baird, marked eyes and head in best possible trim; vhc, Davidson. BUFF (7): 1 vhc, Patterson, 1 five-pointed cinn. hen, well known winner, in the pink of condition, greatly admired, lovely head and neck, nice taking style; 2, Hutchison, good markings, fine style, good head, well filled back, good finish; 3, Arnot, five-pointed, nice style, good colour, quality and condition, well put down; 4, Anderson, three-pointed, nice markings; hc, Peters. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, 2, Patterson, leader, yell. cinn. mark, finely balanced markings, grand colour, quality and style; 2, buff, rare condition, nice back and wing carriage, markings very regular; 3, Walker, yell., good shape, ideal markings; 4, Arnot, buff, markings well defined, nice shape, good colour and condition. SELL. (14): 1, Bennet, grand yell. ck.; 2, Ewing, buff cock; 3, Mather, yell.; 4, Peters; vhc, Patterson; hc, Black

The Other Canary Sections.

SCOT. FCY. CL. CK. (6): 1, Wallace, large-framed bird, grand length of side, nice reach, clean got up, well staged; 2, Dalgleish, good one, well-rounded shoulders and stylish, plenty of substance; 3, Barnie, nice size and substance; vhc, c, Barrie; hc, Hutton. BUFF (6): 1, McLennan, slashing one, plenty of substance, good shoulder, reach and style; 2, Dalgleish, not much behind, clean got up across, and well rounded on top; 3, Patterson, nice quality and style, stylish exhibit; vhc, Neslat; hc, Wallace; c, Barrie. YELL. PIED CK. (4): 1, Dalgleish, good one, rare substance, lovely style, neatly drawn, good drive and length of side; 2, Cairns, stylish, grand reach, narrow in shoulder; 3, Scott, plenty of size, rare length of side; vhc, Barrie. BUFF (3): 1, McLennan, plenty of style and substance, good top and reach, very free, well put down; 2, Dalgleish, rare shouldered bird, free drive, must have pressed; 3, Beattie, stylish; vhc, Patterson. GREEN OR FOUL CK. (6): 1, McLennan, good one, plenty of substance and style, dense across, free in drive; 2, Dalgleish, good style, very free bird, good properties, well braced on top end; 3, Thomson, plenty of size, a slasher, nice quality feather; hc, Fotheringham; c, Gibson; vhc, Beattie; c, Gibson. CL. YELL. HEN (6): 1, McLennan, grand style, rare top end, fine reach and drive, clean got up, good one; 2, Dalgleish, nice depth across, fine length of side; 3, Patterson, again good all-round hen, fine quality feather; vhc, Barrie; hc, Auchterlonie; c, Maxwell. BUFF (5): 1, McLennan, good one, immense substance, grand style, real hot one; 2, Dalgleish, rare shape, very stylish, nice size and reach; 3, Hutton, nice shapely bird, grand stamp; vhc, Barrie; hc, Barrie. YELL. PIED (1): 1, spl, best, McLennan, beautifully rounded, massive shoulders, A1 style, fine length of side, pronounced drive; 2, Scott, good and stylish, fine weight; 3, Gibson, good quality of feather; vhc, Watson. BUFF (6): 1, McLennan, wins, rare size, grand depth throughout, marvellous top end substance, in lovely order; 2, Auchterlonie, good one, fine reach and depth across; 3, Dalgleish, grand lop-ended bird, fine free style; vhc, Thomson; hc, Gibson; c, Gillies. GREEN OR FOUL (3): 1, McLennan, excellent exhibit, fine size, A1 style, plenty substance throughout; 2, Gillies, very stylish; 3, Maxwell, showy bird, good reach, SELL. (21) (2): 1, 2, Barrie. CREST (8): 1, Bowie, well laid on top piece, fine length, coming well down, very round, good side, splendidly groomed; 2, Arnot, dense feather, fine front, wants grooming a bit, and will turn the tables; 3, Findlay, nicely centred, neat side and back, good feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Davidson; c, Watt. CRN (6): 1, Arnot, grandly centred, well laid on, very round, good side and frontal; 2, Brown, rare top end one, dense feather, good side and frontal; 3, Watt, good, grandly centred, neat at back, well put down; vhc, Kinloch; hc, Crerer; c, Veitch. CREST-BRED 1908 (9): 1, Bowie, good one, fine top piece, well rounded, splendidly centred, plenty of feather; 2, Finlay, good frontal and side, lengthy on feather; 3, Holton, full-fronted, nice centre and side, rare bloom; vhc, hc, A. Finlay; c, Crerer. C.B. CK (6): 1, vhc, Arnot, leader box one, fine noble skull, wide entrance, well lashed, fine length of feather; 2, Watt, grandly lashed bird, carried well back; 3, Brown, cushion-headed, fine quality feather; hc, Holton; c, Kinloch. HEN (6): 1, Buchanan, 1, wins, grand lash, fine full entrance, plenty of substance, good hen; 2, Laverock and Summers, fine entrance, rare size; 3, McLean, taking exhibit, well lashed; vhc, Davidson; hc, Watt; c, no name. C.B. BRED 1908 (12): 1, Holton, Leith Club winner, easy first, regular demon for size, grand skull, and entrance, tip-top lash for a baby, should make a stormer; 2, Finlay, nice-headed bird, well lashed; 3, vhc, Watt, nice exhibit, good lashing; hc, Brown; c, Davie. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, Steele, leader demon for colour, very level throughout, nice full chest, well drawn, tip-top wing carriage, rare head, grand size, splendidly finished; 2, good one, no'le front; 3, McAnally, nice shape, good quality feather, nicely drawn, well placed; vhc, Milne; hc, Adamson; c, Dempster. BUFF (10): 1, Buglass, in rare order, fine fronted bird, well drawn, neat wing carriage, grand size, full neck; 2, Allan, good one, rare head, full as winner in front, splendid finish, grand size; 3, hc, Steele, hot well fed one, grand size and quality throughout, neatly drawn; vhc, Dempster; c, McHale. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, hc, Steele, good one all over, well rounded, free from roughness, A1 head, lovely wing carriage, rare chest and taper; 2, Dickson, grand feather and finish all over; 3, Dempster, another hot one for colour, good shape; vhc, Frail; c, Milne. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, McAnally, tip-top trio, winner grand bodied heavy variegs., round as possible; 2, close up for body; 3, nice quality feather, stout in front, in lovely bloom; vhc, c, Dempster; hc, Dickson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, McAnally, wins, good one, round as a marble, fine full free front, A1 head, and wing carriage, staged to perfection; 2, Dempster, larger bird, good substance and quality of feather; 3, Steele, grand shape, well cut, good in wing carriage, neat head; vhc, Wilson; hc, McHale; c, Fleming. BUFF (8): 1, Dempster, wins easily, grand beaded bird, fine bold front, well drawn, staged in marvellous condition; 2, Malloch, large, nice feather and colour; 3, Logan, grand headed one, neat quality; vhc, hc, Steele; c, McAnally. HEN (8): 1, McAnally, good variegs. yell., fine size, well moulded, good head and neck, nicely drawn; 2, Logan, strong buff, nice shape, plenty of substance; 3, vhc, Dempster, yell., nice taking exhibit, neat size and shape, well put down; hc, Philip; c, Steele. UNFLIG. CK. (21): 1, cup, Connelly, good one, fine size, plenty of substance, grandly fed and finished off, good head and front, well drawn; 2, vhc, McAnally, grand colour, lovely head and back, fine size and quality of feather; 3, Malloch, taking bird, nice front, good head properties, well placed; hc, Dickson; c, Burt. HEN (17): 1, 2, Steele, leader good variegs. yell., grand size and quality feather, well staged; 2, romping buff, plenty of substance, well drawn; 3, Connelly, nice nat. yell., fine size, grand quality of feather; vhc, McAnally; hc, Buglass; c, Laverock and Summers. NON-FED YELL. CK. (3): 1, Laurie, bouncing ck., in tip-top form, grand shape and finish, extra good exhibit; 2, Todd, yell., variegs., plenty size; 3, Dempster, nice shape and style. BUFF (6): 1, McAnally, good buff green, grand size, lovely shape, rare head, teeming with quality; 2, Steele, cl. buff, nice size and quality; 3, Todd, buff, variegs., just a little rough in feather; vhc, Allan; hc, Lister. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Laverock and Summers, good one, fine size, grandly made, well drawn and in A1 bloom; 2, Dempster, nicely put down, good head and neck; 3, McAnally, variegs., good quality feather; vhc, Steele. BUFF (5): 1, Brown, variegs., wins, grand size, plenty of substance, well drawn, in tip-top bloom; 2, Todd, cl., good quality throughout, nice exhibit, well put down; 3, Moyes, good all-round exhibit; vhc, Steele; hc, Buist. SELL. P.H. (21) (10): 1, Steele; 2, Logan; 3, Frail vhc, Kerr; hc, Dempster; c, Fleming. CREST OR C.B. (21) (9): 1, c, Watt; 2, Arnott; 3, Harrower; vhc, Smith; hc Brown. A.O.V. (10): 1, Ross, good Jonque Liz., well spangled, nice cap, grand shape, well fed; 2, Patterson, good green Bord., fine colour and lacing, rare type; 3, Simpson, neat Yorks., nice position well put down; vhc, Buist, very nice Cinn., grand size and colour; hc, Dandie; c, Buist. COMMON CAN. (6): 1, Connolley, small hot fed Nor.; 2, Patterson, Bord.; 3, hc, McGregor, regular typical songster; vhc, Kerr; c, Storrar.

The British and Foreign Sections.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Brown, grand face, lovely cheeks, nice size and quality of feather, well cut cheeks, well put down; 2, Mackie, grand fronted bird, well cut, good nap and collar, fine blaze; 3, Colbron, rare order, fine colour throughout, neat one; vhc, Brisbane; hc, Lister; c, Jamieson. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Thomson, grand size and colour, lovely dense cap, well defined wing bars, nice shape, in grand condition; 2, Wilson, large, good breast colour, nice quality feather; 3, Simpson, another good one, nice shape, fine size, well placed; vhc, Kerr; hc, No. 8, Mackie; c, Brisbane. LINNET (12): 1, Brisbane, easy win, grand coloured Linnet, rare size, well marked on breast, fine free chested bird, grand flights, staged to perfection; 2, vhc, Colbron, shapely Linnet, well got up, good tone of colour, nice wing flights; 3, Bogue, fine stamp of Linnet, good colour and markings in rare order; hc, Brown; c, Simpson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Calder, real good one, grand size, lovely shade of colour, tip-top wing flights, rare shape, good head and front; 2, Cargill, dense coloured one, good quality feather, nice shape; 3, Mackie, neat one, in nice order, lovely feather, rare wings; vhc, Colbron hc, Storrar; c, Duncan. SISKIN ETC. (9): 1, Bowie, good Siskin, grand size, lovely quality feather, nice cap, splendidly laced on sides, well staged; 2, 3, Martin, Twite, grand colour, nice breast facings, fine tone throughout, 3, Mealy Redpoll, good size, rare bib, nicely marked, in extra fine bloom; vhc, Malcolm; hc, Munro; c, no name. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, White, good spangled Song Thrush, in tip-top order; 2, Lawson, grand Hawfinch, good colour, nice head and bib; 3, Ritchie, Hawfinch. SMALL (9): 1, Lawson, Wryneck, fine size, well marked, splendidly staged, in extra good condition; 2, Easton, nice Grey Wagtail, fine size, well up in colour, nicely marked; 3, Martin, good Yellowhammer, nice chest, well laced on back, good head and eye markings; vhc, Lister; hc, Kerr; c, Munro. CL. ETC. MULE (3): 1, Jamieson, slashing buff, varieg., Goldie-Mule, lightly marked, staged in rare bloom, good specimen; 2, Adamson, nice varieg., yell. Goldie, nicely marked; 3, Kinnell and Brown, bull Goldie Mule, nice size and quality of feather. DARK (5): 1, Martin, slashing Jonque Goldie, good wing, rare body, fine flushed face, well fed, in rare order; 2, Harrower, nice, high fed Siskin Mule, in good order, well up in size, a yell.; 3, hc, Simpson and Penman, good coloured Linnet, nice size and quality of feather; vhc, Patterson. HYB. OR CAN. BULLIE MULE (4): 1, Dunn, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and quality of feather, well up in colour, good rose face, in rare order; 2, Martin, Siskin Greenfinch, nice taking bird, lovely tone of colour, extra good bloom; 3, Brown, large Goldie Greenie, nice shape, good markings; vhc, Barclay. FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Barclay, wins, grand face, clean cut cheeks, fine dense cap, well buttoned, lovely tanerings; 2, Howie, another well burnished Finch, fine face and size; 2 good ones; 3, Brisbane, well up in size, good tanerings; vhc, Simpson; hc, Dandie; c, Cockburn. A.O.S. (5): 1, hc, Colnich and Son, leader a Paradise Whydah, in fine bloom, grand size, rare order; 2, Storrar, lovely pair Cockatiels, in extra good form; 3, Gilmour, pair of yell. Budgerigars, in extra fine bloom; vhc, Lister.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

The third annual show was held at "The Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., on Nov. 13 and 14. The association is certainly to be congratulated on the comfortable quarters they are in. The birds were staged round the room, and on the two billiard tables, making a very pretty little show. The comfort of the exhibits was well provided for by a very capable committee, with the ever genial "Bob" Pretty (Mr. R. J.) at the helm, and he had every detail well in hand. Mr. C. E. Sills (Emsworth) judged Canaries, and Mr. C. Prior British and Foreign, their awards giving general satisfaction. The Yorkshires were very fair in strength, and good in quality, while the cinnamon class would do credit to many an open show, Mr. Handt's team coming in for a big share of admiration. The British Birds were a show in themselves, containing some very fine exhibits. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. We noticed Mr. H. E. Trangham expounding the properties of the long ones, Mr. Adamthwaite busy among the British, and that enthusiastic fancier, Mr. W. Quantrell (Watford), who wins the association's cup with his 30 exhibits, Mr. O. Handt being runner up with 2nd most points; we also noticed Messrs. Crabb, Morrison, Ogle, H. J. Pearce, Shakespeare, Simpson and E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), while several ladies were also in attendance. Their esteemed president, Mr. F. W. Thorp, kept a fatherly eye on the assembly.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 3, Bell, clears, 1st excels in quality and size. BUFF (5): 1, Bell, clear, good win; 2, 3, Wright, nice level bird, variegs.; hc, Armstrong. HEN (5): 1, 2, Bell, winner a tip-topper, level all through, good exhibit; 3, vhc, Wright, eye and wing mkd., nice type and carriage; hc, Armstrong, small but sweet position. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Austin, 1st, teeming with quality; 2, good unflig. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Austin, both babies; 1st, runs away, sweetly made, good position. HEN (2): 1, 3, Austin, ticked buff and variegs. buff, neat and useful. CHAMP. YORK. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Harwood, 1st, mkd. cap, good stock bird; 3, Armstrong. HEN (2): 1, Harwood, variegs., buff, takes good position; 2, Armstrong. AMAT. YORK. YELL. (4): 1, 3, J. A. Simpson, 1st slightly marked, rare position, a treat; 2, vhc, Buckingham, 2nd, teeming with quality, close up. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Simpson, 1st, tight as wax, splendid win, a gem; 3, Buckingham. HEN (1): 2, Buckingham, nice buff. NOVICE YORK. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Morrison, 1st, heavy mkd., stylish, beautifully made, well up on leg. BUFF (3): 1, Sears, rare long sided bird, wanted washing; 2, Mrs. Gozna, sleek, stylish; 3, Morrison. HEN (3): 1, 2, Sears, 1st, neat little lady all over; 3, Morrison. YORK. PURCHASED (7): 1, 2, 3, Tringham, three beauties; vhc, Gilbert. CHAMP. CINNS (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, O. Handt, 1st romping big, true cinnamon, Bristol winner, good all-round team. LANCS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Shakespeare, nice lot; vhc, Goodall. LIZARD (3): 1, 2, 3, Shakespeare, excellent trio. BORDERS (3): 1, 2, 3, Shakespeare. LIGHT HYBRIDS (1): 1, Goodall, well known Goldfinch-Can. A.O.V. (3): 1, Quantrell, Greenfinch-Can., rare size, easy win; 2, 3, Mrs. Morrison, Twite-Can., very wild; 3, Greenfinch-Can., two nice ones. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Adamthwaite, good win here, 4th Dulwich and Peckham, nice blaze, splendid polish, good moons and bars, well buttoned; 2, 3, Pile, nice size of blaze and finish; vhc, hc, Quantrell; c, Thorpe. No. 8, a doubtful starter. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, vhc, Quantrell, good bloom, well defined cap, very nice exhibit; 2, Morrison, not quite the bloom of winner; 3, Heine, rare size and bloom, deserves a better cage; c, Adamthwaite. HEN (5): 1, Thorpe, well known winner, rare size, exceptional position; 2, Pile, nice hen; 3, vhc, Quantrell; hc, Heine. LINNET (11): 1, spl, Adamthwaite, well in front again, real gem; 2, hc, Quantrell; 3, vhc, Pile; 3rd must have pressed very hard; c, Mrs. Morrison; a good class. TWITE, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Quantrell, big Twite, rare bloom and nicely laced; 2, Buckingham, good size and well laced; 3, Goodall, nice Redpoll; vhc, Morrison; c, Mrs. Morrison. CHAFFINCH (7): 1, Morrison, tip-top exhibit, gem; 2, Goodall, very close up; 3, vhc, hc, Quantrell; c, Thorpe. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Adamthwaite, good sound colour and finish; 2, c, Quantrell; 2nd rare size, nice style, and finish; 3, Pile, good sound Greenie; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Mrs. Morrison. BRAMBLEFINCH (2): 1, 2, Quantrell, good size, nicely spangled. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Quantrell, both Haw finches, 1st good bib, nice polish; 3, Heine, Sparrow; vhc, Pretty. HBN: 1, Morrison, Yellow Bunting. INSECTIV. SMALL (1): 1, Quantrell, delightful, clean, sleek Tree Pipit. LARGE (4): 1, 2, W. Quantrell, magnificent Magpie, and good Blackbird. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, Quantrell, 1st, Paradise Whydah, in excellent trim, well shown; vhc, spl, Morrison; hc, Adamthwaite. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Quantrell, 1st, pair Pekin Robins, not a feather amiss. SELL. SINGLE (15/-) (7): 1, Handt; 2, Armstrong; 3, Shakespeare. PAIRS (30/-) (2): 1, Shakespeare; 2, Armstrong.

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LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual members' show, held November 3rd at headquarters, the Rosebuck Hotel. The room was tastefully arranged, and the birds staged at a nice height and in splendid condition. The show was thronged with visitors, many fanciers from kindred societies being present. We noticed the well-known secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham Society in the crowd, who had spared a few hours of relaxation from the duties of his own forthcoming show. Major Coates, M.P. for Lewisham, and president of the society, was unfortunately prevented from attending through illness, a telegram being received by the secretary during the evening to this effect. W. T. Kramer, Esq., of Lewisham, another vice-president, was in attendance during the major portion of the evening, and although not strictly a fancier showed keen interest in the exhibition and welfare of the birds. The exhibits numbered 143, this being an increase of 35 on the first annual show held in January last. It is rumoured that the next annual show will be an open one. Mr J. Robson judged. Prize-money was paid to the successful exhibitors at the close of the evening. The venture reflected high credit on Mr. Lucas, the secretary, and the officials.

Critique.

CHAMPION SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Pilcher and Faux, splendid exhibit in lovely condition, very rich colour; 2, Edwards, close up; 3, Males, good typical bird; vhc, Fisher. BUFF: 1, Pilcher and Faux, another grand specimen. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Pilcher and Faux, again well to the front, very typical, good carriage and length; 2, Edwards, fine bird, nice condition, well shown; 3, Fisher, shade scouter, but lovely feather and condition. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, 2, Pilcher and Faux, two fine typical exhibits, shown in faultless condition. BUFF: 1, Pilcher and Faux, good all-round bird. HEN (5): 1, 3 spls, 3, Pilcher and Faux. 1st grand hen of exceptional merit, almost impossible to beat, showing all the true characteristics of a typical Yorkshire, should easily hold its place in keenest competition; 3rd, not quite the quality of 1st, but well worth its place, fine condition, good type; 2, Edwards, fine bird, lovely feather, good length; vhc, Males; hc, Fisher. CL. YELL. .. (5): 1, Richardson, grandly-headed, good position, nice close feather; 2, Jordan, close up to 1st, of good merit; 3, hc, Bellinger, two excellent exhibts; vhc, Males. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Richardson, two grand bulls, well worthy of their places, rich colour, lovely silky feather; 3, spl, Jordan, another gem of lovely quality and type; vhc, hc, Bellinger. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, hc, Richardson, 1st fine chubby bird, short silky feather, lovely bloom; 2, Jordan, close up, very little to choose between this and winner; 3, Lugg, fine quality exhibit; vhc, c, Bellinger. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 4 spls, 3, Jordan, 1st exceptionally fine bird, winning special for best bird in show, besides those for best unflig. and best Norwich in champion section; 3rd, another good exhibit, failing in substance somewhat, but good quality and feather; 2, vhc, Bellinger; 2nd, grand merit, full of colour, very typical; hc, Richardson. BUFF (7): 1, Males, grand bird, very typical, close silky feather, rich meal; 2, Richardson, another very typical exhibit; 3, vhc, Jordan, 3rd, splendid type, shown in pink of condition; hc, c, Bellinger. HEN (8): 1, c, Richardson, 1st lovely hen, close, silky feather, very chubby, in faultless condition; 2, Lugg, well up, fine quality all over; 3, vhc, Jordan, 3rd grand typical hen; hc, Bellinger; c, Richardson. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Fisher, two good Liz., fine shape, good feather. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL. (3): 1, Scott, fine upstanding yell., good feather and condition; 2, Pallett, jun., another good exhibit, losing slightly in length to winner; 3, H. Pallett, grand yell., rich colour, well up to 2nd. BUFF (2): 1, 2 spls, 2, Scott, two fine upstanding birds, shown in wonderful condition. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Pallett, jun., grand variegs. yell., in good condition, very steady. BUFF: 1, Scott, lovely Yorkshire, will improve. UNFLIG YELL (2): 1, Wraight, truly wonderful youngster, good feather, well up on leg; 2, Butler, nice exhibit, loses in size only. BUFF: 1, Wraight, another grand youngster of fine quality; HEN (7): 1, Wraight, typical, very breedy, fine quality feather; 2, 3, spl, vhc, Scott, 2nd lovely Yorks., well up on leg, very typical; hc, H. Pallett; c, W. Pallett. CL. BUFF NOR.: 1, Wraight, fine exhibit, good feather. TKD., ETC., YELL: 1, Butler, grand all over. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, White, worth their places, fine feather. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, White, another good one, shown in first-rate condition. Butler (3): 1, Wraight, grand Nor., well deserving its position; 2, White, another fine one, but just lacks the substance of winner; 3, Dowling, nice one, will improve HEN (3): 1, spl, White, wonderful hen, lovely quality feather, nice head, plenty of substance; 2, Wraight, close up to winner, very typical; 3, spl, Phillips, nice hen, good quality. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Stevens, good team this, not much to choose between the three. A.O.V. (2): 1, Butler, a yell hen; 2, Dowling, foul green cock, good feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jordan, grand Goldie, lovely blaze, nice size and condition, very steady; 2, spl, Botting, another Golden, a gem all over; 3, Carter, good Goldie, will improve yet; vhc, hc, Botting. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Botting, fresh-caught, nice Bullfinch, but not quite as steady as it will be; 2, Phillips, good one, rich breast colouring; 3, White, close up to 2nd. LINNET (8): 1, 3 spls, hc, Botting, true gem, perfect in lacing, shape, size, and condition, standing easily 1st, well worth the spl for best Brit. in show as well as the two other spls in class; 2, Carter, good bird, in fine head condition; 3, vhc, c, Fisher, three grand Linnets, 3rd very close up to 2nd. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Botting, 1st Twite, fine quality, very steady, good size; 2nd, Siskin, excellent cap and lacing; 3, Dowling, very grand Redpoll, good size, nice condition, not much to choose between this and the 2nd; vhc, White; hc, Pallett; c, Richardson. GREENFINCH: 1, Botting, good Finch, will do better still later. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (6): 1, 3, Botting, 1st wonderful Bramble, rich colour, good head and markings; 3rd, nice Chaffinch; 2, Carter, another excellent Bramble but rather massively at time of judging; vhc, Steed; hc, Lugg; c, White. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Lugg, Great Tit, good specimen, shown in fine, hard condition; 2, Scott, excellent Blackcap, just losing in condition slightly to winner. LARGE: 1, spl, 3, Lugg, 1st unqualified Mistel Thrush, well laced, nice and steady; 3rd, wonderful Starling, good spangling; 2, Botting, good Song Thrush, in lovely condition. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, spl, Botting, 1st Goldfinch Can., grand Mule, in good feather; 2, 3, vhc, Pilcher and Faux, good trio of Goldfinch Canary Mules; hc, White. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Scott, nice team 1st lovely Nonpareil, in excellent plumage; 2nd, Pilcher, in grand feather and condition; 3, vhc, 2, good Gold Crests. SELL. (7): 1, Pilcher and Faux; 2, Stevens; 3, vhc Bellinger; hc, c, Fisher. Special for most entries was won by Mr. Botting, who also won spl for most points in show. The medal for second most points going to Messrs. Pilcher and Faux.

BRECHIN.

This society held their 45th annual show on Nov. 7th, in the Temperance Hall. Entries numbered close on 100, which compares very favourably with those of last year. The schedule opened with 13 classes for Norwich, which turned out to be the great feature of the show, both in quantity and quality. Mr. A. McFarlane, Glasgow, won the Challenge Cup for best bird in show with a lovely young buff cock of the right type and quality. We were informed that the cup now becomes the property of that gentleman, as he has now won it three times. The society has been very fortunate in keeping it for ten years. Borders came next with 12 classes, and were quite up to those of former years, some grand exhibits being staged. British and Foreign birds were not quite up to Brechin's usual form, although several good birds were staged to perfection. The management at this show is all that could be desired. Mr. Geo. Walker, the hard working secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything spick and span. Mr. J. Sundison (Aberdeen), who was appointed to judge Norwich, was unable to attend owing to indisposition, the post being filled by Mr. Geo. Davidson (Aberdeen). Borders were judged by Mr. Wm. Haddow (Hamilton), and Wild Birds by Mr. Mitchell (Aberdeen). Their awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Milne, big bouncing bird, good shape and colour, fine head and neck; 2, Chalmers, A1 colour, nicely carried wings and tail, good one; 3, Steven, lovely quality, fine good head and neck, perfect wing carriage; 4, Will, hot in colour; 5, Mallock; 6, McFarlane. BUFF (12): 1, McFarlane, noted winner, still looking well, grand, short, thick-set bird of lovely quality, best of type, rare carried wings and tail; 2, Smeaton, good head and neck, rare colour; 3, Chalmers, good one; 4, Garden, 5, Bowman; 6, Thomson. YELL. VAREIEG. CK. (17): 1, Murray, well up in size and colour, grand front; 2, 2, Garden, good head and neck, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Scott, best of quality, red-hot colour; 4, Calderwood; 5, Brown; 6, Bowman. BUFF (13): 1, Kemlo, grand size, best of quality, nicely marked, well turned out; 2, Murray, tip-top colour; 3, Mitchell, A1 type, marked eyes and wings, good quality feather, nice shape, clean cut away; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Harris; 6, Brown. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Chalmers, cobby shape, lovely quality and colour; 2, McFarlane, real good hen; 3, Brown, hot fed, nice shape and quality; 4, Warden; 5, Taylor; 6, Thomson. BUFF (13): 1, Grewar, grand shape and size, tip-top quality and colour, grand hen; 2, Thomson, best of colour and quality, good body; 3, McFarlane, nice type and quality; 4, A. Murray; 5, Soutar; 6, Calderwood. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (13): 1, Grewar, rare substance, grand colour and teeming in quality; 2, Burnett, well up in size and colour, nice head, full neck; 3, and S.P.C. Medal, Smeaton, lovely quality, rare good colour; 4, A. W. Murray; 5, G. Murray; 6, Aikenhead. BUFF (11): 1, Milne, best of quality, good type and colour, looking better to-day; 2, 4, Bowman, 2nd, big bouncing hen, heavily marked, rare substance; 3, Mitchell, another good hen, teeming in quality; 5, Chalmers; 6, Hampton. UNFLIG. CK. (24): Grand class; 1, cup, McFarlane, chubby, real Nor. type, good colour and quality, wins; 2, Garden, yell. of A1 quality, nice shape and colour; 3, Grewar, shade smaller, lovely quality, fine silky feather; 4, Harris; 5, 6, Hampton. HEN (19): 1, Bowman, cl. yell., rare substance, little patchy in colour, grand head and neck, rattling good youngster; 2, Rae, buff, well up in size and quality, good body, well placed wings; 3, Garden, another good hen; 4, Christison; 5, Forrest; 6, Smeaton. NON-FED (14): 1, Bowman, well placed; 2 Harris; 3, Dunn; 4, Mitchell; 5, Smeaton; 6, Hampton. SELL. CK. (20): 1, Pirie, not extra large, teeming in quality, best of colour; 2, Bowman, buff, good type and quality; 3, 6, Jaffrey; 4, Dunn; 5, Soutar. HEN (13): 1, Bennet; 2, Brown; 3, Bowman; 4, Pirie; 5, Soutar; 6, Mitchell. BORD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Allan, lovely colour, feather as smooth as glass, nice style, good jaunty carriage; 2, 4, c, Craig; 2, gem of the right shape, nice style; 3, Whitelaw, put down in nice trim, beautiful wings and tail; 5, Lawson. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Bennet, bonny shape, nice colour, neat head and back, lovely feather and finish; 2, Craig, little beauty, took judge some trouble to separate them; 3, Easson, good head and front, and well cut away; 4, Shearer; 5, Davidson; 6, Harrison. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Walker, rare shape and colour, good jaunty carriage, grand mover; 2, Easson, neat shape, grand carriage; 3, Stirling, lovely shape and colour, little wild; 4, Logie; 5, Craig; 6, Harrison. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Craig, two beauties, feather like wax, lovely colour, tip-top carriage, well put down; 2, Turnbull, good silky feather and shape; 4, Logie; 5, Easson; 6, Sandeman. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, gem of the first water, true Border; 2, Sandeman, nice feather and style; 3, 5, Craig, 3, very typical and good colour; 4, Christison; 6, Taylor. BUFF (13): 1, Christison, lovely hen all over, very neat, well rounded front, grand quality and colour, fine type and carriage; 2, Bennet, very shapely, nice head, good wing carriage, teeming with quality; 3, Hamilton, another good Border, very typical; 4, Turnbull; 5, Craig; 6, Walker. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (12): 1, 5, Craig, 1st, best of quality, nice colour, grand mover, one of the best; 2, Shearer, very shapely, A1 quality and colour, close up; 3, Crabb, nice rounded front, good shape, well trained; 4, Easson; 6, Fowler. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Irvine, leader real model, best of style, teeming with quality; 2, Craig, another grand specimen; 3, Easson, good style and quality; 5, Logie; 6, Stirling. EVEN-MKD. (5): 1, Shearer; 2, 3, Craig; 4, Walker; 5, Lyall. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Bennet; 4, Craig; 5, Lawson SELL. (7/6) CK. (23): 1, Bennet, quickly claimed; 2, Turnbull; 3, Hampton; 4, Leitch; 5, Crabb; 6, Whitelaw. (5/-) (15): 1, Easson; 2, Turnbull; 3, Christison; 4, Stirling; 5, Lyall; 6, Bennet. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, McFarlane, light Goldie-Canary, good size and condition; 2, Watson, dark mule, rare colour and size; 3, Irvine, Brit. GOLDIE (9): 1, 2, Watson, two nice Finches, good cut cheeks, nice full front, good tanning, glossy wing bars, very little between them; 3, Irvine, another nice one; 4, Douglas; 5, 6, Dorward. BULLFINCH BRIT. (2): 1, Jackson, rare good Bullie, well in front of any in class, house-moulted, fine breast colour, grandly cut cap, topping bars, lovely bloom, nicely staged; 2, 3, Watson, shade brighter in colour, two good exhibits; 4, Edwards; 5, 6, Douglas. SISKIN (11): 1, Watts, nice cap and bars, in A1 plumage; 2, Johnston, grand coloured cap, nicely laced; 3, Watson, good one, rare shape and colour, well laced down sides, lovely cap; 4, Petrie; 5, Andrew; 6, Irvine. LINNET (4): 1, Ramsay, nice colour and markings; 2, Farquhar; 3, Petrie; 4, Ritchie. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Watson, Arbroath winner, looking well, rare colour, well fed turned out to perfection; 2, Taylor, near the colour of first; 3, Ritchie; 4, Porter; 5, Grant. VARIEG. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Douglass, two Jays in tip-top plumage; 3, Grant; 4, Watson. FOR. (10): 1, 4, Whyte, winner Toucan; 2, 8, Grant; 2nd, a Tanager, in perfect plumage; 5, 6, Clark. SKLL. (7): 1, Kemley, 2, Watson; 3, Soutar; 4, Mitchell; 5, 6, Douglass.

CLYDEBANK.

The 22nd annual show was held in the Town Hall on November 14th, and was of an encouraging character. The entries numbered 171 and the quality was superior to that of last year; in fact it was one of the finest club shows we have visited this season. The feature of the exhibits was excellence or shoulder; many had they but been restrunined to one perch, would have passed as Bengans. Mr Collins secured the cup with a very fine green cock full of style, and the prize for best hen was won by Mr. A. Bowman with a large, stylish yellow piebald hen. They were both popular wins. The Judges were Messrs. J. Watson (Glasgow), J. Park (Govan), A. Nearet (Galston), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge). The secretary, Mr. Kirkwood, deserves great credit for the business-like way in which the arrangements were carried out. The show was well patronised.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (10): 1, A. Bowman, erect, decided drive, fine free neck, neat head, good top, body and tail; 2, 4, J. Bowman, 1, fine modern type, well up, good drive, top, and body; 4, hard up, good neck, fine body; 3, Wilson, neat, compactly built exhibit, close in feather, fine bloom. HEN (8): 1, Collins, hard up, nice droop, head and neck, round shoulder, fine long body and tail; 2, Ryans, erect, good reach, free in movement; 3, Monteith, fine style, worthy of place; 4, Dean, neat, typical, exhibit, fine quality; 5, Kennedy, modern type. YELL. PIED. CK. (5): 1, Ross, hard up, good drive, neat head, free neck, plenty of top, good body; 2, Hay, erect, finely built, close in feather, lovely condition; 3, 4, Monteith, 3, erect, good drive and top; 4, modern type; 5, Blair. HEN (7): 1, A. Bowman, best hen in hall, erect, neat head, long, free neck direct, fine top, grand body, wing, and tail; 2, Ross, erect, decided drive, top, and body; 3, Monteith, well up, close in feather, good quality and value for place; 4, J. Bowman, erect, fine drive, good style; 5, Calderwood, neat, smart, close feathered exhibit. BUFF CK. (12): 1, W. Prentice, erect, nice drive, neat head, good neck, solid top, fine body; 2, Blair, erect head, forward, good top, and body, graceful action; 3, Kennedy, grand substance, long body, good stock bird; 4, J. Bowman, neat, close feathered, modern Scotch Fancy; 5, Monteith, tidy, and quick in motion. HEN (7): 1, Kennedy, erect, nice drive, top, and body, good action; 2, J. Bowman, fine feather in beautiful bloom, good type, and steady; 3, Blair, grand substance; 4, J. Bowman, very great, close feathered exhibit, good type; 5, Ryans, modern in type, in beautiful condition. BUFF PIED. CK. (7): 1, Bowman, erect, nice drive, heavy shoulders, grand body and tail; 2, Dean, erect head in proper direction, good solid top, fine body; 3, Wilson,, good size; long body; 4, Blair, good modern type. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, good size, long body, grand stock hen; 2, Blair, erect, head forward, nice body, wing and tail; 3, Hay, finely positioned, good type, graceful in movement; 4, Wilson, neat and smart. FOUL CK. (9): 1, J. Bowman, grand yell, erect, fine drive, free neck, rare solid top, nice body, wing and tail; 2, Bowman, erect decided drive, good top, body and wing; 3, Ryans, nice stylish type, ready and steady when handled; 4, 5, Bowman, both smart and typical. HEN (9): 1, Collins, erect, nice size, solidly built, good top, body and wing, quick; 2, 3, 4, Bowman, similar in style, erect, solid back, nice in droop and action. 5, Blair, very neat bird. GREEN CK. (13): 1, Collins, cup winner, perfect model of a modern Scotch Fancy, erect, determined drive, solid top, good body, wing and tail; 2, 3, Bowman, erect, nice drive good top, body, and wing; 4, 5, Ryans, typical, modern Scotch Fancy Canaries. HEN (8): 1, Kerr, erect, fine drive, good free neck, solid top; 2, Ryans, head in right direction, solid top, and nice body; 3, Kynaston, well up, good reach, fine body, solid top, free worker; 4, Bowman, neat, close in feather, beautiful bloom; 5, Hay, good stamp. OLD BIRDS.—YELL. CK. (16): 1, and best old cock, Ross, hard up, neat, head, long free neck, solid top, beautifully clean front, grand body; 2, Bowman, beautiful yell. piebald, erect, decided drive, prominent top, nice free neck, good body, rare worker; 3, Prentice, neat, typical exhibit; 4, Kennedy, good type and quick; 5, Blair, good stamp. HEN (8): 1, 3, Bowman, 1, good size, well up, good round top, fine body, very ready; 3, good all-round hen; 4, Monteith, neat and typical, fine action; 5, Blair, very good stock hen. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Ross, nicely marked Bull piebald, erect, rare droop, good neck, prominent top, grand body, quick in movement; 2, Blair, erect, decided drive, good solid back, nice body, free worker; 3, Bowman, hard up, nice reach, grand top and body; 4, Sharp, good modern stamp; 5, Collins, tidy and smart. HEN (22): 1, 5, Ross, 1, best old hen, erect, decided in drive, solid top, fine body and wing; 2, Bowman, well up, nice reach, solid top, fine body, free in movement; 3, Hay, nice modern hen; 4, J. Bowman, good stamp.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Annual club show, held in the City Cafe on Oct. 31st. There was a good turn-out of young birds, and many fine specimens were shown. The Scotch Fancy was fairly well represented, and Mr. Wm. Sharp, who is a young member, was most successful. In Crests and crest-breds, Mr. A. G. McDonald, who is a first year man, had the bulk of the honours; some of his birds will be heard of again this season. He took special for best Canary in hall with a beauty of a young Crest. In Norwiches, Mr. W. C. Smith, and George Wylie divided the honours, and in wild birds, Mr. Wylie was the principal winner. Mr. T. B. Gray won the Foreign class with a real good Oryx Weaver, in splendid colour.

SCOT. FCY 1908: CK.: 1, spl, 3, Sharp; 2, spl, Smith; 4, spl, Lundie. HEN: 1, Sharp. OLD BIRDS: 1, spl, 3, spl, Sharp; 2, Smith. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, W. C. Smith; 2, 4, Wylie: 3, W. C. Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, Wylie; 2, Forrest; 4, Roger. YELL. HEN: 1, Wylie; 2, spl, 3, W. C. Smith; 4, spl., Kerr. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, spl, W. C. Smith; 2, Wylie; 4, Forrest. NON-FED CK.: 1, Wylie; 2, Borrie. HEN: 1, 4, Borrie; 2, Wylie; 3, Bolt. OLD BIRDS: 1, spl, 3, spl, W. C. Smith; 2, 4, Wylie. 1908 CREST: 1, 2 spls, McDonald; 2, spl, Gray; 3, Taylor; 4, Duncan. C.B.: 1, McDonald; 2, Taylor, 3, spl, Gray; 4, spl, Duncan. CREST OLD: 1, McDonald; 2, 3, spl, 4, Gray. C.B.: 1, spl, Cochrane; 2, Dunoan; 3, Gray; 4, Taylor. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 3, Wylie; 2, Brown. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Wylie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, W. C. Smith; 2, spl, Kerr; 3, Borrie; 4, Roger. LINNET: 1, Borrie; 2, 3, spl, Wylie; 4, spl, Brown. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Kerr; 2, spl, Wylie; 3, Brown; 4, Taylor. MULES, BRED 1908: 1, spl, W. C. Smith; 2, Watson: 3, spl; 4, Brown. FOR.: 1, spl, Gray; 2, spl, 3, Patton; special for most points over show, G. Wylie, 94; 2nd, W. C. Smith. For most points in any section, G. Wylie, 54; for best Can. in show, A. G. McDonald.

BERMONDSEY AND DISTRICT F.A

Annual show held at "Salmon's Castle," Grange Road, London, S.E., on Nov. 7th. The cage bird section was by far the most creditable put up by the members for some time. There was a great improvement in the quality of the exhibits, showing that some of the few members are backing up. Members and friends turned up in full force, and the show was the most successful one held by the club for the last few years. Mr. J. Robson placed the awards. The able secretary, Mr. A. Lupton, was well in evidence, and tried hard to make the show a complete success.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, spl, best old, Thomas; 2, vhc, hc, Moore; 3, Lupton and Jordan; c, Derby. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, Moore; 2, Lupton and Jordan; hc, Ashwood. HEN (7): 1, 3 Lupton and Jordan, 1st, best old hen; 2, vhc, Derby, hc, Thomas; c, Ashwood. BRED 1908: CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, cup and medal, Thomas; 2, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Jessup. BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, Moore; 3, Lupton and Jordan; hc, Jessup. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, Thomas; 2, vhc, c, Moore; 3, Lupton and Jordan. VARGT. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Moore; 2, c, Thomas; 3, Lupton and Jordan; vhc, hc, Derby. HEN (7): 1, best young, 2, c, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Moore; vhc, Thomas; hc, Derby. MULE (4): 1, spl, Ashwood. A.S. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, Holloway; 2, vhc, hc, Ashwood; 3, Lupton and Jordan.

BEDFORD.

The sixth annual Show of the Bedford and Bedfordshire C.B.S. was held in the Town Hall, on October 29th, when between 300 and 400 birds were on view. The Norwich classes were remarkably well filled, and a very fine lot of choice and rare foreigners faced the judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. The show itself was opened by W. A. Attenborough, Esq., who congratulated the Society upon its continued success, and Mr. Wiggins the energetic Hon. Sec., to whom much of the success is due, informed the company present that the membership of the society was still growing, this year showing an increase upon last year. Such well-known fanciers as Messrs. H. Gentle (chairman of the Committee) A. Keech, T. Millard, T. Smith, H. Markham and others looked well after the exhibits, Mr. G. Osborn acting as judge's steward. There was also a very fine lot of stuffed specimens on view, which added to the attraction of the show.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. (27), a wonderful class, certainly the best yellows we have seen this season, many excellent birds being cardless: 1, spl, Walnut, typical cl, in very fine bloom; 2, F. J. Webb, fine bold bird, rare size, beaten only in colour; 3, Markham, a grand beaded bird, teeming with quality; ex 3, Osborn another of excellent quality, hardly equal in head to others; vhc, Gould, Keech, both very smart, just a shade smaller than winners; hc, Corrie; c, Gentle. TKD. ETC. YELL. (16): 1, spl, 3, Keech, 1, heavily mkd, very rich, deep colour, finished off with a good head, and well carried wings; 3, wing mkd, rare colour, excellent type, well carried wings; 2, Markham, cap mkd, not over large, but sweetly pretty, excellent quality; vhc, Wiggins; hc, Millard; c, Beanland. CL. ETC. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Wilmot, well made, excellent quality and colour; 2, Keech, finer made bird than first, rare shape and quality, beaten only in size; 3, Goodman, all there for condition and quality, wants a bit more substance; vhc, Osborn, Millard, couple of very nice, smart birds; hc, c, Markham, Smith. TKD. ETC. (12): 1, spl, 2, Keech, very fine, large, typical, mkd, bird, extra good wings and tail,; 2, not so stout as winner, but all there for type and quality; 3, Gould, wonderfully good body, might be better in head perhaps; vhc, Osborn, Pruden, two birds of excellent type and quality; hc, Gentle; c, Smith. YELL HEN (14): 1, spl, Gentle, sweetly pretty damsel, not over large, but teeming with quality; 2, Gould larger bird, correct type, beaten in silkiness of feather; 3, vhc, Markham, rather small mkd, bird, rich colour, will improve yet; vhc, Wiggins; hc, Swann; c, Corrie. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Goodman, large and good all over, but hardly close enough in feather yet; 2, Keech, sweetly pretty bird, nice and short, rare typical body, extra good in head for a hen; 3, Swann, very clean cut bird, tight as a Java, correct type; vhc, Wilmot, Millard, Corrie; hc, Markham, Gentle; c, Mortimer. NAT. COL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Keech, lovely cl., could not find any fault with her; 2, hc, Wilmot, very choice mkd. bird, correct type; 3, Notley, not far behind, very nice; vhc, Millard; c, Griggs. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Notley, heavily mkd., rare size, nice quality; 2, Millard, tkd. bird, of considerable merit, really well made bird throughout; 3, Osborn, mkd. bird, excellent type; vhc, hc, Wilmot; c, Swann. CREST, ETC. (10): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. E. Galloway, 1, lovely cl., not a dark feather in it, with very fine, well-formed crest, round as a five shilling piece, found many admirers, the other three birds were all dark crested of correct type; 2, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, couple of very fine youngsters; 2, dark crest, excellent formation, and quality of feather; 3, really very fine C.B., rare width of skull, and abundance of head feather, looks like making a champion some day; vhc, T. Smith, very nice crest. AVIARY GF 12 (8): 1, spl, Osborn, choice Plainheads, put up in excellent condition; 2 vhc, Smith, 12 dark crests, several quite suitable for crest class; vhc, good plainheads; 3, vhc, Keech, 3, not much between these and the winners, very choice lot of Plainheads; hc, Markham; c, Wiggins. CAN. OR MULE (8): 1, spl, Thring, smart buff variey. Goldfinch-Mule, put up in good fettle; 2, F. J. Webb, similar to first, very little between them (winner here last year); 3, spl Gentle. Cinn. Can., grand colour, nice type; vhc, Wilmot, Finedon, hc, Mortimer. NOVICE CLASS (8): 1, spl, Beanland, very rich coloured orange buff, good enough for open class, a clear win; 2, spl, Goodman, another very fine buff, beaten only in depth of colour; 3 spl, Summerfield, nice, large bird, not equal in quality to winners; vhc, Beanland; hc, Gould; c, Parrott. SELL (12/6) (12), several cheap birds here: 1, Osborn; 2, vhc, Gentle; 3, Wilmot; vhc Beanland, Millard; hc, Keech, Wiggins; c, Gould. PAIRS (17/6) (17): 1, spl, Corrie, quickly claimed; 2, Gould; 3, vhc, Wiggins; vhc, Keech, Millard; hc, Gentle. AUCTION (5/-) (12): 1, c, Gentle; 2, Goodman; 3, Wiggins; vhc, Keech; hc, Gould. YORKS: cancelled. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Parrott, nice shape and body colour; 2, Mrs. Payne, very smart, clean Finch, in good plumage, some preferred; 3, Wilmot, good Goldie, but not ready yet; hc, Flanders; c, Hudson. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Wilmot, 1, fine, well-formed cap, good breast colour; 2, Finedon; vhc, Wiggins. LINNET ETC: 1, 2, Wilmot, 1 bonny little Siskin, very tame, good colour; 2, good coloured Linnet, well pencilled; 3, Cherry, excellent Linnet, a bit unsteady; vhc, Thring; hc, Cook; c, Matson. SMALL BRIT.: 1, spl, hc, Wilmot, lovely coloured Bramblefinch, excellent crest, and steady; 2, Harmon, steady Skylark, smart and nicely pencilled; 3, Mortimer very nice Greenfinch; vhc, Swann. LARGE: 1, Spring, fine Song Thrush, would look much better in a show cage; 2, Ayres, another grandly spotted Thrush, also wants suitable cage; 3, Timaeus, very rich plumage Hawfinch, not in show trim, and head yet; vhc, Pirie, hc, c, Swann. FOR., greatly admired by visitors. SMALL (13): 1, spl, 3, 4 vhc's, Timaeus, really grand team, 1, charming little Queen Whydah, shown in pink of condition, suitably caged; 3, Red-head d Gouldian, tight as wax; vhc's Rufescuda Finches, Grass Finches, Diamond Finch and Superb Tanager, the last hardly ready, the remainder all quite fit; 2, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Galloway. 2, pair of very rare Parrot Finches, shown in lovely condition, the rest were Blue-breasted Waxbill, Scaly-crowned Finches, and Black faced Serins. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Timaeus, 1, Scarlet Tanager, put up in Mr. T's usual style, really very fine specimen; 2, charming pair of yellow Budgerigars; 3, pair of Many coloured Parrakeets; vhc, Cooper, Toucan. STUFFED SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nicholls; hc, Wiggins; c, Young. LARGE: 1, hc, Young; 2, 3, vhc, Nicholls. Stuffed Fish: 1, Myers; 2, Gibson; 3, Murrell, vhc, Markham.

GILLINGHAM.

Once again the "men of Kent" resident at Gillingham and district got together a splendid show in the public hall on Nov. 12 and 13, and the public had an opportunity of viewing many grand specimens. The hall is a well-lighted one, the arrangements were about perfect, and the general management left nothing to be desired. The entry was about the same as last year, and the quality was of the highest order. A more capable secretary than Mr. T. F. Ramsey it would be impossible to find, or a more genuine body of fanciers than the committee, from the chairman downwards. There was a splendid list of specials, and the prize money was good. The quality in Norwich Plainheads was excellent, and to the Yorkshires the same remark applies, the special for best Canary going to this section. Mr. Johnson winning it with a magnificent Buff. The bowl for best British went to a tip-top Missel Thrush, shown by Mr. Acland. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and appeared to give satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Taylor, grand shape, fine head, quality and colour; 2, 3, Meades, both good, former rare quality, nice shape, beautifully burnished; res., Kirby, lovely quality and colour, just a trifle long in tail; four good yellows, with not a great deal to choose between them; vhc, hc, Gibbs; vhc, Casemore; c, Dell. BUFF (7): 1, Kilby, rare chubby body, bold cheat and head, short beak, flights and tail, rich under-colour, wins; 2, hc, Gibbs, former nice colour; 3, spl, Lancaster, fine texture of feather; vhc, Lancaster; c, Dell. TKD. ETC. CK. (9): 1, Gibbs, well-known tkd. yell.; 2, Gibbs, variey. yell., rare thick-set fine-headed bird, good quality; 3, Wade, variey. buff, beautiful feather, rare shape; res., Taylor; vhc, Lugg; hc, Kilby; c, Meades. HEN (8): 1, 2, Hyde's spl, Meades, both yells., and both good, former bonny type, bold head, a gem; 3, Taylor, buff, rattling shape and quality of feather; res., vhc, Gibbs; hc, Kirby; c, Broad. UNFLI. (12): 1, 2, Meades, two topping variey. birds, leader chubby, short-flighted, bold-headed and short-necked, A1 quality, and colour; 3, Taylor, tkd. buff, fine shape, quality and under-colour; 2, res., Taylor; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Kilby; c, Miton and Button. CREST (6): 1, Miton and Button, green nice frontal, good substance and length of crest feather; 2, Jenner, grizzle; res., Nicoll; vhc, hc, Whitten; c, Jenner. YORKS. CL. CK. (5): 1, Gibbs, buff, grand leather, stands well, nice whip and head; 2, Gibbs, yell., fine pose; 3, Johnson, buff, fine stand and feather, looks like a hen; res., Shiers; vhc, Dell. TK. ETC. CK. (6): 1, spl, best Can. in show, Johnson, buff, magnificent feather beautiful under-colour, liberally frosted with meal, clean at chest and thighs, sweet head and neck; 2, Reeve, variey., rattling good bird, quick into position, fine quality of feather, nice tail, neat head; 3, res., Gibbs, both smart birds; vhc, Shiers; hc, Casemore. HEN (5): 1, Reeve, buff, sweetly pretty bird of fine Yorkie position, feather and cutting; 2, 3, Gibbs, smart ticked yell. leading, very fine in quality; vhc, Foxon; hc, Johnson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Reeve, lovely quality, good length and style, nice behind leg; 3, hc, Gibbs, former of the onn. persuasion, finely drawn, good feather; res., Johnson; vhc, Foxon. BORD. (4): 1, 2, 3, Dr. Bowes, a fine team, leader gay little yell., feather like glass; 2, 3, buffs, good; res., Bellamy. LIZ. (6): 1, 3, Green, leader gold, of fine body colour, spangling even and well placed, glossy and close in feather; 2, vhc, hc, Wood, another smart bird; res., Ward. CAN. MULE LIGHT (7): 1, Ward, 6-pointed yell. Gold-Canary, fine feather, good face and colour; 2, Smith, lightly ticked, also a Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Smith, nice lightly variey. Goldie-Can.; res., spl, vhc, Casemore; hc, Hinckley. DARK: 1, Taylor, really grand dark yell. Goldie-Can., fine size, rich, colour and face; 3, Ward, Goldie-Can.; res, White. HYB. (4): 1, res., Casemore, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, winner large, fine blaze, good colour; 2, Taylor, Siskin Greenfinch, rich in colour and cap; 3, Wickham. GOLDIE (12): 1, 2 spls, Wickham, a topper, wide, rich-coloured face, nice whites, rare bars and buttons, steady and lustrous; 2, Casemore, also grand face, clean cut collar, fine wings, good one; 3, Mrs. A. Young, another grand Finch, very steady; res., Baker; hc, Gill; c, Acland. BULLIE (5): 1, Hawks, clean at thighs, rich breast colour, fine poll, back, etc., steady; 2, 3, res., Mrs. Young, grand breast colour, but not quite so full in poll; vhc, Dell. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Wickham, bonny Finch, fine size, rich colour all through, good head, neck and close feather; 2, Moore, somewhat similar; 3, Casemore, a nice bird; res., Acland; vhc, Wade. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Pankhurst, well known; 2, spl, 3, Wickham, two lovely nutty birds, well marked, feather like glass; res., Webb; vhc, White; hc, Mrs. Young; c, Capt. Plewis. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, Pankhurst, beautiful Twite, well posted; 2, Wade, grand Mealy Redpoll; 3, Acland, Twite, a good one; res., Wickham; vhc, Botting. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, Richardson, Hawfinch well marked, A1 in colour; 2, Acland, rich coloured, well marked Vell. Bunting; 3, spl, Mrs. Young, right good Chaffinch; res., Acland; vhc, Wickham; hc, Mrs. Young; c, Botting. INSECTIV. SMALL (7): 1, Baker, Jenny Wren, well shown; 2, 3, Brett, Wheatear, very nice; res., Baker; vhc, Lugg; hc, Webb; c, Miss Horwood. A.O.S. (6): 1, Brit. Bird Bowl, Acland, grand Missel Thrush, in spanking order; 2, Brett, Shrike, nicely shown; 3, Lugg, beautiful Starling; res., Acland; vhc, Dell; hc, Wade. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, Wood; 2, Green; 3, Taylor; res., Acland; vhc, Wade; hc, Hobb; c, Wickham. (15/-) (7): 1, Taylor; 2, Green; 3, Acland; res., Reeve; vhc, Casemore; hc, Broad. (10/-) (4): 2, Casemore; 3, Acland; res., Reeve. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, Wade, Whydah, in good feather; 2, Mrs. Young; 3, Botting; res., Botting; all nicely shown.

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The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed, from time to time by various leading experts.

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For Instance.

For instance, a very wild, nervous bird that dashes and bangs about the cage as soon as anyone approaches within its sight, should not be placed all at once in the most public part of the room. Let it remain in a fairly secluded corner until it has grown accustomed to the size of its cage. Let its food consist exclusively of Canary seed in the seed-box, and any other delicacy in the way of seeds, egg food, or green stuff; give a very little at a time, and let it see always that you are approaching its cage on this hospitable mission. This, coupled with a quiet manner, will soon make it trust you.

When it has grown steady whilst you approach it and put a tit-bit in the wires, bring its cage out into a place where it will see more of your movements as you go about attending to the others, and gradually bring it a little more forward each day until you have it in the required position, where it will see folks about frequently. This may be a rather tedious process, but it must not be hurried along faster than the nervous condition of this bird will allow, or the process will be lengthened rather than otherwise. Once the bird has become perfectly steady, further progress will be much easier. The chief object of all that follows is to get the bird to fall into its best typical pose as quickly as possible when you approach its cage to examine it. Get it to assume a bold, upright, defiant carriage and demeanour, and avoid every thing that seems to make it squat, or crouch down.

The means of doing this will suggest themselves as one goes on, and may vary considerably with the temperament of the man and the bird. Talking of temper, however, the man must keep his own cool at all odds. No matter how irritating and provoking a bird may be, do not lose your temper. If there is any imminent danger of this happening, far better put the bird aside and postpone further tuition until one or a few more tens have been counted. Talking, tweeting, whistling, cheeping, tapping the front of the cage, scratching the bottom, gently lifting it up, and moving it to and fro, these, and many more, are trifling methods employed in getting a bird to "pose."

If you have a bit of choice green food you may offer it from the wire at the top of the cage, to teach the bird to draw itself well up over the perch, but, as a rule, when there is no tempting tit-bit to offer, the hand should not be placed over the top of the cage at all, as this almost invariably has a tendency to make a bird crouch; which is a grievous fault in any and every variety, but perhaps more so in a Yorkshire than any other, as a crouchy Yorkshire would need to possess very superlative points indeed to condone this fault.

Faults to Correct.

Many little dodges are sometimes used to correct trifling faults in an otherwise good bird, or to develop and improve desirable features. Just as squattiness is one of the worst points in the Yorkshire, an upright carriage and a straight back, drawn out as though the body were stretched to the greatest possible extent, is one of the most highly valued. Such dodges as suspending a bit of string from the top of the cage almost immediately over the perch, and hanging just low enough for the bird to reach and play with when standing bolt upright, hanging green food in a similar position, and others, are believed to gradually improve a bird's carriage, and doubtless with some reason.

Again, a bird that is inclined to be crouchy has the lower part of its cage front covered with some opaque material and kept in such a position that it is encouraged to frequently draw itself up to get a glimpse of its comrades over the obstructing material. Over-training, or making the birds too tame, will often give rise to another fault in any variety. This is when the bird gets so tame and confident that when one begins to inspect it closely it comes to the front and grips the wires an inch or two above the perch with one foot and keeps the other foot on the perch. This is a rather bad blemish, and should be corrected by putting in a perch firmly secured to the back of the cage and ending an inch or so short of the wires, so that the bird cannot come close up to the wires. It will also be best to give it a little less attention to prevent its becoming too tame and ruffling its feathers and wanting to play with one's fingers.

A bird in the last condition is quite as difficult to judge fairly as one that is too wild and nervous to allow itself to be looked at. Whenever a bird goes to that degree of tameness that it comes to the wire and tweets boldly and fearlessly to you, it is time to cease all further conciliatory efforts as from this stage tameness proceeds by leaps and bounds, and it is often a delicate matter to pose the bird without encouraging it to become tamer than is desirable.

The Cinnamon may with advantage stand just a little more upright, but should not approach the degree of angularity affected by the Yorkshire. On the other hand the two last named breeds should stand right across the perch, as it were, or in such a position that an imaginary line drawn from the top of the head to the tip of the tail would form a right angle with the perch itself.

The Robin is favoured by many as showing the typical position of a Crest or Crest-bred, whilst others favour the Bullfinch pose. The latter is generally the best, and the Bullfinch may further be taken as typical of the ideal shape of body of the Crest and Crest-bred. But one may with advantage train a real good Crest to pose Robin-wise, with the head held a trifle low—in short, to stand as though it were consciously showing its chief points of interest and value to the observer. This, of course, is only meant to apply to birds with really good and well-shaped crests. If the crest is in any way faulty, it is good policy to encourage the more upright Bullfinch pose, especially if the size of body and plenitude of feather is a marked feature of the bird.

Other Varieties.

The Belgian and the Scotch Fancy are undoubtedly and essentially birds of position. Training, therefore, is quite the most important thing in preparing them for exhibition. The typical position of each will be found in the ideals and standard of perfection. Both are very highly strung, sensitive breeds, and often inclined to nervousness, so that the utmost care and gentleness should always be exercised in handling and training them. But given these necessary requirements, the birds should be made quite familiar with the judging stick, and having their cages frequently handled. No amount of trouble should be spared to get them to remain steady under close scrutiny, and to fall readily and quickly into position when the judging stick is introduced to the wire.

If one perseveres with the birds until they will invariably "pose" promptly as soon as a few gentle taps with a cane or pencil against the wires attract their notice they will have gone far on the road that leads to "first and special," and will never have cause to regret the pains bestowed upon their education.

(To be continued.)

Although I am an invalid myself, and only able to go out in a bath chair in the summer time, I like reading about the birdy men's outings and rambles, when they give a description of what they find, and are able to see. I have one hen Canary and one cock Linnet. I tried for Mules last year but had two nests of clear eggs. I have also a hen Goldfinch, but she will not settle down So I have not anything much, but they are very interesting to me as I am always with them. GEORGE BUTTERY (Woodbridge).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(Continued from page 311).

THE GREY FINCH (*S. grisea*). (*Grey Grosbeak—Lath.*—Adult male: Upper surface, mostly dark grey, with a slaty sheen and slightly washed with brown on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wing-coverts, blackish, narrowly edged with grey on the outer webs; primaries and flight black, edged with ashy grey; the outer webs of the inner primaries are white at the base, forming a small white patch, almost obscured by the primary coverts; tail-feathers, blackish with dusky grey edgings, the centre feathers having a slightly ashy sheen; lores and base of cheeks, blackish; crown, sides of face, ear-coverts, sides of neck and throat, sides of body and flanks, dark grey with a slaty sheen; breast, abdomen and under tail-coverts, white; beak, blackish; legs and feet, brownish. Total length 4¾ ins., tail 1½ ins. "In some specimens the grey colour of the throat extends over the breast." (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XII.).

Adult female: Upper surface, mostly pale olive brown; wings, dusky brown edged with grey; crown of the head, dusky; lores, eye region, ear-coverts, cheeks, thighs, and under tail-coverts, pale yellowish olive; centre of breast and abdomen, whitish. Total length 4½ ins, tail 1⅝ ins. "Habitat: from Guiana to Venezuela; Trinidad, and Colombia extending to Panama." (British Museum Catalogue.

THE PLUMBEOUS FINCH (*S. plumbea*). —Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is ashen, rump a little lighter; tail, blackish, edged with greyish brown and slightly tipped with pale ashy; lesser wing-coverts, ashen; median and greater coverts blackish, edged with ashy grey; primaries, edged with whitish grey, the inner ones white at the base of the outer web, forming a fairly large white patch. The crown of the head is ashen; lores, black; ear-coverts, dark ash grey with whitish shaft lines; cheeks, dark ashy grey, with a small white streak at the base; lower eyelid, white; the under surface is ashy grey, with the centre of the breast, abdomen, and under tail-coverts almost pure white; thighs, whitish grey; beak, blackish; legs and feet, brownish grey; iris, brown. Total length 4½ ins., tail 1¾ ins. (Described from a living specimen in the writer's own possession). "Habitat: Brazil, extending into Bolivia." (British Museum Catalogue).

SUB-SPECIES A: *S. whiteleyana.*—Adult male: General colour above, pale ashy grey rather lighter on the lower rump; lesser wing coverts like the back; median and greater coverts dusky blackish edged with hoary ashy on the latter; bastard wing, primary coverts and quills, dusky blackish edged with ashy, the primaries margined with hoary grey, the inner ones white at the base of the outer web, forming an alar speculum; tail coverts, ashy grey; tail feathers, blackish edged with ashy, and pale brown at the tips of the feathers; crown of the head like the back; lores, dusky ashy; lower eyelid white; ear-coverts and cheeks, dull ashy; fore part of cheeks and upper throat, white; centre of throat and under surface of body, pale ashy grey; centre of breast and abdomen, white; thighs and under tail-coverts, white. Total length, 4.4 in., tail 1.75 in. Other males, apparently younger birds, procured at the same season of the year, are much browner above and on the margins of the wing-coverts and quills; the under parts are also suffused with brown, which likewise deadens the white on the throat and abdomen. Habitat: Guiana.

SUB-SPECIES B: *S. colombiana.*—Adult male: Similar to the male of *S. plumbea*, but a little paler grey, and distinguished by the feathers below the fore part of the cheeks and the entire throat, which is white. Total length, 4.5 in., tail 1.65. Habitat: U. S. of Colombia.

EULER'S FINCH (*S. superciliaris*).—Adult male: The upper surface is olive-green, save for the following variations: Median, greater, bastard wing, primary coverts and quills, dusky brown edged with olive; the greater and median-coverts are tipped with buffish white, forming a double wing bar; tail-feathers blackish brown edged with olive; crown of the head olive-green suffused with dusky; lores and eye-streak, yellowish-white; ear-coverts, olive streaked with whitish; cheeks, throat and under surface of body pale yellowish-white, almost pure white on the lower breast and abdomen; foreneck and chest as under surface, but suffused with ashy-grey; sides of body and flanks greyish-brown suffused with olive; beak, brownish; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 5½ in., of which the tail measures 2½ in.

Adult female: Darker olive-green above than the male; her double wing-bars are ochraceous, and her under surface is more olive-yellow; the plumage generally is of a duller hue than that of the male. "A young male which died in the Zoological Gardens had the buff tips to the wing-coverts as in the old female, and base of the forehead white." Habitat: Brazil.

S. simplex.—Adult male: The upper surface, including the top of the head, is palish olive-brown, suffused with ashy-grey; median and greater coverts, dusky edged with olive and tipped with white, forming a double wing-bar; the bastard wing, primary-coverts and quills, similar but without white tips; there is a small patch of white at the base of the primaries, formed by the whitish tips of the secondaries and the bases of the inner primaries; tail-feathers, brown edged with olive; lores and eye region, whitish; ear-coverts, greyish-brown; cheeks and under-surface, whitish-yellow, strongly suffused with greyish-brown on the foreneck and sides of body; beak, brownish; lower mandible much paler than the upper; legs and feet, leaden-brown. Total length 4¾in., tail 1¾in.

According to Prof. Nation the sexes are alike. According to Dr. Taczanowski the young differ from the adults in having a tinge of brownish on the upper parts, the same tint suffusing the under surface; the white wing-bands are less distinct and have a slightly ruddy tinge; the margins of the scapular plumes are also slightly ruddy. Habitat: Peru.

SOMBRE FINCH (*S. obscura*).—Adult male: General colour of upper surface, brown with a slightly olive tinge, and washed on the top of the head with ashy, wing-coverts, dusky-brown edged with lighter; quills, dusky-brown with ruddy margins; sides of face, greyish-brown with a whitish loral streak; cheeks, throat and under surface of body ashy-grey, whitish on the centre of breast and abdomen; flanks, lightly washed with olive; beak, the upper mandible is blackish, the lower much paler (pale horn); legs and feet, pale brown. Total length, 37in., tai 1½. Adult female: Similar to the male, but a little browner grey; bill, brown, the upper mandible darker; legs and feet flesh-colour; iris, wood-brown. (H. Durnford). Habitat: from Peru to the Western Argentine Republic.

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A Working Man's Experiences with British Birds.

By P. JACKSON.

(Continued from page 342.)

My Experience with Tits.

The Titmice are very interesting birds to keep. I have successfully kept Blue-Tits, Cole-Tits, Marsh-Tits, Long-tailed Tits, and Great or Oxeye Tits (I never had the luck to possess a Bearded or a Crested Tit). I had a little trouble in keeping these birds at first—I could not keep them alive for more than three days, they ottener than not dying the same night I got them.

I kept one for about a week in my aviary. On going to feed him early one day, however, I missed him, and failed to hear his song, which used to greet me, as I neared the aviary. I searched, but it was in vain. I expected to find him dead but to my surprise found him peeping through a self-feeding hopper. This revealed the secret, the others had evidently died through not having suitable sleeping accommodation.

So I set to work and made a few large cages with ½in. mesh loose wire fronts, the inside of the cages being lined with rough oak bark. I put eight Blue Tits in the first cage which I had barked, and waited anxiously to see the result. In less than twenty seconds not one of the birds could be seen; occasionally they would take a peep from behind the bark, to see if the coast was clear, darting back as soon as they were aware of my presence.

After this I had little or no trouble with Tits. But I find each species is better if kept in separate cages, especially the Great Tits. One of these I placed with three Blue Tits; all seemed well, but on going to feed them next morning I found that the Great Tit had already had his feed on the brains of the Blue Tits. He had scalped them all, and their skulls inside were as clean as if washed out. There were no signs of any blood in the cage, but he was easily proved guilty; his beak and breast were covered with blood, he uttered a defiant, harsh noise as I pulled the Tits out of the cage, and pecked violently at my hand.

All the Tits are more or less quarrelsome. The Great Tit, in my opinion, is the most beautiful of all British birds, with his jet black cap and body of different shades of greens, blues, and yellows he is a perfect treat to look at.

How Best to Feed Them.

The most staple food for all Tits is a lump of mutton suet, stuck in the bars, and the mixture recommended for small insectivorous birds. This course of feeding answers well for the Cole, Marsh, and Longtailed Tits, but for Blue and Great Tits it is best to add shelled nuts of some kind, together with sunflower and hemp seeds, not forgetting mealworms.

It is interesting to watch them. If you can secrete yourself somewhere near the cage, watch how they devour large mealworms. They get them between their claws and pull them to pieces, bit by bit, with the dexterity of a hawk with his prey. The cages for Tits I have mentioned do well for Nuthatches and Treecreepers, also for Woodpeckers, which birds do admirably on the food recommended for small insectivorous birds.

A Turn at Keeping Kingfishers.

I will now conclude by giving my experience two years ago with a nest of Kingfishers, and the parent birds. Hearing that two persons at least had successfully reared and kept this species I thought I would try. I found a nest of these birds only half-a-mile from home. The parent birds had been feeding their young for at least a fortnight. I watched them fishing for minnows in a clear stream for hours, close to where their nest was situated, high up in the bank under an old stump of a tree. They would perch on a branch nearest to the water, dive into the stream and seldom miss their prey. I noticed they always seemed to bolt the fish whole, head first; the smaller ones they took to their young. I prepared my aviary with sandstone rock work with a large fish aquarium fixed on top; I also had rock-work about the aviary. I stocked the tank with minnows caught in the same stream (with a mosquito hand net). I chose a cloudy night for the capture of the parent birds. I took with me a purse net and peg, a long cane and an acetylene lamp; also a canvas-topped box. Nearing the spot, I placed the lamp, alight, in my pocket, and crept cautiously up, covered the nest hole with the net, and pegged same down. Then I put my cane through the net and down the hole, and worked it to and fro gently. Both parent birds were instantly caught, for they came out like shot from a gun. I tightened the net on them, then removed the peg and put the birds safely in my store-box.

Procuring the Young.

I had to pull part of the bank away to get at the young, which numbered four, all fully fledged. Embedded on it were the ejected fish bones, which the old birds had thrown up, commonly called pellets. I wended my way home, much pleased with my prize. I left them packed till morning.

I rose early that day to let them loose in their new home. The old birds did not care for it at first, dashing about wildly. I put the young close to the aquarium on the rock-work, and "made myself scarce," watching the event through a peep hole in the next partition. In about a quarter of an hour the old birds began to fish for themselves and young. I then left them for the day. On going in the next morning I found they had eaten up all the fish. So I employed some young children fishing for minnows. In the course of a few days they tired of this. Not having time to catch fish for them, I resolved on trying codfish, which I cut up in strips and placed them in the aquarium in shallow water. They waded for it and seemed to enjoy it. I took a friend in to see them a few days afterwards, but they seemed to forbid strangers. The hen bird (mother of the youngsters) knocked its neck out of joint against the netting under the roof window.

The young seemed to fret after her, as they only lived about a week after. I could not spare the aviary for one bird, so I caged the cock, and kept him for about five months.

I believe I would have reared the lot, but for the accident the mother bird met with, as the cock died, in my opinion, for want of proper exercise. I hope that in future if any CAGE BIRDS' readers try to rear Kingfishers they will meet with success. I am confident they can be reared on salt-water fish.

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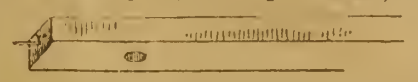
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 258.

A TRAP FOR RED MITE.

Sent by G. B. Leclair, 150, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone N.E.

I herewith send you a sketch of a perch I use for keeping down the red mite. It is an ordinary perch, with a hole bored in (half through the perch) with a ¼in. bradawl, the



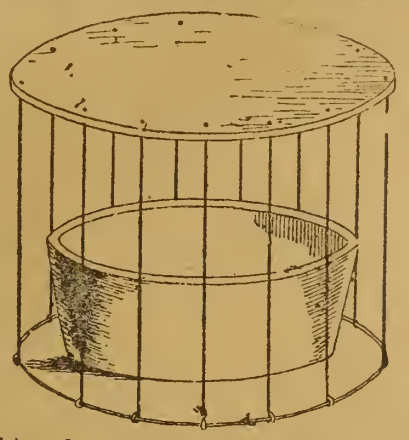
hole to be on the underside, 2in. from the end. The red mite soon finds this little nesting-place, and the perch can easily be taken out and placed in hot water. I find this soon clears the red mite out of cages. I go round once a week, but do not find very many now.—G. B. LECLAIR.

No. 259.

A DRINKER FOR FLIGHTS AND AVIARIES.

Sent by T. Yarrow, Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Station, Northumberland.

I enclose a sketch of a drinker for flight cages of aviaries, which I find very useful for preventing birds from bathing in their drinking water, and keeping it clean. First procure a piece of wood (5-16in. thick will



do), and cut a piece about ½in. larger than the dish you intend to use. Get a piece of cage wire, and bend round the shape and size of your wood. Then cut some wires (as shown in sketch), to be driven in sides of wood for top, about 1in. apart, and to be fixed on wire ring for the bottom, so that it can easily be placed over your dish. The birds stand outside and drink.—T. YARROW.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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*Our Mischievous Magpie.

"Well, this is the latest; I can find neither my work-basket nor anything else," said mamma to me. "Have you seen it, Kitty?" "No," I replied, "but I saw 'Dicky' with the thimble in his mouth." So mamma went into the room just in time to see "Dicky," the Magpie, fly behind the door. Then she saw the thimble, thread, needles, scissors, etc., all hid under the end of the carpet.—Sent by J. H. Taylor (age 14), 36, Back Row, Cullencoats, near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

*A True Starling Story.

Having taken my uncle's dinner one day about a week before Christmas, one of the men asked me if I would like to see some little birds. Sure enough there was a nest of young Starlings in a water pipe by the side of a house. I stood watching the old ones feed them and thought it was a pretty sight for this time of the year. My uncle and his men say they have never heard of such a thing before.—Sent by Kate Cryttenden (age 10), 4, Homerule Cottage, Poundfield, Jarvisbrook.

**Two Clever Sparrows.

A Sparrow was building its nest near to grandma's house, and it flew down into the garden and tried to carry away a piece of woollen material. After trying in vain to lift it, grandma watching through the window saw it fly away, and shortly came back again bringing another Sparrow with it. The two of them got hold of the piece with their beaks and flew away with it to where they had their nest.—Sent by Flossie Shinn (aged 9), 33, Edward Road, Bedford, Beds.

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Concerning Sea Gulls.

The sight of snowy plumaged Sea-Gulls recalls visions of summer holidays on sunny coasts when we eagerly watched the evolutions of the graceful birds, dodging the dancing waves or idly searching the sands by the water's edge. As winter approaches, the Gulls find their way up the estuaries and tidal rivers, eagerly watching the incoming tide for small fry brought in from the sea. They settle upon the oozing mud or float upon the water. When the tide is out, they stand for hours resting and preening themselves, on the stretches of mud and sand. At a distance their white plumage alone is discernible. While travelling through the country at this time of the year, one can see them in almost every country in England, upon the moors and uplands far from the sea, or closely following the plough, searching for wireworms and grubs in the rich heavy soil. Undoubtedly the Gull is a friend to the husbandman, although his enemies stoutly assert he is after the grain, when seen in the field. The destruction of fish by these graceful birds is estimated to involve the loss of thousands of pounds annually; and yet there appears to be plenty left in the sea. Some people would have these fishers destroyed, but to what end? Would it increase the supply of fish? Do not the Gulls when searching for food do good service by weeding out from the shoals weakly and diseased specimens? As the sun gets round to the west and daylight fades, we see companies of Gulls going seawards, in fine weather flying high and easily; or it may be facing a strong breeze, when, by skimming the surface of the water, they make good progress. The landsman sometimes wonders where they roost. If the tide is ebbing, it is upon the sand bars and mud banks at the mouth of the river, safe from intrusion, and with nothing to disturb them save the lapping of the waves out at sea or the night cries of their fellows or roving bands of wild fowl passing to and from the feeding grounds.

Swift as a Swallow.

It is recorded that two Swallows liberated in Paris arrived at their home Roulaix, a distance of 93 miles, in 75 minutes.

Precocious Birds.

The fine, warm autumn has caused many birds to mistake the season. Rooks, Tits, Sparrows, and Starlings, have been observed to carry nesting materials to suitable sites.

Golden Oriole in Kent.

The nesting of the Golden Oriole in Kent is an annual occurrence, and it is doubtful if any county has been so much favoured by this beautiful migrant. In France the bird is fairly common but destruction upon arrival has prevented its nesting more frequently here.

Pet Rook.

Most bird lovers are fond of attending to young birds, and many deserted nestlings have been safely reared by kind-hearted people; but seldom does one see the common Rook taken in hand and attended to. He is considered to be not worth the trouble. Recently we saw one that had been reared by a lady who found it on the roadside, and he undoubtedly made a very interesting pet and showed quite as much intelligence as a Magpie or Jay. He would tease both the dog and the cat, and they would scamper off directly he appeared upon the scene. One of his chief amusements was playing with a cricket ball. He would go through some curious antics with it on the lawn. His owner observed that he never would eat worms.

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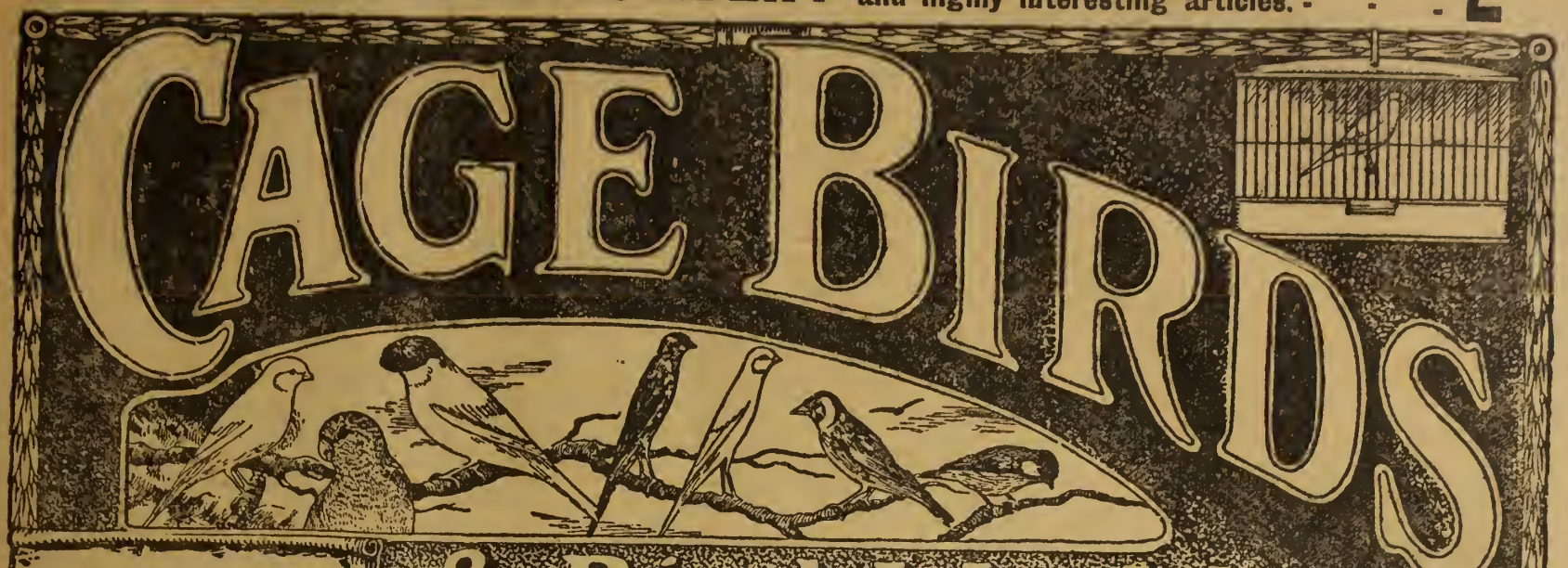
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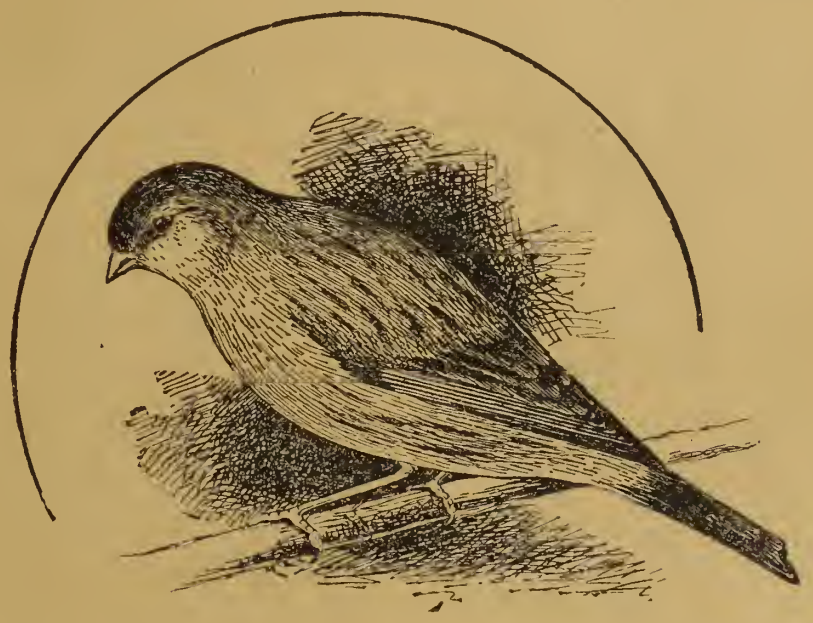
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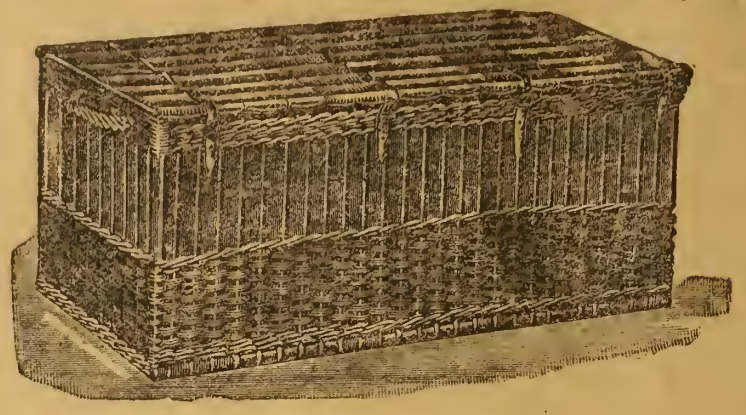
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OWING to business am giving up Crest breeding; 12 to dispose of, single or in one lot; some grand birds among them. I won points special for Crest section at Dunfermline, 1908; approval; deposit.—Wm. Campbell, 3, Leishman Square, Alva, N.B.

SPECIAL!! Special!! Heavily feathered champion bred Crests and Crestbreds of my own breeding; matched breeding pairs, 12/6 upwards; odd cocks and hens; show specimens reasonable; enquiries invited; approval anywhere.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

ALL my prize winning strain of Crest, Crestbred, and Yorkshires to be sold, cheap; all related to my cup winners; see last week's CAGE BIRDS for list of my winners in South West London annual show.—Slade, 154, Broomwood-road, Clapham Common.

LARGE, wing-marked dark Crest cock, and green Crest-bred hen, feather well over beak end, 35/-; green Crest cock and ticked buff hen, 30/-; large capped Crest-bred buff cock, 50/-; great length of head feather.—Richards, 66, Carter-st., Greenheys, Manchester.

W. NEAME, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon, exhibitors and fanciers, now is your opportunity if you require monster Crest and Crest-breds. I have a very large collection for disposal, at prices to suit all fanciers, bred from my unbeaten strain; approval two days.

C. ROBERTS, winner of the gold medals at the Crystal Palace and the Scottish National great shows (1908) for the best bird in the shows, can supply matched pairs of his noted strains from 30/- to £10; single birds from 13/6 each; state your wants; few show birds reasonable.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

FAMOUS Crests; these show birds cheap; grand Crested cock, winner in the best of company, £4, bargain; another fine big bird, £3 10s., winner; also three splendid dark Crested cocks, at 50/- each, two at 40/- each, and one at 35/-; all can win at good shows; many winners supplied at this cheap price by me; approval.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

NOTICE.—Few green and variegated Crest-bred cocks, from 20/-, 30/-, to 40/- each; wings marked, dark crested cock, large bird, 40/-; another wings marked, dark crested cock, good bird, 20/-; above are all 1908 birds; large green Crestbred cock, 1906, a breeder, £3 10/-; this bird is own brother to the green crest depicted on coloured plate last year; all above are same strain as my winners. See reports Newcastle, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham; 3 days' approval; money returned if not satisfied.—Walter Radley, Paradise square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

BREEDERS and sellers of high-class Crests, winning again this season, 22 money prizes, 8 specials, and 3 specials for best birds in cage bird section; have a grand lot to dispose of from 15/- upward; can be seen any time, or sent three days' approval.—J. Symons, Skelbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strain; monster clear Crest cock, perfect crest, 22/0; monster Green Crest cock, perfect, £1; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 17/6; monster over-marked ditto, 15/-; monster Green Crest hen, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 13/6; monster clear Crest-bred cock, 25/-; monster Green ditto, 16/-; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; monster Yellow variegated ditto, grand head, 15/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, 13/6; massive feathery ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CREST AND CREST-BRED,

I have for sale, six good headed C.B. hens, also a few Crested cocks, Frost and Joyce's strain, good quality, reasonable; stamp reply; approval; inspection invited.—Broadland, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Crests and Crest-breds, every bird for sale to make room for Yorkshires cocks, monster, wing marked, dark Crest, 40/-; ditto, 30/-, perfect centre and radiation, 30/-; almost green, good neat Crest, 30/-; yellow, dark crest, 30/-; three young Crest-breds, good heads and turnover, 20/- each; '06 Crest-bred cock, cup winner, 60/-; three Crest-bred hens, 15/-, 20/-, 50/-; all reverse to beak-end; these birds can win in any company, they are very cheap, and the offer cannot be repeated.—Crawhall, 121, St. George's-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Greens.

TWO leggy yellow-green Yorkshire cocks, 10/6, 12/6.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

YORKSHIRE greens, breeders, cheap; also Linnet Mules.—9, Gosford-st., Dingle, Liverpool.

GREEN Yorkshires, from 12/6 per pair.—Samuel Dean, see Yorkshires and Food columns

YELLOW foul Green Norwich cock, 10/6; another, 7/6; large Green Crest-bred cock, 10/6; approval, deposit.—Bairstow, 22, Livingstone-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

I CAN spare a few high-class Yorkshire Greens, reasonable show or stock; best blood obtainable; approval willingly.—Metcalfe, 105, Silverdale-avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead, has few pairs Yorkshire Greens for sale, single cocks, self or fouls, no single hens, same strain as my Palace winners; approval, deposit; stamp reply

WINNING strain Yorkshire Greens, a few of my noted strain for sale, single birds or matched pairs, pairs from 25/-; seen any day but Sunday, telephone 874.—Norman B. Fielden, North-parade, Halifax.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich greens for sale, for show, or stock; also few variegated buff hens; all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp; can be seen Sundays.

Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, from 3/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WANTED matched pair, 1908; exchange pair Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger strain.—Dr. Arthur Hughes, "Beaumont," Deal.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, from 7/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

A FEW good Lancashires for disposal; approval, stamp.—139, High-st., Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRE yellow coppy hen, young one, 20/-.—Rushton, 13, Catherine-street, Macclesfield.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for show or stock; pairs from 25/-; all on approval.—A. West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

A FEW high-class Lancashires for sale cheap, Coppies and Plainheads; stamp reply; deposit.—Adams, Barous-st., Rochdale.

LARGE Buff Coppy cock, perfect coppy, good frontal, 25/-; large Buff Coppy hen, 20/-; healthy, and on approval.—Arthur Hill, Halebank, near Widnes.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for sale, yellows and buffs, coppys and Plainheads, cocks and hens, grand quality, reasonable; also good pair of Lizards. Fisher's strain, price 12/6; stamp reply; Inspection invited; approval.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

STAMFORD Show, December 10th, 6 classes.

TWO slightly ticked yellow cocks, 1908 birds, 6/- each.—Grigg, Hopton, Thetford.

HAVING four young Norwich yellow hens, what offers?—Tringham, 72, Green-st., Hereford.

FIVE fine 1908 Norwich cocks; also seven hens, can be seen any time.—28, Pelham-rd., Ilford.

GOOD Norwich cocks and hens for sale.—Sutherland, 7, Broomhall-st., Kinning Park, Glasgow.

A FEW good young Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

FIVE Norwich cocks, singing, £1; double-breeder, and pair Norwich, 10/-.—Burge, Whittington Moor.

EIGHT splendid 1908 Norwich hens, 2/6; one special, variegated, 4/-.—Farr, 3, Oakhill, Horsham, Sussex.

YOUNG Norwich, colour fed; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; cash or deposit.—Gilder, East-st., Sudbury, Suffolk.

FOR Sale, 30 Norwich, large birds, for stock or show; price reasonable.—Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin.

GRAND choice stock or show birds for sale; stamp reply; deposit.—Meakes, 23, Carr-lane, South Normanton.

A FEW nice Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/- and 5/-; approval, 32, Church-terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 5/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright villa, Castle-Douglas.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, all guaranteed my own breeding; stamp reply.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

FIVE Norwich cocks, two 1907, three 1908, green and variegated, 5/6 each.—W. A. S., 48, Vicars-hill, Lewisham.

FIRST-CLASS bred Yorkshires for disposal, in exchange for typical Plainhead Norwich.—E. Whittler, St. Austell.

S. T. JONES can spare some grand, bold yellow hens, 5/- each; winning strain; approval.—Queen-st., Lynton.

YELLOW cock, four large hens, exhibition cock Goldfinch, £1 5s. the lot.—64, Chapter-rd., Cricklewood, London.

COLOUR-FED Norwich; a few variegated cocks, 7/6 each; stamp, deposit.—G. Rooksby, 31, Edmund-st., Kettering.

SEVEN Norwich cocks, four hens, to clear, 30/-; genuine bargain.—J. Lee, Macklin-st. Schools, Newton-st., Holborn.

ONE Green cock and two Green Norwich hen Canaries, sell 7/-; a bargain.—R. Pleated, Highfield-rd., Berkhamsted.

CHAMPION Norwich yellow cock, 1903, large buff hen, both winners, 1st and show cage, 35/-.—Geary, Dentist, Erdington.

TEN pairs of prize-bred Norwich, winning strain, 20/- pair; stamp particulars; state your wants.—Brain, Glastonbury.

FEW typical yellow and buff cocks to dispose of reasonable; stamp reply.—E. G. Jordan, 128, Fernbrook-rd., Lewisham.

NORWICH, eight cocks, six hens, good stuff, £2 15s.; approval.—J. Marshall, Hairdresser, 70, Waring-st., Leicester.

THREE pairs good Norwich for sale, 7/6 pair, or £1 lot; approval, deposit.—Smith, Harboro'-rd., Rushden, Northants.

A FEW good Norwich for disposal; same strain as my winners; approval, stamp.—W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

FOR sale, four young Norwich Canaries, three nests, all yellow.—Davis, Cupola-cottage, Paglesham, near Rochford, Essex.

LARGE buff cock and nice yellow marked hen, 15/-.—McVicar, 13, Springfield Cottages, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

GOOD young Norwich, colour-fed; cocks, 7/6 and 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval, deposit.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

BARWELL, has all all kinds of Norwich stock for sale; state wants; dealers supplied.—Overstone-rd., Bird Stores, Northants.

GOOD pair Norwich Canaries, also flight, show, two breeding cages, 17/6 lot.—Evins, 52, Warleigh-avenue, Keyham, Devonport.

NORWICH Canaries, Sandiford'a, Roberts's strain, yells. and buffs, cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6.—Dickson, Union-st., Montrose.

NORWICH, three good pairs, also cock Canary and Linnet, 25/-; cash or separate.—Cox, Peatling-rd., Countesthorpe, Leicester.

GIVING up; bargains; breeding pairs, with double cages, complete, from 12/6; stamp reply.—Barritt, 97, Newton-rd., Ipswich.

NORWICH cock Canaries, in full song, large Bullfinch type, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-.—Fred. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

FIVE pairs large, typical Norwich, two cross-bred songsters, colour-fed, 40/- lot; approval, deposit. Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

NICE young Yellow Norwich cock and two young Buff hens, colour-fed, 13/6; approval, deposit.—Whiteside, 6, Mortimer-st., Oldham.

20 large typical Norwich; winners, and fit to win; unflighted, 12/6 to 30/-; approval; deposit.—John Pringle, Cnrror-street, Selkirk, N.B.

CHAMPION Norwich show or stock; approval, deposit; inspection invited, 15/-, £1 pair.—Rorke, 60, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

ONLY a few left, same blood as my winners; large close-feathered cocks and hens from 5/-.—Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; seven days' approval; cages, 2d. extra.—M. Cann, 15, North-st., Lurgan, Armagh.

CANARIES. This season's well-bred Norwich for sale; cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6; or pair, 7/6.—Apply Miss Weall, Rutland Lodge, Watford.

SPLENDID large typical Norwich for sale, from wining strain, Buffs, Yellows, 10/6 upwards.—Mothesole, 81, Newbridge-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good stock birds; Yellows and Buffs, pairs, from 15/-; inspection invited.—Gravestock, 102, New City-rd., Plaistow

MR. JOHN ALLEN has some good Norwich for disposal; they have been consistently bred for years.—4, Bonsall-street, Mere-road, Leicester.

NORWICH, good breeding strain, splendid songsters; cold aviary; lowest prices; single or pairs.—Pinner, 174, Rosehill-road, Ipswich.

GRAND Buff Norwich cock, winner 1st, 25/-; ticked yellow hen, winner 3rd, 21/-; 1907 bred; approval.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

EXHIBITION clear Buff Plainhead hen, 2nd Kirkcaldy, see C.B. report last week, £2; approval, deposit.—G. Malloch, Almond Villa, Perth.

GRAND cocks, at singing bird prices, 7/6 and 8/6 each; excellent condition; colour-fed to perfection.—Sanderson, 17, Beaconsfield-avenue, Dover.

FOR sale, high-class Norwich, bred from Miles; third Palace winner; 1908 birds; approval; write particulars.—W. Barkes, Crawleyside, Stanhope.

A FEW good Norwich left, fit for exhibition; approval pleasure; deposit Editor, stamp; two buff hens, 3/- each.—Marshall Hickfield.—Winchfield.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich from winners; see reports, CAGE BIRDS, Ramsgate, Margate, Herne Bay, etc., 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair.—Mills, Victoria-rd., Margate.

WINNING buff cock, 21/-; another, 15/6; also large yellow hen, all 1907, several 1908 cocks and hens; pairs from 15/6.—E. Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

ONE clear yellow cock, bred from Greens, 15/-; one variegated, ditto, 7/-; one reliable stock pair, 15/-; genuine; stamp.—Breeder, 23, Chequer-st., Luton, Beds.

W. STAFFORD, 24, Stafford-st., Stockport, has a few well bred, 1907 and 1908 cocks and hens for sale, colour-fed and healthy, 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit.

PRIZE-Bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

GOOD Norwich, the whole of my stock of grand Norwich Plainheads for disposal, single or in pairs.—Bleach, 25, Chandos-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

CINNAMON, 1908 buff cocks, bred from my winning prize strain, Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buff; few common Canary cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; deposit.—Buist, 30, Crighton-place, Leithwalk, Edinburgh.

GIVING up Fancy, good strain Norwich, one pair 25/-; also cocks, 12/6; hens, 7/6 each; can be seen any time.—Cook, 21, Anson-st., Warde-st., Hulme, Manchester.

TWO splendid pairs Norwich Plainheads, 12/-, 15/-; two massive Crested cocks, 12/-, 15/-; one enormous clear body dark Crest, 30/-.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton.

GIVING up breeding, the whole of my stock of 130 for sale; will sacrifice them at 2/6 each taking the lot.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whitecross st., E.C.

WHAT offers in Norwich Plainheads and Crests for pure bred Welsh Terrier bitch, 18 months, good house dog; particulars.—G. R. Smith, 39, Wykeham-st., Scarboro'.

GRAND unflighted buff cock, 30/-; another, 20/-; take 42/- the two; exchange yellow blood; no rubbish sent or wanted.—E. Wilcox, Ivy-cottage, near Sawley, Derby.

FEW good Norwich for disposal, same as my winners Leicester Hand-in-Hand; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit.—W. A. Davies, Bostonplace, Coventry.

SEVERAL clinking unflighted Buff cocks for stock, 12/6 each; honestly worth the money; Buff hens, 7/6 each; approval.—Roberts, 55, Haywood-street, Shelton, Staffordshire.

BEARDALL AND WALKER, have a few Norwich to spare, cheap to clear, cocks from 6/-; and hens from 4/- upwards; approval; stamp reply.—Sutton-rd., Huthwaite, Notts.

WM. WRIGLEY, has a few Norwich for sale, from 12/6 upwards; related to my winners, Altrincham, Preston, Liverpool, etc.—8, Church-street, Godley, Hyde; approval, stamp.

MR. E. FOX, Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham; fanciers in want of good birds for show and stock should sent to me; some grand birds for disposal; approval, deposit.

ONE high-class Norwich for sale, from 10/- upwards; the best of type and quality, bred from winners; approval.—J. T. W. Lowthian, 33, Festerst., Penrith, Cumberland.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

ALL my Norwich for salo at giving away price to clear, Trengove's, Godley's, Raine's, Davis' strains; also cages, fountains, baths, egg-pots, etc.—Hardcastle, Cross-st., Ashton-on-Mersey.

BUFF cock, 1st Burnley, Gt. Harwood, yellow cock, 1st Gt. Harwood, buff hen 1st Morpeth, Carlisle, and few others for sale, approval.—E. Godley, 29, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cock Canaries, splendid songsters, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each; Mackley's prize strain.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

FOR sale a few Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs; also few buff hens; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; state requirements, stamp reply; approval, cash or deposit.—Wilson, 21, Salisbury-street, Kirkcaldy.

TWO clear Yellow hens, two variegated Buff cocks, unflighted, fed, 7/6; clean Yellow Border cock, ticked Buff hen, 7/- pair; nice cock Bullfinch; winners, approval.—Marshall, Newtown-st., Duns.

HIGHEST-CLASS Plainheads; cocks from 4/6; hens from 2/6; grand colour-fed Yellow cock, 1908, rare singer, 7/6, worth £1; six strong young hens, 9/-; week's approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

GENTLEMEN, owing to ill-health, I am obliged to reduce my stock, have a few Norwich, breed from my winners, clear yellow cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6; Buff cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-.—Barlow, Fame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

MR. ECKERSLEY, having bred an exceptionally fine lot of youngsters, can spare some grand yellows and buffs, 1908 and 1907, show or stock, from his famous winning strain.—51, Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

PRIZE strain Norwich Canaries; cocks, in song, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; or would exchange for good Buff Orpington or Black Leghorn pullets; pullets first.—Owen, 91, Ashrd., Saltley, Birmingham.

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JOHN B. HENDERSON, Sunnylands, Gourdon, N.B., has for disposal several high-class Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries, Norwich, Trengove, Heaton and Barnes' strains, Cinnamons Yeates and Dormer's; approval, stamp reply.

JAMES KENNAN, Gardener, Nunwick Hall, Penrith, has for sale 40 splendid Norwich, Messrs. Goulden (late of Bolton), Bishop, and Altchison's strains, clears and variegated, single, matched pairs, or lot cheap to clear; approval willingly.

CHAMPION large typical Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes, second to none; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval; deposit.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LARGE healthy prize bred Norwich cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/-, 8/6, 10/- upwards; dealers supplied; inquiries invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

A few colour-fed typical Norwich cocks, clear and marked yellows and Buffs, perfect condition, 12/6 and 15/6 each; also 10 pairs matched for breeding, 12/6 pair; cocks in full song, 7/6 each; approval; deposit.—Bexson, "Old Cross Keys," Mary Gate, Nottingham.

F. HILLS, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone, has some high-class Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/-; pairs, good, from 10/6 upwards; see report Maidstone show, four 1sts, four specials, one 2nd, and one 3rd, and best bird in show; colour-fed and natural; approval, deposit.

VARIEGATED Buff cock, clear Yellow hen, grand pair, 40/-; clear Yellow cock, 1906, ticked Buff hen, 1908, 30/-; clear Yellow cock, 1908, 20/-; variegated Yellow cock, 1908, clear Buff hen, 1907, 20/-; two ticked Yellow hens, 1908, 10/- each; approval, deposit.—Stacey, 30, Hudson-st., Nottingham.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, breeder of champion Norwich, not a shopkeeper, and fanciers wanting Norwich for showing can rely upon getting suited from me without fear of my publishing their winnings, large Bullfinch type, rich in quality and depth of colour, from 30/- each; stock birds from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval.

EXHIBITORS—clear Buff cock, 1st, special, Ryde, 30/-; clear Buff cock, 2nd Ryde, 25/-; clear yellow cock, 1st, special, Ryde, 35/-; clear yellow cock, 2nd Ryde, 25/-; Nov. 19th, champion yellow cock, 2nd Portsmouth, 70/-; champion ticked yellow cock, 1st Portsmouth, £5; cards sent; approval (stamp).—Morris, Fancier, Ryde, I.O.W.

SPECIAL! Special! the highest possible satisfaction guaranteed with my Plainheads, healthy, typical and cold-room bred, hens from 3/-; cocks, on song, from 5/6; matched pairs for breeding, 7/6 upwards; show specimens, reasonable; please state requirements; correspondence with all a pleasure.—H. Ambs, Ashby-st., Norwich.

NORWICH, all bred from winners; unflighted Green cock, fine bird, 17/6; variegated Buff cock, 15/-; three Buff hens, 7/6, 10/-; clear and variegated Yellow cocks, two fine pairs, properly matched; all large birds and fine quality; approval; see this week's CAGE BIRDS, Sheffield Show.—Portor, Cabinet Maker, Hanginwater, Sheffield.

I have some good pairs of large 1907 and 1908 Norwich Plainheads, Bullfinch type, all fit for the show bench, at workmen's prices, 15/- and 20/- per pair; all hot-fed; also clear yellow fluff and variegated at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 per pair; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6. Inspection invited at any time; will send on seven days approval; cash or deposit with editor.—Marsh, Freemasons Aviaries, Mercerton-street, Brady-street, Whitechapel road, London.

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RIGHT BIRDS AT RIGHT PRICES.

T. R. Hadley, Burton-on-Trent, has for disposal several good hens, 1907-1908, 7/6 up; approval.

J. RIDLER

has a few pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires, good birds, at reasonable prices; stamp reply.—Joseph Ridler, 37, Pearce-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

I have some grand pairs to part with, 12/6, 15/ pair; odd cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 5/6, 6/- each —Matt. Hopkins, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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a grand lot of cocks and hens in clear and variegated yellow and buff from 5/- each for cocks to 7/6; hens, from 3/6 to 5/-; on approval.—R. Bowie, inn., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WINNING NORWICH.

See Worcester, Leicester, Hinckley, etc., reports; good show and stock birds for disposal; speciality Yellow hens.—E. H. Hulse, removed to 23, Hartingdon-rd., Leicester.

THE AVIARIES, NORWICH.

Prize-bred Norwich from winners; cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; dealers supplied; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; travelling cages, 3d. —T. Palmer, 275, Dereham-rd.

J. TRENGOVE

has a few high-class Norwich to dispose of; approval stamp.—7, High-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

J. C. WILMOT,

17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, is now disposing of his surplus stock of prize-bred Norwich; to secure the best birds apply early; satisfaction guaranteed.

LARGE TYPICAL NORWICH.

Grand type and quality, cold room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/- each; yellow or buff hens 4/-, 6/-, 10/- each; matched pairs 12/6, 17/6, 20/-, and 25/- pair; approval.—WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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Tobacconist, Chelmsford, can spare good Yellows and Buffs; see show reports; marked Buff cock, 2nd, 25/-; Buff cock, 1st, 30/-; ditto, 2nd, 25/-; clear Yellow cock, winner 1st and 2nd, 30/-; see show report Chelmsford last week's issue; approval; stamp reply.

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The finest cure for colds on the market; will keep show birds in tip-top condition, and prevent them going soft. In the season 1907 Bronchitaline had a four-fold increase in sale without advertising. Made by a fancier for a fancier; 1/- per bottle, post free. —Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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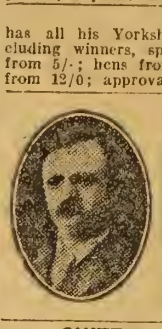
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THREE Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrids, 15/-; or exchange exhibition Goldfinch and Siskin.—F. Pace, 2, Ridgway-rd., Fishponds, Bristol.

GRAND plumaged cock Yellowhammer, sure winner, yellow as Canary, sacrifice 2/-; or exchange.—Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

EXHIBITION light Goldfinch Mule, won two 2nds only times out; exchange Yorkshires or Foreigners.—Goldsmith, Baythorne End, Halstead.

GRAND Goldfinch Mule, singing, 10/6; or exchange British birds to value; no rubbish wanted or offered.—Pohgee, Parish-lane, Penge.

WHAT exchange In foreign cock Goldfinches, for dark Goldfinch Mule ,and variegated Canary cocks.—Alex. Thomson, Loganlea, West Calder.

EXHIBITORS, grand cock Bullfinch, 4/6; exchange two Norwich hens for a good songster Canary; approval, deposit.—Jones, 5, Orchard-st., Carmarthen.

TWICE house-moulted cock Linnet and hen Canary, with breeding cage, splendid mulers, lot 10/-; exchange for cock Goldfinch Mule.—163, Globe-rd., Stepney, E.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldie (muler) for large Yellow Cinnamon hen; also six 1908 cock Canaries, sell 5/6 each.—Williams, 10, Canterbury-terrace, Cambridge.

TWO lovely cock Goldfinches, one last year's, 3/6, one this year's, 2/6; exchange either for cock Siskin; both for cock Canary in song; 1908 birds wanted.—Longhottom, Wisbech.

SPLENDID plumaged Kestrel Hawk; exchange offers Crest or Norwich hens; also splendid cock Thrush, cage-moulted twice, full song, sell 7/6; exchange Canaries.—H. Duke, Chard.

THREE cock Linnet Mules, 4/- each; cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; cock Linnet, singing stout, bred Mules this year, 4/-; exhange fowls, Pigeons common.—Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXHIBITION Brambleflnch, 7/6; Yellowhammer, 15/-; Box-moulted Linnet, 10/6; Chaffinch, 8/6; British Robin, singing, 5/-; Redpoll, 2/6; exchange anything; powerful air-gun wanted.—16, Havelock-rd., Luton.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, good colour, cock Goldfinch, splendid blaze, 10/- the two; exchange thistle seed, anything useful, or moulted Linnets; approval.—W. Fairhurst, 30, Guy-st., Bennett-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

CLEAR yellow 8ib hen, pink-eyed, 3/6; variegated Cinnamon hen, 3/6; buff Cinnamon hen, 5/-; 1907 birds; exchange best offers Goldfinches or Linnets, cocks, 1908; stamp reply.—Aikens, Ellenborough, Marsyport.

WANTED, two large yellow Norwich hens, for two British breeding Goldfinches, house-moulted, Bramblefinch, house-moulted, splendid feather, for yellow Nor. cock, must be good; approval both ways.—Morgan, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

HYBRID breeders, domesticated, 4/- pair; exhibition Bramblefinch, 7/6; Yellowhammer, 15/-; Linnet, 7/6; songster Linnets from 2/6; exchange typewriters, Canaries, Mules, Pigeons, live stock, anything.—Tho Chestnuts, Havelock-rd., Luton.

COCK Bullfinch and large, dark, hen Canary, been together all summer; Saffron-crested (and poll) Redpoll, cock, and hen Goldfinch, finger-tame; three cock Larks, large birds, caged two months; exchange entertained.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE six cocks, two hen Canaries; what offers.—Lewis, 70, King-st., Ramsgate.

TWO pairs Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange Leghorn pullets, laying; offers.—Breeze, March.

ONE Cinn. mkd. yellow, two Cin. mkd. buff, one ticked buff hens, 15/-.—Alcock, Quay, Conway.

NORWICH Canaries; cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/-; exchange no live stock.—Watson, 263, High-st., Elgin.

FOR sale, six Border Fancy cocks, two hens, 27/-; approval; cash or deposit.—Rae, Craignair-st., Dalbeattie.

CLAP Nets, 20 ft. by 4½ ft., all appliances, 6/6; exchange Yorkshire hens.—Dainty, 110, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

WHAT offers for six pairs of Seifert Rollers, fine healthy birds, good songsters?—Clarke, 257, Balls Pond-rd., N.

WHAT offers in British birds for good variegated Plainhead Norwich cock?—J. Holden, 25, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton.

FOUR Canaries, one house-moulted cock Linnet; exchange Crest-bred cock.—Bond, 9½, Chichester-rd., South Shields.

PAIR Yorkshires, 10/-; or exchange for large Yellow variegated Norwich hen.—Connon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

THREE pairs Norwich Canaries, 11/- pair; exchange anything.—Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingborough.

WILL exchange pair of Canaries, 1908 birds, good breeders, for cock Goldfinch and two cock grey Linnets, or sell, 7/6.—Thos. Howard, Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk.

SPLENDID pair winning Borders, 25/-; exchange winning British or foreign birds; approval.—Thomson, See Borders.

CANARIES, eight good songsters, 5/6 each; pair of 1908 Yorkshires, 10/6.—Featherstone, Great Ayton, S.O., Yorkshires.

EXCHANGE, four young Border cocks, and pair of Norwich; anything useful.—Alex. Hughes, 83, Staneplace, Shotts, N.B.

EXCHANGE 160 CAGE BIRDS, six Bird Worlds, two annuals, for common hens.—Higgins, 36, Clapton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE a few large, typical Norwich, single or pairs, for long, slim Yorkshires; or sell from 10/6 upwards.—Brown, Hairdresser, 84, High-st., Boston, Lincolnshire.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- each; or exchange heating apparatus (gas), or anything useful.—G., 41, Swaffield-rd., Wandsworth.

YORKSHIRES and Roller Canaries; exchange old metal; satisfaction guaranteed.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-st., Southwark, London.

TWO good Muling hen Canarics, one light, one dark; exchange yellow Norwich cock, or sell 8/-.—A. King, Thruxton Andover.

EXCHANGE high-class colour-fed Yorkshires for large 1908 Yellow Norwich hens; approval; hens first.—Butler, Rhosymedre, Ruabon.

PAIR of Yorkshires, grand Norwich hen, Border cock, typical birds, 20/-; exchange trained Rollers.—Thomlinson, Newtown-rd., Carlisle.

WANTED, good Roller cock; give in exchange, Crest or C.B. cock from winners; mutual approval.—White, Desborough, Scarborough.

YORKSHIRE cock, winner 2nd prize, 20/-; Yorkshire hen, 10/-; exchange Rollers, phonograph.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

THREE green Norwich hens, 4/6 each; sell or exchange Crests or Rollers; what offers.—Field, 15, Newington-crescent, Kenniugton, London.

CLEARING aviary; 17 Norwich Canaries, Song Thrush, sale; or exchange phonograph, or offers.—Francis, 10, Wotton-place, Bournemouth.

WILL give a singing cock Canary in exchange for a top coat to fit a boy 5 years old.—Mr. T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE young Yorkshire cock and Norwich hen for Goldfinches and Linnets, cocks; birds first, or deposit.—Atherton, 18, Roache-st., Liverpool.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6?—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

EXCHANGE for good lady's cycle; high-class Crests, 7/6 to 30/- each; several winners; best blood obtainable.—Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds.

MUST sell four cock Canaries, three cock Mules, all good songsters, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; offers; approval; deposit C.B.—Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Borders, clears, or marked, also good stock Norwich, for British exhibition Seed-eaters; approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

YELLOW Norwich cock, in exchange for large Norwich hens for muling, or offers in British.—J. Bateman, 150, Burlington-rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

FOR Sale, a few pairs of good Yorkshires at 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 and 20/- per pair; or exchange for a good yellow Norwich cock.—J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge.

THREE cinnamon hens, one cock, three cock Goldfinch Mules, sell £5; exchange gentlemen's gold watch; approval.—Harrison, Regent-st., Hebden Bridge.

SELLING off my Norwich cocks and hens, flights and breeders; or would exchange for a duet concertina; stamp reply.—Johnson, 67, Richmond-st., Sheerness.

TWO pairs of high-class Norwich Canaries, fit to show and win, 10/- pair; exchange new bed linen; anything useful; no livo stock.—Britwisle, Chemist, Northwich.

EXCHANGE Crests, Crest-breds, prize-winners for talking grey Parrot, or fishing rods and tackle; approval first.—Barnes, Queen's Arms, Woodside, Birkenhead.

LARGE Crest hen, Crest-bred cock, 30/-; exchange for yellow Norwich cock; approval; three Norwich hens, three buff, 10/- each.—Lingard, 40, Piccadilly-rd., Burnley.

28-INCH back free-wheel, Clincher tyre, inner tube, rim brake, complete, 17/- lot; bargain; offers Canaries, poultry.—Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

LIGHT muling cock Yorkshire-Norwich cross; exchange for good Yellow Green hen; what offers for Stephenson's miniature rifle and 90 shot?—F. Mascall, Stansted, Essex.

PAIR young Norwich, pair 1907 clears, large, 15/-; Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, hen Goldfinch, 3/-; approval; exchange Pullets; offers.—Lewis, Winforton, Hereford.

MONSTER Siberian Goldfinch cock, 8/6; exchange fed Yorkshire cock, pair classy working Homers, 5/-; exchange good Yorkshire hen.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

BURCHILL, Terrace-st., Blackheath, Stalls, has dozen pure bred, deep, bass roll strain Roller hens, 2/- each, or £1 the dozen; approval, deposit; or exchange anything useful.

WHAT offers in Norwich for winning Pigeons; one pair of '08 Turpit, two pair self red L. F. Tumblers, very smart; willing to send on approval.—Knapp, Bilton Hill, Rugby.

ONE pair stock Norwich, Yellow hen, 1907, C. E. Brown direct, Buff fed cock from above, 30/-; or exchange large Yellow stock cock; must be good.—Phillips, Decorator, Portishead.

CLEAR buff, Yorkshire cock, 2nd at Alnwick, open class; see report; sell 20/-; or exchange for a new pair gent's tan boots, size 8, to valne.—R. F. Rennison, 3, Pottergate-place Alnwick.

HANDSOME large white bedcover, new, raised design, cost 25/-; exchange for large yellow variegd. 1908 Norwich cock; genuine offer; bird sent first.—Houston, 64, Dunard-st., Glasgow.

WHAT offers for seven Roller Canaries, as bred, several cocks amongst them; also Roller cock and hen; or exchange gent's cycle; machine first.—Smith.—59, Reedswood-lane, Walsall.

CANARIES, young, 29 1908 bred, 5/- pair; three pair Yorkshires, 6/- pair; five feeding hens, 8/-; two singing cocks, 5/- each; or offers for the lot; exchange entertained.—Bakewell Bros., Selston, Notts.

LARGE cock Hawfinch, perfect colour and bib, 15/-; Linnet, cage-moulted, 4/-; Goldfinch, 2/6; Twite Mule, 6/6; cocks; exchange Norwich, Yorkshire cocks, anything useful.—33, Aldron-rd., Tooting.

ROLLER cock, two hens, for extra large 1908 Yellow Norwich cock, Yorkshire hens, or Green parrot, with cage for show cages and case; offers; approval.—Whiting, 1, Ravensbury-cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

A FEW good Norwich Plainheads, bred from the best of blood, from 5/-; exchange anything useful, for trade or home; no live stock.—R. Willoughby, House Decorator, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton.

EIGHT Seifert Roller hens for sale, bred from prize winners, 3/- eaeb, or useful exchange; laying Pullets wanted, or waterproof coat or gent's umbrella.—J. W. Cook, Jersey Villa, Station-st., Cradley Heath.

TWO Norwich cocks, 3 Nor. hens, 3 Yorkshire cocks, 4 Yorkshire hens, some 7 inches long, prize-bred; exchange lot for tone arm gramophone and records, or gold double albert.—B. Soanes, 92 Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

FOUR Norwich cocks, clear yellow and clear buff, 1907 variegated yellow and variegated buff, 1908, will exchange for two 1908 yellow Norwich hens, or sell £2; hens sent first on approval both ways.—Hart, 9, Harbour-rd., Larne Harbour.

LOOK HERE- classical Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, show or stock birds; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply.—T. M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

I HAVE twenty high-class Yorkshire cocks and 20 high-class Norwich cocks, every bird singing loud, at 6/- each; or will exchange for colour-fed hen Canaries or Mules to value; also will give 18/- dozen for cock Goldfinches.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

OWING to still being unemployed, I have some grand Yorkshires, Cinnamon-marked, yellow or buff cocks, from 10/-; hens from 5/-; also offers good pedigree smooth-haired Fox Terrier Bitch, only shown once, 3rd prize, useful exchange.—Orbell, 59, Ripon-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

REDUCING stock; several Yellow and Buff Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 1907 and unflighted, 3/6 to 7/6; true to type, related to my winners at Wimbledon last week; two Linnets and Blackbirds, cocks, twice cage-moulted, can win, 7/6 and 10/- each; would exhange any for Yellow Norwich cock; must be good or no use.—Dixon, 1, Morden-terrace, Morden-rd., Merton.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

ROSY Cockatoo, acclimatised, just commencing to talk, 15/-; or exchange foreigners.—Sladden, Denmark-rd., Lowestoft.

LOVELY cock Budgerigar in full plumage, nice cage, pet; what offers, cash or exchange?—H. Roberts, Eirianfa, Conway.

PARROT, Green, talking; healthy; good home essential; exchange for good gramophone; no rubbish; sell.—96, Squire-st., Edge-hill, Liverpool.

GREEN Rock Parrot and cage, 30/-; exchange common Canaries and cock Goldfinches, poultry.—Davison, Buncefield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

PARROT, young, in new cage; also ten Canaries and cages, giving up keeping, £2 10s. the lot, or offer; or exchange.—Edwards, Alexandra Villa, Summerhill-rd., Tottenham.

FOUR outdoor aviary yellow Budgerigars, left nest six weeks, cock crested Cardinal; exchange good Goldfinches, Bullfinches; offers; approval.—E. Watson.—26. Cavendish-rd., Cambridge.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

VIOLIN case, bow, sell 15/-, or exchange; what offers?—J. Crook, Abingdon.

FOUR good Working Homers; sell or exchange.—Trevis, Ravenstick, Brierley-hill, Staffs.

EXCHANGE splendid mandoline, value 25/-; what offers.—Lewis, 70, King-st., Ramsgate.

CLAP-NET 3/0; pair Ring Doves 1/6; exchange.—Martiew, Millholme Terrace, Carlisle.

BLACK toy Pom. 3 lbs. weight, 12 months; stamp reply.—J. Ogborn, 58, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE double-barrel gun for single, or gent's suit.—H. Salter, 6, Duckett-st., Stepney.

EXCHANGE hand camera and accessories for Canaries; offers.—F., 26, Woolwich-rd., E. Greenwich.

EXCHANGE double set plated harness, good for cob pony, Canaries, anything.—40, Francis-rd., Leyton.

EXCHANGE a good violin and case for one good Crested cock.—Light, 7, Cambridge-st., St. Thomas, Exeter.

£3 3s. GRAMOPHONE, 30 large records, new, £5 10s.; exchange Canaries.—Algar, Cross-st., Sunderland.

FOR Sale, large mahogany aviary; or exchange bird-house, with flight.—Cutter, Salem Cottage, Sunderland.

EXCHANGE Norwich show cages for cock Brown Linnets.—R. Lamb, 40, Jane-st., Hetton Downs, t'o, Durham.

16FT. double brass-jointed rod, 100 silk pike line, new, 4in. reel; exchange.—Mock, Willow House, Snettisham.

EXCHANGE four 2/- disc records for Canary or Goldfinch.—Clements, 12, Needwood-st., Colyhurst, Manchester.

HANDSOME toy Terrier bitch, white, lemon spots, very clean, suit lady, 10/-; offers birds.—30, Main-st., Bulwell.

EXCHANGE gent's gold signet ring or Linnet Mule, for Crested cock; offers.—W. Rose, Westerfield, Ipswich.

EXCHANGE beautiful Marmozet Pigmy, lady's pet, for Canary songsters, sell 25/-.—Sutton, Carriers, Southport.

BUSHEL mixed wild seed, bushel charlock, dozen new rabbit purse nets; offers, stamp.—Tucker, Green, Aldbourne, Wilts.

GOOD Irish Terrier puppies, one dog and bitch; exchange Canaries or cock Mules.—404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

FOUR volt, 30 amp. hour accumulator and shocking coil; exchange for Norwich Canaries.—54, Castle-st., Reading.

SPLENDID marble clock, good going order, sell, 35/-; or exchange for Canaries.—Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

WHAT offers in Cock Canaries for gent's 9-ct. gold watch, value £2 10s.?—Gwyther, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr Tydfil.

PURE-BRED white Pomeranian dog; exchange Roller cocks, sell 30/-.—Grieveson, 92, Dean-st., Swinton, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE good Spaniel dog, six months, for Canaries or a pair clap nets.—George Bishop, No. 3, Old Mill-st., Dudley.

WELL-BRED black spaniel dog pup, sell 12/-, or exchange Norwich cock Canary.—Breeze, 28, George-street, Lynn.

IRISH Terrier bitch, red, rough coated, four months old; sale or exchange for Canaries.—163, Globe-rd., Stepney, E.

EXCHANGE accordeon, nearly new, value 6/6, for 1908 Norwich cock; bird first.—F. Platt, 38b, Armada-st., Deptford.

SALE or exchange, melodeon, entirely nickel bound, five stops, price 12/6.—J. Kirk, 30, Ockwell-road, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE Pigeons, Nun cock, 1st; Jacobin hen, 2nd; Blue Fantail, 3rd; what offers.—Lewis, 79, King-street, Ramsgate.

WILL exchange cycle, 22-inch frame, for Canaries, or Parrot, or sell 20/-; birds first.—Booker, 90, Alpha-rd., Surbiton.

VERTICAL steam engine; exchange pairs, cage fronts, 15 by 12, sell 3/-.—V. Harding, Dawson-terrace, Longford, Coventry.

EXCHANGE combs, brushes, razors, side combs, etc., worth about £6; what offers.—Lewis, 79, King-street, Ramsgate.

EXCHANGE Pouters, Tumblers, 50 good Books for birds, or anything useful.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE lady's dress length, value 12/6, for a pair of Norwich Canaries.—E. Balmer, 27, Newst., Calderbank-by-Airdrie.

EXCHANGE wire-haired Fox Terrier bitch pup, 15/-, anything useful.—A. Sumner, The Limes, Armoury-rd., Small Heath.

A GOOD retriever dog, 15 months, carry basket, fetch newspapers, etc.; exchange for good Yorkshires or Fowls, or sell 50/-.—T. Richards, c/o Gas Works, Truro, Cornwall.

SALE or exchange, high-class Yorkshires, for blankets, bedding or anything useful.—Mallinder, 84, Talbot-st., Park, Sheffield.

MANCHESTER terrier, sharp, nine months, fond of children, 8/-; or exchange anything.—Smith, 171, Trundley's-rd., Deptford Park.

EXCHANGE guitar, with case, for cock Bullfinches or Crested cock Canaries; approval.—Riddle, 59, Burnt Ash-hill, Lee, Kent.

300 CART-DE-V, 100 fancy stand-up mounts, qr. 12-plate camera and accessories, perfect condition.—Sanford, King-st., Morecambe.

BARGAIN. Wire-haired Terrier bitch, splendidly marked, kill anything, 10/-; offers exchange.—Pink, 9, Gardner-rd., Guildford ,Surrey.

FOX TERRIER bitch, studded with good dog fortnight ago, sell £1; good killer; exchange.—Bovan, 1, Lord-street, Blackpool.

"LACK and tan bitch; also two dog puppies; sell cheap; or exchange, cage birds preferred; no cards.—12, Castle Hill, Richmond, Yorks.

GENT'S large portmanteau, nearly new, good condition, cost 30/-; exchange for Canaries.—F. Simonds, 85, High-st. N., Dunstable.

HIGH-CLASS pedigree Bull Terrier bitch, 30/-; exchange Mules, common Canaries, or Goldfinches, new overcoat.—Spark, Hanwell, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock Canaries for good-class gramaphone and records; correspondence invited.—Williams, East-st. Stores, Herne Bay.

OFFERS wanted, cash or exchange, for breeding cage, 57 by 50 by 11 inches, four cages, drinkers, etc.—30, Whitfield-rd., South Ashford.

LIVER Cocker Spaniel, with white mark on breast, dog, clean, 15/-; exchange blankets, etc.—Ward, 3, New-houses, Wharf-lane, Chesterfield.

FEW good Norwich and Yorkshires, two house-moulted Goldfinches, cheap, or exchange; approval.—Newell, 62, Princess-st., Abertillery

COLLECTION British birds eggs, 119 all blown; exchange Yorkshires, or offers cash.—Lamonby, 45, North End-grove, Portsmouth, Hants.

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LEITH O.S.

Monthly held in the Liberal Club, Hope-street, November 14th. The President, Mr. Lumsden, presiding over a capital attendance. The principal business was the report and balance-sheet for this year. The President said the members ought to feel proud of the very successful show they had held, which he thought was one of the finest club shows in the district. The year's working finished with a balance of £7 10s.; which, he said, left four shillings per class available for prize money to be divided among the respective winners. The society was then reformed for 1908-9, and office-bearers appointed. Mr. Lumsden intimated his wish to retire, as he thought the honour of being Chairman should go round. Mr. James Henry was then elected President by a large majority. Mr. G. Brown was re-elected Secretary, with a committee of three, viz., Messrs. J. Baxter, J. Dalgleish and T. Todd. Seven new members were also nominated. Mr. Dunn moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president, who, he said, had made an ideal Chairman, and had worked with enthusiasm to bring the society up to its present flourishing condition. Mr. Lumsden suitably replied. The society invites all fanciers in the county of Midlothian to become members. Its classification includes Scotch Fancy, Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Border Fancies, and British Birds and Mules. The annual subscription is eight shillings, and the entry fee sixpence. Information can be had from the Secretary, 1, Coalhill, Leith.—GEO. BROWN, Secretary.

THE SHOWS.

CARDIFF.

Held November 25th and 26th at the Stacy Hall, a very good and well-lighted place. The entry in most classes did not quite come up to expectations, but the quality throughout was exceptionally good. Mr Wm. Sampson, who is now a very familiar figure at Cardiff fixtures, carried out his onerous duties as secretary and manager in his usual quiet, able way, and received splendid assistance from his wife, who knows the ins and outs of show management as well as most experienced fanciers. May Cardiff long retain the services of this popular couple, and then success is assured for them. The hard-working committees comprised some of the best-known and most respected fanciers in the Principality, in the persons of Messrs. A. Ball, Dallimore, H. Ford, W. Harrington, Mellnish, Penny, Smith, Shellam, Thorne, Knight, Tonkin, and Whetton. The exhibits were well looked after, and staged to the best possible advantage. Coming to the exhibits the Norwich and Crests were extra good, the winners in most cases being birds with worthy records. The Mules and Hybrids were truly lovely, while the British were a grand lot, though the Goldies were hardly up to the usual Welsh standard. The winning Bullie was a champion, and should do well, as also should the Bramble and Chaffinch shown by Mr. Longden, and Redpoll and Yellowhammer by Mr. Nicholas. The show was very well attended, a happy augury for a huge financial success.

Yorkshires were good classes, both for numbers and quality, many grand birds being staged. The special in this section went to the winning yellow of Messrs. Shearn and Owens, last year's Bristol bowl winner, a grand one right through. The winning buff Scots of Mr. Ben Davies is a good one, having plenty of length of side and a grand top. Some gems were put down in the Borders, the winners of Messrs. Hammacott and Card being real beauties. The special for best Border went to the winning buff, a bird of grand mould and exquisite feather. In the light Canary Mule class the old champion clear of Messrs. Jackson and Bond headed the poll, and was looking grand. In the dark class, that Mule enthusiast, Mr R. W. Jones, was at the top with a Jonque Linnet, one of the best we have seen, marvellous colour with feather like boxwood. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards in Yorkshires, Scots and Borders, and odd number in Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. Roe taking the remainder, their decisions seeming to be very well received.

Mr. Payne's Classes.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (24): 1, spl, and spl best Yorks, Shearn and Owens, grand length, position and style, lovely colour and quality, nice long flights; 2, 4, Morris, fine position, well up on leg, shnly built, well braced wings; 4, beautiful position, straight as a rush, well up on leg, nice back, well feathered; 3, Garland, nice length, beautifully feathered, grand position, well up ou leg, good flights and tail; vhc, Mullineamp; hc, Wilcox; c, Cross. BUFF (23): 1, Shearn and Owen, slim built, lovely colour and quality, grand wings and tail, nice style; 2, Wilcox, grand feather, nice flights and tail, good position; 3, Banks, finely drawn, lovely back, good feather; 4, hc, Smith, grizzled on hend, nice feather; vhc, Parfitt; c, Cross. MKD. ETC. (14): 1, Keegau, mkd. neck and check, lovely colour and quality, stands like a guardsman, plenty of swagger; 2, Negus, heavily mkd. buff, well drawn out; 3, hc, Ogden Bros., yell., head, neck, and wing mkd., nice position; 4, Morris, buff, mkd. head, neck, and shoulder, good length; vhc, Wilson: c, Davie. HEN YELL. (17): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., mkd. head, wings, and neck, long, well drawn out, grand position, feather and quality; 2, Smith, cl., grand quality, beautiful position, wings and tail closely packed; 3, J. Jones, nice position, good quality, neat tail and wings; 4, Mullincamp, grand quality, good length, close feather; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Banks; c, Shearn and Owen. BUFF (21): 1, Gregory, cl., lovely feather and quality, grand position and style, wings and tail well packed, in grand order; 2, Cook, nice length, beautiful feather and position, nice pipe tail; 3, Ogden Bros., grand colour, good length, nice back; 4, vhc, c, Shearn and Owens, slim built, good wings and tail; hc, Howard. UNFLIG. YELL. (26): 1, Garland, cl., stands to perfection, beautiful colour full of quality, well braced wings, nicely folded tail; 2, c, Negus, cl., slim built, grand quality, out; 4, Mullincamp, mkd. wings and breast, straight as a pencil, nice colour; 3, hc, W. Jones, mkd. cheeks and right wing, slim built, well drawn nice position and style; vhc, Banks. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Banks, good brace, very close together, grand colour, slim built, good in style and position; 3, Melhuish, slim built, grand quality of feather, nice flights and tail; 4, Ogden Bros., grand feather, stands well, nice back, neat tail; vhc, no name; hc, c, Smith. NON-FED (9): 1, Keegan, cl yell., well drawn out, splendid position, nicely feathered, neat tail nnd flights; 2, Morris, cl. buff, good stand, style and feather, nice flights; 3, Taylor, yell., good length, nice position; 4, vhc, W. Jones, buff, nice stand, good back and wings; hc, Jeffreys; c, Harrington. SCOT. FCY., CL. (4): 1, Davies, buff, heavy topped one, well filled up, good length of side, nice drive; 2, J. H. Jones, buff, hen, nice top end, well cleaned out, nice depression of head, full of nerve; 3, Lewis, buff; 4, Summerhill, close together. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Summerhill, head tkd. yeflow, good drive, nice length of side, well cleaned out; 2, 3, J. H. Jones, buff, pled, nice shoulders, head and neck, gets tail well under, 3rd yellow, nice shoulders, head, and neck; 4, Lewis, buff, good length of sido; vhc, Davies; hc, c, spl, Unrrington. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Hammacott and Card, two cl., gems for feather, shape and carriage, neat heads, tails and wings; 3, Mrs. Jenkins, mkd. wings and right eye, grand feather and shape; 4, Taylor, nice shaped cl.; vhc, hc, Wiseman; c, P. Jenkins. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 4, Hammacott and Card, winner real beauty, feather liko wax, lovely shape, well filled back; 2, 3, Mrs. Jenkins, four-pointed buff, grand feather, nice shape, well packed flights, 3rd fovely colour, grand feather; vhc, Richards; hc, Wiseman; c, Taylor. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Hammacott and Card, yell., green Border, beautiful bright grassy colour, nice shape, 4th buff green, magnificent feather and shape; 2, Jones, buff cinn, good size, shape, and colour; 3, Mrs. Jenkins, yell.-green, nice shape and feather; vhc, Richards. MULES OR HYBRIDS, CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, old champion cl. Goldie, looking grand, wonderful size and colour, 2nd lightly mkd. Siskin, grand quality feather; 3, spl, vhc, Edwards, four-pointed buff Goldfinch, nice feather and shape; 4, Locke, four-pointed yell. Goldfinch, capital colour; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Hunt. MULE DARK LINNET (6): 1, Jones, Jonque Linnet, stormer for colour, quality and compactness of feather, nice shape; 2, Edwards, same parentage, a bouncer; 3, Jackson and Bond, buff Linnet, grand quality fenther; 4, Tams, yell., good colour; vhc, Smalldridge; hc, George. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Edwards, good bluze, lovely bars and buttons, nicely tanned chest, very steady; 2, Davies, beautiful feather, light as wax, bright bluze, nice banding; 3, Jones, grand buttons, well tanned chest, nice back and bars; 4, Baker, lovely body colour, grand bars and buttons; vhc, Tonks; hc, Kemp; c, Gay. BULLFINCH CK. (6): 1, Jones, magnificent colour on breast, very level, and carried well down, clearly defined bars, grand cap; 2, Davies, beautiful shape, lovely feather, nice back and bars; 3, Norton, good shape, nice bars and back; 4, Edwards; vhc, Jordon. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Lee, magnificent coloured yell., well carried right through, lovely feather, nice shape; 2, spl., Lewis and Dymond, large, shapely, good coloured bull, nice wing bars; 3, Shellam, good yellow, nice shape, colour, and feather; 4, Wilkins, buff, splendid colour and beautifully feathered; vhc, Poole; hc, Mullineamp; c, Brown. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Nicholas, beautiful colour, nice bib, well marked; 2, hc, Lewis and Dymond, well marked, nice bib nnd feather; 3, Dallimore, well marked and rich colour; 4, Prosser, grand colour and well mkd.; hc, Willinms, Shellam. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Longden, old champion Bramble, looking well, gem for size, shape, feather and spangling; 2, Chaffinch, real beauty, nice soft colour; 3, Norton, good-coloured and well-spangled Bramblefinch; 4, spl, Brown, Chaffinch, grand size and shape; vhc, Pace; hc, Jenkins; c, Wilkins. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, spl, Jones, Whinchat, lovely feather, nice colour and markings, very steady, in grand order; 2, Ford, nice-feathered Nightingale, steady; 3, Sampson, Tree Pipit, good colour; 4, Thorne, Swallow. A.O.S. (3): 1, Williams, Cornish Chough, grand one, very lustrous, good size and shape, nice bill and leg colour; 2, Bussey, Jny, lovely colour, size nnd markings, one of the best out; 3, Sampson, Magpie, nice colour nnd cut. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, Williams, Wood Swallows, most exquisite feather, lovely soft shade of colours, in the pink of condition; 2, spl, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Thorne, nice team, Superb Tanager, Tronpial, and Scarlet Tanager in the order named. NOVICE YORKS. CL. (5): 1, 4, Brown, smart stylish yell., excellent shape, good carriage, nice feather; 4th, buff, nice position and feather; 2, Tonkin, hot-coloured buff, nice stand and style; 3, James, yell., hot colour; No. 3 wrong class, ticked on wing. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Ball, thigh ticked yell., nice length and style, good feather; 2, Tonkin, head, neck and wing-marked buff, good shape, stand and feather; 3, James, eye ticked yell., good style; 4, Brown, thigh ticked yell. good feather HEN. 1, Tonkin, buff, head and right wing mkd., grand feather, nice back; 2, Maggs, yell. green, nice colour, length and style; 3, James, wing ticked buff, nice feather.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR., CL., YELL (11): 1, 4, Harber, 1st perfection of type, rare quality feather, good head and cheek properties, 4th real gem, correct type and style; 2, hc, Sheldon, fine type, grand size, shown in capital feather; 3, G. T. Jones, beautiful tone of colour, very shapely, feather like wax; vhc, F. A. Redwood; c, Gardner. BUFF (9): 1, Hodder, lovely exhibit, perfect size, type and tone of colour; 2, Wooton, good, short, chubby one, neat head nnd neck, lovely feather; 3, G. Slocombe, very smart and shapely, spleudid quality feather; 4, F. Slocombe; vhc, Redwood; hc, Hodder; c, Gardner. TKD.: ETC. (13): 1, Hunt, ideal for type and general finish, neat head, nicely filled neck, grand short wings and tail; 2, Sheldon, very large, well staged specimen, good, chubby shape, neatly carried wings and tail; 3, Wooton, very compact, great size; 4, G. T. Jones; vhc, G. Slocombe; hc, Tedstone; c, Brown. HEN (15): 1, Redwood, beautiful typical Nor., good colour, neatly feathered, nent wings; 2, Folwell, another smart Bullie type, Nor., good silky feather; 3, Tams, splendid Nor., good thick bodied one; 4, Tedstone; vhc, Harber; hc, Sheldon. NOR. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Sheldon, very close and cobby, beautiful body, in rare style; 2, G. Slocombe, very large sized one, built on correct lines, fine body, good wings and tail; 3, F. Slocombe, smart, good shape; 4, c, F. Brown; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Lewis and Dymond. NON-FED (12): 1, Lewis and Dymond, rare size and type, feathered to perfection, good wings and tail; 2, 4, Hodder, couple of gems, good cobby specimens; 3, George, very smart and compnct; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Quarman; c, Winston. CREST (4): 1, 2, Simmonds, couple of toppers, good sized leafy Crests, fine radiation, nicely defined centre; 3, Lewis and Dymond, very nice one, fine leafy feather; 4, Mrs. Chester, very nice. C.B. (6): 1, vhc, Pool, fine massive one, grand length of feather, shown in best possible style; 2, 3, Simmonds, another couple of gems, rare size and substance, good length of feather, very fit; 4, Lewis and Dymond, very nice quality; hc, Hunt. MULE, CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, well-known Buff-Goldie cl. leading, with clinking, lightly-marked Siskin-Canary in close attendance; 3, vhc, G. Edwards, good Goldie, again finely staged; 4, Locke; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Hunt. GOLDFE-GREENIE MELLE (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known dk. yell. Goldie, fine face, good colour and quality; 2, 3, vhc, R. W. Jones, 2nd large Grecnie, fine level colour and a good big yell., plenty of colour; 4, c, Longden, fine cinn. Greenfinch, a grand one, in rare form; hc, Shellam. DARK LINNET MULE (6): 1, R. W. Jones, noted bird, fine size and colour, shown in perfect trim; 2, G. Edwards, very large, grand colour, good quality feather; 3, Jackson and Bond, smasher for size, rare colour; 4, hc, c, Tams; hc, George. HYB., ETC. (10): 1, Jackson and Bond, Canary-Bullie, lovely size, colour and condition, shows parentage nicely; 2, R. W. Jones, Greenie-Bullie, fine cap and frontal, shows parentage well; 3, G. Edwards, grand Goldie-Bullie, fine face and bars; 4, hc, c, Smallridge, clinking Linnet-Bullie; vhc, Tonks. GOLDFINCH (GREYPATE) (15): 1, Ford, grand square face, good tans and bang up in colour, nice size, very showy; 2, c, Griffiths and Evans, couple of real gems, good faces, bars and tans; 3, Miss Byerley, very neat bird, grand expanse and cut of face; 4, Taylor, another topper; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Thorne. BELLFINCH HEN (6): 1, Lewis and Dymond, rare, sound colour, cobbiest of type, fine cap and distinct; 2, Treharne, very neat little lady, staged in nice form; 3, Gratland, fine, thick, well-set lady, good cap and breast; 4, Shearn and Owen; vhc, Jordan; hc, Negus; c, Shellam. LINNET (19): 1, Lovell, fine, large bird, nice, nutty colour, exceptionally well marked; 2, Tams, nice one all over; 3, R. Jones, good size and colour; 4, Longden, fine, level-coloured one; vhc, Williams; hc Poole and Smurthwaite; c, Prosser. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Longden, fine-sized Twite, good colour and markings, well put down; 2, Tonks, Mealy Redpoll, nice size and markings; 3, Prosser, good Siskin, Swansea, etc., winner in very fine form; 4, Lewis and Dymond; vhc, Dallimore. HARDBILL (6): 1, Nicholas, well-known Yellow Bunting, finely marked head, grand size and colour; 2, hc, F. D. Jones, 2nd Yellowhammers, good color and size, two beauties; 3, 4, Lewis and Dymond, 3rd Hawfinch, unfortunately had neck feathers missing, 4th Cornbunting; vhc, Thorne. THRUSH, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Ford leader clinking big blackie, good coloured bill and eere, 4th fine-sized Thrush, in rare form; 2, Cocks, topping Redwing, lovely quality feather; 3, Poole, splendid conditioned Ring Ousel, fine plumage; vhc, Mrs. Chester; hc, Rowlands; c, Castree. FOR. COMMON SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Thorne, leaders pair Tricoloured Mannikins, in good feather; 2nd pair Waxbills, well staged. No. 1 and 2, Howe, two exhibits passed by Judge as being too rare to fill the requirements of schedule. A.O.S. FOR. (6): 1, Capt. Perreau, fine plumaged white-crested Jay-Thrush, wins easily; 2, Sampson, Rock Parrot, exquisite feather; 3 Richards, fine green Parrot, well shown; vhc, Williams, Indian Mynah. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. CL. (10): 1, 3, Thomas; 2, Pole; 4, hc, Murray; vhc, Hunt; c, Maggs. TKD. (8): 1, Thomas; 2, c, Pole; 3, Clarke; 4, vhc, Maggs; hc, Hobbs. HEN (4): 1, 2, Thomas; 4, Geen; 3, Murray.

CAMBORNE.

The Camborne F.A. held their first exhibition in the Magistrates' Hall on November 19th. The hall is well adapted for show purposes. The Society issued a good schedule for 26 classes, with four money prizes and a special for every class, also a silver cup for most points, and silver medal for second points. They were rewarded with a grand total of 315 entries. The Norwich classes contained 108 entries in seven classes; they were the best seen for a long time in Cornwall. The Yorkshires were strong and choice. The Crest nnd Crest-bred classes were a splendid show in themselves, and contained many cracks of the day, competition being very keen. The British, Mule, and foreign bird classes ns usual came in for a great deal of admiration and attention. The silver cup given by Mr Fouyer for most points was won by Mr. F. Collins; the silver medal given by Mr. Menadue for second most points by Mr. W. Spillman, and the silver medal given by Mr. Sandiford for hottest-fed bird by Messrs. Gill and Pethick. Mr. C. J. Allen, the energetic and worthy secretary, had everything well in hand, and carried out his duties in a masterly manner. He was assisted by a good band of fanciers in Mr. F Collins (chairman) and the committee, Messrs. Lee, Lawry, Arthur, Ferrill, Rickard, and Strout. Mr. C. E. Silk (Emsworth) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (17): 1, Gill and Pethick, good quality feather, fine type and colour, good head, neck, and wings, wins Sandiford's medal for hottest bird; 2, Spillman, another nice one, close up, fine quality feather, rich colour; 3, hc, Tippett, nice front and head, good feather nnd wing carriage; 4, spl, Ricknrd, good type, quality, and feather; vhc, Clemence, nice quality and shape; c, White. TICK, ETC. (11): 1, 2, 4, Spillman, grnnd team, first mkd. head, grand colour and size, fine head and wing carriage, 2nd variegated, good type and quality, well drawn, 4th tick eye, fine type, grand quality and colour; 3, spl, Pope, mkd. eyes and wings, good type and colour, very even; vhc, Sherman and Son, marked head, good size and colour; c, Dunstan. CL. BUFF (19): 1, Gill and Pethick, bonny type, grand colour and wing carriage, good fenther; 2, Rodda, typicnl, good size, nice wing carringe, lovely colour; 3, Trevena, excellent shape, nice body and feather, well frosted; 4, Spillman, typical, grand quality; vhc, Tottle, neat head and neck; hc, spl, Kemp; c, White. TICK (6): 1, spl, Rickard, tick eye and wing, grand type and quality, topping bird; 2, Clemence, tick wing, nice colour nnd wing carriage; 3, Ferrill, tick head, good size nnd shape; 4, Tottle, nice size, lovely shape and wing cnrriage; vhc, Pope, variegated, grand wings; hc, White. HEN (21): 1, 3, W. Collings, gem of a yell., good substance, very short in wings, good head and neck, 3rd grizzle head buff, good size and substance; 2, Spillman, yell. variegated, neck, good type and colour, nice carriage; 4, spl, Sherman, tick eye, yell., typical bird, grand colour; vhc, Tottle, tick eye yell., very neat; hc, Strout, bouncing buff; c, Dunstan. NON-FLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Gill and Pethick, very typical, full of quality and colour, 3rd good bodied bird, nice feather and wing carriage; 2, spl, Strout, grand bird of type nnd quality, fine under colour; 4, Collings, close on leaders, good colour; vhc, Spillman, nice head and body; hc, Trevena; c, I. Collins. BUFF (15): 1, Collings, variegated, good size and shape, nice colour; 2, Spillman, grizzle back, good wing carriage and shapely; 3, spl, Rickard, tick eye, grand type, quality, and feather; 4, Strout, shapely, nice colour, wings and tail; vhc, Coad, good flights and tail; hc, Gregor Bros., neat head and chest; c, Gill and Pethick. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Pincombe, nice type, full of nerve, finely drawn, nice colour, good wings and tail; 2, 4, Ellis, tick neck, fino feather, good quality and stand, 4th smart, gets well on perch; 3, spl, Thomas, very slim, well finished, good wings nnd tail; vhc, Webb, neat and slim; hc, Ontey, good colour; c, Fox. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Veal, tick neck, gem for colour, nice length, grand shape and quality of feather, 2nd cl., lovely wing carriage, well shown; 3, c, Ellis, nice stamp, good front; 4, Rodda, grand position and quality; vhc, hc, Fox, two good birds. HEN (13): Fox, cl. buff, good style, neat wings and tail, grand undercolour; 2, spl, Thomas, marked eyes and wings, lovely shape and feather; 3, Wills, full of action, nice fenther and position; 4, Pope, lovely feather ad shape; vhc, hc, Menadue, beautiful quality feather; c, Webb. CfNN. (8): 1, spl., 3, Pope, yell., grand type and colour, nice feather, 3rd buff, grand size, good wing carringe; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Medlyn, fine team, full of quality, grand colour, well shown; c, Hancock. CREST, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Rabey Bros., cl. body, D.C., grand frontal and centre, beautiful leafy feather, in good condition; 2, Ryder, D.C., wing marked, very silky texture of feather, good droop, grand crest; 3, spl, hc, Bellman, cl. body, D.C., nice centre, lenfy crest, beautiful droop; vhc, Tope. GREEN (12): 1, Evins Bros., grand crest, good size and centre, lovely droop; 2, Symons, very leafy feather, good body, neat crest; 3, Ryder, green, nice crest, good centre and droop; 4, hc, Lee and Lawry, variegated, fine centre and droop, wonderful size; vhc, Menadue; c, French. C.B., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Evins Bros., grand skull, good length of feather and body; 2, Tope, fine head feather, nice skull and lashing; 4, spl, Menadue, splendid skull and feather; vhc, Lee and Lawry, great bulk of feather, beautifully browed. C.B. GREEN (9): 1, spl, 3, Menadue, green, wonderful size, grand length of feather, nice entrance, lovely hen, 3rd variegated, nice silky feather, well browed; 2, French, green, variegated, tail, good skull and well lashed, grand size; 4, hc, Symons, green; vhc, Bellman; c, Parsons. PAIRS (14): 1, Ryder, well matched pair, Crest nnd C.B.; 2, Collings, Nor., good colour and type; 3, Richards, Crest and C.B., young birds; 4, spl, Coad; vhc, Symons; hc, Tope; c, Bellman. MULE, LIGHT (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, hc, F. Collins, 1st noted six-pointed buff, very neat eye markings, wings and tail, 2nd four-point buff, well balanced eye and wing marks, 3rd light Linnet-Mule, looking well, 4th four-point yell., nice markings; vhc, Heywood, four-point buff, big eye markings, nice wings, fair colour; c, Mabbott, variegated, buff. DARK (13): , spl, 2, vhc, c, Collings, large Jonque Greenfinch-Mule, good colour and quality, 2nd Siskin-Mule, nice size and shape, good markings, vhc Redpoll-Canary, lovely colour and condition; 3, Heywood, another nice Siskin-Canary 4, Ferrill, Siskin-Canary, good size and markings; hc, Mabbott, Greenfinch Canary. HYB. (5): 1, spl, 2, 4, Collins, Greenie-Bully, lovely size, grand quality feather, gem of the first water, 2nd Goldie-Bullie, shows good frontal colour, nice cap and bars, 4th Goldie-Greenie, shows both parents clearly, in grand trim; 3, Heywood, Linnet Bullie, nice breast colour good cap. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, spl, White, lovely deep-coloured square blaze, grand cheeks, splendid frontal; 2, Miss Giles, good colour and markings, nice blaze, lovely tanning on chest; 3, W. Polkinghorne, good face, nice back and wing flights; 4, J. Polkinghorne, well cut cheeks, nice quality of feather; vhc, Mabbott, deep colour, ; hc, Allen; c, Webb. BRIT. SMALL SEED-EATING (11): 1, spl, White, Bullie, teeming with quality, dense, large, expansive cap, grand colour; 2, Wills, Yelowhammer, good one, nice colour throughout; 3, Heywood, Bramble, well up in spangling and colour, steady; 4, Mubbott, Chaffinch, good colour and whites; vhc, hc, Arthur, 2 good Yellowhammers; c, Jordon. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 4, Collins, the well-known Blackbird ("Jack"), good eye and beak cure, deep colour, looking well, 4th Thrush, fine markings on chest, good chestnut; 2, Mubbott, Thrush, splendid markings and chest, very steady; 3, Peal and Pond, Starling, beautifully laced; vhc, Mnddern, Thrush. FOR. (7): 1, spl, c, Collins, Paradise Whydah, grand tail feathers, in good trim, well staged; 2, Woodcock, blackheaded Gouldian, good colours, shown in a poor cage; 3, Rabey Bros., Crested Cardinal, lovely head and colour; 4, vhc, Hancock, Bronze Mannikin; hc, Kemb, Cardinal, good colour. SELL. (£1) (11): 1, Rickard; 2, Jewell; 3, Gill and Pethick; 4, Sherman. (15s.) (14): 1, Lee and Lawry; 2, Thomas; 3, Glanville; 4, Lidicoat. (10s.) (8): 1, Roberts; 2, Lee and Lawry; 3, Ferrill; 4, Pope.

EAST MOLESEY.

Four classes were given for cage birds at the show of the Hampton Court and Molesey F.S., November 24th. The entry was very fair, some very nice quality exhibits putting in an appearance. Miss M. Andrews, who staged a very nice team, won the special for best in show with a beautifully clear-coloured pair of yellow Budgerigars. Messrs. Denyer and Ive made an excellent pair of secretaries, and by their urbanity and energy contributed largely to the success of the fixture. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Miss Andrews, very pretty trio of tkd. Yorks., all of nice shape and style. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Miss Andrews, another grand trio of Yorks., all buffs, and very stylish, too; vhc, Swabey; hc, West. FOR. (6): 1, 2, spl, spl best in show, Miss Andrews, very nicely feathered pair of yell. Budgerigars, capital colour, in good form, 2nd well marked, nicely feathered Cockatiel, in excellent condition; 3, vhc, Ball, rich coloured, nicely feathered, red-crested Cardinal; c, Browne. BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Disney, well marked, large blazed Goldfinch; 2, Stammers, excellent Jackdaw, in rare form; 3, vhc, Ball, rich-coloured, close-feathered Greenfinch.

LAUNCESTON.

Sixth annual show of the Launceston F.A., held Nov. 24, the town hall being a most suitable building for the occasion, but unfortunately the cage birds were staged with their backs to the light, and could not be seen to the best advantage. Although some of the classes had to be cancelled for want of entries, yet the number of birds, about 100, was just the same as the previous year, some of the other classes being better filled. The quality was excellent, some good specimens being staged. The special for best bird in show was captured by Mr. Spillman (Devonport), with a grand Norwich. The local classes were well filled, and the exhibits were a credit to the local fanciers. The president, W. H. Symons, Esq., and the treasurer, Major Dingley, J.P., are enthusiastic supporters, and the committee, of whom Mr. J. Frayn is chairman, consists of Messrs. Frewin, H. Hosken, R. Hosken, Jasper, Bright, Sharland, Miller Bros., Saudercock, Reed, Sargent, and Routley, and all of them worked with a will, so that the exhibits were carefully handled, and well looked after. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Pascoe, is a very painstaking official, and being an ardent fancier, held the reins of government in a most praiseworthy manner. Mr. E. White was the judge, and placed the cards in a very satisfactory manner.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Spillman, saddle back and tick neck, fine colour, good size and chest, grand head and neck, a gem; 2, Ferrill, cl. yell., lovely feather, good head, wings and tail, clean cut; 3, Trevenna, cl. yell., nice soft silky texture of feather, good shape and carriage, close up; vhc, Hayne, good size; hc, Mitchell; c, Lewis. BUFF (5): 1, Trevenna, cl. buff, nice substance and shape, well cut away, perfect wings and tail, wins well; 2, Spillman, grizzle back, grand head and neck, good body properties, lovely feather and quality; 3, Hayne, nice size and substance, good quality and colour; vhc, Ferrill, tick head, nice body, well mealed, but trifle flat in head; hc, Lewis, nice head, neck and body, unfed. NON-FLIGHT (7): 1, Watson, cl. yell., good type, rich in colour and quality; 2, Spillman, ticked head and neck, buff, plenty of size and substance, full of quality, neat head and neck; 3, Trevenna, tick eye, neck and wing, good head and substance, rich quality, close up; vhc, Spillman, rich quality feather, good cobby bird; hc, Baker. YORKS. BUFF (9): 1, Boundy, good position, well drawn; 2, Wills, nice length, good flights and tail, some preferred to 1st; 3, Pincombe, nice type and quality, close up; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wills; c, Thomas. MULE (11): 1, Browning, clear yell. Goldie, with slight tick behind thigh, good colour and condition, could do with more substance; 2, Heywood, 4-point Goldie, good substance and quality, well shown; 3, Browning, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good size and markings; vhc, Collins, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very shapely, nice quality, rich blaze; c, Heywood. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Giles, good size and shape, large blaze, nice colour and moonings; 2, Clark, Deeble and Hodge, good shape and colour, not quite so bright in blaze; 3, Polkinhorne, grand Finch, very steady, rich lustrous blaze, good tanning and moonings, close up; vhc, Dix, another good one; hc, Giles; c, Martin; a good class. SMALL (6): 1, Wills, Yellowhammer, A1 markings and condition very steady; 2, Brown, Hawfinch, grand shape, lovely colour and polish, good bib and markings; 3, Oatey, Bullie, nice dense cap, good wing bars; vhc, Browning, Bramblefinch, good size and shape well spangled; hc, Dart; c, Roberts. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, Ferrill, Norwich; 2, Roberts, Crest; 3, Thomas, York; vhc, Collins and Oatey; hc, Clark, Deeble and Hodge; hc, Ferrill. LOCAL CAN. A.V. (8): 1 2, 3, Sargent, nice trio; vhc, Cottle; vhc, Parsons; hc, Gerry; c, Venner. MULES (11): 1, Stapleton; 2, Higman; 3, Allen; vhc Cheeseworth; hc, Baily; c, Trewin. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, vhc, Sargent; 2, Bailey; 3, c, Stapleton; hc, Hosken. A.O.V. BRIT. OR FOR. (3): 1, Body; 2, 3, Lewis.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

The second annual show was held on Nov. 10th, and entries came up well. Scotch Fancies, which were allotted a splendid classification, however, did not turn up as well as could be expected, but the quality was all that could be desired, some real tip-top specimens being staged. The other classes were keenly contested. These varieties were judged by Mr. J. Elder, who, after careful selection, pleased all the exhibitors. Norwich, on the whole, were a good lot, the quality being extra good. Mr. Alf. Grey held a master hand here, staging some real gems. Mules and British were a shade down in numbers, but the quality was all that could be desired. Mr. Bruce won in both Mule classes with three good specimens. These classes were judged by Mr. Bewick, and his decisions were well received. Borders were a high-class collection. Here the medal winner was found in a Buff cock, the property of Mr. Young. This variety was judged by Mr. W. C. Duncan, of Messrs. Duncan and Logan, and his awards were secure from adverse comment. The show was held in the Corn Exchange, a large building, with plenty of light and accommodation, and the birds were staged in the warmest corner. The management was excellent, Messrs. Grey and Smart being two ideal secretaries, who know how to carry out a show of this magnitude. They were ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who did everything to bring the show to a successful finish. There was a large number of fanciers and exhibitors, and we hope to hear of a good balance on the right side. The members' cup was won by Mr. Smart.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Lugton, best style, good length of side, well up on top end, fine substance throughout; 2, Miller, fine action, good free mover; 3, Renton, very stylish; 4, Elliott, nice quality throughout. HEN (3): 1, Lugton, winner leads, best in size, good style, nice weight and quality; 2, Miller, rare action, good shoulder; 3, Gardiner, nice quality and style. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (3): 1, Newbiggin, wins, massive frame, grand top end, reach, rare drive, very stylish, easy win; 2, Thompson Bros., plenty substance and size, good quality; 3, Elliott, good all-round exhibit. HEN (3): 1, spl, Craig, very stylish, pronounced drive, splendid shoulder and reach; 2, Miller, well made; 3, Thompson Bros., large, plenty of substance, good exhibit when worked up. CL. BUFF, ETC., CK. (6): 1, spl, Craig, looks like the St. Boswell winner, still leading, very fine exhibit, gets head well forward, nice reach, good driver; 2, 4, Lugton, 2nd good substance throughout, fine depth across, good top end, 4th nice exhibit; 3, Thompson Bros., nice one, fine face exhibit; vhc, c, Elliott. HEN (4): 1, Dixon, good stamp, fine size and style; 2, Gardiner; 3, 4, Elliott, both very stylish, good in substance. BUFF PIED, ETC., CK. (4): 1, spl, Newbiggin, good buff variegs., plenty size, very stylish, good top end and reach, well drawn; 2, Miller, close up, good top-ended bird; 3, Lugton, nice taking exhibit; 4, Middlemiss, smart exhibit, very stylish. HEN (2): 1, Craig, good green leading, nice size, plenty of substance, rare style, well put down; 2, Lugton, taking exhibit, good top end. NOR. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Grey, good feathered one, grand front and top, put down in rare bloom; 2, Floyd, grandly rounded, fine head and neck, good taper, well balanced, in fine trim; 3, Lackey, hot-fed one, nice type and quality of feather; 4, Cameron, good feather; vhc, Rennison; hc, Dixon; c, Cameron. YELL. (8): 1, Cowling, wins, best finish, lovely rounded and tapered body, grand level colour, splendid head and wing carriage; 2, Cameron, nice one, grand stamp, splendidly drawn, warm tone of colour; 3, Richardson, good quality feather, nice full front, well finished off; 4, Miller, grand size and shape, good quality feather, well staged; vhc, Rennison; hc, Dixon; c, Broome. TICK., ETC., YELL (5): 1, Cowling, wins, best for shape, round as possible, grand head and front, tip-top wing carriage, rare size and quality of feather; 2, Grey, bonncer for size, great front, good neck; 3, Miller, neatly got up yell., grand colour, good head; 4, Dixon, grand front and colour, in lovely bloom, neat; vhc, Niston. BUFF (8): 1, Cowling, heavy varieg., grand front, well drawn, neat wing carriage and style, warm colonr, slightly bronze on head; 2, Dunn, grand headed bird, fine colonr, well fed and finished off; 3, 4, Cameron, 3rd stont bodied one, neat head and front, 4th good condition, fine warm colour; vhc, Miller; hc, Rennison; c, Foreman. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Grey, 1st romping buff, fine substance, good head, nice wing carriage, grand front, 2nd varieg. buff, nice shape, good head and front, A1 bloom; 3, Dunn, romping yell., real good one, rare front, grand head and wing carriage, in lovely order; 4, Dixon, nice yell., good body and head; hc, c, Cameron. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Floyd, 1st in best condition, good front, well filled in neck, nice head, well up in size, neat, 2nd dense-coloured bird, neat front, and free in head, in grand bloom; 3, Grey, large, plenty of substance and colour, plenty of chest, nicely drawn; 4, hc, Lackey, very hot in feather, in grand order; vhc, Cowling; c, Cameron. BUFF (5): 1, Richardson, grand size and stamp all round, fine front, tip-top style, lovely feather and finish; 2, Grey, grand bird for substance, nice front and good in head; 3, vhc, Cameron, nice shape and quality feather; 4, Miller, plenty of substance, good head properties. CREST CL., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Logan, good shapely Crest, well centred, coming well down all round; 2, Cowans, cl., nice length of feather, good side and back; 3, Elliott, nice quality feather; 4, Parmaby, good all-round top piece; vhc, Weatherston. HEN (1): Elliott, good lengthy head feather, grand frontal. C.B. (3): 1, Elliott, good one, fine entrance, nice cnshion head, well lashed, plenty of snbstance, wins; 2, Logan, nice quality feather, neatly lashed, good head; 3, Weatherston, cushion headed, rare back, good onc. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Allan, nice shape, upright position, good bead and front, well drawn, nice back and style, in grand order; 2, McKenzie, nice weight, grandly finished off, neat head and front, well drawn; 3, Gilchrist, good quality feather, rare wings, grand style; 4, Voy, stylish; vhc, Smart; hc, Lawrie; c, Voy. HEN (13): 1, spl, Gilchrist, wins hands down, gem for shape, grand quality feather, rare head, lovely rounded body; 2, Young, slightly ticked, grand feather, lovely head and wing carriage; 3, Bennet, finely drawn, rare flights and tail, worth its place; 4, Voy, nice style, grand bird; vhc, Smart; hc, Lugton; c, Middlemiss. BUFF CK. (10): 1 and B.F.C.C. medal, Young, in lovely bloom nice quality feather, good wing carriage, neat head, well drawn; 2, Smart, grizzle on back, well drawn, neat head and wings; 3, McKenzie, in lovely order, grand quality feather; 4, Middlemiss, grand style and position, neat head and wing carriage, hot one; vhc, Putterson; hc, Cormach; c, Bruce. HEN (11): 1, spl, Bennet, nice weight, grand carriage, lovely pair of wings, neat pipe tail; 2, Patterson, grandly feathered, nicely drawn, good position; 3, Gilchrist, good as any, but a shade small, grandly rounded, however; 4, Smart, nice type and style, well staged; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Watson; c, Young. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Schooler, grandly balanced yell., good eyes, well marked wings, nice type and quality; 2, 3, Patterson, 2nd noted clnn. mark, looking well, 3rd Newcastle winner, buff mkd., grand markings, the majority of this exhibitor's birds seemed completely off form to-day; 4, Smurt, nice type, good quality feather; vhc, Graham; hc, Lugton. UNEVEN YELL. (7): 1, Gilchrist, well-known light grizzle, round as a marble, staged to perfection, wins to-day; 2, Young, grand feather, rare style, lovely position; 3, Schooler, nice body und shape, well drawn; 4, Hay, beautifully drawn, put down in marvellous condition; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Miston; c, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, Patterson, noted winner, Glasgow hero, leading, nice shape and position, in fine bloom, grandly weighted, well finished; 2, Smart, another hot one, rare shape and feather, grand style, good 2nd; 3, Bennet, fine shape, well rounded, looks like a hen, good one; 4, Gilchrist, fine back and wing carriage; vhc, Middlemiss; hc, c, Young. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Bennet, nice size, good lacing and ground colour; 2, Patterson, good solid colour, nice shape, well marked, plenty of lacing, clearly defined; 3, 4, Lambie, 3rd old warrior, grand type, 4th nice quality, all greens; vhc, Lugton.

The Remaining Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Bruce, well-known light Llanet-Mule, looking very fit, grand size, lightly murked; 2, Floyd, good varieg. Greenfinch, nice feather and shape. DARK (6): 1, Bruce, slashing Buff Greenfinch, nice colour and markings, staged to perfection, in rare bloom; 2, Patterson, good Jonque Goldie, nice size and quality of feather; 3, Floyd, good dark Linnet, nice size and quality of feather, well staged; 4, Fairbairn, neat dark Goldfinch; vhc, Wilson; hc, Holmes. SELL. (10s.) (10): 1, Hay; 2, vhc, Dippir; 3, Smart; 4, Gardiner; hc, Floyd; c, Binning. (0s. 6d.) (13): 1, Smart; 2, Mason; 3, Bennet; 4, Dippir; vhc, Mason; hc, Binning; c, Hay. LINNET (7): 1, Floyd, wins, best pencilling on front, good ground colour, fine size, grand flights, well staged; 2, 4, Roper, 2nd good one, rare bloom, fine head and throat, well laced on side, 4th good one, rare size and shape; 3, Armstrong, nice size and quality, good colour, well spangled in front; vhc, Thompson; hc, Renwick; c, Middlemiss. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, 3, Foster, 1st nice Bramble, good size and front, breast well cut and neat spangle on head, in fine order; 3, nice Wheatear, good size, well marked, steady, in grand bloom; 2, Floyd, nice Goldie, well up in face, neat tanuings and size, grandly staged; 4, Thompson, fine Yellowhammer, rare markings and size, very steady; vhc, Rennison; hc, Dipple; c, Bruce. LARGE (6): 1, 3, Bruce, leader noted Song Thrush, marvel for breast work, staged to perfection, 3rd steady Corn Bunting, good colour and markings, again well staged; 2, Bennet, good Hawfinch, well up in size, a little soiled in plumage; 4, Roper, nice Thrush, good colour, finely marked; vhc, Schooler; hc, Stephenson. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, Mason, superb Tanager, leading pair of red-headed Gouldians, both in grand bloom, easy wins; 3, Bruce, nice black head; 4, Thompson, pair of green Budgerigars, in nice order; vhc, Dixon. LARGE (3): 1, Mills, lemon-crested Cockatoo in fine bloom; 2, Miss Howie, same species; 3, Briggs, Indian long-tailed Parrakeet in extra good plumage.

The Members' Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (2): 1, 2, Thompson Bros. HEN (1): 1, Thompson Bros. NOR. CK. (10): 1, spl, 5, Hay; 2, 6, Renwick; 3, 4, Binning; 7, Marshall. HEN (5): 1, Hay; 2, 5, Renwick; 4, Binning. BORD. YELL. TKD. ETC. CK. (5): 1, 3, Smart; 2, Hay; 4, Walker; 5, Marshall. BUFF (8): 1, 5, 7, Hay; 2, 3, Smart; 4, Short; 6, McDonald. HEN (8): 1, spl, 2, Smart; 3, Walker; 4, McDonald; 5, 6, Hay; 7, Marshall. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Hay; 3, Craigs; 4, Grey. BRIT. (7): 1, 7, Grey; 2, 3, 4, Hay; 5, Roper. FOR. (2): 1, Grey. NOVICE A.V. (3): 1, Short; 2, McDonald; 3, Marshall.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Another members' show was held November 21st. Mr. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Seventy-one birds were staged.

Class I.—1, 2, Clarke; 3, Gledhill; 4, c, Bedforth; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Atkinson. II.—1, vbc, Clarke; 2, Bedforth; 3, Fawcett; 4, Gledhill; hc, Worsman; c, Dawson. III.—1, 4, Bedforth, 2, Gledhill; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Fawcett; c, Tidswell. IV.—1, Gledhill; 2, Bedforth; 3, vhc, Clarke; 4, Sbaw; hc, Atkinson; c, Fawcett. V.—1, Fawcett, 2, Clarke; 3, Firth; 4, Bedforth. VI.—1, Fawcett; 2, 4, Clarke; 3, Bedforth; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Shaw; c, Atkinson. VII.—1, 2, Shaw; 3, c, Clarke; 4, Tidswell; vhc, Bedforth; hc, Firth. VIII.—1, Fawcett; 2, Clarke; 3, 4, Bedforth; vhc, Worsman; hc, Firth. Messrs. Clarke, Bedforth, Gledhill, Fawcett, and Shaw were counted most points for specials at the end of the year.—J. Smith, secretary.

LANCASTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The 10th annual show was held in the Coffee Tavern Hall, Corn Market-street, on November 20th and 21st. The entry totalled 200—a decrease on last year. The retirement of a member who generally captured the special for most entries, and unemployment of others, contributed to the decrease. Mr. E. J. Cafferty acted as secretary, and carried out his duties splendidly; he will make a first-rate hon. secretary. He was ably assisted by the treasurer, Mr. T. Swainson, who, with the help of Messrs. Gardner and Durston, acted as stewards. The birds were nicely staged all round the room, the prize cards up, and the show open to visitors immediately the judging was finished. Mr. H. S. Naylor (Bradford) judged.

NOR. YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, Dr. Hird; 3, hc, Cafferty and Son; c, Bailey. BUFF: 1, 3, Dr. Hird; 2, vhc, c, Hind; hc, Mercer. HEN: 1, Mercer; 2, Bailey; 3, Cafferty and Son; vhc, hc, Hind; c, Dr. Hird. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, vhc, Hind; 2, c, Dr. Hird; hc, Bailey. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC.: 1, vhc, Harper; 2, 3, Fisher; hc, c, Cafferty and Son. BUFF: 1, Mercer; 2, vhc, hc, Cafferty and Son; 3, Harper; c, Hawthornthwaite. HEN: 1, 3, Fisher; 2, Hawthornthwaite; vhc, c, Cafferty and Son; hc, Harper. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, Cafferty and Son; 2, c, Harper; 3, Fisher; vhc, Gradwell. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gardner. CINN. NOR. YELL. SELF, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Gardner; 2, 3, Hind. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Swainson; 3, c, Hind; vhc, Gardner. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, hc, Hawthornthwaite; 2, 3, Fisher. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Durston; vhc, Bostock. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Walley; 3, Saul; vhc, hc, Durston. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Mercer; 2, c, Hind; 3, hc, Durston; vhc, Walley. SELL. (12/6): 1, Bailey; 2, hc, Swainson; 3, Fisher; vhc, c, Harper. NOR. NOVICE: 1, vhc, Parkinson; 2, hc, Saul; 3, Fisher; c, Helme. YORKS.: 1, c, Muckall; 2, Mason 3, Bostock; vhc, hc, Saul. NOR. AMATEUR: 1, Parkinson; 2, Hawthornthwaite; 3, c, Swainson; vhc, hc, Hoyle. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gradwell; hc, c, Harper. GIFT: 1, Swainson; 2, Hawthornthwaite; 3, Dr. Hird; vhc, Hind; hc, Fisher; c, Gradwell.—A. Harper, Hon. Assist. Secretary.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

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J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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Specials will be published in Catalogue, also in Darlington Catalogue. N.B.—Most points take specials in each class. Points to count 1st 6, 2nd 5, 3rd 4, vhc 3, hc 2, c 1.
Special Special 20/- will be given to the Northern Society (York to Carlisle), gaining most points throughout the show; the first 16 birds to count. Name of society to be installed on entry. Fanciers, we really need your assistance this time, and feel confident that we shall not appeal in vain. Post entries to
WILLIAMS AND EASBY,
30, Lister Street, West Hartlepool.

COVENTRY O.S.
DECEMBER 5th, 1908.
Make your entries, we will classify. We have a class for every kind of cage bird. Return of exhibits. We care for the birds on Sunday, pack and put on rail on Sunday evening so as to reach you on Monday morning 28th Annual Show. Entries extended **DEC. 1st, C. PETERS, "Sandgate" Coundon Road.**

GLASGOW & Western Counties,
Norwich Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club, Annual Show (Confined) of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in the Good Templars Hall 122 Ingram St., Glasgow on **Saturday 5th DEC., 1908.** Entries close **Monday, 30th NOVEMBER** to **ADAM & MALCOLMSON, 1, Barr St, London Road, Glasgow.**

Entries close Monday. No extension possible.
BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S. Open Show **Sat. DEC. 5.** Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. J. Howe. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee 1/6. Over 50 specials to 32 classes. **KIRKLAND & HADLEY, 29, Princess St.**

WEST HERTS

Fanciers Association, Watford.
Under Union Rules. Open to 20 miles radius. Good classification for Cage Birds. **December 8.** Judge J. Robson. Entries close **Nov. 28.** **Clem Watson. 77, Paddock Rd, Bushey.**

CARDIGAN

DECEMBER 9th, 1908.

29th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Cats, &c. in Public Buildings. Good classification and prizes. Entries close **DECEMBER 3rd.** Schedules &c. apply **TOWN CLERK, CARDIGAN.**

CHESTER & Dis. C.B.S

Under C.B.U. Rules. 4th Annual Show **Dec. 9.** Entries close **Dec. 6.** Judge: A. Wellings. 10 open classes. Prize money 17/6 per class guaranteed. Schedules from **A. J. Red, Abbey Bldgs., Chester.**

CANTERBURY

The 38th Annual Show of Cage Birds etc., December 9th and 10th. C.B.U. Rules. Open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Numerous Specials. No amalgamation. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries close Dec. 2.

Enter from this. First prize 10/-, second 5/-, third 2/6, fourth card. 97 Norwich Clear or Invisible Tick Yell.; 98 do. Buff; 99 Ticked or unevenly mkd. Yell.; 100 do. Buff; 101 Cl. or invisible tick Yell. or Buff Hen; 102 Ticked or unevenly mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen; 103 Plainhead (unflighted 1908) Cock; 104 do. Hen; 105 Crest or crest-bred; 106 do. 1908; 107 Yorkshire Clear or invisible tick Yell.; 108 do. Buff; 109 Ticked or unevenly mkd. Yell.; 110 do. Buff; 111 Cl. or invisible tick Yell. or Buff Hen; 112 Ticked or unevenly mkd. Yellow or Buff Hen; 113 Yorks. Bred 1908; 114 Border Fancy; 115 do., bred 1908; 116 Lizards (Gold or Silver); 117 do. bred 1908; 118 any other variety; 119 pair mated for breeding; 120 A.V. except Crest or Crest-bred, non colour fed; 121 A.V. Canary open to radius of 10 miles, to Exhibitors who have never won a 1st Prize in a Show open to Kent. SELLING CLASSES: 122 pair, A.V., not to exceed £1 5s. Cock and Hen; 123 A.V., not to exceed £1 Cock or Hen; 124 do. 15/-; 125 do. 10/-.

MULES AND BRITISH.

126 Light Mule; 127 Dark Mule or Hybrid; 128 Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 129* Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, Twite, or Greenfinch; 130 British, not larger than Thrush. *This class is guaranteed.

131 SELLING, A.V. British, not to exceed 15/-.

132 FOREIGN, A.V., not larger than Budgerigars, Single or Pair; 133 A.V., larger.

GIFT CLASS.—Entrance Free. First Prize, 8/-; Second, 4/-; Third, 2/-; Fourth, Card. 134 any variety Cock or Hen.

J. W SARGEANT, Hon. Sec.

RUTHIN FUR & FEATHER SHOW.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th

(Confined to North Wales).

Poultry, Cage-birds, etc. 62 Classes. ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 4TH. Judge, Mr. Henry Tams, Longton. Schedules from **J. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary, Brynhyfryd, Ruthin, North Wales.**

EDINBURGH OPEN SOC.

55th Annual Show of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canarics, Artillery Hall, Grindley Street, on Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 11th** and **12th**, Judges: (Scotch Fancy) R. Wright, Greenock; J. Stewart, Glasgow; J. Carson, Dalkeith; J. Arnot, Sanchie—(Belgians) J. Kean, Edinburgh. Schedules post free from **W. Thornton, Gardiner Road, Blackhall, Midlothian.**

THE ECCLESHILL Cage Bird Association,

Will hold their 14th Annual Show of Canaries on **Dec 11th & 12th.** 6 open Norwich Classes including unflighted hens. Yorkshires. See our wonderful list of specials. Judge: J. Robson, Esq. of London. Entries close Dec. 8th no extension. For Schedules apply **ELSEGOOD & ASHWORTH, 72, Mount Street, Eccleshill, Bradford, Yorks.**

LEEDS Roller Canary Contest. DEC. 11th & 12th, 1908.

Temperance Rooms, New York Street. Entries close, **DEC. 7th.** Judges, T. W. Walton, F. Oldroyd. Schedules etc. **THOMAS CARTER,** Sec., **16, Recreation Row, Holbeck, Leeds.**

THORNTON and Distr ct O. S. 4th ANNUAL SHOW ON Dec. 12th 1908.

Judges:—S. F., 10 cls., Mr. Paterson; Nor. and Bor. 25 cls., Mr. Adams; Mules & Brit. 13 cls., Mr. A. W. Watson. Entries close **Dec. 5th.** JAMES MOYES, Sec.

—LOOK HERE—

CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, on Saturday, **DEC. 12, 1908.** Good Classification. Large Prize Money Splendid Hall and Railway Connections. Judges: T. Fullarton, T. Walton, J. McLay. Entries close Dec. 5th. Be sure and send for Schedule. **John C. Burnie, 2, CARLINGWARK COTTAGES, CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.**

STONEHOUSE N. B.

Grand Annual Show, DECEMBER 12th, 1908.

Judges: Messrs. Scaife, Walker & Adam. Sched. from **J. GOVAN, 7, Union Street, Stonehouse, N.B.**

TAMWORTH (Open Show) under C.B.U. Rules. Sat. Dec. 12th.

15 open classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and Specials Entrance fee 1/6. Judge: G. Russell. Entries close Dec. 7th. Schedules apply G. Spencer, 4, Aldergate, Tamworth.

BOURNEMOUTH

17th Annual GREAT OPEN and Members CAGE BIRD SHOW. **Dec. 1st and 2nd, at the Winter Gardens,** under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judges J. H. Payne and W. G. Poole Exhibitors please NOTE special arrangements have been made for feeding and caring for all exhibits, Night and Day Attention. Schedules: **JONES & LEECH, Hon. Secs., 150, Holdenhurst Road. Entries extended send at once.**

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S. (Affild. to C.B.U.) Cattle Show Week. DEC. 2nd & 3rd.

Excursions from all parts. Open Show, Judge: J. H. Itoe, Esq. No classes cancelled or amalgamated. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Card; for 1/6 Entry Fee. Entries do not average one per class. Exhibitors please help us. Must extend closing date to last post Saturday. Enter from the following:—Class 1, Nor. Plnhd., cl., tkd. or unoven mkd. yell. 2, ditto buff. 3, Nor. Plnhd, unfigtd. 4, Nor. Plnhd. Hen, 5, Crest. 6, Crestbred. 7, Yorks., same as 1. 8, Yorks same as 2. 9, Yorks., unfigtd. 10, Yorks. Hen. 11, Cinn. Yel, 12, Cinn. Buff. 13, Selling, any var., single or pairs, price, with cage, not to exceed £3. 14, ditto £2. 15, ditto £1. 16, Dark Canary Mule (except canary bully). 17, A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid. 18, Brit. Goldfinch. 19, Brit. Bullfinch. 20, A.O.V. Brit. Hardbill. 21, Brit. Softbill (no Hawks, Owls or Ravens). 22, Foreign, Cockatiel or smaller. 23, Foreign, larger than a Cockatiel. Numerous Specials. 1 minute from L. & N.W., & Mid., and 5 minutes from G.W. station. **J. H. de MAILLET,** Hon. Sec., 121, SOMERVILLE ROAD, SMALL HEATH

KILMARNOCK O. C. B. S.

DECEMBER 4th and 5th. Entries close to-day November 28th. Send on entries will classify. Popular Judges. **J. B. MURDOCH, Sec**

FANCIERS, NOTE THE LARGEST ONE DAY SHOW.

ALTRINCHAM

Cage Bird Society, (under C.B.U. Rules.) 5th Annual All England Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds will be held on **Dec. 5th, 1908,** at the British Schools, Oxford Road, Altrincham. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Cups, Bowls, Electro Plate, Tea Service (40 pieces), Medals, Specials for every class and numerous other specials. Judges; Messrs. Battye & C. Houlton. Entries close first post **Nov. 30th.** Schedules and particulars from **TOM HARRISON, Altrincham Aviaries, 4, Shaw's Lane, Altrincham.**

CUPAR FIFE, N.B.

21st Annual Show, SATURDAY, 5th DEC. Cage Birds 47 Classes. Judges — J. Black, Esq., Arbroath, and T. Merrilees, Esq., Broughty Ferry (Scotch Fancies), Chas Campbell, Esq., Glasgow (Norwich), J. Craig, Esq., Brechin (Borders), John Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh (British, Foreign and Mules Border Fancy Club Medal. Scottish British Bird and Mule Club Medals, also Trophy Shield for Competition at this Show, and plenty specials. Entries close Monday, 30th November. For Schedules apply **CHAS. O. EDMOND, Jr., 57, Bonnygate, Cupar Fife, N.B**

STAMFORD Thurs. Dec. 10, 1908,

Under C.B.U. License.

All kinds of Cage Birds. 27 Classes; 6 Nor., 8 Yorks., Cinn., Crest, Crest-bred, a.v., Sell. class, Mule or Hybrid, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, etc., Linnet, etc., a.o.v. larger and including Larks, a.o.v. smaller than a lark, For. n.v. £5 limit. Six silver medals for special prizes besides other prizes. Low Ent. Fee. Ent. cls. Dec. 3rd. Judge, Mr. W. P. Barnes. **A. W. LUDLOW,** Hon. Sec., **39, Broad Street, Stamford.**

THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW. DEC. 10 & 11

Entries close December 5. Finest Classification in the West.

Popular Judges. Big Prize Money. Low Entry Fee. Send for Schedule.—Hon. Sec., **R. J. TRUSCOTT 27, Castle St, SWANSEA.**

ST. HELENS For Money. Grand Show Open to the World.

Show held DECEMBER 10th, 11th 12th 1908.

Prizes 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials in every Class for Entry Fee of 2/-. **CHIEF PRIZE 36/-.** Popular Judges: H. W Battye. Esq., J. F. Hills, Esq. Entries Close, **DECEMBER 5th.** Schedule, Entry Form &c. from **A GOODALL 73, Corporation St.**

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S. Under C.B.U. Rules.

16th Ann. Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds will be held at the Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford, on

DECEMBER 11th & 12th, 1908.

Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Judges: Messrs Cowgill and Wellings. Compare our Schedule before sending elsewhere. Specials every class. Yorkshire, Norwich and Border classes, Foreign classes, Open Novice Yorkshire and Norwich classes. Send for Schedule at once to **W. JACKSON, 11, Albert Sq., Old Trafford, Manchester.**

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH. C.B.U. Rules.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C. B. S. Ninth Annual show, DECEMBER 11 & 12.

70 Open and 8 Novice Classes. Guaranteed Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/- See our Schedule for Specials; surplus in store. Judges; Messrs. Heath, Battye, Trengove, Bennett, Parker Robinson. Club Shows C.C.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.N.P.C. Patronage B.F.C.C., F.B.C., Y.C.C., Nat. B.B. & M.C.

TAYLOR & ROBSON, Secs., 68, Edward Street

HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

WHITBURN and Dis. Cage Bird Society will hold their 3rd Annual Grand Exhibition and Competition on Sat. December 12th. Open to the United Kingdom.

40 open classes, 2 for Crests and Crestbreds, 6 Norwich, 12 Borders, 1 any variety, 15 British, 3 Mules, 1 Foreign. Prize money 10/- 5/-, and 2/6. Entry money, 1/6 each bird. Judges: A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch: Crests & Norwich; J. Patterson, Chirnside: Borders; P. Pettigrew, Glasgow; Mules, British and Foreign. Schedules from **J. FORREST, 109, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.**

WIDNES and District O.S. Open Show under C.B.U. Rules DEC. 18th & 19th 1908.

Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Assoc. E. & W. B. F. C. 36 open classes, including 4 Yorkshires, 5 Norwich, 4 York Green, 4 Norwich Green, 3 Borders, 1 Crest or Crestbred, 1 A.O.V., 2 Selling, 2 British, 1 Gift, 1 Foreign. Open Novice, 2 York. 2 Norwich. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and 2/- special each class. Ent. fee 1/6. Judges Messrs A. Wellings & C. Houlton. Sch. apply **S. ANDREWS,** Sec. 109, Mersey Rd

BROXBURN & Dis. C. B. Society. Great open show will be held on DEC 19th. Entries close DEC 14th.

Under the patronage of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, & Scot. Brit. Bird & Mule Club. Judges, Mr. H Moreland, (Falk.) Nor., Mr. McKenzie (Kelso,) Bor. Messrs. P. McQuiston, (Ayr.) ; Mason, (Peebles,) Brit. & For. 42 open classes, over 60 specials & cups & medals. Schedules from **WALTER NEILSON, 32, Greendykes Road, BROXBURN.**

GUISBOROUGH (YORKS.) and DIS. "PRIORY" C.B.S.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Hybrids, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

Friday, January 1st, 1909. Good Classification. Numerous Specials. Judge—Jacob Mackley, Esq. **ATKINSON & WILSON,** Secs., 80, Westgate, Guisborough (Yorks.).

BROMSGROVE

Tuesday, December 15th.

Under C.B U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq Valuable Specials. **J. JEFFREY, Hon. Sec., Bromsgrove**

DO NOT FORGET

BRACKLEY

12th Annual Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds on **December 15th.** Popular Judges. Prize money guaranteed within 10 days. Full classification in this paper on Dec. 4th. No schedules. **J. SHAW, Sec.**

CHESHUNT (HERTS)

Fifth Annual Show **Dec. 16.** Poultry, Pigeons Rabbits, Cage Birds. Three Breed Cups. Medals and Specials. Popular Judges each section. Schedules from **F. E. Clark, Waltham Cross, N.**

Entries close December 3rd, for

CARMARTHEN

December 15. 25 classes. (C.B.U. Licence). Judge: J. Robson, Esq., London. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee 1/6. Show closes at 4 p.m. Exhibits despatched first available train after that hour. Please send for schedule to **Jack Francis, Secretary.**

NARBERTH (Under Kennel and Cage Bird U. Rules).

21st Annual Show of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds Cats, Rabbits, &c. **December 16, 1908** (the day following Carmarthen show). Judges: Dogs, Cats, Rabbits—T. Marples Esq., Manchester; Poultry and Pigeons, P. Proud, Esq., Birkdale; Cage Birds, and Terriers, J. B. Evans, Esq., Skelty, R.S.O. Schedules now ready apply **James Owen 8t. James St., Narberth** Birds &c., entered for Haverfordwest Show the following day forwarded in good time. **Pens for Hire.**

HAVERFORDWEST (Affil. C.B.U.) P., Pig., C.B., C., R., & Cav. Show. **Dec 17.** Ent. fee 1/-. Ent. clo. **Dec 11.** Sched. apply **J. Llewellyn Phillips, High Stroot.**

LUDLOW

(SALOP)

Open Cage Bird Show, **DECEMBER 17th, 1908,** Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Good Classification. **ENTRIES CLOSE, DECEMBER 5th.** Send for schedules at once from **P. H. OAKES, Globe Cottage, LUDLOW.**

WEST BROMWICH

and Dis. C.B.S.

Hold their 2nd Annual Open Show of Cage Birds on **December 18 and 19** at the Dartmouth Hotel. Judge: J. H. Payne. Splendid classification and prizes. Affiliated to the C.B.U. Schedules ready. **T. Duffield, Hon. Sec., 18, Braybrook St., West Bromwich.**

Don't forget the

FERRYHILL & District

First Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds to be held in the council schools, Deanbank on **Sat., December 19th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. Rules, Judge:—Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell. 25 classes, specials for every class. Entries close on **Monday, December 14th, 1908.** For schedules apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Hon. Sec.**

KEITH & DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society's

SHOW DECEMBER 19th 1908.

26 open classes for Cage Birds. Prizes 7/-, 4/-, 2/- one or two specials in every class. Entries close 14th Dec. Judges: Canaries, Mr. A. Steele, Aberdeen. British and Foreign, Mr. P. A. Watt, Banff. Secretary **D. D. MILNE 69, Regent Street.**

ANNAN Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons and Cage birds. Saturday, 19th December

splendid classification. Cage Bird Judge, Henry Bennet Kelso. Entries close 12th December. Schedules. **A IRVING, Secretary & Treasurer, 10 Albert Road, ANNAN.**

BAILDON DECEMBER 19th,

14 Classes. Specials in every class. 5 novice classes. Judge, W. H. Shackleton, Esq. Entries close, **DEC 15.** Schedules, **W. T. DOBSON,** Sec., **BAILDON.**

TIDESWELL P., Pgns, C.B. O.S. **Dec. 19,** C.B U. rules. Ent. cl. **Dec. 14** Judges: J.N. Harrison (Pty,) A.G. Davis, C.B. Cage Birds staged in separate room. Apply Sch. **J. Brocklehurst, Tideswell, Buxton.**

DONCASTER Ornithological and Fanciers' Society.

Open show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit, to be held Boxing Day, **Dec. 26th.** Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, /- Entry Fee /6. **BESCOBY & HAGUE, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.**

Hampshire House Club.

HAMMERSMITH

London, W. Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Open Show.

JANUARY 12 & 13th, 1909.

G. FULLER, Secretary.

LOOK OUT!

FRASERBURGH

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits Annual Show **Wed. Jan. 13th, 1909** For schedules. **A. Grant, 76, Broad Street Fraserburgh.**

SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.C.

The contest which took place at Glasgow and West of Scotland show in November 13th and 14th resulted in a victory for Scotland, the above club scoring 261 points to 84 for the Norwich Plainhead Club, over 14 classes. This is what may be termed a "run-away" victory," and can only be accounted for by the N.P.C. members failing to send a sufficient number of exhibits, as against the grand array of Scottish birds. It is to be hoped the Scottish Club will be very much better represented next year in England than was the N.P.C. in Scotland, so that a much closer contest may result. Members of the S.N.P.C.C. are reminded of the club show, which takes place at the Scottish National Show on December 31st and January 1st, and as the special prize fund requires to be considerably augmented for that event, all who can are earnestly requested to send on their "mites," no matter how small.—J. BROWN, sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B S

Meeting held November 9th, Mr. J. Dickinson in the chair. The principal business was a washing competition which took place before a good attendance of members. The following competed: Messrs. Stirrup, Salway, Garbutt, Robinson, Hallam, Crossley and Myers, each washing one bird. Three prizes were offered, 1st, 2/-, given by Mr. Garbutt; 2nd. 1/-, given by the secretary; 3rd the entrance fees. The whole of the birds were beautifully washed and gave the judge, Mr. F. Washbourne, considerable trouble to pick out the winners. After close inspection he placed the awards as follows: 1, Mr. Robinson (although only a novice the bird was washed fit to grace any show bench); 2, Mr. Salway; 3, Mr. Crossley; hc, Mr. Myers, and c, Mr. J. Stirrup. Mr. Garbutt caused much laughter by coming to the table and proceeding to wash a wooden bird, but was instantly disqualified for washing a dead bird. A very pleasant meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the judge, and the chairman. The following new members were elected: T. Walsh (Gorton); F. Roberts (Beswick).—J. C. SPILSBURY.

WHITEHAVEN SHOW. WINNING NUMBERS.
1422, 20', 477, 358, 1908, 217, 118, 197, 202, 180, 1063, 1482, 139.

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The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, which is published monthly, or at any Show which has not the Union's Show Rules appearing in its Schedule.

Nov. 27.—Penzance.
27/28.—Bury; Jarrow; Littleborough; Leeds; Egremont (License).
28.—Coventry Godiva; Sale Open.
28/30.—Long Eaton; Norwich Alliance.
Dec. 1/2.—Bournemouth.
2.—Tavistock (License); Grimsby C.B.S.
2/3.—Birmingham City; Porth.
3.—Frome; Sheringham (License).
4.—Falmouth (License).
4/5.—Hartlepools; L.C.B.A.; Cockermouth.
5.—Altrincham; Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.; Coventry O.S.; Middleton; Gloucester South End (License).
8.—West Herts (License).
8/9.—Silvertown and North Woolwich.
9.—Pwllgwaun (License).
Chester; Staveley (License).
9/10.—Canterbury (License).
10.—Stamford F.A. (License).
10/11.—Welsh National.
10/12.—St. Helens O.S.
11/12.—Gateshead; Pendleton and Salford.
12.—Tamworth C.B.S.; Dove Holes (License); Gloucester.
15.—Carmarthen (License); Bromsgrove.
17.—Ludlow; Haverfordwest (License).
18/19.—Widnes; West Bromwich.
19.—Tideswell C.B.S. (License); Ferryhill C.B.S.; Halton (License).

Licenses can be granted to approved Shows, on application being made to the Secretary giving date of Show, one month prior to the holding of the Show.
GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, Sec.

TWITTERINGS.

Many thanks for your paper, CAGE BIRDS. I find it is most suitable.—JAMES DODD (Sunderland).

At King's Heath Show, to be held on January 6th, the cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

We hope to have an open show next year, writes Mr. J. Davey, the hon. secretary of the North Manchester C.B.S.

Kindly notify my change of address from 73, Chatsworth Street, to 23, Hartington Road, Leicester, writes Mr. E. H. Hulse.

We have extended date of entries closing to first post December 1st, writes Mr. Geo. Peters, secretary of the Coventry O.S.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Show report reads: 3rd, Lesser Redpoll, Mills, whereas it should read Miller.—ANDREW MILLER (Glasgow).

Entries close at Cupar, November 30th. Fanciers should hurry along their entries. Splendid classification. See advertisement.—(ADVT.)

At Wallsend Show, Mr. Armstrong is credited with winning in the Crest pair class, whereas we won first.—DOBSON AND SON (Blaydon-on-Tyne).

I had a large number of replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Miss Marshall (Winchfield), and I never thought to get answers so soon.

I had so many replies re Hybrid last week, writes Mr. T. Johnson (Southport), that I could only reply to those who sent a stamped-addressed envelope.

Entries are very short, write Messrs. Jones and Leech, hon. secretaries of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A. We hope fanciers will give us their support.

I am sorry to say Lurgan Show has been cancelled, owing to circumstances over which our committee had no control, writes Mr. S. M'Collum, the secretary.

Wallsend Show report credits Mr. Cowling with 1st and 2nd in the Unflighted Yellow Norwich class, writes Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth), whereas I had that honour.

Mr. T. Moss writes that the firm of A. Moss and Son has dissolved partnership. All schedules, etc., are now to be sent to him at 54, Norman Road, Birkby, Huddersfield.

Matters look very black up to the present, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. Show December 2nd and 3rd—only six entries in the open section. Will fanciers kindly assist us in making the show a success?

We have received an envelope, bearing postmark November 23rd, Kidwelly, and containing a postal order, value sevenpence. Will the sender please communicate with us?

Will fanciers please remember that the Ludlow Open Show is to be held on December 17th, writes Mr. P. H. Oakes, the hon. secretary. Good classification is provided.

I have sold my Clear Yellow cock bird, my Clear Buff cock, and my natural coloured Buff, all Norwich, to Mr. W. J. Taylor (Newcastle), at a good figure, writes R. Rowell (Belside).

I have had dozens of applicants for my birds through advertising in your valuable paper, which shows the wide circulation it must have.—G. BICKERTON (Stoke-on-Trent).

It is a duty every fancier owes to himself to have his name handed down to posterity as an exhibitor at the forthcoming Jubilee National Show at the Crystal Palace.—(ADVT.)

Good luck to CAGE BIRDS; it is the best paper going for advertisements. I have had a bundle of letters and cards this week in reply to mine.—F. BROOMFIELD (Wiveliscombe).

At the forthcoming Douglas, Isle-of-Man, Show, held December 26th, we hear that Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop), has been asked to judge, and has accepted the engagement.

Portsmouth Show report should read in the Norwich Clear Yellow class: 1, spl., and v.h.c., Schneider. It also omits to give Mr. Mortara as the winner in the buff class.—H. SCHNEIDER (Winchester).

Kindly notify my change of address to 340, Battersea Park Road, London, S.W., writes Mr. F. Easterling, the well-known South-country breeder and exhibitor of the Yorkshire Canary.

Two classes have been added to our schedule, writes Mr. Geo. Hy. Barnwell, hon. secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S., viz., class 14, Unflighted Yellow Norwich, and class 14a, Unflighted Buff Norwich.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Heggan (Manchester). I cannot reply to them all, they are so numerous. The letters came from all points of the compass.

At Nottingham Show your reporter remarks that our winning young Yellow Crest was also the winner of the Newcastle-on-Tyne bowl, but this is not so, write Messrs. Dobson and Son (Blaydon-on-Tyne).

Entries are lamentably short, there not being two per class, writes Mr. W. Summers, hon. secretary of the Wandsworth and Dis. F.A. We will receive entries up to first post (this) Saturday morning.

We have fixed the date of Darlington Canary and B.B.F.A. Fourth Annual Open Show on October 16th, 1909, writes Mr. R. S. Black, the hon. secretary. Will secretaries of societies in the district please note, so they may not clash?

Thanks to exhibitors and your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, we had a record entry for the county at Camborne Open Show, writes Mr. C. J. Allen, the hon. secretary, and all prize money was paid in full within seven days.

We have extended the date of entries closing, writes Mr. Harry Emerson, hon. secretary of the Grimsby C.B.S., to November 30th. Our committee are highly satisfied with the results from our advertisements in CAGE BIRDS.

Owing to entries being so very short we are obliged to extend until Monday night's post, writes Mr. W. Minty, hon. secretary of the Frome and Dis. C.B.S. Show. We should be thankful if fanciers would help us in our first venture.

I would like to congratulate the secretary, show managers, and committee of Morriston Show on the splendid way in which the arrangements were carried out, and the way in which the birds were staged, writes Mr. D. R. Jones (Llanelly).

I should like to thank you for the life-like sketch of winning buff Norwich—"Cherry Blossom"—which appeared in our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. E. Brown (Bristol). I also wish to tender my best thanks to Mr. H. Norman, the artist.

Hartlepool's Show, see classification in this issue; splendid opportunity, grand specials and extra specials. Show closes at 6. Every bird guaranteed at station by 7 o'clock. Don't be afraid to send your very best birds; they will be well looked after.—(ADVT.)

Entries for the Falmouth, Penrhyn and Dis. C.B. Show don't average two a class, writes Mr. Thos. Burton, the hon. secretary. I appeal to western exhibitors to help us. There is a rattling good lot of specials. Entries are extended to Monday morning's post.

Highgate and Hampstead First Annual Show, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., November 28th. Close to Junction Road Station (Midland), and Tufnell Park Station (Hampstead Tube). Doors open 12 noon; admission, threepence.—(ADVT.)

I take CAGE BIRDS every week, and will always advertise in it in future, as I think it far the best. I have had no replies yet to advertisement in ———, but I have had many when I have advertised in your paper.—J. KERSHAW (Oxenhope, Keighley).

The cage bird section of our show, writes Mr. Jack Francis, hon. secretary of the Carmarthenshire A.S., will again be under the management of Mr. Alfred Crabb, Jubilee Hotel, Carmarthen, who has for many years managed this section with credit to himself and to the society. It is needless to add that all exhibits entrusted to his care will receive every attention and will be despatched by the earliest available trains after the close of the show at 4 p.m.

There are specials offered in the open classes of our show, December 10, although it is not so stated in our schedule, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, secretary of the Stamford and Dis. F.A. This is our first show and we are hoping to receive the hearty support of fanciers.

Kindly accept the South West London Cage Bird Society's thanks for the report of their show held November 7th, writes Mr. Lilley, the hon. secretary. It was strictly a members' show, yet over £13 in prize money has been paid to the successful exhibitors, besides specials and medals.

Some small advertisements relating to the forthcoming Hartlepools Show were inadvertently omitted by our printers last week. We recommend readers to peruse the classification of this enterprising fixture, which will be found set out in the show advertisement columns of this issue.

Will exhibitors kindly note that in Class 61, British and Foreign Selling, in our schedule, the prize money is 8s., 4s., 2s. Owing to a printer's error it now reads: 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s., which is wrong. The entry money for that class only is 1s.—J. B. Y. MURDOCH, secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

We have again been able to put forward a great special prize list, writes Mr. T. Taylor, hon. secretary of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. Specials have been put to each class and extra specials to each section, both for best bird and most points. We hope for a good response from fanciers as a reward.

Kindly allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to deny that my exhibit at our Members' Show at St. Austell on October 29th, was shown in a dirty condition, as reported. This bird is a Nonflighted, clear body, with a grizzled tail, and probably the grizzled tail was misleading.—W. G. NILE (Fowey).

OBITUARY

Mr. William Stapleton (Walworth, S.E.)

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the death of Mr. William Stapleton, age 66, the well-known and much respected bird dealer of East Street, Walworth, writes Mr. J. J. Hall, secretary of the London and Provincial Bird Dealers' Protection Association. He was a zealous worker on the committee of the late "Bird Trade Journal," taking a great interest in its progress. He had been a great sufferer for many years from Bright's disease, combined with dropsy. He died on November 9th, and was interred at Nunhead Cemetery on November 16th. The well-known brothers and many friends were present at the ceremony.

Mrs. Oliver Clark (Long Eaton).

Am very sorry to inform you of the death of our chairman's wife, who passed away peacefully on November 12th, writes Mr. W. Hallam, of the Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S. It occurred after a long and lingering illness. She leaves a widower and five children to mourn her loss. Much sympathy is felt by the local fanciers of Long Eaton and district for the husband and family in their sad bereavement.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of the son and only child of our esteemed chairman, Mr. A. C. Burn, which took place on Monday morning after a short illness, writes Mr. Victor Wynn, the secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

The Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. having held a very successful club show with 158 entries, have carried forward £5 and paid 15s. per class in prize money, writes Mr. J. Miles, the secretary. We have decided to hold our annual meeting to elect the officers, etc., for 1909 on January 12th. New members are welcomed. The annual supper is fixed for January 19th.

Will show secretaries please note, to save time and expense, writes Mr. W. A. Davis (Coventry), that I had my team of Norwich claimed at Leicester Hand-in-Hand Show at catalogue price, and think of showing but little more this show season? I hope the plucky speculator, Mr. H. Christian (Leicester), will breed and exhibit a few good birds from them.

Among the chief features of the Cambridge Show, says the "Cambridge Express," will be the exceptionally fine display of foreign birds. The collection shown by Mrs. Anningson will make in themselves a show which the promoters of the International Cage Bird Show at the Crystal Palace may well envy, for they cannot equal it. Two of her birds, a Banksian Cockatoo, and an all Blue Macaw, are so rare that it is doubtful if their doubles can be found in the world. An offer of £500 has recently been declined for one of these.

Owing to the alterations of usual date of St. Helen's Show I resigned membership of the St. Helen's Society this year, writes Mr. Chas. Houlton. I was not in favour of holding a three-days' show, but I was in favour of a two-days' show being held as usual, the second week in January. I wrote the present hon. secretary, giving him notice that he must not use my name on any printed matter connected with that society, but I see he has used my name in two places on their schedules just issued. I here beg to state this is directly against my notice to him. I would have done all I could to help a two-days' show on the original successful date.

Use Our Picture Postcards.
We have a lovely selection.

I inserted an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of British birds and the replies I received were far too numerous for me to answer each. I had letters and cards from all over the place. I would like to say I have disposed of my birds, having sent them to Scotland, and I am perfectly satisfied. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—C. DENTON (Tunbridge Wells).

I wish to thank you very much for the splendid report of Nottingham Show in this week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the secretary. It will be greatly appreciated by everyone concerned. I should like to tender the best thanks of my committee to all those friends and fanciers who did so much to secure the success of the show, by contributing to the funds, giving their valuable time and assistance, and by sending us such a splendid array of the finest exhibits (a record for quality).

The absence from our recent show of our much esteemed president, Mr. John Thomson, who is in hospital undergoing an operation, writes Mr. Alex. Thomson, secretary of the Woodside and Bucksburn O.S. (Aberdeen), was very much felt, as he has been the moving spirit of the society since its start 25 years ago. The operation has been performed, and he is getting on as well as can be expected. The death of Mr. A. R. Langlands (Montrose), well-known throughout Scotland, was also much regretted, and no doubt this also handicapped us, as he was to have officiated as one of our judges.

In CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), I read the paragraph, written by Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Porth), relating to the various articles I have written for your most popular journal at one time and another, and I thank him for the kind words he has penned. I am happy to assist a fancier along, for I well remember the time of my novice days (no such thing as a paper solely devoted to our hobby then), when any little item I could pick up was thankfully received. Secrecy was greatly in evidence as regards breeding, rearing, feeding, and so forth, in those days. But how different now; fanciers are more open in their views. I don't believe in men being termed fanciers who, though in a position to help the Fancy, keep all they know to themselves. Let us have progression, not retrogression. The backbone of the Fancy are the new beginners; it is the novices who require assistance, and should be given it.

At Norwich Show.

Just as we go to press, the secretary of Norwich Show, Mr. Roll, telegraphs: "Closed with splendid entry; some grand specimens will be on view." There should, therefore, be a huge crowd of visitors to the hall on Saturday and Monday next (November 28th and 30th).

International Plainhead Contest.

All Mr. Shore's birds arrived at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show too late (five o clock) to be judged, being delayed on the line. One of the judges, Mr. Mackie, compared them with the other birds in their respective classes with the following result: 2 firsts, 2 seconds, and 1 third. Very hard lines on the owner, also to the English N.P.C. as they would have considerably reduced our opponents' figures had they been delivered in time.—J. RAYNES, hon. secretary, N.P.C.

Small Beginnings.

This story was told by a well-known Yorkshire judge the other day. Said he: "I well remember the first show I judged. ——— came to me and said I had got to go and judge at the 'Blue Pig.' I went, and I shall never forget it. There were but two birds to judge, and I picked the worst!" After a hearty laugh he added, "I have judged many a hundred shows since then, but I shall never forget that time. I should think it was the smallest show man ever started judging at—and started badly."

Britain's Best Bicycle.

Of the many improvements for the famous Rudge-Whitworth cycles for 1909, the extensions in the use of the patent black celluloid covering are the most prominent. In addition to completely covering the handle-bar, this patent rust-proof covering is now extended to the combination grips, completely enclosing them, handle-bar and grips being all one piece, thus avoiding the unpleasantness of loose grips, as they now cannot become loose or come off. In the "Acro-Special" models the brake levers, cranks, pedal, and hub centres are also celluloid covered, the polished black finish of which adds considerably to the appearance of the machine. The celluloid covering is applied by the company in their own extensive factories, and is protected by several patents. Brake fittings are improved, not only affording a more direct pull from the lever, but giving a smarter appearance. To further accentuate this the head tube is enamelled right down to the top crown plate. In the "All-Weather" machines, in addition to extra wide guards and front extension, a new patent extra wide detachable mud-flap to the front mudguard is attached, and this is securely held in position by the stays, no clips or bolts of any kind being used. An improved lubricator is adopted, consisting of a brass tube leading direct to the hub and bracket bearings, attached to which is a hinged spring lid. In the "Crescent" models the brake work has been improved with double roller levers instead of single levers to the two rim brakes, and the trouser guard of the "All-Weather" models is much deeper, and covers practically the whole of the chain wheel.

Some Rare and Interesting Insectivorous Birds.

By S. L. COCKS.

In this contribution a practical fancier and exhibitor deals with the Keeping in captivity and some aspects of the wild life of the three Woodpeckers, the Tree Creeper, the Redstart and other uncommon insectivorous birds.

Although any species of British bird can lay claim to having a large number of admirers, no one will deny that the Soft Bills are the most attractive, and of these, in my opinion, the most interesting are among those that build their nests in the holes of trees; and this must be my excuse for choosing them as my subject. I only intend writing of what I have actually seen of the following species, they being equally interesting, whether kept as pets, or for exhibition, or for both.

The Green or Common Woodpecker.

You will no doubt expect me to start with the Green or Common Woodpecker, and as the species I know best are well known on the show bench, I shall not describe either this or any of them.

The Green or Common Woodpeckers are not so common as is generally supposed, as they have a knack of showing themselves in three or four different places in a remarkably short space of time, and if three of four pairs were breeding in a part of the country, extending for, say, two or more miles, you would not be able to cross their country without seeing or hearing half their number, several times each. And if a stranger, you would come away with the impression that they were the commoner species you had met that day. Again, should an odd pair leave the wooded country, and take a fancy to a tree in a more open part—which they often do, even going into the fens in the summer—you would be told of them by everybody who knew you to be interested, until you would reckon that at least ten or a dozen pairs were around you.

The Greens are the latest of the Woodpeckers to nest, and although they can be heard drilling holes in readiness as early as April (and I have known young Greens to be in the nest in the third week of August), yet, generally speaking, the beginning of July is about the best time to look for them. They usually drill several holes before settling down in one.

If you happen to be in the woods, you may find the nests quicker by using your ears than by using your eyes. This is so because when hungry the young birds will treat you to a very fair representation of a couple of men sawing a block of stone with a cross-cut saw. And they do it quite as loudly.

The nests are usually found in oak or ash trees, although they may be found in a crab apple or a willow tree. They will vary a good deal in the height from the ground. I have found one in an old ash stump not three feet from the ground, in the season following the clearing of a certain part of the wood, and on that same occasion, had to climb nearly forty feet up an old oak, simply to find that the hole was one of those they did not take to after drilling it.

Housing and Feeding Young Woodpeckers

Young Woodpeckers are very slow to grow their feathers and leave the nest. Should you, therefore, wish to hand-rear some, leave them (if you can get to know the age without sawing the nest out) until they are fully three weeks old. But it it is not much use putting them back if on cutting the nest out, you find the birds too young.

Place the youngsters in a box—an ordinary starch box will do—and put sawdust on the bottom. Keep the birds covered, so that they are in the dark, as they are used to being well in the shade. One nest I saw last season was fully three feet down inside the hole, so the young did not get very much fresh air or light. Feed them on ants' eggs (live, if possible), biscuit-meal, and meat-meal in equal parts, together with a little egg, being careful not to use too much of the last-mentioned. All the gentles they will take, but these require to be cleaned before being used. The best method of cleaning them is to sift some sawdust and mix the fine part of it with the gentles, leaving them for two or three days, when you can put them on the same sieve and take out the sawdust, leaving your gentles clean and without any putrid food inside them.

Your 'Peckers will not "get on their own" before they are six or seven weeks old, and whilst you will have no trouble in getting them to gape, be sure you do not overfeed them while they are in the box. I like them to be quite hungry each time I go to them, and even then I do not glut them. For if you watch the old birds feeding their young, you will find that they do not go in and out more than six times an hour at the busiest time of the day, and there are often as many birds in the nest, which works out at a beakful of food per bird each hour. The parents often leave the young for two and even three hours entirely alone.

You will also very likely be surprised on putting your hand (and arm) into the hole, to feel the heat. This should give you another hint, which is to keep the young birds out of the cold when you first take them in hand.

When you transfer your birds to cages you must line the latter with either tin or zinc, as these are very industrious birds, and find no difficulty in going through an inch-thick board, and that well within an hour. But if they are put in an outdoor aviary with a tree stem (dead-wood preferred) to exercise on, I do not think they would make any attempt to get away.

The above remarks will also apply to the Greater Spotted Woodpecker, though I have not as yet found one of their nests above fifteen feet from the ground, and they are generally about a fortnight earlier in their nesting operations.

Concerning Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers.

We now pass to the Lesser Spotted species, which is no doubt one of our most seldom-noticed British birds. I believe the opposite to what was said of the Green can be said of these, as it is only natural to suppose that many of the Lessers are seen but not indentified. The genuine Britisher can be distinguished from the Continental by the clearness of its white bars, making the one that migrates generally inside a cage appear much duller and dirtier. The British Lesser 'Peckers also appear to me to be slimmer than the specimens I have seen in captivity, but as I have yet to see a fully feathered native in a cage, that may have something to do with the case.

This species nests much earlier than the two larger varieties, and the young birds must be found before the end of June, or you will be too late for them. Like the Green, the nests vary much in the height from the ground. One that I knew of last season, required a sixty round telescope ladder, reared perfectly upright, and then a rope to pull the bough down, before it could be reached. The same pair of birds built in a place less than eight feet from the ground the year before; no doubt they wanted a change and a bit of "high" life.

The birds are very much localised, and I can show the holes where one pair have nested each season for the past eight years, and even then we should not have to walk above half a mile from the first to the last.

Two Very Interesting Species.

I shall not include either Wrynecks or Nuthatches in this paper, as I have yet to see a nest of the former, while the latter are easy to get during hard weather, and when in the adult stage, as they come to feed with the keeper's fowls, especially when snow is about. For this reason I have not troubled to go for the nests, though either of them must make interesting subjects.

Though they do not come exactly under the title of "hole-nesters," I must include two species which are special favourites of mine—Redstarts and Treecreepers. The former usually looks for a nicely sheltered hole in a tree to build in, even using a Woodpecker's old one at times, while the latter puts its nest inside either a loose piece of bark or an old hole in the tree. I consider them two of the most interesting species to keep as pets.

The singular manner in which the 'Creeper goes round his cage, which I prefer to have lined with baize instead of bark, and the fearlessness of the 'Start combined with his beauty when in adult summer plumage, contribute to make them specially charming.

The Redstart is, of course, a migrant, the cocks of the species coming over about ten days or so before the hens, and arriving in this locality generally about the 20th of April. On the arrival of their mates they go straight to their business of the summer. They are double-brooded birds, and their first batch of youngsters is often ready to leave the nest by the first week in June. Should you by any chance find them where you can cage the young ones up, the old birds will rear them, this being much the easier way. They soon steady down when on their own.

The young cocks will not come into full colour at the first moult, the under-throat being very grey, looking as though dusted over with some flour, and the slate on the back tinged with brown. But the beauty of the two-year-old bird will quite repay you for the trouble of keeping them.

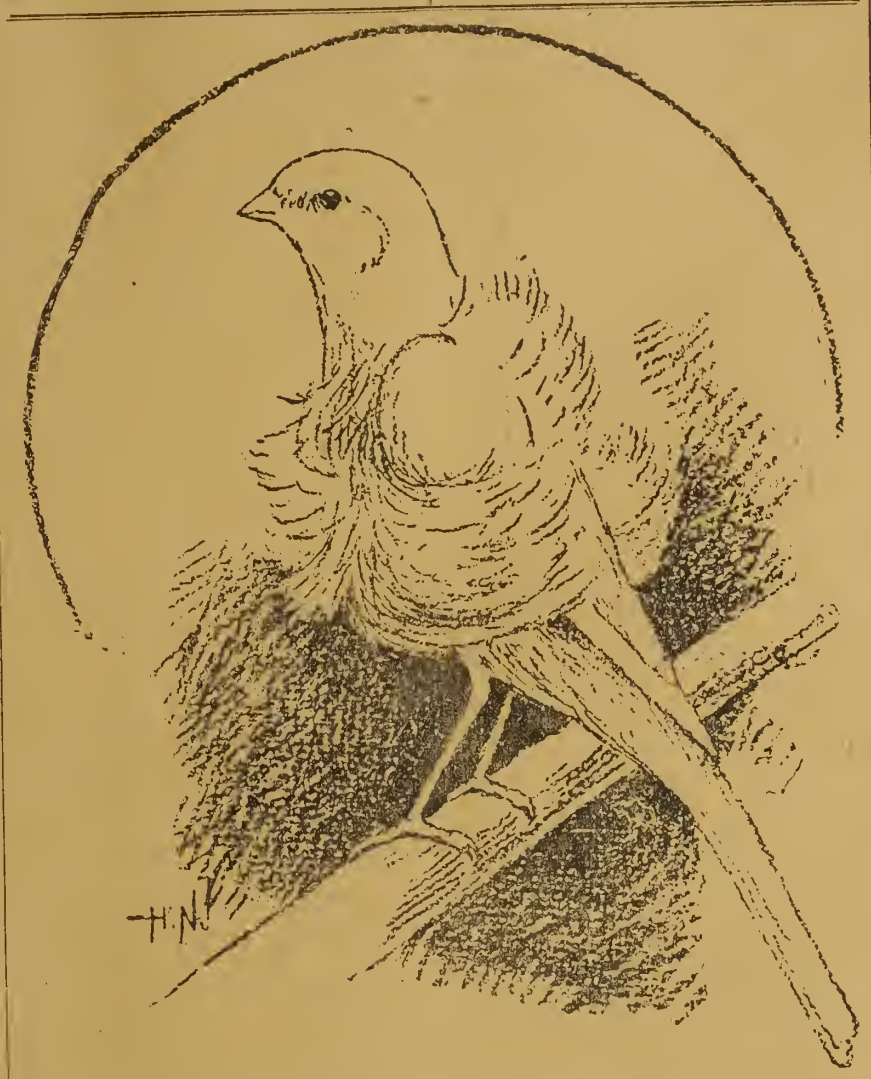
You can feed them on any good brand of insectivorous food, or if you prefer it, you can mix your own as follows:—Biscuits ground up, three parts; ants' eggs, dried flies, and silk worm pupæ, one part each; and preserved yolk of egg, half a part; using a little grated carrot to moisten it with when feeding. Gentles or mealworms must be given, but don't overdo the latter, or indigestion will soon step in.

The Treecreeper at Home.

The Tree Creeper is also an early bird to commence breeding, and the nest may be easily found by watching the old birds, especially when they are feeding the youngsters. Young 'Creepers are best taken from the nest when about twelve days old, and can be reared on the same food as was above advised for Redstarts, but should you use any mealworms they must be cut up very small, and care must also be taken not to get the birds over-fat. Overfatness can be remedied (if the birds can get about) by turning them into a large flight or aviary, which should be at least five feet long and as many feet high. And unless you have the facilities for this, do not attempt to hand-rear the young, but sooner buy from some one who has some that have passed their first moult.

Tree Creepers seem to me to have a struggle to increase their own numbers in a state of nature, for if one remembers that they are double-brooded birds and that very few nests are taken, it at once becomes a puzzle to know why it is they are not far commoner. It may be that every sharp touch of winter finishes off some of them; or their roosting habits may make them an easy prey to stoats, etc.

Any of the five species mentioned here will make fine exhibition birds, though in the case of the first three, the largest share of any possible profit goes to our old friends the railway company, as "fifty per cent. above fragile rate," looks a bit rough for a zinc-lined cage.



A Curious Member of the Canary Family.

This Dutch Frill Canary is one of the interesting team being Exhibited by Mr. A. E. Brooks (Cambridge.)

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By C. A. House.

This is a thorough and practical guide to the general management and breeding of Canaries, written by a well-known expert and judge It contains chapters dealing fully with the breeding, etc., of every member of the Canary family, and an illustration of each bird, by the master Canary artist, Mr. H. Norman, reproduced in the finest art style. There are also exhanstive chapters on aviaries and cages, breeding procedure, moulting, exhibiting, diseases, and seeds—a compendium of knowledge approached by no other book of its kind at the price.

CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Keeping & Management of the Crested Canary.

By A. LAZARUS.

A paper read before the members and friends of the City and Suburban A.C.B. in their recent essay competition.

In dealing with the subject of the management of the Crested Canary, which I shall endeavour to make as short and plain as possible, I will state a few of the arguments, which have been founded on long experience, and on the care and consideration of older breeders than myself.

The First and Principal Consideration.

Crests and Crest-breds, I think one and all will agree, are birds that rank among the most wonderful productions of this country; they show what fanciers, by the exercise of care, observation, and thought, can really produce. The first and one of the principal things to be considered is the bird-room. Before I procure my stock I consider where and how to keep them, so that they become a pleasure and not a hindrance to me. It is of no use spending a lot of money on good birds (for good ones cost money) if they are not attended to properly and given sanitary and commodious dwellings and proper food.

With all cage birds, in fact, the main thing to be considered is, first, the bird-room, or the proper place in which to keep them; and secondly, the cages and surroundings and the keeping of same under healthy conditions and natural laws.

The bird-room, then, must be bright, clean, and airy, have plenty of daylight, and if possible face the south, much more light and sun being obtainable in this manner, and these are very essential, and are much more beneficial than artificial heat. The latter was used by myself previously, the effect proving very disastrous. My experience has taught me that the former kind of heat is best, as it enables the birds to thrive much quicker and better. And as a result of my adoption of this method my birds were much stronger, *i.e.*, without the aid of artificial heat.

Concerning Their Cages.

The best cages are undoubtedly the "box" kind with removable wire fronts. They should be large and roomy, and as plain as possible; fancy ornamentation only harbours dust and red mite. Crests, being large birds, require large cages; if they are cramped up and have not much room for exercise they become too fat. A good-sized cage is at least 24ins. long, 15ins. high, and 12ins. wide; the perches are oval in shape, and half-an-inch wide, not crossing one another, or fixed higher than four inches from the cage floor, thereby enabling the bird to catch the perch properly; he also becomes quite accustomed to the show cages.

All seed and water vessels should be placed outside the cage, and care should be taken to see that the potholes are quite large enough for the head to go through, as the small holes cause the feathers at the back of the crest to become tilted upwards. The vessels should be of white glazed earthenware, as they are more easily kept clean. All cages should be enamelled pale blue inside (for preference, as this gives the birds a nicer appearance) and black outside; in this manner they are easily washed. The bottoms of my cages are always covered with pine sawdust, and during the breeding season I freely sprinkle Keating's powder on the bottoms, which I afterwards cover with sawdust. A separate vessel is given to the birds, containing gritty sand; this I find greatly aids their digestion. I make it my duty to keep the cages as clean as possible, and usually wash them three times a year.

Their Feeding and Management.

Having the room and the cages fitted up, the fancier's next consideration is how to manage and feed his birds so as to keep them in the best of health.

All seeds should be of the best quality, such being far the cheapest in the end. I always use the best Spanish seed, and take care it is short and full-looking, has a shiny appearance, is not too long and dull, and has something more than the mere husk about it. The German rape should be small and reddish in appearance. Good hemp seed should be bright grey in colour. Green unripe stuff causes diarrhœa. The smaller kind is best and should taste sweet and nutty.

I always sift the seeds before using them, thus getting rid of the dust, which is such a source of annoyance to the birds, in many cases causing lung trouble through their inhaling it.

Twice a week all through the year, except in the breeding season, I give the birds egg-food, varied occasionally with a little of the best German rape, maw seed, and a little hemp, a leaf of young lettuce, and on another occasion dandelion; in winter I give them a piece of apple.

Preparation for Breeding.

Breeding time depends a good deal on the weather. The use of artificial light and heat is not to be recommended during this period; since Crests and Crest-breds are such highly and closely bred birds, everything should be done to keep up their constitutions by natural treatment. I usually prepare my birds for breeding as follows:—First, I choose a good Crest. By that I mean one that has a crest of good centre, closely filled in all round, packed as closely as possible and without any appearance of a break in any form. The Crest should be quite flat to the head, smooth and unruffled. It should be thick and composed of broad feathers. A break in front or at the sides of a Crest is very disfiguring, and a bird with such would have practically no chance at a good show.

I should select a good Crest-bred to go along with a Crest like this. It should have plenty of feathers all over, and they should be long and profuse. The bird should have a well-cushioned head, with a very broad skull and big body, somewhat resembling a Bullfinch.

To obtain size of body and profusion of feather in the offspring I pair up two Buffs. Some fanciers try the mating of two crested birds in order to improve the crests, and I have found that, if one can get two well-bred birds, with good crests, and pair the Plainheads bred from these to Crested birds, one obtains some very fine Crests; but the double cresting must not be carried too far, or birds with faulty crests will be the result.

Having selected and paired the birds for breeding, I cut off the crests close to the head, also the lashing (if any) in the Crest-breds, as these interfere with the sight. I always cut the feathers away from the vent, so that coition may not be impeded. For the first two or three days I put the birds in a cage with a wire partition between them, and when I see the cock feeding then hen through the wires, I withdraw the partition. After the next few days I put in the nest pan, containing a little building material. This I hang on a level with the perch and not high up or in some out-of-the-way corner.

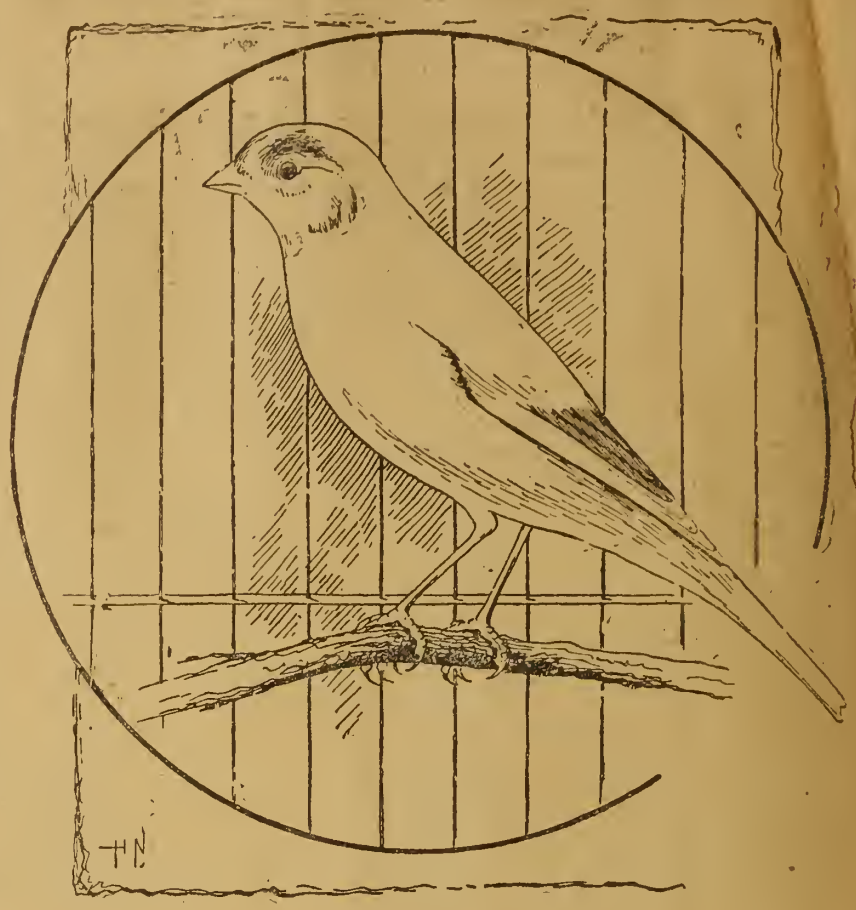
For nesting material I generally use flax, cut into one inch strips, which I find very efficient, as with this there is no fear of the young being sweated.

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By Claude St. John.

A practical, up-to-date guide to the cult of Canary breeding, designed specially for the use of the beginner in the hobby. It contains many helpful illustrations, and deals very fully, and in an easily-understandable manner, with the choice, sexing and mating of the birds, feeding for condition, the cages and their fittings, the bird-room, egg-food, nest-building, rearing and moulting the young, colour-feeding, training for show, and all the details and difficulties likely to confront the breeder.

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During the Breeding Season.

As soon as the hen has laid the first lot of eggs, I take them away one by one, and replace them by dummies, till I have placed the former all together. In this manner I get them all hatched on the one day, not one after another. When the hen has been sitting for six days I test the eggs by gaslight, and if they are fertile I let her sit for fourteen days.

When the young are hatched, I take great care to see how they lie in the nest (that is, if there are several young ones); by so doing I saved one of my best birds from being crippled. If the cock worries the hen while she is sitting, I remove him; but if they both seem happy the hen comes off to feed and drink, I leave them together. The best results are those obtained from birds which are least meddled with. At the same time, I study the different temperaments of the birds, so as to be ready for any emergency.

Tending the Young.

I am most particular in feeding my young ones while they are in the nest. I mix one egg with a teaspoonful of maw seed and one biscuit; this I find produces much stronger and healthier birds than egg-food mixed with four and five biscuits or half a loaf to one egg. After four weeks, and when I see the young are able to pick up their own food, I feed them with egg-food and milk sop, also with crushed Canary seed. But I give no water till after they are eight weeks old.

I always keep feeders ready. I find Norwich or Border Fancies are the best for rearing young Crests that are neglected by their parents. I never run a cock with more than one hen, and I keep the same pair together all the season. When there are several pairs I have them numbered and put rings on the legs of the youngsters, when they are turned into a flight, in order to be able to distinguish them afterwards. The keeping of a strict account of pedigree is the only sure way to success in Crest-breeding. I never part with any young birds till they are over the second moult, as there is always an improvement after this.

During the moulting season I feed the birds twice a week with egg-food, with which on the first occasion I mix a few drops of Parrish's chemical food. I find this is better mixed in the food than in the water, where it only settles at the bottom. The second time during the week I mix a little cod liver oil with the egg-food. While moulting, the birds get nervous, and the cod liver oil and Parrish's food serve to strengthen them as well as to keep them quite healthy. While they are moulting, too, I draw a large white curtain across the cage, to shut out the light, thereby enabling them to throw their feathers quickly. A little iron placed in the drinking water has the same effect.

Plenty of baths, both during the breeding and the moulting periods, will also be found to be very beneficial.

In purchasing, do not wait till March, when all the best birds are sold. I buy birds of an original strain if possible, and I see they are young and sprightly; I avoid all which I find sitting puffed out on the perch, or having dirty vents.

Interesting Advice to beginners.

(1) Do not buy more birds than you can comfortable manage; go in for quality rather than for quantity. (2) Do not pick up birds anywhere, but buy birds of one strain, from a reliable breeder wherever possible. (3) Keep to one strain (4) Study pedigree breeding. (5) Never pair two yellows together, as yellow blood in excess causes scantiness of feather, badly radiated crests, and bare patches on the head. Introduce yellow blood every third year; this improves the quality and length of feather which have been impaired by double-buffing.

To sum up, one probably comes to the conclusion that to breed a Crested Canary is a very difficult task. This proves to be quite correct, taking into consideration the numerous Crested breeders there are, and what few really good birds find their way on to the show bench. In conversation with breeders, who are fortunate enough to possess such good birds, the general answer is, "they are obtained in such and such a manner," or such and such a pair just "but." But my own opinion is that a great deal of exertion, patience and perseverance is essential if one is to breed a champion—a feat to feel very proud of, especially when it is the result of great care and study.

Parrots for Pleasure & Profit.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

Being full instructions on the Caging and Treatment in health and disease of the Grey, Amazon, and other Popular Parrots.

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Cures for Various Troubles.

If a Parrot becomes too loose in its bowels, a little brandy or whisky in its drinking water and a piece of cuttlefish to pick at, will usually put it right. But if it is a case of diarrhoea, the best plan is to give sufficient Epsom salts in the drinking water to make it quite saline. I put about as much in an ounce of water as will lie on a sixpence. This should be given for one day, and after that a little whisky instead, also in the water. If the diarrhoea has not gone after supplying the whisky and the cuttlefish, then stronger measures must be taken, and I think nothing is better than five drops of chlorodyne in the drinking water. A glass vessel should always be used when anything is being put into the water, and the quantity of any medicine stated generally implies an ounce of water. For instance, five drops of chloridyne would be of no use in an ordinary Parrot's drinker, which sometimes holds nearly half-a-pint of water.

Parrots often catch cold, and should never be left in a draught, not even for a minute. But should you find your bird has a cold, keep it very warm, and if it coughs at all, give a teaspoonful of the following mixture in its drinking water: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and pure glycerine, in equal parts.

If the bird runs at the nose, take its ordinary drinking water away, and into an ounce of the usual water put four drops of tincture of opium and two drops of acetate of morphia, and let him have a drink of this three times a day. If this and warmth do not effect a cure, I am afraid its cure is very doubtful.

A Habit to Guard Against.

Parrots—Amazons and Eclecti especially—often get into the filthy habit of picking up their excreta from the bottom of their cages. This must be stopped as soon as it is noticed, or the consequences will be fatal, as it soon leads to enteritis. As soon as a bird is seen to do this, give it, in its drinking water, a strong dose of Epsom salts, and get a grid for the bottom of the cage—one that the bird cannot get its claw through, for Amazons, at any rate, will put their claw through, reach down, and take up a handful of the excreta and eat it. Parrots usually go through the moult alright, but it is a long process. The first sign is usually the dropping of two tail feathers. Perhaps a week goes by before another feather is dropped, then probably two wing feathers are shed, and so on. The head is usually the last part of the bird to moult. No special treatment is required, beyond keeping the bird out of all draught, and about twice a week putting Parrish's Chemical Food in its drinking water in sufficient quantity to make it the colour of pale port wine.

Concerning a Parrot's Food.

In keeping a Parrot great care should be taken to prevent anyone giving it scraps from the table—although this is often done—and you hear people who keep a Parrot say, "Oh, our Parrot is very fond of a bit of bread and butter, or buttered toast, or a bone to pick"—and so it may be—yet in nine cases out of ten it will eventually lead to the bird pulling out its own feathers and chewing the ends of them, and if a Parrot once takes to this, I believe there is absolutely no cure for it.

I should give a Parrot that had contracted this habit Epsom salts or liquid magnesia in its drinking water as a cooling medicine, and I would turn it into an empty room, with plenty of tree branches scattered round it, so that the bird might pass its time climbing about and gnawing them to pieces. This activity will make it forget the habit, but the chances are ten to one that as soon as it is caged again, it will go back to the old habit.

Parrots being by nature strict vegetarians, should never be given anything in the way of animal food, such as butter, meat, or milk sop of any kind, except in very special cases of illness, when a little boiled bread and milk may be used.

There is another form of feather-eating that some birds indulge in; they do not pull out the feathers to eat the soft ends as just described, but sit on the roost and appear to be cleaning the wing feathers in the ordinary way, but if carefully watched it will be found that they are biting the hard quill of the feather and splitting it up; the feather then stands out of place, and becomes a nuisance to the bird, so that he bites it off. This habit is caused chiefly by ennui. It is a habit similar to that formed by persons sitting in an arm-chair all day with nothing to do—biting their nails or twiddling their thumbs. To prevent the habit you must find your bird plenty of amusement.

Where there are persons always about, caged birds seldom take to this form of feather-eating; but Parrots that are much alone should be provided with bits of wood to amuse themselves with. A stick of firewood, about an inch in diameter, cut off in lengths of three or four inches, with the bark on, does very well.

The Breeding of Greys in England.

One sometimes hears of "King Greys": whether it is a separate species, or only a freak, I don't think is definitely known, but certain it is that the dealers sometimes get a specimen with a spangling of red feathers amongst the grey. Like the so-called "King Amazon," with yellow spangling amongst the green, these birds are supposed to excel all others in talking powers. Whether this is so or not I cannot say, as I have seen only one "King Grey." But I had a "King Amazon" which I sold when it began to talk, and it is now such a wonderful talker that the lady has refused £20 for it. So it seems likely that their talking powers account for their good reputation.

Given a genuine pair, I do not see any reason why Greys, or, for that matter, any other kind of Parrot, should not be bred in England. Greys are reported to have bred at Northrepp's Hall, the seat of Mr. Charles Buxton. The pair bred in a hollow branch and brought up two young ones, but I believe these birds were flying loose, and were not confined.

Not a year goes by but there are many instances recorded of Grey Parrots laying eggs in their cages, so there should be no difficulty in breeding Greys. If I were going to make the attempt, I should give them a good-sized aviary to themselves. I should get a small oak barrel holding about three gallons (a disused one from a brewery would do), lay it down, and saw it off right across the middle. Then I should get a piece of wood 2in. thick, turned so as to fit in the bottom half when the barrel is standing on end. This block should also be hollowed out like a basin to receive the eggs, gouged or turned out to nearly its whole thickness. I should then enlarge the bunghole, making it so that the birds could just pass in and out easily, but not larger than this. Then I should fix the top half to the lower with hooks and eyes, and fix this barrel on end high up in a corner of the aviary, either with a roost near the entrance hole, or with a branch fixed near it, so that the birds can climb into the hole. Then I would put just a thin layer of finely-sifted sawdust in the barrel; this helps to prevent the eggs from getting broken.

The same for Amazons.

The same arrangement would do for any of the Amazons. The birds should be kept in a cool room from the middle of April until the middle of May, which would be quite early enough for turning them out; and if a fine warm summer follows, with a pair of birds (say, three or four years old), I should say there should be no difficulty in breeding from them, as many foreign birds are now bred in England that come from countries as hot as Africa.



A Beautiful Foreigner, The Dayal Bird.

Exhibited at the recent Bristol C.B. Society's Show by Capt. Perreau (Bath) for whom it secured First Prize.

The Blue-fronted Amazon.

The Blue-fronted Amazon almost rivals the Grey as a talker, but one sometimes meets with a specimen that seems to be absolutely dumb, except for the power of screeching—and most Amazons can do their share of this.

The Blue-front is, if anything, slightly larger than the Grey, and much more brilliantly coloured. The back is dark grass green, and the under parts a lighter shade of the same bright green. The face and throat are a bright yellow, with a patch of brilliant blue on the forehead. A patch of deep scarlet adorns the shoulders. The wing feathers are dark blue and deep scarlet, while the tail feathers, although appearing on the closed tail only green, contain all shades between dark green and bright yellow, as well as bright scarlet. The bill is a dark slate colour, and the eyes are a reddish amber.

Blue-fronts vary very much in size and colour, some specimens being small, dark-coloured birds, with the back feathers edged with slaty black, this marking extended right up to the crown. The larger birds are brighter green, with scarcely any marking on the feathers. I am inclined to think the larger birds are hens; at least I have one of them that I know to be a hen.

Amazons require more teaching than Greys, as they are not so adept at picking up anything they hear. But there is one thing they soon learn which I don't think a Grey ever learns; that is, imitating two people in conversation. They do this to perfection, although no distinct word can be detected. To teach an Amazon it is best to be where the bird cannot see you, and repeat distinctly what you wish it to learn, and as soon as it tries to imitate you, reward it with some tit-bit that you know it likes. Amazons will talk before strangers much more freely than Greys; in fact, they seem to like "showing off" to strangers, spreading their tail and wings and parading backwards and forwards on the roost, showing their beautiful colours. They will often then say everything they have learned. Whereas, in the case of a Grey, when talking its best, the appearance of a stranger is often sufficient to make it dumb at once.

An Amazon's breath always has a peculiar, though not altogether unpleasant, smell. One that I had usually smelt rather "strong," and when it came to the wires to me, I sometimes said, "Oh, you *do* smell, get away."

One day a lady came in, wanting to see my birds, and after inspecting the aviaries, went into my bird-house. This lady left as much perfume behind her as a motor car usually does, only of a more pleasant nature; I don't think I ever came across a lady so highly perfumed. The smell filled the bird-house as soon as she was inside. Catching sight of Polly, she said, "Oh, what a lovely Parrot." She made straight up to Polly's cage, and said, "Oh, Polly, you are a darling; won't you kiss me?" Polly put his bill to the wires and then drew back, saying in such a hearty manner, "Oh, you *do* smell; get away." The lady, of course, seemed dumbfounded, and I hardly knew what to say; but she recovered her composure in a moment and said, "Oh, Polly, you are rude; can't you tell me anything better than that?" Polly then, in a sort of confidential tone, said, "Wipe that egg off your mouth." The lady immediately turned her attention to the other birds, I believe in fear of what the bird might say next. For taming and treatment, and as regards food, see above on Greys. Amazons are very fond of washing, and will generally keep their plumage in beautiful condition.

The Double-fronted Amazon.

This is a fine, handsome bird, the size of a large Blue-front. With the Double-front, or Le Vaillant's Amazon, as it is sometimes called, the whole of the head and neck are yellow, but the pale flesh-coloured bill gives it a sort of sickly appearance; at least it is so to me.

They are said to make wonderful talkers, even rivalling the Greys; but I have tried two or three specimens, keeping each of them over twelve months, yet neither of them learned a word. Perhaps I was unfortunate in my birds; but after my experience with them I prefer the Blue-fronted. Young Double-fronted Amazons have the neck more or less green, but as they get older they lose some of the green feathers with each moult, eventually getting the whole of the head and neck pale yellow, not, I think, such a rich yellow as the one depicted in Dr. Greene's "Parrots in Captivity." The claws are also flesh-coloured, and the eyes are very beautiful.

(To be continued.)

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By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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My Pagoda Starlings: *Continued.*

At the end of about a fortnight, or perhaps a little longer, I could see the youngsters at the mouth of the hole, and they seemed to feel the heat very much, as they kept their beaks open. About ten days later I saw No. 1 sitting on the top of a fox tree in the open run. Nos. 2 and 3 followed the next day. Here, again, the Pagodas differed from the Andamans, for whereas the young Pagodas flew straight out of doors, as to the manner born, the young Andamans remained inside for nearly a week before venturing out of doors. Every night the young Pagodas came home to sleep, and generally passed the night on the top of their nest box, but they were out of doors all day long.

For the benefit of my readers who do not know the Pagoda, I append a brief description. In size they are rather smaller than an English Starling, very trim and lightly made. The head has a beautiful sweeping black crest, which falls low down on the neck like a dragoon's plume, the breast and face are salmony brown, wings and back ashen grey, tail black with white tip, rump white, flights inclined to black, Jackdaw eyes, beak yellow with blue base, feet yellow.

There were, as I said, three youngsters; they are brown little things with Jackdaw eyes, a black spot on the crown where the crest will one day be; yellow beaks, but no blue on them, and pink feet. I have had both the Andamans and Pagodas photographed, as it is well in bird-keeping to have some permanent records to look back upon of past triumphs.

They say that confession is good for the soul; therefore, let me make one. If men are honest, they will tell you that their success in life is more of a wonder to them than it is to you! I think I will now draw to a close, as our Dissenting friends say after a fifty minutes' sermon, or you will be saying to me what the old Princess Lieven did, who, hating to be alone on a long journey, offered a seat to an old priest, who talked so incessantly that she could only relieve her feelings by putting her head out of the window every ten minutes or so, and crying out to the winds, "Il m'ennuie, il m'ennuie."

Chapter XXII.—My Malabar Green Fruitsuckers.

This is a fairly rare bird, and but seldom imported, and then only by twos and threes. They are consequently rather expensive, and only within the reach of the rich or reckless. I am, unfortunately, only one of the latter.

Some months since a friend of mine in the Indian trade wrote and told me that he was bringing home a pair of Green Fruitsuckers; would I take them? My readers will not need to be told how I answered that letter. It is all very well to talk of retrenchment. It reminds one of the story of the Duke of Buckingham, who, when financial difficulties began to threaten him, manfully resisted all proposals at retrenchment, and then a friend, forseeing disaster, suggested that it was superfluous to keep, as well as a French chef and an English roasting cook, an Italian confectioner, exclaimed, with generous fire, "Good gad! mayn't a man have a biscuit with his glass of sherry?" Well, that's how I always feel when a new bird is offered. I may have hundreds of others, but this is my poor little biscuit.

The birds on arrival were in very fair condition, for softbills, after a long voyage, and I was highly delighted with my new venture. They were marvellously tame, and would sit quite unconcernedly on my finger, and let me stroke them without any symptom of fear. I at once put them into a big roomy cage, and proceeded to attend to their wants. Their feathers were a bit sticky and messed up by the mixture they had been fed on; so I let them have a good tub, and they were soon busy preening their feathers.

The food bill was a difficulty, as such expensive birds can't be played with. Some people might say that Fruitsuckers are not expensive; but I call any bird that costs 30s. so. At first I gave them my own soft mixture and bananas; they did very well on this, but the expense was prohibitive, as we can only get bananas when I go to Leeds; so I set about finding some cheaper substitute. I finally settled on plain boiled rice, steamed perfectly dry; so that every grain is separate. They would not eat it, "stodgy." Besides the rice, I gave them a pot of stewed apples, nicely sweetened with sugar, and they are a pair of perfect beauties—every feather in its place, and as tight as wax.

The Voice of the Charmer.

Another certain sign of sex is the beautiful and varied song of the cock. Those who have not had the pleasure of hearing him have no idea of the extent of his powers. The hen only utters a harsh scolding note, "that 'arsh it sounds like the tearing of oil-cloth," as I once heard a 'bus conductor in London say of a young female's voice, who was trying to warble, though "slightly elevated," at 12 o'clock p.m., at Piccadilly Circus.

I daily give the Fruitsuckers some mealworms, and they are very keen after them. They have long prehensile tongues, very much like the Australian Honey-eaters, and they use them in the same way.

They are quiet, inoffensive birds, and I don't think they would hurt willingly a good able-bodied bluebottle fly, unless they ate him. Let me here narrate a little story. Some years ago, a dealer had about three of these Green Bulbuls on sale, very fine and healthy; a rival dealer had none, but not to be bested, as we say up here, what do you think he did? He inserted an advertisement in all the papers, "Green Bulbuls—fine—30s. each; don't pay any more"! Need I say that when the other unfortunate dealer asked considerably more for his genuine birds, he was regarded by the unenlightened public in the light of a barefaced swindler; and the other as a benefactor, who had put the public on their guard.

I put the Fruitsuckers for the winter into a big indoor aviary, where they had plenty of room to exercise; but were in a measure protected from severe frosts, although there was no artificial heat, and I could not see that they suffered at all, although they are Indian subjects. In the summer I exchanged them into a big outdoor aviary, but there, although they did well, they were very difficult to see, owing to the similarity of the colour to the surrounding greenery.

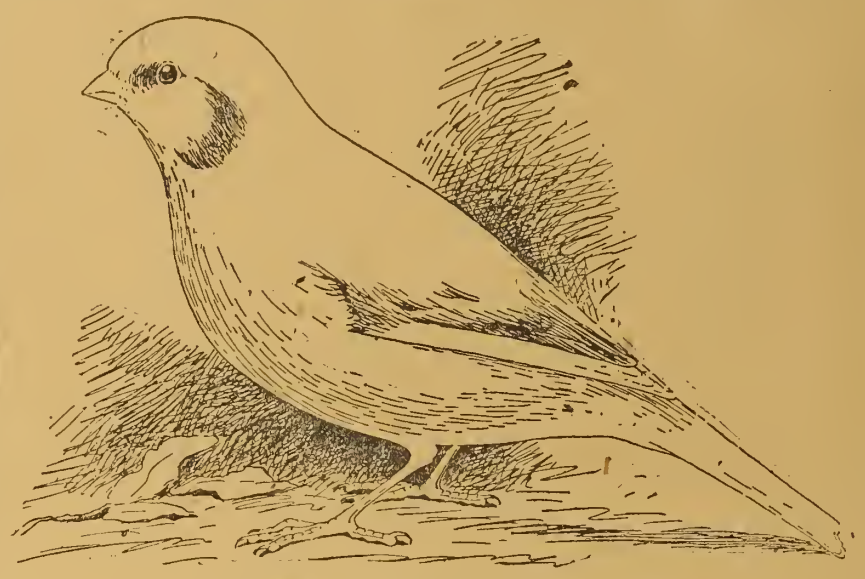
That outdoor enlargement was the destruction of my hopes of baby Bulbuls, for, for some reason or other, the hen died suddenly. An outdoor aviary seems preferable to an indoor one, but relatively it is not. "I once knew a man," said Dr. Johnson, "who always wore a nightcap instead of a wig; abstractedly the nightcap was the better headgear, but relatively it was the worse, for when he would go abroad, the boys ran after him and hooted him." It is much the same with an outdoor aviary; abstractedly it looks ideal, fresh air, exercise, freedom—but we forget the climate—some night there comes what Shakespeare calls "a nipping and an eager air," and then bang goes some valuable bird; and away go your hopes of a medal.

There is, I suppose, no quality so winning as that which makes a man, in the Apostle's phrase, to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." A friend who called that day was singularly wanting in this respect. He coldly remarked that the odds were that I should never get another hen. I never have, but then he needn't have said it in that cold, beastly way!

The end came as it generally does with birds. One morning I noticed the hen a trifle "thick"; the next day she seemed better; but the third day she was dead. It seemed to illustrate the traditional course of royal maladies. "Le roi est malade. Le roi se porte mieux. Le roi est mort."

And now I had better end off, lest I weary you. The editor wrote a most kind letter lately, hoping that I would long go on writing for CAGE BIRDS, and saying (I hope he will be forgiven) how much he personally enjoyed these papers. Now, when my readers hear this, they may feel as Sam Wilberforce, sometime Bishop of Oxford, did; when told that he had to listen to the same Deputation for two months on a stretch, "he fairly longed to scream."

(*To be continued.*)



Variegated Hen Norwich Plainhead.

This Hen secured First Prize for her owner, Mr. A. W. Hart (Fulham) at the recent Metropolitan Show.

For those who have never seen a Green Bulbul, I append a description that will fairly make them break the Tenth Commandment, though at the same time I am bound to admit, as Shakespeare said of Cleopatra, "As for her state, it beggared all description."

The cock is a glorious fellow, a beautiful grass green in colour, the face round, the eye, chin, and throat a rich velvety black; a shining hyacynthine blue stripe on the cheek; the forehead bright gold, shading into the green of the crown; the wings green, with just a suspicion of turquoise blue on the shoulder butts; the flights brown; tail, greenish black, tipped with greenish grey; bill, black and long and slightly curved; feet, lead colour; iris, brown.

A Lady Seldom Seen.

The hen is a very rare bird, and I have only seen one. There is a certain feeling of what Aristotle referred to as rejoicing in the troubles of others, a vice which he rightly stigmatises. The fruit-grower feels temptation to it. The dweller on the hill, for instance, must be more than human if he is without a sensation—let us hope an involuntary sensation—of satisfaction, when he finds that some late frost has touched the orchards in the valley—so the bird-keeper feels an unholy joy when he succeeds in getting something which his neighbour has not. Thus, my joy was fulfilled when I got that hen Bulbul. The hen is considerably smaller, and of a different shade of green too impossible to describe, but easy to see in the actual specimen, but she has certainly not got a green forehead, as asserted by Dr. Butler, but a yellow one, a little duller perhaps and slightly narrower than her mate's. It is perfectly easy to tell if you have a pair by their actions; as two cocks would act precisely like the celebrated cats of Kilkenny—they would kill each other.

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*Baby Birdie's Misfortunes.

Baby Birdie had been unfortunate; he was born very early in the year, and one stormy night was blown out of his nest. Flo and her brothers and sisters running about the garden next morning found the poor little frightened half-fledged bird fluttering with pitiful cries among the bushes, and she picked him up from the ground only just in time to save him from the claws of the stable cat who was prowling about in search of a meal.—Sent by Walter Lord (age 9), 67, Little Clegg Road, Smithy Bridge.

*Ingenious Swallows.

Some Swallows had a nest, which opened in front, and were persistently annoyed by attacks from Sparrows. Instead of closing up their front door and making a side entrance, they resorted to strategy. Whenever the Sparrows thought to take them unawares they always found one of the parents keeping guard; at least so it seemed, for come whenever they might the Sparrows found one of the Swallows' tails sticking out of the hole. When the Swallows migrated the mystery was solved. The tail was really nothing but three feathers, so ingeniously placed that they quite deceived not only the Sparrows but human being as well.—Sent by Lucie Beatrice Few (age 14), 70, Buckley Street, Wigan.

**The Benevolent Parrot.

In the garden of a neighbour who owned a Parrot there were a number of standard rose-trees, around all of which was a circular wire-fence covered with convovulus and honeysuckle. In one of these fences a pair of Goldfinches had built their nest, and were constantly fed by the children of the house. Polly soon noticed the constant visits of the children to the rose-tree, and the gifts of crumbs and seeds that were regularly taken, and Polly set off to the tree, and after looking at the birds for a little while, went back to her cage, brought a beakful of her sopped bread, and put it into the nest. A striking example this of the kindness of one bird to another.—Sent by Alfred Hesford (age 14), 79, St. Ives Road, Rusholme, Manchester.

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Belgians and Scotch.

A useful tip may be given here regarding these breeds. Do not cease training until the birds will "pose" without having the cage lifted up. The birds will almost invariably begin to pose first when the cage is gently lifted, and when they promptly fall into position on being moved one is apt to consider training is complete in that particular bird's case. But the feeling that has been abroad of late that these varieties are often improperly judged, because the cages are not handled sufficiently, should convey a lesson to breeders not to be satisfied with a bird that poses readily enough when the cage is handled, but to carry training a stage further, and make them pose quickly by simply tapping the cage gently.

Then one will be sure of the birds being seen in position at a show, even when the judge fails to handle each cage. It will also help to make handling unnecessary, which is certainly a desirable end, whether it refers to handling by judges or anyone else.

The Mammoth of the Race.

The Lancashire is also in a minor degree a bird of position. Training is therefore desirable in their case. This should be directed to getting them perfectly steady on the perch under close inspection, standing firmly on the perch, bolt upright in body, with tail dropping straight down. It is practically the Yorkshire body in a grossly exaggerated or enlarged form from head to base of tail, and the Belgian tail.

Above all, the bird must be taught to stand well up on its legs. Any suspicion of squattiness or weak legs is intolerable in a Lancashire. Size and substance are of prime importance, so that generous feeding should always be the order of the day within reason, and frame forming foods should be a feature of their diet.

Another Connecting Link.

The Dutch Frill, though scarcely yet popular in the show world, is another kind of link which connects the birds of position with those of feather properties. Feather is of first importance, but "pose" or position can no more be overlooked when it is popular, than it is in the Yorkshire of to-day. A system of training for position in accordance with the recognised Continental standard, as elaborate as is carried out for our own typical birds of position, should, therefore, be adopted for them.

In the one solitary case of the German—the King or Crown Prince of song—training for any typical points of position is of no moment at all. Song, and song alone, counts in their case, and although this entails one of the highest forms of training or tuition, it is out of the question here.

The Chubby Bird of Colour.

To go on to the Norwich, we have first and foremost the bird of colour. It is undoubtedly one of the (if not quite the) richest natural colour breeds we possess. Yet notwithstanding this a bird with nothing but colour in its favour will meet with but very fitful and temporary success on the show bench, even in the most favourable combination of circumstances.

Colour certainly goes a long way towards success, and to a great extent when this fails as a natural feature of the bird, it can be provided by skilful feeding; but colour alone without shape and substance will never "set the Thames on fire" in the exhibition arena. A thick-set, chubby bird, almost, as it were, inclined to adiposity, is the much desired shape of the bird. Therefore, a bird good in every respect save a very slight suspicion of slimness, not infrequently has its chances considerably improved by being fed liberally on soft food for a few weeks at the beginning of the show season, in order to get it to lay on a little superfluous fat, which, providing it is not carried too far, or far enough to affect its sprightliness and ease of motion, will add just the required little bit that was lacking to make it a good chubby shape, and thereby materially improve its chances of scoring in the prize list.

A Fat-producer.

A course of bread and milk feeding, such as giving a piece of bread about the size of a cherry, which has been soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry and sprinkled with soft sugar, daily, in addition to the usual seed diet, is the best means of attaining this end. In some cases a liberal supply of hemp and linseed is given for this purpose, but neither method is quite free from grave objections, and a course of bread and milk will be found most effective for the purpose, and about the quickest of all methods of laying superfluous fat on a bird.

Once again I must point out that great care must be exercised not to carry this feeding-up too far. In itself, superfluous fat is always objectionable, and if it goes beyond a certain point, it becomes a menace to a bird's health, besides which, the bird grows sluggish and inactive, and these faults naturally count against it in competition.

In the show cage it should be got tame and steady, but always pert and watchful, as though it were ever on the alert for an opportunity to hop away unseen. It should stand well across the perch, but in a bold and defiant attitude, and show not the least suspicion of crouching or squatting down with its breast near the perch.

Practically all the compactly feathered and chubby breeds are also required to stand well across the perch when in show position, more or less in the typical pose of the Norwich. Of these, the Lizard, and the London Fancy, the Border, the Cinnamon, and the Crest and Crestbred are types. The two first-named are essentially birds of plumage, requiring certain specified standard markings, so that mere position is a secondary consideration. The training given to Norwich will in all respects apply to these birds.

The Border may almost be described as a kind of connecting link between the birds of colour and position. Colour in itself is nominally a negative feature, but the sprightly, jaunty carriage of the bird makes it come rather near to the more typical birds of position. In its pose it should stand a little higher on its legs than the Norwich, but like the latter bird, be well across the perch.

Training the Briton.

"First get a show bird" is a good axiom for the would-be trainer to observe. This, however, need not be a very serious matter, nor yet a question of a considerable outlay of capital. All that is needed is a fair amount of cool judgment and discretion, and the privilege of examining a goodly number of fresh-caught birds, either before or after they come into the dealer's hands.

The rest is all a matter of careful selection of the biggest, boldest, brightest-coloured, and most distinctly-marked specimens. This rough material can always be obtained from either catchers or dealers for a few shillings a head over and above the ruling market price of ordinary common singers. But in all cases strive to pay a personal visit to inspect and make the selection yourself. Then proper feeding and management, in order to ensure a good quick moult, will ensure your having a specimen with fair average chances of scoring a win on the show bench when properly trained.

Wild Versus Hand-reared Specimens.

As no distinction or preference is expressed above as regards wild-caught or hand-reared birds for showing, it will be best to refer to it before progressing. It is a most difficult point to decide, because so much must depend upon the owner on the one hand and on the individuality of the bird on the other.

Thus in practically all species there are individuals which, whether hand-reared or not, are notoriously wild and shy. A hand-reared bird does not necessarily mean an invariably tame and sociable bird. As a matter of fact, it is no uncommon thing to find a wild-caught bird of any given species to be decidedly steadier after three months of captivity than another specimen of twelve months of age which has been reared by hand.

But, of course, these are exceptional cases. If a large number of hand-reared birds were taken haphazard and compared with a similar number of wild-caught specimens, the balance in favour of steadiness would almost certainly be very considerably on the side of the former. But by the same method of practical comparison the wild-caught birds would in all probability be able to give their opponents a goodly number of points for size, and still beat them. This is where the owner influences the decision. Provided the owner is a plodding, persevering person, with an endless chain of patience, and thoroughly understands the proper feeding and management of his charges, the birds will lose nothing in size or stamina from being reared by hand. They may even compare with wild birds in this respect to the disadvantage of the latter.

But the number of cases wherein these essential requirements are present are comparatively few and far between, and it thus remains that in the vast majority of cases hand-reared birds are distinctly inferior in size.

To Proceed.

What was written about the taming and steadying of the various breeds of Canaries applies equally well to all varieties of British birds. If one is dealing with hand-reared specimens, there must be just as much, if not more, discretion used to avoid their getting too tame. In most cases they will need no further attention than putting them into the show cage for several hours every few days, and set it aside where they will see folks frequently moving about, and every now and again spend some minutes fussing about and talking to it.

Some folk will doubtless marvel at your making such an idiot of yourself; but never mind, the loss is theirs, not yours. Poor creatures! They never knew the joy of winning a challenge trophy. Always be provided with some trifling tit-bit. A choice scrap of green food, or a few grains of some especially favourite article of food—no matter if its use is tabooed as a frequent article of diet.

For seed eaters, hemp, maw, niga, and sunflower shelled and broken into small pieces will be sufficient to ring the changes upon; whilst soft-billed and mixed feeders may be sufficiently propitiated by mealworms, spiders, hemp, and the chopped kernels of sunflower seeds, as already mentioned for seed-eaters. Such delicacies as big fat spiders are quite irresistible to nearly all soft-billed birds

Mealworms are almost as attractive, and much more easily procured at all times. Their getatableness (to coin a word) is merely a question of cash, as they can be obtained at any time during the year. Still, they are expensive luxuries when required in any quantity, but, even so, this is not the question here. And, after all, when one goes in for this branch of birdkeeping, the cost should be reckoned with at the beginning, and a rigid rule framed not to keep more individuals than one is able to keep well and properly when calculating the cost of keep at the highest average probable cost for the year.

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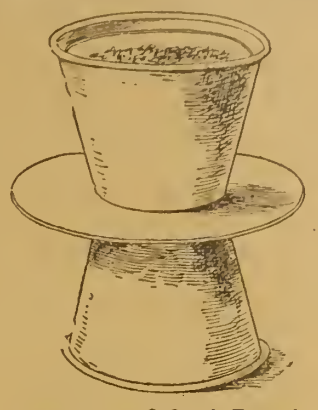
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No. 260.

A MOUSE-PROOF SEED TROUGH.

Sent by J. Broxup, 8, Pendle Street, Burnley.

I enclose a sketch of one of the simplest mouse-proof seed troughs for aviaries, etc., of which I know. It consists of two smooth plant (flower) pots, with a sheet of glass, or piece of tin placed in the middle. The latter



Mouse-proof Seed Trough.

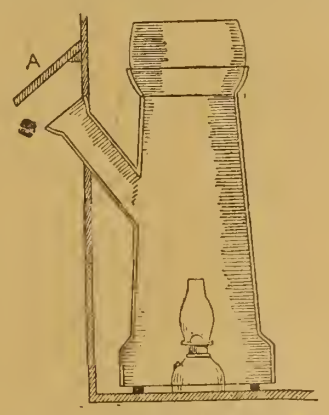
prevents a mouse from either climbing or jumping to the seed, which is placed in a saucer on the upper flower-pot.—J. Broxup.

No. 261.

A NOVEL HEATING APPARATUS.

Sent by S. Maunder, 67, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent.

I enclose a rough sketch of a contrivance I have found acts admirably for heating my outdoor aviary, and which I think is within reach of every fancier. It consists of a section of an ordinary drain pipe with a junction, which can be easily obtained from any con-



Novel Heating Apparatus.

tractor. The junction is passed just through a hole cut in the aviary, or bird room wall, so as to let the fumes out from the lamp placed inside. On top of the pipe I have an old saucepan without a handle, filled with sand, which, when heated, gives a splendid result. A piece of wood, "A," nailed slanting just over the junction, prevents the rain from running in. The junction may be connected by another pipe, so as to get the apparatus in the centre of the aviary. I think the accompanying sketch will explain.—S. Maunder.

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SMETHWICK.

Open show, held November 18th, in the Hill Street Schools. The secretaries, Messrs. North and Little, are an excellent pair of workers, and, assisted by a good committee, had everything nicely arranged. Mr. Harrison (Belper) judged. Special (10/6) for best Crest, and special for best Crest-bred, went to Mr. Wilkins. Mr. Jones took special for best Norwich Plainhead, and Mr. Welch three members' specials for best Canary, best bird, and best British.

CREST: 1, spl, Wilkins, massive D.C., grand formation, shown in good style, takes two specials and wins easily; 2, 3, res, Marshall, 1st nice bird all over, 3 another grand D.C.; vhc, Viles. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, A Jones, 1st grand cl. Buff, shown in tip-top condition, 2nd very nice yell., almost equally good; 3, res, Russell, 3rd typical bird, rather longer in body; vhc, Capewell; hc, Hall. YORKS.: 1, 3, Pugh, winner cl. Buff, grand style and condition, 3rd also cl. Buff; 2, Collier, cl., nice length; res, Harris; vhc, Hazel. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Pool, Bullfinch, gem of a bird, wonderful colour and style; 2, Bengley, grand Hawfinch, a wonder for size; 3, Welch, Bramblefinch, nice bird, fancy type, wins two members' spls.; res, Jones, Goldie; vhc, Capewell, Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL: 1, Hengley, won spl, beat Brit, lovely Wryneck, well staged and in beautiful condition; 2, Grazier, fine Thrush, in absolutely tip-top condition, beautifully marked; 3, South, nice Lark, very steady, well staged; res, Sandford, Magpie, fine tail, in excellent condition; vhc, Pool, Treecreeper, a little out of condition or would have been higher.

SHEFFIELD.

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The Members' Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL., UNFLIG. (13): 1, Lindsay; 2, Spencer; 3, Emery; 4, Wright; vhc, Champion; hc, Jepson; c, Bishop. BUFF (10): 1, Champion; 2, Lindsay; 3, Emery; 4, Richardson; vhc, Spencer; hc, Bradshaw; c, Cowley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Bingham; 2, Bishop; 3, Champion; 4, vhc, Spencer; hc, Lindsay; c, Drabble. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Elshaw; 4, Bishop; vhc, hc, Spencer; c, Binge. CINN. TKD. (5): 1, Elshaw; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Bishop; 4, Drabble; vhc, Spencer. HEAVILY VARIEG. (8): 1, Elshaw; 2, Champion; 3, Bishop; 4, o, Lindsay; vhc, Spencer; hc, Cortes. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Spencer; 2, Bishop; 3, Drabble; 4, vhc, Lindsay; hc, Champion; c, Binge. BUFF (15): 1, Bishop; 2, Furness; 3, Richardson; 4, Lindsay; vhc, Spencer; hc, Bradshaw; c, Cowley. NOR. CL. YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Tow; 2, Hemmings; 3, Holt; 4, Porter. BUFF (10): 1, Tow; 2, Oxley; 3, Porter; 4, Bradshaw; vhc, Moore; hc, Booth; c, Thorpe. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Tow; 2, Thorpe; 3, Moore; 4, Oxley; vhc, Porter; hc, c, Holt. BUFF (7): 1, Hemmings; 2, Holt; 3, Oxley; 4, Thorpe; vhc, Booth; hc, c, Tow. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, 4, Tow; 2, Moore; 3, Holt. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Tow; 2, Moore; 3, Thorpe; vbc, Booth; hc, Hemmings; c, Holt. HEAVILY VARIEG. (11): 1, Hemmings; 2, Thorpe; 3, Holt; 4, Woolhouse; vhc, Oxley; hc, Booth; c, Somerfield. DARK CREST. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, 3, Moore; 4, Hodkin; vbc, Memmott; hc, Godfrey. C.B. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Memmott; 3, 4, Moore. YELL. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Memmott; 2, 3, Godfrey. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Somerfield; 3, 4, Ellis. OLD BIRDS.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (13): 1, Bishop; 2, Drabble; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Champion; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Emery; c, Spencer. BUFF (10): 1, Spencer; 2, Bower; 3, Champion; 4, Drabble; vhc, Brewerton; hc, Bradshaw; c, Bingham. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Drabble; 2, 4, Emery; 3, Lindsay; vhc, Champion; hc, c, Bishop. BUFF (4): 1, Lindsay; 2, Champion; 3, Spencer; 4, Porter. CINN. TKD. (5): 1, Drabble; 2, Baxby; 3, Jobson; 4, Jepson; vhc, Parkinson. HEN, YELL. (15): 1, Spencer; 2, Tow; 3, Bingham; 4, Furness; vhc, Binge; hc, Richardson; c, Brewerton. BUFF (15): 1, c, Bishop; 2, Drabble; 3, Furness; 4, Thorpe; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Bingham. HEAVILY VARIEG. (4): 1, Furness; 2, Lindsay; 3, Elshaw; 4, Baxby. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Tow; 2, Porter; 3, Oxley ;4, Hemmings. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Tow; 2, Taylor; 3, Porter; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Booth; c, Oxley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Jobnson; 2, Porter; 3, Taylor; 4, Booth; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Tow; c, Oxley. BUFF (9): 1, Havenhand; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, hc, Tow; vhc, Thorpe; c, Johnson. HEAVILY VARIEG. (7): 1, Porter; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, hc, Tow; vhc, Hemmings; c, Oxley. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Havenhand; 2, Taylor; 3, Porter; 4, bc, Tow; vhc, Oxley; c, Bradshaw. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Hemmings; 3, Havenhand; vhc, Oxley; hc, c, Tow. DARK CREST CK. (5): 1, Crookes; 2, Hodkin; 3, Peace; 4, Memmott; vhc, Kenyon. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Moore; 2, Hodkin; 3, Crookes; 4, Memmott; vhc, Skinner; hc, c, Peace. HEN (3): 1, 2, Kenyon; 3, Memmott. D.C. HEN (3): 1, Purdy; 2, Peace; 3, Memmott. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Somerfield; 2, Bishop; 3, Parkinson; 4, Baxby; hc, Porter; c, Booth. SELL., 15/6 (16): 1, Elshaw; 2, Hemmings; 3, Somerfield; 4, Cowley; vhc, Brewerton; hc, Richardson; c, Porter. 20/- (10): 1, Porter; 2, bc, Champion; 3, Normable; 4, Savory; vhc, Jobson; c, Booth. LINNET (7): 1, Walsh; 2, 3, Savory; 4, Hayes; vhc, Bishop; hc, Porter. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Bishop; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Rodgers. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Porter; 2, Somerfield; 3, Bower; 4, hc, Emery; vbc, Savory; c Bishop. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Somerfield; 2, Baxby; 3, Booth; 4, Hemmings; vhc, Walsh. SOFT (4): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Bishop. FOR. (5): 1, 4, Somerfield; 2, vhc, Baxby; 3, Emery. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS.—YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Porter; 2, Coates; 3, Wright; 4, Bower; vhc, Judge; hc, Rodgers; c, Bradshaw. BUFF (17): 1, Bower; 2, Judge; 3, Jobson; 4, Revell; vhc, Cowley; hc, B. Porter; c, G. Porter. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Rodgers; 3, Judge; 4, Jepson; vhc, Revell; hc, Jobson; c, Crapper. BUFF (10): 1, Furness; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Jones; 4, Makin; vhc, Bunting; hc, Woolhouse; c, Crapper. CINN. TKD. (3): 1, Cowley; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Rodgers. HEAVILY VARIEG. (13): 1, Crapper; 2, Jobson; 3, Jepson; 4, Delamore; vhc, Coates; hc, Wright; c, B. Porter. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Cowley; 2, Jepson; 3, Stringfellow; 4, T. Jones; vhc, Judge; hc, B. Porter; c, Bunting. BUFF (17): 1, Jepson; 2, Bower; 3, Makin; 4, Bradshaw; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Wright; c, Cowley. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Woodcock; 3, 4, Thorpe; vhc, hc, Allinson; c, Bailey. BUFF (8): 1, Kelley; 2, Woolhouse; 3, G. Porter; 4, Havenhand; vhc, Ellis; hc, Godfrey; c, Lancaster TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Maynard; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Cowley; 4, Godfrey. BUFF (9): 1, Johnson; 2, Thorpe; 3, G. Porter; 4, Woodcock; vhc, Kelley; hc, Woolhouse; c, Allinson. HEN YELL. (8): 1, Allinson; 2, Richards; 3, Thorpe; 4, Kelley; vhc, Woodcock; hc, c, Ellis. BUFF (9): 1, Rickards; 2, 3, Thorpe; 4, Allinson; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Johnson; c, Woodcock. HEAVILY VARIEG. (6): 1, Woolhouse; 2, [illegible]; 3, vhc, Johnson; 4, Thorpe; hc, Maynard. DARK CREST (1): 1, 2, 3, Purdy; 4, Godfrey. C.B. (3): 1, 3, Purdy; 2, Godfrey. CREST (16): 1, [illegible] 2, Drabble; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Lindsay; vhc, [illegible] hc, Cowley; c, T. Jones.

HERNE BAY.

Cage birds were a very nice collection indeed at this show, which was held at the Albany, Promenade Central, on November 19th. The entry was considerably above the average, as was the quality, and was generally conceded to be the best show the society has held. Mr. W. A. Holness made a most obliging and painstaking secretary, and was ably assisted in the management by the following good fanciers: Messrs. Blackwell, sen., and jun., Carter, Mason, Hudson Bros., Horn, and Harris. Dr. T. A. Bowes, the well-known devotee of Border Fancies, is the president, and takes a very keen and active interest in its welfare. There was a good attendance, and everything betokened success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (15): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Mills, a clinking good team of short, cobby, deep-bodied birds, very sound and level in colour, and of beautiful feather, 1st buff, 2nd yellow, 3rd varieg. yellow; vhc, hc, Taylor; hc, Rollington; hc, Mrs. Castle. NON-FED (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Elliott, very shapely, grandly feathered yellow, in rare form; 2, Kew, nice, bold carriaged variegated yell., nice quality; 3, Miss Unstead, shapely buff, hardly tightened up; vbc, hc, Holness; c, Taylor. SELL (15/-) (8): 1, spl, Kew; 2, Mrs. Elliott; 3, bc, Taylor; vbc, Carter and Son. RADIUS SECTION— NOR. YELL. NON-FED (5): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Miss Unstead, two nice level coloured, well-feathered birds; vhc, Epps; hc, Williams. BUFF (9): 1, 3, bc, c, Williams, two toppers for quality, bnt winner gets bis position by being most chnbby; 2, Miss Unstead, rattling good bird, bnt very nervous in cage; vhc, Telfer. VARIEG. (5): 1, hc, spl, Williams, eye and wing mkd. yell., beautiful shape and quality; 2, Miss Unstead, neck mkd. buff, tight in feather, and shows well; 3, Rollington, another nice neck tkd. buff, of good shape. HEN (7): 1, Williams, bonny little buff, grand shape and as tight as wax; 2, 3, vhc, c, Miss Unstead, two nice shaped variegs. yells. leading, level in colour, nice feather; hc, Rollington. CREST, ETC. (7): 1, two spls, c, Smith, nicely-centred, good droop and shape, capital quality; 2, Carter and Son, variegs. C.B., good dome-topped head, well browed; 3, Epps, large grey Crest, neatly centred; vhc, hc, Eagleton. HEN (3): 2, vbc, Eagleton, clear body, dark crest, capital shape and quality; 3, Epps, very nice grey Crest. BORDERS: Tbe four classes contained thirty-three entries, and all the awards fell to Dr. Bowes, with a very typical, nice quality, stylish lot of birds, the winning yellow cock taking the spls best Canary, and best cage bird in the show confined to members. MULES (9): 1, 2, hc, c, spl, Williams, two good dark Goldies, a huff and a yellow, rare size and feather; 3, vhc, Miss Unstead, very nicely feathered varieg. Goldie. BRIT. BULL., ETC. (5): 1, Doun, lovely little Bullie, grand shape and feather, large, clean-cut cap, nice coloured breast; 3, vhc, Williams, well mkd. Goldie, nice colour, but somewhat wild in cage; hc, c, Miss Unstead. GREEN (6): 1, 3, spl, Miss Unstead, grand shape, size, colour and feather, a jonque, 3rd a very nice hird, but not steady enough; 2, vbc, Horne, good, shapely nice-coloured buff, in nice form; hc, c, Carter and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Horne, very nicely mkd., good coloured Siskin, and a pretty little Redpoll; vhc, Miss Unstead. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, best Brit., 2, vhc, hc, Miss Unstead, very nice shaped, rich-coloured, well mkd. Linnet, and a well-spangled, lustrous-coloured, nice feathered Bramble. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Miss Unstead, very nice white-headed Mannikin, a grey Java Sparrow, and a Bengalese, all in good form.

LOWESTOFT.

The 21st annual show of the Lowestoft F.S., was held on Nov. 11th and 12th, in the Public Hall. The exhibits were nicely staged at a convenient height, and made a nice display. The entries for a county show came up well, and the quality was excellent, many grand birds being staged. The quality in the Novice Classes was really first-class; the winners would have played a conspicuous part had they being entered in the open. We have seldom seen Novice Classes containing birds of such type and quality. The local fanciers are certainly to be congratulated on the quality of their exhibits, and they undoubtedly provided one of the features of the show. The exhibits were well attended to by a good committee of ardent fanciers, of whom the Rev. Dickson is chairman. The hall is a capital one, being well lighted from the top, and is quite free from draughts. Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the hon. sec., was again at the helm, was most courteous and obliging, and had everything in perfect order. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 4, Rackham, teeming with quality, lovely colour, close fitting jacket, good shape, nice head, flights and tail; 4, good shape, nice head; 2, vhc, Francis, good shape, nice head and neck, lovely colour and quality; 3, Schofield, nice shaped body, grand colour and quality, neat wings. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Rackham, beautiful quality feather, rich colour, well mealed, good shape, neat bead, wings and tail; 2, grand shape, lovely back, full neck; 3, Schofield, nice shape, fine head and back, good wings and tail; 4, Crow, lovely quality, nice colour, good back; vhc, hc, Francis. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Mrs. Barber, mkd. wings, tail, eye and neck, nice shape, good bead, wings well braced tail; 2, Rackham, grizzled on back, grand quality, light feather; 3, 4, Francis, dark tail, plenty of colour, grand shape, nice bead, wings and tail; 4, good shaped variegs. BUFF (6): 1, Rackham, heavily marked on back, short cobby body, nice full round chest and short neck; 2, 4, Crow, grand quality of feather, good size, nice level back; 4, mkd. on shoulder, lovely quality; 3, Francis, grizzled on bead, very shapely, full neck, good back; vhc, Kirk; hc, Lang. TKD HEN (5): 1, Rackham, wing ticked yell, grand head, nice shaped body, full chest, lovely colour; 2, Schofield, thigh ticked yellow, lovely quality, nice head, good shape, neat wings; 3, Francis, thigh ticked, nice shape, feather and colour, nicely cut away behind; 4, Mrs. Barber, wing ticked Buff, good size and shape, rich under colour; vhc, Kirk. PLAINHEAD HEN (6): 1, 2, Francis, Buff, grizzled on bead, grand shape, short flights, well packed, neat tail, short, full neck, nicely mealed; 2, yell. wonderful colour for a hen, nice quality, neat head; 3, bc, Rackham, buff, good shaped body, nice bead, splendid quality; 4, Schofield, yell. good size, nice shape and quality; vhc, Kirk. NAT. COL. (9): 1, vhc, Rackham, yell. nice feather, good shape, nice back and neat head, wings well braced; 2, Wales, cl. bull, nice shape and feather, good wing carriage, neat head; 3, hc, Hart, yell. mkd. breast and wing, nice shape, good back; 4, c, Wigg, marked on back, grand colour. PAIRS (7): 1, Rackham, yell cock, of good shape, hot colour, neat wings and tail, buff hen, splendid shape and feather; 2, 3, Lang, mkd Buff cock, grand colour and quality, yell. hen, good in shape, nice bead, feather and well packed flights and tail; 3, unflig. yellow cock, nice shape and colour, good shaped buff hen; 4, Kirk, variegs. yellow cock, good quality, nice shaped buff hen; vhc, hc, c, Hart. CINN. YELL. (13): 1, 2, 4, Crow, nice team, all good in shape, nice colour and quality, thighs and tails; 3, Hart, good colour and shape; vhc, hc, Lang; c, Bevan. BUFF (11): 1, c, Crow, nice colour, good shape, cl. skull, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Bevan, good shape and feather, nice bead, wings and tail; 3, hc, Hart, sound colour, nice back and bead; 4, Cooper, sound colour, fine bead gave general satisfaction. Cup for best members' wings, grand frontal crest, coming well over beak, splendid droop and radiation, in grand order, wins challenge bowl and spl, best in show; 2, 3, Mrs. Crow, mkd. wings and rump, grand wide and thick frontal crest of good droop; 3, nearly green, nice frontal and leafy feather; 4, Gabriel, green, loses in length of frontal crest; vhc, Mason; hc, Hart. HEN (6): 1, Mason, cl. body D.C., good frontal and back crest, nice droop and radiation; 2, Rackham, nearly green, good length of frontal crest, nice leafy feather; 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. Crow, mkd. shoulder and bett wing, nice round crest; 4, neat cl. body. C.B. CK. (12): 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Crow, good entrance and back skull, feather of good length and width, well lashed, nice shaped body; 2, Mason, mkd. yell. grand shaped skull, wide entrance, good length of bead feather, nice shaped body, good one; 3, 4, c, Gabriel, variegs. long and wide bead feather, good wide back, skull and nice entrance; 4, green, dense bead feather, good length. C.B. HEN (8): 1, Corke, mkd. on back, splendid shaped skull, good wide entrance, plenty of bead feather, lovely quality; 2, 3, hc, Mrs. Crow, splendid length of bead feather, of good texture; 3, nice entrance, and good back skull; 4, vhc, Jones and Crest, ticked left eye, good back skull, nice entrance; c, Hart. PAIRS (6): 1, 3, bc, Hart, good pair, well matched; 3, close up; 2, Mrs. Crow, yell. variegs. cock, nice frontal crested hen; 4, Francis, neat crest cock and useful C.B. hen; vhc, Saunders. MULE(3): 1, 2, 3, Crow, variegs. buff Greenfinch-Canary, good shape and feather; 2, 3, bot coloured and grand feathered variegs. Goldfinch and Canary. SELL (20/-) (15): 1, Cooper; 2, Mrs. Crow; 3, c, Hatch; 4, Mason; vhc, Page; hc, Lowe. NOVICE CREST OR C.B. (17): 1, 2, Wigg, nice crest, good in frontal and droop; 2, Green crest bred, good back skull, nice length and width of bead feather; 3, vhc, Mayhew, close up; 4, Linder, neat crest; hc, Richards; c, Wales. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Castleton, mkd. wings, tail and eyes, splendid colour, good shape and feather, wings and tail, well packed; 2, 4, Hatch, clear, good shape, full of quality, nice clean skull; 4, clear, good shape, nice quality and colour; 3, Schofield, clear, beautiful quality of feather; vhc, Mrs. Barber; hc, c, Cooper. BUFF (14): 1, Mrs. Barber, unflig. Buff, grand shaped body, beautiful feather and quality, rich undercolour, well mealed; 2, Page, grizzled on head, rattling shape, short flights and tail; 3, Hatch, unflig. grand shape, nice colour and quality, wings and tail; 4, Schofield, nice shape and feather; vbc, Richards, Catchpole; hc, Gooch. HEN (13): 1, hc, c, Hatch, clear yellow, beautiful shape, full of quality, rich colour, short wings and tail; 2, Schofield, Buff, splendid shape, lovely quality and beautifully frosted. 3, Page, grizzled capped Buff, nice shape, lovely quality; 4, vbc, Clarke, unflig. Buff, nice shape and colour. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Keymer Bros., Goldfinch, good blaze, nice wing bars and buttons, well tanned chest; 2, Brand; 3, Howard; 4, Taylor; vhc, Felgate. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (3): 1, Crow, Bramblefinch, good feather, size and spangling; 2, 3, Fowell, nice Snow Bunting, good feather and markings; 3, Bramblefinch, in good feather. A.S. INSECTIV. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Fowell, winner, grand Nuthatch, lovely feather, well marked and good size. FOR. (6): 1, bc, Sladden, good pair of Rosellas, in splendid feather and colour; 2, 3, 4, Fowell, grand feathered and coloured Green Cardinal; 3, Red-headed Cardinal, nice colour and feather; vhc, Miss Goldsmith.

MATLOCK.

The 9th annual exhibition was held in the Assembly Rooms, Matlock Bridge, on Nov. 19. We were sorry to see the entry so much down at such a well managed show. The Yorkshire class provided a walk-over for Mr. Wall with a very stylish yell., which also took special for best in open section. The cup given for best in members' was won by Messrs. Cooper and Sons, the runner-up being Mr. Gentle. Messrs. Slater and Turner carried out the secretarial duties in a most courteous and careful manner. We hear that cage birds are going to be specially catered for next season, and the society are joining the C.B.U. Mr. S. R. Compston judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, Wall, lengthy, stylish cl. yell., A1 quality, well up on leg, 3rd cl. buff, rare quality and colour, nice wing carriage; 2, r, Carr, head mkd. yell., good colour, neat head and neck, res wing and bead mkd., rare condition; vhc, Elkins; hc, Burge; c, Hodgkinson. HEN (cancelled). NOR. CK. (10): 1, vhc, Nutt, cl. yell., grand size and shape, lovely head and chest, grand colour; 2, hc, Wilson, cl. yell., very nice shape and colour, neat head and wings; 3, Bellamy, very stylish cl. buff, again very good colour; r, c, Fox, very stylish buff, in nice condition. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH AND FOR. (both cancelled). A.O.S. BRIT. (8 mile radius) (6): 1, Gentle, Crosshill in lovely feather, gets spl for 2nd best in members' section; 2, Wragg, lovely Bullfinch, grand size and shape, neat cap, fine back, wings and bars; 3, r, Cooper and Sons, neat and compact Bullie, grand colour; vhc, hc, Hodgkinson. A.V. CAN. OR HYB. (10): 1, cup, r, Cooper and Sons, dark Canary-Goldie, in lovely feather, very nice shape, res Siskin-Redpoll, rather small, but nice markings, showing both parents' characteristics; 2, Swift, Siskin-Canary, neat bead and shape, in lovely condition; 3, Gentle, cl. yell. Nor., very nice head and chest; vbc, hc, c, Slater.

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SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Table show of Yorkshires, held November 17th, headquarters. A splendid lot of about 20 birds was staged. Mr. Aspinall placed the cards, and did his duty in a painstaking and very satisfactory manner.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Hallam, 1st grand long-sided bird, good quality, 2nd huff hen, well moulded grand stock hird, 3, another hen, good quality, fine hack; vbc, hc, Stirrup, vhc wonderful quality hen, grand stock bird, hc neat little cock; c, Thornley, yell. ck.—Jno. C. Spilsbury, Secretary.

HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.F.A.

Annual show held Nov. 14th, when Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) judged. He had a very difficult task to separate some of the winners. Mr. J. H. Harrison won the 9-guinea cup with three grand birds, and Messrs. Simpson and Son, the special for the three birds with most points.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Astin; 2, vhc, c, Simpson and Son; 3, S. B. King; bc, Jeffreys. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Simpson and Son; 3, Jeffreys; vhc, Harrison; bc, Astin. TKD. YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, vbc, hc, Simpson and Son; 3, Jeffreys; c, S. B. King. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Simpson and Son; vbc, S. B. King; hc, E. King; c, Astin. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, E. King. HEN: 1, 2, E. King. YELL. HEN: 1, Astin; 2, 3, Simpson and Son; vhc, Harrison; hc, S. B. King; c, E. King. BUFF: 1, 2, S. B. King; 3, vbc, Simpson and Son; bc, Jeffreys; c, Harrison. NOR. CK.: 1, hc, Jeffreys; 2, 3, vhc, c, Sellars. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sellars; hc, E. King; c, Jeffreys. CINN. CK.: 1, Harrison. CINN. HEN: 1, 2, Harrison. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sellars. STOCK CK.: 1, 2, Simpson and Son; 3, Harrison; vhc, bc, E. King; c, S. B. King. PAIRS: 1, Simpson and Son, 2, Harrison; 3, S. B. King; vhc, Sellars. SELL (10/6): 1, Astin; 2, 3, E. King. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, Harrison; 2, E. King.—Wm. Simpson, Sec.

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The Members' Classes.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—Most of the exhibits in these classes have already been commented on in our report of the open section wherein they competed. NOR. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (29): 1, 2, 4, Grey, his open winning team; 3, Lee; ex-4, McQuinness; vhc, Reay; hc, c, Taylor; c, Bean. BUFF (30): 1, c, Grey; 2, Holden and Todd, good fed buff, nice shape and taper; 3, Hermiston, slasher for size, fails in colour and finish only to winners; ex. 3, Stranger and Herdman; 4, Taylor; ex. 4, McQuinness; vhc, McKay; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Grey. CREST (16): 1, 4, Dobson and Son; 2, Hands; 3, vhc, Armstrong; hc, Taylor; c, Currah and Son. C.B. (14): 1, vhc, Armstrong; 2, Hutchinson; 3, hc, Dobson and Son; 4, Taylor. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, Taylor; 2, Sanderson; 3, Hermiston, large jonque, rather light in pencilling, good colour; 4, Kirkpatrick, nice colour and markings; vhc, Roy; hc, Winter; c, Kent. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Hermiston, 1st good, grand finish, very good shape, nice pencilling, 2nd sweet exhibit, slimmer got up; 3, Taylor; 4, Kirkpatrick, fails in pencilling but good shape and size; vhc, Winter; hc, Roy; c, Lumsden. SCOT. FCY. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (3): 1, Harvey; 2, Little. BUFF (5): 1, Patterson; 2, 4, Little; vbc, Bell. YORKS. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (14): 1, vhc, Dr. O'Neal; 2, Allison, length yell., fine shape, good feather; 3, 4, c, Carr, 3rd good one, beaten in finish only, 4th nice length and style, strong a little in front; hc, Crawhall. BUFF (19): 1, hc, Carr; 2, Taylor; 3, Crawhall, long slim bird, well moulded; 4, vhc, Heddon, 4th shorter, good finish and quality; hc, Carr; c, Dr. O'Neal. BORD. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (23): 1, Bennet; 2, c, Patterson; 3, Currah and Son; 4, Taylor; vhc, Brown; hc, Hawkins. BUFF (23): 1, Patterson; 2, Brown; 3, Bennet; 4, hc, Young;; vhc, c, Hawkins. NOVICE MEMBERS.—NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (24): 1, McKay; 2, c, Smith, hot fed yell., nice stamp and quality; 3, Kent, nice bead tick, fine substance; 4, Smith, good finish and quality; ex. 4, Holden and Todd; vhc, Richardson; hc, Fletcher. BUFF (39): 1, ex. 3, McKay; 2, Telfer; 3, Stevenson; 4, Coutts; 3rd and 4th good shapely birds, nice colour and quality; ex. 4, Holden and Todd, nice size and substance; vhc, Smith; hc, Birkett; hc, Anderson; c, Potts. CREST (13): 1, vhc, Heslop, grizzle crest, nice top piece well rounded; 2, Allison, good top piece well laid on; 3, 4, Graham, inclined to be horny a little; hc, c, Mather. C.B. (12): 1, McDonald, cushion headed one, nice lash, shade small; 2, Heslop, close up, nicely lashed, flat on top of skull; 3, Allison, good head; vhc, Curry; hc, Smith; c, Graham. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): (No awards in catalogue): 1, spl, good hot fed one, very slim got up, lengthy and neat; 2, good finish and shape; 3, lengthy one, good style. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Grieve, leader good one, fine feather, good style and quality throughout, 3rd rather strong across, but well finished; 2, vhc, Curry, slim, good stamp, nicely moulded; 4, Johnstou, good one, well drawn; vhc, Rowley; c, Anderson. BORD. (26): 1, Young, good all round variegs. yell., nice quality of feather, well put down; 2, 3, D. Young, 2nd tip-top buff hen, well placed, likely bird, 3rd variegs. buff, stylish; 4, Johnstou, nice shapely yell.; vhc, Young; hc, Peel; c, Scott.

MEMBERS.—LIGHT HYBRID (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Maddison, well known strong team; hc, Floyd; nice Gold-Can. var. DARK (6): 1, Patterson, fine open, 3rd prize, Jonque Goldie-Canary; 2, Floyd, good buff Linnet-Canary; 3, Slack, yell. Gold-Canary; 4, Ronald; vhc, Maddison; hc, MacPartling. LINNET (12): 1, Brown; 2, 3, vhc, Maddison, first two open winners; 4, Stanger and Herdman, fine big bird; hc, Allinson; c, McKay. BRIT. FINCH ETC. (31): a very tough class; 1, extra 4, hc, Maddison, Bramble leads in grand form; 2, Wilson, good yell. Bunting; 3, Appleby, smart Bullfinch; extra 3, 4, Slack, very pretty Redpoll and fair Chaffinch; vhc, Floyd, good Goldie; c, Allison, nice Bullie. A.O.S. (8): 1, Bates, good Thrush; 2, Slack, nice Starling, 3, Shepherd and Son, Missel Thrush; 4, McGuin, Song Thrush; vhc, c, Wilson, both Thrushes. FOR. SMALL (16): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, c, Mackenzie; 4, vhc, hc, Patterson, mostly open class birds there. LARGE (4): 1, Brown, Mynah; 2, 3, 4, Mackenzie, Pennant, etc., all in open classes before described. NOVICE MEMBERS A.V. HYB. (14): 1, vhc, Graham, first smart medium size Goldie Bullie, A1 condition; vhc, same cross, nearly as good; 2, hc, Johnston, both Greenfinch-Can., former better of the two; 3, Johnson, good Siskin-Canary; 4, Coutts, nice Linnet-Canary; c, Atkinson, Linnet-Canary. A.S. BRIT. (27): Fine class: 1, 2, 3, Bertram, strong Novice brand, White chat, Bramble and Grey Wagtail, all in good condition; 4, Atkinson, grand Linnets, extra 4, Johnson, nice Greenfinch; vhc, Harrison, good Bullfinch, in condition; hc, c, Hubbuck, nice Goldfinch, neat Jonque Redpoll. Special best Members' Hybrid, Maddison; best Brit., Brown; best For., Brown; best Novice Brit., Bertram, and best Myb, Graham.

WIMBLEDON.

The Wimbledon C.B.S. held their fourth annual show on November 17th and 18th, in the Queen's Hall, a building well suited for a cage bird exhibition, being of good size, well lighted, and close to the station. The show was under the patronage of the Southern Norwich and Yorkshire, and the Crested Canary Clubs. The entries proved a record for thie society, a fact that the new secretary and show manager, Mr. H. Smith, should be proud of. The entries numbered 525, some 60 more than last year's total. The bulk of them were Yorkshires, and some excellent birds were staged by such well known exhibitors as Messrs. Knight, Warley, Rennie, Bennett, etc. The Novice Yorkshire section, too, contained many good birds. In the Norwich section Messrs. Rennie, Kilby, and Young took the lion's share of the spoil, some of their well-known and typical specimens being on view. The British birds were good, especially the Goldies, very little ecparating the first half-dozen birds. In the Hybrid section, Mre. Aekham had another grand young Canary-Bullie out for an airing, and he landed one more first for this breeder of these charming birds. There was a nice display of Foreign Birds, Mr. Maxwell staging some of his best. The hall was beautifully arranged, and was visited by many bird lovers. The secretary, Mr. H. Smith, had everything in capital order, and proved himself a most efficient worker. He was ably assisted by Mr. A. W. Reade, tho aseistant secretary, and by his show committee, Messrs. Stoakley (chairman), Carson, Day, Dell, Dyke, Griffiths, Rorke, and Whittome. We noticed the President, F. Piper, Esq., taking a lively interest in the show during the evening. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson, and H. Norman, the former taking the Yorkshire and Norwich, and the latter the Hybrids, British and Forcign, and Members' Norwich.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Taviner, nicely-proportioned, capital colour and condition, excels in tanning and wings; 2, Mitchell, large, good, square blaze, splendid bars and buttons; 3, Maxwell, good all round, beaten only in depth of tanning; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Harris; c, Hedge. LINNET (12): 1, Maxwell, very bold, nicely-proportioned bird, capital eize and shape, well pencilled throughout; 2, Priest, beaten by winner in size only, splendid condition, beautifully pencilled; 3, Taviner, another bonny bird, capital type, good back and wings; vhc, Harris; hc, Botting; c, Gunnell. GREENFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Maxwell, grand Greenie leading, bold, shapely bird, rare feather and condition, shows to perfection; 2, hc, Francis, good, even-coloured Siskin, splendid cap, wealth of body lacing, lovely leather; 3, Botting, bonny twite, rare size, very shapely; vhc, Grahame; c, Harris. A.O.S. HARDBILL (13): 1, 3, c, Francis; 1st very fine Hawfinch, leading, good size and colour, capital bib and bars, 3rd Chaffie of good size, very shapely, shows to perfection; 2, Gunnell, very richly-coloured Bullie, splendid back and wing; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Galton. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, Maxwell, the well-known yell. Wagtail leading, still in excellent condition; 2, Francis, grand 'Gale, lovely shape and feather, rare colour and polish; 3, Coe, capital Blackcap, nice size and feather; vhc, Skinner. LARGE: 1, Dyke, big, bold Blackbird, rare depth of colour, excels in polish, real beauty; 2, hc, Francis, capital Starling, beautifully spangled, full of colour and condition; 3, vhc, Cook, Grey Shrike, big, bold bird. HYB. LIGHT (4): 1, 2, Lamb, 1st good yell, evenly mkd. bird, excels in colour and condition, 2nd buff of more than average excellence, rare size and feather; 3, Cooper, another good buff, capital shape and feather, not far behind; vhc, Porter. DARK (13): 1, vhc, Mrs. Askham, grand young Can.-Bullie, good size, lovely contour, rare depth of colour, back and wings; 2, Parsons, one of the best Cinn.-Greenies ont, grand size and shape, lovely colour and condition; 3, c, Lamb, capital Linnet-Bullie, good size and shape; hc, Gunnell. PARROTS (6): 1, Maxwell, well-known black-checked Lorikeet, still a bit shy, but in rare feather and condition; 2, vhc, Cooper, beautiful Varied Lorikeet, very richly coloured, in capital condition; 3, hc, Miss Harding, very fine Amazon, rare size and feather; c, Miss Pond. A.O.S. (6): 1, Maxwell, lovely specimen of the Maroon Tanager, good size, splendid colour and feather; 2, Cook, well-known Brazilian Jay, in splendid condition; 3, hc, c, Stoakley, one of the best black-headed Gouldians seen, feathered like wax, very brilliant in colour; vhc, Reed. LIMIT (10): 1, Richadson, a capital pair of Nor., good shape and feather; 2, Elsmore, pair, Crest and C.B., good size; 3, Rorke; vhc, Walker; hc, Johnson; c, Day. MEMBERS' CHAMPION SECTION—NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Day, 1st lovely, bold-fronted bird, capital type and feather, 3rd another good bird, in capital condition; 2, vhc, Smith, good wing mkd. bird, very shapely, well proportioned. BUFF (3): 1, Warley, very typical bird, good head and back, lovely quality of feather; 2, Smith, big, bold bird, good head, capital wings; 3, Day, very shapely, capital size and feather, good, bold head. YELL. HEN: 1, Day, good bird, splendid type, lovely condition. BUFF: 1, Lupton and Co., capital type, good head and body; 2, Lupton, another good one, close up, very shapely and hold; 3, hc, Rorke, grand headed bird, good shape, hot in colonr; vhc, Warley; c, Day. UNFLIG.: Smith, capital buff, excellent feather. AMATEUR SECTION—NOR. YELL. (19): Sawyer and Son, grand wing mkd. yell, lovely shape and feathar. BUFF (3): Porter, very shapely, bold-fronted bird, lovely head, good wing carriage; 2, Sawyer, another good one, of similar stamp; 3, Collins, lovely type and feather. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Porter, very shapely, even coloured birds, capital head, good wing carriage; 3, Collins, same stamp. BUFF: 1, 2, Sawyer, 1st good grizzle-capped bird, very shapely, 2nd capital feather. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Sawyer, two very typical birds, in good condition; 3, Porter, another good one. NOVICE SECTION—BUFF: 1, Baker, big, bold buff, good shaps and feather; 2, 3, Miller, very shapely birds, good nat. colour. HEN (3): 1, Baker, very shapely, good size, capital feather; 2, 3, Miller, another good buff, lovely quality. NON-FED (13): 1, Porter, very big, bold-fronted buff, excellent typo and quality; 2, vhc, Dell, really good yell. Yorkie, stands well, capital wings and tail; 3, Rorke, another big Nor., good type; hc, Whittome; c, Collins. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Tutty, good, bold Hawfinch leading, capital shape, good bib, 2nd grand Linnet, very shapely, rich in colour and markings; 3, Sawyer, capital Goldfinch, nice eize; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Piper.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Young, bold head, good chest, nice colour and feather; 2, Richardson, grand quality and colour, nice and stout; 3, Rennie, beautiful quality, nice shape and colour; vhc, Curtis; hc, Kilby. BUFF (6): 1, Young, well known, often described; 2, Curtis, nice shape and quality of feather; 3, Rennie, bonny bird, rich under, good head and quality; vhc, Richardson; hc, Kilby; c, Rennie. HEN (2): 1, 2, Rennie, both full of quality, good in shape. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Kilby, well-known yell.; 2, vhc, Curtis, yell., ticked on back of head, nice substance; 3, Rennie, very neat, with grand quality of feather. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Bennett, fine upstanding bird, with nicely cleaned sides and chest, neat head; 2, Bishop, "goer," fine quality; 3, Warley, lovely feathered, smart bird; 4, Rennie, grand quality and pose; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Knight; c, Pattrick. BUFF (10): 1, Warley, fine position, good feather; 2, Parrott, grand bird, nice feather and position; 3, Knight, fine tone of feather, nice build, good stand; 4, Rorke, neat; vhc, Bishop; hc, Elsmore; c, Coombs. MKD., ETC., VARIEG. (12): 1, Rennie, slasher for style, position and feather; 2, Rennic, another grand Yorkic; 3, Bishop, nice feather, hardly so full of fire perhaps; 4, Pattrick, fine positioned bird, rare quality; vhc, Pattrick, we liked well; hc, Knight; c, Elsmore. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bennett, typical lady, full of characteristic points; 2, Rennie, very sweet and stylish; 3, Knight, bird of grand quality; 4, Bishop; vhc, Rorke; hc, Bishop; c, Dobson. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Rennie, two lovely hens, former in particular having position, feather and style; 2, Bishop, trifle stouter, but very sweet; 4, Elsmore; vhc, Knight; hc, Parrott; c, Pattrick. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Rouse, fine drawn, goes up well, grand feather; 2, Rennie, again lull of style and quality; 3, Warley, a trifle stronger in build, but very neat and racy; 4, Elsmore, neat and nice feather; vhc, Knight; hc, Parrott; c, Elsmore. CREST (3): 1, Mrs. Haysom, green with nice thatch, well known; 2, Mitchell, clean body, D.C., grand bird; 3, Johnson, very neat, grizzle crest. CREST HEN (1): 1, Johnson, varieg., good frontal and radiation, a nice one. C.B. (2): 1, Johnson, grand varieg. yell., that we heard a gentle lady sighing at the loss of; 2, Mrs. Haysom, varieg. buff, nicely cushioned skull. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (15): 1, Luff, thick set, lovely feather and colonr; 2, Brooks, not much behind in any points; 3, Priest, lovely feather; vhc, Inch; hc, Williams; c, Lack. BUFF (8): 1, Reeves, soft bloomy feather, nice type; 2, Burton, scarcely so chubby perhaps, but nice quality; 3, Hart, good shape, rather free in feather; vhc, Knight; c, Hamer. MKD., ETC., CK. (12): 1, Ferris, varieg. yell., full of colour and quality, might be a little fuller in head; 2, Cosier and Crisp, varieg. buff, nice front; 3 (we overlooked and omitted to obtain from the secretary); vhc, Hamer; hc, Hart; c, Martin. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Billington, good type, nice size, rare feather; 2, Penncils, hardly so stout in body or nice in head, good quality; 3, Hart, good feather; vhc, Hart; hc, Inch; c, Lack. BUFF (13): 1, Reeves, nice type, fine quality of feather; 2, Knight, we liked much, grand quality; 3, Cosier and Crisp, rare colour and quality; vhc, Luff; hc, Reeves; c, Brooks. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Martin, yell., very promising bird in most points; 2, Benton, good shape of body, nice feather texture; 3, Knight, tkd., soft feather, nice shape; vhc, Sawyer and Son; hc, c, Mrs. Litchfield. YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hawes, rattling style, length and feather, good one; 2, Pilcher and Faux, grand bird, not quite so well drawn out perhaps; 3, Beeney, variegated., good stand; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Moss; c, Silverthorn. BUFF (13): 1, Beeney, nice one, goes at its work like a Yorkie; 2, Whittome, lovely feather and stand; 3, Pilcher and Faux, another nice one; vhc, Hawes; hc, Harwood; c, Silverthorn. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Pilcher and Faux, possesses style and quality; 2, Silverthorn, trifle thin in neck perhaps, all else nice; 3, Whittome, good top; vhc, hc, Whittome; c, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, Stone Bros., stands beautifully, nice feather; 2, Moss, not quite so clean cut perhaps, but good position; 3, Whittome, smart; vhc, Gill; hc, Penton; c, Whittome. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Silverthorn, huff, very sweet style, lovely feather; 2, Pilcher and Faux, yell., good stand, nice tail and feather; 3, Whittome, buff, fine tone of feather, good in style; vhc, Beeney; hc, Penton; c, Harwood. CREST (9): 1, Anson, grizzle, good centre and droop; 2, 3, hc, Braund, the former a grizzle, nice frontal; vhc, Anson; c, Clements. C.B. (4): 1, Braund, nice shaped skull, good length of turnback; 2, Anson, nice head, well covered; 3, Bowman, varieg., fails in head properties only to others; vhc, Cory. MEMBERS' CLASSES (CHAMPION SECTION).—YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Mrs. Smith, stylish silky feathered bird; 2, Warley; 3, H. Smith; vhc, H. Smith; hc, Carson; c, Mabey. BUFF (7): 1, 3, H. Smith, good length, nice feather and pose; 2, Carson; vhc, Mabey; hc, Warley; c, Carson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Mrs. Carson, good position, rare quality; 2, H. Smith; 3, Rorke; vhc, Mabey; hc, Found; c, Warley. BUFF (6): 1, Warley, lovely soft feather, rare position; 2, H. Smith; 3, Mabey; vhc, Carson; hc, Rorke; c, Miss Walker. UNFLIG. (7): 1, H. Smith, yell., good length and style of promise; 2, Warley; 3, vhc, Mabey; hc, H. Smith; c, Carson. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, Mrs. H. Smith. AMATEUR SECTION.—YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, Porter; 2, Whittome; 3, Reed; vhc, Whittome; the leader a typical bird of fine tone and colour. BUFF (4): 1, Reed, fine length, soft feather, good position; 2, 3, Found; vhc, Whittome. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Found, stands well, smart; 2, Reed; 3, Whittome. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Found, good length, whip, head and feather; 2, Reed; 3, vhc, Porter; c, Whittome. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Tutty. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, c, Reade, good shower, nice feather; 2, Dixon; 3, vhc, Wright; hc, Lee. BUFF (10): 1, Ashby, a pretty bird of rare quality; 2, Ashby; 3, Reade; vhc, Wright; hc, Lee; c, Dixon. HEN (10): 1, Dixon, sweet yell.; 2, Wright; 3, Dyke; vhc, hc, Reade; c, Brooke. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Dyke.

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DUNS.

Duns and Dist. held their first annual show in the Masonic Hall, on November 4th. Chairman, Mr. J. Newbigging, sen.; committee, Messrs. J. Middlemiss, T. Forsythe, T. J. Marshall, W. Dunn, J. L. Wilkinson, J. Service, W. Redden. The Secretary is Mr. John Lawrie, jnn., and treasurer, Mr. Alex. Cormack. This society was started during the early summer. The show was a very good one, and considering it was a first ventnre, thanks largely to the energetic secretary, it only needs the fanciers here to pull well together to have one of the best ehows on the Borders. The various classes contained some very fine birds. The best bird in the Border section was staged by Mr. T. J. Marshall. Breeding pairs were well reprcsented, and quality was again to the fore. Entries totalled about 160. Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso, acted as judge, and his awards were well received.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Newbigging, leading with a fine, reachy cl., neat head, good neck and shoulders, 2nd, tick, very stylish, 3rd neat head and neck. HEN: 1, 2, Newbigging, former well set-up Pied, very nervy, well placed lege, decided drive, good worker, 2nd cl., fine action, good top; 3, 4, Renton, 3rd massive body, good top, well filled in shoulders. BUFF CK.; 1, spl, best bird in hall, 3, Newbigging, 1 very fine Pied, ready at once, grand style, well ribbed, good circle, 3 large body, good top, well lined; 2, 4, 5, Renton, 2 stylish cl., fine action and nerve; 6, Miss Kellie. HEN: 1, 2, Newbigging, 2 neat cleare, former better in depth of body, good position; 3, 4, 5, Renton, 3rd pied, neat make, fine neck and shoulders. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, winner tick on eye, neat, round head, full chest, well up in colour, 2nd cl., good, full body, 3rd head tick, good type and colour hardly fined down yet; 4, Dunn. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, grand var., of full size, well rounded head and front, grand back and wings, good, sound colour, 2nd, yell. cl., 3rd similar, good type; 4, Dunn. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 6, Service, winner very jaunty carriage, neat head, nicely placed wings, level colour; 2, 4, 5, Middlemiss, neat grand feather; 3, Cormack, good type. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 5, 6, Cormack, former well eet-up, neat head and neck, nicely drawn front, wins easily; 2, Marshall, neat shape, well set on legs; 3, Middlemiss, well-tapered body, good, sound colour; 4, Service. BUFF: 1, 2, 6, Service, winner well setup, finely drawn, neat head, close feather, 2nd level colour; 3, 4, 5, Middlemiss, former neat head, good back, and wings. HEN: 1, 3, Service, leader bonny one, sweet head, neat front, fine, short wings, level colour, 3rd similar type; 2, 4, Middlemiss, very neat, grand feather; 5, Lawrie; 6, Cormack. TICK., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Cormack, former grandly coloured, head tick, well filled back, neat front, 2 good type; 3, Wilkinson, well tapered body. HEN: 1, 2, Cormack, brace of very typical ones, varieg., neat shape, finely rounded fronts; 3, (no name), foul on neck, also good in type; 4, Service. BUFF CK., grand class: 1, 3, spl, Marshall, lovely foul thighed one, teeming with quality, neat, round head, fine, short flights, best of feather, well finished and mealed; 2, 3, Cormack, former lovely cl., in grand feather, good quality; 4, (no name); 5, 6, Newbigging. HEN: 1, Middlemiss, best of type, neat head, well set on wings, finely drawn body, grizzle back; 2, Cormack, also grizzle mark, neatly proportioned; 3, Service, head and wing tick, nice type, good finish; 4, Lawrie; 5, Wilkinson. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Dunn, winner very neat, upstanding bird, well filled back. 2 similar, 3 light varieg. LANCS COPPY: 1, 2, Forsythe, well up in size, plenty good substance of feather. MULE: 1, 2, Cormack, former very good nat. col. Linnet and Can., nicely pencilled, good size, 2 similar, fed; 3, 4, Miss Kellie, pair of neat Goldie and Can., well-cnt blaze, good col., nice bars. BRIT.: 1, Miss Kellie, beauty, of a Goldie leading, well up in blaze, fine shape and body, good tone of colonr; 2, Cormack, Goldie, also good in wing bars, well defined buttons; 3, 5, Dunn, Bramble of nice size and neat markings, rather wild; 4, Middlemiss. BREEDING PAIRS, SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Newbigging; 3, Renton; 6, Kellie. NOR.: 1, 3, Lawrie; 2, 4, Dunn; 5, Marshall. BORD.: 1 Service; 2, Cormack; 3, 4, Middlemiss; 5, Wilkinson. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 2, Dunn, Yorkshires. GIFT CLASS: 1, Middlemiss; 2, Lawrie; 3, Cormack; 4, Service; 5, Dunn; 6, Renton.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Great was the advance in quality at the second winter show of the Leyton C.B.A., which was held on Nov. 14. Gratifying as this was, it has caused officials to look happy that last year's entry had been beaten considerably in numbers. The birds were very nicely staged, and all the arrangements most ably carried out by the committee. Mr. F. Williamson, the chairman, acted as show manager, and to him and the secretary, Mr. B. F. Forse, much of the success achieved was due. The other officials were: Messrs. C. R. Carr, A. J. Marley, A. B. Forse, J. A. Bartlett, A. Morris, C. H. Cooper, J. R. H. Roberts, F. R. Handscombe, E. Morris, H. Ovenden, and H. W. Burbidge. Mr. C. A. House judged Canaries and Mules, and Mr. J. S. Clarke British and Foreign.

CL. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 4, A. B. Forse, wing ticked, capital shape, lovely quality and style; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Jones, lovely straight clear. HENS (3): 1, 2, Jones, very slim, smart yellow, and a buff; 3, A. B. Forse. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, spl, best 4th, Jones, very nice lot of shapely birds, but want handling a bit; 3, spl, best 3rd, A. B. Forse, nice stylish ticked buff, hardly so tight in front. NOR. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Cooper, a bonny lot of hens, which, with his winning Cinnamon, take the team spl. UNFLI. (8): 1, spl, vhc, spl, hc, and spl best in section, after cup winner, Carr, lovely grizzle-chested yellow, lull of quality, and rare shape; 2, 3, 4, c, Cooper, 2nd another rare good yellow, not so fit. CREST-BRED (2): 1, 2, spl, Farmer, heavily feathered, shapely clear, and a nice green. UNFLI. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, cup best in section, Farmer, 1st heavily feathered, well centred, neatly drooped, grey crest; 2, 3, capital green C.B.'s. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, spl, Cooper, a brace of nice quality, good coloured cinnamons. MULE (3): 1, 2, Morris Bros., nice variegated buff, good shape and leather, and neat dark Linnet-Canary; 3, Jones. UNFLI. (1): 1, cup, Smith, Redpoll-Goldfinch, smart little bird of nice shape, feather and colour. AMATEURS YORKS. (9): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, spl, best 3rd, B. F. Forse, rattling good team of shapely birds, a capital yellow leading; 2, Mead, long, slim, very stylish, cinnamon-marked yellow, lost in the grooming. HEN (9): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, c, B. F. Forse, another capital team, 1st a lovely yellow of grand shape and feather, takes spls, best in section, best hen in show, and best bird after cup winner; 2, Mottram, long, shapely buff of capital feather, not so clever with her wings; 4, spl, best 4th, Mead. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, Mottram, head and wing marked, long, slim, lovely quality, but needs training; 2, Mead, heavily-marked Cinnamon, again good type and leather, but not steady; 3, 4, Cobley; vhc, B. F. Forse. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, spl, best vhc, res., best unfl. in Amateur Section, Mead, finely drawn, well tapered, clear, nice feather and style; 2, c, Mottram, grand shaped, lovely feathered, ticked headed bird, just a wee bit open in front; 3, 4, Harper; hc, B. F. Forse. NOR. (9): 1, 3, hc, c, spl, Harper, very smart yellow, an ticht as wax, shown very fit; 2, spl, best 2nd, vhc, Marley, grand shaped ticked buff, a lovely bird, a mere loss up for 1st and 2nd, but the yellow shown the best and won; 4, Jackson. HEN (5): 1, 2, Harper, brace of very nice shaped, good feathered buffs; 3, vhc, Marley; 4, Jackson. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, 3, and Amateur Cup, Marley, 1, a most typical close feathered, nice coloured buff, shown very fit; 2nd, a big shaped grand coloured yellow, but somewhat stuck in feather; 4, vhc, Harper; hc, Jackson. MULE (2): 1, spl, Harper; 2, Mead, two very useful variegated buffs of nice size, and capital quality. UNFLI. (2): 1, Mead; 2, Smith. NOVICE YELL. (7): 1, spl, Bennett, takes spl best after cup winner, long stylish bird of lovely colour and quality, a shade stout, but shaped on right lines; 2, Candle, more slim, but not so close in feather, nice style; 3, spl, best 3rd, F. A. Forse; 4, hc, Wood; vhc, Shenkley; c, Burbidge. VARIEG. (7): 1, Wyatt, cap and wing marked yellow, nice shape, feather and position; 2, Burbidge, very neat saddle marked yellow of nice style; 3, 4, Candle, vhc, spl best vhc, F. A. Forse; hc, Shenkley. HEN (8): 1, 3, Bennett, very smart, nice quality buff, stands remarkably well, and a very useful yellow; 2, Williams, nice shapely yellow, very stylish, had she been "barbered" properly might have won; 4, vhc, F. A. Forse; hc, Wyatt; c, spl best c, Taylor. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Williams, two nice stylish yellows, fairly good in feather and shape; 3, 4, spl best 4, F. A. Forse; vhc, Burbidge. BUFF (6): 1, spl best in section, 4, Candle, lovely shaped bird, splendid feather, rare position; 2, vhc, hc, Bennett, grand body and style not so neat in tail; 3, Williams. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, best in section, Williamson, very smart shapely clear, grand colour, beautiful feather; 2, Handscombe, rare shape and colour, hardly so tight in leather; 3, 4, Penfold; vhc, Dalton; hc, Griffin; c, Horsup. BUFF (12): 1, Horsup, beautiful shape, colour, and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, spl, best 2nd, Hole, ticked in neck, capital shape and style, hardly so tight in leather; 3, no name; 4, Williamson; vhc, Roberts; hc, Arnell; c, Billingsley. VARIEG. (6): 1, Williamson, very smart wing marked yellow, capital shape and quality; 2, 4, Roberts, good shaped, nicely feathered eye and wing buff; 3, vhc, Garland; hc, Penfold. HEN (10): 1, 4, Williamson, charming little buff, beautiful shape, and quality; 2, Penfold, rare shaped, nice coloured, well feathered yellow; 3, Griffin; vhc, Titmus; hc, c, Hale. UNFLI. YELL. (14): 1, Bartlett, rare shape and colour, very nicely feathered; 2, 4, Billingsley, good shape and colour, hardly so tight in feather; 3, Williams; vhc, Hale; hc, c, Taylor. BUFF (13): 1, cup best in Novice Section; 4, hc, Ovenden, high quality, rich coloured, nicely shaped grizzled cap, not well perched; 2, c, Williamson, two beautiful birds, lovely shape and style, not quite so well staged; vhc, spl, best vhc, Taylor; c, Billingsley. MULE (5): 1, 3, Ovenden; 2, Penfold, nice trio of Greenfinch-Canary darks, good in colour and leather; 4, spl, best 4th, Godfrey; vhc, Mills. UNFLI. (7): 1, 4, spl, Ovenden, very rich coloured, grandly feathered dark Jonque Goldie; 2, Arnell, Redpoll-Goldfinch, nice shape, fair colour, looks like a hen; 3, Titmus, good shaped, nice feathered Linnet-Greenfinch; vhc, Wood; hc, Penfold; c, Bartlett. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, Marley, grand shape, colour, feather, and marking; 2, spl, Bartlett, very bright in colour, well marked, not so large in blaze; 3, B. F. Forse; 4, Pike; vhc, Penfold; hc, Hale; c, Mills. BULLIE (5): 1, spl, Morris Bros., capital colour, well marked, nice size and shape; 2, Handscombe, beautifully feathered, hardly so bright in breast; 3, 4, Burbidge; vhc, B. F. Forse. GREENIE (10): 1, Godfrey, very large and shapely, nice colour; 2, 3, Marley, wonderful colour and feather, in rare bloom, not so large; 4, spl, vhc, Hellins; hc, B. F. Forse. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Morris Bros., fine bold shaped, close feathered, well marked, rich coloured; 2, 3, Marley, capital shape and size, better markings, not so rich in colour; 4, Pike; vhc, hc, Ovenden; c, Bartlett. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 3, Hellins; 2, Bartlett, a nice trio of Twites, good in colour and markings. A.O.S. FINCH (8): 1, 3, Morris Bros., two large, well marked, close feathered Hawfinches; 2, Wood, very rich-coloured, well spangled Brambles; vhc, B. F. Forse; c, 240a, no name. BUNTING (4): 1, 3, spl, Marley, rattling good yellow, rich colour, well feathered and very steady; 2, B. F. Forse, shapely, nice coloured yellow, not so well marked. SOFTBILL (5): 1, three spls, and cup best British, Griffin, very lustrous, well spangled Starling; 2, 3, Morris Bros., Bearded Tit, and Great Grey Shrike, suffered somewhat from being in poor condition; 4, Arnell; vhc, B. F. Forse. HENS (4): 1, Morris Bros., capital Hawfinch; 3, Handscombe, really nice Bullie; 4, Ovenden. FOR. (4): 1, Ovenden, rich-coloured, well cut Goldfinch; 2, Morris Bros., very evenly marked, bright coloured Budgerigar; 3, Marshall; 4, Godfrey, both nice Goldies. SELL (6): 1, Candle; 2, 3, vhc, Hale; 4, Burbidge; hc, Jones.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, held November 14th, when Mr. Luther Ogden judged 37 birds.

CL., ETC., YELL: 1, 3, Kirkbright; 2, W. Jowett; 4, c, Grundy; vhc, Fowle; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Fowle; 3, W. Jowett; 4, Nichol; vhc, A. Jowett; hc, Lumb. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL: 1, Lumb; 2, Thomas. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Lumb; 2, Smith; 4, Nichol; vhc, Kirkbright; hc, Ingham; c, Fowle. BUFF: 1, Nichol; 2, Briggs and Jagger, 3, Fowle; 4, Pratt Bros.; vhc, Waterhouse. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Grundy; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Lumb; 4, Fowle; vhc, Jagger; hc, Waterhouse. BUFF: 1, Grundy; 2, Jagger.—WILTON JAGGER, Secretary.

KIRKCALDY CLUB SHOW.

A successful show of Scotch Fancies was held in the Public Buildings on November 14th. This club is constituted yearly, and a deficit has never been experienced. Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh) was the judge, and Mr. A. Thomson, the energetic secretary.

YELL. CK.: 1, Nairn; 2, J. Thomson; 3, Gilmour. BUFF: 1, G. Thomson; 2, Thomson; medal, Gibson; 3, Danskin; 4, Nairn. YELL. PIED. CK.: 1, Danskin; 2, Nairn; 3, J. Thomson. BUFF: 1, 2, Pratt; 3, Watson. FOUL CK.: 1, Nairn; 2, Thomson; 3, Watson. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Gibson. YELL. HEN: 1, Danskin; 2, Gilmour (wins Corporation medal); 3, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Thomson (wins Kinnear medal); 2, Nairn; 3, J. Thomson. YELL. PIED.: 1, Gibson; 2, Nairn; 3, Danskin. BUFF: 1, 3, Nairn; 2, Gibson. FOUL HEN YELL. OR BUFF: 1, 3, Nairn; 2, Thomson, hard up. GREEN: 1, A. Thomson; 2, Watson; 3, Wemyss. SELL CK.: 1, 2, Gibson. HEN: 1, 2, Pratt; 3, Gibson. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Nairn; 2, Wemyss; 3, A. Thomson; 4, Cairns. POINTS SPECIALS.—1, Nairn, 43; 2, Gibson, 34; 3, J. Thomson, 32.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly show of Yorkshire hens was held, Nov. 14, at the Bull's Head Hotel. Some good birds were shown. The entries numbered about fifty. Mr. T Helliwell (Boothtown) placed the cards.

SECTION I—CL. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Priestley; 2, Robertshall; 3, 4, Cursley Bros.; vhc, hc, Taylor and Haigh; c, Morton. BUFF: 1, Crossley Bros.; 2, Priestley; 3, Taylor and Haigh; 4, Cursley, vhc, Robertshall; hc, c, Morton. SECTION II—CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, Pickles; 2, Stobart; 3, Wild; 4, Sunderland; vhc, hc, Tasker; c, Fawcett BUFF: 1, Sunderland; 2, Tasker; 3, 4, Pickles; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Faucett; c, Wild.—A. E. MORTON, Sec.

EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Second Annual Members' Show, held in the Market Hall, November 7th, when just on 200 entries were staged, comprising some of the finest stock in the west of England. The management was carried out by an able committee, with Mr. H. Denham (Chairman pro. tem.), R. H. Polley, hon. secretary. Mr. G. B. Dyer (Torquay) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, Mitchell; 3, 4, Pomroy; vhc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Parker; 3, Mitchell. HEN: 1, Martin; 2, Moles; 3, Mitchell; 4, Denham. NON-FED: 1, 3, Polley; 2, Webber. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Churchward; 4, Stilling. BUFF: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Stone. HEN: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Churchward; 4, Miller. CREST, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Evins Bros.; 3, Miss Finch MKD. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Evins Bros. C.B. CK.: 1, Evins Bros; 2, 4, Denham, 3, Turner. HEN: 1, 2, Evins Bros.; 3, Burrough. LADIES' CLASS—all prizes awarded to Miss Finch. A.O.V.: 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Burrough; 3, Denham. LIGHT MULE: 1, Webber. DARK: 1, 2, 4, Commins; 3, Stone. PAIR OF CRESTS: 1, 2, Evins Bros. The Goldfinches and Bullfinches were excellent classes, many good birds being staged. FOR., LARGE: 1, 3, Sloman; 2, Browning. SMALL: 1, 2, Sloman; vhc, Moles. Challenge Cups were won by Messrs. Martin, Marshall, Evins Bros., and Commins.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first members' show was held in the Schoolroom, Newby Place, on Nov. 14. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, especially in the British bird classes, where some fine birds were staged. The secretary is Mr. H. W. Cook, who did his duties well. The prize for best bird was won by Mr. Cook, his bird taking five specials besides. The prize for 2nd best went to Mr. G. Cowles. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Cowles; 2, 3, P. Hunt. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Cowles; 2, 3, Ash; vhc, Martin; hc, P. Hunt; c, Barber. HEN (7): 1, 3, hc, spl, Cowles; 2, vhc, Ash; c, Hammond. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Cowles; 2, 3, Ash; vhc, hc, P. Hunt; c, Barber. NON-COL. FED (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Boyson; vhc, Martin; c, Hammond. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, T. G. Hunt; 2, Plumb; 3, Hammond; vhc, Depradines; hc, Cook; c, Savage. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Lowrie; 2, Plumb; 3, T. G. Hunt; vhc, hc, Cook; c, Dearing. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, cup, spl, Cook; 2, vhc, hc, T. G. Hunt; 3, Plumb; c, Bastable. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Bastable; 2, Lowrie; 3, Plumb; vhc, hc, T. G. Hunt. HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, T. G. Hunt; 3, Wyatt; c, Hammond. UNFLIG. (10): 1, spl, T. G. Hunt; 2, Bastable; 3, Cook; vhc, Depradines; hc, Braithwaite; c, Hammond. A.O.V. (4): 1, Dearing; 2, Braithwaite; 3, Barber. CREST (7): 1, spl, Cook; 2, 3, J. Hunt; vhc, Cowles; hc, Depradines; c, Priseman. C.B. (10): 1, spl, vhc, c, J. Hunt; 2, hc, Cowles; 3, Cook. UNFLIG. CREST (5): 1, spl, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, J. Hunt; hc, Depradines. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, Bastable; 2, P. Hunt; 3, hc, Thomasson; vhc, Priseman; c, Braithwaite. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, Palmer; 2, Braithwaite; 3, Lowrie. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Hammond; 2, Palmer; 3, Barber. A.O.S. FINCH (11): 1, Cole; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Palmer. LINNET (7): 1, spl, c, Palmer; 2, Kidman; 3, Priseman; vhc, Cole; hc, T. G. Hunt. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Palmer: c, Priseman. HENS (3): 1, 2, 3, Palmer. INSECTIV., SMALL (3): 1, Prior; 2, 3, Palmer. LARGE (3): 1, Dearing; 2, 3, Palmer. FOR.: 1, Kidman. SELL. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Palmer; 2, Braithwaite; hc, T. G. Hunt; c, Ash.

CREWE.

The Crewe and Dist. Society held their annual members' show in the Ante Room of the Co-operative Hall, on November 14th, when about 110 birds turned up. These made a very fine show. Mr. Crimes was successful in gaining special for best bird in show with a wonderfully fine variegated buff Norwich. Yorkshires were all nice and racy. There was a keen run for aggregate points, specials, and a very close result was apparent. Mr. J. C. Heaton, the hon. secretary is a very able man to fulfil his duties, and is prompt and accurate in action, having printed lists of awards on sale within an hour of judging. There was a good influx of visitors, and we noticed among them, Mr. Joyner, formerly of Gloucester, who was a few years ago a keen British bird exhibitor. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Heaton, nice shape, good head, carries wings and tail well, fine colour and condition, 2 hardly so hold in head perhaps; 3, Latham, nice colour and feather. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heaton, first big thick-set bird, fine head and chest, grand bloom and condition, 2 nice quality and carriage. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Crimes, grand variegated buff, wins special best in show, real big good one, grandly feathered, 3 tick. yell., Liverpool winner; 2, Cooper, very rich deep coloured medium-sized variegated yell., very thick-set type, good quality and carriage, fine close feather; vhc, Latham. HEN: 1, Cooper very chubby heavy-feathered variegated yell., grand colour and feather; 2, Heaton, tick on head, buff, nicely mealed, good bloom, carriage and condition; 3, Crimes, good shaped cl. buff, fine feather and tight. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Crimes, fine yell., very good head and body, nice colour, quality and condition, 3 cobby variegated yell; vhc, Heaton, grand breast, fine quality, etc.; hc, Cooper. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Potts, 1 very slim type, round, well filled, good wings and tail, tight condition, 2 fine round shape and stand, 3 very bready and finely drawn. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Potts, 1 best standard bird, 2 smaller and racy, all very smart. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, Lawton, thigh ticked, yell., A.1. all out, prim as a pencil, 3rd coarser, tick neck. yell.; 2, Moulton, buff, smart one for stand, quality, and condition. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Lawton, all of the right type, leader finest and smartest in carriage and condition, well up on legs; 2, hc, Moulton, very lengthy yell., in A.1. condition, he off condition just now. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton, very promising trio, 1st is a type of beauty all over it, 2nd smart in condition, 3rd on the small side, but fine in condition and shows well; vhc, Moulton. BUFF: 1, 2, Potts, stylish, finely drawn, well up, very level in feather, rare carriage, A1 condition, 2nd good colour. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton, all buffs, 1st very fine stylish bird in pink of condition. CL. YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Kirk, 1st best type, most jaunty and showy, 2nd nice type, fine feather. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Kirk, grand trio, 1st best standard type and finish all through, all in good condition. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, 1st wing marked, in grand order, variegated, also in A1 form, and a ticked wing bird, last beaten in condition only. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, dark tail, etc., leading, very pretty type and quality, smooth as glass in feather, and runner up for best in show, other two also in fine feather and condition, all good. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, smart set, grand little buff and cinn., and a yell. green in this order, former a little "swank" all over. CREST, ETC.: 1, 2, Kirk, good wing mkd., D.C. and C.B. A.O.V.: 1, Glover, big bouncing Nat. col. cinn., Nor. type, A.1. shape, carriage and condition; 2, 3, Bowker, buff cinn., fed, very nice feather and condition. HYB.: 1, vhc, Lawton, grand satin feathered Greenfinch-Canary, beautifully finished for show; 2, Latham, very pretty yell. Siskin-Canary, a wash might have made it win; 3, Moulton, nice coloured buff gold Canary, in tight condition; hc, Bowker. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Jones, 1st nice medium-size broad-chested, good clean cut-deep blaze, nice moons, bars, tight and glossy condition, 3rd deep col. blaze; 2, Crimes, not yet thoroughly cage moulted, still wins 2nd place by being such a fine bird, in full rich wild colours, only wants a successful cage moult to become a royal "stand back"; vhc, Bowker; hc, Latham. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Lawton, 1st brightest and best all round condition, 2nd a wash might have made him win; hc, Bowker. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Jones, 1st fine size, etc., good one, well finished; 2, Lawton, buff, grand shape, size and condition, very close up. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Jones, very pretty feathered lesser mealy Redpoll, in grand show form, fine head; 2, 3, Bowker, nicely marked, Twite and a grand lesser Jonque Redpoll, only wants a cage moult; vhc, Elks, nice Siskin, not quite ready yet. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Lawton, broad chested Bramble, best spankled head, back and sides, grand feather; 2, Potts, deep brown colour, beaten only in substance and eye markings; 3, Latham, nice colour, wants steadying. SMALL: 1, Bowker, pretty "dun" Wagtail, in tight feather, well shown; 2, 3, Jones, steady, nicely marked Corn Bunting, very glossy condition, 3rd fair Linnet. LARGE: 1, Potts, fine well-spotted Thrush; 2, Taylor, very smart Magpie, nice size; 3, Jones, grand coloured Hawfinch, had head feathers disarranged or might have gone higher. FOR.: 1, Elks, very pretty pair of Zebra Finches, in bright clear condition; 2, 3, vhc, Kirk, all Budgerigars, in nice condition (pairs), 2nd Greens, 3rd Yellows. SELL. (10s. 6d.): 1, Crimes, very useful variegated buff Nor., good stamp; 2, Potts; 3, Kirk; vhc, Latham.

DEAL.

The Deal, Walmer and District F.A. held their fourth annual show on November 18th, in the Drill Hall. It is not perhaps the best place in which to hold a show, the light being none too good. There was a grand entry, considering it was open to Kent only. Many good birds had to go without even a card. The Secretary, Mr. W. Wadhams, had the arrangements well in hand, and is to be congratulated on the success of the exhibition. Mr. A. E. Enfield, judged.

NOR. CL. (12): 1, spl, best in show, Patterson, grand size and shape, wonderful quality and colour, in spotless condition; 2, 3, Gibbs, 2nd very typical, grand substance, close feather, good quality, 3rd fine body, nice close feather; 4, Taylor, chubby and close feathered, but not quite so rich in colour; vhc, Thomson; hc, Wood; c, Taylor. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, spl, second best in show, Gibbs, winner, yell. tkd. on head, good shape, nice, rich, even colour, silky feather, 2nd tkd. buff, sweetly moulded, good colour, splendid feather; 3, withheld; 4, vhc, Thompson, very level in colour, tight in feather; hc, Wood; c, Taylor. YORKS. (17): 1, Austen, grand-shaped yell., fine length and colour, close feather, good quality; 2, 3, 4, Gibbs, grand trio, 2nd buff, mkd. eyes and wings, very finely drawn, 3rd yell., mkd. head, beautiful shape and length, well up on leg, 4th good hack, wings and tail; vhc, Austen; hc, Allen; c, Fasham. MULES (11): 1, Smith, Goldfinch-Can., lightly mkd., good size and shape; 2, c, Taylor, fine, rich blaze, in lovely condition; 3, hc, Ward, another Goldfinch-Can., similar size, good colour; 4, Wood, Siskin-Can., nice size and colour, beautiful feather; vhc, Twyford. A.O.V.: 1, withheld; 2, Gibbs, four-pointed Nor., lovely quality, grand colour; 3, Taylor, similar exhibit, not quite so good in chest perhaps; 4, Darby, fine drooping crest; vhc, Nicholl; hc, Ivatt.. SELL. (15/-) (5): 2, 4, Thompson; 3, Patterson. (10/-) (4): 2, 3, Thompson; 4, Goodwin. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Patterson, rare polish, nice colour of body plumage; 2, May, a good one, fails in depth of crimson blaze only; 3, Franklin; 4, Brown; vhc, Whaley; hc, Heritage; c, Austen. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, Gorter, British Bullie, in perfect condition; 2, 3, vhc, May, 2 Siskin, good in side lacings, nice cap, 3 Linnet, nicely pencilled all over; 4, hc, Scharpe; c, Mowle. FOR. (5): 1, Withheld; 2, Walker; 3, Franklin; 4, Miss Whalley; vhc, Baker, all Parrots, admirably staged, and much admired. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, Withheld: 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Madame Gorter, 2 excellent Gouldian Finch, beautifully put down, grand exhibit, 3 Orange Bishop, another very fine exhibit in excellent plumage, 4 Tiger Finch, also put down in the best form. NOVICE CAN. (7): 1, vhc, Cook; 2, c, Scharpf; 4, Goodwin; hc, Brown. LOCAL MEMBERS' CAN. (5): 1, Withheld; 2, Mrs. Wood; 3, Dr. Hughes; 4, vhc, Thompson; hc, Franklin.

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CLUB REPORTS.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S..

During the show on November 17th, a washing competition was held between two of the members, Mr. Washbourne and Mr. Stirrup. Mr. Washbourne washed his bird with brushes, and Mr. Stirrup with sponges. After the birds were dry, Mr. Aspinall and Mr. Norris judged them, and gave the prize to Mr. Washbourne.—J. C. SPILSBURY, Secretary.

DUNDALK C.B. AND P.A.

Annual general meeting, held Oct. 22nd, in the Town Hall. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. D. Rowe; vice-presidents, Dr. Lavery and Mr. S. Hellognagh; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Keating; hon. secretary, H. Niblock, Seatown Place, Dundalk; committee, Messrs. M. Byrne, G. P. Tivthill, J. Murray, P. Grimes, and L. Goodman. The annual show will be held in the Town Hall, Dundalk, on January 20th, and 21st. Mr. Battyo is the judge elect.—HERBERT NIBLOCK, hon. sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Miners' Hall, November 14th, for the purpose of paying out prize money and specials won at the recent show. Mr. Gavin Burns afterwards made a presentation to the worthy President, Mr. Joseph Rundell. In a felicitous speech he asked Mr. Rundell to accept a handsome gold-mounted umbrella, suitably inscribed, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members. Mr. Rundell replied, making special reference to the enthusiastic and harmonious manner in which the business of the society was gone through. The rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment. Messrs. Burns, Gold, McEwan, Johnstone, McLuckie, and McDermid ably sustained the musical part of the programme.—JAS. POLLOCK, Sec.

DULWICH O.S.

A most instructive washing demonstration was given at headquarters, on October 29th, by Mr. G. F. Woolhouse. Mr. A. E. Rogers was elected chairman. Mr. Woolhouse briefly replied to the chairman's introductory remarks, and proceeded to wash some birds, taking us step by step through the process. So well did he explain the method that even the rawest recruit amongst us could now with perfect confidence and success wash a bird. He asked if someone else would like to show their skill, whereupon Mr. Rogers vacated the chair in favour of Mr. W. Goodwin. Mr. Rogers had washed birds before, and was a past master in the art. He was followed by Mr. Garlick, a veteran in the Fancy, and he soon proved to our satisfaction that his hand had not lost its cunning. The evening being still young, Mr. Edgar Goodwin gave a grand display of limelight views which delighted his audience and drew many exclamations of admiration. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to those gentlemen who had so ably entertained and instructed us during the evening. Mr. Woolhouse responded, and said he still adhered to his statement that he was always at the command of the society, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to do all in his power to help and instruct others. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Rogers for occupying the chair, an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Experiences with the Yorkshire Canary.

On Oct. 17 the members attended to hear Mr. W. Cruise (West Bowling) give his lecture on "His Experience as a Breeder and Exhibitor of the Yorkshire Canary." In the course of his lecture Mr. Cruise gave some very good advice to the novice fanciers, and some of the younger members missed something good in not being present to bear this well-known and successful fancier's views. He strongly advised novices to attend shows if possible, and study the winning birds, going from class to class and comparing the various birds staged. He also laid great stress on keeping both birds and cages very clean. He had bred his best birds, he said, from medium-sized ones; he believes in medium-sized hens, as typical in shape and position as possible. Mr. Cruise allows the hen to bring up her own young, and removes the cocks into another room when they are not in use. He believes in running an old cock bird with two hens, and a young one with one hen. About the middle of January he opens his cage doors, and allows the birds to fly loose in the room for a month or so, and he finds this a very good thing for bringing birds into breeding condition. He fixes perches, say, six inches long, on the front of his cages, when the birds are flying about, and he finds they get in the habit of going into the cages at night. When his hens are sitting he gives them mixed seed twice a week, and, after hatching, egg and biscuit and a little green food. When the young are learning to pick, he moistens their food a little, and places it on a board, and when they start picking he crushes all kinds of seed and puts it in the egg-glass along with the egg food. At the conclusion of his lecture Mr. Cruise answered the following questions:—Why do you object to bob holes in the cage?—Mr. Cruise did not like them because he thought they spoiled the position of the birds who had a tendency to use them to sleep in. Why do you cut your rope 2ins. long for nesting; do you not thing the strands too long, and liable to get into the bird's feet?—Mr. Cruise always used manilla rope, which was more springy than ordinary hemp, and not liable to wrap in the bird's legs and feet; 2in. lengths made better nests. Do you use linings as well as nestings?—Felt got too hot, and he always put a little swansdown in the bottom of the nest, and allowed the birds to build for themselves, if they would, as it kept them occupied. What would Mr. Cruise do with a bad feeder?—Remove to a fresh place, or cover up, so that she was in semi-darkness. Did he think that non-feeding was caused by the hen being out of condition?—Yes, and he generally altered their diet and gave them a little Epsom salts. Where did he put his nest pans when breeding?—On the end of the cage, half an inch above the perches; he had all his nest pans made of tin with gas piping round, and as they stand off the cage half an inch this lessened the chances of red mite.—Did he think red mite were white in their first stages, before getting on to the birds?—They might be white when forming on the scales of a bird, but he had not seen any in his room for five years. Did he think it possible to be altogether without red mite?—Yes, certainly, if there were no crevices in the cages, and they were kept very clean. Did he believe in inbreeding, and how near should the relations be?—Yes, with birds as perfect as possible, and no nearer related than cousins or grandfather or granddaughter.—Mr. Stobart said he had tried a remedy of Mr. Cruise's for stopping inflammation in young birds, and had found that it was not wise to fill the water glass more than three parts full of water for youngsters; else they would drink greedily. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cruise concluded the meeting, Mr. Cruise extending an invitation to any fancier to visit his rooms at any time.—E. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.B.

Annual general meeting held in Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, on November 11th, the President, Mr. C. S. Crockatt, in the chair. There was a large attendance. The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which had been audited by Messrs. Watt and Gove, and it showed a surplus of £4 7s. 5d. on the right side. It was unanimously adopted. A very harmonious meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the President.—J. S. NAPIER, Secretary.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting held in Rugott Hall on November 5th. Owing to the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. Whitefield consented to act as chairman. The financial statement was then read, showing the club to be still advancing. The balance was smaller than that of the previous year owing to the extra expense incurred in the purchase of screen and other extras, which we would not have to pay for years. The report was very satisfactory. This being all the business the chairman dissolved the society for the year. The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. W. Whitefield; vice-president, Mr. W. Telfer; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Robert Lile; auditors, Messrs. J. Bowman and M. W. Telfer; committee, Messrs. J. Todd and P. McNiven. The chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officials, which was responded to, and a pleasant meeting closed. Twenty members rejoined.—ROBERT LILE, Sec.

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Mason's Arms, on November 14th, Mr. A. Jardine, President, in the chair. The secretary read the financial report for the year, which showed an income of £17 6s. 1d., against an expenditure of £9 13s. 2d., leaving a balance, after paying £7 11s. 11d. for prize money, or 6s. per class, of 3s. 11d. Nine new members were admitted, namely, Messrs. R. Tister, T. Bickerstaff, D. Flockhart, D. Dalgleish, J. Holmes, P. Noble, R. H. Douglas, J. McAdam, and R. Haldane. The election of office bearers resulted in the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary being unanimously re-elected. The following four members were appointed to form a committee, Messrs. D. Small, J. Yule, W. Masterton, and R. Hardy Douglas. The President then rose to thank Baillie Frichael, in the name of the members, for the handsome cup which that gentleman had presented to the society. He had pleasure, he said, in asking him to accept a bird and cage as a token of their appreciation of his kindness. Whilst its intrinsic value was not of much account, he could assure Baillie Frichael that it had been subscribed for by all the members. Baillie Frichael, in responding, said that as they had honoured him with the post of Hon. Vice-President, his interest in the society would be greatly increased. A musical programme was then gone through, which brought a happy evening to a close.—WALTER B. SMART, Secretary.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Something about the Washing of Birds.

Monthly meeting held at the Bee Hive Inn, on November 10th. The attendance was easily the largest of the whole year—a fact which augurs well for the success of our forthcoming show. A washing exhibition by Mr. O. Stringer (Manchester), proved a great attraction. His requirements consisted of three large bowls of boiling water, a jug of cold water (to reduce former to the various temperatures), a small cloth, and an old silk handkerchief. While engaged in his preliminary operations, he was also giving advice. He spoke of the advisability of one's being alone during the washing process. It was better, he said, to catch the bird in the dark; this obviated the possibility of the loss of feathers. He did not recommend any special starting place, but if soap was rubbed on the top of head and left until last the dirt would be softened, and could then be easily removed. He next showed how the bird should be held—allowing the tail to rest on the wrist. By means of an ordinary shaving brush he applied plenty of soap and water to the tail, being careful not to let the feathers get crossed. He told us not to be afraid of using soap; we should put plenty of it in, in order to get the dirt out and, of course, we should later remove the soap or else the bird would be spoiled. Turning the bird over, he washed the breast and under the wings, explaining how essential it was that the bird should be held very lightly but firmly. The neck and head were the most important parts, and much confidence was required, while, on the other hand, over-confidence was very dangerous, for three seconds too long would be sufficient to kill the bird. After washing the bird all over, he thoroughly cleaned his brush, and utilised it for swilling the bird with the water in the second bowl. We need not be afraid of this swilling if we kept the water away from the beak, for there the danger lay. The swilling process was repeated in the third bowl, and then as much water was removed by the silk handkerchief as possible. In wiping we should, he said, be careful to stroke the feathers in one direction, and ruffle them as little as possible. The point to be remembered in wrapping was to give the bird a rest, as at this stage it was in a very exhausted condition. He carefully showed how the bird should be wrapped, and then placed it near the fire and in such a position that the head would dry first. The bird was left thus for 10 or 15 minutes, and then placed in a cage, also facing the fire. It was explained that if the bird was allowed to completely dry in the rays, or in front of the fire, the feathers would be very harsh; this would give the bird an unfinished appearance. It is better to allow the bird to shake itself dry, and at the same time shake the feathers into their right place. He emphasised the necessity of using plenty of soap and water, and brushing in a downward direction. On no account should we work round with the brush, as this caused the bird much pain. In washing the beak, we might use the finger, thus having more control during this delicate operation. The best way to ascertain whether all the soap had been removed was to slide the finger down the back of the bird's neck. If free from soap the head will be drawn back; if not the finger will slide easily. In conclusion, he warned them to guard against draughts, for when the bird is abnormally hot, the danger is very great. During the discussion that ensued, Mr. Stringer said that if anyone present aspired to success on the show bench, he should be able to wash a bird properly, because a judge would ignore a dirty bird, even if it were superior in other qualities. Mr. Brough expressed his appreciation. Mr. Hall proposed a vote of thanks, which was ably seconded by Mr. Brearley, and supported by Mr. T. H. Brooks. Mr. Stringer briefly responded, and a most successful meeting terminated.—T. E. HOLDEN, Secretary.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Nov. 28.—**Muirkirk** (J. C. Torbett, Smallburn).
*Nov. 28 and 30.—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Turner, 39, Market-street, Draycott). J.R. and J.H.R.
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*Nov. 28.—**Sale Open O.S.** (J. Irlam, 101, Harley-road.) A.G.D. and G.H.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.** (E. Leech and G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst-rd.). J.H.P. and W.G.P.
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*Dec. 2 and 3.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (J. H. de Maillet. 121, Sommerville-rd., Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 3.—**Grimsby C.B.S.** C.H. Emerson, 129, Farebrother-st.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.** (J. Simon, Mays-st.). S.H.
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.** (J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside-st.) D.Hn., W.Wr., J.Mel., A McF., R.McC., and P.P.
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5. **Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (Kirkland and Hadley, 29, Princess-st.). J.B and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.) J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jar., 57, Bonnygate). J. Blk., J Ms, J.Gw,. C C, and J.C.
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*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd). J.H.P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
*Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., and J.B.E.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.), T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.
*Dec. 15.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.** (Jack Francis, Carmarthen). J.R.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H.P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Donegall Rd. Belfast). G.H. and J. Bk.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W. and C.H.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson. 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Msn., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd. Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh) J.T., J McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of**
Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender. 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.
Fife O.S. (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place).
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport), T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead)
*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (H. Lambert Brown, 14, Manor-park, Lee, S.E.). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

For Key to Judges' Initials see No 352.)

I should like to thank you, writes Mr. G. Knott (Ilford), for the valuable assistance I have received from time to time through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. When I commenced bird-keeping two years ago I practically knew nothing of birds; in fact, I no more knew the difference between a Norwich and a Yorkshire than the man in the moon. Last year I commenced breeding for the first time and bred 5 Goldie mules and 4 Canaries, and didn't lose any. This year I tried the Linnet mule, and have been successful in rearing 4 out of two clutches of eggs. The other eggs were unfertile. My success I attribute to your competent and painstaking staff of advisory experts, and also to the splendid articles which have appeared.



A View of the Hall in which the Liverpool O.S. held its recent successful first Show.

IN THE COURTS.

The Plover-catching Industry.

A case of considerable importance to the industry of Plover-catching in the Lincolnshire Fens was heard at Bourne Police Court on November 19th, when, at the instance of the S.P.C.A., James Robinson and Bertio Mowbray, of Spalding, were summoned for cruelty whilst engaged in catching Plovers in the neighbourhood of Bourne. The society took exception to the instrument known as the "landwatch," in which the decoy Plovers are placed, it being contended that this caused unnecessary suffering. The bench held that no unnecessary suffering was caused, and dismissed the case.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

" **28—Kilmarnock**—J. B. Y. Murdoch, 9, Burnside Street.
" **28—Fleet** Avis and Hester.
" **28—West Herts**—Clem. Watson, 77, Paddock Road, Bushey.
" **28—Belfast**—R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street;
" **30—Glasgow and Western Co.'s N.C.M.B. and F.B.C.**—Adam and Malcolmsou, 1. Barr Street, London Road.
" **30—Altrincham**—T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane.
" **30—West Auckland**—J. Gill, St. Helens, Bishop Auckland.
" **30—Cupar Fife, N.B.**—C. C. Edmond, jun., 57, Bonnygate.
" **30—Hartlepools**—H. J. L. Williams, 30, Lister street, West Hartlepool.
" **30—Burton-on-Trent**—Kirkland & Hadley, 29, Princess Street.
Dec. 1—Middleton O.S.—H. Thomas, 47, Wood Street West
" **2—Canterbury**—J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters Street.
" **3—Stamford**—A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.
" **3 Cardigan**—Town Clerk, Cardigan.
" **3—Carmarthen**—Jack Francis.
" **4—Ruthin**—J. M. Williams, Bryuhyfryd.
" **5—Thornton**—Jas. Moyes.
" **5—Castle Douglas**—J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottages.
" **5—Ludlow**—P. H. Oakes, Globe Cott., Ludlow.
" **5—Welsh National** R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle Street, Swansea.
" **5—St. Helens**—A. Goodall, 73, Corporation Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 28 (last post)—**Birmingham**—J. H. De Maillet, 121 omerville Road, Small Heath.
" **28** (first post)—**Gravesend**—S. C. Stevenson, "Hill Crest," Old Road, East.
" **29** (1st post)—**Porth**—R. G. Challenger, 13, School Street, Cymmer, Porth.
" **29—Sheringham**—D. Wardleworth, Sheringham R.S.O.
" **30—Frome**—W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.
" **30—Grimsby C.B.S.**—H. Emerson, 129, Farebrother Street.
Dec. 1—Coventry O.S.—G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.
Nov. 27—Bournemouth—Jones and Leech, 156, Holdenhurst Road.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Malton, Nottingham, Whitehaven, Matlock, Sligo, South-west London, Queen's Park, Camborne, Darvel, Consett.

Allow me to thank you for putting the photo of myself, wife, and birds in last week's CAGE BIRDS., for I think it is a splendid likeness, and all I have come in contact with call it a good one. Your coloured plate is also grand, and you seem to go one better every time. May CAGE BIRDS continue to do so is the wish of—J. RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

Kindly allow me to thank Portsmouth Show for the prompt way they have paid me my prize money. I think it is a great credit to them. As for my winning first and special in an open show for the first time (this is only my second year of showing and colour-feeding), I have to thank CAGE BIRDS for this and I recommend it to all young beginners, and wish it all the success it deserves.—H. SCHNIEDER (Winchester).

THE SHOW SEASON IS PASSING QUICKLY.

Do not let your chance slip by

If you want to secure a life-like picture of your exhibition birds.

For the present show season we have made such arrangements as will enable any exhibitor in the country to have his birds portrayed either upon the front cover or in the inner pages of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. H. Norman, the premier artist of the Fancy, intends visiting a number of large provincial cage-bird shows, where his services will be freely available (*by arrangement with us*) for the purpose of sketching prize winners of every variety. A list of such shows, with the dates, is herewith appended.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154 Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize*. Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

REMEMBER: The Show this week is Leeds, Nov. 27 and 28.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

In addition to the shows given underneath our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
November 27th and 28th.—Leeds.
December 11th.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

I was delighted to see my Song Thrush on your frontispiece last week, writes Mr. Chas. Price. My thanks are due to Mr. Norman for such a good portrait. My address, by the way, is Kidwelly, Carmarthen (not Caruarvon). This Thrush has never been out of the money since I started exhibiting it. Your last double number was a treat for British bird fanciers.

The Yellow Marked Norwich cock, shown at Nottingham by Messrs. Adnitt and Driver (South Normanton), and standing 1st in its class, was, we hear, claimed at catalogue price £10 10s., by Mr. W. H. Howe, of Wellingborough. The plucky purchaser deserves every success with him; the bird is one of the best we have seen for many a day, and it should take some stopping.

Several very interesting articles are included in this month's issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—not the least interesting being that by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on "The Nesting of the Nightjar in Captivity." Mr. F. Howe contributes some notes on the assumption of seasonal plumage in the Orange Bishop, and Mr. R. Suggitt on the Red-headed Finch. "My Aviaries and Their Inmates" is the title to Mr. S. Beaty's contribution. Most of the articles are nicely illustrated and very readable.

Migration of Thrushes, etc.

From observations taken at an Irish lighthouse we are told that the number of Song Thrushes passing is in excess of the Redwings, and that the Blackbirds are equal in number to the Thrushes and Redwings combined. This is another strong proof of the great migration which takes place among our common species.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Dec. 1, meeting suspended owing to show.—B. Head.
Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—Dec. 5, Bull Head, 8. Show business.—L. Haithwaite.
Bermondsey and Dist. F.S. — Dec. 8, Samson Castle, Grange Road, S.E., 8.30. Please note alteration of date.—A. Lupton.
Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Payment of members' prize-money, etc.—G. Hayver.
Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Hartley; arrangements for Annual Tea and Concert; for December Show, and other important business.—H. Hill.
City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 5, Flying Dutchman, 8.30. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods), will open a debate: "The Working of Yorkshire Union Shows." Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.
City of Wakefield O.S. — Nov. 28, Crown and Anchor, 7.—Parker and Atkinson.
Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Bennett's Rooms, Moor Lane, 8.—R. Lambert.
Coventry O.S.—Dec. 2, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Dec. 5 show arrangements, etc.—G. Peters.
Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton. Close of show. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. Mann; birds staged at 2.—J. Holroyd.
East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Nov. 28, Barley Mow, 3. Members' Show, classification same as Oct. show. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton), judge.—J. E. Hudson.
Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Dec. 3, 142, High Street, 8. Paying of prize money won at show, etc.—J. Welsh.
Edinburgh Western O.S.—Dec. 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. Enrolment of members.—R. Lile.
Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Oddfellows' Hall 8. "Convivial Evening," to present five silver cups, also specials and prizes won at annual show.—R. H. Folley.
Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.—Dec. 5, Granite Bars, 7. Balance sheet of members' show.—W. Grewar.
Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Lockhart's 7.30. Election of show stewards, etc.—T. Taylor.
Glasgow and Western Counties.—Nov. 28, 122, Ingram Street, 6.15. Washing exhibition by Mr. Walter Connelly; also entries for club show.—J. H. Adam.
Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 28, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Lecture on "Inbreeding," by Mr. W. Blakey, at 8. All fanciers and friends invited.—H. Schofield.
Hyson Green C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Cricket Players', 8. Annual show business.—A. E. Garton.
Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Congregational School, 8. Arrangements for members' shows, allotting of specials.—W. E. Whitley.
Lancashire C.A.—Nov. 28, Littleborough Show Room, 6. Medal business.—W. Adams.
Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Nov. 28, Littleborough, Show, 6. General business. Meeting place to be announced on cage of winning Clear Cap Gold.—J. Rukin.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 5, Miners' Hall, 6. Table show, Redpolls, Common Hens, and Borders. Birds to be staged 6.30. Judge, Mr. W. Clark.—J. Pollock.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 1, White Swan Hotel. Commencement of table shows. Schedule will be sent to each member.—C. Draper.
Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 1, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Smoking Concert, under the direction of Mr. E. S. Lugg, and distribution of specials.—H. Thos. Lucas.
Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 28. Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Re specials in schedule; should any member have any special for schedule, will they kindly attend.—D. John.
Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for Local and Members' show, and judge for same.—W. Jenkins.
Nelson C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Bull Hotel, 8. Final show business and entering of birds (last date).—J. England.
Newcastle C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Paying members' prize money.—Curry and Hutchinson.
Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Nov. 28, Danix Temperance Bar, Porth, 7.30. Final arrangements for Open Show.—R. G. Challenger.
Provincial Roller C.C.—Nov. 28, Bury Open Contest, Textile Hall, Bury, 6.30. Schedule and placing of specials for Jan. Open Contest.—W. Whittaker.
Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. — Dec. 3. Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show of Brit. and For. Birds and judging competition; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.
Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 30, Club, 8. Committee Meeting.—J. Butterworth.
Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Election of officers, etc. — Lindsay and Bingham.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Headquarters. 7.30. Table Show of Nor. Birds to be staged before 8.15. Judge, Mr. Coulson.—J. C. Spilsbury.
Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Leeds Hotel, 8.—J. W. Lowes.
Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Adelphi Inn. Distribution of members' specials, etc.—W. Ridge.
Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Dec. 1, Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, 8. Paper will be given on "The Principal Properties of the Various Seeds."—F. Bowerman.

Awards numbers 2 and 3 in the Novice Norwich Marked, etc., cock class in the Metropolitan Show report should read: 2, Sawyer, junr.; and 3, Hamer; and not vice versa, writes Mr. Sawyer, junr.

Mr. P. H. Harris, London, W.C., writes complimenting us upon the very moderate charges we have instituted for our "Portrayal of Prize-winners" scheme, and thinks that we should be kept very busy booking orders for it. He also suggests that a small account written by the owner of the bird giving previous wins, exhibits, etc., would add immensely to the interest and success of the idea. It has been our intention all along to cover this suggestion. We should like every exhibitor who contemplates having his bird sketched under this principle to bear in mind that he will be entitled to a brief notice of the bird's wins on the lines suggested by Mr. Harris.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions;—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.**

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor. "Cage Birds."** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids **G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., I.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires. Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Doubt and Hope.

"Doubtful."—It is not at all unlikely the bird your friend bought for a cock, and which you evidently thought last season was a "wrong 'un," is of the right gender after all. It might have been a late hatched bird, and consequently had little or no opportunities of learning its song before your friend purchased it, and being kept entirely isolated from all other birds would account for its neither singing nor laying this last season. The fact that now you have it, and keep it where it has the society of other birds, and it has begun to twitter so soon, is rather strong proof of its being a cock. It is nothing unusual for a hen, kept under the conditions of this one in the past season not to lay an egg all through the year.

What is wrong?

A. A K.—If you had described some of the bird's symptoms, and said how you fed it, and where it was kept, it would have been much more satisfactory than simply saying the bird is suffering from inflammation, and asking for a remedy. You do not even say where the inflammation is—in bowels, lungs, or elsewhere. Under these circumstances it would be folly to attempt to recommend any definite treatment. You had better write again, and give the information asked for, and in the meantime you can probably do no harm by limiting it to a diet of plain Canary seed, with a small piece of bread and milk daily, and give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and twenty drops of brandy in the drinking water each day. Keep it comfortably warm and free from draught. As regards the other bird which you say wheezes, but appears in full health and vigour, I do not think there can be much seriously wrong with it. Keep it free from chills, as well as the other one, just comfortably warm, and for two or three days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its water, and follow up this with ten drops of glycerine, and fine each of syrup of squills, tincture of tolu, and ipecacuanha wine in the drinking water every second day for a week or so Give a few grains of linseed three times a week for a fortnight.

Treatment of Stock Birds.

E.S.B.—Now the moult is quite finished and you have decided upon the stock for next season's breeding, you cannot do better than turn into the flights those you do not intend showing, so as to give them as much space for exercise as possible. Of course, you must keep the sexes separate, and if you can keep them in separate rooms, or, any way, out of sight of each other, so much the better. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and twice a week give separately a little summer rape, allowing about half a teaspoonful per bird, once or twice a small teaspoonful of egg food per bird, or, if you desire more changes, once a week egg food as just named, or an equal quantity of crushed sponge cake, and once a small piece of bread sopped in milk. On each of the other days in each week give a scrap of green food or some kind of ripe fruit as a substitute. Now and again you may throw in just the least sprinkling of hemp, or a few short oats, rolled oats, or split groats. As a rule the plainer the diet, as long as it is a suitable one, the better the general health and stamina of the stock. The last-named items are in reality more suited for the young stock of the large heavy breeds than for general use

Mating for Colour.

X.Y.Z.—See reply to another querist about introducing cinnamon blood to improve colour in Norwich, in which breed there is unquestionably any amount of pure material to meet all demands for colour breeding. But you do not make it very clear whether the bird in question was bred off a cinnamon-marked Norwich cock or a pure cinnamon. If the former there would be little or no objection to breeding with it if it has a sufficiency of typical Norwich qualities, and the clear yellow hen you suggest as a mate for him will be quite the best thing you can do. One that fails in natural colour, even if a little coarse in feather, will form the best mate.

Loss of Feathers.

"Jelly."—Your bird which you wish to show later on should have a half teaspoonful of egg and colour food at once, and continue it daily for a week, and afterwards give it three times a week until the tuft of feathers just lost in a squabble are well through again. You should have begun giving the colour from the day they were lost, in order to ensure their coming again the same colour. In fact, as a precaution against the occasional loss of stray feathers during the course of the season, a little colour food should be given about once a week right through the season. If no feathers should be lost to require renewal this trivial amount of colour will not do the very slightest amount of harm, though it probably assists in keeping the original tone of colour up to concert pitch as it were.

Growth on Thigh.

An Old Reader.—It is impossible to say what is the nature of the growth without seeing it. If, as you suggest, it is a congenital deformity—"an extra thigh" as you term it—it must have been there when hatched, and it certainly seems strange it should never have been noticed until after the moult had taken place. You do not say whether the bird's health is affected in any way, so I presume it is not seriously affected. If may very probably be an abortive feather growth, which has developed during the moult, and may dry up, and drop off of its own accord in a few months. In any case I would strongly advise you not to interfere with it without more definite knowledge of its real character. If the bird's health is in no way affected, leave it entirely alone; but if the contrary is the case, and the bird is a valuable one, get a veterinary surgeon, or your medical man, to look at it and advise you how to act.

A Healthy Squeaker.

F. W.—I can hardly understand your bird being troubled with a continuous squeaky noise in its throat all day, which, curiously enough, disappears at night, the bird being yet apparently in the best of health, and capable of holding its own in company with any other. One thing is pretty certain: it is not troubled with asthma, nor, I think, with anything very serious. As you think it is a cock, which is probably correct, are you quite sure the noise is not a kind of subdued twittering song, which may sound like a squeaky noise at a little distance, but would be recognised as a twittering if listened to near at hand? If this surmise is not correct, I should say the bird is rather plethoric from feeding too well. Try effect of limiting its diet to plain Canary seed only for a fortnight, and giving as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its drinking water three times a week during the time, and a fair-sized spray of watercress every second day.

A Trio.

S. Wood.—1. If you want to breed with the odd Roller cock next season it would do it no harm to let it have a few weeks in the flight with the other cocks. It would only help to strengthen and invigorate it. But you would almost certainly find its song deteriorate, assuming it is a trained singer, and as you would not be able to keep the cocks together more than a couple of months or so from now, you will have to decide whether it is worth while taking this risk, or keeping the bird caged for its song during the next few weeks. 2. Common Rollers bred in cold room and brought up without any attempt whatever at coddling would succeed well enough in an outdoor aviary with British birds, but you must not expect them to retain any pretence to high-class singing abilities. In all probability they will deteriorate into just ordinary common song birds. 3. German paste is an old-fashioned and, in the main, utterly unsuitable, food for softbilled birds. Its value as a food for Canaries is entirely of a negative kind. I do not think it is ever given to them, and if it was I am sure the results would soon be disastrous if they ate it.

Panting and Colour-food.

"Ga Volt."—1. The Finch mixture in conjunction with colour food is sufficient to ruin the health of the hardiest Canary when caged, and is doubtless largely the cause of the bird's illness, although I suspect the bird has been exposed to some draught or a variable temperature, which has upset the normal course of the moult. Keep it in an equable and comfortable temperature, free from draught, and as a staple diet give plain Canary seed only. Twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and twice a week, half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Every day give a sprig of green food, and give no other food at all as long as it is having the soft food with colour feed, which, of course, you will continue to give in addition to the above until the moult is quite finished. In the drinking water give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, with pure water on the alternate days. The next week give four drops of tincture of steel in the water every second day, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. Then go back to the first week, and repeat the two week's treatment over again. 2. As regards your query about colour feeding being detrimental, and lowering the bird's chance of life it can only be so when improperly carried out with impure materials and an excess of hot pepper. Pure tasteless pepper, without any admixture of hot pepper, or with only a small trivial proportion, may safely be regarded as absolutely harmless to the health of a bird.

Paint and Choice of Breed.

M.J.T.—1. If properly done the painting and varnishing are in no wise injurious. It is only when the work is badly done and common or improper materials are used that it can be objectionable. Any good hard drying paint or oil enamel laid on thinly, the surface of the wood being nicely smoothed beforehand, and two or three coats given instead of one (each coat being allowed to dry before the next is put on) may be used with perfect safety. If a shiny surface is required a coat of oil varnish may be given as a finish. Varnish, however, I consider out of place inside a cage, as the shiny surface detracts a good deal from the appearance of the bird occupants. The plumage shows up much better against a dull lustreless background. 2. Your desire for a softer singer than the Norwich would be most fully met by breeding Rollers, but they have no "beauty points" whatever apart from their song; so only half of your requirements are met. The Yorkshire, upon the whole, would perhaps suit you best. It is quite a high-class bird, and its song is not quite so harsh as the Norwich, but the difference is not so very striking. The Border Fancy has also many beauties of its own, is a trim little bird, and a softer singer. It may be described as an edition de luxe of the German, with a greater variety of markings thrown in. The Lizard, a dark-coloured bird with beautifully spangled plumage, might also suit you, but is a very difficult breed for a beginner to take up with on account of the difficulty of breeding a perfectly marked bird. You could get just an ordinary pair of any of these varieties, matched for breeding, for 25s. or 30s., but for really good birds of known strain you may have to give £4 or £5 for a pair, or even more.

Growths on Foot.

F. C. E. Murray.—The growths appear to be almost entirely enlarged scales, which are frequently a cause of temporary lameness in birds which have reached the age of yours. The small substances underneath the front claw may be small accumulations of dirt and sand from the cage floor which have adhered to the foot and grown hard, or merely a thickening of the skin due to age. Catch the bird gently, having first got ready a little olive oil made very warm by holding the bottle containing it in hot water, or standing a small shallow vessel containing it in a saucer of hot water, so that you can hold the bird's foot in the oil whilst it is being kept warm—as warm as can be comfortably borne with the finger. Wash the foot quite clean in warm water, dry carefully on a soft rag, and hold the foot immersed in the warm oil for a few minutes, and occasionally help it to work its way well into the cracks around the horny scales; then as it does so gradually work off the hard horny scale without causing any bleeding. If carefully done the scales will come away when sufficiently softened without much difficulty, when the foot may be carefully dried, and slightly smeared with a little cold cream or pure vaseline. Be careful not to do it too rapidly or too much at a time and thus cause the claw to bleed.

Roller in a Bad Way.

G. B.—Your feeding leaves much to be desired, and is doubtless partly responsible for the bird's serious condition, though its age and the place where it is kept may also have something to do with it. On the latter points however, you say nothing. Keep it in a fairly warm place, where the temperature is not extremely variable, and quite free from draughts. Keep cage quite clean, and well strewn with clean, gritty sand, and let it be a fair sized box cage. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as a staple, and give separately twice a week a few grains only of hemp, and three times a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it each time. Every second day give a small spray of watercress, or a scrap of banana, or some similar ripe fruit, and, if you have any, a mealworm on each alternate day would be most beneficial. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day only, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food by the same means. Then discontinue the medicine for a week, and give pure water during this interval, after which, if it appears necessary, begin again and give the same medicine for another week or fortnight Continue until the bird seems quite well; then go on to the ordinary general diet.

Breeding Mealworms.

C. B Morgan.—Get a wooden box, not less than six or eight inches deep, and of any size to suit your convenience; make all the joints secure from warpings, and close enough to prevent the very tiny young worms from escaping. Make the lid fit closely for same reason. Some breeders also nail a narrow strip of tin around the top of the sides and ends on the inside to prevent the worms creeping to the top, but this I never found of much practical use. Half fill the box with sundry scraps and cuttings of old flannels and woollens, pour in sufficient bran and various meals to cover the bottom to a depth of a couple of inches, turn in fifty or a hundred mealworm beetles (this is the quickest method of getting a stock of your own), or a few hundreds of worms; fasten down the lid, and keep the box in a fairly warm place. Every few weeks the box should be opened to see if more food is required, and at these times a few solitary drops of water may be scattered about the top. Do not, however, add any appreciable moisture, and never put in any kind of animal substances. In about twelve months you will have mealworms of your own raising. It is very slow work starting a supply. Some of the largest and fattest mealworms, by the bye, I ever saw, I raised myself on coarsely ground oats, husk and meal thrown in box altogether as the only food.

Rollers Not Rolling.

G. W.—Your diet is all wrong, and is quite sufficient to ruin the health as well as the song of any Canary. Still, irrespective of this, I am inclined to think your birds are two hens. Keep cages clean and see they are quite free from red mites. Do not keep them too near the fire by day, or they will miss it too much in the small hours of the morning. At the same time find a place for them where they will be tolerably comfortable and away from all draught. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, separately, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, well mixing four drops of sherry with the latter each time you give it for the next three or four weeks. Give a small sprig of watercress two or three times a week. Give nothing else in the way of food for the next three or four months. In the drinking water for two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after that four drops of tincture of steel in the water twice a week for a fortnight. If they do not make any pretence at singing after a month of this treatment, I should say they are certainly hens. It would, of course, be an advantage if you could let them hear a good singer. If they are cocks the tuition will do them good as well as incite them to emulation, and if they should prove to be hens no harm will have been done.

Bird Fainting.

Novice.—This is due solely to a highly-strung nervous condition, and nothing you can do in the way of administering drugs will be of the slightest benefit. A good many Canaries are affected in this way more or less, and when it gets excessive, as it is in your bird, there is always a certain risk of the bird dying suddenly from fright when anything is being done about it. The best thing you can do is to gradually accustom the bird to seeing you near its cage, and, at first, just lightly touch the cage very often with the tip of your finger, every now and again leaving a tiny scrap of tempting green food behind, and when the bird takes no notice of the touch, and appears to look out for the tit-bit, gradually go on to take more and more liberties with the cage. When you are going to clean its cage first hang a tempting spray of watercress in the wire, and let him begin to eat it, or hold a spray in your lips for him to see whilst you clean it, and when replacing the sand tray, put a few grains of hemp or inga on the sand for him to see as the tray goes in. Never do anything about his cage in a hurried, flurried, or noisy manner. Go about everything with method and quietness, and "tweet" to him, trying to get him interested in your doings. I once had a Yorkshire affected almost as badly as your is, and tamed it for a pet. Once it got over its nervousness it was most fearless.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Trio.

Sambo.—1. The seed sample you send is not English rape, which is much larger and black in colour. It seems to me like a very decent sample of German summer (sweet) rape. English rape is bitter to the taste. Charlock, a common substitute, is hot (mustardy) to the taste, and the husks have a shiny appearance. 2. It is a very good plan to let would-be Hybrid couples run together through the winter. 3. The hen Chaffinch has been known to breed with the cock Bramblefinch when in captivity, not though, in a cage, so far as I know, but in a fair-sized aviary.

A Good Chaffinch.

Bob.—I agree that your Chaffinch is a "good" bird to be so nice and quiet and take to captivity so kindly—I hope he is good in every sense of the word. Anyway, you have a bargain at ninepence. If a Chaffinch is not worth that, when in good plumage, then he is worth nothing at all. I can't recommend you to take the advice of the friend who told you to "give him some hemp seed." A little now and again is all very well, but hemp is not good as a regular thing—sunflower is much better. Let the stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three parts each, linseed, sunflower, summer rape, and charlock one part each. Maw, wild seed mixture, niger, thistle, dandelion, etc., can be given now and again, as a treat, with a mealworm or two every day or so. A little ripe fruit is often relished. I have never found Chaffinches very keen on green food, personally, though sometimes they'll nibble at a sprig. All sorts of live foods (flies, etc.) they delight in.

The Blackcap Warbler.

Blackie.—I think the price asked is very moderate, and as the Blackcap Warbler is in song you should certainly close the deal. They are not at all difficult to keep, providing only that their food is of good quality, and fairly well varied. The change of cage and situation would be sure to send him off song for a few days at least. The stock food should be that I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs, two parts. dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.) one can possible obtain as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes. Remember that the Blackcap is passionately fond of fruit, which should enter freely into its dietary, either mixed with the soft food or, preferably, hung up in the cage, or wires, or given in a separate dish.

Russian & Siberian Goldfinches.

Putney.—I thought it would not be long before the annual query turned up relating to the treatment of foreign Goldfinches—the season has commenced. Your bird cannot be a genuine Siberian if it is so very little larger than an English Goldie—the real bird looks fully twice as big. No doubt you have a Russian; it is a bit early yet for Siberians. These foreign Goldfinches appreciate the same seeds and delicacies as our British Finch, but need indulging less freely with fattening, stimulating foods—especially so during hot weather. A good stock mixture now would be hemp and teazle, three parts each, canary two parts, and linseed one part, with just a slight sprinkling of charlock and summer rape. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary)—not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. Thistles, hardheads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, wild seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate experience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a waterhole, much more should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Ingn (niger) seed is their staple food during importation, and they must have an unlimited supply of this, and maw seed, at first. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give it at once a dose of sulphate of soda for one day; as much as will lie on a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Repeat the day after, if necessary. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron and quinine crystals, as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

Colour in Finches.

Colonel.—Yun must not hastily assume that the exceptionally rich-coloured Goldfinches and Bullfinches you see on the show benches have been colour fed. As a matter of fact, colour-feeding has been rather to mar than to benefit a show Goldie. All the winners are birds selected originally because they were unusually brilliant in colour—a great point, this, in the making of a show-bird. Then, if they start to moult early, and finish in good time, and are well fed and tended, they are certain to retain this brilliancy (often in a more highly-polished form), after moulting in captivity. They improve appreciably in size, too; though here, again, it may be said that large birds are looked for in the first place. Plenty of wild seeds will help the Goldie to get "up in colour"; and the same, with a liberal addition of berries (black, privet, rasp, mountain ash, etc.), the Bullie. Some birds, of course, are given colour-food mixed among crushed seed.

Blackbird with Fits.

A.E.—Weakness is in all probability the cause of the fits, and the weakness is due to the improper fare provided for the bird. Dry bread is no earthly use as a food to keep a Blackbird in health; and even the other food you mention requires supplementing with other things. Unless you improve the bird's diet, you cannot hope to improve its health. Put a small teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food in its drinking water daily for three weeks or so. A really first-class way to feed either Blackies or Thrushes is to give this stock mixture, which any good seller of bird foods will mix for you (store it in time): Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. Blackbeetles and snails (especially snails dropped into boiling water for a few minutes, then chopped up) are much relished.

Brevities.

In Same Room (A. Wilson).—One can never tell what individual birds may or may not do. My own experience, however, teaches me that it is invariably bad policy to have cock and hen of the same species in the same room, when paired to mates of another species.

What Bird? (T. Booker).—I should say your bird is simply a Lesser Redpoll with a tendency towards albinism. Redpolls, with more or less white feathers in their plumage, are not at all uncommon. I have seen several this season, including one with an all-white head.

Stock Food (Mavis).—For stock seed mixture, follow advice given "A Novice" this week.

Goldfinch Ailing (Perplexed).—Let the bird be in a fairly large cage by himself, and treat as advised "J. W. Saywell" this week, when, I think, you will find him brighten up again.

What Bird? (C. Hawker).—I think your bird must be the Hedge Accentor (commonly known as the Hedge Sparrow)—a bird many people are unfamiliar with. It is insectivorous, and should be fed on the lines advised "Blackie" this week; a little Canary seed is eaten with relish now and again.

All Together (W. Beal).—Am sorry, but I cannot hold out much hope of the successful breeding of Goldfinches, Linnets, and the like, in a spare room, all flying together. Your better plan would be to restrict the hens to Canaries, though a Bullie hen or two would be admissible.

A Hind Toe (Enquirer).—If you take off the hind toe, the bird will still be unable to grip the perch properly; its three front toes will simply slide off it. Get a piece of rubber tubing from a chemist (such as is used for feeding bottles), and run a small piece of this over the front toes, leaving the back toe inside—that is, carry it up the leg at the back. Leave this on for at least a fortnight, and when cut away, possibly the toe may then keep in its proper place.

A Question of Sex (A.L.N.).—They may all three be hens. To make absolutely certain of a cock Lesser Redpoll, an example with a red breast should be obtained.

Goldfinch Ailing (J. W. Saywell).—In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, dissolve a small teaspoonful of citrate of magnesia (get an ounce or so from the chemist). Leave this on until bowels have been well moved, then in the same quantity of water give a small teaspoonful of best whisky or brandy daily, for two or three days. Let him have plenty of niger, maw, and thistle seeds to eat.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Moping and Sick.

L. F.—I do not remember details of your previous query, but the symptoms you give all point to the bird having been improperly dieted. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food. If she will not eat sufficient of the dry seed mixture, give her a little maize daily, boiled till you can smash it between your fingers (leave it whole), strain all water away and soak into it half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water and after an interval of two days repeat the dose. Do not leave the water in the cage, but offer it at intervals of say every two hours, and on each occasion permit it to have a good, but not excessive, drink. Seed mixture for the present: Canary and white millet, two parts each, oats, and hemp one part each, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage; also a piece of cuttle-fish. Also supply at intervals ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit and a little sponge cake may be given. Note.—Under any circumstances give the boiled maize for a month, or even a little longer; it only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be scalded out for each occasion. If the bird gets very weak, a few sips of chilled water containing two or three drops of brandy or whisky will act as a useful stimulant. While I do not say the case is hopeless, much care will be needed if you are to save the bird. Keep it warm (not hot or too dry heat) and out of draught, and it probably will slowly recover condition.

Procuring Gouldian Finches.

P. H. Sellars.—There are very few, if any Gouldian Finches on the public market at the present time, and though I know of several aviculturists who have bred these birds I am rightly not permitted to mention any special dealer or breeder; you will readily see the force of this. Put an advert in our columns "Wanted, Gouldian Finches," and it would be almost certain to catch the eye of some of the above, and if they are disposed to part, you would hear from them. Am afraid the only way I can give you more definite advice is through the post; for conditions see rules. I hope you will have luck with your new hobby. You would find Masked, Long-tailed and Ruficne-tailed Grass-finches very handsome and interesting, though not so showy as the Gouldian Finches. The three first are perhaps the most robust species, and consequently the better for a beginner, that is if you are a novice at bird keeping.

Macaw in Moult.

W. A. N.—Before I can give you a definite reply you must repeat your query and tell me how you have been feeding and treating the bird generally. In the meantime, for one day only, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let it have nothing else to drink but this for one day, follow this, that is the next day and onwards, by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's chemical food. Spray the parts of its plumage that it is in the habit of pulling, with quassia solution every other day, choosing the middle portion of the day to do this, and keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. The quassia will make the plumage distasteful and possibly check the feather pulling. Try and keep it occupied with, say, cotton reels, piece of branch, also a piece of cuttle-fish; it will probably chew up and toss these about and forget its plumage. If you supply the information asked for above I will try and help you further.

Amazon Parrot Query.

Anxious.—There are very few Blue-fronts that do not talk to some extent; continue to make a fuss of it, handle it often, talk to it in a general way regularly (drop the constant repetition method for a time), keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, in fact have it in your midst as much as possible. It will at any rate be almost one by itself if it does not utter a few words ultimately. The seed diet is more wholesome than the soft food; the usual seed mixture (as advised in this column), with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little green food will suffice to keep it in health. As it is a young bird, it will assist it to develop if you make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's chemical food for a couple of months, or even longer, giving it clear water, say once a week. If there is any constipation, making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day will give relief. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Breeding Moustache Parrakeets.

G. G.—I have heard quite talented talkers of this genus, and also others which did nothing but whistle a little and utter an occasional squawk. There is no reason why yours should not prove a talker if you take pains with it; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, yet not where it will get scared every now and again by rapid movements in its vicinity; also teach it by constantly repeating to it short words and phrases, but you must keep at one word or phrase and not vary them till each is learned—there is no royal road, only patience and perseverance with training these birds. Your birds may be immature and may not attempt to breed for a couple of years. Give them a large cage and a small barrel or suitable size log nest, but I fear you stand little chance of success unless you can give them an aviary large enough for them at any rate to take a short fly, fix up a couple of nesting receptacles and watch with what patience you can for the birds to make use of them. Put out in the spring; they can be left out of doors all the year round. As regards diet the following mixture: Canary, hemp, maize, oats, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds, with ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little green food will suffice to keep them fit all the year round; cuttle-fish, grit and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied.

Lovebirds and Parrakeets.

"Diogenes."—(1) Blue-winged Lovebirds, or more properly Passerine Parrakeets are certainly probable breeders in either indoor or outdoor aviaries, but they do not breed with the same freedom as Budgerigars; in fact the records of their breeding in captivity are comparatively few and far between, but I know of one instance of their rearing young to maturity in a comparatively small cage in a bird-room. (2) I never use saw-dust; it is not necessary if your nesting receptacles have concave bottoms, with the lowest part of same in the middle of the bottom of nest log, box, or barrel. I consider the very best nesting receptacle for a Rosella or similar size Parrakeet is a 4-gallon barrel, well cleaned out and hung up longitudinally. Of course if you use flat bottomed boxes you had better use a depth of say about three-quarters of an inch of sawdust, but even then some of the eggs will get from under the bird and spoil. It matters little whether they are under cover or in the open, I should supply both, and let them make their choice, but the boxes in the open must be weather-proof and the top should over-hang sufficiently to keep out driving rain, etc.

Procuring a Grey.

H. L. A.—You are quite right in your assumption; those poor birds which are fed on a bit of everything either come to an untimely end, or become miserable dyspeptics, and feather eaters. I cannot recommend special advertisers, so I am in a bit of difficulty to give you a definite answer. (1) Of course during cold weather, if it has to come a distance, the journey is rather a risk, yet this risk is taken all through the winter by birds going to and from shows, but these are packed under very best conditions, so unless you can get a good bird locally I should say wait till spring. (2) I can only refer you to advertisement columns, and say, do not buy a bird till you have seen it and have it on deposit system, and insist on a week's approval. Do not be tempted to buy a bird that has been improperly fed, however fit it looks; the mischief is there though latent, and the change of quarters and journey may be quite sufficient to put it in action. (3) The only Parrot I keep indoors is a Hawkheaded Caique, it is in the recess by fire place, and on the opposite side of the room to window, in the corner of the recess farthest from fire. Your bird, in my opinion, died (I am not questioning the P.M. in the least) from the effects of the insanitary conditions of importation, such infection often remains latent for several weeks before becoming apparent. This is the difficulty, with getting young greys, you lose several before you manage to get one established. If I have not met your need—it is the best I can do in this column—you must repeat query, and have a reply per post.

Keeping Budgerigars Outdoors.

J. M. P.—(1) It is poor policy to overcrowd, or even to fill up your accommodation to begin with. If you have any luck with the birds, and you are full up, some of the young get maltreated because they are "treading" on one another's toes" as it were. I should advise not more than three pairs to begin with, and procure each from a different source; then the progeny of the respective pairs would be unrelated, and could be safely left to interbreed without any fear of deterioration of stock. Why not put in a pair of Rosellas with your Budgerigars? (2) Hall's washable distemper is about the best in my opinion, and a pale sea green shows up most species of birds, as well as any, and this is what I advise. (3) Of course newly imported birds cannot be put into an outdoor aviary at this time of year, but if you get your stock from various out-door aviaries as you see them advertised, they are better without artificial heat than with it. However as you are establishing your stock, there can be no harm in your using a little heat the first winter, but do not raise it above 50 degrees F. by artificial means.

Brevities.

Bicheno's Finch (F. T.).—I fear the particulars I can give are very meagre, but I will try and get you fuller particulars. This charming, but delicate (when first imported) little Finch is named after James Ebenezer Bicheno. Who shall say how a name should be pronounced? Rightly or wrongly I have always called these chaste little birds Bich en o Finches!

What Bird? (W. Baker).—I confess to being completely "tied up" with your description; could you make a rough diagram (no matter how rough) showing the approximate shape and bulk of the bird, getting shape of bill as near as you can? Then mark in patches the colour areas, either lettering the various patches, or drawing a line from each extending outside the diagram, at end of which place name of colour. I should say it was some very uncommon species, but if you will kindly supply diagram I shall be able to get over the difficulty.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Special Prize (R. Ellwood).—No doubt the money prizes were referred to. These specials seem always to give secretaries trouble. Why not drop a postcard direct to the secretary concerned in your particular case?

Question of Carriage (E. Wade).—Under the circumstances described, we do not quite see how you can be held liable for the carriage on the outward journey.

Evesham Show (E. M. B.).—We are very much obliged to you. A report had, however, been arranged for.

Husk Catchers (A. Spencer).—This matter was fully dealt with in our issue of October 31st last.

Photographs (C. J. Mulligan).—Shall be pleased to receive the photographs, and to publish one of them if suitable for reproduction in our columns.

Dead Birds (A Working Man).—Like many other readers, you do not seem to understand that the law of libel obtaining in this enlightened country will not permit the publication of letters such as the one you send. Further, for birds delivered dead, you are entitled to claim up to 5/- each from the railway company. Whether the birds were dead when packed is not a matter we can decide; the railway company must look after its own interests.

Value of Special Prize (F. Myers).—We think this is a matter which concerns only yourself and the society. It is difficult to see how the latter can be blamed for something given by a third party, and which probably was never seen until the time came for despatching it. Why not voice your feelings direct to the secretary?

A Dinner (H. W. Cook).—We should think the best step you could take would be to write direct to your fellow secretaries, and let them bring your proposal to the notice of their members.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Ruthin.—December 10th in the Town and Market Halls.—Judge, Mr. H. Tams.—12 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 1, Non-fed 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Pet bird 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close December 5th (first post) to J. M. WILLIAMS, Brynhyfryd.

Grimsby (C.B.U.).—December 3rd, in the King's Hall, Cleethorpe Road.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.—26 open classes: Nor. 6, and 3 Novice; Yorks. 2, and 2 Novice; Crest 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, and Novice 1, Sell 2, Gift 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 28th, to H. EMERSON, 129, Farebrother Street.

Kilmarnock (Scot.C.C., Scot.N.F.C., B.F.C.C.).—December 4th and 5th, in the Art Gallery Halls, London Road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Webster, D. Holden, J. M'Lay, A. M'Farlane, T. M'Creadic, and P. Pettigrew.—62 open classes: Scot. 10, Crest 6, Nor. 12, Bord. 9, Brit. 11, Mule 4, For. 3, Gift 1, Sell 6. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- and specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close November 28th to J. B. Y. MURNOCH, 9, Burnside Street.

Lanark (confined to upperward of Lanarkshire).—December 5th, in Shand's Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and G. Hislop.—29 classes: Scot. 8, Bord. 11, Nor. 2, Crest 2, Brit. 3, Mule 2, For. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 6d. Entries close to J. CLARK, Delves Terrace.

Ulster (U.K.B.C.A., N.P.C.C. of Ireland, Y.C.C. of Ireland).—Dec. 4 and 5, in the Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast.—Judges, Messrs. J. Arnott and W. Mundell.—47 classes (open to Ireland only, except Belgians, open to the United Kingdom): Belg. 1, Scot. 10, Nor. 9, Crest 4, Yorks. 10, Sell. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 28 to R. TRIMBLE, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

Leeds Roller (B.R.C.C.).—December 11th and 12th, in the Temperance Society's Rooms, 16, New York Street.—Judges, Messrs. T. W. Walton and F. Oldroyd.—4 classes: 1 Young Birds, 2, Open, 3, Amateur, and 4 Novice. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Cups, Medals and Specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 7th, to T. CARTER, 16, Recreation Row, Holbeck, Leeds.

West Herts. (C.B.U.).—Dec. 8, in the Clarendon Hall, Watford.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—28 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 12, For. 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 28 to CLEM. WATSON, 77, Paddock Road, Bushey.

Altrincham (C.B.U., G.C.A.).—Dec. 5, in the British Schools, Oxford Road.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and C. Houlton.—31 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Greens 8, Bord. 4, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 1, and 38 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 30 to T. HARRISON, Altriucham Aviaries, 4, Shaw's Lane.

Carmarthen (C.B.U.).—December 15th, Provision Market.—Judge, Mr J. Robson.—24 open classes: Crest, 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 4, Bord. 4, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, local Can. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For 1, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 3rd, to JACK FRANCIS, The Mount.

Chester (C.B.U.).—Dec. 9, Corn Exchange, Eastgate Street. Judge, Mr. A. Welkings. 10 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, and 40 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 5 (first post) to A. J. REN, Abbey Buildings.

Canterbury (open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex).—Dec. 9 and 10, Lower Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 38 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks. 7, Bord. 2, Liz. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Col. fed Can. 1, local Novice Can. 1, Sell. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Dec. 2 to J. W. SARGEANT, 25, St. Peter's Street.

St. Helens (C.B.U., N.B.B., and M.C.).—Dec. 10, 11 and 12, in the Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. F. Hills.—42 open classes: Belg. 1, Scot. 2, Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Lancs. 1, Bord. 3, Cinn. 1, Liz. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 1, and 15 members' classes. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Dec. 5 to A. GOODALL, 73, Corporation Street.

Burton-on Trent (C.B.U., F.B.C.).—Dec. 5, in the Staffordshire Knot Auction Rooms, Station Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and R. J. Howe.—29 open classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 2, Dutch Frill 1, A.O.V. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 4, Sell. 1, and 3 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 30 to KIRKLAND AND HADLEY, 299, Princess Street.

Thornton.—Dec. 12, in the Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. A. Paterson, J. Adams, and A. W. Watson.—48 open classes: Scot. 8, Crest 4, Nor. 10, Bord. 8, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 1, Common 2 (1 local), Sell. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 5 to JAS. MOYES, Belmont House.

Castle-Douglas.—Dec. 12, in the Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay.—24 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 5 to J. C. BURNIE, 2, Carlingwark Cottages.

Harrogate.—Dec. 5.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.—26 open classes: Yorks. 7, and 4 Novice, Nor. 5, and 2 Novice, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close to G. H. BARNWELL, 20, Colledge Road.

Widnes (C.B.U., E. and W. B.F.C.C., G.C.A.).—Dec. 18 and 19, in the Congregational Schools, Simm's Cross. Judges, Messrs. A. Welkings and C. Houlton.—36 open classes: Yorks. 8, and 2 Novice Nor. 9 and 2 Novice, Bord. 7, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, Gift 1, For. 1, and 33 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 12, to S. ANDREWS, 109, Mersey Road.

Whitburn (Glasgow and W.C.).—Dec. 12, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. A. Chalmers, J. Patterson, and P. Pettigrew.—40 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 5, Bord. 10, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 14, Mule 2, Sell. 5, For. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 8, to J. FORREST, 109, West Main Street.

Gateshead (C.B.U.).—Dec. 11 and 12.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, H. Bennet, Parker, Robinson, J. Trengove, and H. W. Battye.—78 open classes: Nor. 15, Crest 10, Pairs 2, Bord. 11, Yorks. 8, Scot. 3, Self. 6, Mule 4, Brit. 14, For. 4, Hyde's 1. Entries close Dec. 7, to TAYLOR and ROBSON, 68, Edward Street.

Llandilo-Fawr.—December 21st, at the Provision Market.—Judge, Mr. F. E. Thomas. 1 open foreign bird class. Prizes, 7/6, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 17th to F. EMERSON, George House, George Hill, Llandilo.

Tamworth (C.B.U.).—December 12th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Russell. 15 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Sell. 3, and 3 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close December 7th to G. SPENCER, 4, Aldergate.

Middleton (C.B.U.).—December 5th.—Judge, Mr. A. Donnelly. 8 open classes; Yorks. 3, Nor 3, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, and 18 members' classes. Entries close to H. THOMAS, 47, Wood Street West, Middleton, near Manchester.

Cupar.—December 5th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Black, T. Merrilees, J. Craig, C. Campbell, and J. Goodfellow.—45 open classes: Scot. 10, Nor. 8, Crest 5, Bord. 8, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2, and 2 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 30th to C. C. EDMOND, Junr., 57, Bonnygate, Cupar, Fife.

Welsh National (C.B.U., L. and P.O.S., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., G.C.A., W.C.B.C.).—December 10th and 11th, in the Albert Hall, Swansea. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries), and J. B. Evans (Sell, Hyb. Brit, and For.).—79 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks. 7, Greens 8, Cinn. 1, Lancs. 2, Liz. 2, Bord. 7, Scot. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Sell 4, Mule 10, Brit. 21, For. 3. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- and a long list of specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th, to R. J. TRUSCOTT, 27, Castle Street, Swansea.

FAVERSHAM.

Our section was not a large one at the show of the Ospringe and Faversham F.A., which was held in the Manor Hall on November 24th and 25th. Some very useful exhibits turned up, and the entry was fairly good. Messrs. H. C. Wright and J. Lambert were the members of the committee specially responsible for our section, and they attended to their duties well, whilst Mr. W. C. Bray made a most excellent secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl best in show, Lambert, very nice shaped, rich level-coloured bird of good feather; 2, Wm. Attaway, splendid shape and nice even colour; 3, Wraight, capital colour and feather, good shape; 4, Cornelius; hc, Allen. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Lambert, slashing clear, rare shape and feather, a variety of most excellent colour and quality, and a capital eye and wing marked; 4, hc, Coruelius; vhc, Allen; hc, Attaway. NON-FED (6): 1, 2, Attaway, two topping yellows, of rare shape and nice silky quality of feather; 3, vhc, he, c, Keen, variegated, buff, rare shape and quality. YORKS. (4): 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wraight, nice shapely stylish team, good feather. AV. (4): 2, vhc, Wright; 3, hc, Lambert, nice quartet of Nor., with very little between them. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (5): 2, Allen; 3, Lambert; 4, vhc, Wraight; hs, Attaway. MULE (4): 1, spl second best bird in show, Lambert, very high quality, dark Jonque Goldie, rare colour and marking; 2, withheld; 3, 4, vhc, Allen, nice buff Siskin-Canary, and a variegated buff Goldie. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, hc, spl, Allen, grand shaped, well marked, steady Chaffinch, and an equally good Goldie; 3, Beer, rare shaped Bullie, nice colour and marking; 4, Cornelius, pretty little Linnet, nice feather, and steady; vhc, Lambert. FOR. (5): 2, Keene, very large, rich coloured Amazon; 3, Allen, well marked, capitally feathered, and nice coloured Budgerigars; 4, Payne, nicely marked Cockatiel; vhc, Chambers; hc, Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SAID-TO-BE CANARY-CHAFFINCH MULE.

SIR,—I don't like asking for space in your valuable paper to reply to Mr. Verrall's twaddle re my bird, so I shall let the matter drop. But I will write you later and tell you what birds I have had fertile eggs from this season; perhaps it will open his eyes.

W. ANDREWS.

JUDGE BAITING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—At a recent metropolitan show, an exhibitor, who is fast attaining notoriety as a bad loser, surpassed himself. Exhibiting in five classes, he had been awarded two firsts, two seconds, three thirds, and special for second best bird in section. Getting second and third in one class, he, in the presence of many fanciers, somewhat irately demanded of the judge why the second bird was placed in front of the third? A quiet but convincing reason to everybody but himself was given. "I will never show under you again," quoth he. Should he go further and fare worse, what *will* happen to the unfortunate judge?

QUERIST.

A PUZZLE FOR OUR READERS.

Where Ought They to Compete?

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if some of our champion exhibitors will tell me what classes the following birds should be exhibited in:—No. 1, yellow cock, ticked both eyes; No. 2, yellow hen, marked on head and a feather in either side of tail; No. 3, yellow hen, slightly grizzled on both wings. The yellow cock was exhibited in the unevenly marked cock class, and the head and tail marked hen was shown in the unevenly marked hen class. But the judge said they were both in the wrong classes. The hen slightly grizzled on both wings was shown in the yellow ticked class, and the members came to the conclusion that if it is grizzled on both wings it is a ticked bird. The following was the classification:—1: Clear or ticked yellow cock, cinn. or green; 3: unevenly marked yellow cock, cinn. or green; 5: clear or ticked yellow hen, cinn. or green; 7: unevenly marked yellow hen, cinn. or green.

B. COOK.

Ravensthorpe.

BABY BRITISHERS AT LEYTON.

SIR,—Your correspondent in last week's CAGE BIRDS puts his question in "Twitterings" so pointedly that there is no evading a reply. The above class arrived at the show in charge of their fond Mamas, but, unfortunately for me, too late for competition. Now, sir, you cannot tell a good Crest-bred or a baby without handling (I object to the use of the word "nursing" on the part of your correspondent), and I claim to be experienced in handling both. Speaking from memory, the above exhibits were quite up to the high standard one expects to see at Leyton, and I had no difficulty in bracketing them equal first (in my mind, of course, for I did not take the mothers into my confidence). As I wended my way home I pondered on the wise dispensation that makes each baby born into this world better than its predecessor—it is ever the best baby in the world! May the Leyton babies grow up into good fanciers. I fancy your correspondent was not a disappointed exhibitor, but simply mad that he had nothing to compete in the same class. He has my sympathy.

J. S. CLARKE.

P.S.—This is my final and only reply on this subject. Fanciers who have written and telephoned please note!

LLANELLY SOCIETY AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 14th, a letter written by Mr. D. H. Tedstone, and what his object is I fail to understand, unless it be to damage the Llanelly Society. This is only one of many letter he has written to the Fancy Press about the great loss of birds he has sustained at various times, and that certain fanciers have helped him by lending him birds for breeding, and that now the Neath Committee has given him £1 1s. for his loss at their show. I have allowed his letters to pass without comment; but his continually bringing in Llanelly in all his communications calls, I think, for a reply. At the Llanelly show held last January, Mr. Tedstone entered his birds for competition. On his case being opened, one of his cages was found to be without a bird in it. Mr. D. A. S. Longden, the well-known judge and exhibitor, was the representative of the Welsh C.B. Club (of which Mr. Tedstone is the secretary) at the show. Mr. Longden, in his official capacity, assisted in unpacking the birds of the W.C.B. Club, and it was he who unpacked the birds belonging to Mr. Tedstone, when it was found that one cage contained no bird. I have received Mr. Longden's permission to use his name in making the above statement. The Secretary wired at once to Mr. Tedstone that one cage was empty, and received the following startling reply: "Is Mr. Beard, Llandrindod, at the show?" What that had to do with the missing bird is a problem we have so far failed to solve. The Llanelly Society is composed of fanciers who try and follow the old maxim, "Do unto others as you would like others to do unto you," and if the bird had been lost while in our charge we would have treated Mr. Tedstone fairly. Amongst Welsh exhibitors Mr. Tedstone's voluminous correspondence has become a by-word. Fearing that some of our English friends might think there was something wrong is my only reason for replying.

D. R. JONES.

Chairman, Llanelly C.B.S.

A YOUNG BIRD PROBLEM.

SIR,—Is there any means of telling a young bird that has been flighted and colour-fed from an old one? Can any reader say? This question is being asked, as at the last Plymouth show a protest was lodged against a Light Mule, shown as a 1908 bird, but which was colour-fed throughout, and which certainly gave it the appearance of an old bird. But the exhibitor said it was five months old, and he had flighted it himself. The Committee disallowed the protest, and awarded the cup to the bird in question, saying it was impossible to tell a young bird from an old one under such circumstances, and that the could only take the word of the exhibitor.

W. R.

THE FORTHCOMING (1909) CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. Acland's letter appears a day after the last Committee meeting prior to the publishing of the schedule for above show. I am most pleased to inform Mr. Acland and the public generally that the following extra classes have been added to the schedule for the Jubilee Show:—

CANARY SECTION:—Lancashire Plainhead, Novice; Lancashire Coppy, Novice; London Fancy, Open; Frills, Open.

BRITISH BIRD SECTION:—Bullfinch Hen; Yellowhammer; Chough; any other species Insectivorous or Seed-eating, Resident or Migratory, Birds larger than the Grey Wagtail and Wheatear (these birds now being ineligible to compete in the two preceding classes).

FOREIGN SECTION:—All species of Tanagers.

With the addition of the above classes, the schedule stands as at last National Show. The great contest between the Norwich Plainhead Club and Southern Norwich Plainhead Club will be held at this show, with four extra cash prizes in each of the eight classes, and no extra entrance fee.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

BIRDS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PURPOSELY "OVERLOOKED."

SIR,—I would like to call the attention of fanciers in and around the upperward of Lanarkshire, through the columns of your most valuable paper, to the treatment I received at Biggar Show on Nov. 21st. I sent two entries by the 7.30 a.m. train from Lanark on Saturday morning, which arrives in Biggar about 8.45 a.m., in plenty of time for judging, which was advertised to start at 10 o'clock. I went up in the afternoon to see the show, and what was my surprise to find that my birds had not been staged. I looked around the hall, which is by no means a large one, and could not find my box. I then went to the secretary and asked him if my birds had not arrived. He told me that he had not seen them, and that they must have went astray on the railway, as they had not come. I went to the station and enquired for my box; the clerk told me that it had arrived that morning and been taken along with eight others to the hall. I went back to the hall and there, sure enough, was my box, not 3 yards from the door. Now I come to the business I should like to have cleared up. As I packed my birds at 6.30 on Saturday morning, they had had nothing to eat or drink since dusk (say 5 p.m.) on Friday night, and it was close on 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon when I took them out of the box. If, as the secretary says, they had been overlooked, then they were without seed or water for 22 hours, a thing, sir, which I don't believe, as I stood beside them for over an hour after I had unpacked them, and they never attempted to drink or pick, which proves that the birds had been taken out of the box and allowed to feed. I called the attention of several gentlemen present to the fact, and they agreed with me that the birds had been feeding all right. Moreover, the bottoms of the cages were strewn with husks of seed, and I will take my oath that they were perfectly clean when I packed them. I don't blame the secretary for this, as he came and apologised and returned my entry fee. But I do say that if some of the Biggar fanciers are afraid of outside competition, the best thing they can do is to run a show confined to Biggar alone. That they then would be liable to swindle each other is the belief of JOHN REILLY, JUNR.

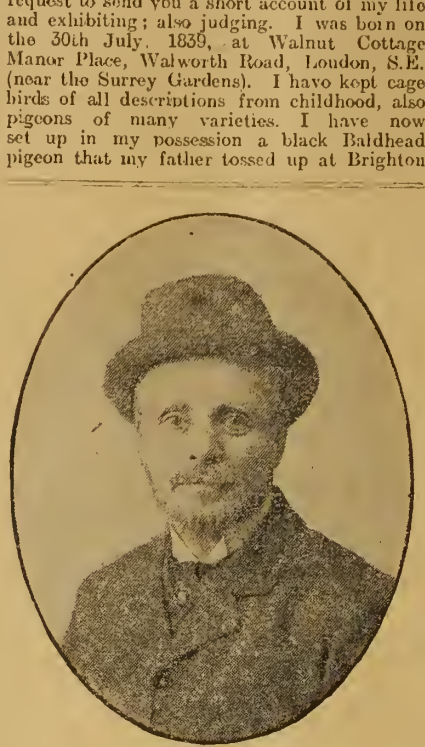
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RETIREMENT OF AN OLD, RESPECTED BRITISH BIRD JUDGE AND FANCIER.

Some Details of Mr. Cook's Career.

Last week we were called upon to announce the retirement of Mr. Sam Cook, one of our oldest and most respected lovers of British birds, and well-known as a judge. It gives us pleasure to put before readers a few details of his career, which have been very courteously supplied by Mr. Cook himself.—EDITOR.

SIR,—With pleasure I comply with your request to send you a short account of my life and exhibiting; also judging. I was born on the 30th July, 1839, at Walnut Cottage Manor Place, Walworth Road, London, S.E. (near the Surrey Gardens). I have kept cage birds of all descriptions from childhood, also pigeons of many varieties. I have now set up in my possession a black Baldhead pigeon that my father tossed up at Brighton



Mr. Sam Cook.

when I was about 12 years of age, and which a cat pounced upon and killed as soon as it returned home. I always kept an old loaded pistol ready to destroy cats; and as soon as the cat in this instance caught the pigeon, I shot it dead. Of course there was a bit of trouble over the matter, but, boy-like, I argued the cat should not have killed my pigeon; so the matter ended. At that time I worked with my father, who was a bricklayer, born in Walworth Road. I continued to do so until the Labour Strike commenced in 1859, when, as there was no work to be done, I applied to Sir R. Mayne, Metropolitan Police, for a position in the force, and on 18th June, 1860, I was appointed a police constable of the D Division—Station, Marylebone Lane. At the end of December, 1864, I was promoted to sergeant, and pensioned from that rank on 24th January, 1885, at the rate of £65 17s. 4d. per annum. So you see my bird craze was not my living, as some persons think it was. Not that there is any disgrace to belong to the Fancy, as some folks consider. On 10th January, 1871, I married, and moved into my present address in May, 1871. I had only one brother, named James, and he died in 1839, so readers of CAGE BIRDS will understand that the Cooks who are now exhibiting cage birds are no relations of mine, as has often been suggested when I have judged at some of the shows.

I commenced exhibiting in June, 1874, at a bird show (called the East London Show) held at the opening ceremony of a new infant school in Wellclose Square, E., by T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and promoted by the Rev. Dan Greatorex. The birds were judged by Messrs. Jenner Weir and E. Sandell. I exhibited a dark Canary-Linnet Mule that I bred, and was awarded h.c. Of course that led on to further attempts in after years. I shall now just take out some of my winnings at the Crystal Palace, and only name the other places. I exhibited at the Crystal Palace from 1874 until 1896 continuously, except in 1875 and 1876. In 1874 I got c for dark Linnet Mule. In 1877—14 entries—I got two vhc's and one c. In 1878, 1 entry, 2nd Goldfinch in a class of 62 birds. The same bird was awarded 1st Weymouth and Bournemouth, 2nd Kingston-on-Thames, 2nd Cardiff, 2nd Oxford. 1877, 1st Dorchester and Reading. 1878, besides one vhc and four hc's. In 1879 24 entries, 1st Skylark, in addition to two vhc's, two hc's, and one c. In 1880, 30 entries, 1st Skylark, 3rd Gold and Greenfinch Mule, besides three hc's. In 1881, 19 entries, three vhc's and three c's. In 1882, 7 entries, 1st prizes with Redpoll, Siskin, and Lesser Whitethroat, and one vhc. In 1883, 19 entries 2nds Silver Grey Starling and ordinary Starling, two vhc's, and two hc's. In 1884, 24 entries, 1st Whinchat, 2nd Grey Wagtail, 3rd Blackcap, 4th Stonechat and Grey Wagtail, 3rd Starling, one vhc, and one c, also silver medal for points. In 1885, 12 entries, one vhc, two hc's, and one c. In 1886, 9 entries, 3rd Bullfinch, 4th Starling, one vhc, and one hc. In 1887, 16 entries, 1st Starling and Grey Wagtail, 3rd Grey Wagtail, and one vhc. In 1888, 14 entries, 3rd Starling and four vhc's. In 1889, 8 entries, 2nd Lesser Whitethroat, 4ths Swallow and Song Thrush, and one hc. In 1890, 21 entries, 1st Pied Flycatcher, 2nd Swallow, and five vhc's. In 1891, 7 entries, 1sts Gold Crest and Swallow, 3rd Yellow Wagtail, 4th Blackcap, with two vhc's, also silver medal for Gold Crest and aviary for Swallow. In 1892, 6 entries, 1st Norwich Canary, 4th Red start, 1st Longtailed Tit. In 1893, 13 entries, 3rd House Martin,, 4th Sand Martin, 2nd Redstart, one vhc, and one hc. In 1894, 21 entries, 1sts Starling, Tree Creeper, and Redwing, 2nds Redpoll and Redstart, 3rds Woodlark and Nightingale, 4th Skylark, five vhc's, one hc, one c, and Crystal Palace silver medal. In 1895, 9 entries, 1st Nightingale, 2nd Redstart, 3rd Blackcap, 4ths Siskin and Grey Wagtail, with two vhc's. In 1896, 5 entries, 1st Robin, 2nds Siskin and Willow Wren, 3rd Lesser Whitethroat. I have also exhibited with success several times at shows in various parts of the country, viz., Cardiff, Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, Leek, Weymouth, Croydon, Gravesend, Faversham, Bristol, Watford, Bedford, Edinburgh, Canterbury, Winchester, Southampton, Sudbury, Norwich, Long Melford, Epworth, Burton-on-Trent, Croydon, Yeovil, Tonbridge, Oxford, Swindon, Reading, Farnham, Acton, Rochdale, West Kent, Wolverton, Cheltenham, Bedford, Egham, Brighton, Ipswich, Pullborough, Tunbridge Wells, Bromley, Kingston-on-Thames, Northampton, Cirencester, Bath, Newbury, Southport, Lincoln, Coventry, London Cage Bird Society, L.C.B.A., Ware, Wakefield, Nottingham, South Manchester, Dorchester, Alexandra Palace, Aquarium, Lord's, and People's Palace. I have also judged at L. and P.O.S., L.C.B.A., Portsmouth, Lewisham, North London, City and Suburban, London and County, Stoke Newington, the British Bird and Mule Club Show held at Balham, and at Crystal Palace from 1902 to 1908, except in the year 1905. I have always taken a keen interest in birdy matters, and it was my intention to give up judging at the 1909 Crystal Palace Show, at the same time as my old pal, Mr. J. Hills: but as matters have turned out, it is not to take place according to my wish, hence the reason of my announcement of last week.

SAM COOK.

THE WINNING HAWFINCH AT NOTTINGHAM SHOW.

SIR,—It is being circulated amongst British bird exhibitors that the Hawfinch ("Midland Chief") that I am exhibiting this season, is the one that I exhibited last season, and which was claimed by Mr. Axe at the Scottish National Show. Exhibitors are under the impression that I have bought it back from him. I wish to contradict it. The bird I am exhibiting is one that I selected out of twenty young birds that I had last season, and have moulted it myself.

H. J. CHICK.

A TIP FOR SHOW SECRETARIES.

SIR,—I should like to offer a word of advice to those secretaries who, when sending the show labels out, tuck the flap of the envelope inside, and stick it to the enclosed label, affixing a halfpenny stamp on the envelope. On receipt of labels sent in this way recently I was surcharged a penny. The envelope had the word "sealed" written thereon by the postal authorities. I thought this was rather a fine point: an open envelope to be endorsed "sealed." I went to the post office and interviewed the postmaster on the subject, and that official informed me that, according to the regulations of the Post Office, that way of sending labels was not permissible, and that, although the envelope was not actually closed up, it was sealed against inspection. An unsealed envelope, he said, must be left so that the contents may be easily and readily withdrawn. The fact that this envelope contained a stiff label, the flap being stuck to it, made it so that it could not be easily withdrawn and replaced. Therefore, he contended, the inspection officer was quite right in marking it "sealed"; it was "liable to be charged at letter rate." I may say that during the fifteen years I have been exhibiting, I have received scores of labels sent in this way, but have never been surcharged before.

ARTHUR C. BROTHERHOOD.

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LEAVING EXHIBITS WITHOUT WATER AT THE SHOWS.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter from Mr. Woollard under the above heading in CAGE BIRDS. I think if show committees were to adopt the system used at Wolverhampton, of putting only a little water in each tin before judging—just enough for the bird to drink—we should very seldom read in reports: Number so-and-so, "good bird, bit thick," or, "had been bathing," or "might have won." After each class is judged a steward should be deputed to fill each tin up.

F. HOWES.
Hon. Sec. of the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S.

YELLOWHAMMERS AT GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

SIR,—I see from your report of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show that Number One in Class 85 (Yellowhammers) was disqualified for alleged trimming of head. Now, as the bird belongs to Mr. M. Craig, Glasgow, who is vice-president of the above club, and who passes as one of the leading judges and exhibitors of British, etc., I would like to give him a chance to defend himself, as this is the second time, to my knowledge, his exhibits have been disqualified under somewhat similar circumstances, the only difference being that the judge, Mr. M'Quiston, gave Mr. Craig's exhibit at Edinburgh (Scottish National) show last New Year the award all right, but an exhibitor lodged a protest against it for alleged trimming, and the bird was disqualified. Now, it is about time this offence was made punishable, and not winked at. What chance has the novice against such trickery? I think a good plan would be to debar offenders from showing or judging for a year for first offence, all monies and specials won at time of disqualification to be forfeited. I admire Mr. Cochrane for his pluck, as it shows he is outside all cliques. I am not one who wants any wrangling, but I could not let this slip, and if Mr. Craig puts forward a good defence and clears himself of any fraudulent intent, I would be the first to wish him success.

A. M'ALLISTER.

SIR,—Regarding the disqualified Yellowhammer at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, being a novice in the Fancy, I was at this show on the Friday night, and saw a ticket on Mr. Craig's cage, a "disqualified" ticket by the judge, Mr. Cochrane; also marked so on cage label. But on re-visiting the show on Saturday the "disqualification" label had been removed, and a new one put on in its place. Now, had this bird belonged to a novice like myself, the label would have had to remain, and it would have been reported in CAGE BIRDS as a warning to others. But apparently if you are in the clique you can fake as much as you like, and nothing be said in the matter. I think, whether you be manager or not, you should be exposed all the same, and more so as this is the second time he (Mr. Craig) has been disqualified. I think twice this year is too much for any man like him and nothing be done in the matter to stop it. I think if any novice like myself had been caught at the same game the second time he would not have been very long in seeing it well published. Kindly put this in CAGE BIRDS, as I am a lover of fair play.

T. ANDERSON.

P.S.—The other place Mr. Craig was disqualified at was the last Scottish National Show, as will be seen if one looks up the reports of that show.

(Our correspondent appears to overlook the fact that it was recorded in our report of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show that a Yellowhammer had been disqualified for alleged trimming of the head markings.—EDITOR.)

THE YORKSHIRE BOWL AT BRISTOL F.A. 1907 SHOW.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS, dated Oct. 31st, a statement by Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, in which he complains of some person or persons trying to do his association an injury. Mr. Maggs goes on to state that for the last 17 years they have paid full prize money. Now, I beg to state that this is wrong; Mr. Maggs has not paid full prize money. Last year Mr. Maggs sent us a schedule, and even then we did not intend to make any entries until he sent us a begging petition, in which he said, "Do you not want to win some of these bowls?" Well, in order to dry his tears we made a few entries, and won the Bristol Bowl. But we have not seen the Bowl (We presume the Yorkshire Bowl is referred to.—EDITOR), nor have we received the prize money. I notice he has put the winners of that bowl in his schedule for every year previous to 1907, which year he has omitted, and this year he has not sent us a schedule. We suppose shame, or inability to cope with his business, prevented him. We are not surprised at this, for we have never had to do with a more dilatory set of men.

SHEARN AND OWENS.

NEW SOCIETY FOR ST JOHN'S WOOD AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Several fanciers of Hampstead and St. John's Wood wish to form a Cage Bird Society, as there are none near here. Five of us have held several meetings and have discussed the matter, so if any brother fanciers are of the same opinion will they please communicate with me.

A. GLOCKNER.

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West Hampstead, N.W.

THE THREE-TIER METHOD OF STAGING.

SIR,—I notice at Manchester and Nottingham shows a comment is made at each on the new staging, known as the Three-Tier Staging. I am very surprised the men of Manchester and Nottingham have worked upon the drawings supplied by me, and have not had the manners to say, "Thank you." Although they have not the correct thing, the principle they have been able to obtain from the part drawing I supplied them with. I am the original designer and maker of the staging now known as the "Three-Tier Staging." I claim it is the best staging ever designed for a Cage Bird show. Now, seeing it is very probable that the Crystal Palace Show next year will be an extraordinary show as far as numbers, I make them this offer: if they would care to have the use of one dozen standards I shall be pleased to lend them, by their paying the carriage each way. This will give another attraction, and will also show the men of Manchester where their mistake is.

Exeter. WALTER DOWN.

ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH BIRDS AT BERWICK SHOW.

A Reward Offered.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will draw the attention of your readers to my advertisement under Borders, offering a reward, under the following circumstances:—I got four of my birds' drinking water tampered with at the late Berwick Show, and one of the birds has since died, viz., the Newcastle and Wallsend winner. The true version of the case is, that immediately I arrived at Berwick on Thursday, about 2 o'clock, I saw that they were "soft," and while standing looking at the buff cock I saw that he only dipped his beak in the water. After smelling and tasting it, I felt that someone had tampered with it. I informed Mr. Hay and a few others. I have sent the dead body on to your Mr. North for post-mortem examination, and trust he may be able to let me know the drug which has brought the bird to this untimely end. I think this is the most inhuman and dastardly trick that could be played on any harmless creature, and I will spend my last penny to bring the perpetrator to his deserts—if I can only keep my hands off him. I go into Berwick to-morrow to see the Chief Constable, and I hope to put him on the right track. I will leave no stone unturned to do so. What is my luck to-day might be some other fancier's to-morrow, and the sooner it is stopped the better.

Chirnside. J. PATTERSON.

ALLEGED UNJUST DISQUALIFICATION AT EDINBURGH EASTERN DISTRICT O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—You might be good enough to grant me a small space in your valuable paper to try and clear my character before my brother fanciers. The facts are as follows:—I have been a member of the Edinburgh Eastern Club for the past few years, and my hobby was the keeping of British birds, but latterly I have gone in for a few Norwich and Border Fancies. At last year's show I heard some visitors remarking that my birds would have been improved if they had been washed. Not being an expert in this line, I resolved to get a friend of mine to do the needful this year. Having had a fairly good breeding season with the Canaries, I thought of last year's remarks *re* dirty birds, so I enlisted the services of my friend (who also gave me the loan of some Norwich and Border show cages), and he washed every bird I intended sending to the show. I took up the birds the night previous to the show. Immediately I took the first bird out to stage it (a yellow Border), one of the members turned round and said I had never bred a yellow bird this season. But I at once said that I had bred scarcely anything else. On going to the show the next morning, what was my surprise to see all my cage labels with a pencil mark through them? On asking for an explanation, I was informed that it had been reported to the committee that I had brought birds for competition which were not my own breeding. I may also state the birds were never judged, being disqualified before that time. Now, Mr. Editor, I am prepared to pay to any charity £5 if anyone can prove that I have done such a thing. I have every intention of putting my case into the hands of a lawyer to try and vindicate my character in the eyes of the public, and fanciers in particular.

WILLIAM FINNIE.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—The Union's year expires at the end of January, when the Delegates' Annual Meeting should be held, and in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, the delegates themselves are to select the venue of the meeting. I should be glad of suggestions from the delegates as to when and where the meeting shall be held, so that, if necessary, I may take a vote on it. Secretaries should also note that any notices of motion or suggestions which their members may wish to have brought forward for discussion at this meeting, should be sent to me two months before, as copies of same are to be sent to all affiliated societies six weeks prior to the meeting, to give them an opportunity of discussing the suggestions. Referring to your correspondents letters *re* Union members exhibiting at non-Union shows, if the writers, or any other members of the Union, will notify me, or any of the delegates, of the names of the offenders, they can be dealt with. The matter of judges officiating at non-Union shows is one the Union has not taken up. The judges themselves can deal with this by suggesting that the show should be under C.B.U. Rules; this I know has been done in many instances.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec. C.B.U.

THE VALUE OF BIRDS AT NOTTINGHAM SHOW.

SIR,—On reading your report of Nottingham Show, I noticed the remark *re* the value of the birds. I have been looking through the catalogue, and I find the total number of birds entered 723; of these 563 have the selling price stated, and the value comes to £6,855 6s. 6d., being an average of £12 3s. 6d. per bird. The highest class total was that for 16, Buff Dark Crests, which came to £429 10s. The two next highest were also in the Crest section; then came class 6, Buff Unflighted Norwich, £232 9s. Taken on the whole, the Crest section totalled £2,749 9s. 6d. Glancing through the names of those who sent birds, and did not state the price, I find the following, all of whom got amongst the prizes: Messrs. Severn, Cooper, Beardall and Walker, Fox, W. H. Howe, Dr. Herd, Smithurst, T. J. King, G. Colledge, Dobson and Son, Taylor, Burgess, Barnes, E. Godley, Bently, Birchley, and Millsum. Truly a formidable lot, and I feel sure had their birds been included the average would be 33 per cent. higher. I trust these few figures will be of interest to your readers, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

G. A. WHITE.

AN EXPLANATION FROM SUNDERLAND SHOW.

SIR,—Allow me to explain to exhibitors at Sunderland Show who did not receive their catalogues on Saturday morning that it was through no fault of ours. All catalogues ordered were posted on Friday night, as soon as we received them from the printers. We had two of them weighed, and were told by the post office people that they would only require a halfpenny stamp. I was very much surprised and annoyed to receive on Saturday morning a note from the post office stating that 33 of the catalogues had been held back for being insufficiently stamped, while the remainder of them had been passed as correct. I trust that this explanation of the non-arrival of catalogues will be satisfactory to exhibitors. I may say that Saturday night at Sunderland was a very wild one, the wind and rain being something terrific, and the committee very wisely decided to detain many of the exhibits until Sunday night. The birds detained were all staged at one end of the room, and carefully attended to during Sunday by the secretaries and members of the committee, who despatched them all on Sunday night, with the exception of those birds which they were requested to hold over until Monday morning.

W. REID, Joint Hon. Sec.

THE LATE ENTRY NUISANCE.

SIR,—Every week when looking through CAGE BIRDS I am struck with the increasing number of shows extending dates and appealing for entries. Each year this gets worse, and an increasing number of shows have to resort to "whip-up" cards and late advertisements. Now, I wonder if exhibitors realize the immense amount of extra work, to say nothing of the worry, they give to show secretaries? Unfortunately, show officials cannot afford to stick to a hard and fast rule and not accept late entries, or I am afraid some of our shows would not require much staging for the cages. Take for example our late (Cheltenham) show of 509 exhibits. The entries were advertised to close a week before, and on the Friday—four days after the date of closing—I had received 180 entries; Sunday brought 200, and Monday (*two days before the show*) 100 more, some actually arriving by the last post. Now, how on earth do exhibitors think the catalogues are to be made up and the labels sent out? As it happened, I managed to get all off in time, and we have a most long-suffering printer, or we could never have managed. I suppose all, or nearly all show secretaries, are like myself, engaged in business all day and can only give a few hours at night to the show work. I can quite imagine someone saying, "More fool they to do it"; granted, but if it wasn't for fools like us there wouldn't be any shows for wise men to send their birds to. Let me, in conclusion, for the sake of the shows still to be held, urge exhibitors to send their entries in by the date advertised. It will save so much anxiety, so many mistakes, and so much working till the small hours of the morning.

A. S. TREASURE.
Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Show.

VETERAN JUDGES AND THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—If there is anything of sentiment in connection with the last judging engagement of the ever-popular Joe Hills at the Jubilee Show at the Crystal Palace, one wonders what must have been the feelings of the Committee who elected the judges when they turned adrift the next veteran of the C.P., co-worker, exhibitor, and judge, the time-honoured, time-tried, Sam Cook. For such a one to be thrown out at the culminating year of his long career in connection with the Palace and nearly all London shows, seems to me to be a mortal cut at sentiment in connection with the show and those connected with it. I can remember an instance when Mr. Cook was elected over the veteran Mr. Hills, and with true sporting chivalry at once retired in favour of Mr. Hills. Why other judges with a few months' experience in comparison should be elected in his place is beyond my comprehension. In view of the show being the Jubilee Show of the Crystal Palace, and the other circumstances, all differences (if any), personal (if any), judging qualifications (if any), monetary considerations (if any), should have been waived, and his honoured name should have been side by side with that of Mr. Hills at their Last Post. As Mr. Ramsden must admit, there is nothing wanting in qualification, personal, or otherwise, to have prevented his being elected to judge at the Jubilee Show at the C.P., and I know I am not alone in thinking that he was morally entitled to the appointment.

NUTHATCH.

A POINT ABOUT THE RETURN OF POSTAL ORDERS.

SIR,—We advertised a bird for 5s. in CAGE BIRDS, and by return we got a big batch of letters, many containing P.O.'s, but none of them contained a stamp for reply. It would cost us over 5s. to answer all and send back P.O.'s, so that if we do so, we still lose the price of our advertisement, and get nothing for the bird. Are we bound to send back the P.O.'s?

WELSHMEN.

(Our correspondents are not legally compelled to return the postal orders unless a stamped envelope is sent for the purpose. They should forward a postcard to each of the senders, stating that the bird has been sold, and that their postal order will be returned on receipt of three-halfpence in stamps, failing which they will cash the order and return the balance after deducting poundage and postage. —EDITOR.)

Several letters unavoidably held over.

SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Usual contest held at the Crown inn, North-street, November 21st, when 12 birds competed. Result: 1, Wilson; 2, Lamhert; 3, Smith; 4, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at Shannon-street, Leeds, November 21st, when 19 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Fisher and Towers. 1st and 3rd, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead. Also November 22nd, when 27 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Cooper. 1st, 2nd, 4th, Stead; 3rd, Hodgson.—WILSON NAYLOR.

PENTONVILLE, N.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road, during the week, some good singing was heard. Messrs. Uncle, Mabbitt, Tommy Burns, Meacock, and Morrison proved winners. Handicap, marble clock for Chaffinches next week.—WM. MORRISON, Time, keeper.

ROLLERS AT LEEDS.

The first of a series of contests which are to take place fortnightly at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, was held on November 23rd, at 8. Being interested in Rollers, I wended my way to Shannon-street, where I found a large number of exhibitors and fanciers had turned up to hear the birds exhaust their "repertoire," some of them doing so in a pleasing manner. Being only a listener, I did not know all the exhibitors' names, but gathered that the 1st prize went to a Mr. T. Horner, a lovely, soft, pure-toned bird, with a beautiful bass roll, in particulars which made this bird an easy winner. The 2nd and 3rd prizes went to birds which were rather shorter in their tours. The judges gave every satisfaction. Some real good may come out of these contests if Roller Fanciers will turn up in good numbers. On making inquiries, I gathered from one of the judges, Mr. C. Cooper, that the birds are judged for length of tours, purity and form, or as some present termed it, length turns, and form or delivery. The birds were judged in a similar manner to the method adopted by the B.R.C.C., only much quicker, ten minutes being the time allowed for the birds to sing. Thus ended quite a pleasant evening.—C. TOWES.

AYR.

The Ayr O.S. held their 47th exhibition and competition on Nov. 21st, in the Volunteer Hall, Alloway Street. This society, having dropped the poultry section, had ample accommodation for all exhibits and visitors and on that account alone this old established show must be voted a success. The hall is a lofty one, well lighted and cosy. Unfortunately the weather was of the most unconcenial sort, and was the cause of a very poor and disappointing "gate." The club is run by a hard-working class who cannot afford to run the show except on self-supporting principles. The officials and committee are a most enthusiastic and energetic body, and we congratulate them on the very careful manner in which they attended to the staging and comfort of the exhibits. It was unfortunate that pressing business should have compelled the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Mr. Thomson, but this misfortune only made it more apparent what a hard working and capable official is the respected president, Mr. Colin Paterson, who seemed to be in two or three places at one and the same time. Mr. James Smellie (Riccarton) judged the Canary classes, and Mr. P. McQuilston (Ayr), all other classes, and their awards met with general approval. The quality of the exhibits was, on the whole, very good indeed.

Mr. Smellie's Classes.

NOR. CK. (11): 1, spl, Watson, good type, rare quality, well over perches, nice size and colour wins easily; 2, Rae, good quality, colour and shape, well staged; 3, Henderson, neatly headed, good carriage and colour; 4, 6, Brown; 5, Wilson; 7, Rorke. HEN (8): 1, Calderwood, grand type, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, good carriage, colour; 2, Watson, very close up; 3, Rae, lovely shape, good quality, presses winner hard; 4, Muir, nice bird; 5, Wright; 6, Livingstone; 7, Wilson. CREST AND G.B.: classes cancelled. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Paterson, real good team of typical Yorks., leader fine yell. the Glasgow winner, good shape, length and carriage; 2, buff tkd, grand head, well carried wings, stan, well drawn; 3, cl. yell. lovely quality; 5, Girvan; 6, spl, Penman; 7, Hendry. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl, 4, 5, Paterson, leader cl. buff, grand position, well up on legs, fine quality, wins well; 2, yell. even mkd. lovely quality, magnificent feather, tight as wax, fine colour; 3, Hendry, tagnt as a Java, nice length, capital back, neat in wings and tail; 6, Webster; 7, Penman. BORD. YELL (7): 1, spl, Mossie, cl. yell. very typical, well staged, feathered like wax, neat head, capital wing carriage; 2, Murdoch, nice one, beautiful shape and feather, lovely qual.; 3, Montgomerie, cl. yell. lovely quality, good wing carriage; 4, Lees; 5, John Paterson; 6, Wood; 7, Rorke. BUFF (9): 1, Hogg, cl. buff, neat all over, lovely quality, wins easily; 2, Mossie, good body, lovely headed one, well drawn, fine carriage; 3, Lees, in A1 order; 4, Murdoch; 5, Livingstone; 6, Blane; 7, Paterson. VARIEG.: cancelled. CAN. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Hainey, well-known Scotch Fancies, looking better than ever; 3, Alston, grand big Cinn. good substance and colour, nice one; 4, 7, Hunter, Gold Liz., lovely quality, nice cap, well shown; 5, Johnstone; 6, Rorke.

Mr. McQuiston's Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Johnstone, leader well-known Goldfinch-Greenfinch, lovey size, great depth of colour, grand cap and wings, rare style; 2, almost four-pointed yell. Goldfinch Mule, lovely quality feather, well staged; 3, Dale, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, good colour, very showy; 4, McCaw, Linnet-Bullie, fine breast colour, shows parentage well; 5, Miller. DARK (8): 1, Bald, buff Goldfinch Mule, large size, plenty of colour, rare face, grand qual. feather, lovely bloom, wins easily; 2 Goodfellow Buff-Greenie mule, bouncer for size, lovely quality, well staged; 3, Doolan, Buff Linnet Mule, good size and colour; 4, Henry, yell. Greenie Mule; 5, M'Caw; 6, Wason; 7, Tams and Son. GOLDFINCH FOR. (6): 1, R. Young, topper for size, enormous blaze, lovely whites, grandly cut cheeks, rare tanning, splendid buttons; 2, Goodfellow, rare feathered Finch, gem for quality, fine size and shape; 3, McMinn Bros, good one, grand colour; 4, Cree; 5, Cowan; 6, Rorke. BULLFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Dunsmuir, grand dense colour throughout, lovely crimson breast, nice cap, good wings, very steady; 2, Wilson, grand breast colour, good cap, fine position, field moulted; 3, Gow, grand shaped Finch, lovely cap, back and bars; 4, Murphy; 5, Lindsay; 6, Sanderson; 7, McKay. LINNET (10): 1, Mason, wins, beauty, lovely pencilling breast, grand ground colour, nice flights, rare showed, well staged; 2, Henry, lovely type, well pencilled, good one; 3, Downie, large, Nor. type, lovely colour; 4, Doolan; 5, A. and N. McPherson; 6, Burgess; 7, Scoular. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, Jamieson, Glasgow winner, wins easily to-day, grand size, rich colour, lovely pencilling, very steady; 2, Conkie, steady nicely pencilled; 3, (no name); 4, Muir; 5, 6, Mrs. Hutchison; 7, Bell. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Goodfellow, rare type, rich, hot even colour, grand wings, regular Bullfinch make; 2, Craig, nice size, good shape, very hot colour; 3, Cowan, grand bodied Finch, rich hot colour, very even; 4, Bald; 5, Alston; 6, McMinn Bros.; 7, Dale. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Craig, Siskin, easy winner, gem for size, beautiful colour, nicely laced, grand cap and rare bib splendid exhibit; 2, Robertson, Twite, good colour and lacing, very steady, well staged; 3, A. and W. Allan, Lesser Redpoll, well-known winner, grand colour and lacing; 4, McCulloch, Siskin, nat. col.; 5, Scoular; 6, Dunsmuir; 7, McGavin. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, Craig, Yellowhammer, good one throughout, grand shape, plenty of size, lovely quality feather, lovely laced body, nice head markings, nice nut brown tingo on breast; 2, Hardie, Wryneck, very soft when notes were taken; 3, Crearie and Son, Yellowhammer, good coloured one, grand headed, lovely eye markings; 4, hen Nightingale; 5, Johnstone; 6, Cumming; 7, Burgess. LARGE (8): 1, spl, Smith, Song Thrush, well spangled, in rare colour, very steady, well staged; 2, Tait, Nutcracker, very fine exhibit, looking well; 3, Morrison, Hawfinch, very steady, nice colour; 4, Hardie, Greater Spotted Woodpecker; 5, Murphy; 6, Henry. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, spl, 5, 6, Carrick, 1, Parrot Finch in lovely bloom, well staged, City of Glasgow winner; 2, Tait, Superb Tanager, looking well, grand size, and in lovely condition; 3, Alston, Diamond Sparrow, grand bloom, in A1 condition; 4, Morrison.; 7, Robertson. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Alston, Loriekeet; 2, Mis. Piper, Amazon. SELL. LINNET (7/6) (6): 1, Conkie; 2, Robertson; 3, Wason; 4, Fisher; 5, Tams and Son; 6, Muir A.V. (10/-) (15): 1, McCulloch; 2, Roxburgh; 3, (no name); 4, Johnstone; 5, Alston; 6, J. Robertson; 7, A. Robertson. MULE, BRIT. OR FOR. (8): 1, Robertson; 2, Young; 3, Alston; 4, Wilson; 5, Tams and Son; 6, Cowan; 7, Bald. There were some good bargains among these selling class birds.

BLACKWOOD.

Blackwood O.A. held their fifth annual show in the Southfield Hall and St. John's School, on November 21st. The show was open to all-comers. The entries were in excess of last year's, and the quality showed a splendid average. In the Scotch Fancy classes were some grand-sized birds; Borders were strong in numbers, and the quality good. Office-bearers: President, Mr. S. Pate; vice-president, Mr. J. Hamilton; treasurer, Mr. J. Jackson; secretary, Mr. James Ritchie; committee, Messrs. Pate, Chalmers, Carr, Hamilton, Muir, Hardy, Johnstone, Buchanan, Hainey, Brownlie, Walker, Marshall, Lynch, Sommerville, Clayton, and Small. The caged birds were staged in the schoolroom, which for light is perfect; but the accommodation is limited, there being a large turn-out of visitors. The exhibits were nicely staged, the management making the very best of it under the guidance of the secretary, Mr. James Ritchie, to whose efforts the success of the show was largely due. Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk) judged the nine Scotch Fancy classes; Borders were handled by Mr. J. Thomson; Norwich, of which there was a grand array, and British were judged by Mr. Allan Chalmers. Those gentlemen got through their tasks in good time, their judgment in placing the winners being well received. For the best hen in the Scotch Fancy section the silver medal was won by Mr. Joseph Higgins; for most points in Scotch Fancy section a silver jelly dish was won by Mr. J. Burnside. In the Border section the silver cup and medal for best Border in show was won by Mr. J. Brownlie. The B.F.C.C. silver medal for best Border in show (confined to members) was also carried off by Mr. Brownlie. There were 31 classes for cage birds. The show was a complete success.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CY., ETC., YEL. CK. (5): 1, L. Jackson, wins well, nice size and top end, decided drive, grand droop, fine pose; 2, 4, T. Jackson, 2nd fine broad shoulders, nice back and wing; 4th, plenty of nerve; 3, Mathieson, grand worker, neat droop; 5, Chalmers. BUFF (12): 1, Chalmers, nice size and thickness through, very nervy, well staged; 2, 6, Burnside, 2nd fine nerve and length of wing, nice pose; 3, 5, Park, 3rd nice size, fine length of wing, good shoulder, good stock bird; 4, L. Jackson, fine size, wants handling; 7, Roddie. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Murdoch, rare size and breadth, fine bib and shoulder, nice long droop; 2, Ward, fine size, plenty of style, grand depth through, in good condition; 3, Ried, fine reach; 4, 5, Burnside, 4th excellent drive. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Chalmers, best ck., big massive shoulder, grand length of wing, wins easy; 2, L. Jackson, green pied ck., excellent merit, full value for 2nd place; 3, Roddie, fine stamp, nice droop and top end; 4, Burnside, wants nerve and action; 5, 7, Reid. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Ward, grand size and reach, nice long droop, fine wings, rare condition; spl, 2, Higgins, best 2nd hen, very nice; 3, 7, spl, L. Jackson, best 3rd hen, 3rd nice stamp and plenty of go, neat; 4, spl, Burnside, best 4th hen, grand quality, very neat; 5, T. Jackson; 6, Chalmers. BUFF (8): 1, Ward, fine head, long neck, well set, tail well in, good drive, in rare condition; 2, Burnside, fine size, rare substance, neatly moulded, good drive; 3, T. Jackson, fine head, decided drive, good worker; 4, Chalmers, grand type, fine nerve; 5, Mathieson; 6, Reid; 7, L. Jackson. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, Higgins, best hen, grand bird, fine style, nicely balanced, keeps tail well under, long droop; 2, 3, Burnside, 2nd fine top end, nice length, quick action, good pose; 3rd, fine head and neck, nice size and substance; 4, Roddie, smart shape, good substance. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Burnside, 1st nice type, good top end, wings and tail, fine pose; 2nd, another good type; 3, Chalmers, nice bend, fine long droop, plenty of substance; 4, Easton, another good stamp. SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, 5, Chalmers; 2, Wright; 3, Kirk; 4, Burnside; 6, 7, Shankly. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Brownlie, grand shape, quality and style, very silky feather, jaunty carriage, in rattling condition; 2, Sandilands, lovely feather, nice tight wings, smart finish, good carriage; 3, Shankly, grand quality, nice feather, smart and jaunty; 4, Edward Waye, grand colour, good style; 5, Holden; 6, Harper; 7, Walker. BUFF (15): 1, Somerville, model, grand quality, neat shape, nice feather, plenty of style; 2, Brownlie, good shape, wings and tail, grand quality feather; 3, Watson, best 3rd cock, nice style and quality, very smart, tight in feather; 4, E. Waye, neat head and back; 5, A. Walker; 6, Sandilands; 7, J. Walker. VARIEG. YELL. (13): 1, 5, Brownlie, 1st nice jaunty Border, in lovely feather, very neatly moulded; 2, A. Walker, very smart and jaunty, neat compact feather, nice shape; 3, Holden, another nice Border, very jaunty carriage, close on 2nd; 4, Harper, best 4th cock, nice feather and action; 6, Somerville; 7, J. Weiker. BUFF (12): 1, 3, A. Walker, 1st nicely-modelled hen, very jaunty, lovely feather; 3rd, good type; 2, 7, Brownlie, best 2nd hen, very nice typical hen, full value for second place; 4, Holden; 5, Shearer; 6, Somerville. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 4, A. Walker, best hen and best 4th hen, 1st excellent type, very neat, in lovely feather; 2, Brownlie, very neat Border, very jaunty, in excellent feather, like wax, presses hard on winner; 3, Sandilands, very typical Border, in rare condition; 5, E. Waye; 6, Holden; 7, J. Walker. CL. BUFF (18): 1, J. Walker, grand style and quality, neat model on perch, very jaunty carriage; 2, Holden, smart feather, neat shape, tight as wax, very jaunty; 3, Sandilands, best 3rd hen, very stylish, neat feather, good wings and tail; 4, Watson, good style and feather; 5, 7, A. Walker; 6, E. Waye. EVEN MARK (8): 1, 4, Holden, 1st typical, in lovely condition, very jaunty carriage and style; 2, Harper, best 2nd cock, good exhibit, very stylish and neat, plenty of go; 3, A. Walker, very neat and close feathered; 5, 6, Brownlie; 7, Smith. GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, 4, Brownlie, green, nice level colour, rare quality feather, good type, nice style; 2, Watson, fine type, rare feather, nice and steady; 3, 5, Graham, 3rd a beauty, nice tone of colour, perfect feather; 6, Dick; 7, Ramsey. FOUL YELL. (1 or 2 marks) (8): 1, A. Walker, neat model, rare quality, plenty of style, staged in best of condition; 2, Brownlie, true type, very jaunty, tight in feather, nice rich colour; 3, Watson, rare type and feather; 4, E. Waye, neat, nicely-moulded; 5, McLean; 6, J. Walker; 7, Somerville. BUFF (8): spl, 1, 3, Brownlie, 1st cup winner, 1st a cl., nicely moulded, well tapered, in lovely condition; 3rd, neat and nicely moulded; 2, E. Waye, very neat Border, feathered like wax, plenty of style; 4, A. Walker, nicely staged; 5, 6, J. Walker; 7, Sandilands. SELL. (7/6) (14): 1, A. Walker; 2, Harper; 3, E. Waye; 4, Airlie; 5, Sandilands; 6, J. Walker; 7, Brownlie. COM. CAN. (22): 1, 6, Cunningham; 2, 3, 4, Johnston; 5, Masler W. Ritchie; 7, Gairdiner. CREST: 1, spl, 2, Roy, 1st nice-sized Crest, fine droop, neat centre, leafy feather; 2nd, good body, neat and full shape; 3, McInnes, variegated, nice crest, closely feathered; 4, spl, Arnott, neat crest, nice body; 5, Galloway; 6, Brown; 7, Hainey. C.B. (6): 1, spl, Hainey, grand body, rare substance, good skull and entrance, in rare feather and condition; 2, Roy, gem for quality, grand chest, neat head, nicely staged; 3, McInnes, good head, nice level back, short wings and tail, nice quality and style; 4, spl, Galloway, good body; 5, Arnott; 6, Cringles. YELL. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Mathieson, grand size and substance, smart shape, good wings and tail; 2, 4, Johnstone, 2nd nice colour, fine style and feather; 4th, nice back, well set up, grand quality; 3, spl, Owen, nice rich colour and shape, neat model; 5, Roddie; 6, Kirk; 7, McCubbin. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, rare feather, good wings and tail, nice clean shape; 2, King, grand size, very shapely, good carriage, nicely braced up; 3, Mathieson, not much between them; 4, McCubbin, nice feather and shape, well staged; 5, 7, e, Owen; 6, McFay. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Mair, grand style, fine quality feather, good chest, neat head; 2, spl, 3, C. Owen, 2nd neat cobby hen, good colour and shape, wings well carried; 3rd, nice silky feather; 4, King, neat wings and tail, grand colour and feather; 5, spl, 7, Johnstone; 6, Roddie. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 5, C. Owen, 1st grand quality, nice shape, neat wings, fine feather; 2, Rundell, good size and colour; 3, Johnstone, lovely quality, fine colour, nicely cut away behind, good for second; 4, Mathieson, neat shape, good wings and tail; 6, King. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, Roddie, Linnet Can., nice feather, good shape and colour, in perfect condition; 2, 3, 4, spl, Johnstone, 2nd Greenie-Bullie, fine bird, grand colour, good shape and feather; 3rd, even-marked Goldie Mule, nice shape and colour; 4th, dark Goldie Mule, tight in feather; 5, Conway; 6, Whitelaw; 7, Clarkson. BULLIE GOLDIE BRIT. (21): 1, spl, McAlpine, Goldfinch, nice blaze and body colour, neat buttons, in splendid feather; 2, Forrest, Bullfinch, very smart Bullie, good size, fine cap, in rare condition; 3, Paterson, Goldfinch, nice square blaze, rare tan on chest, very steady; 4, spl, Melvin, Bullfinch, nice stump end colour; 5, Small; 6, Roddie; 7, Davidson. GREEN OR GREY LINNET (18): 1, spl, Paterson, Grey, nice size, smart and shapely, rich colour, well laced; 2, McAlpine, Greenfinch, grand shape, nice tight feather, good wings, neat head, fine chest and colour; 3, Roddie, Grey, nice colour, good front, well pencilled, nice condition; 4, spl, Scoble, Greenfinch, good for colour, neat and compact; 5, Forrest; 6, W. Johnstone; 7, Clarkson. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, spl, A. and J. Shankley, Hawfinch, grand colour, fine size and shape, well-cut bib, good specimen, in rare condition; 2, Sorbie, Grey Wagtail, nice size and shape, in perfect feather and condition; 3, Scobbie, Bramblefinch, rich-coloured Finch, lovely spangling and feather; 4, Small, Yellowhammer, well-marked, rich-coloured Yellowhammer, in splendid condition; 5, Morrison; 6, Johnstone; 7, Roddie.

DARTFORD.

Annual show of the Dartford F.A. held Nov. 24 in the Conservative Hall. The few classes provided were poorly supported, with the exception of the Bullfinch and Goldfinch class, which contained some high-class ones. The secretary is Mr. A. Lambert, who carried out his duties excellently. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. BUFF: 1, 2 (withheld); 3, Stewart, grand shape, nice quality feather, tight as wax; r, Shiers, typical Nor. YELL.: 1, 2 (withheld); 3, Stewart, lovely colour, very good type, well shown. YORKS.: 1 (withheld); 2, Nunn, long, stylish, tkd. buff cock, stands well up, good head and straight; r, Shiers, nice colour yell. MULE OR HYB.: 1 (withheld); 2, Gunnell, lovely four-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., good size and depth of colour; 3, Smith, Goldfinch-Can., Deal winner well shown; r, Stewart; vhc, Smith. BULLFINCH OR GOLDFINCH: 1, Jupe, Goldfinch, very rich crimson blaze, nice collar, grand wing bars and colour; 2, Smith, magnificent Bullie, grand cap, good breast, very large; 3, members' spl, King, very smart Goldfinch, in rare form; r, Haris; vhc, Tout; vhc, Gunnell (3); vhc, King. Linnet, Chaffinch, and members' classes cancelled.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held November 21st. Some grand birds were staged. Mr. A. W. Varley judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Swaine; 2, Parker; 3, Coates. BUFF: 1, Coates; 2, 3, Bottomley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Parker; 3, Coates. BUFF: 1, 2, Coates; 3, Casey. YELL. HEN: 1, Parker; 2, Coates; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, 3, Coates; 2, Parker. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Hiles; 2, Webster. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Breadbent. YELL. TKD.: 1, Hiles; 2, Morton; 3, Shoesmtih. BUFF: 1, Hiles; 2, Pyrah; 3, Danby. YELL. HEN: 1, Hiles; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Broadhent. BUFF: 1, Webster; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Hiles. HEAVILY MKD: 1, 2, Oddy. CINN. MKD.: 1, Pyrah.—A. BOTTOMLEY, sec.

WALLASEY.

The Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S. members' annual exhibition took place on November 21st. The St. Mary's School provided good accommodation for the exhibits, being of nice light, roomy, and free from draughts. Staging was of a neat order, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The president is Mr. J. Farley. The chairman is Mr. T. G. Woodman, and the vice-chairman Mr. S. S. Holford. The committee consists of Messrs. Hnlford, Deacon, Stewart, Hedwin, Carlisle, Carswell, Young, Benson, Kean, and W. Hodgkins, junr., all of whom assist in a most praiseworthy manner. Mr. Wm. Mallinson, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, courteous to the highest degree and practical. Yorkshire greene made a capital display, a few real gems being on view. Borders pleased us greatly, with their delightful shape, quality and movements. The stewards were Messrs. Goode and Edwards, who executed their duties finely. Judging was over in nice time, and the cards displayed promptly, and everything went off smoothly and well. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS YELL. (3): 1, 3, Goode; 2, Benson. BUFF (2): 1, Holroyd; 2, Goode. HEAVILY VARIEG. (2): 1, Goode; 2, Hnlroyd. GREEN SELF YELL. (5): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Hughes; vhc, Benson; hc, Stewart. BUFF (7): 1, H. Benson; 2, Hughes; 3, Hnlford; vhc, Robinson; c, Hodgkins. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Hodgkins; 2, vhc, Benson; 3, Robinson. BUFF (2): 1, Benson; Hodgkins. YELL. HEN (12): Best class in show, containing several most charming damsels—1, Benson; 2, Holford; 3, Hadwin, all worthy of a first prize; vhc, Stewnrt; hc, Hughes; c, Hodgkins. BUFF (8): 1, Stewart, a beauty; 2, Dodd, close up; 3, H. Holford; vhc, c, Robinson. YELL., 1908 (3): 1, Benson; 2, Wuring, 3, Hadwin. BUFF (4): 1, Hadwin; 2, Hughes; 3, Hodgkins; vhc, Bensnn. YORKS. NON-FED HEN (4): 1, Dodd; 2, 3, Hadwin; vhc, Stewart. BORD., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, vhc, Hndwin, with a nice trio; 2, hc, Woodman. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Hadwin; 2, 3, vhc, Woodman. BUFF (6): 1, 3, c, Hadwin; 2, vhc, Woodman. YORKS. (6): 1, Waring, good variety.; 2, 3, Dodd, both grand; vhc, Edwards. SELL (12s. 6d.) (7): 1, vhc, Hadwin; 2, Hnlford; 3, Goode; c, Woodman. GOLDIE (3): 1, 2, Woodman; 3, Benson. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Busnett. GIFT (6): 1, c, Holford; 2, Hadwin; 3, Woodman; vhc, Benson; hc, Goode.

WOODSIDE AND BUCKSBURN.

Annual show held in the Burgh Hall, Nov. 21st. The entries totalled 350, showing a slight falling off compared with the previous year. Mr. Alex. Thomson, the secretary, had everything in good order, and makes a capital official. The judges got through their work in good time. They were well attended by a willing band of stewards, including Messrs. Stewart, Thomson, Jamieson, and Sandison. The Norwich section was in the able hands of Mr. D. Craig (Arbroath) whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The birds in the British and foreign sections were judged in good style by Mr. J. Johnston (Aberdeen). The show finished up very pleasantly.

Critique.

CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Sandison, big, bouncing bird, red-hot colour, plenty substance; 2, 6, Will, 2, typical, good quality and colour, A1 condition; 3, 4, Garden; 3, lovely quality and colour; 5, Lawrie, good type and quality, just on the small side. HEN (2): 1, Garden; 2, Strachan. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 4, 6, Garden, 1, excess in shape, good colour and quality; 2, Bryson, good Nor., nicely rounded chest, tip-top quality, well balanced; 3, Rae, good colour, staged to perfection; 5, C. Thomson. HEN (6): 1, Garden, rare size, lovely head and neck, well rounded body, nice smart legs, A1 balanced, good colour and quality; 2, Thomson, teeming with quality, A1 colour and style; 3, Steele; 4, Scott, 5, Strachan; 6, Lawrie. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Scott, cap and wing marked, lovely texture of feather, well up in size, nice shape, full of style; 2, Sandison, heavily mkd., red hot colour, fine silky feather; 3, 4, Garden, both good shape and quality; 5, Dunn, good colour. HEN (7): 1, 2, Garden 1st rare good Nor., mkd. on one wing, nice front, plenty of depth, grand level colour and quality, 2nd nice cap and wing marked; 3, Steele, nice size, good colour and quality; 4, Sandison; 5, McPherson; 6, Davidson. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Strachan, lovely shape, fine texture of feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Dunn, cap and wings, good type, A1 colour and quality; 3, Garden; 4, 5, Thomson. HEN (11): 1, 6, Garden, 1st well up in size, fine quality of feather; 2, Sandison, grand type, teeming with quality, nice short wings and tail; 3, Scott, another large hen, well turned out; 4, Campbell; 5, Ray. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Rae, excellent type, grand colour, nice silky feather, good head and neck. 2, Sandison, best of type and quality, tip-top colour, good youngster; 3, Steel, well up in size and colour; 4, A. Thomson; 5, Forsyth; 6, Duffus. HEN (15): 1, Sandison, gem, bouncing bird, short and cobby, fine silky feather and colour; 2, 4, Garden, 2nd cap and wing marked, another typical exhibit; 3, Rae, shows good Nor. properties, nice even colour and quality; 5, 6, Thomson. BUFF CK. (18): 1, A. Thomson, excellent shape, grand colour, best of quality, wins; 2, C. Thomson, well up in size; 3, 4, Garden, both good type and quality; 5, Steele; 6, Will. HEN (12): 1, Rae, tick on head, good size and quality, wins Hyde's silver teapot for best Nor. in show; 2, 4, Garden, 2nd cobby bird, full of quality, rich colour, well carried wings and tail; 3, Sandison, full of quality, good head and chest; 5, Greig; 6, A. Thomson. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, A. Mackie, nice rich colour, lovely head and neck, grand body, well turned out, wins. 2, Whyte; 3, Hay, nice fronted birds, lovely texture of feather; 4, Dunn; 5, Paterson; 6, Ch. Thomson. HEN (7): 1, Dunn, very good shape and quality; 2, J. Thomson; 3, A. Thomson; 4, Baker; 5, Whyte; 6, C. Thomson. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Silver, well up in size; 2, Garden, nicely staged; 3, McPherson, fine size and shape; 4, A. Thomson; 5, Cummings; 6, Strachan. HEN (6): 1, A. Mackie, nice cobby shape, grand quality feather; 2, Cummings; 3, Hay, both very sweet, teeming in quality. 4, J. Thomson; 5, Hay; 6, Garden. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, Garden, well up in size and shape; 2, Lyon, good substance, best of quality; 3, Whyte; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 5, Steven. 6, Ellis. HEN (5): 1, Ellis, good type; 2, Tough, well turned out, A1 quality; 3, Whyte; 4, Wood; 5, A. Thomson. BUFF CK. (12): 1, 4, A. Thomson, winner best of type, lovely texture of feather; 2, A. Mackie, nice shape; 3, Hay, A1 quality of feather, typical, grand carried wings; 5, Duguid; 6, Steele. HEN (10): 1, Campbell, plenty of substance, grand hen; 2, Fyfe, good one; 3, Garden; 4, Baker; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Hay. SELL. (10/-): 1, Taylor; 2, Scott; 3, J. Thomson; 4, Duffus; 5, A. Thomson; 6, Will. CREST: 1, 2, Knight, C.B.: 1, Knight; 2, Scott; some thought might have changed places. HEN: 1, Jamieson; 2, Knight; 3, F. Strachan. GREEN (9): 1, Jamieson, very good shape, rare colour; 2, Duguid; 3, Matthews; 4, Garden; 5, 6, Ewen and Anderson. HEN (10): 1, Garden, rich grassy colour, good type and quality; 2 Steele, good size and colour; 3, Dugnid; 4, Allan; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Jamieson. YELL. CINN. CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Rae, good team; 2, Ewen and Anderson. HEN (3): 1, 2, Ewen and Anderson; 3, Baxter. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Garden, grand shape and colour; 2, Baxter, sound in colour, well up in size and quality; 3, 4, Rae; 5, 6, Ewen and Anderson. HEN: 1, Strachan; 2, Ewen and Anderson. A.O.V. (5): 1, Sandison; 2, Baker; 3, McPherson; 4, Rae; 5, McLelland. NOVICE CLASS.—CK. (11): 1, Baker, very sweet exhibit, nicely staged; 2, 3, Beattie, good size and shape, A1 quality; 4, Center; 5, Steele; 6, Reid. HEN (11): 1, Center, nice size and shape; 2, Beattie, good type and quality; 3, 6, Baker; 4, Will; 5, Thomson. MULE (6): 1, 4, Stewart and Milne, 1st Goldie-Can., well up in size and colour; 2, Ewen and Anderson, dark Linnet-Can., good size and colour, fed to perfection; 3, Rae Siskin-Can., in lovely feather; 5, Whyte.; 6, Anderson. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 5, Whyte, 1st grand blaze, steady, nice full front, beautifully tanned; 2, Anderson; 3, Jackson, Brit., both good blaze, rich in markings; 4, Stewart and Milne. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 4, 5, Jackson, good breast colour, rare cap, lovely wing bars; 2, 3, Colville and Son, two smart Bullies, rich in colour and markings; 6, Milne Bros. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Anderson, well placed, both good size and markings; 3, Ewen and Anderson; 4, 5, Steele; 6, Ewen. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Thomson, hot fed one; 2, Stewart and Milne, Twite, nice colour and size; 3, Rae, yell. fed Siskin, good as any in class, in lovely bloom, well marked; 4, Milne Bros.; 5, A. Rae; 6, Steele. BRIT. SMALL (4): 1, Ewen and Anderson, grandly staged Wheatear, in perfect feather; 2, 3, Milne Bros., Bramblefinch and Chaffinch, well staged; 4, Rae. LARGE: 1, Milne Bros., rare good Magpie, staged to perfection. FOR. (8): J. M. Whyte winning all the honours, 1st Toucan, 2nd Silky Cowbird, in rare plumage, 3rd Yellow Budgerigars. SELL. (8): 1, Scott; 2, 3, Beattie; 4, Thomson; 5, McPherson; 6, Sandison. HEN (11): 1, Beattie; 2, A. Thomson; 3, Lawrie; 4, C. Thomson. GIFT: 1, Rae; 2, Will; 3, A. Thomson; 4, J. Thomson.

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MORRISTON.

Held November 18th. Fine weather favoured this fixture, which was very well attended. Morriston Society are in a strong financial position, which, after this year's success, should be further enhanced. The number of entries far surpassed last year's total, and the quality in most classes was much above the average. The Nor., Yorks., and Borders were very strong, and in Mules, British and Foreign competition was very keen. Thanks to Mr. D. Jeremy, the able and courteous secretary, and his capable assistants, things were neatly and quietly carried out, and every exhibit received every possible attention. Mr. Jeremy is undoubtedly the right man in the right place, and is deserving of every praise. His committee consists of the following: Messrs. D. M. Powell (chairman), Henry Lewis (vice-chairman), Williams, Lewis, Longdon, G. Phillips, Kirby, Jones, Morgan, Rees, Wilcox, Stamp, T. Phillips, and Jenkins. Some of the cruck exhibitors were represented with clinking teams. The Society are to be congratulated on their choice of a hall; the light was good, and every exhibit in the place could be properly seen without the necessity of handling. Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. B. Evans judged, the former doing the Canaries and the latter the remainder. Satisfaction seemed to be the order of the day.

Mr. Evans's Classes.

MULES, CL, ETC. (3): 1, Leigh, very good coloured yell., neck and wing marked, grand yell. colour; 2, Edwards, even-mkd. bun, fine size, good blaze, lovely quality feather; 3, Lewis and Dymond, very nice yell., rare colour, nice size. HYB. (6): 1, R. W. Jones, noted Greenie-Bullie, rare size and type, shown in clinking leather, clear win; 2, Shearn and Owen, smart Goldie-Bullie, fine blaze and cap, good size; 3, Shellam, another good-coloured Greenie-Bullie, good front colour, in rare fettle; 4, Edwards; vhc, he, Robbins. DK. GOLDFINCH MULE (7): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known yell., not quite up in face, grand size and body colour; 2, G. Thomas, clinking good buff, rare face, good size, lovely quality feather for a buff; 3, vhc, Longden, yell. and buff respectively, both extra good specimens, nice colour and quality; 4, hc, R. W. Jones; c, Evans. DK. LINNET MULE (5): 1, R. W. Jones, champion yell., fine size, extraordinary colour, no doubt the best round these parts, Manchester and Swansea winner; 2, Roach, fine, big, well-mkd. one, plenty of size, good quality feather; 3, George, very large, well mkd., good colour; 4, Jenkins and Son; vhc, G. Thomas. A.O.V. MULE (8): 1, c, Longden, leader good big clnn. green Can. Mule, fine size, very pure in colour, shows marked parentage; 2, Leigh, dk. yell. Greenie Mule, lovely size and shape, good sound colour throughout, very close; 3, Screne, clinking yell. Siskin Mule, nice colour and quality; hc, W. J. Williams. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, fine big-bodied one, well cut square face; 2, Gay, rare-coloured one, good face set off with a profusion of tan, good buttons and bars; 3, Kemp, very neat, well-cut face, right up in colour; 4, W. Evans, Swansea winner, nice face, good tans; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Page; c, Roach. GREYPATE (14): 1, Morgan, rare-coloured one, beautiful cut face, brilliant colour, good tans and bars; 2, Ford, very sweet Finch, tremendous expanse of face, good colour too, nice bars; 3, 4, Griffiths and Evans, pair of gems, extra graud in face, correctly cut; vhc, W. Evans; hc, J. Thomas; c, Hughes. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Norton, beautifully shaped and polished, good frontal, neatly cut cap, well-defined bars; 2, Lewis and Dymond, well-known hen in ripping form, good cap, bars and front; 3, Ford and Son, real good one, grand size, type and colour; 4, P. Jenkins, very good; vhc, White; hc, Jones and Evans. LINNET: 1, Bancroft, Swansea winner, great size and shape, best of quality; 2, Nicholas, grandly-marked, coming up in colour rapidly; 3, Longden, another clinking bird, lovely polish, well marked, staged nicely; 4, Holbrow; vhc, Pearce; hc, Morgan; c, Griffiths. GREENFINCH (14): 1, 3, Bancroft, former Swansea winner, fine size and colour, shown in splendid form; 3rd, lovely quality feather, good specimen; 2, Longden, rare level colour, splendidly put down; 4, Nicholas; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Price; c, White. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Longden, old champion Bramble and a clinking good Chaffinch, latter neat quality and colour, former well known; 3, P. Jenkins, grand-coloured and spangled Bramble, great size, lovely quality; 4, Barry Bros.; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Prosser. BUNTING (6): 1, Nicholas, fine-coloured Yellowhammer, beautiful head marking, nicely laced back and sides; 2, P. Jenkins, fine size and shape, well mkd.; 3, Prosser, very good coloured one, neatly ticked head, shown in rare form; 4, vhc, Ford and Son, couple of beauties, good size and colour; hc, Lewis and Dymond, Corn Bunting. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Prosser, good cobby Siskin, nicely fed, very nice bird; 4th, good poll; 2, 3, Bancroft, Twite and Siskin, former well mkd., extra good size, nicely polished; 3rd, Siskin, large bird, fine shape, size and colour; vhc, Longden; hc, Russell; c, Nicholas. THRUSH, ETC. (3): 1st withheld; 2, Beed, nicely mkd., good-coloured Thrush, well staged; 3, (no name), another fine Thrush; 4, Fordham, Blackie. HARDBILL (3): 1st withheld; 2, G. Thomas, Hawfinch, good bib and frontal, staged well; 4, Lewis and Dymond, another of same species. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Nicholas, Blackcap, in good feather, nicely defined cap, nice size; 2, Hughes, Whitethroat, shown in fine fettle, very pure in colour, appeared quite at home; 3, Castrec, Whinchat, very fine specimen, few feathers missing from tail; 4, Thorne, Swallow, well staged; vhc, Barry Bros., Gold Crest. FOR. (8): 1, 2, Thorne, leader tricoloured Tanager, in very fine form, wins well; 2nd, Scarlet Tanager; 3, Millsum, pair of Green-billed Toucans, in very good feather; 4, Castree, another fine Toucan; 4, Lewis and Williams, grand Rock Parrot; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Fricker. SELL. MULE, ETC. (20/-): 2, Longden; 3, Price. MEMBERS' MULE (11): 2, spl, Hitchins; 3, East; extra 3, Willcox.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Wasley, champion for colour and type, rare head and neck, good short flight and tail; 2, G. T. Jones, also very large specimen, fine colour and quality of feather, true Nor. properties; 3, vhc, Kirby, both well-known, rare stamp, full of quality, neat short wings and tail; 4, Hitchings, also very typical specimen. BUFF (7): 1, G. T. Jones, very compact, great size, neatly rounded head, good carriage; 2, Hitchings, rare type, neatest of jackets, extra good wings; 3, Kirby, very close up, rare bodied, good quality feather; 4, Jeremy, we much admired; vhc, c, Bowen; hc, Heal. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, E. Jones, grand wing marked yellow, blaze of colour, best of type; 2, G. T. Jones, very good race, slasher for colour, neat wings and tail, well staged; 3, Kirby, very neat head and neck, tight fitting jacket; vhc, Bowen; hc, Trigg. BUFF (8): 1, Gwilliam, probably best Nor. on show to-day, rare size and type, put down in lovely style, very clear win; 2, 3, G. T. Jones, pair of gems, hard lines to meet leader to-day, full of good Nor. properties, shown to best advantage; 4, Hitchings, very good specimen, neat; vhc, James; hc, J. Jenkins; c, Bowen. HEN (9): 1, Wasley, gem, rare good size and type, clothed with the silkiest of feather, well staged; 2, G. T. Jones, another of right stamp, topper for type and quality; 3, Hitchings, very nice hen, good short wings and tail; 4, Kirby; he, no name; c, J. Jenkins. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Lewis and Dymond, very good specimen, sound type, good colour; 2, Wasley, very nice cobby Nor., neatly carried wings and tail, well shown; 3, Hitchings, clinking good youngster, rare shape, well feathered; 4, Kirby; vhc, E. James; hc, Jeremy; c, G. T. Jones. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, George, rare size and type, buff leading, good yellow 3rd; 2, Longden, neat yellow hen, rare bodied, one sound colour; 4, Ashelord. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Morris, well-known yell., grand position on perch, very tight in feather, very clear win; 2, Shearn and Owen, very neatly put down, rare length, capital finish throughout; 3, Taylor, very close up, nicely drawn, rare properties throughout; 4, Date; vhc, Mock and Son; hc, John; c, Miss Jelly. BUFF (12): 1, Shearn and Owen, well known, rare carriage and position, well feathered, extra good wing and tail carriage; 2, J. Jones, neat typical Yorkie, straight as they make them, good length, rare quality; 3, Miss Jelly, very classy exhibit, well filled at neck and back; 4, Morris; hc, Griffiths (Bros.); c, Mock and Son. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Griffiths Bros., topper for colour and length, good tight jacket, staged with nice taste; 2, Martin, very typical specimen, rare length, smart carriage; 3, Morris, beautifully feathered, grand position, very close; 4, no name; vhc, Williams; hc, Taylor; c, John. BUFF (1): hc, Morris. HEN (14): 1, Keegan, sweetly pretty hen, rare stylish carriage, best of positions; 2, 3, Shearn and Owen, couple of gems, fine length and type, best of quality of feather; 4, Mock and Son; vhc, J. Jones; hc, Miles and Brown; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. (14): 1, D. J. Davies, very typical youngster, rare wing and tail carriage, beautifully drawn, nice win; 2, Keegan, also very neat, wonderful wings and tail, plenty of leg; 3, Evans, very classy bird on similar lines; 4, Shearn and Owen; vhc, Griffiths Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, Browne. NON-FED (14): 1, Taylor, splendid lengthy Yorks., rare stamp, grand position; 2, Morris, very typical Yorks., lovely tight feathered one, good position, well staged; 3, Keegan, again very stylish, fine quality, good position; 4, Lewis; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Bennett. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., CK. (8): 1, O'Connell, neatest of type, feather like boxwood, full of excellent Border properties; 2, Donald and Saunders, very nutty specimen, rare feathered, good mover, well put down; 3, 4, Hammacott and Card, couple of real gems, rarely carried wings and tails, brimful of quality; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, E. Jenkins; c, East. BORD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, O'Connell, clinking good pair of Borders, fine quality feather, neat compact wing and tail carriage; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, very bonny specimen, good type, well staged; 4, Prosser, we liked; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, Donald and Saunders; c, Williams. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, R. H. Jones, rare coloured Buff, neat head and neck, best of wing and tail carriage, wins; 2, bc, Hammacott and Card, couple of gems, again well feathered, neat type, staged in A1 fettle; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, nicely braced wings, neat carriage and position; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Trott; c, no name. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Hammacott and Card, lovely quality clear, neat beaded, best of wing and tail carriage, well shown; 2, A. J. L. Taylor, also good specimen, neat mover, in clinking form; 3, Trott, very neat, good quality, rare wing and tail carriage; 4, R. H. Jones. A.O.V. CK. (3): 1, Mugford, neatly got up, varieg., fine carriage and position, shown faultlessly; 2, A. J. L. Taylor, neat and clean as a new pin, very typical; 3, Gwilliam, fine type and quality, close up to leaders. HEN (8): 1, D. Williams, very neat little lady, beautifully feathered; 2, bc, Mugford, rare stamp, put down in fine fettle, good wings and tail; 3, Donald and Saunders, clinking quality, good position; 4, c, O'Connell; vbc, P. Jenkins. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hocking, marvellous team, leader grand, evenly mkd., and a home bred 'un, perfect type, quality, and marking, and a green, nice grassy colour, good quality, rare type, others all extra good, fit for any company; hc, Hammacott and Card. SCOT. FCY. (3): 1, Mrs. Brown, clinker, fine top, good reachy one, capital worker, stands right away; 2, 3, Lewis, very typical, well staged. A.O.V. CAN. (1): vhc, Lewis and Dymond. SELL. (20s.) (10): 1, Mrs. Brown; 2, Griffiths Bros.; 3, Love; 4, Prosser; vhc, Edwards; hc, Watkins; c, Jeremy. (12s. 6d.) (8): 1, W. J. Williams; 2, Rees; 3, vhc, P. Jenkins and Son; hc, Morgan; c, Watkins.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held in the Assembly Rooms, recently. There were 61 birds in six classes. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford), placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Oddy; 3, 4, Townley; vhc, Livesey; hc, Wade; c, Walton. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Denby; 2, Townley; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Hartley; hc, Oddy; c, Livesey. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Smith and Son; 2, Hartley; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Oddy; hc, Denby; c, Wade. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Denby; 2, Townley; 3, hc, Smith and Son, vhc, Walton; c, Wade. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, 2, Walton; 3, Wade; 4, hc, Denby; vhc, Hartley; c, Oddy. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Denby; 2, hc, Livesey; 4, Oddy; vhc, Smith and Son; c, Wilkinson.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Secretary.

HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual show on Nov. 21, in St. George's School, an excellent room for a cage bird show. Entries totalled about 60, and were, with the exception of a few British, all Norwich, many grand specimens of this variety being staged. Messrs. Marlor Bros., won special for best old cock bird, Mr. S. Marlor special for best hen, Mr. Prentice for best in Novice class, and Mr. H. Fairclough for best opposite colour in Novice class. Mr. T. Allsop, the secretary, is to be congratulated on his sucessful management. Mr. J. W. Hopkins (Bolton), judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, S. Marlor; 3, Wrigley; 4, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Shaw, 2, Wrigley. TICK. YELL.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Barraclough. BUFF: 1, 3, Barraclough; 2, Marlor; 4, Stansfield. VARIEG.: 1, Wrigley; 2, S. Marlor; 3, Shaw; 4, Stansfield; vhc, Allsop Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, Barraclough; 2, Stansfield. BUFF: 1, Marlor; 2, 4, Wrigley; 3, Stansfield; vhc, Shaw; hc, Barraclough; c, Allsop Bros. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Marlor Bros.; 2, S. Marlor; vhc, Allsop Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Barraclough; 2, 3, Wrigley; 4, c, Allsop Bros.; vbc, Marlor Bros.; hc, S. Marlor. YELL. HEN: 1, Barraclough; 2, Marlor; 3, Marlor Bros. BUFF: 1, Wrigley; 2, Barraclough; 3, 4, Marlor Bros.; vhc, Allsop Bros.; hc, S. Marlor. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Allsop Bros.; 3, Marlor Bros. SELL. (20/-): 1, Allsop Bros.; 2, Wrigley. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Hargreaves. BRAMBLEFINCH ETC.: 1, 2, Hargreaves. SISKIN ETC.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Berry. NOVICE CLASSES NOR. YELL.: 1, Fairclough; 2, Cambridge; 3, Cambridge; 4, Bray. BUFF: 1, Fairclough; 2, Prentice; 3, Cambridge. HEN: 1, hc, Prentice; 3, 4, hc, Cambridge; 2, c, Fairclough.

GALASHIELS.

Galashiels O.S. held their 48th exhibition and competition on November 21st, in the Volunteer Hall, a most suitable hall for the occasion, it being lofty, large, and well lighted from the roof. It is also very free from draughts. Galashiels has always held a premier position as a Scotch Fancy show, and this one upheld the reputation. There was a good muster of Scotch fanciers. Exhibitors from all parts generally meet here, and they were in attendance in goodly force. Mr. McLennan had the pleasure of being the successful exhibitor to win the cup for best Scotch Fancy. The cup thus becomes his own property, he having won it three times in succession. Norwich and Borders turned out in fairly good numbers, although we have seen larger entries of them here; but quality was well represented. Entries totalled about 260 in all, this being somewhat shorter than last year's, which is a pity, as a harder working secretary than Mr. Alex. Smith and his committee it would be hard to meet with. President, Mr. A. Tod; secretary, Mr. A. Smith; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Brown; treasurer, Mr. C. S. Denny; committee, Messrs. Park, Welsh, Stark, Fox, Melrose, Cleghorn, Crosbie, Morrison, Ford, Gray, Brown, Tait, Deans, Brydon, Smith, Lugton, Melrose, Lees, Dobson, Gunbert, Lees, Litster, Lindsay, Keddie, Currie, Hislop, Pringle, Daggetty, and Whyte. These are well-known fanciers, and deserve great credit for the eneient manner in which the exhibits were staged and looked after. The following were the judges: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. David Brown (Edinburgh) and Robert Wright (Greenock); for Borders, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); and for Norwich, British, etc., Mr. A. Hay (Tweedmouth), and their awards were generally well received.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

PLAINHEAD YELL. (7): 1, 4, Gardiner, 1st A1 type, very silky feather; 2, Cameron, good shape and feather, well up in colour; 3, Cumeron, fine bloom; 5, Lugton, very sweetly made, A1 colour. BUFF (9): 1, Cameron, cl., very massive in body, neat, short wings carriage, well mealed feather; 2, three spls, Lugton, A1 body, cl., grandly finished feather; 3, Cameron, variegated, very neat in body, grand head; 4, Lugton, solid body, well rounded head; 5, Beveridge, grand shaped head, well-rounded body. A.O.V. NOR. (5): 1, Allan, splendid variegated. D.C., well groomed, splendid droop all round; 2, Wilson, cl. body, D.C., well feathered body; 3, Melville, variegated body, D.C., grandly feathered; 4, Wilson, Buff, green crest and body, well shaped crest, fine droop; 5, Allan, cl. body and crest, very massive, plenty of good substance. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, Jamieson, good sized uneven Goldie Buff Mule, in splendid feather; 2, Blackhall, very large variegated. Goldie Can.; 3, Bell, another variegated. Goldie; 4, Lambie, variegated. Goldie, neat wing bars; 5, Henderson, well coloured Linnet Mule, good pencillings and colour. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, Pringle, very large body, well cut face and checks, well up in blaze; 2, McLennan, neat, shapely body, grand buttons, and wing bars; 3, Gordon, well defined wing bars, grandly buttoned; 4, Tait, Britisher, very neat blaze, fine met body colour, best of wing bars; 5, Pringle, similar neat bars, grandly buttoned. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Campbell, grandly coloured Linnet, beautifully pencilled, wins easy; 2, Gardiner, Linnet, also well marked; 3, Ford, Siskin, cleanly cut cap, spangling very distinct; 4, Laidlaw, Siskin, well defined body, spangling paler in colour perhaps; 5, Campbell, extra large Linnet, well pencilled. BRIT. A.O.S., SMALL (6): 1, 3, Ford, 1st Bearded Tit, wins, splendid cut bib, body colour well up, 3rd Wagtail, in nice condition; 2, Henderson, Nuthatch, well coloured back, cheeks, and eyes, in lovely bloom; 4, McMillan, Yellowhammer, grandly feathered, well pencilled body and head markings; 5, Laidlaw, similar. LARGE (6): 1, Bruce, grandly marked Tbrush, well spotted, fine shape; 2, Millar, glossy Starling, lovely bloom, well spangled; 3, Linton, well-known Fieldfare, in best of bloom; 4, Simpson, well-known Hawfinch, one of the best out this season, well cut bib; 5, Blaikie, Hawfinch, very steady.

Mr. McKenzie's Classes.

CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 4, Bennet, former well-known winner, in best of bloom, sound deep colour, very neatly drawn; 4, well set up body, neat round head, will laid on wings; 2, Patterson, in fine condition; 3, Allan, Brechin and Berwick winner, grand type and feather, showing a bit stale to-day; 5, Gilchrist, well made, good wings. YELL. HEN (8): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, aud two spls., Tait, lovely hot level colour, silky feathers, best of type; 2, Bennet, nice face, similar in type; 3, Patterson, nice stamp; 4, Allan, very neat head and wings; 5, Gilchrist, neat, shapely body. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Patterson, well up in type, neat head; 2, Tait, lovely bloom, finely rounded head and body, well laid on wings; 3, Brockie, close feather, good wing carriage; 4, Bennet, last week's first Glasgow, winner in lovely bloom, one of the best rounded in class, might have pressed others; 5, McLevy, grand feather. BUFF HEN (8): 1, 3, Bennet, 1st lovely feather, finely finished, best of type, 3rd good type, very neat head and wings, close pipe tail; 2, Service, well rounded body and head; 4, Tait, similar type, very jaunty carriage, wee bit hollow in back; 5, Mather, good type. UNEVEN YELL. (11): 1, Gilchrist, wings and nice eye mark, very fine bloom, grandly rounded body and head; 2, Patterson, eyes, wings, and cheek mark, silky feather; 3, McLevy, wings and broken eyes, neat head; 4, McAdam, wing ticks and one eye, good type; 5, McLevy, very neat variegated. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Patterson, cinn. variegated, lovely feather and finish; 2, Tait, lovely three-pointer, type of the best, close to winner; 3, Phillips, variegated, good body; 4, Bennet, eyes and nice wing grandly mealed feather, well set on legs; 5, Phillips, good type. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, spl, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, winner excelling in pencilling, very finely drawn body; 2, Murray, well marked body, good, sound, grassy body; 4, Lambie, stronger body, very sound body colour; 5, Peel, neat buff green. FOUL (10): 1, Tait, buff, cheek mark, very stylish, free and easy carriage, well placed wings, wins; 2, Bennet, yellow, head tick, well known winner, deep, sound colour, close up; 3, Service, buff, wing tick, neatly made, fine short flights; 4, Mather, eye tick, yellow, neat body, A1 quality feather; 5, Gilchrist, eye tick, buff, similar build. SELL. (15): 1, Mather, yell.; 2, Bennet, yell.; 3, Gilchrist, buff; 4, buff; 5, Bennet, eye tick yell.

Messrs. Brown and Wright's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Thornton, well known winner, grand erect body, decided drive, good depth of rib; 2, Allan, good action, well balanced on perch; 3, Lees, fine old stager, A1 nerve and style; 4, Dobson, neat style and action; 5, Johnstone, strong massive shoulders, well filled in. BUFF (8): 1, spl, McLennan, proper stamp of bird, great reach and depth all through, well rounded wing and rib; 2, spl, Johnstone, grand top end and reach; 3, spl, Lees, good square top, well filled in, gets head well down; 4, spl, Robson, neatly proportioned, fine feather; 5, spl, Melrose, very promising one, good style and position. YELL. HEN (7): 1, McMillan, very nervy, best of position, draws well, and of grand size; 2, Pringle, very neat head and neck, 3, Thornton, very solid hen, grand top, well circled rib and tail; 4, Allan, beauty, great length throughout; 5, Park, nice size. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Melrose, strongly built, well set on legs, great depth in body; 2, McLennan, grand old lady, finely rounded top, very broad shoulders; 3, Allan, good reach and position, fine worker; 4, Melrose, good top reach, short set of body; 5, Ballantine, well set up body. YELL. PIED CK. (7): 1, Thornton, great depth through chest, finely rounded back and rib, neat head, gets well down. 2, similar, built on same lines; 3, Dobson, well set up, fine, lengthy wings and tail; 4, Veitch, well furnished body; 5, McLennan, very heavy in build. BUFF (8): 1, McMillan, great size of frame, well built, neat head, well set on shoulders, grips perch well; 2, spl, McLennan, another big one, plenty of substance and feather, great thickness of body; 3, Allan, well balanced, good action, finely built; 4, Millar, good heavy top, square shoulders, takes Belgian position with legs; 5, Dobson, reachy top end. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, McLennan, well set up, decided reach of neck, neat head, gets well down; 2, Melrose, similar style, good action and position, well up in size; 3, Allan, taking action, grand nerve; 4, Hardie, free top end, good shoulders; 5, Dobson, neatly made. BUFF (10): 1 and cup, McLennan, thumper for size, great breadth of body, well set on legs, best of shoulders, head well down; 2, Beveridge, another well-known face, can well hold her own in best of company, grand nerve; 3, spl, 5, Melrose, neatly built, fine make of body; 4, spl, Allan, good depth through chest, fine shoulders and reach. GREEN, ETC., CK. (6): 1, spl, Pringle, foul, well set up, plenty reach, good action; 2, spl, McLennan, also foul, strongly made, good width; 3, spl, McMillan, green, solid top end, free neck, neat head, draws well; 4, spl, Pringle, foul, good and reachy, fine substance; 5, Crosbie, well set on legs. HEN (6): 1, 4, Thornton, winner green, very fine top, snaky neck, gets head well down; 4, fairly good in length, plainer top end; 2, Pringle, foul, splendidly circled, very free action; 3, Pringle, green, stylish, lightly made body; 5, Millar, good top. BELG. (6): 1, spl, McMillan, buff hen, good straight back and top, draws well; 2, Park, yellow, great reach and length, gets head well down; 3, spl, Hardie, yellow, finely made, quick in position; 4, Dick, yellow; 5, Melrose. SELL. (20s.) CK. (11): 1, spl, Lugton; 2, Fisher; 3, Carson; 4, Veitch 5, Melrose. (20s.) HEN (5): 1, Henderson; 2, Carson; 3, Fisher; 4, Lugton.

BON ACCORD C.B.S. (Aberdeen).

Annual show held Nov. 14th, in the Ball Room Music Hall. It proved to be the best the society has yet held, the entries numbering about 400, this being an increase of 100 on last year's. The judges were: For Norwich and Borders, Mr. W. D. Milne (Montrose); and for wild birds, Mr. J. Balfour (Aberdeen), whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction. Mr. A. Thomson won cup for best young Norwich, also Hyde's special and special for best in show. Mr. A. Duffus won Ramsden's medal for best fed bird. The Border Fancy cup was won by Mr. J. Craig. Cup for best young Cinnamon (bred by a member), was won by Mr. W. Rae, Messrs. Ewan and Anderson winning special for best Cinnamon. The special for most points, Crested section, was won by Mr. J. Smith. The wild bird cup was won by Messrs. Ewan and Anderson, for the second year in succession. The secretary is Mr. Wm. Jamieson, who is deserving of great praise for his skilful management.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 5, Will; 2, W. Jamieson; 3, Dunn; 4, Smith; 6, Reid; 7, Scott. BUFF (7): 1, W. Rae; 2, 6, Will; 3, Scott; 4, Fyfe; 5, Dunn; 7, Thomson. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, 6, Duun; 2, Scott; 4, Stables; 5, Gow; 7, Reid. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Dunn; 4, J. Strachan; 5, W. Rae; 6, Fyfe; 7, M'Pherson. CL. ETC. HEN (6): 1, Fyfe; 2, J. Strachan; 3, 4, Stables; 5, Thomson; 6, Mackie. BUFF (5): 1, Thomson; 2, J. Strachan; 3, W. Jamieson; 4, Will; 5, Ewan and Anderson. VARIEG. YELL (7): 1, Davidson; 2, M'Pherson; 3, J. Strachan; 4, Will; 5, Ewan and Anderson; 6, Steele; 7, W. Rae. BUFF (11): 1, J. Strachan; 2, Scott; 3, Young; 4, Hay; 5, Gow; 6, Will; 7, Thomson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Steele; 2, W. Rae; 3, Sandison; 4, Thomson; 5, Smith; 6, Dunn; 7, Silver. BUFF: 1, cup, Hyde's spl, 6, Thomson; 2, J. Strachan; 3, Will; 4, Reid; 5, Steele; 7, Duffus. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 3, 4, Thomson; 2, Duffus; 5, 6, W. Rae; 7, Stables BUFF (22): 1, W. Rae; 2, 5, Thomson; 3, 7, Duffus; 4, Sandison; 6, Reid. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Patterson; 2, Dunn; 3, 5, Mackie; 4, Hay; 6, Wood; 7, Fyfe. BUFF (18): 1, Cassie; 2, M'Pherson; 3, Thomson; 4, J. Strachan; 5, Stewart; 6, Scott; 7, Silver. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ewan and Anderson; 2, W. Rae; 3, Lyon; 4, Thomson; 5, Steven; 6, Hay; 7, Wood. BUFF (7): 1, Mackie; 2, Hay; 3, M'Pherson; 4, Thomson; 5, Cassie; 6, Reid; 7, Dunn. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thomson; 2, Ewan and Anderson; 3, Dunn; 4, Smith; 5, Baker; 6, Hay; 7, Reid. BUFF (12): 1, Mackie; 2, Ewan and Anderson; 3, Connon; 4, Hay; 5, J. Strachan; 6, Duffus; 7, Young. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wood; 2, Beaton; 3, Thomson; 4, Young; 5, Reid; 6, Davidson; 7, Hay. BUFF (8): 1, Reid; 2, Young; 3, Hay; 4, Fyfe; 5, Cassie; 6, Lyon; 7, Baker. YELL. GREEN ETC. CK. (5): 1, Ewan and Anderson; 2, Duffus; 3, Silver; 4, J. Strachan; 5, Thomson. BUFF (4): 1, Ewan and Anderson; 2, Thomson; 3, W. Rae; 4, Dunn. GREEN ETC. HEN (10): 1, W. Rae; 2, Thomson; 3, Young; 4, 7, Ewan and Anderson; 5, 6, Duffus. BORD. CK. (9): 1, 2, Dunn; 3, Jamieson; 4, 5, Craig; 6,7, Johnston. HEN (10): 1, cup, Craig; 2, 5, W. Rae; 3, Dunn; 4, Jamieson; 6, 7, Johnston. YELL. CINN. CK. (4): 1, cup, 3, 4, W. Rae; 2, Ewan and Anderson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, for best Cinn. 4, Ewan and Anderson; 2, 3, 5, W. Rae. CINN. HEN (6): 1, 3, 5, Ewan and Anderson; 2, W. Rae; 4, J. Strachan; 6, Gow. UNFLIG. CINN. (9): 1, 5, J. Strachan; 2, 3, 4, 7, W. Rae; 6, Ewan and Anderson. HEN (7): 1, J. Strachan; 2, 4, 7, W. Rae; 3, 6, Ewan and Anderson; 5, Matthews. CREST (7): 1, 2, Smith; 3, 6, Stewart; 4, Jamieson; 5, 7, Steven. C.B. (8): 1, Scott; 2, Jamieson; 3, 5, 6, Stewart; 4, 7, Smith. NOVICE CK. (15): 1, 6, 7, Law; 2, 3, Wilkie; 4, Baker; 5, Hay. HEN (13): 1, Davidson; 2, 5, Law; 3, 6, Baker; 4, 7, Rennie. HYB. (5): 1, 4, Ewan and Anderson; 2, A. Rae; 3, Johnston; 5, Milne Bros. GOLDIE (2): 1, Ewan and Anderson; 2, Milne Bros. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Anderson; 3, Ewan and Anderson; 4, Johnston; 5, 7, Milne Bros.; 6, Matthews. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, 3, Milne Bros.; 2, 4, A. Rae; 5, Anderson. BULLFINCH BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Milne Bros. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Ewan and Anderson; 2, 3, A. Rae; 4, Milne Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, Milne Bros.; 2, 3, 4, Ewan and Anderson. SMALL (6): 1, cup for best wild bird, 4, Ewan and Anderson; 2, 3, 6, Milne Bros.; 5, A. Rae. GIFT (3): 1, Dunn; 2, Thomson; 3, Will.

DULWICH O.S.

The members of the Dulwich O.S. are to be heartily congratulated upon the success of their first open show in the Imperial Hall, East Dulwich, on Nov. 24 and 25. Nothing but success could be anticipated with a treasurer second to none in Mr. W. Goodwin, hon. secretaries of energy and experience like Messrs. Rogers and Muzzoni, and a committee of fanciers consisting of the following gentlemen: Messrs. G. F. Woolhouse (chairman), S. J. Kent (vice-chair), J. Foster, F. Cain, C. Mabey, R. Pocock, J. Smith, W. R. Wall, F. Waterman, J. Wilmot, R. Bruty, A. Rees. The society had adopted as its motto, "Progressive and up-to-date," and in all details of the show they had acted up to their professions. The hall is a splendid one; the arrangement of the staging was both convenient and comfortable, the light at night was splendid, the birds well cared for, every courtesy was extended to enquirers; indeed, all went merrily as a marriage bell. The entries were numerous, about 000 exhibits facing the judges. In the Norwich Plainheads were some grand exhibits, both in the open and in the members' classes, the rose bowl for best in open section falling to the well-known ticked yellow of Mr. Spillman's; the "You and I" challenge cup for best open Novice Norwich fell to a rattling buff shown by Mr. A. Keech. Yorkshires were splendid in quality, and the rose bowl for best in open section fell to a rattling clear buff shown by Messrs. Greaves and Crabtree. There were some topping birds in the open novice and members' classes. Mr. Mundell had something to do to "sort them." Crests and Crest-breds were not numerous in the open classes, but were good; entries in the open novice section were splendid. Borders came up well. The Mules, British and foreign made a grand display, both in point of numbers and quality. Mr. Vale, who judged, must have had a hard task. The members' classes in this section were also splendid. The attendance was excellent, many fanciers from all parts of London visiting the show, and we hope that success will attend the financial side. The committee, like all other mortals, could not command success, but did their best to deserve it. Mr. W. Mundell judged Yorks.; Mr. G. Gardner, Norwich; Mr. Robson, remainder of Canary classes; Mr. W. H. Vale, Hyb., Brit., and For.

Winners of extra specials were as follows:—In the open Yorks. section Messrs. Greaves and Crabtree won the rose bowl for best bird. In the open champion Crest section Mrs. Haysom won the rose bowl, also the spl for best ladies' exhibit. Messrs. Duncan and Logan won the rose bowl in the Border section, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell those in the open British and open Foreign sections. Gold medal for best Hybrid went to Mr. C. J. Ward.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., Cl., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, wonderful quality, colour, good wing and tail, fine position, full of nerve; 2, Myers, typical, good head, stands well, nice colour, boxy feather, close up; 3, Dukes, long flights and tail, grand quality, well braced wings, neat tail; 4, Ogden Bros., nice length and quality, good head, grand position, steady; vhc, Warley. BUFF (6): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, gem, well up on leg, long flights and tail, boxy feather, very steady, shown well, 2, Ogden Bros., typical, grand quality, good head, rich colour, grand wings and tail; 3, Warley, stylish, boxy feather, good head, clean on chest, carries wing and tail well; 4, Myers, rich colour feather, position, good wings and tail, neat head; vhc, Mabey. MKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ogden Bros., cinn. mkd., grand position, feather, full of quality, neat tail, rich colour; 2, Burton, neat head, rich colour, boxy feather, very typical; 3, Cook, wing tick, position and feather, long flights and tail, neat head; 4, Mahey, varieg. cinn. mkd., typical, rich colour, quality, well braced wing, neat tail; vhc, Warley. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Ogden, yell. tick, well up on leg, long flights and tail, position, neat head, well closed tail; 2, Burton, buff, rich colour, grand quality, typical; 3, Warley, buff, full of nerve, nice position, good head, piped tail; 4, Mabey, long flights and tail, position and quality. BUFF HEN (4): 1, 3, Myers, typical, full of quality, long flights, well on leg, 3rd eye tick, full of quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., uneven, rich colour, boxy feather, nice type. OPEN NOVICE.—YELL. CK. (11): 1, Langley, tick head, full of nerve, well up on leg, long flights and tail, wins; 2, Dixon, wing tick, good head, long flights and tail, grand quality and position; 3, Simpson, stylish, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 4, Whiteman, well up on leg; vhc, Inglos; hc, Walker; c, Well. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Langley, rich colour, position, grand quality, neat head; 2, Stout, wing marked, well up on leg, full of quality, neat head, well braced wing; 3, Pilcher and Faux, rich colour, good wing and tail; 4, Walker, typical, boxy feather, on the small side; vhc, Harwood; hc, Inglos; c, Mrs. Elsegood. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Piloher and Faux, yell., boxy feather, stands well, grand position; 2, 3, Mrs. Elsegood, buff tick on neck, boxy feather, typical, very steady, 3rd yell., stylish, neat head, long flights and tail; 4, Wright, buff, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; vhc, Harwood; hc, Miss Hall; c, Webb. HEN (16): 1, Walker, yell., boxy feather, stands well, long flights and tail; 2, Simpson, buff, teeming with quality, well braced wings; 3, Pilcher and Faux, yell., neat head, piped tail, rich colour, nice type; 4, Rowson, buff, boxy feather, good position, neat tail; vhc, Dixon; hc, Walker; c, Askew. MEMBERS' CHAMPION CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Wall, neat head, boxy feather, rich colour, grand position, long flights, nice compact tail; 2, Warley, typical, full of quality and nerve. BUFF (1): 1, Warley, boxy feather, nice type, very nervy. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, Mabey, variegated, rich colour, nice position and feather; 2, Warley, varieg., typical, full of quality. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Warley, rich colour and feather; 2, Wall, typical, full of quality. BUFF (1): 1, Warley, nice rich colour, position and quality. HEN (4): 1, Warley, pale colour, boxy, nice feather, position, good head; 2, 3, Mabey, two good hens, grand quality, position, and nerve; 4, Wall, typical, lacks quality. MEMBERS' NOVICE.—CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Sexton, cheek tick, full of good quality, position; 2, 4, hc, Waterman, 2nd typical, good flights and tail, well up on leg, 4th nice wings and tail; 3, Yeoman, very typical, full of quality; vhc, Masters. BUFF (1): 1, Whiteman. UNEVEN (2): 1, Thorpe, uneven mkd. yell., full of good quality, nice position; 2, Yeoman, tick yell., well up on leg, position. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Silverthorne, grizzled on back, well up on leg, feathered like a Java; 2, 3, Waterman, 2nd typical, grand quality, neat tail, 3rd rich colour and quality; 4, Thorpe, stylish, long flights and tail; vhc, Cutting; hc, Yeoman. BUFF (5): 1, Silverthorne, full of quality, typical, neat head; 2, Whiteman, slim, rich colour and feather; 3, vhc, Waterman, tick on head, boxy feather, too stout; 4, Masters, good head, nice wings and tail. HEN (4): 1, Masters, buff, rich colour, position, and feather; 2, Thorpe, yell., grand quality, neat tail, long flights; 3, Waterman, buff, good head, well braced wings, piped tail, rich colour; 4, Silverthorne, yell., typical, good head, nice quality.

Mr. Geo. Gardner's Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Morris, nice soft silky feather, good head, very clean at chest, well shown; 2, Lowe, grand quality and body shape; 3, Baker, lovely quality, and well tucked up; 4, Roppon, fine feather; vhc, Baker; hc, A. E. Silk; c, Roppon. BUFF (6): 1, Morris, overflowing with under colour, well tucked up, nicely posted; 2, Baker, grand type body, rare quality, well known; 3, Young, also well known, little bit overshown, which let him down to-day, splendid fellow; 4, Baker, fine quality; vhc, Ellis; hc, Tootle. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Spillman, well-known ticked yell., often described; 2, Morris, equally well-known ticked-eyed bird; 3, Howe, grand shaped variegated, full of quality and colour; 4, Young, bouncing tkd. yell.; vhc, c, Lowe; hc, A. E. Silk. BUFF (5): 1, Brown, "Cherry Blossom," in full array; 2, Baker, variegated, lovely quality, bonny type, close as wax, 3, Morris, tkd. on head, good shape, nice quality; 4, Lowe, fine variety.; vhc, Tottle. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, A. E. Silk, beautiful tone of feather, good size and shape, will take some stopping later; 2, Morris, cupped bird, rare quality, shape and colour; 3, Baker, tkd. on wing, charming colour and quality; 4, Collings, grand shape and quality; vhc, Hodder; hc, c, Lowe. BUFF (8): 1, Baker, gem for head, neck, general type, quality and under colour, wins; 2, Collings, variegated, splendidly close rich feather, good shape; 3, Lowe, shapely, full of quality; 4, Howe, very shapely variegated, nice feather; vhc, Morris; hc, A. E. Silk; c, Bellamy. HEN (14): 1, Baker, well-known yell., in grand form; 2, Hodder, cl. buff, magnificent shape, beautiful quality; 3, A. E. Silk, tkd. buff, rattling shape, close in feather; 4, Collings, yell., grand type and feather, well after leaders; vhc, Baker, Lowe; hc, Ellis; c, Tottle. OPEN NOVICE.—YELL. CK. (14): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Lovegrove, topping team, winner lovely shape and feather; 3, Mrs. Litchfield, another typical bird, good feather; 4, Keech, variegated, rare quality and colour; hc, Hardy; c, Bellinger. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Keech, beautifully clean cut, boxy feather, rare under colour, good shape; 2, Long, nice shape, not quite so tight in feather yet; 3, Spoor, good shape and feather; 4, Ingles, Junr., shapely, good quality; vhc, Mrs. Lovegrove; hc, Hamer; c, Deverill. UNFLIG. (24): 1, Mrs. Mitchell, buff, typical, rare quality, nice under colour; 2, Deverill, yell., right feather texture, nice shape, neat head, good colour; 3, Spoor, yell., also nice in most points; 4, Ingles, Junr., good tkd. yell.; vhc, Dixon; hc, Mrs. Lovegrove; c, Keech. HEN (19): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Lovegrove, clean sweep with yell. of rare shape and quality leading, followed by a shapely buff and a variegated yell., both good; 4, Bellinger, very neat yell., nice feather; vhc, Mrs. Mitchell; hc, Gilvar; c, Daniell. MEMBERS' CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Woolhouse, silky feather, clean at chest and thighs, nice shape and colour; 2, Morris, stouter, rich colour, bonny. BUFF (5): 1, Kates, nice quality, shape and feather, smart; 2, Morris, grand colour; 3, Kates, good shape; 4, Woolhouse; vhc, Warley. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Morris, good shape and quality; 2, Woolhouse, hardly so stout in shape perhaps. BUFF (1): 1, Morris, tkd., rare shape. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, Young, tkd. yell. leading, nice buff following, both promising; 2, 3, Morris, buff and yell. respectively, nice shape and quality; vhc, Sprules; hc, c, Woolhouse. HEN (15): 1, 2, Morris, well shown; 3, 4, vhc, Young, good team, rare shape and quality; hc, c, Woolhouse. MEMBERS' NOVICE.—NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (2) 1, Mrs. Mazzoni, nice head, rare shape and feather; 2, Rogers and Mazzoni, nice feather. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Rogers and Mazzoni, both typical, good feather. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Foster, leader fine shape, good feather and colour. BUFF (6): 1, Rogers and Mazzoni, very rich under colour, nice close feather; 2, vhc, Morris, close up, very good quality; 3, Rees, rare shape; 4, hc, Foster. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Powles, nice shape and feather; 2, Rogers and Mazzoni; 3, Taylor. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Rogers and Mazzoni, leaders two very shapely buffs, grand feather; 3, hc, c, Foster, former smart yell., good feather.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

CREST A.V. (10): 1, 2, 4, Mrs. Haysom, really fine team, leader good crest properties, fine radiation, centre droop and density, closely followed by second; 3, Smithurst, another rattling crest, nice shape, good thickness of layer, and well formed; vhc, c, Mrs. Galloway; hc, Peters. The ladies held the sway in this and the next class with a vengeance. C.B. (7): 1, Mrs. Haysom, grand green, massive dome-shaped skull, dense feather, long turn back, good body; 2, hc, c, Mrs. Galloway, leader variegated bird, dense and long in head feather; 3, Peters, nearly green, very nice; 4, Smithhurst, variegated, good head properties; vhc, Fellowes. OPEN NOVICE.—CREST (23): There's a picture for you! 1, 2, vhc, Cory, both wing mkd. D.C., little to choose between them, both good; 3, Farmer, fine headed grizzle crest, good radiation and density of feather; 4, hc, Hoar, former variegated, neat headgear; c, Watcham. C.B. (13): 1, Cory, green, bold head, heavily feathered, fine length of turn back; 2, vhc, Hoar, similar, hardly so massive perhaps; 3, Burgess, variegated, nice length head feathers; 4, Mrs. Litchfield, good length of feather, nice head; vhc, Hoar; hc, Anson; c, Watcham. MEMBERS' NOVICE.—CREST (1): 1, Bizley, neat crest on nice body. C.B. (1): 1, Bizley, good head, nice length of head feather. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Brownlie, well known; 2, hc, Blackie, leader sweetly pretty little fellow, gay young spark in full dress; 3, Buskey, very jaunty, nice colour and feather, neat all through; 4, Mrs. Drinkwater, grand feather, jaunty carriage; vhc, Brownlie; c, Duncan. HEN (6): 1, Brownlie, charming feather, neat shape, good carriage; 2, Wardlworth, stylish, full of life, nice quality feather; 3, Blackie, very sweet hen; 4, Taylor, dainty lady, rare feather properties; vhc, Roberts; hc, Wall. BUFF CK. (12): 1, 4, Duncan and Logan, leader splendid feather, grand carriage, finely moulded; 2, Blackie, shapely, fine waxy feather, jaunty carriage; 3, Brownlie, charming bird for style and feather, clean cut; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brownlie; c, Roberts. HEN (9): 1, 3, Duncan and Logan, two sweet hens, leader beautifully moulded, full of life, splendid feather; 2, Blackie, close after 1st, choice feather, gay and sprightly in carriage, nicely finished off; 4, Taylor, very sweet; vhc, Simpson; hc, Roberts; c, Buskey. EVENLY MKD. (7): 1, 3, Scirauac, former four-pointed well mkd. yell., nice shape, carriage and feather, 3rd nice one; 2, Duncan and Logan, good in marking; 4, Brownlie, well known; vhc, Roberts; hc, Simpson; c, Wardleworth. UNEV. MKD. (13): 1, 2, Duncan and Logan, both variegated yell., fine feather, very shapely; 3, Brownlie, good quality, jaunty carriage; 4, vhc, Scirauac, very sweet, lightly variegated, nice carriage and feather; hc, Simpson; c, Taylor. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Brownlie, yell. cinn., holds its own still, good coloured one; 2, 3, Hancocks, 2nd green, nice tone of colour, 3rd nice cinn.; 4, Drinkwater, green, somewhat dark in tone; vhc, Miss Davies; hc, Brownlie; c, Buskey. DUTCH FRILLS (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Brooks, fine team, leader finely formed, well feathered bird, the team throughout a good one; 2, Minty, close on winner; a pleasure to see the recognition of Mr. Brooks' efforts. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 4, Green, leader and 4th Lancs., superior merit, 2nd very pretty Liz.; 3, Lowe, nice yell. cinn.; vhc, Howe; hc, Minty. MEMBERS' CHAMPION A.O.V. (2): 1, Saunders, good Bord. yell. cinn., nice colour; 2, Warley, fine upstanding green Yorks. SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, Keech, 2, Collings; 3, c, Saunders; 4, Danniell; vhc, Peters; hc, Hodder. (25/-) (8): 1, Mitchell; 2, Green; 3, Keech; 4, Mabey; vhc, hc, Hodder; c, Woolhouse. (35/-) (20): 1, A. E. Silk; 2, 4, Hodder; 3, Spillman; vhc, Emery and Bond; hc, Peters; c, Dell.

Mr. W. H. Vale's Classes.

The small insectivorous British bird class was a picture, containing three Black Redstarts, besides Gold Crests, Jenny Wren, Pied Flycatcher, Nuthatch, etc. The Bird of Paradise was, of course, the chief attraction in the Foreign bird classes, and surrounded the whole evening by an admiring crowd. The Sulphur-breasted Toucan also came in for its share of admiration, as did the Green Jays, and the sweet little Cuba Finches. In the Hybrid section were noticeable the almost clear yellow Siskin Canary, and the Redpoll-Bullie, both gems of the first water. To find five Canary-Bullfinches in a class is surely remarkable.

GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Maxwell, grand Goldie, beautiful carriage, and rare size, one of the best square underblazes we have seen for some time, perfect buttons and moons, well tanned; 2, Mays, another good Finch, rich in browns and nice wing bars, well up in colour, shows itself well; 3, Botting, not so large as leaders, nice blaze and tanning, appears to have a flight or two short; 4, Wickham, smaller bird, rich in blaze, nice buttons and moons, in good order; vhc, hc, Hurst, two capital Finches, well defined buttons, excels in head properties, wants another month to be up in colour; c, Skilton. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Vincent, the noted Bullie, grand all-round, clear cut cap, good back and wing bars, rich breast, well staged; 2, Withers Bros., fine big bird, good cap, and has a nice style, paler on breast than winner; 3, Hurst, rare size, jet black cap, clear cut, good shade of colour on breast; 4, Miss Turner, clinking hen (shown in unsuitable cage), fine wing bars and rich body colour; vhc, Graham; hc, Francis; c, Fellows. SISKIN ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Maxwell, rich coloured Twite, well marked, big bird, shows white in flights well, the latter a nice Lesser Redpoll; 2, R. J. Howe, mealy Redpoll, fine size and grand pencillings, nice bib in fine form; 3, Botting, another Twite, good rich body colour, fine pencillings, stands well; 4, Francis, Siskin, rich body colour, nicely laced cap, good thigh pencilling, stands well; hc, Hurst; c, Birchley. LINNET (17): 1, Maxwell, clinking Linnet, rich nutty brown back, grand throat markings and well pencilled; 2, Hurst, rare sized Linnet, shews whites in flights beautifully, dense pencilling, in capital order, pressed hard; 3, Pankhurst, big, bouncing bird, good body colour throughout, nice pencilling, stands well, very steady; 4, Howe, good cobby bird, well browned body, in rare fettle; vhc, (no name); hc, Wickham; c, Birchley. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (17), a hot lot, but no getting away from the winner: 1, 2, Chick, the well-known Hawfinch, a real gem, well up in colour, shown in capital style; 2, noted Corn Bunting, very fine specimen, rich all over in markings and colour; 3, Mrs. Sandy, well marked Yellow Bunting, rich in colour and dense head markings, nice size; 4, R. J. Howe, good Chaffinch, in fine fettle, very steady, big bodied bird; vhc, Cook; hc, White; c, Birchley. SMALL INSECTIV. (20), grand class: 1, 2 spls, 3, Maxwell, former his champion Yellow Wagtail, and the latter his well-known Black Redstart, both in grand form, and shown in his usual style; 2, vhc, Mays, 2, nice pied Flycatcher, but very bad in the feet, which should have put him down in nice order otherwise; 4, Meadows, sweet little Goldcrest, nicely staged and looking quite happy; hc, Baker, Sedge Warbler; c, Gardner, Bearded Tit. The class is the best we have seen for some time; many grand specimens left entirely out of the cards. LARGE (12): 1, 3, Maxwell, Cornish Chough, in wonderful condition; 3, nice Blackbird, good crocus bill and eye cere in fine trim; 2, Cook, one of the finest Great Grey Shrikes out, steady as a rock, well shown; 4, Mays, rich coloured Thrush, capital size, very distinct in its spots, in nice order; vhc, Barham, Missel Thrush, in good order; hc, Dell; c, Francis. HYBRIDS CAN. LIGHT (7): 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, a grand team yellow Siskin-Canary, almost clear, leading gem; Linnet-Can., very light, in rare form, and yellow Goldfinch-Can. unevenly marked, grand size and shape; 4, Lamb; vhc, Tring; hc, Fullbrook; c, Baker. DARK (15), five Canary-Bullies in this class: 1, Duncan and Logan, topping Canary-Bullie, rare size and colour, nice cap and wings, showing both parents well; 2, 4, hc, Jackson and Bond, same species, fine bird, shade paler in breast colour, 4, yellow Greenfinch-Can. rare size and full colour; 3, Mrs. Askham, yet another Can.-Bullie, a hen, in first-class order; vhc, Maxwell. A.O.V. HYB. (8): 1, spl, 2, Ward, sweet Redpoll-Bullie, lovely pink breast, splendid cap and wings, shows both parents to perfection; 2, grand Linnet-Bullie, rare size and full of colour; 3, Miss Davies, capital Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, rich colour and fine size, staged in first-class order; 4, Lamb, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, fine blaze, and a good size, lovely condition, nice exhibit; vhc, c, Fullbrook; hc, Jackson and Bond. FOREIGN SMALL (10), a fine class: 1, 3, Maxwell, Masked Lovebird, and rare Maroon Tanager, both gems and looking grand; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Galloway, fine pair Scaly-Crowned Finches, rare team, and put down in good style; 4, Gardner, capital superb Tanager, beautifully coloured, in first-class condition. LARGE (8), a marvellous blaze of colour: 1, 2 spls, vhc, Maxwell the champion King Bird of Paradise, much admired by visitors, and quite the attraction of the show, and Black-Throated Parrakeet, another rare exhibit in great form; 2, spl, 4, Smith and Son, grand Sulphur-breasted Toucan looking none the worse for his travels; 4, a Red-sided Eclectus; 3, Mrs. Sandy, noted Mexican Green Jay, splendid colour, showing itself well; vhc, Cook, Green Brazilian Jay, very tame and in good order; c, Cushney. MEMBERS—GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Francis; 2, Fletcher; 3, Sexton; 4, Cutting. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Francis; 2, Askew; 3, Rogers and Mazzoni. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Bizley; 2, spl, 4, Sexton; 3, hc, Wall; vhc, Askew; c, Francis. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, spl, 3, spl, Cutting; 2, Askew; 4, spl, vhc, Francis; hc, c, spl, Wall. INSECTIV. (8): 1, 2 Francis; 3, 4, Askew; vhc, Foster; c, Fletcher. HYBRID (6): 1, Francis; 2, Askew; 3, Rogers and Mazzoni; 4, Cutting; vhc, Foster; hc, Spoles. FOR (4): 1, Bruty; 2, Foster. The members had out some fine birds.

SLIGO.

The eighth annual show in connection with the Sligo C.B.S. came off in the Town Hall on November 18th and 19th, when there were 287 exhibits in 36 classes, showing a decrease of 50 compared with last year's total. As this show was the opening of the competition for the Y.C.C. of Ireland Challenge Cups and also the N.P.C. of Ireland Cups, great interest was taken in both competitions. Entries from the latter club, however, came up somewhat badly. The Plainheads made a fine show, some real good ones being put down, especially the buff cock which took cup for best exhibit in show. Yorkshires made a grand display—130 birds in 13 classes facing the judge. Irish exhibitors are seemingly going to make the Yorkshires "hum." The novice Yorkshire classes were a grand lot. Mules came up fairly well, and the Britishers made a nice display; some of the Goldfinches, we believe, will do much better later on. But the classes did not seem to fill; why do not our southern exhibitors send birds out and support? They themselves get good support from Sligo. The secretary and show manager, Mr. C. J. Mulligan, had everything in proper order; the cards were up at 2 p.m., and catalogues and awards were posted at six to country exhibitors. Mr. H. S. Naylor (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, McCagherty, nice one, put down in good trim; 2, Connell, another nice, one close up; 3, Carson, seemed a little sore; res, Stewart; vhc, Thompson; hc, Osborne; c, Barclay. Classes 1, 2, and 3 cancelled. BUFF (13): 1, J. Stewart, grand exhibit, rare quality, put down in faultless condition, wins cup for best exhibit; 2, vhc, Barclay, grand bird, nice quality; 3, Thompson, close up; res, c, Mulligan; hc, McCagherty. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Stewart, good one, rare substance, grand feather, wins; 2, Osborne, nice one all over; 3, Barclay, a good exhibit, will improve; res, Mulligan; vhc, Connell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thompson, good one, shows splendidly, put down very fit; 2, vhc, Connell, another good one, close up; 3, Barclay, well staged, will do better perhaps later on; res, McCagherty; c, Mulligan. BUFF (7): 1, Connell, large one, shows well; 2, 3, Mulligan, former last year's cup winner, in good trim; 3rd, fails just a trifle underneath to winners, but otherwise a fine bird; res, c, Thompson; vhc, Barclay. VARIEG. HEN: 1, Barclay, nice exhibit, wins well; 3, Carson, close up; 2, McCagherty, grand bird; res, Mulligan; vhc, Thompson; hc, Osborne. NON-FED NOR. (7): 1, Hanna, nice green, wins well; 2, Anderson, good mkd. buff; 3, Morrison, cl. yell., well placed; res, Hanna; vhc, O'Hara; hc, c, Verdon. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Sheridan and Fry, very racy, good position; 2, Devins, not quite so slim as winner perhaps, but still a real good one; 3, Huggard, another good one, well placed; res, South; vhc, Coyne; hc, Hawkins; c, Tighe. HEN (13): 1, McQuade, good big 'un, in grand trim, shows well; 2, Mulligan, another large one; 3, Hawkins, some preferred to 2nd; res, vhc, c, Tighe, nice compact hen, showing good breed; hc, Coyne. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Devins, racy exhibit, steady as a rock, shows well; 2, Mulligan, close up, not quite so racy perhaps as winner; 3, Thompson, fine bird, stands well; res, South; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Huggard; c, Tighe. HEN (10): 1, 3, Devins, 1st rare exhibit, like wax, shows exceedingly well; 3rd, another good one, some thought should have been second; 2, Sheridan and Fry, nice one, stands well, long and slim; res, Huggard; vhc, Cloke; hc, Hawkins; c, Tighe. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Sheridan and Fry, slightly mkd., good length, stands nicely; 2, Coyne, will do better a little later on; 3, Devins, nearly variegated, good quality feather; res, McCagherty; vhc, Hawkins; hc, McQuade; c, Thompson. HEN (10): 1, Devins, grand style and position, lovely feather; 2, Cloke, nice exhibit; 3, O'Reilly, cinn. mkd., nice position; res, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, Hawkins; hc, McQuade; c, Thompson. NON-FED YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, McQuade, good one, fine and upstanding; 2, Devins, another capital exhibit; 3, Devins, another nice exhibit; No. 123 in this class disqualified for being a buff. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Devins, another good one from this exhibitor's room, put down in faultless condition; 2, Hawkins, nice one; 3, Mulligan, not quite so slim as the winners, but a good one; res, Devins. A.O. COL. CK. (5): 1, Sheridan and Fry, good big 'un, fine, upstanding; 2, Devins, close up, another upstanding exhibit; 3, Tighe, finely drawn. HEN (8): 1, 2, Devins, good pair, little to choose between them, grand feather; 3, McQuade, close up, another nice exhibit; res, O'Reilly; hc, Mulligan; c, O'Reilly. NOVICE YORKS. CL. CK. (14): 1, Lavery, nice unflig.; 2, Carrol, nice buff; 3, M. J. Mulligan, fine yell., slim, in good condition; res, Farrel; vhc, Birse; hc, Forrest; c, Flemming. HEN (10): 1, res, M. J. Mulligan, grand buff leading, tight as wax, grandly moulded; 2, Forrest, another nice one; 3, Lavery, some thought should have gone one up, vhc, Flemming; hc, Forrest; c, Birse. TKD., ETC., CK. (10): 1, Birse, ticked buff, good length; 2, M. J. Mulligan, ticked yell., slim and upstanding, won Hyde's special; 3, Flemming, nicely moulded; res, Forrest; vhc, Keating; hc, Farrel; c, Lavery. HEN (8): 1, Farrel, nicely moulded, well up on leg, wins well; 2, res, Mulligan, nice tkd. yell., good style; 3, Flemming, another nice one, close up; vhc, Birse; hc, Forrest; c, Lavery. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Osborne, wing mkd. buff, a hen; 2, Mulligan, variegated buff; 3, Rowe, lightly ticked green; res, Sleator; all nice birds, full of quality. DARK (5): 1, Birse, nice one, good colour; 2, McCaldin, close up; 3, Rowe, some thought should have been in previous class, having a white ring round neck, a grand bird; res, Smith; vhc, Speckman. A.O.V. MULE (9): 1, Carson, grand Greenie Can., in lovely condition, steady as a rock; 2, Mulligan, Siskin Can., nicely pencilled, showing cross well; 3, res, Birse, another Siskin Can., nicely defined markings; vhc, McCagherty; hc, Verdon; c, Osborne. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Tighe, grand Finch, good body and tannings, square cut face; 2, Dawson, large one, nice all over; 3, Verdon, should do very well later on, grand blaze; res, Devins; vhc, Rooney; hc, Sleator; c, McLoughlin. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Mulligan, former grand nut-brown, well pencilled, steady as a rock; 2nd, when finished will be a beauty; 3, Byrne, nice one, rather unsteady; res, Tighe; vhc, Verdon; hc, Speckmann. A.O.S. (5): 1, Mulligan, buff Greenie, very steady; 2, Dawson, grand Siskin, well placed; 3, Birse, nice Yellowhammer; res, Finan; vhc, Sleator. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Dawson, looks like a fresh-caught one, grand colour; 2, Mulligan, large good one; 3, Birse, another good one, out of condition to-day; res, vhc, Tighe; hc, Perrin. LOCAL SELL., CAN. CK. (11): 1, O'Hara; 2, Sleator; 3, c, Anderson; res, McMurrow; vhc, Smith; hc, McLynn. HEN (7): 1, 2, O'Hara; 3, Sleator; res, vhc, Anderson; hc, Judge; c, Keyeleheau. BRIT. (13): 1, Reilly; 2, Conway; 3, Rooney; res, Coulon; vhc, Gillen; hc, McCarrick; c, Finan. BRIT LIMIT (5/-) (5): 1, Jennings; 2, Reilly; 3, res, Sleator. A.V. (15/-) (10): 1, Osborne; 2, Carson; 3, Devins; res, hc, Thompson; vhc, Mulligan; c, Coyne. (10/-) (6): 1, Carson; 2, Mulligan; 3, Tighe; res, Osborne; hc, McQuade.

HAMILTON.

The Hamilton Cadzow Onk O.S. held their annual show in the Town Hall, Hamilton, on November 21st. This hall is very suitable, being neither too large nor too small for the staging. We learned that the entries were about 150 less than last year's total, a fact that can only be accounted for by the presence of a show at Blackwood, which is but a few miles away, and also a show at Ayr, which also would contribute to the shortage. Norwich were not at all strong, there being only 74 in twelve classes. Crests and Crest-breds were really good and stronger, there being 80 in two classes. Mr. Muir, of Kilmarnock, judged these classes, to the satisfaction of everybody. Borders were not at all bad in quality, and although there were 116 in fourteen classes, one expected to see far more at a hot-bed like Hamilton, where this variety has many admirers. Messrs. Jas. Culderwood (Dumfries) and W. Hamilton selected the winners, to the satisfaction of the majority. Mules and Hybrids were good, both in quality and quantity. Britishers were strong in numbers. Messrs. J. Mason (Peebles) and J. Taylor (Greenock) were the judges of the Mules, British and Foreign, and their awards were well received. Mr. McQuiston's Bullfinch won special for best British bird. The show was opened by Provost Polloch, and was well patronised by the general public. Qrtr.-Mst.-Sergt. Cant makes a most admirable secretary, and no doubt the Society feel proud of him. The committee all worked well for the good of the show, and we thought it a pity their labour was not better rewarded than it was.

Mr. Muir's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, McFarlane, 1st hot-fed yell., good head, nice wings and tail, grand carriage, 3rd smaller, good type, nice wings and tail; 2, Marlin, clear, nice Bullie type, grand size and feather; vhc, Cant, nice bird, but "can't" beat others; hc, Mitchell, nice type and carriage. BUFF (5): 1, spl, McFarlane, clear, nice large round head, short tail and thighs; 2, Watson, lovely type, grand quality and carriage, stands well up; 3, McNeill, lovely quality, good head, wings, and chest, shows well; vhc, White, grand head and quality, prominent chest; hc, Malcolmsen, good bird. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, McFarlane, nice size and type, well set wings, short tail; 2, Shearer, grand quality feather, good, firm set type, shows well; 3, M'Kay, nice even colour, good type, head, tail and wings perfect; vhc, Small, non-fed buff hen, good type. BUFF (8): 1, Scaife, head and wing marks, good head and wings; 2, Watson, grand type and quality throughout; 3, Calderwood, fine head and chest, carriage perfect, splendid quality feather; vhc, McFarlane, nice Bullie type, good quality, grand round head; hc, Alston, good quality; c, McNeill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, McFarlane, grand type, nice sweet head and carriage; 2, Malcolmson, nice model and size, perfect bead and chest, well put down; 3, Braidwood, gem for size, quality, colour, and condition; vhc, Cant, nice one. BUFF (8): 1, McFarlane, good type and quality, stands well up, grand head, nice bold chest; 2, Marlin, good Bullie type, grand style, standard size; 3, Johnstone, good quality feather, superb head, nice chest; vhc, Gunnell, good head, chest, and carriage; hc, Peters, nice Bullie type; c, Innes. VARIEG., ETC. (6): 1, Braidwood, variey. yell., superb head and type, in first-class trim, stands well up; 2, Calderwood, marked on tail only, grand Bullie type, stands like a soldier; 3, Scaife, sweet type, grand feather and colour; vhc, McFarlane, good bead and feather; hc, Cant, splendid quality; c, Malcolmson. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, spl, Watson, hot-fed yell., gem, perfect head, chest, carriage, and feather, some thought best Nor. In show; 2, Morrison, grand type and quality, lovely head and chest, good carriage; 3, Malcolmson, lovely type and quality, well put down; vhc, McFarlane, cl. yell., nice head; hc, Johnstone, cl. buff., grand typo and quality; c, M'Cubbins. HEN (6): 1, spl, Watson, red-hot-fed clear yellow, good stout type, stands well up, splendid quality and carriage, wins well; 2, Malcolmson, good stamp, grand head and chest; 3, McFarlane, variey. yell., good type and quality; vhc, Jeffrey, cl. yell., grand round head; hc, Valentine, cl. yell., good Bullie type; c, Morrison. UNFED CK. (4): 1, Shearer, grand head and chest, good quality; 2, Stewart, Bullie type; 3, Taylor, good quality feather; vhc, Caldwell. HEN (7): 1, Shearer, nice buff variey.; 2, Morrison, cl. yellow, good quality and type, nice round head and chest; 3, Calderwood, grand type, perfect carriage, grand all-round bird; vhc, Marlin, cl. buff, nice stamp, gand size and feather; hc, Powell, good quality; c, Taylor. SELL. (7): 1, Page; 2, Begg; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Powell; hc, Williams; c, Braldwood. CREST, a grand class (14): 1, spl, Duncan, variey. wing marks, D.C., grand formation, splendid centre, plenty of feather; 2, Griffiths, variey. buff D.C., good formation and size, very even all-round, superb centre, splendid body; 3, Page, yell. green, good centre, grand droop, splendidly balanced; vhc, Arnott, another topper, nice even Crest; hc, M'Kay; c, McFadyen. C.B. (16), another striking class: 1, Griffiths, heavily variey. buff, young, grand brows, good entrance, plenty of length, nice body feathers; 2, McFadyen, head and wing marks, good substance, well lashed, plenty of head feather; 3, Gardiner, cl., grand wide bead, good body, plenty of feather; vhc, McFadyen, heavily variey., good quality; hc, M'Innes; c, Page.

Messrs. Calderwood and Hamilton's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Thomson, little gem, grand feather and colour, good head, well moulded; 2, Buchanan, another nice one, grand carriage and quality; 3, Wallace, splendid shape, nice head, carriage perfect, free goer; vhc, Forrest, good head and substance; hc, Brownlie, teeming with quality; c, Hutchison. BUFF (7): 1, Peel, grand type, colour, and carriage, sweet head, well moulded, free mover, in first-class condition; 2, Shearer, fine condition, grand head, nice carriage; 3, Haddow, perfect gem, very sweet bead, carries wings and tail perfectly; vhc, Dunsmore, another nice one; hc, Shields, grand head, neck, and carriage; c, Marshall. YELL. HEN: 1. Smillie, very sweet exhibit, grand condition, nice size and colour, good head and carriage; 2, Holton, good feather, fine colour, like wax in condition; 3, Thomson, well moulded, carriage perfect, condition superb; vhc, Laidlaw, grand head; hc, Peel; c, Haddow. BUFF (10): 1, Smillie, grand shape and style, good size and colour, very steady and fit; 2, McWatt, sweet head, splendid bird; 3, Brownlie, nice size, shape, quality and colour; vhc, Shields, good head, size, and colour, good condition; hc, Allardice, grand head and wiugs; c, Wilson. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, McWalt, nice evenly balanced markings, wonderful condition, grand colour and size; 2, Shearer, good quality feather, nice shape and style; 3, Haddow, good shaped head, grand carriage; vhc, Peel, nice size and condition; hc, c, Alexander. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, spl, Smillie, cock, grand size, condition, and quality of feather, nice markings, splendidly put down; 2, 3, Haddon, 2nd grand head, nice size, good quality, superb condition, 3rd grand condition, size, and quality; vhc, Peel, nice bird; hc, Buchanan; c, Alexander. BUFF (10): 1, Allardice, nice markings, good quality and size, feather like wax; 2, Turnbull, splendid shape and condition, good quality; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, perfect gem, superb condition, good quality and size vhc, Shearer, good size and colour; hc, Haddow; c, Ramsay. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Lappin, good size and type; 2, Haddow. BUFF (7): 1, Hamilton, grand trim, good quality, nice size and feather, like wax in condition; 2, Smillie, grand condition, nice size and colour, well moulded, free mover; 3, Lappin, nicely put down, good size, colour, and quality; vbc, Haddow, nice colour, superb carriage; hc, Holton, good size and colour; c, Gillies. NOVICE (6): 1, Whiteford, grand yellow, good head, grand quality of feather; 2, Buchanan, nice size and colour; 3, Gillies, grand size and type; vhc, Elliott, good colour; bc, Laidlaw; c, Scobbie. YELL. GREEN (11): 1, vhc, Thomson, 1st gem for quality, shape, condition, and carriage; vhc exhibit; 2, Arnott and Jamieson, another topper, grand colour, sweet head, lovely carriage; 3, Buchanan, nice size, grand carriage, good colour; hc, Hamilton; c, A. J. Thomson. BUFF (9): 1, Arnott and Jamieson, perfect model, grand quality feather, nice size; 2, 3, D. Hamilton, good quality, nice size and style, well moulded, 3rd grand colour, carriage perfect, nicely shown; vhc, Thomson, grand size; hc, Arnott and Jamieson; c, Hutchieson. CINN. (12): 1, 3, c, D. Hamilton, fine trio, 1st grand even shade, nice size, good quality, perfect carriage, 3rd good quality, free goer; 2, Duncan, good carriage and condition; vhc, Murray; hc, Arnott and Jamieson. SELL. (17): 1, Turnbull; 2, Haddow; 3, vbc, Brownlie; hc, Allardice; c, Shields.

Messrs. Mason and Taylor's Classes.

CL., ETC., MULE OR BULLIE HYB. (9): 1, spl, McQuiston, even wing mkd. Goldie, grand size and colour, good condition; 2, Brannigan, Linnet Bullfinch, grand size and colour, good style and cap, shows parentage; 3, Douglas, almost cl. Goldfinch, ticked on head, good colour; vhc, Neilson, another nice Linnet-Bullie; hs, McFarlane, even eye and wing marked Goldie; c, Messrs. Lindsay and Swan. VARIEG. MULE (12): 1, Malcolmson, Goldfinch, head and wing marks, grad face, good size, splendid condition; 2, Whiteford, head, wing, and tail marks, grand size and style; 3, Leigh, fine size, nicely marked; vhc, Douglas, some preferred; hc, Whitelaw; c, McFarlane. DARK (11): 1, Hamilton, grand hot-fed Linnet, topper for size and colour; 2, McWatt, excellent size Goldfinch, plenty of colour; 3, Duncan, nicely sized Linnet; vhc, Marlin, good size and colour; hc, Whitelaw; c, McQuiston. A.O.V. DARK (12): 1, 2, Leigh, 1st cinn. Greenfinch, champion size, grand colour, teeming with quality, best we have seen this year, 2nd nice, bright-coloured Siskin, good markings and size; 3, McQuiston, another good Greenfinch, grand size, well shown; vbc, Brisbane, Siskin, nice size; hc, Marlin; c, Gold. HYB. (except Bullfinch) (9): 1, hc, Marlin, leader Siskin-Greenfinch, good size and colour, nice yell., wing marks, wins well; hc, Redpoll Greenfiuch, shows parentage well; 2, Hepburn, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good size and markings; 3, Barclay, Redpoll-Greenfinch, good size and colour; vbc, Whiteford, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, a lovely exhibit; c, Douglas. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Murray, good size face and condition, grand markings; 2, Skinner, smaller blaze, nice body, grand feather; 3, Roddie, good size; vhc, hc, Raine, vhc wonderful blaze, nice size tannings, hc grand condition and size; c, Neilson. BULLFINCH BRIT: 1, spl, best British, McQuiston, grand size and colour, stands well out, fine condition; 2, McCowan, nice exhibit all over; 3, Guthrie, lovely cap and bars, sweet in colour; vbc, Nisbet, good size and condition; hc, Gordon; c, Stewart. BULLFINCH HEN (14): 1, vhc, Livingstone and Sharp, 1st grand size, nice cap, good bars and condition, vhc grand bird; 2, Bald, another nice one, good size and condition; 3, Whiteford nice colour, very steady; hc, Byers; c, Gold. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, McQuiston, Cornbunting, good size and colour, finger tame; 2, Bald, well-known Greenfinch, good size, well shown; 3, Calder, Yellowhammer, grand markings; vhc, Cummings Reed Bunting; hc, Small; c, Nisbet. LINNET (12): 1, McQuiston, nice size, wonderful colour; 2, Malcolmson, good size, splendid colour; 3, Berry, nice lacing, well shown, good size; vhc, Gordon, grand size and colour; hc, Gentleman; c, Ramsay. FIELD-MOULTED (15): 1, Barclay, good colour, nicely shown, very steady; 2, Hamilton, grand size and markings; 3, Whiteford, nice white wing marks; vhc, Gold, good size and colour; hc, Wilkinson; c, Cumming. GREENFINCH (17), strong class: 1, McQuiston, grand shade of colour, nice size, lovely yellow wings; 2, Johnston, another hot-fed one, not quite so big, perhaps; 3, Peel, champion size and condition, feather like wax; vhc, Bald, good colour, well staged; hc, c, Williams. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, spl, 2, Malcolmson, 1st good size, lovely lacing and colour, 2nd good one; 3, Cairns, nice size and good tone of colour; vhc, Wallace, nice sized one; hc, Small; c, Gentleman. MEALY REDPOLL ETC. (11): 1, McQuiston, good size, wonderful colour; 2, 3, Marlin, 2nd Redpoll, grand size and markings, well known, 3rd Twite, nice size and colour, well shown, in lovely bloom; 4, Calder, nice sized Redpoll, well staged; hc, Cameron; c, (no name). SISKIN (5): 1, Roddie, grand jet cap and bib, nice colour and size; 2, Innes, good colour, splendid markings; 3, Raine, lovely colour, nice cap; vhc, Skinner; hc, McGhie. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Henderson, grand Chaffinch, nice size, colour, and bars, very steady; 2, Alston, Bramblefinch, fine Crest colour, very even cut, well spangled, big one; 3, Williams, another nice Chaffinch, good size and colour; vhc, White, Bramble, good size; hc, c, Malcolmson. YELLOWHAMMER (5): 1, Marlin, outstauding hird in class, lovely colour, grand V-head, clear and splendid chest colour, wins easily; 2, Shankley, good size and colour; 3, Bald, nice head and V., good size; vhc, Hunter, very steady; hc, Calder. BUNTING (3): 1, McQuiston, good sized Cornbunting, grand colour and very steady, well shown; 2, Smillie, Reed Bunting, a little unsteady; 3, Marlin, cirl, lovely eye marks, very steady, in splendid trim. SOFTBILLS (2): 1, Cumming, Willow Warbler, very sweet and steady, well shown; No. 2 absent. LARGE BRIT. (4): 1, Fulton, grand Missel Thrush, feather like wax, grandly spangled; 2, Morrison, yellow Crossbill, very steady, in nice condition; 3, Fulton, nice Magpie, very tame; No. 4 absent. GOLDFINCH FOR. (13): 1, hc, Malcolmson, leader fine square face, good white cheeks, nicely tanned, well huttoned; 2, McQuiston, grand large one, good blaze, nice moons, and in tip-top condition, presses 1st hard; vhc, Hutchieson, another nice one, good size, grand face. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, Alston, grand pair of many-coloured Parrakeets, in superb bloom, often described; 2, spl, Small, grand large Bullies, fine ruby red breast, the best of condition; 3, Wilkinson, another good Siberian Bullie.

HINCKLEY.

Hinckley and Dist. F. and F.S. held their 16th annual exhibition in the Drill-hall, an ideal place, on November 21st and 22nd. The fixture is one that is well known for its excellent management, and all credit is due to the energetic secretary, Mr. W. Warner, and his committee of management, Messrs. Everton, Culley, Growdridge, Hill, McNaughton, Sutton, Hill, and Towers. Mr. Warner makes a capital organiser, and knows his duties well. Mr. J. Rohson judged.

Critique.

NOR. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Emery, yell. variey., mkd. eyes, wings aud back of head, good type, nice wing carriage; 2, Mason, cl. buff, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, cl. yell., good type, nice even colour, must have pressed winner hard; r, vhc, Herbert; hc, Hewitt; c, Symonds and Son. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Hulse, grand type, colour, and quality, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Christian, red-hot 'un, large, nice quality; 3, Symons and Son, good type, nice even colour; r, Pole; vhc, Mills; hc, Taylor; c, Growdridge. BUFF (8): 1, Walton and Noakes, cl., good type, nice colour and quality; 2, vhc, Cooper, good colour and quality; 3, Mason, another grand one, good colour and quality; r, Needham; hc, Dallman; c, Growdridge. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Christian, wing mkd. neck and rump, magnificent colour, good head and neck, very typical, wins special for best bird in show, 2nd cap and wing mkd. yell., grand colour, full of quality; 3, hc, Mason, similarly mkd. to 2nd., nice colour aud quality; r, Cooper; vhc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Growdridge. HEN (17): 1, Dipple, unflig. ycl., good type, grand colour for a hen; 2, Lucas, fine bird, lovely quality, nice even colour; 3, Dallman, good quality and colour, grand wings and tail; r, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Tyler; hc, Judd; c, Hewitt. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Emery, cl. yell., grnd type, good head and neck, nice even wings, full of colour, wins; 2, Walton and Noakes, another cl., lovely colour and quality; 3, Tyler, variey. yell., good colour and quality; r, Cooper; vhc, Christian; hc, Needham. BUFF (8): 1, Needham, good type and quality, nice even colour, fine wing carriage; 2, Pole, typical, lovely quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Judd, grand type, nice even colour; res, Tyler; vhc, Mrs. Jeacock; hc, Taylor; c, Growdridge. YORKS. (7): 1, hc, Harris, cl. yell. good length, nice quality aud wing carriage, wins easily; 2, 3, Dykes, 2, hot in colour, good length; 3, cl. Buff, nice quality; res, vhc, Weekes; hc, Harris; c, Tomlinson and Ford. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, Tyler, Buff Cinn., good type, nice quality, well fed; 2, 3, Gilbert, even mkd. Nor. yellow and Buff, both good quality, nicely mkd; res, Colman; vhc, Taylor. MULE OR HYB. (12), six well known winners were in this class: 1, res, Ward, well known Redpoll Bullie, looking well and Linnet-Bullie; 2, 3, vhc, Gilbert, two nearly cl. Goldfinch-Can in grand trio, Nottingham winner. 3, spl, for best dark Can. Mule, Can. Bullie, good colour, Leicester winner; hc, Lawrance; c, Collins. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Seal, Goldfinch, good thick set bird, lovely colour, bold, square-cut blaze, nice mooning; 2, Tyler, Bullfinch, good shape bird, neat cap; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, Goldfinch, good blaze, richly tanned, nice colour throughout; res, Lauder vhc, Hill and Towers; hc, Hunt; c, Bull. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Howe, two grand birds, lovely colour, nicely marked; 3, Hutton, fine shape, splendidly marked. res, Beardsmore; vhc, Hill and Towers; hc, Pilgrim. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Howe, Mealy Redpoll, good shape, nicely toked; 2, Twite, lovely colour, good size, well laced; 3, vhc, Henshaw, Redpoll, good colour; res, Seal; hc, Collins. A.O.S. FINCH (10): 1, Westley, Hawfinch, grand colour nice quality, good bib, very steady; 2, vhc, Hunt, Bramble, good colour, nicely marked; 3, res, Howe, Chaffinch, lovely colour, very steady; hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Lawrance. FOR. (6): 1, F. Howe, Blue Bonnet, in fine condition; 2, R. J. Howe, Red-fronted Toucan, in faultless condition; 3, Hadley; res, May; vhc, Higginson. SELL (15/-) (18): 1, Hall; 2, Growdridge; 3, Needham. (25/-) (12): 1, Judd; 2, Lawrance; 3, Dipple.

WHARTON WINSFORD (Cheshire).

The 4th annual open show of the Wharton, Winsford, and Dist. Society was held in the Town Hall on November 21st. The room is a splendid one for a show of this kind, being quite free from draughts. Our section was comfortably staged on the platform and along one side of the hall, and formed a very attractive and pleasing display. British always turn up in strong force at this fixture, a large number being kept by local fanciers. The Goldfinch class was a strong one, and contained some gems, as did also the Linnet class. The A.O.S. Small was a very interesting collection. The cage bird section was in the hands of Mr Hemmings, and right well did he attend to the wants of his charges. Mr. R. Ollier, as hon. secretary, is a gentleman of the right stamp for this post, attention to his duties and obliging to all being his motto. Mr. A. G. Davies judged.

Critique.

GOLDFINCH (19): 1, spl, 2, Tams and Son, leader rich coloured blaze, nice face, slight break over eyes, but fine size, rare good wings, nice tanning; 2nd brilliant blaze, well cut whites, grand body colour, shown in beautiful condition; 3, Perry, another good Finch, nice size, grand bars, well tanned; r, Jones, good size, will improve with time; vhc, Roberts; hc, Ollier and Blackburn, c, Johnson. LINNET (16): 1, spl, Bower, grand bird nice cone shape, profusely pencilled, very sound in colour, lovely condition; 2, Tams and Son, large and shapely, in lovely condition, and steady; 3, Acton, nice shape, good whites, lacing, and condition; r, c, Weedall, very fine bird, close up; vhc, Clark; hc, Wigley. BULLFINCH: Cancelled A.O.S. SMALL (12): 1, spl, Brotherhood, splendid Nightingale, good size and colour, very steady, in rattling condition; 2, Knowles, Flycatcher, looking rather soft; 3, V. Williams, gem of a Grey Wagtail, shown in lovely condition. Leamington, Leek, etc., winner; r, Weedall, very fine Great Tit, in good order, well shown; vhc, Bower, smart Yellow Bunting, bit down to-day; hc, Perry, Chaffinch; c, Whalley. LARGE (5): 1, V. Williams, well known Chough, in magnificent condition, much admired: 2, Brown, very fine Hawfinch, grand size and colour, nicely defined bib, in good condition; 3, Weedall, Hawfinch, may do better later; r, Ollier and Blackburn, very smart young Song Thrush, good size, well spotted, in very nice condition; vhc, Bradshaw. YORKS., COCK (9): 1, 3, V. Williams, leader well drawn, shapely, cl. buff, rare quality and condition, well carried wings and tail 3rd cinn.-marked yellow, grand length and feather; 2, Brotherhood, very smart cl. yell., grand length and position, well filled in back, best of colours and carriage; r, Weedall, Buff, good length and quality; vhc, E. Perry; hc, c, J. Perry. HEN (10): 1, Tomkinson, very sweet cl. yell., well drawn, nicely folded wings and tail, well up on perch, shown in good order; 2, V. Williams, well-known cinn.-mkd. Buff, looking a little overshown; 3, E. Perry, Buff, nice shape and length, soap left in feathers; r, Brotherhood, well-drawn cl. yell., rare style and shape; vhc, Weedall; hc, Brereton; c, Sandback. NOR. CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, V. Williams, leader very bold Buff, mkd. eyes, cheek and wings, grand size and shape, nicely frosted, lovely quality and bloom, 2nd unflig. tkd. yell., immense type, beautiful head, ahlaze with colour and condition, two very fine exhibits; 3, J. Perry, Buff, nice quality; r, Brereton, nice shaped yell.; vhc, Bower. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, Pitchford, very fine Linnet-Bullie, good size, well up in colour, shown in grand condition: 2, 3, Tams and Son, leader smart Goldie-Bullie, shows nice blend of parentage, good face, looking very fit, 3rd Goldie-Greenie, well up in size, nice face and wings, lovely condition; r, Bower and Robinson, Buff Gold.-Can., marked wings and head, nice size; vhc, c, Roberts; hc, W. Roberts.

SEVEN SISTERS' B.B.A. (King's Lynn).

First annual show, held November 4th. It was a great success, and was well attended. Mr. J. Mackley (Norwich) judged, and gave every satisfaction. There was very keen competition throughout The entries totalled 80 in nine classes. Mr. R. Edmunds, with his clear yellow hen, won Mr. Ramsden's silver medal with gold centre.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Edmunds; 2, Hately; 3, Cole; 4, Richardson; vhc, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Hately; 2, Richardson; 3, Grenfield; 4, Simpson; vhc, Cole. YELL HEN: 1, Hately; 2, Grenfield; 3, Edmunds; 4, Harrod; vhc, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Hately; 2, Grenfield; 3, Edmunds; 4, Simpson; vhc, Bocking; hc, Richardson; c, Davis. TKD. ETC., YELL. CK: 1, Richardson; 2, Hately; 3, Grenfield; 4, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Grenfield; 2, Edmunds; 3, Hately; 4 Cole; vhc, Simpson; hc, Harrod; c, Davis. YELL. HEN 1, Edmunds; 2, Grenfield; 3, Hately; 4, Harrod. BUFF: 1, Hately; 2, Grenfield; 3, Harrod; 4, Cole; vhc, Richardson; hc, Edmunds; c, Simpson. PAIRS matched for breeding): 1, Grenfield; 2, Hately; 3, Edmunds; 4, Bocking; vhc, Cole; hc, Davis; c, Richardson. A.O.V.: 1, Hately; 2, Grenfield; 3, Richardson. Special prize-winners for most points:—Cole. 94; Hately, 63; Grenfield, 54; Edmunds, 37; Cole, 24; Richardson, 23; Simpson, 22; Harrod, 15; Bocking, 7; Davis, 4.—R. EDMUNDS, Hon. Secretary.



Some members and friends of the Loanhead and District C.B.S.

NAMES (from left to right)—STANDING: W. B. Smart (Secretary), W. Veitch, D. Noble, R. Hardy Douglas, T. Briggs, John Yule and Geo. Yule.
SITTING: Alex. Jardine (President), Bailie Prichael (Hon. Vice Pres. and donor of Challenge Cup), J. Noble (Cup winner), W. H. Nelson (Vice Pres.).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SUNDERLAND.

A Magnificent Exhibition.

Sunderland C.B.A. held their 19th annual exhibition on Nov. 20 and 21, and it proved a record success. Norwich Fanciends opened the programme and brought together a splendid lot, every class being keenly contested, some real eye-openers being on view, and the honours were well divided. The unfeathered classes were heavy and contained some good ones likely to uphold their owners' reputation another year. Crests and Crest-breds were a grand collection, and here were seen some of the leading exhibits of the season. To pick them among the winners is a difficult task, but one cannot pass without comment the stormer shown by Mr. R. Armstrong, and rightly named "The King of Kings," a real topper for a youngster, with a marvellous head piece. Cinnamons followed, and such a collection has never been seen in the North before, many real good ones having to be left out altogether. The quality throughout was of a very high class order, while the winners were exceptionally good; a magnificent collection, in fact a show in themselves. Yorkshires were strong and contained the cream of the Fancy, many well-known winners again doing battle, the clear classes being extra good in quality. Borders were down in numbers, but the class of birds on view was good, Mr. Whitlaker having forward a good team. He won the B.F.C. medal with a good buff cock. The Lizards were a nice lot. The Mules and Hybrids, on the whole, were good, while the British were a grand collection. These classes were keenly contested by the various exhibitors, and we noticed several winners having to take a "back seat." The Foreigners made a lovely section, and here again we saw many well-known winners. Mr. Roe judged Crests, Liz., Yorks., Brit. and For., and Mr. Cameron Norwich, Borders, and members' classes, and their awards were well received throughout.

The management of the show was ideal, everything being grandly arranged, and the staging the correct height. The Foreigners were kept nice and warm. The hall is an ideal one for a show, being lofty and well lighted, while an even temperature was always kept up. The society are fortunate in possessing two such gentlemen as Messrs. Reid and Maddison for secretaries, as they were really splendid in their endeavours to please the visitors and exhibitors. They got through in first-class style with their duties. They were ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee of good, experienced fanciers, with Mr. J. Farrar at their head and Mr. G. Clark in the vice-chair, and as treasurer Mr. J. Riseborough, trustees Messrs. W. Oglesby and R. Armstrong; committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, H. Gordon, Dr. O'Neal, C. Waters, H. Fenwick, G. Davison, J. Copeland, and A. Walker. A splendid stall of requisites was shown by Mr. Keenlyside, who had on view at reasonable prices practically everything required in connection with the Fancy.

The Open Canary Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (13): 1, spl, vhc, Brown, leader hot fed, grand shape, nice head and neck, rare wing carriage, stout front, in fine bloom; 2, Hirst, stout, good head and back, finely drawn, well staged; 3, Scott, grand stamp all round, fine front, well drawn; 4, Dobinson, nice fronted bird, well drawn, grand size; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Ronald. BUFF (10): 1, Waters, wins, grand shape, full fronted, rare head and neck, well drawn, lovely shape, good sound colour, well up in bloom; 2, Haigh and Son, well moulded, neat head and front, lovely feather; 3, Dobinson, strong made, pleaty of substance; 4, Wilcock, fine colour and bloom, well placed; vhc, Godley; hc, Grey; c, Foxall. YELL., TKD., ETC. (8): 1, spl, Irons, wins and no mistake, real model, lovely size, grand level colour, A1 head and neck, finely drawn, staged to perfection; 2, Hurst, head mark, good neck and front, nice shape, well up in feather; 3, Grey, plenty of substance; 4, Wilcock, very well finished, nice style and quality; vhc, Godley; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Waters. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Irons, again to the front, nice one, fine size and quality, rare head, had been washing when we were taking notes; 2, Dobinson, plenty of size, good front, neat head and neck, well placed; 3, Foxall, another strong made one in A1 order, good front and head, staged to perfection; 4, Brown, nice quality feather, well up in size; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Wilcock. NOR. HEN (19): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Grey, grand trio and no mistake, leader grand variegd. buff, shimmering with condition, rare head and front, tip-top wing carriage, good substance and quality, very taking exhibit, 3rd nice buff, plenty size, good head and front; 2, Haigh and Son, bouncing yell., plenty of quality, well rounded and tapered, rare carriage; 4, Mitchell, yell., rare type and quality, well finished; hc, Hirst; c, Brown. YELL., CL., ETC., BRED 1908 (13): 1, spl, Seed, slashing variegd., yell., grand size and colour, well moulded, nice shape and finish, bouncing youngster; 2, Heddon, lovely yell., should make a topper, grand head round as possible, well packed in neck, full, noble front, well tapered, A1 style; 3, Winter, yell., foul cap, nice size and style; 4, Irons, nice shape, splendid colour; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Mottram; c, Haigh and Son. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Waters, good variegd., well rounded, fine head, grand body, lovely wing carriage, very clean got up, rare stamp all over, good exhibit; 2, Howe, plenty of substance, good head properties, fine full front, well drawn; 3, Dobinson, grand fronted bird, nice wing carriage, fine substance; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, well staged, good style; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Brown; c, McKay. CREST, BRED 1908 (9): 1, Armstrong ("King of Kings"), well named, real gem, great length of feather, very level in sides, plenty of back feather, nicely centred; 2, Currah and Son, another nice one, well centred, good at front, plenty length of feather, good all-round exhibit; 3, 4, Dobson and Son, 2 hot ones, very little between them, plenty top gear and substance; vhc, Taylor; hc, Taylor and Smart; c, Swan. C.B., BRED 1908 (9): 1, spl, Bewick, slashing green, taking bird, well groomed, fine lash, grand entrance, plenty of substance; 2, Armstrong, close up, good substance, fine quality, well forward in entrance; 3, hc, Hutchinson, good bird for entrance, nice at back, well groomed; 4, c, Dobson and Sons, another splendid bird for entrance, taking one; vhc, Sutch. DARK CREST CK. (5): 1, 4, Taylor, leader good one, well laid on crest, finely centred, well down in front, good side and back, good feathered one in rare bloom, 4th good groomed top piece, nicely centred; 2, Currah and Son, good one, fine length of feather, well forwnrd, taking one; 3, Armstrong, best fronted bird in class, but pinched on side in little, good feather and size; vhc, Parnaby. HEN (5): 1, Armstrong, grand top piece, finely groomed, grand centre and length; 2, 4, Almond, 2nd close up, good frontal well centred, 4th well laid on and grand quality of feather; 3, Routledge, nice length of feather, good quality; vhc, Swan. C.B. CK. (17): 1, spl, Godley, good exhibition bird, grand head, fine lash, noble entrance, rare substance, grand quality, hot one, often described; 2, Taylor, good full entrance, well up in lashing, taking exhibit, well placed; 3, Taylor and Smart, cushion headed, fine quality feather, good in entrance; 4, vhc, Mole, grand top skull, good at back, nice entrance; hc, Dobson and Sons; c, Walker. HEN (11): 1, spl, 4, Taylor, sunning entrance, grand width, good lash, well packed on back of head, nice exhibit, 4th good one, well lashed, nice entrance, well up in substance; 2, Armstrong, another good one, plenty of feather, grand size; 3, Bewick, cushion headed, fine top, grand skull, well forward in entrance; vhc, Gray; hc, Hands; c, Taylor and Smart. A.O.V. CREST (3): 1, Taylor, wins, good one, fine length of feather, grandly finished, good exhibit; 2, spl, 3, Hands, 2nd good bird, 3rd nicely feathered, plenty of it. PAIR FOR CREST BREEDING (6): 1, spl, hc, Armstrong, neat green crest, fine length of feather and slashing Crest-bred, grand entrance, very likely pair; 2, Dobson and Sons, nice dense crest, grand feather and lengthy to a good C.B.; 3, Taylor, good C.B. and a nice all-round Crest; 4, Hands, good Crest and a nice C.B., good entrance and lash; vhc, Swan; hc, Armstrong. CINN. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Riding, tip-top bloom, lovely shade throughout, grand penciling, well defined, neat head and front, A1 wing carriage, plenty of substance, rare colour; 2, spl, 3, 4, Godley, grand trio; 2, large one, well laced, good tone of colour; 3, good tone of colour; 4, nice quality, feather and colour, plenty of size; vhc, c, Bentley; hc, Hargreaves. BUFF (15): 1, spl, 2, 3, Godley, leader tip-top size, grand colour, dense well defined markings, well laced on side; 2, well laced, plenty of substance; 3, good all-round exhibit, in rare bloom, all hot ones; 4, vhc, Dormer, nice colour and markings, well up in size; vhc, Riding; c, Bladon. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Dormer, easy win, best in colour, sound, well pencilled, grand shape, round as possible, free from roughness; 2, spl, 4, c, Hargreaves; 2, A1 type, well pencilled, good front and style, lovely finished bird; 4, good style, well forward in colour, nicely laced; 3, Lake, plenty of size, nicely pencilled, good sides; vhc, Godley. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, Dormer, dense side lacing, grand back, full of quality, good ground colour, well staged, in marvellous bloom; 2, good lacing and colour; 3, vhc, Hargreaves, good all-round exhibit, lovely shape, grand quality feather; 4, Riding, nice shape, good colour; vhc, Walker. HEN YELL. (11): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Godley, well up in size, grand shape, lovely pencilling, good side and back, nicely put down; 2, Riding, fine size, good markings, nice shape and finish; 3, Dormer, plenty of size, nice style, fine quality feather; 4, Seely Bros., good quality feather, in A1 order; c, Bentley. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 3, c, Godley, grand size, lovely colour, good lacing, shade soft when we were taking notes; 3, dense markings, real good one, fine quality feather, staged to perfection; 2, vhc, Dormer, good stamp, lovely back; 4, hc, Bentley, nice quality feather, good markings. YELL. CK. (NOVICE) (14): 1, Hill, easy win, grand colour and markings, rare size, well staged, lovely order; 2, 3, Seed, 2, dense, nice bird for colour; 3, good in colour; 4, Heys, very warm coloured one; vhc, Beck; hc, Fenwick; c, Roberts. BUFF (12): 1, Bairstow, grand shape, lovely order, very nicely pencilled, in extra good order, well put down; 2, 4, Beck, large-made bird, fine shape, good markings; 4, grand colour, neat exhibit; 3, Seed, dense coloured one, lovely shape, rare quality; vhc, Birtwistle; hc, Hill. 1908 (16): 1, Seed, grandly marked, fine side, and back, solid tone of colour, rare shape, grand size, extra good style, yell.; 2, Woolett, buff, grand markings, dense in colour; 3, spl, 4, Hill, yell., nice shape and size; 4, buff, well marked, good colour; vhc, Heys; hc, Coutts; c, Bairstow. HEN (16): 1, spl, 3, Fenwick, leader neat yell., fine size, well pencilled, rare shape; 3, yell., good colour and shape, nicely put down; 2, 4, Hill, buff, grand size, rare shape and markings, must have pressed hard; 4, also a buff, well marked; vhc, Seed; hc, Heys; c, Beck. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Bennet, best in shape, rare style and carriage, extra good; 2, spl, 3, Whittaker, shade stronger built, but nicely drawn; 3, good one, topper, fine style, lovely position, A1 feather; 4, Hawkins, nice position, free shower, good type, grandly drawn; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Johnston; c, French. BUFF (6): 1, spl, B.F.C. Medal, Whittaker, wins, in lovely order, rare shape, fine head and front, well drawn, rare balanced wings, in tip-top bloom; 2 Hawkins, also good one, lovely feather, grand style, neat carriage and pose; 3, Bennet, head tick, nice stamp of body, nice quality feather; 4, Elliot, fine feather and size; vhc, French; hc, Capland. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, Bennet, easy win, real gem, grand weight, lovely pose, beautifully tapered in extra good bloom, fine exhibit; 2, Walker, nice weight, fine style, grand wings; 3, French, good quality feather; 4, Hawkins, nice shape and style. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Hawkins, good one, finely drawn, rare wing carriage, nice pipe tail, splendidly drawn, in fine bloom; 2, Whittaker, taking exhibit, fine style and size, good quality throughout; 3, Bennet, fine body and quality of feather; 4, Hopper Bros.; vhc, Walker; hc, Turnbull Bros. EVEN MARKS (4): 1, spl, 2, Currah and Son, nice buff mark, fine eye and wings, good style and feather; 2, nicely marked; 3, Millar, nice all-round bird, good shape, well put down; No. 1, Currah and Son, good one, hut had lost some tail feathers accidentally. UNEVEN (4): 1, spl, Smith, nice quality feather, good stamp, grand wings and head; 2, Walker, nice shape and size; 3, Turnbull Bros., good one, fine shape, grand position, A1 style and size; 4, Copeland, good shape. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, spl, 2, Johnston, easy win, real tip top green, lovely tone of colour, rare size and shape; 2, splendid colour, well pencilled, in extra good order; 3, 4, McQuillan, 3, grand markings, nice quality feather; 4, good ground colour; vhc, Bennet. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Cuthbertson, slim one, grandly drawn, hot colour, lovely position, fine length of side, staged to perfection; 2, Crawford, wing tick, grand length, lovely feather; 3, spl, 4, Wilson, 3, topper for length, nice cut, extra well drawn; 4, grand quality feather; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Stewart; c, Hedden. BUFF (13): 1, Stewart, best length, very finely drawn, good quality feather, well up on leg, extra good all over, fine pose and finish; 2, Crawhall, grandly moulded, perfect gem for feather, tight as wax, in rare bloom; 3, Chew and Stokoe, very lengthy, warm tone of colour; 4, spl, vhc, c, Wilson, 4, good stamp, nice length and thickness; hc, Mason. YORKS. HEN (14): 1, spl, Stewart, raking yell., grand quality feather, slim as possible, beautifully drawn, free from roughness, well put down; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, another yell., rare length, good colour; 3, Halliday, lovely feathered buff, well up on leg, nicely finished; 4, Butler, grand position, hot colour, nice top end; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Crawhall. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, grand variegd., hot fed one, rare length and style, extra good exhibit, staged to perfection; 2, Chew and Stokoe, very lengthy bird, slimly made up, grand side; 3, Dr. O'Neal, nice quality feather, good length and position; 4, Cuthbertson, good quality feather; vhc, Greaves and Crabtree; hc, Crawhall; c, Carr. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Halliday, easy winner, real topper for length, grand quality feather, well drawn, nice wing carriage, staged to perfection; 2, Dr. O'Neal, warm colour, plenty of length; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, extra good in colour, very hot fed; 4, Carr, nice quality feather, well drawn; vhc, Cruickshanks; hc, Stevens; c, Chew and Stokoe. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, spl, Stevens, best length, fine quality feather, good markings, lovely colour, well staged; 2, Taylor, nice yell. all over; 3, Morrison, another nice one. LIZ. GOLD C.C. (4): 1, spl, 2, Whipp, winner leads, dense lacing, well defined, grand cut cap, A1 type and colour; 2, well laced, nice quality feather, rare shape; 3, Reid, good cap, nicely spangled; 4, Smith, good type. SILVER (4): 1, spl, Whipp, easy winner, real gem, lovely back work, fine clean cut cap, grand shape and position, extra good; 2, Fisher, well cut cap, nice size and shape; 3, Smith, good all round. GOLD B.C. (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Dewsnap, wins, slightly broken, mass of body spangle, grand size and shape, A1 bloom; 2, 4, Whipp, very neat in shape, good body and style, finely staged; 4, extra good in lacing, fine size and quality of feather; 3, Thompson, neat one, fine cap, broken at back, neat body; c, Hyslop. SILVER (9): 1, spl, 2, Whipp, grandly spangled on body, rare shape and type, A1 quality feather; 2, again good for shape and style, extra nice bird, well staged; 3, vhc, Reid, nicely cut, good shape; 4, hc, Thompson, nice size and shape; c, Fisher. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (except Crests) (15): 1, spl, vhc, Grey, easy win, grand yell hen, and a buff variegd. ck., rare size, tip-top quality throughout, extra well matched pair, nat. col.; 2, Jobling, hot fed, large buff cock, and yell. hen; 3, Stevens, nice yell., and good buff hen, Yorks., lengthy, well drawn; 4, Godley, yell. cock and buff hen Cinn., plenty size; hc, Fenwick; c, Baker. CAN. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Riding, Broken buff cinn., good front, well up in markings, plenty size and colour; 2, Riding, yell. Nor. green, nice size and markings, good quality; 3, Nutter, grand shapely buff Nor. green. NOVICE A.V. (except cinn. (12): 1, spl, Peel, nice creet, good top piece, well staged; 2, c, Heslop; 3, Craig, neat Scotch Fancy; 4, Beck, nice P.H.; vhc, Grey; hc, Woolett; c, Heslop.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

GOLDIE ETC. CAN MULE (8): 1, spl, 2, Hutchinson, leader nice variegd. Goldie; 2, good variegd. Linnet, nice size and quality of feather; 3, Currah, variegd. green; 4, Hawkes, Dark Linnet, nice size and quality; vhc, Chresiton; hc, Fawcett. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, Taylor; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Livesay and Ainsworth; 4, French; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Woodhouse; c, Jobling. (15/-) (9): 1, spl, Routledge; 3, Rowell; 2, Woodhouse; 4, Seely Bros.; vhc, Godley; hc, Livesey and Ainsworth; c, Taylor. (10/-) (12): 1, spl, Bennet; 3, Carr; 2, Seely Bros.; 4, French; vhc, Baker; hc, Sutch; c, Elliot. DARK GOLDIE ETC. CAN. MULE (6): 1, spl, 4, Graham, leader dark Goldfinch, splendid size, good colour, nice face and wing bars; 4, another Goldfinch, fine size and quality of feather; 2, Robson, topping buff Goldie, slasher for size, grand face, well marked, in extra good bloom, close up; 3, Clark, nice Jonque Linnet, fine size, good in colour; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Rutter. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Bruce, well known light Linnet, fine size, lightly marked, could do with a wash, but rare quality feather; 2, 4, Taylor, leader nice Greenie Bullie, well up in size, good cap and breast; 4, nice Goldie Bullie, fine size, good face, and markings; 3, hc, Graham, Goldie Bullie, nice size, grand face, lovely head markings; vhc, Currah; c, Taylor. BRIT. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (14): 1, spl, Foster, nice made Bullie, fine breast, good cap, grand wing bars, wins on its marvellous condition; 2, Bertram and Storey, Goldie, well up in face, nice cheeks, and tannings, good buttons and wing flights; 3, Storey, Bullie, good all-round exhibit, fine quality feather, neat breast and cap, well staged; 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, warm looking Goldie, dense colour, well marked; hc, c, Appleby. GREENFINCH (13): 1, spl, 3, Pickles, leader wins easily, gem for size, grand sound colour, A1 wing flights, neat shape, teeming with quality; 3, nice tone of colour; 2, Bertram and Storey, nice colour, will improve; 4, Nicholson and Son, shapely bird, demon for colour, warm fed; vhc, Bruce; hc, Armstrong; c, McVay. LINNET (20): 1, spl, 2, Dunn, leader grandly pencilled, fine front, very clear in markings, good size, lovely flights, well put down; 2, grandly pencilled in centre of breast; 3, Brown, sweet Linnet for colour; 4, Innes, nice shape, well up in size, good ground colour; vhc, Waters; hc, Luke; c, Atkinson. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, spl, Bertram and Storey, Twite, best colour, and size, finely pencilled on front, good in flights, in tip-top form, well staged; 2, Waters, good all-round Siskin, nice cap and bib, well laced on side; 3, Pickles, good 'poll, fine colour, grand bib, rare size, well marked, worth its place; 4, Luke, Siskin, nice size and bib; vhc, Riseborough. FINCH A.O.S. (8): 1, spl, c, Waters, good Hawfinch, leading, nice size and quality of feather, fine bib, steady, well staged; 3, McVay, steady Chaffinch, good breast colour, nice wing flights, again in fine bloom; 2, Foster, large stout Bramble, full front, good head and lacing, well up in body colour; 4, Wilson, good all-round Bramble for colour; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Storey; c, Wnters. BRIT. A.O.S. (8): 1, Hackworth, Blue Throated Warbler, very nice exhibit, clearly marked on head and throat, in lovely feather, steady; 2, spl, 4, Nicholson and Son, Wryneck, well up in size, good in markings, showing signs of nge; 4, nice Blackcap, fine feather, well up in size, well staged exhibit; 3, c, Forster, Wheatear, nice size, well marked; vhc, Bruce; hc, Taylor; c, Forster. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Nicholson and Son, grand glossy Starling, in extra good bloom; 2, Porteous, good King Parrot, fine size and colour, good shape; 3, Brown, well known Mynah, not looking at his best; 4, McKenzie, Pennant, fine size, shape and colour. SMALL (11): 1, spl, 2, Pickles, leader Maroon Tanager, in faultless order; 2, Pintail Nonpariel, in exquisite bloom, grandly staged; 3, Nicholson and Son, superb Tanager; 4, Porteous, sweet Parrot Finch; vhc, McKenzie; hc, c, Taylor.

Members Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 2, hc, Snowhall; 3, Fenwick; 4, vhc, Reid; c, T. Smith. BUFF (15): 1, Brown; 2, spl, hc, Snowhall; 3, Fenwick; 4, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, Dobson; c, Reid. TKD. ETC. (15): 1, spl, 4, hc, Snowhall; 2, Dobson; 3, c, Reid; vhc, Dr. O'Neal. NOR. PAIRS (10): 1, Hall; 2, spl, 4, c, Fenwick; 3, Reid; vhc, hc, Snowhall. DARK CREST TKD. ETC. BUFF (7): (no awards in catalogue) C.B. (6): 1, 4, Armstrong; 2, 3, Dobson; vhc, hc, Walker. A.O.V. CREST (1): Walker. PAIR (for Crest breeding) (4): 1, spl, 4, Armstrong; 2, Dobson; 3, Swan. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, Fenwick; 3, 4, Riseborough; vhc, hc, Hall. BORD. YELL. CL. (8): 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, Bell; 4, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, Riseborough; hc, c, Swan. BUFF (7): 1, Dr. O'Neal; 2, spl, 3, Walker; 4, hc, Swan; vhc, c, Riseborough. YELL. TKD. ETC. (5): 1, spl, Walker; 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Copeland; 4, vhc, Swan. BUFF (4): 1, Walker; 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, spl, 4, Swan. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. (10): 1, Dr. O'Neal; 2, spl, 3, c, Walker; 4, Stevens; vhc, hc, Taylor. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 3, Dr. O'Neal, 2, Stevens; 4, Walker; vhc, Fenwick; hc, c, Smith. A.O.V. YORKS. (8): 1, Taylor; 2, Morrison; 3, spl, 4, vhc, hc, c, Walker. YORKS. PAIRS (7): 1, Stevens; 2, spl, 4, Fenwick; 3, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, hc, c, Walker. LIZ. GOLD. C.C. (3): 1, spl, 2, Reid, 3, Gordon. B.C. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Reid. LINNET (mouse-moulted) (9): 1, Brown; 2, Fenwick; 3, spl, c, Walker; 4, vhc, Waters; hc, Morrison. FINCH A.S. (mouse-moulted) (12): 1, Walker; 2, spl, 3, vhc, Waters; 4, Stevens; hc, c, Riseborough. BRIT. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Waters. HARDBILL (1): 1, Taylor. GOLDFINCH ETC. MULE (3): 1, spl, Reid; 2, 3, Waters. A.O.V. MULE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Waters. PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 3, Fenwick; 2, Bell; 4, vhc, hc, Riseborough. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, 2, Fenwick; 3, Gordon; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, c, Riseborough.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

The Welsh C.B.C. Show was held at Brecon on November 18th, in the Parish Hall—an admirable hall for such an event, light being all that could be desired. Mr D. H. Tedstone, show manager, and Mr. G. T. Jones, show secretary, had everything well under command, leaving nothing wanting. They were most ably assisted by the local committee. There was also a good sprinkling of Welsh exhibitors, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. J. H. Jones, Pritchard, Harber, Gregory, Card, Cross, D. Jones, and Brown. The show was opened by the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Bevan, M.A. The Norwich were the features of the show, both in quality and quantity. They seem to have taken a decidedly strong footing in Wales, and the improvement during the last two or three seasons is very marked. Yorkshires were also a decided improvement on last year's. Borders were also well represented, and Scotch were better in quality than quantity. Special for best Canary in show was captured by Mr. D. Jenkins. Challenge cup for most points in Yorkshires was captured for the second time by Mr. G. Gregory. Club medal for best team of three by a novice was won by Mr. J. W Card; gold medal for best team of three went to Mr. J. Pritchard; spl for best Yorks. went to Mr. G. Jones. A Toronto medal was added to the laurels of Mr. J. H. Jones with two slashing Scotch, and a lovely long-tailed Grassfinch, that for best British being captured by Mr. C. Price. The cards were placed by Mr. T. L. Castree.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Sheldon, 1st at Merthyr, grand specimen; 2, Harber, lovely type and quality; 3, G. T. Jones, good type; 4, Eynon; vhc, Brown; hc, Tedstone. BUFF (6): 1, 2 spls, Jenkins, topping bird, plenty of substance, good type and quality, takes spl for best Can.; 2, vhc, Pritchard, beautiful quality and type; 3, 4, G. T. Jones, leader excelling in Nor. properties; hc, Eynon. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, G. T. Jones, good all-round Nor. properties; 2, Tedstone, topping, good variegd., Merthyr winner; 3, Sheldon, again a good 'un; 4, hc, Pritchard; vhc, Eynon; c, Brown. NOR. HEN., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Harber, Nor. lady all over, wins well; 2, Pritchard, thigh ticked, excellent quality; 3, Sheldon; 4, Winnard; vhc, Cooling; hc, Eynon; c, Bradford. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Pritchard, pressed hard by 2nd, G. T. Jones, two clears of exceptional merit, hard to separate; 3, Pritchard, thend tkd., good type; 4, Harber, good one; vhc, Cooling; hc, Brown; c, Tedstone. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Jenkins, wing and head tkd., clear win; 2, Cooling, nice type; 3, Brown, promising exhibit; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Sheldon. BUFF (4): 1, Harber, variegd., good head and back, lovely polish, well staged; 2, Sheldon, cl., put down in nice style; 3, Tedstone, good type and quality, well shown; 4, Pritchard. NOR. (most suitable for stock) (8): 1, spl, Pritchard, slashing variegd. yell., teeming with quality; 2, G. T. Jones, vnriegd. buff, plenty of substance; 3, Winnard, another well-proportioned bird; 4, Eynon, promising breeder; vhc, Hawthorn; hc, Bradford; 5 and 6, wrong classed. NOVICE P.H. (8): 1, spl, Hawthorne, very nice exhibit; 2, 3, Brown, 2nd tkd. buff, nice shape and quality; 4, Bracegoru; vhc, Owen; ex. 4, hc, c, Freeman. NON-FED (1): 1, Tedstone, yell. Nor., good properties. YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2 spls, Gwilliam Jones, Yorkie, up-to-date, well moulded, narow shoulders, nice long sides, good quality feather, stands like an officer, wins spl for best Yorkie; 2, Cross, grand quality feather, stands well; 3, 4, Gregory, nice stylish pair; vhc, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Gregory, leader finely drawn, good quality; 3rd, promising bird, not quite fit yet; 2, Cross, topping, good bird, well shown; 4, vhc, D. Jones, nice breedy bird. YORKS., TKD., ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Gregory, leader excels in style and length; 2, Card, pressed hard; 3, Jones, will improve with a little training; 4, Cross, promising eye-mkd. buff. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Cross, sweetly moulded, shows to best advantage; 2, 4, Gregory, good quality exhibit leading; 3, Card, very stylish; vhc, D. Jones. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 3, Gregory, pair of gems for quality and style, leader has it in length; 2, Card, good neck and shoulders; 4, vhc, D. Jones, taking exhibit; vhc, Cross. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Cross, clean away, tick neck, wins; 3, vhc, Gregory, leader finely drawn; 2, 4, D. Jones, promising exhibit. BUFF (6): 1, hc, D. Jones, tkd. neck, wonderful quality, nicely tapered; 2, G. Jones slightly damaged tail, otherwise a clear win, good Yorkie; 3, Cross, cl., rare merit; 4, vhc, Gregory. NOVICE YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Card, pair, taking exhibits, cl. bull leading, cl. yell. close up. SCOT. FCY. CL. (1): 1, spl, Davies, gets over well, nice circle, works well. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Jones, leader grizzled on head, grand mover; 2nd, variegd. bull, excellent Scotch properties. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, Sheldon, sweetly moulded, well proportioned, little swell; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Jenkins, too well known to need comment. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs Jenkins, again well known gems of the first water, leader simply perfection; 4, Sheldon; vhc, Tedstone. A.O.V. (1): 1, Pritchard, four pointed Nor. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Jones, good Scotch. £3 LIMIT STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, spl, G. T. Jones; 2, Pritchard; 3, Tedstone, all Nor. P.H.'s of exceptional merit; 4, Heavan. SELL. (2/-): 1, Winnard; 2, Thomas; 3, Sheldon; 4, Tedstone. (10/-): 1, Eynon; 2, Davies; 3, Sheldon. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (1): 1, Thomas, eye and wing mkd. buff Goldie, nice quality of exhibit. DARK (1): 1, Tedstone, Goldie-Can., nice exhibit. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, Winnard, Goldie-Bullie, grand colour and bloom; 2, Davies, Goldie-Greenie, will improve. GOLDFINCH (mouse-moulted) (1): 1, spl, G. T. Jones, nice blaze, buttons, and moorings. GOLDIE, BRIT (2): 1, G. T. Jones, very decent blaze, bars, and buttons; 2, Lewis, nice Finch, not quite ready. SISKIN, ETC (1): 1, G. T. Jones, nice cap and bars. THRUSH, ETC. (1): 1, spl, Price, Thrush, often commented on, looking well. HARDBILL, HEN (1): 1, Tedstone, Siskin. NOVICE BRIT. (2): 1, spl, Owen; 2, Lewis, pair of Goldies, leader excels in polish. FOR. SMALL (2): 1, 2, J. H. Jones, pair long-tailed Grass Finches leading, with Gouldian Finch 2nd; both well known. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Price, Long-tail Parrakeet, in lovely form; 2, Miss Hyatt, Blue fronted Amazon, in good order; 3, Tedstone, Blue fronted Amazon.

HULL.

The City of Hull C.B.S. held their 14th annual exhibition on November 20th and 21st. The new Corn Exchange, wherein the exhibits were staged, is an ideal place, excellently lighted, lofty, well ventilated, and very spacious. Our Hull friends are highly favoured in being able to command such a grand room. Entries turned up well, totalling 450 upwards, passing last year's by 50. The staging was all that could be desired, the benches being neatly draped, and foliage here and there promising an excellent effect. Mrs. T. R. Ferens (wife of one of the local M.P.'s) was down to officiate at the opening ceremony; after which she was to be the recipient of a smart yellow Norwich in a gilded cage, presented by the society. The Committee of management consists of well-known practical fanciers in Messrs. Pepper, Banks, Barwick, Brumby, Longhorn, Spruit, Walker, and G. Harland, all of whom lend capital assistance, and are to be complimented. The very courteous Hon. Treasurer, is Mr. G. W. Oliver, and the Auditors Messrs. King and Jobling, a trio of most useful officials. Mr. F. F. Potter acts as Secretary, and in right capital manner discharges the secretarial duties to a nicety, and keeps the ball rolling in fine style. A better man for this not too enviable office, it would be difficult to find. Much of the success of the fixture was due to his work. Stewards were Messrs. G. Harland, J. Calam, T. Perkins, R. Barwick, T. Parks, H. Oliff, J. Precious, and A. H. Lightfoot, and each and every one did all in their power to help things along in the way they should go. Judging was over in good time, and prize cards displayed promptly. The Judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), and J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and their awards were well received.

The Norwich Plainheads made a fine display. The yellow cock owned by Mr. G. Jeff. and the yellow hen, the property of Mr. G. Harland, being voted gems. Mr. W. H. Moore took premier honours in the buff hens with his noted clear unflighted. Some splendid Yorkies, as straight as rushes, and feathered to perfection, were to be seen. Fine specimens were shown by Messrs. W. H. Spencer, Ogden Bros., Alderson, Watts, Lindsay and Drabble. The Gift Class was well supported, and the society's thanks are tendered to the donors. The Novices placed on view a few very typical and stylish birds. The Mules and British were generally acknowledged to be a fine collection. Messrs. A. Somerfield, W. C. Harrison, J. P. Stamp, and A. Jackson, put down some beauties, while Mr. J. Cheetham benched a pair of superb Blue Mountain Lories. The members' classes contained some right stuff, colour, type and quality being in strong evidence. Principal winners, Messrs. Oliff, Frith, Precious, Girling, McKay, Mason, Gowden, Potter and Stamford. Specials: Hyde's was captured by Mr. J. Calam; that for best yell. hen 1908, went to Mr. G. Harland for best unflighted Buff (Members'), Mr. H. Oliff; for best C.B. (Members'), Mr. J. Calam; Champion Cups (Members'), Mr. G. Harland, and H. Oliff.

Open Canary Section.

CREST (7): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Calam, fine team, winner slashing buff-marked C.B., well up in substance, capital quality, lovely width and rise of skull, wealth of head feather, grandly lashed, buff varieg. D.C., good quality and shape, nice size crest and neat radiation; 3, 4, c, Pepper, former buff varieg. de, good substance and quality, crest of nice shape, neat centre and condition, 4 buff, heavy marked C.B., nice shape and quality. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, 3. Jeff, brace of beauties, former gem of a cl., massive in build, rich tone of colour, silky texture of feather, 3 cl., feathered like wax, A1 shape and carriage; 2, 4, vhc, Harland, neat trio, 2 thigh tick, ablaze with colour, delightful shape and quality, hardly so large, very close up, 4 hot cl., A1 feather, good substance; hc, Hope; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF (12): 1, Harland, marked head, superior feather, grand colour and substance, magnificent head, neck and chest, gem; 2, Pepper, cl, short and thick-set, capital feather and colour, good size; 3, Hesp, cl, full of colour, teeming with quanity; 4, Wilkinson, marked wing, tight as a Java, sweetly moulded, fair substauce; vhc, Hope; hc, Jeff; c, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (14) Good lot: 1. Humphries, very warm, cl., smooth as wax, all type, not one of the biggest, but one of the best, should make a gem; 2, Clayton and Smith, thigh tick, red-hot, more substance than winner, good shape, not quite the carriage, but close up; 3, Wilkinson, cl., ablaze with colour, beautifully clothed, neat shape and style, beaten in substance only, Bramley winner; 4, c, Moore, tick neck, hot in colour, very shapely, 1st York, few tail feathers growing told against it; vhc, Clews; hc, Pepper. BUFF (18) Lovely class: 1, Faulkner, magnificent cl., A1 colour and feather, delightfully mealed, model for type, capital under-colour; 2, Moore, sen., mkd. right eye, Leek winner, capital quality and colour, fine body substauce; 3, vhc, Pepper, neat brace, cl., tight as a drum, nice quality, good head and neck; 4, Parlett, mkd. wing and eye, true Norwich shape, A1 quality and carriage; hc, Moore, jun.; c, Clewes. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, spl and cup, Harland, both exceedingly bonny, 1st cl., bouncer, lovely colour, feather and shape, fine carriage, and well cut away, 3, cl., silky texture of feather, grand shape and substance; 2, Clews, mkd. head, grand type, feathered beautifully, well up in size, just beaten in colour; 4, Hope, cl., shapely, nice size, well cut away; vhc, Moore; hc, Jeff; c, Brumby. BUFF (16): 1, Moore, sen., cl., well-kuown, took premier honours at Grimsby and Leek, magnificent feather, very shapely, lovely carriage; 2, Moore, jun. (allow your father to know best), cl., grand salmon-tinged colour, sweet shape, teeming with quality; 3, hc, Pickering and Wright, variegd., all type, capital feather and colour, frosted; 4, Harland, cl., rattling feather, lovely head and neck, rather slack behind to-day; vhc, Pepper; c, Barwick. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, W. H. Spencer, cl., fine, long-drawn specimen, stands like a guardsman, beautiful feather; 2, Whiting, mkd. left wing and neck very lengthy, good position, rare back and flights; 3, W. Spencer, cl., wonderful length, good quality and stand; 4, Chey and Stokoe, tkd. head, A1 quality, nice colour and length; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Emery; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., neat, narrow and lengthy, beautiful feather, good colour and frosting, perfect position; 2, Hardaker and Sample, cl., as though chisled out of marble, good length and full of bloom, stronger built; 3, Alderson, mkd. wings and head, one of the longest we have seen for many a day, good position and colour; 4, Mason, mkd. wings and neck, tight as a Java, stands well; vhc, Taylor and Haigh; hc, W. Spencer; c, W. H. Spencer. YELL. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Alderson, very lengthy cl., straight as a pencil, superior quality, well on leg, very promising; 2, W. Spencer, mkd. head, fine length and position, well filled back, A1 wings and tail; 3, Beard, tkd. neck, teeming with quality and colour, stands on clever legs, beaten in length; 4, Lindsay, cl., lengthy, capital stand, good feather and colour, draws little thin in neck; vhc, W. H. Spencer; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Watts. BUFF (11) grand level lot: 1. Alderson, topper of a cl., not a feather misplaced, superb quality and colour, A1 position and length; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., wedge-shaped, superior feather, good stand and length, full of breed, close up; 3, Whiting, mkd. neck and eye, lovely salmon tinged colour, smooth as wax, capital position, worth its place; 4, Beard, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, well feathered, little stronger; vhc, Watts; h, Lindsay; c, Ellis. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Lindsay, tkd. check, full of quality and colour, lengthy, capital position, clever legs; 2, Alderson, thigh tick, smooth as glass, straight, erect, good length and style; 3, Watts, thigh tick, well feathered, nice colour and positiou; 4, Faulkner, cl., warm colour, good quality and stand, smart; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Taylor and Haigh; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Drabble, very slim, up standing cl., delightful feather and meal, stands beautifully; 2, Alderson, mkd. left wing, tight as a Java, A1 position and style; 3, Priestley, smartly moulded cl., capital quality and colour, well on leg; 4, Watts, tkd. right eye, good length and feather, stands well up; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Taylor and Haigh; c, Stone. CINN. (5): 1, 2, Richardson, buff and yellow respectively, former bouncer, fine depth of colour, very shapely, beautifully burnished, 2 good substance and shape, good colour and polish; 3, 4, vhc, Pepper, former buff of good colour and feather, neat shape, 4th buff very similar. SELL. (15/-) (25): 1, Calvard, cheap pair N.P.; 2, W. Spencer; 3, Hollius; 4, Calam; vhc, Hope; hc, Walker and Scrivener; c, Barwick. GIFT (18): 1, Calam; 2, Harland; 3, McKay; 4, Riley; vhc, Precious; hc, Calvard; c, Pepper. NOVICE NOR. (12): 1, 4, Cowley, both cl., bulls, 1st capital feather, colour and meal, nice shape, size and carriage, 4 neat shape and quality, good colour; 2, Oliff, cl., buff, fine substance and shape, A1 colour and feather, very close on the heels of winner; 3, Mason, cl., yell., cobby, rich quality feather, clean-cut; vhc, Richardson; hc, Hargreaves; c, Harding. HEN (7): 1, 3, cup, Oliff, cl., yell., hot in colour, short and thick-set, A1 wings, clean cut, jaunty carriage, 3 buff tick, left eye, covered with frosting, good shape and size; 2, Harding, yell. mkd. head, all type, good feather and size; 4, vhc, Mason, yell., 1908, mkd. right eye, very shapely, A1 colour and feather; hc, Hargreaves; c, Mason. NOVICE YORK (11): 1, Girling, cl., buff, well feathered, capital colour and position, lengthy, well on leg; 2, Farnish, cl., yell., full of style, neat and narrow, well up in position; 3, Simeson, cl., buff, good length and stand, well filled back; 4, Holmes, cap mkd., nice tone of colour, stands well up, good length; vhc, Walker and Scrivener; hc, Fergnson; c, Lightfoot. HEN (11): 1, Holmes, thigh tick, yell., slim and upstauding, tight as wax, good legs, well carried, flights and tail; 2, Simeson, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, feathered like glass, A1 position, capital wings; 3, Langley, cl. buff, neat and narrow, lengthy, nice stand; 4, Farnish, cl., yell., very lengthy, good colour and feather, not quite the position; vhc, Walker and Scrivener; he, Ferguson; c, Precious.

Mules, British and Foreign Sections.

DARK MULE (16) Rare lot: 1, Somerfield, yell. Greenie-Can, Nottingham winner, superb colour and bloom of feather, fine substance and shape, delightful bloom, topper; 2, Shornecy, yell. Goldie-Can., beautiful quality and shape, fine size, capital face of rich colour, well put down; 3, Sissons, yell., Sis.-Can., good substance and colour, very neat, nicely marked; 4, Townend, Lin.-Can., capital shape and size, A1 colour and markings; vhc, Wilson; b, Dale; c, Ridley. GOLDIE (8): 1, Somerfield, stood 2nd, Nottingham, grand shape and tan, beautifully polished, rich, square-cut blaze of lovely colour; 2, Fox and Thompson, fine shape and substance, capital colour, large blaze, of rich colour, not quite so cleanly cut; 3, Riley, neat in shape, good size; 4, Taylor, very similar to 3rd; vhc, Dix; hc, Ridley; c, Hollins; No. 8, Riley, good one, but very down. BULLIE (12): 1, Harrison, well-known winner, rattling shape and substance, grand breast colour, dense and neat-cut cap, beauty; 2, Calam, very shapely, good size, not quite so rich in colour of breast, good cap, in fine order; 3, Milne, capital shape and size, good cap, not far behind; 4, Wood, nice shape and feather; vhc, Hope; hc, Walker and Scrivener; c, Boyle. LINNET (17) Rare lot: 1, Stamp, fine substance and shape, magnificent colour, beautiful pencilling clear and distinct, steady as a top, gem; 2, Parlett, another very bonny specimen, close on heels of winner; 3, 4, vhc, Fox and Thompson, fine team, former, lovely colour and shape, A1 markings, 4 equal in colour and shape, not quite so distinctly pencilled; hc, Harland; c, Calam. GREENIE, ETC. (17): 1, Stamp, charming Bramble, slashing colour, size and shape, profusely ticked, put down in full bloom; 2, Dowie, Chaffinch, well up in size, good shape and quality, nice colour and markings, close up; 3, hope, capital Greenie of A1 colour and shape, good substance; 4, Cocks, Bramble, rich colour, shape and size, beaten slightly in ticking; vhc, Dale; hc, Drinkall; c, Stamford. A.O.S. (7): 1, Watts, Reed Bunting, nice colour and shape, in fine trim; 2, c, Saddler, Snow Bunting, in good order, well shown; 3, Hollins, capital colour and shape, well marked, worth its place; 4, Drinkall, superb feather, nicely shown, good 4th; vhc, Perkins; hc, Calam. A.O.S. SMALL (10): 1, Jackson, lovely Nightingale, beautiful shape and size, in delightful trim; 2, Medley, superb Redstart, absolutely perfect feather, grand colour, size and shape, shown in fine style; 4, hc, Bousfield, Wagtail, well up in size, capital quality; vhc, Arnold; c, Chadwick. FOR. (19) Lovely lot: 1, 2, 4, Cheetham, fine trio, former grand pair of Blue Mountain Lories, 2 Superb Tanager, in rattling colour, staged for all he was worth, 4 Port Lincoln Parrakeet, in fine order; 3, Suddaby, Cockatoo, in full feather, and looking A1; vhc, Markham, grand grey Parrot; hc, Burton; c, Hollins.

Members' Classes.

NOR. (14): 1, 2, Oliff, buff and yell respectively, both grand colour and feather, neat shape; 3, Fritb, bouncing cl. buff; 4, Mason, hot cl. yell., very shapely; vhc, Longhorn; hc, Ware; c, Potter. YELL. UNFLIG. (9): 1, vhc, Oliff, cl., warm colour, A1 quality and shape; 2, c, McKay, cl., nice feather and colour; 3, Mason, cl., capital shape; 4, hc, Potter. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, Oliff, both nice quality, capital colour and shape; 2, Mason, cobby, good feather, close up; 4, Potter, all type, A1 feather; vhc, Longhorn; hc, Oliver; c, Riley. HEN (16): 1, 2, Oliff, yell., 1908, and Buff in order named, former capital feather, colour and shape, latter very good feather, nice shape; 3, c, Mason, good yell., nice shape, feather and carriage; 4, Calvard, unflig. cl. Buff, very shapely; vhc, Potter; hc, Riley. YORKS. (16): 1, 4, hc, Frith, both yells., good length and position, well feathered, 2 (no name), stylish cl. Buff, good length, and stand; 3, Potter, lengthy cl. yell., A1 position and quality; vhc, Stamford; c, Sowden. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Precious, tkd. and variegd., couple of very characteristic exhibits, grand feather and length; 2, vhc, Girling, cl., red-hot, stands well, lengthy; 4, Potter, lengthy cl., capital position; hc; Burton; c, Lightfoot. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Girling, both clears, good quality, length and stand; 2, Sowden, cl., good stand and length; 3, potter, thigh tick, stands nicely, A1 quality; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Lightfoot; c, Briggs. HEN (16): 1, vhc, Precious, buff, Cinn.-mkd. wings and eyes, rare feather and colour, good all through; 2, Howe, cl., buff, lovely colour, A1 position; 3, no name, lengthy cl., yell., good feather and stand; 4, Stamford, stylish cl., buff; hc, Briggs; c, Parks.

DOVER.

There are plenty of bird shows in the county of Kent, which is quite all right, because there are also plenty of good show birds without going outside the county, and no lack of enthusiastic fanciers. The Dover division was well to the fore on November 17th and 18th, when the show of the Kent County C.B.A. was held, and when the competition was very keen. A long list of 32 specials bears ample evidence of hard work on the part of the executive and of much friendly feeling on the part of the donors, who are mostly resident in the town. The Mayor of Dover graciously opened the show, after a few introductory remarks by Co. Norris, M.V.O., one of the society's vice-presidents. He was supported by the enthusiastic chairman, Mr. N. Campany, the vice-chairman, Mr. E. C. Rayner, and the committee of bird-lovers, including the busy honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Sanderson, who is deserving of great praise for the success of the show. The Market Hall is an excellent place for a cage bird show, being spacious, well lighted, and free from draughts. Mr. J. Nortb judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl for best Nor., Meades, excellent type, shape and size, nice quality and colour; 2, Sandiford's spl for bottest-fed, c, Gibbs, another good all-round bird; 3, Silk, nice size, quality, and colour; vhc, Eade, very typical; hc, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Gibbs, 1st well-frosted, nice size and substance, 4th just a little too free with feather; 2, hc, Reeves, former in splendid condition, excellent type; 3, Jones, very typical, nice quality; vhc, Taylor. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, spl for third best Nor, 2, Gibbs, former nicely variegd. yell., grand substance and colour, latter ticked, high Nor. properties; 3, Berry and Mitchell, very showy ticked buff; 4, Jones, thick-set, prettily capped and flighted bird; vhc, Silk, slashing green-mkd. exhibit; hc, Taylor; c, Meades, Wiffen. HEN (7): 1, Paterson, cl. buff, highest type; 2, 4, vhc, Gibbs, 1st ticked yell., excellent colour and quality, fails just a little in wing carriage; 4th, nice type; 3, Meades, stout yell., well up in Nor. properties; hc, Taylor; c, Berry and Mitchell. CL. YELL. CK. 1908 (6): 1, hc, Jones, smart young bird, splendid quality, colour and shape; 2, Silk, larger but hardly so fine in feather; 3, Taylor, good size and type; vhc, Meades. BUFF (6): 1, Mrs. Wood, typical, well frosted, smooth; 2, Taylor, excellent colour; 3, 4, Jones, typical, very good in carriage, nice quality body feather; vhc, Paterson. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl for second best Nor., Jones, stout grizzle-capped bird; 2, Mrs. Wood, tkd. bird, good size, well-shaped chest; 3, Berry and Mitchell, nice feather, somewhat too upstanding perhaps; 4, Meades, excellent quality and marking; vhc, Paterson; hc, Taylor. BUFF (4): 1, Silk, fine size and substance; 2, Meades, tight feather, smaller; 3, Wood, excellent body feather and quality. HEN, 1908 (4): 1, Meades, cl. yell., splendid quality and shape; 2, Silk, ticked buff, very compact; 3, Paterson, another tkd. buff, nice feather; 4, Taylor, useful yell., just a trifle slack in plumage. NOVFED, 1908 (4): 1, 2, Holness, stout yells., of excellent Nor. properties; 3, Paterson, fine big yell.; 4, Taylor, nice variegd. CREST (7): 1, spl for best in three classes, Broad, very large-bodied, wing-mkd. bird, looks like a hen, crest of great substance, nicely ribbed and centred; 2, 3, hc, c, Campany, former slashing green, long feathered crest; 3rd, nicely-marked body, drooping crest; 4, Broad, very feathery stock bird. CREST OR C.B., 1908 (6): 1, 2, Broad, winner splendid broken green, with enormouse frontal; 3, 4, Wiffen. C.B. (7): 1, 3, Broad, big feathery cl. buff, favouring the old Lancashire type; 2, 4, vhc, c, Campany, big-headed variegd. birds of Nor. type; vhc, Sargeant. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Gibbs, nice length and type and stylish; 2, spl for 2nd best Yorks., Austen, nice straight-bodied bird, somewhat heavy in rudder perhaps; 3, Reeve, another nice one; 4, Hendry, great length, slimly built. BUFF (6): 1, Gibbs, splendid bloom, length and style; 2, Rayner, grand quality; 3, Reeve, very slim and stylish; 4, Sales, also very slim, a nice one; vhc, Earle; hc, Johnson. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl for best Yorks., 2, Gibbs, both very typical and stylish; 3, Johnson, a good one all over; 4, Reeve, a fine long slim exhibit; vhc, Hendry, all of excellent type. BF (5): 1, spl for third best Yorks., 4, Johnson, grizzle-winged bird, splendid type leading; 2, Sales, very smart typical exhibit; 3, Gibbs, rather feathery perhaps. (N.B.—According to society's rule no exhibitor may take more than one special in any section). YORKS. A.C. CK. 1908 (9): 1, Gibbs, splendid position and style; 2, Rayner, also full of quality; 3, Abbot, straight and slim, excellent type; 4, Reeves, rather big perhaps, but a good one; vhc, Lockett; hc, c, Johnson. HEN (11): 1, 2, Gibbs, tkd. yell. cinn. leading, followed by typical buff; 3, Austen, very stylish yell., but bit unsteady; 4, Lockett, nice quality; vhc, Rayner, Abbott; hc, c, Reeve, Johnson. BORD. (Four Classes Amalgamated) (11): 1, spl for best Bord., 2, vhc, hc, c, Bowes, very smart buff leading, followed by a good yell., not in quite such high condition; third also very natty yell.; 4, Lockett, yet another yell. of excellent type and carriage. MULE (Four Classes Amalgamated) (9): 1, 3, Taylor, leader smart tkd. yell. Goldfinch-Can., followed by Siskin-Greenfinch, in grand feather; 2, Ivatt, evenly mkd. buff Goldfinch-Can., nice size and shape, lovely quality feather; 4, Casemore, Goldfinch-Greenie, nicely-fitting plumage; vhc, Stokes, Eade; hc, spl for best young Mule, Johnson, variegd. yell. Goldfinch-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spls best Goldfinch and best bird in show, Mrs. A. Young, one of the most perfect specimens ever seen, enormous blaze extending well behind eyes and all over throat, square cut and of brilliant colour; 2, spl for 2nd best Goldfinch, Casemore, big bird with large beak, and all white parts prominent, excellent quality and colour; 3, Wickham, steady, full-coloured, well-known exhibit; vhc, Austen, Abbott, latter promising bird, but at present unsteady; hc, Stokes; c, Norris. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Wickham, good yell.; 4, Casemore; vhc, Abbott. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl for best Bullfinch, Abbott, chubby and smart, exquisite colour and polish; 2, spl for second best Bullfinch, 3, Mrs. A. Young, very nice steady bird, rich in colour, distinctly barred; 4, Meades; vhc, Norris. LINSLT (5): 1, 4, Wickham, winner in nice plumage and condition, very steady, 2, Stokes, nicely white-frosted bird, 3, Abbott, beautifully pencilled. SISKIN, ETC (4): 2, Wickham, Siskin, good shape and colour; 3, Eade, Siskin, splendid bib, nicely speed cap, hc, Stokes; c, Paterson. A.O.S. SEED EATING AND A.S. INSECTIV (Amalgamated) (5): 1, 3, Brett, Gold Crest Wren and Titlark, well shown, second, young grand Chaffinch; 4, Norris. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brett, 1st Great Grey Shrike; 2nd, splendid Thrush, 3rd, Blackbird, grand feather and orange bill and cere; 4th, Magpie, all in perfect beauty of feather, fit to win in their classes at big shows. SELL. 10/- (6): 1, Taylor; 2, Silk, 3, 4, Reeve.

SELBY.

Selby and Dist. held their 15th annual show in the Armoury on November 19th. Mr. John Henry Dixon makes a capital hon. sec., and, along with his hard-working committee, had the birds well staged in good time. The Yorkshires were a grand lot. Mr. Axe staged a fine variegd. Norwich, also some nice British. Mr. Medley's Redstart won in the British; it is in the pink of condition and very steady. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (17): 1, spl, Brotherton, feathered like a Java, rich colour, well up on leg, grand wing carriage; 2, Spence, fine position and feather, good wings and tail; 3, Shaw Bros., nice feather and position, wants a little more time; 4, Barnwell, eye ticked, stands well, long flights and tail; res, Ramsden; vhc, Booth; hc, Atkinson; c, Dawson. BUFF (13): 1, Barnwell, eye tick, grand wings and tail, straight as a gun barrel, very nervy, wins; 2, Ross, cinn. tick, blaze of colour, grand feather, good wings and tail; 3, Simeson, position, good head and quality; 4, Taylor and Haigh, cinn. variegd., rich orange colour, grand feather; res, Atkinson; vhc, Barfe; hc, Wedds; c, Brotherton. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC. (9): 1, spl, and spl for hottest Can in show, Ross, good head, long flights and tail, well up on leg, full of quality; 2, Watts, rich colour, grand quality; 3, Myers, eye tick, nice position and feather, good on leg; 4, Marsden, eye mkd., nice quality; res, Atkinson; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Booth; c, Burman. BUFF (11): 1, Jelland, cap mkd., excellent position, nice wings and tail, full of quality, very steady; 2, Slater, rich colour, long flights and tail, very nervy; 3, Simeson, grand quality, long flight and tail position; 4, Warriner, wing tick, full of quality, well up on leg; res, c, Brotherton; vhc, Pressey; hc, Burman. HEN (16): 1, Ross, length, position, feather, very nervy, a gem; 2, Slater, buff, wing tick yell., full of quality, nice position, very steady, shown well; 3, c, Priestley, yell., long flights and tail, lovely quality, neat head; 4, res, Taylor and Haigh, cinn. mark buff, blaze of colour and quality; vhc, Myers; hc, Simeson. NOR YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (8): feathered like wax; 2, 4, Hegg, good head and chest, rich colour and feather; 4th, fine head, nice feather and colour; res, Mason; vhc, Pulmer; hc, c, Smith. BRIT. SMALL (14): 1, res, Medley, 1st noted Redstart; 2, c, Bloodworth; 3, 4, Axe; vhc, Goodall; hc, Parlett. SELL., 15/- (13): 1, Fred Myers; 2, 3, Axe; 4, Simeson; res, Bowron and Kemmings; vhc, Palmer; hc, Marsden; c, Hesp. CAN. MEMBERS' (17): 1, 2, 4, res, hc, Parvin; 3, Brady; vhc, Barby; c, Dixon.

BIRKENHEAD.

Annual show held November 14th. Entries were, unfortunately, small, owing to a stoppage in the finishing off of birds. But there was a good number of visitors. The arrangements were ably carried out by the committee, and the cage birds were nicely staged out of the way of draughts. Crests were a nice lot. Yorkshires were good, especially the greens, and Norwich made a capital class. The British classes contained some very choice and smart exhibits. Mr. Richardson had the secretarial duties in hand, and his past efforts were on this occasion even excelled, everything being ably conducted, and the exhibits were comfortably staged in an ideal hall. He was well assisted by Mr. Harding, the assistant secretary.

YORKS CL. YELL. (9): 1, Porter; 2, Harding; 3, Corbett; vhc, Jones; hc, Goode; c, Richardson. BUFF (4): 1, Harding; 2, Morton; 3, Jones; vbe Dyson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Goode; 2, Harding; 3, Jones; vhc, Morton; hc, Porter; c, Hadwin. BUFF (2): 1, Jones; 2, Porter. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Joncs; 2, Porter; 3, Harding; vhc, Corbett; hc, Morris; c,, Morton. BUFF (4): 1, Jones; 2, Harding; 3, Porter; vbe, Morton. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, hc, Corbett; 2, Harding; 3, Morton; vhc, Richardson; c, Gardner. BUFF (3): 1, Morton; 2, Jones; 3, Porter. CINN. TK., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Corbett; 2, Morton; 3, Porter; vhc, Richardson. HEAVILY VARIEG., ETC., CINN. OR GREEN (5): 1, Harding; 2, Corbett; 3, Morton; vhc, Porter; he, Greatrix. GREEN SELF, SELL. (4): 1, Hughes; 2, Jones; 3, Corbett; vhc, Richardson. BUFF (3): 1, Hughes; 2, Moss; 3, Jones. GREEN FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Western; 2, Jones; 3, Richardson; vhc, Goode. BUFF (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Hadwin. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hughes; 3, Moss; vhc, Jones; hc, Dyson. BUFF (3): 1, Moss; 2, Western; 3, Gardner. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Gardner; 2, Hadwin; 3, Western; vhc, Moss; hc, Harding; c, Corbett. BUFF (4): 1, Western; 2, Corbett; 3, Hughes; vhc, Moss. NON-FED CL., ETC., YELL (2): 1, Porter; 2, Morton. BUFF (2): 1, Morton; 2, Harding. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Morton; vhc, c, Greatrix. NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Harding; 2, Hadwin; 3, Porter; vhc, Nash. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Porter; 2, 3, Hadwin. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Porter; 2, Rock. BUFF (4): 1, Porter; 2, Rock; 3, Hadwin. BUFF NON-FED. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Porter; 2, Corbett; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Gardner. HEN (2): 1, Porter; 2, Gardner. GREEN SELF, ETC., BUFF (3): 1, Harding; 2, Richardson; 3, Porter. CREST (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Cory; c, Miss Thorburn. CB. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Cory; c, Miss Thorburn. YORKS NOVICE GREEN SELF, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Greatrix; 2, Dyson. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Shaw; 3, Miller; vhc, Morris. BUFF (5): 1, Miller; 2, vhc, Bimpson; 3, Greatrix; hc, Morris. A.O.V. (3): 1, Moss; 2, Hadwin; 3, Richardson. SELL (5): 1, Rock; 2, 3, Corbett; vhc, Moss. SELL., 20s. (6): 1, Tweedle; 2, Porter; 3, Morton; vhc, Rock; hc, Harding; c, Jones. (12s. 6d.) (4): 1, Corbett; 2, Porter; 3, Harding; vhc, Gardner. HEN. CAN. (3): 1, Hadwin; 2, Porter; 3, Bimpson. GIFT (4): 1, Tweedle; 2, Hadwin; 3, Harding; vhc, Richardson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Greatrix; 2, Richardson. LINNET (Housemoulted) (3): 1, Burns; 2, Richardson; 3, Greatrix. FRESH-CAUGHT (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Harding; 3, Dyson. GREENFINCH: 1, Richardson; 2, Greatrix. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Morton; 2 Richardson. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Dyson; 2, Harding.

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BRADFORD WEST.

The Bradford West C.B.A., held their annual fixture in the Whetley Lane Schools, Girlington, on November 21st, and as usual the entry and attendance upheld the high standard attained by this society, which is considered one of the class events in the Bradford district. A grand schedule had been issued, containing a class number of 38 classes, and resulted in a grand entry of 613, birds, giving an average of slightly over 16 per class throughout the show. In consideration of its being a single day show the society took the wise step of obtaining two assistant judges, so that the public could be admitted in good time. Mr. A. Ambler was the official judge of the Y.U., and took as his quota the whole of the Open Yorkshire Classes including, of course, the Yorkshire greens. Mr. Beswick had been selected to judge the Norwich greens, Norwich Plainheads, Norwich Novice and the British birds, etc., and Mr. R. Sutcliffe officiated for the Yorkshire Novices and the selling classes. The awards of all three gentlemen were very well received. The arrangements were in the hands of thorough fanciers with Mr. H. Clegg at their head, in the position of secretary, and what friend Clegg does not know about working a show is not worth knowing; he has as his assistant, Mr. S. Lister, with Messrs. Greaves, Crabtree, Clegg, Mallll, Stirk, Clark and many others as stewards, the names themselves being a guarantee of efficient working. The Yorkshires throughout were a grand lot, both in numbers and in quality, the thirteen classes containing 208 birds, an average of 16 per class. The Yorkshire greens also came up well, 66 birds being on view in the four classes. Norwich greens were grand birds, but rather few in number, totalling 41 in four classes. Norwich were a complete failure—12 birds in two classes. British, etc., were a very interesting lot, averaging slightly over 12 per class in the four classes. In the selling classes no less than 67 birds were on view in the three classes. Novices came up well—141 Yorkshires in 6 classes, giving over 23 per class, and some toppers amongst them. Novice Norwich exhibitors staged 27 birds in their two classes. The principal winners of the specials given for the various sections were Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, W. H. Shackleton, Wilcock, Ogden Bros., Clayton, Nimmo, Deacon, Lawson, Duncan, Chick, Parkes, Farrar, Hammond and Lunc. Pickup, etc. CAGE BIRDS competition points were "notched" by Messrs. Helliwell and Blackburn and Mitchell. The clear yellow of Mr. E. Radley's is generally acknowledged to be one of the very best out, whilst in clear buffs the two of Mr Shackleton's held an almost unbeaten record. In Yorkshire greens, the Yorkshire contingent scored pretty freely, but in Norwich greens practically all were from Liverpool, the hot-bed of the Fancy for this variety. The British bird fanciers much enjoyed the exhibits of the section, the Hybrids of Messrs. Nicholson and Walsh, the hardbills of Messrs. Duncan, Chick, Hirst, the Redstart of Mr. Chick's, the Bearded Tit of Mr. Duncan's, and the pretty Wren of Miss Fishburn's, all having their adherents. At the close of the show all exhibits were packed up and on their homeward journey by about 8 o'clock—quick time to clear out over 600 birds.

Mr. Ambler's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Radley, grand length, stands straight as a rush, beautiful shape, extra long flights and tail, lovely quality, first cl. yell to "notch" two firsts at Y.U. shows this season; 2, vhc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, nice length, good type, beautiful feather, well up on legs, shows well; 3, Hirst, correct shape, stylish, nice quality; 4, Cruise, grand shape, plenty of length, stands well; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Shackleton. BUFF (13): 1, 2, spl, Shackleton, clinking brace, leader very lengthy, splendid position, grand shape and quality; 2, rich colour, full of bloom, very typical, well up on leg; 3, Bailey and Swanger, grand quality and position, nice shape and colour; 4, Helliwell, plenty of leg, grand back and wings; vhc, Thornton and Bower; hc, Blakey; c, Ingram. TICK. YELL (16): 1, spl, Lodge, long, good shaped bird, stands well up, nice quality, neat wing carriage, good tail; 2, Bailey and Swanger, very good shape and style, full of quality and colour, nice position; 3, Shackleton, tick. head, great length, very typical, splendid back, long flights, and tail; 4, Cruise, lengthy, well up on legs, grand shape, nice feather; vhc, Mrs. Sunderland; hc, Midgley; c, Helliwell. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Shackleton, ticked neck, grand shape and position, feathered to perfection; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger; 2, ticked wing, grand type and position, full of quality and colour; 4, ticked cheek, gem for shape and feather, stands erect as a soldier; 3, Radley, grand shape, nice quality and style; hc, Helliwell; c, Charlesworth. UNEVENLY MKD. (11): 1, spl, E. Smith, buff, very long, grand shape, plenty of quality and colour, well up on leg; 2, Ogden Bros, lengthy yell. well drawn out, good wing carriage and pipe tail, nice quality, rich colour; 3, Armstrong, grand quality buff, very good type, splendid position, neat head and neck; 4, Bailey and Swanger, buff, good shape and position, nice quality and colour, extra back, wings and tail; vhc, Hartley; hc, Jowett; c, Townsend UNFLIG. YELL. (24): 1, hc, spl, Bray, grand shape, nice quality and colour, well on leg, neat exhibit; 2, Blackburn and Mitchell, unevenly mkd, very slim, nice shape, leggy, nice quality; 3, Charlesworth, typical and plenty of style, grand head, nice round back, good quality; 4, Midgley, slim, nice shape and position, rich quality; vhc, Townsend; c, Ackroyd Bros. BUFF (29): 1, spl, Cowgill, grand length, beautiful wedge shaped body, stands to perfection, feather like glass, a gem; 2, Bailey and Swanger, extra quality, grand shape and style, nice wing carriage; 3, Drake and Son, fine length, good shape and position, lovely quality; 4, Jenkinson, right type, splendid back, rich quality and colour; vhc, Radley; hc, Bray; c, Charlesworth. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, W. H. Shackleton, grand length and shape, good wings and tail, nice feather; 2, Bailey and Swanger, extra good position, grand type, full of quality; 3, Radley, slim, well drawn out, correct type, leggy, nice quality; 4, Wood, grand back, wings and tail, good type and quality; vhc, Slater; hc, Cooper; c, Lodge. BUFF (15): 1, 2, spl, Shackleton, leader, good length, grand shape and position, rich quality; 2, slim, well up in position, very typical, grand quality; 3, 4, Bailey and Swanger, 3, ticked neck, full of quality, fine position and shape; 4, all there for shape and style, nice feather; vhc, Radley; hc, Farrar; c, Cowgill. UNEVEN MKD. ETC. (14): 1, Bailey and Swanger, yellow of grand shape, nice position, full of quality, good back and wings, neat pipe tail; 2, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., full of colour, feather like wax, grand shape for a buff, stylish; 3, Shackleton, lengthy yell., grand shape and quality, stands well; 4, Helliwell, buff, grand type, very stylish, plenty of leg, grand colour and quality; hc, Towers; c, Jowett. CINN. TICK. ETC. (14): 1, hc, spl Cooper, very slim yell., grand shape, stands exceptionally well up on leg, all there for quality; 2, Shackleton, buff, nice shape and style, plenty of colour and quality; 3, Wilcock, yellow, splendid type and position, nice rich quality and colour; 4, Hartley, neat shaped buff, nice style, grand quality; vhc, Ogden Bros; c, Grange. HEN (15): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., yell. grand type, stands straight as a rush, lovely colour and quality; 2, Tinkler, nice marked buff, good shape and quality; 3, Wilcock, grand shape and position, lovely back and wings, nice feather; 4, Jowett, splendid shape, stands well, lovely quality feather; vhc, Blakey; hc, Towers; c, Shackleton. STOCK (above 6½ in.) LIMIT (26): 1, spl, Briggs, yell. splendid length, extra good shape; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, good lengthy buff, grand shape, well filled back; 3, Wilcock, buff, big, strong bird, nice shape and quality; 4, Rushworth, good length, stands well; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Fielden; c, Ackroyd Bros. GREEN. SELF ETC. YELL. (18): 1, 4, spl, Clayton, leader grand length, perfect shape, wonderful flights and tail, well up on leg, nice quality, good colour, self; 4, also self, grand shape, very stylish, rich colour and quality; 2, Fielden, rich deep colour, good shape, extra position, lovely quality; 3, hc, Pickup, perfect style and shape, feather like glass, very good colour; vhc, Nimmo; c, Atherton. BUFF (19): 1, Clayton, self, grand shape and position, full of quality, all to be desired in colour; 2, vhc, spl, Nimmo, foul tail, lengthy, good type and style, lovely colour, nice quality; 3, Pilling, grand shape, extra quality, stands well, lovely coloured self; 4, Greaves, very slim, extra colour, nice shape and quality; hc, Rowlands; c, Metcalfe. YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl, Pickup, rich coloured self, grand shape and position, fine quality; 2, Wright, foul tail, grand length, type, and position, full of quality and colour, neat pencilling; 3, Greaves, foul tail, very slim, leggy, nice shape, good grassy colour; 4, Clayton, foul wing, splendid shape, plenty of leg, good quality and colour; vhc, Fielden; hc, Metcalfe; c, Nimmo. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Rowlands, grand shape and position, splendid colour, nice quality; 2, Davie, very typical, stands well, rich deep colour, nice feather; 3, Clayton, trifle stronger, good shape, nice quality; 4, c, Atherton, good type, slim, leggy; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Fielden.

Mr. Beswick's Classes.

NOR. GREEN SELF, ETC. YELL. (12): 1, 2, spl, Lawson, leader, self, extra deep colour, grand size, and substance, correct type, nice quality and finish; 2, foul, plenty of substance, very compact, rich colour and quality; 3, vhc, Isaacs, fine colour, extra substance, grand shaped foul, good quality; 4, Deacon, rich colour, plenty of size; hc, Walker; c, Hawkes. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Walker, marvellous size and substance, rich deep colour, lovely quality, self; 2, 3, hc, spl, Deacon, foul, grand colour, good shape and substance, plenty of quality, very clean made all round; 3, extra substance and chest, very typical, nice coloured self; 4, c, Lawson, good shape and size. YELL. HEN (11): 1, vhc, spl, Walker, lovely coloured self, perfect shape, full of quality, grand lady; 2, Lawson, very cobby build, nice short wings and tail, fine colour and quality; 3, Hawkes, grand colour and quality, lovely shape, good, foul tail; 4, hc, c, Deacon, good colour and quality. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Walker, leader self, splendid colour, grand size, substance and shape, nice quality; 4, good quality and colour; 2, 3, Deacon, nice rich colour, plenty of size, very cobby, nice quality; 3, grand size and shape, well up in colour and quality; vhc, hc, Lawson; c, Isaacs. NOR. P.H. (7): 1, c, S. Wilcock, grand size and substance, beautiful colour for a buff, nicely frosted, plenty of quality and sheen; 2, vhc, Cowgill, another buff, very cobby, grand substance, rich quality and colour; 3, 4, Wilcock, 3, marked yell. nice colour and quality; 4, buff, extra substance and shape, rich colour and quality; hc, Clark. HEN (5): 1, 2, spl, J. Wilcock, leader buff, lovely shape, plenty of thickness, full of quality and rich colour; 2, yellow, nice and typical, good feather and colour; 3, Holmes, buff, nice shape and quality; 4, S. Wilcock, yellow, nice cobby hen, grand quality and rich colour; vhc, Hirst. MULE OR HYB. (13): 1, spl, Nicholson, Goldie-Bullie, all there for colour, beautifully feathered, very steady; 2, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, very neat, steady, shown in faultless trim, shows colourings well; 3, Inman, evenly marked buff Goldie-Can., grand size, lovely feather, nice wing bars, York and Bramley winner; 4, Cowgill, dark Greenie-Can., shows parentage, full of colour and shines like satin; vhc, Duncan, jun.; hc, Lloyd; c, Edmondson. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, spl, Duncan, junr., 1, Linnet, grand shape, rich nut brown colour, beautifully pencilled, very steady; 2, Boyle, Siskin, colour-fed, very steady, nice cap; 3, 4, Hunt, two grand Linnets, nice size, colour and pencilling, very well staged; 4, just a trifle lighter; hc, Hunt; c, Nicholson. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (18): 1, 3, spl, Chick, first Hawfinch, "Midland Chief," grand size, lovely colour and feather, staged in first-class style; 3, Corn Bunting, a good big bird, superb pencilling and colour, in grand order; 2, Hirst, Yellow Bunting, "Shamrock," grand size, plenty of colour, lovely markings, very steady; 4, hc, Duncan, junr., Goldie, nice size, grand blaze good colour wing bars; vhc, Boyle; c, Snead. BRIT. SOFT-BILLS (8): 1, Chick, Redstart, regular picture, splendid colours, very clean cut cap, steady, shows well; 2, 3, spl, Duncan, junr.; 2, Bearded Tit, very taking exhibit, very clean cut beard and colourings, staged in marvellous order; 3, Wryneck, looks like a young one, beautifully marked, nice colour; 4, c, Miss Fishburn, Wren in lovely trim, steady, beautiful colour and markings, a gem; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Myers. NOVICE NOR. CK. (14): 1, 3, spl, Hammond, leader marked buff, lovely shape and substance, plenty of quality and colour, beautifully finished; 3, cl. buff, extra size and substance, rich colour and quality; 2, Sykes, yell, cobby shape, nice substance, grand feather and colour; 4, vhc, Ball, yellow, nice type and size, very good quality and colour; hc, Fortnam; c, Markwell. HEN (13): 1, 2, spl, Hammond, winner green mkd. yell., marvellous quality, very neat shape, nice colour; 2, buff, grand substance, plenty of chest, nicely mealed, good quality; 3, Fortnam, yell, lovely shape, chubby, nice quality and colour, neat finish; 4, c, Greenwood, buff, good substance, shapely, nice quality; vhc, hc, Markwell.

Mr. Sutcliffe's Classes.

SELL. YELL. (15/-) (18): 1, spl, Farrar; 2, Parkes; 3, Haigh; 4, Wright; vhc, Lister; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Radley. BUFF (15/-) (27): 1, spl, Parkes; 2, Wood; 3, c, Cowgill; 4, Garnett; vhc, Skinner; hc, Lister. HEN (12/6) (22): 1, spl, Radley; 2, Hartley; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Wallbank; hc, Taylor Bros; c, Nichol. NOVICE.—CL. ETC. YELL. YKS. (34): 1, spl, Lane, extra colour, grand shape, stands straight as a dart, lovely quality, a beauty; 2, Gill, nice length, grand back wings, and tail, stands well up, lovely quality; 3, Varley, extra position, good shape, full of quality, well filled neck; 4, Helliwell, grand shape, nice style, plenty of colour and quality; vhc, Moore; hc, Huddleston; c, Suggitt. BUFF: 1, spl, Tinkler, grand shape and position, beautiful colour, nicely frosted, full of quality; 2, Livesey, grand position, correct shape, lovely back, nice quality; 3, Smith, good shape and quality, stylish; 4, Wilson, red-hot colour, very typical, well up on leg, rich quality; vhc, Clegg; hc, Beaumont; c, Holmes. MKD. ETC. (25): 1, spl, Greenwood, good colour, nicely mkd., grand quality, nice shape, will not stand when handled; 2, Lister, very straight, well up on leg, grand quality; 3, Thomas, grand shape, very clean cut, stands well up, nice quality; 4, Holroyd Bros, very stylish, grand shape, all there for quality; vhc, Kaye; hc, Laycock; c, E. Clegg. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN. (21): 1, spl, Lane, good length, lovely shape and style, perfect feather; 2, Taylor Bros., slim, grand type, quality like wax, lovely back, wings and tail; 3, Laycock, good type, stands well up, nice quality and style; 4, Ferguson, lengthy, very good shape, fine position; vhc, Beaumont; hc, White; c, Atkinson. BUFF (20): 1, 3, spl, Beaumont, winner ticked head, grand type, stylish, feather tight as wax, very neat; 3, longer, grand shape and stands well, ticked wing, good carriage, lovely quality; 2, hc, Lane, marked, grand shape, full of quality; 4, Martin, lovely type and position, rich quality; vhc, Suggitt; c, Graham. UNEVENLY MKD. (18): 1, spl, Tinkler, Cinn. mkd. buff, very good type and style, nice feather and markings; 2, Shepherd, green mkd. yell., slim, good shaped bird, nice position, grand quality; 3, Kaye, foul marked buff, stands well, straight, shapely, nice in feather; 4, Graham, Cinn. mkd. yell. neat typical bird, very stylish, good quality; vhc, Holroyd Bros.; hc, Beaumont; c, Helliwell.

CROOK ORIGINAL O.S.

This Society held their fourth annual show at the Mechanics' Hall on November 21st. Twenty-five classes were provided for cage birds, and some lovely specimens were benched. Norwich led off with 4 classes. The British turned up well, and some rare birds were shown by Messrs. Axe, Johnson, Todd and Son, Birchley, Taylor, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Reeks, Wilcock, and Woods. Mr. A. Bowes, the hon. secretary, had a hard time of it, but got through his work splendidly and in good time; he was ably assisted by the following gentlemen:—Mr. J. Siddle (assistant secretary), Messrs. Brown, Cuthbertson, Dixon, Young, Rudkins, Dawson, Raine, Dobinson. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

NOR. CL. ETC. (9): 1, 2, hc, Hill and Stewart, 1st blaze of colour, good head, full of quality, grand type, 2nd good head and chest, lovely shape, blaze of colour, fine quality; 3, Foster, rich colour, good head, full of quality, grand type; 4, Axe, capped, trifle coarse in feather, but grand type; hc, Ladd; c, Gowland and Crosby. BUFF, ETC. (15): 1, Foster, cheek tkd., rich colour, full of quality, good head and chest, short and chubby; 2, vhc, Wake and Carr, high colour, full of quality, good round head, very typical; 3, Cuthbertson, full of quality, grand head, wings, and tail, good size; 4, hc, Slack, rich colour and feather; c, Hill and Stewart. HENS (15): 1, Foster, Buff, rich colour and feather, good head and chest, grand type; 2, Cuthbertson, vagt. yellow, correct type, full of quality, grand head and chest; 3, Hill and Stewart, Buff, hoxy feather, good head, neck, and chest, short and chubby; 4, Crossling, Buff, rich colour, grand quality; vhc, Winn; hc, c, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL. or BUFF (19): 1, Wilson, buff, grand colour, teeming with quality, good head; 2, Slack, yellow, lovely quality, correct type, nice head and wings, chubby; 3, Burdett, tick Buff, rich colour; 4, Lawson, rich colour and feather, nice head, good wings; vhc, Hill and Stewart; hc, Middleton; c, Hann. YORKS: YELL., CL., ETC. (13): 1, Stevens, grand position, good head, full of quality, long flights and tail; 2, vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson, rich colour, fine position, good head, clean on chest; 3, Slater, full of quality, typical, scarcely level in colour; 4, Atkinson, lovely quality, bit down; hc, J. Cuthbertson; c, Siddle and Dawsou. BUFF, ETC. (15): 1, Atkinson, good length, magnificent grand wings and tail, rich colour, position A1; 2, Slater, wing ticked, rich colour, long flights and tail; 3, hc, G. W. Cuthbertson, rich colour, grand quality; 4, Crawhall, position and quality A1, bit on the small side; vhc, Elliott; c, Carter. HENS. (18): 1, Atkinson, lovely quality, long flights and tail, good head and wings; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, wing tick yell., well on leg, teeming with quality; 3, Thornton, Buff, grand position, well up on leg, neat head; 4, Crawhall, Buff, full of quality; vhc, c, Rhodes; hc, Slater. UNFLIG. (21): 1, Rhodes, grand bird, teeming with quality, position A1, buff; 2, J. Cuthbertson, yellow, grand position, wings and tan, full of quality; 3, Thornton, position, quality, good wings and tail; 4, Atkinson, uneven marked yellow, full of quality, grand wings and tail; vhc, Taylor; hc, Foggitt; c, Moses. CREST OR C.B. (14): 1, Axe, crest, good centre, nice droop, massive head, plenty of body feather; 2, 3, Taylor and Smart, 2nd dark crest, good centre and droop, 3rd crest-bred, good head, plenty of feather; 4, Foster; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Atess. A.O.V. (13): 1, Todd and Son, buff cin., good head, nice quality and type; 2, Rutherford and Bright, yellow cin., nice colour, good head and chest; 3, Wake and Carr, buff cin.; 4 and c, Dobinson; vhc, Sokell and Binks. SELL., 20s. (20): 1, Taylor and Smart; 2, Siddle and Dawson; 3, Toward; 4, Gibson; vhc, Lawson; hc, Elliott; c, Wake and Carr. 10s. (19): 1, Wilson; 2, Elliott; 3, Sokell and Binks; 4, Kilner; vhc, Middleton; hc, Gibson; c, Lawson. GIFT (6): 1, 4, Siddle and Dawson; 2, Todd; 3, Sanders; vhc, Gornall. NOVICE (28): 1, Foster, buff Nor., stands well; 2, Stephenson, yellow Yorks., nice position and quality; 3, Sanders and Son, green Yorks.; 4, Mason; vhc, Messenger; hc, Raine; c, Memminway. GOLDIE, ETC. (22): 1, Axe, Goldie, grand blaze and buttons, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Johnson, Bullie, large cap, rich colour, grand condition; 3, Gowland and Crosby, Goldie, a topper; 4, Woods, lovely bullie; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, c, Kemp. GREENFINCH (21): 1, Birchley, lovely feather, grand condition; 2, Taylor, full of quality; 3, Wilson; 4 hc, Todd and Son; vhc, Brown; c, Robinson. SISKIN (12): 1, hc, Reeks, 1st Twite, nicely pencilled, lovely nut-brown; 2, Handley, Siskin, good bib and markings; 3, C. and H. Moss; 4, Ladd and Son; vhc, Moor; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. LINNET (23): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 1st nut-brown, nicely pencilled, and shown in the pink of condition; 3rd, nice bird, not quite so rich in colour; 2, vhc, Birchley, 2nd nicely-pencilled, lovely colour, a close race; 4, Trow; hc, Robinson; c, Bowland and Crosby. A.O.S. (8): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, good bib, in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, 2nd, Starling, a gem; 3, Birchley; 4, Dobinson; hc, Dobing. FOR. (6): 1, Nnisbitt; 2, Dickinson; 3, c, Booth; 4, Reeks; vhc, Hemminway. MEMBERS, NOR. (11): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, 4, Raine; 3, hc, Todd; vhc, c, Brown. YORKS. (15): 1, 4, Elliott; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Siddle and Dawson; vhc, Messenger; hc, Wilkinson; c, Gornall. C. or C.B. (7): 1, 4, hc, c, Siddle and Dawson; 2, Todd; 3, vhc, Brown. BRIT. (7): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, vhc, hc, Dobinson; 4, Brown; c, Siddle and Dawson. A.O.V. (13): 1, Messenger; 2, Nelson; 3, 4, Rudkin; vhc, hc, Gornall; c, Young.

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Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual open show on November 20th and 21st, in the Orange Hall, King-st. Entries came up well, about 320 being staged. The Norwich classes, as is usual at Wigan, were well filled, and contained many well-known specimens. The Yorkshires, although not so numerous as we like to see them, were a nice lot. British birds were a fine collection. Mr. A. P. Hurst's well-known Goldfinch and Linnet, Mr. Johnson's clinking Yellow Bunting, and Mr. T. H. Mort's Thrush are specimens far above the average. The amateur and members' classes also contained many choice birds. The challenge cup presented by the Society for most points gained by a member was won by Mr. J. Bennett, Mr. W. Dyer securing Hyde's special. Of the management we cannot speak too highly. The secretary, Mr. W. Ridge, is the right man in the right place, and has all the duties of a secretary at his finger ends. He was well supported by the chairman, Mr. W. Dyer, the treasurer, Mr. J. Shurrock, the vice-chairman, Mr. C. Crabtree, the assistant-secretary, Mr. Jno. Bennett, and the committee, Messrs. Roberts, Holden, Rheid, Young, Webster, Large, Lawler, Williams, Riding, Richards, Berry, Vicker, Hodkinson, and Bull, all of whom worked hard to make the show a success. The attendance, we were pleased to see, was very satisfactory, and we trust the show will work out all right financially. The judges were Messrs. A. Wellings (Prescot) and H. Tams (Longton), and their awards were very favourably received.

The Open Canary Classes.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, hc, Bennett, wing marked, grand length, rare quality, and position, nice style and colour; 2, Knowles, clear hotter colour, fine position, good back wings and tail; 3, Fidgwell, cl., very slim and leggy, grand quality and length; 4, Lane, clear, good length, colour and quality; vhc, Fitton; c, Foster. BUFF (7): 1, Whittaker, clear, grand length and type, magnificent quality, rare position; 2, 4, Bescoby, 2nd clear, extra quality, nice length, we liked, 4th, grand position and length; 3, Stewart, ticked back of head, grand type and colour; vhc, Schofield; hc, Knowles; c, Lane. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Lane, wing ticked, capital length, splendid type, superior quality and colour; 2, 4, Knowles, 2nd ticked on head, beautiful colour, nice length, good quality, 4th wing marked, good length, lovely colour and quality; 3, Stewart, wing marked, nice little hen, good quality and colour; vhc, Tyler; hc, Brooks, Blackburn winner; c, Cawley. BUFF (8): 1, Lane, marked face, grand length and style, splendid quality and carriage; 2, hc, Cawley, clear, grand quality and type; 3, Knowles, grizzle on neck, nice quality and length, well drawn, good position; 4, Schofield, very fine length and quality, good hen; vhc, Stewart; c, Brooks. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Lane, grizzle on neck, grand length, straight as a pencil, well up on legs, rare quality; 2, Knowles, eye and wings marked, long, slim, leggy upstanding bird, rare quality; 3, Bescoby, head and wings marked, well drawn, grand quality and type; 4, Fidgwell, nice long clear; vhc, McCully; hc, Marsden. • BUFF (5): 1, Cawley, clear, grand length, splendid type and carriage, beautiful quality; 2, Lane, grizzle cheek, rare position, very slim, nice length, grand quality; 3, Brooks, grand, long, shapely bird, exquisite quality and position; 4, Whittaker, long raking clear, grand quality and length. Wrong class, McCully. NOR. GREEN BUFF, SELF, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Harrison, foul wing and tail, grand size and shape, rare head, neck, and chest, good quality; 2, 3, Cawley, 2nd graad self, splendid quality and shape, sound, rich colour, 3rd foul, rare size and shape, good quality; 4, Dr. Martin, foul tail, grand size and colour; vhc, Barker and Abbott. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Davies, marked head, wings, and tail, ablaze with colour, grand size, shape, and quality; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, bead, neck, wing and tail marked, excellent shape, rare size, good colour and quality; 3, Trengove, clear, fine head, neck, and chest, good size and quality; 4, Crimes, wing ticked, grand size, shape, and quality; vhc, Turner; hc, Counsell; c, Bexter. BUFF (14): 1, Turaer, head and wing marked, slashing big bird, fine head, neck, and chest, good colour; 2, Watson, clear, grand quality and colour, fiae size and shape; 3, Trengove, another magnificent clear, Accrington and Glasgow winner; 4, Leeming Bros., varieg., plenty of substance, rare head and chest, rattling stock bird; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, c, Davies. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, clear, unflig., grand size, shape, and quality; 2, Worthington Bros., another grand clear, capital size, fiae shape and quality, close up; 3, Trengove, ticked on head, grand size, splendid colour and shape, good 3rd; 4, Trengove, slight tick over eye, rare colour, wonderful substance and shape; vhc, bc, Davies; c, Counsell. BUFF (10): 1, Trengove, well-knowu, eye marked, in rare bloom; 2, Barker and Abbott, varieg., correct chape, good substance and quality; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, plenty of size, good shape, hardly quality; 4, Davies, wing marked, rare colour, shape, and quality; vhc, Worthington Bros.; hc, Watson; c, Ellison. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Trengove, slight grizzle on neck, stormer, nice colour, the proper Nor. shape, magnificent quality, grand size; 2, Cook, ticked over eye, grand size and colour, splendid shape and quality; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, plenty of size, grand shape; 4, c, Davies, ticked eye, graad quality aad colour; vhc, Crimes; bc, Worthington Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Counsell, clear, grand substance and colour, good quality and carriage; 2, Vart, marked head, neck, and wings, grand shape, all front nice quality; 3, vhc, Tweddle, wing marked, good head and colour, nice feather; 4, Cook, wings marked, splendid quality and shape, good colour; hc, Bixter; c, Dent. CREST (6): 1, Jenkins, varieg. D.C., grand one, nice, round crest of good size and centre, splendid body and feather; 2, 4, Brotherton, two wings marked, D.C. of nice size and droop, good leafy feather, grand hird, 4th, wings marked D.C., nice, neat crest, good droop and radiation; 3, hc, Hart, wings marked, D.C., good centre and well radiated, rather spoiled by colour-feed; vhc, Dyer. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Walsh, Scotch Fancy, well known; 2, Helliwell, even eyes and wing marked, Yell. Yorks., grand one, good 2nd; 3, Fitton, big, bold Lancashire Coppy; 4, vhc, Kelsey, Scotch Fancy. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Johnson, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand colour and size, good exhibit; 2, Mrs. Houghton, Goldfinch-Canary, wings marked, nice size, and rare quality; 3, vhc, Pitchford, Linnet-Bullfinch, wonderful colour, shape, and condition; 4, Mrs. Houghton, very nice Linnet-Bullfinch; hc, Kirkham; c, Gostling. SELL (20s.) (18): 1, Dnvles; 2, Barnes; 3, Proctor; 4, Millhurn; vhc, Crimes; hc, Rixter; c, Dr. Martin. (2s. 6d) (17): 1, Crabtree; 2, Andrews; 3, Houghton; 4, Tweddle; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hayes; c, Barnes. NOVICE CLASSES. —NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Coupe, clear, nice size and shape, splendid colour aad quality; 2, Almond, clear, nice quality, good size and type; 3, Longworth and Lawson, big bouncing clear, rare head and chest, good stock bird; 4, hc, Vart, good colour and quality; vhc, Barnes; c, Gostliag. BUFF (7): 1, Brown, clear, grand size, capital shape, and quality, good one; 2, Bixter, clear, nice head, neck, and chest, good size and quality; 3, vhc, Vart, 3rd very fine clear, good 3rd; 4, Almond, grizzle on neck, splendid quality; hc, Proctor; c, Schofield. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Longworth and Lawson, clin. head, neck, and wing marked, grand length, type, and quality; 2, Parkinson, long, raking clear, good quality and colour; 3, Clark, nice length and quality; 4, Fletcher, very nice clear; vhc, Turner. BUFF (6): 1, Clark, stands like a guardsman, splendid length and type, good one; 2, Proctor, rattling clear, good typo and quality; 3, Parkinson, clenr, nice length and position, good quality; 4, Fletcher, nice salmon-colour, rnre quality aud type; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Longworth and Lawson. GIFT (7): 1, Young; 2, Dycr; 3, 4, Bullough; vhc, Rhead; hc, Large.

The Remaining Open Classes.

BRIT.—BROWN LINNET (7): 1, Hurst, grnad size, well-pencilled, nice nut-brown colour, in fine order; 2, Taylor, good, sound colour and size, nicely marked; 3, Pitchford, good size and markings, hardly colour; 4, Young, grand bird; vhc, Gostling; hc, Bloor; c, Bnll. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 3, Hurst, 1st well-known "Pride of Liverpool," gem, grand bars and buttons, rich body colour, rare blaze, 2nd, another clinking Goldie, extra colour, size and condition; 3, Taylor, nice blaze and maons; 4, Kirkham, very nice Goldfinch; vhc, Anderson; hc, Mayer; c, Gostling. HARDBILL (9): 1, Johnson, Yellow Bunting, grand size and colour, well marked, and showu to perfection; 2, vhc, Hurst, 2nd fine Hawfinch, splendid colour and size, good bib and condition, well-known; 3, Taylor, clinking Bullfinch, capital size, rattling hreast colour, good dense cap; 4, Johnson, Bramblefinch, beautiful specimen, in lovely bloom; hc, Miller; c, Johnson. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, Mort, couple of fine Thrushes, both good size, well spotted; 2, Fairclough, clinking grey Wagtail; 4, Marsden, good Nightingale; vhc, Dyer. STUFFED SPECIMENS (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hopwood.

Members' Classes.

AMATEUR.—NOR. YELL. (5):1, 3, Ball, 1st cl., red hot colour, grand size and quality, 3rd clear, good shape aud quality; 2, Rhead, clear, good size and quality; 4, Youag, aaother nice clear; vhc, Large. BUFF (7): 1, Young, clear, grand shape and quality, good head aad feather; 2, vhc, Ball, another good clear, rare shape and quality; 3, Vickers, varieg., nice head and chest, close up; 4, Rhead, very heavily varieg., good substance and quality; bc, c, Roberts. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Young, very nice clear, good type and carriage; 2, vhc, Rhead, another very similar hen; 3, 4, Ball. BUFF (7): 1, Young, splendid shape and quality; 2, Young, another nice clear; 3, Rhead, slight tick root of tail, good quality and shape; 4, Bullough, good, short, thick-set clear; vhc, Rhead; hc, Roberts; c, Bennett. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Beanett, grand team, put down in fine order; 3, Clark; c, Bullough. BUFF (11): 1, Clark, clear, capital length and quality, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Bennett, 2nd and 3rd two fine clear, 4th wing marked. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Clark, grizzle cap, long, stylish exhibit; 2, vhc, Bennett, clear, nice length and quality; 3, Vickers, another nice clear; 4, Bullough, wing ticked, grand quality and length. BUFF (5): 1, Clark, fine long clear; 2, 3, Bennett, both rare length and quality; 4, Bullough, very fine hen. NOR. GREEN (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Ball, grand team; bc, Young. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Bullough, Chaffinch and Linnet respectively, two very nice exhibits; 3, 4, Young, couple of brown Linnets; vhc, Ball; hc, Vickers; c, Rhead. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Young, Song Thrush.

SIDMOUTH.

The 13th annual show of the Sidmouth F.S. took place in the Drill and Market Halls, on Nov. 19th. Favoured with ideal weather the show was a huge success. The feathered exhibits were shown in the Drill Hall. The presideut, Mr. J. D. Laag, opened the show. There is an influential list of vice-presidents, backed up by a strong committee. Prize money was fully guaranteed, and no amalgamation was allowed, consequently some of the classes had to be cancelled. Mr. J. Robson judged the cage birds. The secretaries were Messrs. Collier and Clode, who are to be congratulated on their successful management.

Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Redwood, well-known winner in A1 condition; 2, Silk, another good one; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe. BUFF: 1, Redwood, real Bullfinch type, tight as wax, beautifully mealed; 2, Nosewortby, good one, will improve; 3, Silk, very little between 2nd and 3rd; vhc, Mitchell. HEN: 1, Redwood, splendid bird, wins easily; 2, Bailey, another good one, beautiful colour and type; 3, West, excellent head and neck; vhc, Silk. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Silk, topper, very straight, well up, very light, winuer of cup for best bred in show, Redwood running him very close; 2, Mrs. Southcombe, stands well, good position and shape; 3, Lang, another good one, hardly ready or would have gone up; vhc, Lashbrook. HEN: 1, Lashbrook, splendid hen, well up, good head, very straight; 2, Lang, close up; 3, Lovell. GOLDFINCH: 1, Dix, one of the best we have seen for some time, rare blaze, best of tannings; 2, Herbert, another good one; 3, Cockran, some preferred for 2nd place. SELL.: 1, Bailey; 2, Harris; 3, West. LoCAL (10 miles radius). CREST OR C.B.: 1, Barton, nearly green, nice size, good drooping crest; 2, vhc, Clark Bros., grand bird all over; 3, Barton, C.B., nice head feather; vhc, Tucker. NOR. YELL.: 1, Lashbrook, nice yell., well placed; 2, 3, Collier, close up. BUFF: 1, spl for best Nor., Collier, Bullfinch type, well mealed; 2, Lashbrook, not far behind; 3, Miss Barrow, good bird. A.O.V.: 1, Stephens, Canary-Bullie, bred by exhibitor, will make a good one; 2, 3, Lashbrook, fine Goldfinch-Canary, good size and colour, and light Goldie-Can.; we thought a ben. BRIT.: 1, Miss Datton, real good Linnet, well placed; 2, Tucker; 3, Start, Thrush well spotted, very steady. NOVICE: 1, 2, Tucker; 3, Stephens; all Plainheads. FOR.: 1, Miss Lane, Parrakeet; 2, 3, Tucker; vhc, Fairaut.

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WHITEHAVEN.

The Whitehaven C.H. and H.S held their 10th annual show on November 20th and 21st, in the Oddfellows' Hall, a large roomy one suitable for a show of this kind. The entries were in excess of last year's total, while the quality of the exhibits was of the highest order. The Yorkshires were a grand lot; in fact, the best in this section of the show the society has ever had. Mr. W. J. Douglas won the silver medal given by Mr. Steele for best local Yorks. cock. The Border Fancies made an excellent show in addition to being numerous. Messrs. Hopper Bros. won the Border Club medal with a ticked buff hen. The British birds were not so numerous, but this was made up for in quality. The winning Linnet won 1st's at Harrington, Cleator Moor, Preston, Whitehaven, and 2nd at Edinburgh. Mr. J. Wilcock judged Canaries (except Borders) and all British and Foreign; Mr. Jos. Thompson judged the Borders; and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Coventry, nice type, quality and colour; 2, 3, Moffat, pair of very nice birds; vhc, Lawson; hc, Davies; c, Reid Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Coventry, grand shape, colour and quality, neat short flights and tail; 2, hc, Davies, similar type to winner; 3, Younghusbaad, grand colour and quality; vhc, Moffat; c, Lawson. TKD. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Younghusbaad, grand type, colour and quality, short wings and tail; 2, Coventry, little to choose between them; 3, Sumpton, varieg.; vhc, Dixon. BUFF (7): 1, Sumpton, grand type, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, c, Moffat, cap mkd., splendid type and quality; 3, Younghusband, beautiful type, colour and quality, neat head, well staged; hc, Dixon. YELL. HEN (6): Little in numbers but a grand class; 1, Davies, splendid type, grand head and neck, faultless; 2, Younghusband, grand type, colour and quality, winner of three 1sts before this, grand bird, we hear the owner refused a good round figure for her; 3, Lawson; vhc, Davies; hc, Sumpton. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Wilson, rare type and quality, wings nicely carried; 2, c, Sumpton, marked both wings, nice specimen, good colour and quality; vhc, Davies; hc, Wilson. SELL. (10): 1, Moffat; 2, c, Sumpton; 3, Moffat; vhc, Davies; hc, Wilson. YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Stewart, best of backs, stylish, good head, neck and wings, wins; 2, Mountain, well cut away, good colour and quality; 3, Irwin, slim, well drawn, carries wings neatly; vhc, Douglas; hc, Bradley and Coulson; c, Brown. BUFF (13): 1, Mountain, well drawn, rare length, beautiful wing carriage, tight in feather; 2, Price, neat, well drawn, good tail; 3, Irwin, good colour, splendid wing carriage; vhc, Coulson and Bradley; hc, Stewart; c, Douglas. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Steel's medal, c, Douglas, tkd. on head, well drawn, neat wing carriage, pipe tail, well staged; 2, Ferguson, long and slim, well drawn bird, good wings and tail; 3, Stewart, marked on wings, splendid quality, good wings; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, c, Douglas, ticked neck, long, well drawn, stand well on legs; 2, Brown, thigh tick, long and well drawn; 3, Stewart, thigh tick, well moulded, an old favourite, well-known winner; vhc, Tweedie; bc, Brown. CINN. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Tweedie, mkd. yell., splendidly moulded, well-carried wings, good colour; 2, Dobson, varieg. yell., neat, well drawn, nice wings, carriage; 3, Douglas, eyes and wings marked buff, teeming in quality, good wings aud neck; vhc, Price; hc, Ferguson; c, Lewthwaite. YELL. HEN (12): 1, c, Douglas, splendid head, neck and wings, good colour and quality; 2, Dobson, long, slim, well drawn; 3, Tweedie, long well-carried wings and tail, good colour; vhc, hc, Brown, some thought might have stood higher. BUFF (10): 1, bc, Stewart, about best buff hen we have ever seen, fourth successive win, well drawn, beautiful, wing carriage and tail; 2, hc, Douglas, long, well drawn, grand hen; 3, Bradley and Coulson, well drawa, good colour and quality; c, Brown. SELL. (12): 1, Douglas; 2, Irwin; 3, c, Stewart; vbc, hc, Bradley and Coulson. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Dixon, nice jaunty carriage, well moulded; 2, 3, Wilson, pair of nice Borders, splendid colour and quality; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Bayley; c, J. Ellwood. HEN (7): 1, Pennington, neat lady, nicely moulded, good carriage; 2, Hopper Bros., good one; 3, Ballantyne, neat specimen; vhc, Poole; hc, Wilson; c, Ellwood. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Younghushand, well drawn, feathered like a Java; 2, c, Dixon, another good one, not so stylish as winner; 3, Moore, grand one, good type and feather; vhc, Walker; bc, Ballantyne. HEN (14): 1, Moore, bonny wee Border, 2nd Liverpool, feathered like a Java, teeming with quality; 2, Plaskett Bros., tight as wax, smart carriage, a good one; 3, Ellwood, similar to 1st, grand feather, smart and neat; vhc, Pennington; hc, Dixon; c, Hopper. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): Good class; three birds were thrown out as four-pointed; 1, Dixon, grand, even marked wings and eyes, marked on head, good one; 2, Pennington, eyes and wing marked, good quality and finish; 3, Pearson, similar to winner, grand specimen, beautiful quality; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Moore; c, Bayley. HEN: 1, Wilson, grand hen, marked wings, eyes and tail, in grand feather, well staged; 2, Younghusband, bonny wee Border, ticked head and wing; 3, Poole, splendid bird, grizzle cap, good shape and carriage; vbc, Moore; hc, Lewthwaite; c, Hudwin. BUFF CK.: 1, bc, Poole, splendid Bord., mkd. head, splendid feather and carriage, wee gem; 2, Hopper Bros., another grand one, good carriage and postion, marked head and wings, presses winner hard; 3, Simpson and Nixon, mkd. both eyes and wings, splashed on neck, grand Border; vhc, Wilson; c, Pearson. HEN (17): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Hopper Bros., splendid Border, feathered like wax, well staged, ticked on eye, model of a Border; 2, Pearson, another grand one, ticked on head, grand quality; 3, Hopper, marked eyes and wing, well filled in and in grand feather; vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Poole. A.O.V. BORD. (10): Grand class, contained eight even marks; 1, Pearson, even marked buff cock, good eyes and wing marks, nice position; 2, J. S. Dixon, another even marked buff, bolder in eye marks, good one; 3, Hadwin, yell. green, good type and position; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hawwin; c, Lewthwaite. SELL. (7): 1, Harris; 2, Simpson; 3, Levason; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Davies; c, Moore. MATCHED PAIRS (except Yorkshires) (20/-) (7): 1, Moffat, Crest and C.B.; 2, hc, Davies, Lanes. Coppies; 3, Moore, Borders; vhc, Jenkinson; c, Moore. GIFT: 1, Levason, pair of Borders; 2, Brown, Yorks.; 3, Moffat; vhc, Davies; hc, Irwin; c, Davies. SELL. (15/-): 1, 3, vhc, Bertram and Bell; 2, Ellwood; bc, Davies; c, Simon. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, vhc, grand Linnet Can., good size and type, splendid colour; 2, 3, Davies, Linnet Can. and Greenfinch Can., pair of splendid birds, good colour and quality. GOLDFINCH: 1, Steel's medal for best Finch, vhc, T. and T. J. Kearton, grand square cut blaze, good bars and buttons, in fine form; 2, Carlyle, not so good in blaze or brown, well staged; 3, Rundle, good body colour; hc, Moore; c, Davis. LINNET (12): 1, 2, T. and T. J. Kearton, leader exceptionally fine bird, splendid colour, grand pencilling, good type, shining like a piece of silver; 2nd, good type; 3, Jenkinson, fine typical exhibit, pity to have to meet first two; vhc, hc, Wilson, c, Irelale. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Carlyle, Siskin, well laced, nice bib and cap; 2, Christian, Twite, nicely pencilled, good type; 3, vhc, Pearce, Redpoll; hc, Kearton. A.O.S. SEED EATER (7): 1 hc, Bell and Fisher, Bramblefinch, nicely marked, good type; 2, Stewart, Yellow-hammer, one of the best of this species we have seen; 3, Seward, Bramblefinch, vhc, Pearson; c, Parker. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Pearce, Blackbird, splendid gloss, fine beak and eye core, put down in best order; 2, Parker, Song Thrush, nicely spotted, good type, steady; 3, Little, Thrush; vhc, Crook; hc, W. Little. PARROT, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Snoddon and Thompson, famous Red-sided Eclectus Parrot leading, followed by an Alexandrine and Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, King; hc, Curwen, Stedie's medal for best talking Parrot. SMALL FOR. (7): 1, Whalley, Cutthroat; 2, Snoddon and Thompson, Spice Bird; 3, Irwen, Zebra Finches; vhc, hc, c, Irwen.

READING.

The 7th annual exhibition of the Reading and Dist. C.B.S. was held at the Palmer Hall, Weststreet, on November 18th. There was a distinct advance in the number of exhibits, and more so in quality, for in this important respect the prize-winners compared favourably with those in any of the larger open provincial shows. Mr. J. Robson judged. Mr. Charles, the efficient secretary, with Mr. Brooker, the chairman, supported by an enthusiastic committee and stewards, had everything in order by opening time. A long list of over thirty special prizes is evidence of a lot of hard work on the part of Mr. Charles and the executive, every class or group getting a share. Unfortunately, according to the catalogue one or two of these specials appear to be given to best birds, whereas by the conditions stated in schedule their allotment should have been determined according to the number of points gained; thus the cup is credited to the first prize yell. Norwich, Lewin, but as this exhibitor scores only twenty-nine points in the Norwich against Mr. Yates' thirty-seven, the cup must belong to the latter. (The secretary writes: "Winner of cup, classes 1—4, should be No. 40 and not No. 6; and No. 231 should have special prize, and not No. 236.—EDITOR.) There were about 250 entries in all.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Lewin, plenty of size, colour and quality in both, winner has excellent type, while the second only loses to him in carriage of wings; 3, vhc, hc, c, Yates, leader splendid colour and quality. BUFF (13): 1, spl, bc, Dearlove, winner grand old bird, typical Nor. properties, smooth in feather; 2, Lewin, grand type and quality; 3, vhc, c, Yates, not so stout in body perhaps, but grand meal and undercolour. VARIEG. HEN (15): 1, spl, vhc, c, Yates, leader nice size and shape, splendid condition; 2, Lewin, grand type, tkd. yell.; 3, Dearlove, splendid type, well-carried flights and tail; hc, Clarke, most typical hen. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, hc, Lewin, winner nicely varieg., bird good size and colour; 2, Dearlove, excellent size and colour, true to type; 3, vhc, c, good colour and quality. YORKS. YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, Yates, tkd. yell., grand length, same bird won last year; 2, c, Oliver, leader bird of great style and position, nice plumage; 3, Shetler, another stylish bird, true York. properties; vhc, Maisey; hc, Howlett. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Yates, leader grand straight cl., tight in feather, followed by another of excellent type, but a trifle full at chest; 2, vhc, c, former good Yorks., compact boxwood type; hc, Oliver. HEN (7): 1, spl, Oliver, smart yell., excellent type and position; 2, Maisey, buff of good length and quality; 3, Yates, elegant shape, nice feather; vhc, hc, c, Howlett, all useful hens of good type. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Maisey, yell., good long straight body, well carried; 2, 3, vhc, and spl for most points, Shetler, 2nd good one, fails only a trifle in length; 3rd, nice type; hc, Howlett; c, Oliver. CINN. (9): 1, silver medal, 2, 3, hc, Yates, 1st stood in same position last year, deep colour, silky feather, nice size and substance; 2nd, also nice bird of Nor. properties; 3rd, grand size; vhc, Lewin, c, Oliver. A.O.V. (10): 1, Styles, good thick-set cl. buff C.B., well lashed in brows; 2, hc, spl for most points, Hopwood, former very smart cl. Bord.; vhc, Fifield, good big dark crested Green; c, Davison. One or two good Crests left out. HYB. (5): 1, spl, 2, Fullbrook, former splendid Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good size, colour and feather; latter young Linnet-Bullfinch of great promise, showing plenty of the maternal beauty; 3, White, Siskin-Greenfinch, very tight in feather, rich in colour; vhc, Lees; hc, Lewis, two very nice Linnet-Bullies. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Lees, rare-feathered, lightly varieg. Linnet Can. Mules; 3, hc, Fullbrook, former large stylish lightly varieg. Goldfinch Can. DARK (7): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, c, Fullbrook, Goldfinch, Twite, Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch respectively, all good ones; 2, Lees, splendid Greenfinch, good size, colour and feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, 3, White, well-known exhibits, splendid colour, markings and condition; 2, c, Acton, winner good-sized upstanding bird, sleek, and rich in colour; vhc, Cripps; hc, Vince. BULLFINCH (6): 1, spl, 2, White, winner splendid Nor. property bird, short and compact, splendid colour and polish; 3, Eyston, good size and colour; vhc, Draper; hc, Acton; c, Fullbrook. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Fullbrook, nutty-brown bird, good size and feather; 2, Fellows, nicely pencilled and steady; 3, Cripps, good colour and marking; vhc, hc, Acton; c, Vince. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, Mrs. Keel, grand Hawfinch, good size, markings, perfect feather; 2, Darvill; Brambling, good colour and condition; 3, spl most points, vhc, hc, Fullbrook, Twite, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, all good; c, Pearce. BRIT. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Loader, distinctly spotted Thrush, good size and feather; 2, Frazer, another nice Thrush; 3, vhc, Fullbrook, 3rd Blackbird, good colour; vhc, Cuckoo, a rare exhibit. SMALL (8): 1, spl 2, 3, vhc, c, Fullbrook, Gold-crested Wren, Long-tailed Tit, Tree Creeper, Wryneck, and Nuthatch, making a very interesting collection; hc, Pearce, Redstart, in good feather, some thought might have been higher up. PARROT (6): 1, spl, Cox, large Lemon-crest; 2, Acton, Blue-fronted Amazon; 3, Hansem, Crimson-crested Cockatoo, all in nice condition and making more ado than suffragettes; hc, Mack; c, Aldridge. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, 2, spl, Pearce, Green Bulbul and Tanager, in prime feather and condition; 3, Parker, Diamond Sparrows; vhc, hc, Botting, Cordon Bleus and Green Singing Finches, pairs in good plumage. AMATEUR MEMBERS'.—NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Fraser, winner very typical; 2, 3, Reed, nice quality; c, Oliver. BUFF (5): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Fraser, nice type; 2, Reed; 3, Davison. HEN (4): 1, Vince, very nice colour; 2, spl, 3, Fraser good type; vhc, Oliver. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Brooks; 2, spl, 3, Pike. VARIEG. (7): 1, Pike; 2, spl, vhc, hc, Read; 3, Brooks. HEN (2): 1, spl, Brooks; 2, Oliver. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 2, Hopgood, nice Borders; 3, Reed.

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PERTH.

The City and County of Perth O.A. held their annual open show in the Co-operative Hall on Nov. 21st. The hall is an ideal place for a cage bird show being high, well lighted and free from draughts. The Scotch Fancies opened the programme; it is a matter for regret that this variety is being so poorly represented on the show bench this year. Of the 12 classes provided only two were full. The feature of the show was the Norwich and British classes in which there were very large entries. The various sections were well staged, and credit is due to the management for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort of the birds. In Mr. Kerr they have a truly courteous secretary, who knows his work, and it goes without saying that there was nothing wanting as far as he was concerned. Mr. D. Brown is president, and is well supported by an able committee, viz., Mr. J. Dugall, vice-president; Mr. A. Borrie, treasurer; Messrs. G. Wyllie, A. G. Forrest, G. Mitchell, A. Borrie, W. Sharp, T. Bolt, J. Smith, T. B. Gray, W. C. Smith, W. Cullen and J. Watson. The judges were: for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Low (Dundee), and G. Fulton (Glasgow); for Crests and Yorkshires, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Norwich Plainheads, Mr. A. Roberts (Thornliebank); and for British and Foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). The quality of the exhibits was exceptional. On the whole the awards of the judges seemed to give satisfaction. The show was well patronised during the day by the general public.

Messrs. Low and Fulton's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Thompson, decided drive, splendid shoulders and body, nice free worker; 2, Wilson and Campbell, fine reach and droop; 3, Strachan, nice free worker, but on small side; 4, McNaughton; 5, Carmyllie; 6, Lundie. BUFF (9): 1, Black, rare quality, well set on legs, splendid reach and droop, fine round prominent shoulders, full of action; 2 spl, Merrilees, good size and style, nice free worker, well shown; 3, spl, Curtus, another good one, not much behind, nice type; 4, Kirk; 5, Wright; 6, spl, McNaughton; 7, spl, Carmyllie. YELL. PIED CK. (7): 1, Thoms, erect, decided drive and droop, good shoulders, body and wing; 2, Carmyllie, free worker, nice front, good body, wing and tail; 3, Muir, looking well, often described; 4, Merrilees; 5, Beattie; 6, 7, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Black, decided reach and drive, fine free worker; 2, Merrilees, nice taking type, erect, well circled; 3, Carmyllie, good all round bird, fine shoulders and rare drive; 4, Strachan; 5, Sadler; 6, Hay; 7, Millar. GREEN HEN (8): 1, Fotheringham, grand size, full of substance, erect, splendid reach and droop, fine body, wing and tail; 2, 4, Merrilees, 2, good all round, rare substance, grand drive; 3, Strachan, fine taking exhibit, a model; 5, Beattie; 6, Thoms; 7, Millar. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Curtus, excellent reach and drive, fine wing and tail, good stamp; 2, 5, spl, Keill; 2, fine shoulders, nice reach and drive; 3, Merrilees, really smart exhibit, fine style; 4, spl, Strachan; 6, Carmyllie; 7, Sadler. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Black, 1, very erect, determined drive, rare long body, wing and tail; 2, grand style, good type; 3, Merrilees, rare substance, decided in reach and droop; 4, Carmyllie; 5, Wilson and Campbell; 6, Thomson; 7, Keill. YELL. PIED. (4): 1, 3, Black, rare size and style, full of quality; 2, Carmyllie, fine size and substance; 4, Kirk. BUFF: 1, Keill, good bird throughout, very nicely proportioned; 2, Sharp, another good one, fine shoulders, wing and tail. GREEN (6): 1, Carmyllie, erect, smart drive, nice droop, good back, body and wing; 2, Merrilees, really smart exhibit, fine style; 3, Wright, erect, fine body and wing; 4, Lundie; 5, Strachan; 6, McGregor and Balfour. SELL. CK. (10): 1, 7, spl, Mitchell; 2, Muir; 3, Keill; 4, Nicoll; 5, McGregor and Balfour; 6, Taylor. HEN (8): 1, McGregor and Balfour; 2, 5, Reid; 3, spl, Crichton; 4, Keill; 6, Millar.

Mr. Campbell's Classes.

CREST DARK CK. (10): 1, spl, Noble, grand substance, well rounded crest of fine length, nicely parted from centre, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Mackie, grand length of feather, comes well down in front; 3, spl, Shillinglaw, plenty substance, good top piece, with a little time should improve; 4, spl, McLay; 5, spl, Young; 6, Findlay; 7, Reid. HEN (6): 1, Noble, truly grand top piece, fine length of feather in right place; 2, Watt, rare frontal and splendid feather, a good second; 3, Young, fine size and quality, nicely groomed in right place; 4, Reid; 5, Whitton; 6, Dryden. CRESTBRED CK. 1, McLay, monster, plenty substance, good feathering, leads a splendid class; 2, Noble, another good one, nicely shown; 3, McNaughton, short in feather, grand substauce; 4, Shillinglaw; 5, Watt; 6, Low; 7, McMaster. HEN (9): 1, spl, Young, enormous lashing, great entrance, plenty substance, a gem; 2, Whitton, another clinker, in rare bloom; 3, Cochrane, another good bird in its proper place; 4, McNaughton; 5, Buchanan; 6, spl, Duncan; 7, Shillinglaw. CL. ETC. CREST. (6): 1, Bruce, rare bird, well shown; 2, Mackie, another clinker, close second; 3, Shillinglaw, good one in right place; 4, Reid; 5, Cochrane; 6, McNaughton. CRESTBRED 1908 (14): 1, Findlay, grand quality and plenty substance, good first; 2, Reid, another fine one, should come on a bit yet; 3, McLay, good bird in right place; 4, McDonald; 5, Noble; 6, Gray; 7, spl, Moreland. C.B. (15): 1, Noble, plenty size and substance, rare exhibit; 2, McLay, another gem, close second; 3, Whitton, fine size; 4, Mackie; 5, Reid; 6, Love; 7, Griffith. CREST SELL. (6): 1, Mackie; 2, Campbell; 3, spl, Love; 4, Low; 5, Whitton; 6, Gray. C.B. (9): 1, spl, Mackie; 2, Griffiths, 3, Shillinglaw; 4, Low; 5, Campbell; 6, Crawford; 7, Gillies. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Gibb, long and slim, full of quality, grand wings and head; 2, 3, spl, Martin, grand quality, grand position two gems; 4, 6, McDugall; 5, Shewan; 7, Bowman. BUFF (9): 1, 4, spl, Bowman, rare colour, full of quality; 2, 3, McDugall, two rare ones, wants a little more handling, long and typical; 5, Shewan; 6, Ford; 7, Glob.

Mr. Roberts' Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, McFarlane, beautiful body, rich even colour, rare wings nd tail, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Malloch, rare colour and quality; 3, Sharp ,very neat, good one; 4, Adams; 5, Steven; 6, Kemlo; 7, Chalmers. BUFF (7): 1, McFarlane, grand bird, short in tail, very compact, silky in feather, stands well; 2, Chalmers, grand colour and feather, rare shaped body; 3, spl, Kerr, picture for colour and shape; 4, Crewer; 5, Law; 6, McNaughton; 7, Roger. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, Chalmers, gem, full of colour and quality, well out away behind; 2, Adams, very handsome, most typical, rare quality, in proper place; 3, Brown, splendid shape, carriage and wing, good one; 4, 6, spl, Bowman; 5, Murray; 7, spl, Wylie. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Bishop, rare shape, wing and feather, good first; 2, 6, Adams, very typical, neat compact wing and tail, a beauty; 3 Henderson splendid feather will improve; 4 Kemlo; 5, Hutchinson; 7, spl, Murray. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (9): 1, Bishop, real gem, full of colour and quality, rare shape and carriage; 2, spl, McFarlane, very handsome, rare quality on feather, taking exhibit; 3, Adams nice shape and substance; 4 Chalmers; 5, Bowman; 6, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, Hutchison, rare depth and width of chest, beautiful head, wings and tail, very short, very rich even colour, good exhibit; 2, Mclay, short and silky in feather, alinged in the pink of condition, close second; 3, McFarlane, rare head, chest, and back, lovely feather, shape, and colour; 4, Bishop; 5, Murr and Murray; 6, Irvine; 7, Malloch. VARIEG. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Smith, very charming exhibit, very short and cobby neat wings and tail, lovely head, grand quality, and colour; 2, Grower, another clinker, running first hard, just loses in substance; 3, Adams, good all-round one in proper place; 4, Law; 5, McFarlane; 6, Chalmers. BUFF (7): 1, 4, spl, Bowman, rich colour, beautiful tone of feather, neat head in fine bloom; 2, Mitchell, very good type; 3, Law, good all round, close third; 5, Wilson; 6, Henderson; 7, McFarlane. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, Bowman, good one, well shown; 2, 4, Adams, very short and cobby, nice all-round pair; 3, Porter, in its proper place; 5, Marr and Murray; 6, Chalmers; 7, Bolt. HEN (11): 1, Porter, rare head, chest and back, nice wing and tail carriage; 2, Law, another good one, close second; 3, Wilson, good shape, in proper place; 4, Kerr; 5, Martin, 6, Bolt; 7, Borrie. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, spl, McFarlane, very short in wings and tail, leads a splendid class; 2, Smith, capital shape, rare quality and colour; 3, Adams, fine head, chest, and back, good third; 4, Grewer; 5, Henderson; 6, Law; 7, Malloch. UNFLIG. HEN (15): 1, spl, Martin, lovely exhibit, neat wings and tail, neat and tight in feather; 2, Forrest, grandly feathered, lovely head, grand quality and colour, close second; 3, Law, rare head, chest and back; 4, Gillies; 5, Adams; 6, Bowman; 7, Steven. SELL. CK. (23): 1, Forrest; 2, Sinclair; 3, spl, Wylie; 4, Steven; 5, Bowman; 6, Mitchell; 7, Skinner. HEN (10): 1, spl, Skinner; 2, Marr and Murray; 3, Simpson; 4, Henderson; 5, Brown; 6, 7, Smith.

Mr. Raine's Classes.

GOLDFINCH (17): 1, McLaren, huge blaze, square-cut, nice, shapely, richly-tanned body; 2, Henderson, neat as a new pin, very expensive square-cut face, nicely marked all over; 3, spl, McDugall, fine body, colour and markings, nice square face, very steady and stylish; 4, Combe; 5, spl, Taylor; 6, Brown; 7, spl, Brisban. BULLFINCH (21): 1, Nicol, very cobby and shapely, good, well rounded, jet black cap, nice back and bars; 2, Thomson, very tight race short thick-set, good headed bird; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, good shape and feather, close third; 4, Esslemont; 5, Henderson; 6, spl, Cullen; 7, J. J. Watson. GREENFINCH FED (4): 1, Anderson, gem for size, shape, bloom and finish; 2, Taylor, very rich, deep colour throughout, close second; 3, Chalmers Bros, splendid colour and feather; 4, McGregor and Boyd. NON-FED (12): 1, Taylor, in fine form, beautiful wing and tail bars, well up in size; 2, Gentleman, another rare all-round one, nice and steady, good second; 3, Thomson, grand size, a little unsteady; 4, spl, Craig; 5, Kerr; 6, Reid. SISKIN FED (7): 1, Bishop, nice size and shaped one, grand colour, good, well put down; 2, Colbron, splendid exhibit, large well-shaped, nicely defined bib; 3, McDugall, nicely marked, good sized one, in fine bloom; 4, spl, Smith; 5, Cullen; 6, Craig. 7, Livingstone and Sharp. NON-FED (12): 1, Dickie and Smith, nice size, well marked, splendid cap, large well-cut bib; 2, Johnston, nice bib, grandly laced, well shown in right place; 3, McGavin, slimmer built, a taking exhibit; 4, Combe; 5, Watson; 6, Robertson; 7, Dryden. LINNET (16): 1, Erskine, lovely nutty brown, wealth of lacing, nice size and polish, good first; 2, spl, Brisbane, nice colour and marking, makes close second, slightly smaller; 3, Bishop, smart exhibit, well laced, good solid colour throughout; 4, Colbron; 5, Parker; 6, Brown; 7, Borrie. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Erskine, Redstart, well shown exhibit, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Taylor, Meadow Bunting, another good exhibit, makes close second; 3, Craig, Bramblefinch, fine size, grand colour, nice and steady; 4, Blair, Redpoll; 5, McCall; 6, Erskine. LIGHT, ETC. CAN. MULE (3): 1, McFarlane, rare bird, well-known; 2, Dewar, another rare one, makes close second; 3, Irvine, good exhibit. DARK (4): 1, Brown, good, showy exhibit; 2, Nicol, nice one, steady as can be; 3, Stouth, close one; 4, Watson. HYB. (3): 1, 2, spl, Dunn, Goldie-Bullies, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Hovelsrood, another good one, much admired. SELL (12): 1, McLaren, jun.; 2, McCall; 3, Reid; 4, spl, Davie; 5, Mitchell; 6, Thomson; 7, Robertson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Howie, rare expanse of blaze, in excellent bloom, well-squared, very good bars and buttons; 2, Whyte, grand headed one, plenty of blaze, cleanly cut, big body, well tanned; 3, Mooney, well conditioned, steady, nice colour; 4, Smith. FOR. SMALL (13): 1, 2, Colville and Son, Wrydah, nice showy bird, was much admired, has improved much; 2, Yellow Budgerigars, nice showy birds, in rare feather; 3, Patton, Pintail, good exhibit, well placed; 4, 7, Watson; 6, Gray; 5, spl, Whyte. LARGE (4): 1, Wilson, Swainsons Lorikeet, lovely bird, much admired; 2, Whyte, Toucan, ofter described, going back; 3, Mitchell, Parrot; 4, Drummond, pair Parrakeets.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Very successful table show held Nov. 11. The entries turned up well, and the judge, Mr. J. Helghton, gave every satisfaction.

OPEN.—A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE UNFLIG. (Nor. excepted): 1, hc, Tyler, charming Border fancies. 1st cl. buff, hc variegs.; 2, vhc, Collins, very nice Redpoll Mule, which should be heard of later, and a Belg.; 3, Harrison, cinn., good stamp; c, Archer. NOVICE: 1, 3, Dyson, Border fancy; 2, vhc, Freer, both Yorks.; hc, Christian.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Annual show of Canaries and British birds held recently, when there were some very good birds staged. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 2 spls, Brotherton, also spl for 2nd best Yorks. and Ryse's; 3, vhc, Oakes; 4, Bagnell; hc, Woodhouse. BUFF: 1, cup, Oakes; 2, vhc, Brotherton; 3, Pearson; 4, Bagnell; hc, Stringer; c, Woodhouse. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Oakes; 2, 4, c, Brotherton; vhc, Bagnell; hc, Woodhouse. BUFF: 1, vhc, Erotherton; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Ducker; 4, c, Stringer; hc, Oakes. MKD.: 1, Oakes; 2, 4, Brotherton; 3, Watson; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Pearson. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Watson; 2, Hinchcliffe. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Ducker; 2, hc, Bagnell; 3, 4, Turner; vhc, Hunt. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Turner; 3, Bagnell; 4, Brotherton; vhc, Ducker; c, Hunt. TKD. YELL.: 1, cup, Ducker; 2, Bagnell; 3, 4, vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, Ducker; 2, 3, vhc, Turner; hc, Hunt; c, Brotherton. MKD.: 1, 2, Bagnell; 3, 4, c, Turner; vhc, Ducker; c, H. Knowles. YORKS. HEN: 1, Oakes; 2, Stringer; 3, Bagnell; 4, hc, Woodhouse; vhc, Pearson; c, Brotherton. NOVICE: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, Smith; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Watson. OLD BIRDS. NOR.: 1, vhc, Turner; 2, Knowles; 3, hc, Bagnell; 4, Stringer. HEN: 1, Hunt; 2, Bagnell; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Bailey; hc, c, Turner. NOVICE NOR.: 1, vhc, Smith; 2, 3, Hinchcliffe; 4, c, Bailey. BRIT.: 1, 4 Brotherton; 2, 3, Turner. SELL.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Bagnell; vhc, Bailey; hc, Brotherton; c, Hinchcliffe.

WORCESTER.

The members of this newly formed society are to be congratulated on the magnificent success of their first show, held Nov. 19, for such it was in every sense of the word. Not only did the quality reach high water mark but the entries were grand, giving an average of nearly 16 per class, and a total of 370. The six Yorkshire classes had an entry of 126, and were a truly grand collection; many birds fit to win in ordinary classes had to stand cardless. Norwich, Crests, and Crest-breds were good classes for quanty, and amongst the exhibits were many of the highest class. The British and Mule classes were splendid, the quality being on a par with the entry. In the former section were found the winners of the Silver and Bronze Medals given by the L. and P.O.S. for best and second best birds shown by members—in Mr. Chick's Redstart and his Hawfinch. The Corn Exchange is an ideal place for a show, in fact, one of the best in the Kingdom; there was plenty of room, and it was well lighted from the roof. The exhibits were staged in single tiers and nere was the only fault we could find in au otherwise admirably managed exhibition, and that was the extreme height at which most of the exhibits were staged. The staging was nicely draped, which gave the show a very spick and span appearance. Mr. A. E. Bishop makes a most admirable secretary, and considering this was his first year of secretarial work, he must be heartily congratulated upon the manner in which he carried out his duties, judging from which anyone would have thought him a veteran at the work. He received valuable assistance from Mr. Hughes, who was busy at clerical work early on the morniug of the show. The exhibits were well looked after by a good, hard-working committee, amongst whom we noticed the Malvern hon. sec., Mr. W. D. Johnson. All worked with a will, and when we left it only needed a good gate to crown their labours and make the venture a huge success. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Canary Classes.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (25): 1, Elsmore, grand position, full of style, lovely feather, nice long flights and tail, in grand order; 2, Bishop, mkd. on head, slim built and stylish, nice quality, flights and tail; 3, Pattrick, slim built, and well drawn out, grand flights and tail, full of style; 4, Parsons, wing tkd., hot colour, nice feather, well up; vhc, Rennie; hc, Mrs. Garland; c, Dykes. BUFF (23): 1, Crisp, mkd. on shoulder, slim built, magnificent feather, grand flights and tail, nice back, a gem; 2, Pattrick, cl., lovely quality feather, nice wings and tail, grand back, nice narrow shoulders; 3, Broughton, slim built, well up on leg, grand feather, wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Hawes, neck ticked, grand colour, beautiful quality; vhc, Bishop; hc, Paddock; c, Elsmore. MKD. ETC. (13): 1, Keegan, neck and cheek mkd., yellow, magnificent colour and quality, stands like a guards man, full of swagger, nice head and neck; 2, Crisp, cinn., eye and wing mkd. buff, grand feather, nice length and stand, lovely back, well filled narrow shoulders; 3, Rennie, left eye and wing mkd. yell., straight as a rush, nice colour and quality, good position; 4, Broughton, bead and cheek mkd., buff, tight as wax, good stand, and flights, nice pipe tail; vhc, Bishop; hc, c, Pattrick. UNFLIG. (33): 1, Rennie, cl. yell., beautiful style and position, lovely quality feather, nice length, grand flights, closely folded tail; 2, Broughton, buff, nice shape and style, well up, grand wings and tail, lovely quality feather; 3, Crisp, yell., beautiful colour, nice long flights and tail, well up on leg, stands well; 4, Pattrick, thigh tkd. yell., beautiful position, nice colour and quality; vhc, Dykes; hc, Mrs. Garland; c, Harris. HEN YELL. (22): 1, Rennie, cl. yell., regular stormer, fine length, position and style, grand quality feather, flights well packed and neat tail; 2, Dykes, lovely colour and feather, full of quality, slim built, grand stand, another good one; 3, Pattrick, splendid position and style, nice long flights and tail, lovely colour; 4, Stebbings, lovely feather and quality, graud back, wings and tail; vhc, Galling; hc, Hawes; c, Bishop. BUFF (20): 1, Broughton, eye ticked, grand feather and full of quality, well bracced wings and closely folded tail, nice position and very stylish; 2, Wilcock, grizzled on shoulder, nice length, position and style, good feather; 3, Harris, full of quality, lovely colour and beautifully mealed, nice position, cl.; 4, Elsmore, cl., grand quality, straight as a pencil, good position; vhc, Paddock; hc, Bishop; c, Cuthbertson. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Tristem and Taylor, lovely colour, well extended down flights, grand quality, nicely packed flights, good shape; 2, Houghton, beautiful shape, nice head, neck, and back, good quality; 3, Hulse, grand shape, colour and quality; 4, Campbell, good shape; vhc, Guest. BUFF (10): 1, Houghton, romping shape and size, hold head, neck and chest, rich undercolour, well mealed; 2, Hall, G., lovely colour, full of quality, nice shape, good flights and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, splendid quality of feather, nice shape; 4, R. Hall, good shape, nice head and neck; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Mrs. Hopton. TKD. ETC. (9): 1, Walton and Noakes, yell. marked left eye, good shape and grand level rich colour, nice head and neck, flights and tail well perched; 2, R. Hall, wing marked yell., grand colour, and shape, nice back, wings and tail; 3, Gwilliam, grizzled on head, lovely quality, good shaped body; 4, Tristem and Taylor, mkd. eyes and wings, rare size and shape, good colour; vhc, Houghton; hc, Rathbone; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. (15): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes, thigh ticked yell. leading, a beauty for shape, colour and quality, nice head, neck, wings and tail; 3, grand shaped cl. buff, short full neck and deep round chest, lovely colour and quality; 2, 4, R. Hall, yellows, 2, beautiful shape, nice round chest, good feather and level colour; 4, beautiful colour and full of quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, G. Hall; hc, Gwilliam; c, Williams. HEN (19): 1, Hulse, gem for shape, colour and quality, shines like satiu, nice head and neck, yell.; 2, Stephenson, left wing mkd. yell., short cobby body, full round chest, short well carried flights, neat head; 3, Walton and Noakes, wing mkd. buff, beautiful shaped body, good flights and tail, good under colour and frosting; 4, Hunt, clear, good shape, nice colour and quality; vhc, Wootton; hc, Houghton; c, Dipple. CREST (15): 1, Greenwood and Burson, nearly green, frontal of great width and density, good droop, bit open in centre; 2, 3, Kilminster and Hooper, good frontal crest, thick and heavy, nice droop; 3, cl. body, nice sprend of crest, good centre and droop; 4, Smith, good frontal, droop and radiation, takes special for best fourth prize bird in show; vhc, hc, Hands; c, Galloway. C.B. (15): 1, 2, Greenwood and Burson, green, rare cushion shaped skull, good entrance and back skull, long and dense in head feather, good body; 2, mkd. wing and neck, good back skull, plenty of head feather; 3, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper, nice entrance to a good shaped skull, long wide head feather; 4, Smith, pied tail green, nice back skull, well feathered; hc, Hands; c, Galloway. SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Summerhill, yellow, grizzled on head, good length of side and depression of head, well cleaned out, nice top; 2, buff, good shoulders, gets tail well under; 3, hc, Cobb, buff, quick and nervy, gets tail well under, nice top; hc, a good green, soft when judged. BORD. (9): 1, nc, Gwilliam, yell., nice shape, good colour of feather, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Miss Burrows, buff, nice shape and feather, good carriage; 4, grand feathered buff, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, c, Edwards, buff, lovely feather, neatly folded tail and good wings.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): 1 Baker, beautiful coloured and well cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, good collar and tanning on chest; 2, vhc, Hallam, grand square cut blaze, nice back and chest colour, fine bars; 3, Stephenson, nice feather, good coloured blaze, capital bars and buttons; 4, Harris, good cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, well tanned chest; hc, Edwards; c, Mitchell; grand class. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Mole, a clinker for shape, size, cap and bars, grand back and good breast colour, very steady, well shown; 2, Potter, nice coloured breast, good cap and wing bars, fine shape and feather, another good one; 3, 4, Davies, grand shape, nice cap and bars; 4, real nice hen, lovely cap and bars, in good order; vhc, Chick; hc, Edwards; c, Birchley. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, 2, Chick, well known Hawfinch, and Corn Bunting, both as fit as fiddles and put down in fine style; 3, c, Hakes, Bramblefinch, rare size and shape, nice spangling; 4, vhc, hc, Birchley, Linnet, good colour, beautifully pencilled, nice shape; vhc, Sirkin, well marked, good cap and nice size. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Chick, Redstart, magnificent feather and colour, shone like satin and as steady as a rock; 2, 4, Birchley, grand Treecreeper, pure colour on breast, nice feather, well marked, another gem; 4, Black Redstart, nice colour, good back; 3, Hingley, Wryneck, in grand feather, nice colour; vhc, Burrows; hc, Hadley; c, Barry Bros. A.V. CAN. MULE (13): 1, c, Edwards, rich coloured and grand feathered yellow Canary Bullfinch, in fine form; 2, Mabbott, clear buff Goldfinch Canary, nice feather; 3, 4, Callear, buff Goldie, lovely colour and feather, marked on wings, nice size and shape; 4, same markings, close up; vhc, Hingley; hc, Hallam. HYB. (4): 1, Hingley, Goldfinch Bullfinch, expansive blaze of good colour, nice shape and feather; 2, Smaldridge, grand colonred and beautifully feathered Linnet-Bullie, nice shape, described in catalogue as Redpoll-Bullfinch; 3, Mabbott, another good one of the same parentage; 4, Callear, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rich colour. FOR. (10): 1, Milksum, purple capped Lory, in faultless condition, grand colour; 2, Hingley, Sulphur-breasted Toucan, in good feather; 3, 4, vhc, Hadley, Archbishop Tanager, and Grass Finches, in good order; hc, Miss Galloway; c, Edwards. SELL. (20/-) (20): 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Dipple; 3, Galling; 4, Edwards; vhc, c, Freeman; hc, Williams. (10/-) (16): 1, Watton; 2, Houghton; 3, Galling; 4, Dipple; vhc, Rennie; hc, Edwards; c, Miss Gibbon.

PAISLEY & DIST. B.B.M. & F.B.C.

Eighth annual show held in G. A. Clark Minor Hall, on November 14th, There were over 200 entries. Mr. Thos. Potts is President and Mr. D. O'hure, Vice-President. The Committee are all good supporters, and well-known fanciers, who know the workings of a show. They are to be complimented on their efficient management. Mr. M'Lerie, the worthy secretary, is a rare good worker, nothing being too much for him to do. The Norwich were a splendid lot and were staged to perfection. Border Fancies, likewise, had a grand turu out. Some well-known British birds topped the list of entries, and some good birds changed hands. Messrs. G. Marlin (Hamilton), and G. Smart (Carmyle) judged.

CREST CK.: 1, 2, Cowan, splendid Crested birds; 3, M'Lerie. HEN: 1, Cowan, lovely crest, cup winner easily; 2, Laidlaw; 3, M'Lerie. C.B. CK.: 1, M'Culloch; 2, Barr; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Skonce. HEN: 1, Skonce; 2, M'Culloch; 3, Barr; 4, Laidlaw. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Cowan, fine, bouncing specimen; 2, Potts, well staged; 3, M'Culloch; 4, Barr. HEN: 1, 3, Cowan, good specimens; 2, 6, Steveson; 4, O'Hare; 5, Potts. BUFF CK.: 1, Sinclair, fine bouncing bird, good head; 2, Potts, close run; 3, M'Kellar, good bird; 4, 6, Cowan; 5, 7, M'Culloch. HEN: 1, Sinclair; 2, Steveson; 3, M'Culloch; 4, 5, M'Kellar. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, spl, cup winner, Steveson, rare type and quality, lovely head, neck and front, capital colour; 2, Sinclair, also a good bird; 3, 5, Potts; 4, M'Lerie. BUFF: 1, Whyte; 2, M'Lerie; 3, Steveson; 4, Aclam. HEN: 1, Potts; 2, M'Culloch; 3, Aclam; 4, Sinclair. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Steveson; 2, Whyte; 3, Barr; 4, Laidlaw. HEN: 1, Sinclair, good bird; 2, M'Lerie; 3, Whyte; 4, Potts. NOVICE CK.: 1, Barr; 2, Watt; 3, Whyte; 4, O'Hare. HEN: 1, Whyte; 2, O'Hare; 3, Watt; 4, Barr. BORD. CK.: 1, medal, Brigg, good type and quality, carrying his winnings from our first feather show this year; 2, Watt, another good one; 3, Brigg; 4, Hutchison. YELL. HEN: 1, Hutchison, must have run medal winner hard; 2, 4, Watt; 3, Briggs. BUFF CK.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Brigga; 3, M'Nair; 4, Adam. HEN: 1, McNair; 2, Hutchison; 3, 4, Briggs. OLD CREST OR C.B. CK.: 1, Elliott; 2, Potts; 3, Cowan; 4, Elliot. HEN: 1, M'Lerie; 2, M'Kellar; 3, Laidlaw; 4, M'Nair. P.H. CK.: 1, Potts; 2, Whyte; 3, M'Lerie; 4, Steveson; 5, M'Kellar; 6, Watt; 7, M'Kellar. HEN: 1, Laidluw; 2, 6, Steveson; 3, Watt; 4, 5, M'Kellar. CREST PAIRS: Cancelled. P.H. PAIRS: 1, T. Pott; 2, H. Potts; 3, Cowan; 4, M'Kellar. OLD BORD. CK.: 1, Watt; 2, Hutchison; 3, Watkins; 4, Brigg. MULE, YOUNG: 1, Elliott, 2, A. Elliott; 3, Steveson. HYB.: Cancelled. GREY LINNET: 1, Cowan, well-pencilled; 2, Brigg; 3, 6, H. Potts; 4, Watt; 5, Elliott. GOLD. BRIT.: 1, 5, Steveson; 2, M'Nair; 3, Cowan; 4, Elliot. FOR.: 1, Cowan; 2, O'Hare, close runner; 3, Steveson; 4, M'Nair; 5, H. Potts. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1 Cowan, good type; 2, 3, Duff; 4, Morrison; 5, M'Nair; 6, W. Elliott. FOR.: Cancelled. SISKIN: 1, Steveson; 2, 5, Cowan; 3, A. Elliot; 4, Morrison. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, O'Hare; 2, Briggs; . A. Elliott; 4, Pott; 5, Watt; 6, Morrison. TWITE, ETC.: 1, M'Nair, noted winner; 2, 4, A. Elliott; 3, Cowan; 5, M'Nair. GREENFINCH: 1, Ramsden medal, Cowan, noted winner, blaze of colour, well staged; 2, Morrison, good one; 3, 4, Elliot; 5, Cowan; 6, M'Nair; 7, Briggs. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Cowan; 2, 4, Morrison; 3, Briggs; 5, W. Elliott; 6, A. Elliot. LARGE: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Hyde's spl, T. Pott; 4, W. Elliot; 5, Cowan; 6, M'Nair. OLD MULES: 1, Morrison; 2, Sinclair; 3, T. Potts; 4, Adam. FOR: 1, Morrison; 2, T. M'Nair; 3, Cowan; 4, Hutchison. SELL.: 1, 2, Potts; 3, M'Nair; 4, M'Culloch. GIFT: 1, Steveson; 2, Sinclair; 3, Whyte; 4, Watt; 5, M'Culloch; 6, Skonce; 7, Livingstone. BRIT HEN: 1, Dull, Siskin, good feather, staged to perfection; 2, M'Nair, lovely Bullfinch, claimed at catalogue price; 3, Morrison; 4, Potts; 5 6, A Elliot BORD. PAIR: 1, Hutchison; 2, Briggs; 3, M'Nair; 4, Watt. There were over 86 specials all being well distributed. The winning numbers of Gift Class are as follows:—1st, 180; 2nd, 98; 3rd, 383; 4th, 894; 5th, 495; 6th, 38; 7th, 69; 8th, 88; 9th, 401; 10th, 491; 11th, 430; 12th, 212.

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

"Extremes in Colour."

Some Observations from two well-known fanciers of the Yorkshire Canary.

Concerning Mr. Norman's beautiful coloured plate of Yorkshires, which we are privileged to put before our readers with this week's Double Number, we have received a few lines from two well-known lovers of this graceful variety of Canary, who have had an "advance peep," so to speak, of the same. One is Mr. F. Easterling, who may be styled the Southern representative, and the other is a gentleman of considerable fame in judging and exhibiting circles in the North, who prefers to conceal his identity beneath the curious nom-de-plume "Two Whiffs." Here is what they have to say:

A Bird of Singular Grace and Beauty.

There is much that is of peculiar interest at any time in a close study of the Yorkshire Canary, or, as it may be appropriately called, the pet bird of the keen fanciers who dwell in the County of Broad Acres; and there is much to captivate any non-fancier as well as to stimulate even the case-hardened Canary breeder. The Yorkshire is a bird of singular gracefulness and beauty, and that gracefulness and beauty have been fostered and developed as the reward of much patience and perseverance expended by the breeders of the variety, over a period of many years. There never was a truer expression in the English tongue than the phrase "Nothing succeeds like success." The success of breeders of the Yorkshire Canary is phenomenal, and as a result the growth of the bird in popularity has been phenomenal also.

I have always been a lover of this elegant member of the Canary family, but I must freely confess that your excellent coloured plate, an advance copy of which you kindly sent to me, has greatly added to my interest. It conveys at one glance valuable lessons in perfection and in colour contrasts. There are three separate representations, either one excellent in itself, and all splendid on the whole. If, however, I may be pardoned for making an invidious selection, I should say the artist has scored his greatest success in his depiction of the clear buff. The picture shows the clear buff and the clear yellow, which are looked upon by most Yorkshiremen as the acme of perfection in the breed; and he has added to these, by way of contrast, the green bird. Thus he has given us an object lesson not only in style and contour and in pure colour, but also in the deep fount from which that colour springs.

A First Thought.

My first thought, on looking at the picture, was: how cleverly and clearly the artist has caught the idea when the natural beauty of the bird would seem to convey. Take yon clear buff. See the splendid angle at which the bird is posed. Plenty of leg is shown, without "stocking" or roughness of thigh feather. The bird is, as it ought to be, clean cut all down, stands well up from the perch and in nowise crouching or across it. There is the splendid length of wing, so essential in a good Yorkshire, giving great length and taper of side also. The tail root and the tail are natural and nicely finished off in "plenty of length behind the leg." There is no squareness to spoil the outline; everything is as it should be, nicely rounded. The flights show a perfect tipping at the ends, while the covering to the wings is excellent, and naturally drawn. Then there are the graceful neck, the well-filled in back, and sweetly pretty head and beak—all forming one harmonious whole, and furnishing a model of a stylish Yorkshire such as is needed in the bird flesh in order to capture premier honours in keen competition to-day. We all know that style in a Yorkshire is one of the essential features to be cultivated in order to secure success on the show benches, and I venture to say that in the clear buff in the group is to be seen a model of style at once natural and obtainable. I do not think "our" artist, Mr. Norman, has been quite ideally as happy, so to speak, in his delineation of the clear yellow. It is hardly so well "cleaned out" at root of tail, but he has presented to us the true elegance of the Yorkshire as faithfully in the clear yellow as in the buff. The green, too, is of much value, as showing the difficulty there is in obtaining the perfect outline which is to be got in the clears; yet the green stands there, an object lesson on the necessity for infusion of that colour-producing blood which is responsible for the production of the many variegated stock birds which are mines of gold in every breeder's room. Even though there are classes for greens and variegated birds, yet these are not generally accepted as show birds, but more especially as stock birds. Would that they received a great deal more encouragement than they do. But they are produced to-day with a rapidly advancing approach to that perfection of style obtained in the clears. Now and again, too, greens are seen of the most stylish proportions. I have noted this particularly of late.

But I am satisfied that the primary lesson which our artist intends to teach us in the picture under notice is the value of blending the "extremes" in the process of producing the "ideal." We are to learn that not only need we breed Yorkshires for style, but also for the development of natural colour.

Object Lessons.

Another object lesson to be deduced from the picture, I take it, is the necessity for training exhibition Yorkshires, in order that the best points, which the breeder may have taken such pains to obtain, may be brought to the greatest advantage in a show. It is in the training of the Yorkshire that so many otherwise successful breeders fail. Our artist has given the keynote of "position" in his splendid sketches. Everyone of the specimens is, I am sure, as true to life as it is possible to get. The green shows us that difficulty which is almost ever present with it—an apparent coarseness, and lack of the correct taper from the shoulders. The breeders of Yorkshire Greens have long been alive to the difficulties in the way of obtaining style allied with purity of colour. But surely they are coming by their own, and not only so, but bringing gold to the doors of the breeders of the stylish birds also. Say what you will, style is greatly beautified by the addition of colour, and colour can only be bred in as the result of using either variegated or green birds. So the artist, knowing full well that variegated birds come from greens, has gone to the root of the matter and pointed out the contrast not only of style but of colour, by depicting a green amongst the clears.

Another point to be seen in the picture, as I view it, is the necessity for an entire absence of superfluous feather in an ideal specimen. In order to come near the ideal, the exhibitor must aim at a long-drawn, rounded body and the absence of loose feather. There is the cleaned off chest—whether that is bred so, the gods alone must decide—the cleaned off thighs, the cleaned off rump, the close whip tail, the long and well posed leg. All these are needed—nothing else will do.

Further, the sketch conveys to my mind the perfection of training, condition and finish. It shows how great is the necessity for finish in the staging as in the training of a Yorkshire. I know a man who never troubles about his cages, no matter how devoid of cleanliness and finish they may be. He has an idea that the bird is judged and not the cage. In great measure he is right; but often, by way of regretful duty, a judge feels bound to punish an exhibitor for unduly handicapping a good specimen by staging it badly. No; condition cannot be dispensed with any more than training. Training alone will induce a Yorkshire to pose as our artist has depicted his subjects. So the sketch is an object lesson in that respect.

Need I say more than that I am delighted with the plate, and to hope that my few thoughts penned at random, dictated by a first sight of Mr. Norman's clever work, may contain the germs of information which may help perchance the young fancier to a better and closer perception, not only of what a Yorkshire should be, but how it should be obtained, and also trained for exhibition when secured. —"TWO WHIFFS."

Is Color-Feeding a Drawback.

The plate you have kindly allowed me to see is marvellous; the three birds depicted are one and all works of art. The buff shows all the true characteristics of a first-class Yorkshire. Having kept and bred most varieties of Canaries, there is none so fascinating to me as the Yorkshire; and what exhibitor of other varieties does not also like to see a good Yorkshire? How interesting to see it when gently handled, strut along the perch, "showing for all it is worth." Well may it be called the "Gentleman of the Fancy." How many fanciers have said to me: "If it was not for colour-feeding, that would be the bird I should keep." Beginners taking up this variety want to get good stock, and possess patience and pluck, with a good sprinkling of common sense. To breed an ideal Yorkshire is the work of a life-time, but, then, if winners could be bred wholesale much of the charm would be lost. Who would not like to breed a bird such as that clear buff, with such beautiful close feather, and shining like a sovereign fresh from the mint?

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Don't be Shy.

In purchasing your stock, I would always say to beginners, go to some well-known breeder and exhibitor, state your wants and the price you are prepared to pay, and leave yourself entirely in his hands. But don't think you are going to get birds to breed you winners for a few shillings a pair; good birds command a good figure. Having obtained your stock, pair up exactly as you have been told, and from the produce select the best to keep for yourself. This is where you will need a little advice; and don't be afraid to ask someone of experience to pick out your best for you. I always found fanciers most willing to help me in my earlier days. But don't ask them if you do not intend to accept their advice, or else when you need it again you will find you will not obtain it. After a year at breeding, visiting the shows, etc., the beginner ought to have picked up a lot of useful knowledge to help him along.

Patience is a real virtue in the breeding of Yorkshires, for being of rather a nervous temperament they can be very soon spoilt for the show bench. In getting them used to the show-cage great care must be taken in sliding the door down, if it should be a bit tight, by holding the cage between your arm and pressing it against your side; then you can work the door gently and without jar. Pluck is another useful attribute. I fancy I can hear someone saying, what has that to do with it? Well, to be a successful exhibitor you need plenty of pluck. You must not know defeat; remember that judges are only human and do not all see alike. True, we have a standard to go by, but often they have several hundred birds to adjudicate upon, besides the awarding of specials, and the time they have is not sufficient to allow them to do the birds justice. Further, there are other times when the birds will not "show." So, if you "go down" at one show, have pluck enough to send out again.—F. EASTERLING.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE

HARROGATE C.B.S. make a slight mistake in their schedule in regard to Norwich classes. They were successful in obtaining the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and their rules state that not less than "six open Norwich classes" shall be provided. The Harrogate Society only schedule five, and they wish it to be known that six classes are to be offered; instead of one class for Unflighted, schedule should read: Class 14, Unflighted Yellow Norwich; Class 14a, Unflighted Buff Norwich. Exhibitors should make their entries accordingly; show held December 5th.

BRADFORD West Show on Saturday last was a great attraction. They had a splendid entry, particularly in the Yorkshire sections, and some grand birds were to be seen. The Norwich Greens were nice but few in number, whilst the two classes for Norwich Plainheads were a failure, owing no doubt to the fact of the O.N.P.C. patronage being at Sunderland, whither the members sent their birds in quest of club honours. British, Mules etc., brought together a good and interesting lot, their corner being very well patronised.

THE supper and social of our Wibsey friends proved to be one of the best they have ever held, about forty fanciers and friends assembling to do justice to the fare provided, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent, and as the weather was about as wild and wet as possible, it must have been pleasant to spend the time in song and social chat.

THE discussion of ways and means for the rearrangement of shows under the Yorkshire Union, due to have taken place on November 14th, at the City of Bradford O.S. headquarters, had unavoidably to be postponed, but has been definitely fixed for December 5th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Chittenden will open the discussion. It is hoped that a good muster will turn up, when perhaps some good workable scheme will be evolved.

BRADFORD East had another big evening on the 17th inst. In a judging competition they had ten entrants, the result being a tie between Mr. J. Farrar and Mr. Northrop, the runner-up being Mr. Rushworth. The gift class resulted in a very nice sum being placed to the credit of their rose bowl scheme, which must now be nearing completion. A pair class was also on the agenda, and 13 pairs were staged, some splendid birds being on view. In fact, I heard a whisper that £10 was offered and refused for one of the pairs on show. At their next meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, Mr. J. Hartley will give a washing exhibition.

WAKEFIELD O.S. had Mr. J. Wilman as judge for their members' show on Saturday last. I am pleased to hear they are making great strides in this society, and doubtless friend Joe, with his long experience, would give them some good and sound advice on the Yorkshire bird.

FANCIERS, particularly those interested in the Cinnamon Marked variety, must not forget the whist drive and dance to be held at Windhill on December 1st, in aid of the prize funds of the C.M.Y.C.C.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

WILD BIRD NOTES.

Rooks in the Wind.

The strong wind during the nights has brought down the last of the leaves, and the big elms stand bare, their smaller branches cutting sharply against the clear winter sky. So good has the weather been that the leaves have hung on longer than usual, and so we have passed gradually from summer to winter. The companies of Rooks flying to the feeding grounds at sunrise appear to feel the wind more than any other birds. Their flight is laboured and heavy. At times they fly close to the ground; then they rise upon a stronger gust than usual, hugging the farm buildings or skirting the field under the shelter of the trees. All the way it appears to be a hard struggle for them to get along, and at times they must be nearly exhausted with the effort. I have watched them from the shelter of a rick, as they crossed a field unusually exposed, and when it looked as though they never would manage it. Time after time have they been brought to a standstill, and then being caught sideways have been hurled backwards a few hundred yards or so instantly. They steer round and recover, and then, taking advantage of a lull in the wind, manage to cross to more sheltered situations.

Green Woodpeckers in the North.

The Green Woodpecker, a large and handsome bird, is mostly found in the woods and forests of the south, although it is reported to be fairly numerous in suitable localities in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Heron and the Gun.

It is said that the Heron, like the Rook, knows when an intruder is carrying a gun and does not mind a stick being pointed at him. But as these birds are so shy and wary it is always a difficult matter to get near them without anything, so that such a statement can hardly be accepted as correct.

The Starling as a Songster.

The Starling is an incessant songster, but lacks the loud pipe of the Thrush, and the mellow flute of the Blackbird. Consequently his musical efforts are frequently passed unnoticed, although in the depth of winter he will frequently sing for half an hour at a time, perched upon the housetop, with no mate or companion near to encourage song.

The Bleating of the Snipe.

The peculiar sound call, bleating or drumming, which the Snipe produces when agitated and when upon the wing, does not appear to be wholly synonymous with its flight. The writer has this season heard of a case where the sound was heard proceeding from a bird perched upon a hillock out on the marshes. Of course one is likely to be deceived by sights and sounds when in the open, as there is always so much to distract one's attention, and the bird heard may have been an unnoticed one in flight; but still, it is worth recording, for the point is this: if the sitting bird produced the sound, it is not necessary for the Snipe to be in flight, and it does not follow that the sound is produced by the wings, for one can detect no agitation of these members.

The Fighting Titmice.

The little Blue Tits just now appear particularly quarrelsome, and one is at a loss to account for it. A pair will keep to themselves entirely during the breeding season, but in the winter they may be met with in small parties in the woods, and some half-dozen may frequently be seen at one time in the garden, so that it is rather difficult to see why these little battles should now be taking place. In the elm trees at the end of the writer's garden they are constantly calling and shouting defiance at each other, and when they meet in combat, it is possible to get quite close to them. The writer stood recently looking down at a couple fighting at his feet, and could easily have caught them with a butterfly net. They are active little fellows, and it is most interesting to watch them clinging to the stalk of a poppy, while they hammer quickly with their powerful little beaks to dig a hole in the side of the seed-pod to extract the contents. As they are insect and small seed (not grain) eaters, they must certainly be numbered among the useful birds.

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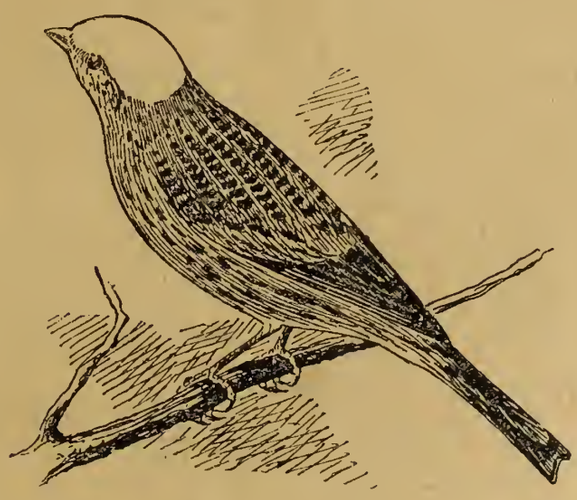
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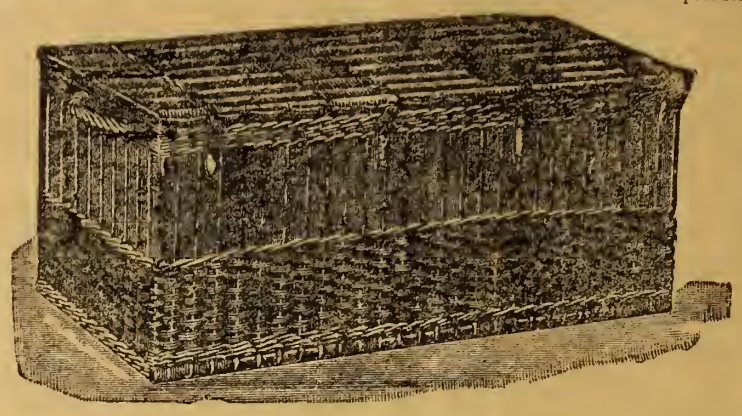
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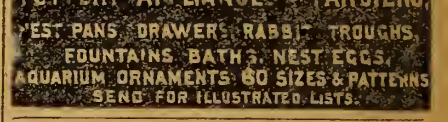
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BEARDALL AND WALKER, have a few Norwich to spare, cheap to clear, cocks from 6/-; and hens from 4/- upwards; approval; stamp reply.—Sutton-rd., Hathwaite, Notts.

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HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 8/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH cocks and hens, related and bred from my winners at Battersea, Hastings, Wimbledon, Metropolitan show, from 7/6.—H. Luff, 18, Mantua-st., Battersea.

AFTER selecting stock can spare 50 grand buff and yellow cocks, 6/- to 15/-; grand young hens, 4/- to 10/- each, from show birds; deposit.—Taylor, 177, Gulson-rd., Coventry.

ONE high-class Norwich for sale, from 10/- upwards; the best of type and quality, bred from winners; approval.—J. T. W. Lowthian, 33, Foster-at., Penrith, Cumberland.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, has few prize-bred Norwich and Cinnamons for sale; cocks from 8/6; hens, 4/6; approval; see reports Battersea, Halstead, Braintree, Lowestoft.

NORWICH Yellow cock, 1907, very highly commended, 7/6; Yellow cock, unflighted, highly commended, 7/6; Yellow cock, unflighted, 7/6.—T. Giles, 19, Donnington-rd., Reading.

CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks for sale, 15/- each, brothers to my winners; see show reports; also three adult cocks, £1 each.—P. Victor Williams, Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton.

FOR sale, 20 splendid clear 1907 and 1908 Norwich Canaries, handsome cocks, in full song, hens all strong and healthy; price moderate; approval.—C. Smith, Valley Terrace, Leiston.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

NORWICH, two mealey hens, one Yellow cock, 1908, very large and typical, healthy, 15/-; bred from birds cost over £6; deposit system if required.—Warner, 115, Wells-rd., Sydenham.

BUFF cock, 1st Burnley, Gt. Harwood, yellow cock, 1st Gt. Harwood, buff hen 1st Morpeth, Carlisle, and few others for sale, approval.—E. Godley, 29, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

WINNING Norwich, a few good stock birds; also some winners, all off reliable stock; approval; stamp reply, deposit; a few small pairs cheap.—James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fifeshire.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

FEW good Norwich for disposal, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Warrington, and Sale, cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval; deposit.—Eapley, 1, Worburton-st., Cheetham, Manchester.

NORWICH Plainheads. I have some grand pairs to part with at 12/6, 15/- pair; odd cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6 each; muling hens, 4/-, 4/6 each.—Matt. Hopkins, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

SOME grand Norwich for disposal; clearing out all my stock; some grand show birds; two grand Buff hens, and one yellow cock; some grand stock birds cheap; stamp reply.—J. Evans, 85, Kemble-st., Prescot.

C. ROBERTS' champion Blackpool Norwich, I must sell cheap to make room; 15 matched pairs at 15/6, and six pairs at 20/6 each pair; show birds from 30/- each; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

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STRAIN second to none, cocks from 12/6; hens 10/6 upwards, all related to Plainhead Club medal winner at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show; young, healthy, approval; stamp.—G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

T. RAINE, White Lion Hotel, Bishop Auckland, has some good Buff Norwich cocks, Barnes' winning strain, stock, 10/-; also two Goldies and one Brown Linnet Mule, 7/6 each; cocks on approval; money with order.

OWING to my brother retiring from Fancy, I am compelled to reduce stock of high-class Norwich, show or stock birds, 7/6, 12/6, 20/- upwards; approval, stamp.—T. Allsop, 58, Mottram Old-rd., Gee Cross, Hyde.

BUFF Norwich cock, 2nd only time shown, £1; another, vhc, 15/-; hens, same strain, from 7/6; Siskin Mule, three times winner, 15/-; all 1908 birds; approval.—Roberts, 13, Grove-rd., Freemantle, Southampton.

A. SMITH, 55, Burdowie-st., Possil Park, Glasgow, has a few good young Plainheads for sale; can be seen any time, or Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, Saturday, December 12th.—122, Ingram-st., Glasgow.

MONSTER unflighted Buff cock, lovely stock bird, grand head, 15/-; two lovely Buff hens, grand size and type, show birds, 10/6 each; few other Buff and Yellow cocks, 7/6 and 10/6.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

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CHAMPION large typical Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes, second to none; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval; deposit.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!! Healthy typical Plainheads, cold room bred, at prices to suit all; matched breeding pairs from 7/6; exhibition specimens, reasonable; enquiries invited; odd cocks or hens; approval, willingly, anywhere. — H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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BEING a private breeder, wish to reduce stock of Norwich; four Buff cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; several Buff and Yellow hens, 3/6 to 7/6; grand type and quality; cold-room bred and colour-fed; wanted exhibition Yellow Norwich cock.—Dixon, 1, Mordenterrace, Morden-rd., Merton; approval, deposit.

CLEAR Buff Norwich cock, 1907, winner 2nd and 3rd, 16/-; variegated Yellow hen, 3rd in pair clears with above cock, 6/6 or £1 1s. the pair; variegated Yellow cock, 4th prize, open, 14/-; others cheap; or exchange for large unflighted Yellow cock.—Wright, 49, Coates-lane, Watford, Herts.

TYPICAL buff hen, winner, 35/-; good yellow hen, 35/-; both clear, can win, unflighted yellow hen, 25/-; unflighted, buff hen 20/-; clear buff cock, big winner, 2 seconds, etc., all England shows, 50/-; typical green cock, winner, 4th Cambridge, 30/-; ticked yellow cock 12/6; approval; cash or deposit.—Francis, 39, Cleveland-rd., Lowestoft.

GLORIOUS Norwich songsters, enchanting melody, many beautiful variations, all trained to an exceedingly melodious singing cock; exceptionally healthy and vigorous; rearing strain for those likely to breed, and very prolific rich Yellows, variegated, and splashed, clear and dark Crests from 7/6 to 21/-; hens, 4/6 to 7/6; this is not a trade advertisement; all reared privately from splendid birds.—Keevil, Vegetarian Stores, Streatham.

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8 unflighted Buff hens, lovely type and quality, bred from my winners, 7/6 and 10/- each; also one or two good cocks, 12/6 each; four birds I sold took four 1sts at Dulwich Show.—54, Dunstans-rd., East Dulwich.

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Wotton, nr. Aylesbury, has few good Norwich Plainheads for disposal; see show reports; approval; inspection invited.

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Having selected my breeding stock, I have forty good ones for sale, Yellow and Buff, unflighted; I have sold over thirty winners this season at Burnley, Bolton, Accrington, Manchester, Blackburn, and Preston; prices moderate; on approval.—John Thompson, 2, Osborne-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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CHAMPION SHOW BIRDS.

that will take some beating, 1908 bred, bouncing unflighted Yellow cock, red-hot colour, grand head and neck, rare deep chest, good wing carriage, an ideal Norwich, price £4 4s.; another, not quite so good, but a real gem, price £3 3s.; probably the best unshown clear Buff cock, 1908 bred, in the Fancy, a wonder for size, colour, and type, simply perfection, price £3; champion unshown clear Buff hen, colour-fed, for size, and proper type, she cannot be beaten, fit to win at once, price £2; charming clear Yellow hen, red-hot fed, 1908 bred, rare Bullfinch type, good head, well filled in neck, price 50/-; above are fit for the Scottish National and Palace Shows, and will be sold on approval for cash only; wire or write.—Address, George Cubley, Roman Villas, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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For sale, the following high-class show and stock birds, at one-third their real value; bouncing 1907 bred clear Yellow cock, cost from Muckley Bros. 50/-, accept 22/6; another large Yellow cock, rare size, type, and quality, cost £3, take 25/-; dirt cheap; 1908 bred monster clear Yellow cock, wonderful good in head, neck, and chest, nice silky feather, Bishop's strain, a topper, price 30/-; monster clear Buff cock, plenty of substance, rare carriage and quality, can win at once, price 30/-; another large 1908 bred, clear Buff cock, an ideal Norwich, bargain at 22/6; also good quality marked Buff cock, cheap at 17/6; champion clear Yellow, 1907 bred hen, needs no comment, breeder of many winners, cost £3, accept 30/-; two more clinking 1908 bred Yellow hens, good size, feather, rare wing carriage, price 12/6 each; massive clear Buff hen, grand stock bird, well frosted, cost 45/-, price 21/-; another monster Buff hen, can win, rare head, chest, and wings, Vardy's strain, price 12/6; another, 10/6; above are bargains at the prices offered, and will be sold to those who remit the cash.—Address George Cubley, Roman Villas, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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Plainheaded Norwich Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards. Clear Buff, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Ticked or Variegated, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards.

Plainheaded Norwich Hens Clear Yellow, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. Travelling Cages 3d. extra.

Just compare the above prices with others, to say nothing of quality, but there is no guesswork here; it is not a game of chance, as with some, who, although they give themselves names, only have an idea of the value by the price other dealers charge them. Hence, don't expect the best bird at the big cat price; yet all are **Best Value**—that is my great point. For Testimonials see my last week's advertisement on page 430, or call and inspect thousands here.

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Have still a few very choice show birds, Palace winners, for sale, at moderate prices for such high-class specimens. Fanciers requiring these should lose no time; many well-known winners supplied by me. Note, having been asked by several of my customers not to publish their names and winnings, I have decided that all business in future will be treated as strictly private. Have some fine, bold, good type yellow and buff cocks and hens, fit to win at small shows, at 20/- and 25/- each; some winners in good, open competition, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each; few stormers that can win in the keenest competition, prices on application; champion stock birds, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/- per pair, the sort to breed show specimens; hens, yellow and buff, short and thick-set, well braced wings, good heads and pipe tails, 10/6 to 30/6; stock cocks, 10/6 to 30/6, this is the finest blood in the fancy, and year by year it proves its value; there is no strain just as good; state wants and I will guarantee to please you; approval willingly; stamp.—Judge, A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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COCK Thrush (second season, and cage, 8 6; offers exchange.—Dacre, 3a, Sebert-rd., Forest Gate.

COCK Nightingale, perfect; exchange Borders; sell, 12/6; appro.—111, Long-st., Middleton, Lancs.

EXCHANGE two cocks or two hen Bullfinches for cock Canary; Roller preferred.—Russell, 71, High-st., Crawley, Sussex.

EXCHANGE three cock Bullfinches for cock Goldfinch Mule, or sell 1/6 each; hens, 9d.—Herbert, Russell-st., Cheltenham.

TWO cock Goldfinches, two hens, cock Bullfinch, two hen Canaries, lot 8/6; exchange anything.—Atkins, Wheatsheaf, Raunds.

EXHIBITION Fieldfare, very tame, show cage; exchange for good Mule; Mule first; offers.—Cooke, Golden-square, Berwick, Tweed.

TWO Linnets, 3 Greenfinches, 1 Chaffinch, 1 Bramblefinch, 1 Bunting, cocks, 3 times moulted, 5/-; exchange.—Alsford, Westmoors.

MULERS, house-moulted Bramble, vhc, Greenfinch; exchange joiner-made double breeder, new.—Duckitt, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

BULLFINCHES, a splendid colour, 1/10 pair; one big hen muler, 1/6; exchange cock Bramblefinch.—Richards, 47, Roseberry-rd., Exmouth.

EXCHANGE three British Bullfinch hens and cock Greenfinch, for genuine Siberian Bullfinch hen.—George Gibbons, 25, Peel-terrace, Stafford.

TWO cock Goldfinches 3/6 each, Norwich cock 7/6; exchange Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, offers.—William Manders, Fairfield, Llanbradach, Cardiff.

LINNET, 6/6; Redpoll, 5/-; Chaffinch, 5/-; Bramblefinch, 5/-; all first prize winners, and cards sent; going abroad.—Robinson, 13, Queen-st., Alnwick.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, singing, two Goldies, York. hen, for good stout pair of Crest or Norwich, sell 15/-; offer first.—J. Hillyar, Emsworth, Hants.

TWO cock Woodlarks, large birds, 5/- each; or exchange Linnet Mule, 1908 bird, or white-legged Goldfinches.—Nobes, Cricketers, Barrow, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, both house-moulted, two cock Bullfinches, for Yorkshire Canary, winner. Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

THREE grand cock Goldfinches, two hen Canaries, 15/-; exchange double silver albert, hall-marked.—Hodson, 36, Belgrave-rd., Dresden, Longton, Staffs.

EXHIBITORS, Blackbird, won three 1sts, Black Dragoon cock 2 6; 1 pair each red and blue Homers, flown 500 miles, 2/6 pair; offers in exchange.—101, Barkworth-rd., Bermondsey.

NIGHTINGALE, hand-reared cock, coming on song, 25/-; show and stock cages, new, 8/-; 30/- for lot, or will exchange British for exhibition to value. —Myers, 23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

FOR sale, Siskin-Greenie Hybrid, also exhibition Greenfinch, 4th only time shown; exchange good Yellow Norwich cock or Sib-bred Yellow cock; approval.—Gove, West Mary-st., Arbroath.

TWO Goldfinches, Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cock Linnet in song; all house-moulted; exchange pair Green Yorkshires or Rollers, breeders; approval.—Kitchener, Newtown, Biggleswade, Beds.

I BELIEVE I have the finest cock Bullie in England, perfect in size, colour, and condition, price 20/-; approval, deposit; or would exchange for four unflighted Norwich hens; stamp.—Garthwaite, 49, Hare-st., Grimsby.

EXHIBITORS. Two more Yellow Greenfinches to part with, fed, not exhibiting, large, feathered like wax, and winning, 17/6, with show cage; suitable exchange considered; stamp reply.—McMurdo, Woodfield House, Heywood.

ALL cocks, two buff Norwich, 1908, 5/-, 7/6; Siberian-Goldfinch-Mule, 1906 large, variegated, singing, 7/-; Redpoll, house-moulted, well marked, 2 6; lot, 20/-; or exchange Softbills.—Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

SPLENDID exhibition cock Hawfinch, 7/6; grand cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6; pair 1906 Canary-reared Linnets, hen make grand hybrid breeder, 4/6; or exchange large, 1908 Yellow Norwich hens or good Siberian Goldfinch preferred; offers; no rubbish offered or wanted.—John Hill High-st., Swinefleet, S.O. Yorkshire.

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EXCHANGE three young Norwich hens for one dark Crest hen. Muckenzie, 3, Salisbury-rd., Watford.

TWELVE hen Canaries for sale, take 21/-; or exchange.—Frank Smith, High-st., Studley, Warwickshire.

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THE SHOWS.

SELKIRK.

Selkirk F.A. held their 47th annual exhibition in the Victoria Hall, on November 28th, and this year, owing to the influence of Messrs. J. Pringle and H. H. Brown, included a Canary section, which proved a great success. Norwich opened the programme, and were allotted 4 classes, and brought together an average of 8 per class, the spl. for best bird being awarded to Mr. Pringle. Borders were a grand collection, the 8 classes bringing together an average of 11 per class. Considering the many Scotch fixtures on this day, the executive were delighted with the entry. Owing to the Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce, being now debarred from the B.F.C. patronage, the show was held under the rules, the society foregoing the medal, and allowing two medals to exhibitors who had never been successful in getting a B.F.C. medal this year. In the clear classes Mr. Aitchison's 2nd prize yellow hen secured the coveted special, while in the marked classes the medal was secured by Mr. W. H. Wright. The quality, on the whole, was extra good. The hall is an ideal one for a show, is free from draught, and well lighted, the Canaries being carefully attended to at the end of the main building. Mr. Storrie makes an ideal secretary, and was ably assisted by Mr. Alex. Brodie. Catalogues were on sale an hour after the finish of judging. The Canary stewards, Messrs. Pringle, Brown, and Mond, did everything in their power for the welfare of the Canary Section.

NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Wilson, rare size, grand level colour, good front, neat head, fine, full neck, splendid bloom; 2, Dickson Bros., well-rounded, grand head and neck; 3, Cameron, lovely feather, good neck and head, sharply cut; 4, Blackhall, good body and shape, fine size and quality; vhc, Blackhall; hc, Hay; c, Lugton. HEN (6): 1, Cameron, beauty for shape, well-rounded, hot one for colour, grandly fed, staged to perfection; 2, Pringle, plenty of size, good head and neck, massive front, well drawn, 3, Dickson Bros., again plenty of size; 4, Lugton, nice quality and size; fine and full in front; vhc, Ford; hc, Blackhall. BUFF CK. (11): 1, c, spl, Pringle, topper for size, grand quality feather, rare head and splendid wing carriage, massive front and body; 2, Dickson Bros., grand fed bird, massive front, and tip-top wings and flights; 3, Hughes, nice quality feather, grand size, etc., well put down; 4, Cameron, well rounded; vhc, Ballantyne; hc, Lugton; c, Pringle. HEN (8): 1, 4, Cameron, 1st grand variegated, tight as wax, good front and shape, beauty for colour and quality, neat exhibit, 4th well-rounded, neat front and head; 2, spl, Hay, enormous, nat. col. one, great size and front, in good feather; 3, Ford, bot-fed one, grand size fine body, tip-top wing carriage and style; vhc, Dickson Bros.; hc, Brown; c, Lugton. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): E, Bennet, nice one, fine quality feather, well drawn, nice position, grand head, stylish, steady exhibit; 2, McKenzie, well made, neat size, grand colour and finish, rare wing-carriage; 3, Welsh, well cut, rare style, neat head, good wings; 4, Walsh, Brown, grand quality position; vhc, Smart; c, Rodger. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Gilchrist, noted eye tick, straight as a gun barrel, grandly-rounded on front, A1 head and wing carriage; 2, medal, Aitchison, grand shape and quality of feather, neat; 3, Walsh, good front and taper, grand size; 4, McKenzie, stylish bird, grand style and feather; vhc, Bennet; hc, Alexander; c, Aruot and Jamieson. BUFF (12): 1, Bennet, well drawn in extra good form, nice weight, grand position, well staged; 2, Gilchrist, eye tick, grand position, lovely wing carriage and quality of feather, good 2nd; 3, Marshall, neat head and front, well put down, in A1 bloom; 4, McKenzie, good feather and quality; vhc, Baxter; hc, Alexander; c, Smart HEN (9): 1, Bennet, marvel for feather, like a piece of marble, grandly made, rare position, lovely style and wing carriage, splendidly drawn, a beauty, good all round; 2, Talt, another gem, lovely head and shape A1 wing carriage; 3, Gilchrist, looks like Glasgow winner, in grand bloom, lovely position; 4, Brown, good shape, fine feather, grand head and front; vhc, Alexander; hc, Murray; c, Linton. EVENLY MKD. (13): 1, medal, Waight, grandly balanced, fine eye and rare wing markings, nice shape, good position, showy bird; 2, Ballantyne, heavy eye-marked bird, fine shape and eye, well balanced; 3, Alexander, in grand form, looks like St. Boswell's winner, well staged; 4, Robertson, nice yell. mark, good eye, well balanced all round; vhc, Alexander; hc, Schools; c, Watson. UNEVEN (18): 1, Gilchrist, Glasgow medal winner still leading, in grand form, rare position, shown in faultless bloom greatly admired; 2 Alexander, another gem, splendidly rounded, A1 head and wing carriage, finely drawn, grand size; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, tip-top buff, like a piece of wax, and in fine bloom, grand shape; 4, Hook, nice-bodied yell., well drawn vhc, Watson; hc, Hay; c, Smart. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, 2, Arnot and Jamieson, leader grand Jonque, deep, grassy green, splendid markings, rare flights, 2nd good buff, grandly laced, in fine bloom; 3, 4, Murray, 3rd good yell., fine size, shape and colour, 4th good buff-green, well spangled, fine shape; vhc, Lamlin; hc, Watson; c, Ballantyne. SELL. (9/6) (12): 1, c, Hay; 2, Hook; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Watson; vhc, hc, Linton. BRIT. (6): 1 spl. Quinton, grand Fieldfare, noted winner, in grand bloom; 2, Roper, topping Thrush, slightly broken in tail, or would probably have won, well spangled, in fine bloom; 3, hc, Brown, good moulted Brit. Bullfinch, grand cap, fine breast colour; 4, Ford nice Hawfinch; vhc, Blaikie.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND N. &c. B.A.

West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M. and B.A. held their nineteenth annual show and competition in the Grand National Halls, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on November 28th. The President is Mr. T. A. Boyd; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Hutchison and J. Lawrie; and the hon. secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Smart. The judges were Messrs. J. B. Adam (Bord.), A. K. Chalmers (Mules, and Brit.), T. L. Burnett (the remainder). The entries were in excess of last year's total by 80. The classes on this occasion numbered 42, in all; some of them were small, but the quality of the exhibits amply made up for any shortage in this respect. The Mule and Brit. Sections were a nice average lot; there were two silver cups for competition, in this section, which may be said to be a little out of the common, and several handsome specials. This association claims the proud distinction of being Scotland's first and oldest club of the Nor. Fey., and a silver medal goes with each cup. For most points in Nor. the silver cup given by the association was won by Mr. J. McNaughton; runner up, Mr. J. Scaife. For most points in Crests and Crest-breds, silver cup won by Mr. John Young, Mr. G. F. Adamson being the runner up. This cup now becomes Mr. Young's own property. For most points in Borders, the silver cup, also given by association, went to Mr. Young, Mr. J. Lappin Renwick (Hamilton); this cup, too, becomes Mr. Young's own property. For most points in Mules and Hybrids, the silver cup was won by Mr. J. Renwick (Hamilton); this cup too becomes Mr. Renwick's own property. Mr. Hutchison was the runner up here. For most points in Brit. Birds, the silver cup given by J. J. Manson, Esq., L.D.S., was won by Mr. J. Muir (Glasgow), Mr. J. Buchanan being the runner-up. Of the five silver cups, three were won outright on this occasion. There was a large turn-out of visitors, and breeders. Secretary Smart had all his arrangements carried out to perfection, assisted by an able and willing band of workers, whose aim and object were to make the show a success, and in that they were not disappointed. The judges' awards in the four sections appeared to give all-round satisfaction. The winner of Hyde's special was Mr. A. Duncan, Mr. R. Rennie being the winner of Ramsden's special. Mr. J. Lappin won the B.F.C.C. medal.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, 2, spl, McNaughton, 1st nice, rich, even colour, grand quality, 2nd presses hard on winner; 3, Young, good shape and quality; 4, Hutchison, nice, rich colour; 5, 6, Crawford; 7, Scaife. BUFF (15): 1, 3, spl, Scaife, 1st nice size and shape, fine quality; 2, McNaughton, neat shape, nice size; 4, Hutchison, nice size, A1 condition; 5, 7, McAulay; 6, spl, Young; VARIEG. YELL. (11): 1, McAulay, a nicely marked yellow, excellent quality, wins; 2, 3, Hutchison, 2nd close on winner, 3rd nice markings, fine model; 5, 7, Scaife; 6, Hunter. BUFF (11): 1, Crawford, rare size and shape, nice close feather; 2, Scaife, very good shape; 3, McAulay, good shape and quality; 4, spl, 5, Hutchison, 4th nice shape and feather; 6. 7, Hunter. CREST CK. (13): 1, Young, good size, large, even crest; 2, spl, 3, spl, Adamson; 2nd and 3rd good all-round birds, in capital feather; 4, 6, Sharp; 5, McInnes; 7, Montgomery. HEN (13): 1, 5, Adamson, 1st nice, green Crest, good size, neat model; 2, 3, Young, 2nd another nice even crest, 3rd good size, fine crest, nicely-balanced pair of birds; 4, spl, 7, nice shape and feather; 6, McNaughton. C.B. CK. (13): 1, spl, Young, very neat skull, nice long head feathers, grand condition; 2, 6, spl, McInnes, 2nd, close on 1st; 3, Dick, nice head; 4, Lappin, very fine bird, neat; 5, Sharp; 7, Adamson. HEN (17): 1, 6, Adamson, 1st splendid type, lovely feather; 2, Young, another good type, almost equal to winner; 3, Dick, nice body and outline; 4, Sharp, very nice; 5, Montgomery; 7, McInnes. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. (12): 1, 5, Lappin, rare type and quality; 2, 4, Young, 2nd staged in rare condition, 4th all-round nice bird; 3, Rennie, good stamp, in grand order. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Hutchison, best young Border in Hall, grand type, wins; 2, Rennie, nice type and quality, very jaunty; 3, 4, Young, 3rd, nice stamp of a Border, 4th nice shape and carriage; 5, 6, Lappin; 7, Montgomery. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Young, 1st grand mould, in lovely feather, 3rd nice Border; 2, 4, Lappin, 2nd very evenly matched with winner, 4th nice Border, well tapered; 5, Lawrie; 6, 7, Hutchison. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 6, spl, Lappin, medal winner, very stylish Border, in the pink of condition; 2, 5, Young, another fine model, feathered like wax; 3, spl, 4, Hutchison, 3rd nice type and quality, 4th fine wing carriage; 7, Lawrie. GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, Rennie, Cinn. grand stamp of Border, lovely feather, wins here; 2, spl, 3, Lawrie, Green Border, excellent quality, nice carriage, 3rd another nice Border; 4, Lawrie, Green Border; 5, 6, Hutchison; 7, Smart. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, Renwick, in rare condition and feather, nicely staged. DARK (5): 1, spl, 2, spl, Renwick, 1st best young Mule in hall, full value for their places, in the pink of condition; 3, spl, Hutchison, another fine bird; 4, spl, 5, Lawrie, shown in lovely condition. HYB.: Cancelled. AMATEUR NOR. (11): 1, 3, spl, McFarlane, best young bird in hall (Plainhead section), 3, nice clean cut Nor.; 2, 5, Rennie, 2, chubby and typical, in lovely feather; 4, ——, nice quality. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, 4, spl, McFarlane, very typical lot, all in fine condition. CL. NOR. (6): 1, 4, McAulay, 1, smart shape and carriage, teeming with quality, 4, nice colour; 2, Scaife, nice feather and short wings, fine front and carriage, a good second; 3, Muir, grand head nice level back; 5, 6, Hutchison. VARIEG. ETC. (9): 1, spl, Scaife, splendid shape, wings and tail, very neat; 2, spl, Rennie, good size and colour; 3 Hutchison, fine quality, good wing and tail; 4, Muir, nice shape and wings, good value for fourth; 5, Hunter; 6, 7, McAulay. CREST, ETC. (7): 1, Henderson, fine sized crest, good droop, nice stamp; 2, Montgomery, good body, plenty of feather, neat shape and crest; 3, 4, 5, Duncan, excellent lot, nicely placed; 6, Thomson, junr.; 7, Lappin. C.B. (8): 1, 7, Thomson junr., rare substance, good skull, and entrance, nicely lashed; 2, 5, Montgomery, second, nice size, good body; 3, Muir, fine size, and substance, nice head and feather; 4 Sharp, good skull, nice size and feather; 6, Henderson. CL BORD. (6): 1, 5, Montgomery, 1, rare one for shape, quality, and style, nice jaunty carriage; 2, spl, Lappin, nice feather, smart finish and carriage; 3, Lawrie, nice carriage and quality, smart; 4, Rennie, good style, capital feather; 6, Thomson, junr. VARIEG. (4): 1, Lappin, very nicely moulded, smart shape and carriage, very jaunty; 2, 3, Smart, nice feather, neat wings and shape, 3, good stamp; 4, Rennie, fine bird. EVEN MARK. (1): spl, 1, Lappin, neat type and feather. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl, McNicol; 2, Muir; 3, Hutchison; 4, Thomson, jun.; 5, Couper. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, spl, 3, Douglas; 2, spl, Thompson, jun.; 4, 6, Buchanan. DARK (8): 1, Lawrie; 2 Douglas; 3, ——; 4, 5, Thompson, junr. LINNET (12): 1, spl, Copper, smart shape, nice colour and lacings; 2, Buchanan, lovely shape, colour and lacings; 3, Lawrie, nice bird; 4, special, Muir, good shape, nice, rich colour; 5, Douglas; 6, Thomson, junr.; 7, Hunter. SISKIN, ETC (14): 1, 4, 5, Muir, 1, Siskin, smart shape, good cap, bib, and lacing; 4, Redpoll, in lovely feather; 2, Buchanan, another nice Redpoll; 3, spl, Muir, Redpoll, very similar to others in class; 6, Nicol; 7, Morrison. BULLFINCH (4): 1, 2, Muir, 1, nice colour, splendid shape, and feather, 2, presses hard on first, not a feather out of place; 3, 4, Buchanan, 3, splendid condition and colour; 4, on a level with third, well placed. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 4, Buchanan, 1, grand thick-set, shape, nice tight feather, good wings, neat head, fine crest and colour, wins; 4, nice; 2, spl, Morrison, neat head, nice body, tight in feather; 3, Hunter, nice size, good chest, close feather; 5, Hutchison. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Rennie, grand face, good size, lovely polish, well tanned body, nicely marked breast, fine condition; 2, 4, spl 6, Muir, 2, grand blaze, lovely colour and polish, nicely marked breast, good second; 3, Montgomery, nice blaze, bars and moonings, fine exhibit; 5, Hunter; 7, Thomson, junr. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 4, spl, 2, 5, Muir, 1, Bramble, 2, Bramble, 4, Chaffinch, 5, Bramble, grand lot, well placed; 3, Rennie, Bramblefinch, nice size and shape, excellent colour and spangling, in splendid condition. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Morrison, Nuthatch, in lovely feather, and condition, grand bloom; 2, Lawrie, Bullie, nice colour and shape, not a feather out of place; 3, Muir, Yellowhammer, in lovely feather and condition. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Muir, Thrush, and Blackbird, both in grand condition; 2, spl, 4, Morrison, Hawfinch, Thrush, Hawfinch a beauty. SMALL FOR. (3): 1, Morrison, Paradise Whydah, in perfect feather; 2, Hutchison, Cut-throat, smart exhibit, in grand condition. FOR. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, spl, Hutchison, nice coloured blaze, good size, bars and buttons; 2, Buchanan, fine clear cut blaze and buttons in fine condition. SELL (10/-): 1, 4, Hunter; 2, Muir; 3, Henderson; 5, Lawrie. HYDE'S: 1, spl, Duncan, winner of electro-teapot. RAMSDEN'S: 1, spl, Rennie, winner of silver medal with gold centre.

VALE OF LEVEN, DUMBARTONSHIRE.

The 36th annual show was held in the Co-operative Hall, Alexandria, on Nov. 28th. The Scotch Fancy Canary here has dwindled, and there were only two classes. The Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Canaries and British birds were a good turn-out. The Yorkshires were judged by Mr. Gibb, and the other classes by Mr. Matthew Craig (Glasgow). The latter gentleman had his work cut out to get through his task; in fact, had to resume his judging after dinner. The president, Mr. Aitchison, superintended the entire show. In this he is a perfect model. The secretary, Mr. Conely, had everything in the best of order, and to him the credit for the success of the show is largely due. They were supported by a splendid committee of able and practical fanciers.

SCOT. FY. CK. (11): 1, 3, c, McAdam, 1st erect, decided droop, neat head, long neck, grand top, fine depth of chest, 3rd erect, nice bead and dreop, grand body and quick; 6th good quality; 2, hc, Bowman, 2nd hard up, very decided drive, neat bead, good neck, rare depth of chest, 4th really good alround bird; 5, Arthur, erect, nice drive. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, McAdam, 1st erect, rare droop, sweet head, nice neck, solid top, good body and tail, 2nd erect, fine reach, solid top, good body and wing, 3rd hard up, head in proper direction, 4th neat model; 5, Arthur, fine stamp. CREST CK. (8): 1, Griffiths, large, well radiated dense, drooping, lovely feather, wins easily; 2, Lappin, nice size, lovely crest, dense, and leafy in feather, in beautiful condition; 3, London, good size, nice crest and in fine pinmage; 4, 5, Joel, fine all-round crest, plenty of substance. HEN (5): 1, Joel, nice sized crest, beautiful formation, dense head feather, grand quality; 2, Lappin, rare quality, fine head feather, dense, well radiated, good substance; 3, Ritchie, nice crest, equally well radiated, perfect in droop; 4, 5, Manchin, first-class pair, staged to perfection. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Griffiths, splendid specimen, good dense head feather, rare substance; 2, Joel, another good specimen, fine head, beautiful feather, rare substance; 3, Lappin, nice head, leafy feather, rare quality; 4, Manchin, good quality. HEN (3): 1, Griffiths, fine quality all over, in lovely plumage, staged to perfection; 2, Davidson, fine all-round specimen, good dense head feather, in lovely plumage; 3, Manchin, grand specimen, good quality. NOR. CK. (16): 1, Erskine, rare quality, good head and neck, very deep chest, nice length of wing, beautiful feather; 2, Manchin, grand size, fine head, broad, deep chest, rare carriage; 3, McNeill, nice size and quality, rare typo; 4, Ritchie, bold head, nice size, good type and substance; 5, Gow, fine shape and size. HEN (9): 1, Chalmers, grand size, deep chest, well set neck, good head, grand quality and condition; 2, McNicol, grand type and quality, bold head, fine wing carriage; 3, Robertson, good specimen, fine quality and shape; 4, Arthur, very good all over. SELL. NOR. (10): 1, London; 2, Methven; 3, Chalmers; 4, Davidson; 5, Kernshorn. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Paterson, a gem, rare shape, style, and quality, well up on legs, grand wing carriage and finish; 2, Webster, wonderful finish, rare quality, nice length and shape; 3, McLellon, rare shape, well up on legs, good head and sheen; 4, McDougall, lovely carriage, rare quality, nice colour; 5, Bournand, very trim; 6, Gillies. BUFF (8): 1, McDongall, nice length and shape, close in feather, splendid sheen, very stylish; 2, Bowman, model, lovely shape and plumage, well set on legs; 3, Sinclair, splendid carriage, nice and slim; 4, Paterson, fine carriage; 5, Martin, good type. VARIEG. GREEN OR CIN. MKD.: 1, Paterson, yell. ticked model, as if moulded, not a feather out of place, perfect finish; 2, Hendry, nice length and shape, rare quality, well set; 3, Manchin, similar, fine shape, good quality. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Buchanan, gem, grand feather and colour, good head, well moulded, perfect carriage; 2, Wood, rare shape and quality, nice head and carriage, free in movement; 3, Conely, sweet exhibit, in grand condition, good head and carriage; 4, Brownlie, grand shape and style, steady; 5, Webster, good quality; 6, Nisbet. BUFF (10): 1, Buchanan, grand model, like wax, silky feather, fine quality and style; 2, Miller, some thought should have been 1st, very smart and stylish, nice shape, rich in colour; 3, Webster, good shape, smart and stylish, fine wings; 4, Nisbet, good colour and shape, nice carriage; 5, Lappin, neat shape; 6, Conely. YELL. VARIEG. (8): 1, Buchanan, grand shape and style, lovely carriage; 2, Aitchison, nice size and shape, rare quality and colour, grand carriage; 3, Wilson, good quality, fine shape and style; 4, McAdam, nice markings, good quality; 5, Wood, nicely put down; 6, Brown. BUFF (6): 1, Miller, gem for quality, shape, condition, and carriage; 2, Manchin, nice size, colour and carriage; 3, Brownlie, good quality, fine size and style, rare carriage; 4, c, Brown, both good quality; 5, Lappin, good quality. SELL (5): 1, Campbell; 2, Kernochan; 3, Kerr; 4, McInnes. DARK MULE (4): 1, McQuiston, well known dark champion Goldfinch-Can, rare feather, grand size, wins with ease; 2, Langan, lovely Siskin-Can., put down well; 3, Kerr, another nice Mule; 4, McInnes, taking Siskin-Can. in rare feather. LIGHT MULE AND HYB.: 1, 2, McQuiston, 1st well known el. Mule in lovely condition, 2nd Goldfinch Bully Hyb., good specimen; 3, Wood, nice Mule in A1 condition; 4, Douglas, very good quality. BULLFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, McQuiston, grand size, good cap, fine colour and condition; 2, Sampson, lovely cap and bars, rare colour; 3, Henderson, nice size and condition; 4, Gow, rare colour; 5, Buchanan; 6, Kerr, good size, type, and colour. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (19): 1, Henderson, good size face and condition, nice Mooning; 2, Simpson, lovely blaze, nice body, face and tanning; 3, McQuiston, good condition and size; 4, Gow, grand blaze, face and tanning; 5, Langan, 6, Sanderson.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

Littleborough C.B.A. held their second annual show in the Parish Church Schools on November 28th. The room was beautifully lighted, and free from draughts. The exhibits were well benched, and the hon. sec., Mr. H. Smith, and his committee looked after the wants of the birds in rare style. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale), judged Lancashires and Lizards, and Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford), Yorkshires and Norwich. The attendance during the afternoon was good, and we wish this young society every success.

Critique.

YELL. COPPY. CL.-ETC. (8): 1, Mills, tkd. good coppy, long side, massive body, plenty of feather; 2, 4, Adams, 2, good head, long flights and tail, plenty of feather, massive body; 4, good coppy, long side; 3, Fish, long sided, good body; vhc, Garner, good bird, full of substance; hc, Fitton; c, Lowe. BUFF (8): 1, Fish, massive bird, good coppy, long side, plenty of leg; 2, Brooks, cl. long side substance and coppy; 3, c, Adams, grizzled coppy, long side good body; 4, hc, Garner, nice head properties, massive body; vhc, Fish. YELL. P.H. (17): 1, c, Garner, Nottingham winner, massive skull and body, long side, plenty of feather; 2, vhc, Entwistle, grand head, long side, nice body; 3, Lowe, good head and body; 4, Adams; hc, Maden. BUFF (9): 1, spl, hc, Crossley, good head and body, long flights, plenty of feather, well up on leg, grand bird; 2, Fish, near race, good head, long wings, stands well up; 3, Mills, ticked, fine head and body, long flights; 4, Adams; hc, Lowe; c, Hartley. LIZ. C.C. GOLD. (9): 1, c, Dewsnap, nice cop, lovely spangle, rich colour; 2, Hampshire, nice spangles, rich colour, good cap; 3, hc, Dickinson, lovely colour, good cap and spangles; 4, Barnes; vhc, Rukin. SILVER (6): 1, 4, Rukin, lovely bird, full of workings, grand even cap; 2, Dewsnap, good cap, grand spangles, shows well; 3, Hampshire, typical, good cap, nicely spangled; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Butterworth. B.C. GOLD (10): 1, Hampshire, good size, well spangled; 2, vhc, Dewsnap, rich colour, typical, plenty of work; 3, Rukin, neat head, well laced, lovely colour; 4, Barnes; hc, c, McKim. SILVER (9): 1, 2, 3, Dewsnap, lovely team, rich colour, well laced; 4, hc, Barnes; vhc, c, Rukin. YORKS. CL. ETC. Yell. (14): 1, Watmuff, quality and position, good head, well up on leg, full of nerve; 2, Shaw Bros., pale colour, stands well, lovely quality, neat head, piped tail, grand position; 3, Ross, full of quality, grand wings; 4, Lane, unflig. good head, lovely colour, neat tail; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Wilkinson and Hillary; c, Fitton. BUFF (14): 1, Robertshaw, neat bead, rich colour feather, grand position, well up on leg, neat piped tail; 2, Watmuff, wing ticked, grand quality, wings and tail, good head, very stylish; 3, Smith and Sellars, neat head, blaze of colour, lovely quality, nice type, long flights and tail; 4, Ross, wing tick, neat wings and tail, position; vhc, Lane; hc, Harrison; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Lane, stylish quality, long flights and tail, rich colour, yell.; 2, Wilkinson and Hillary, buff, wing tkd. boxy feather, very typical; 3, Ross, ticked on head, colour and quality grand, position, buff; 4, Bescoby, wing and head marked, rich colour wonderful quality, yell; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Fitton. HEN (14): 1, Robertshaw, buff, lovely quality, typical, grand wings and tail, neat head; 2, Ross, yell, stylish, good wing carriage, lovely quality; 3, Wilkinson and Hillary, yell, blaze of colour, grand quality and type; 4, Smith and Sellars, eye tick, lovely quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Lane; hc, Faulkner; c, Watmuff. NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (4): 1, 3, Smith and Sellars, 1, good head, rich colour, magnificent quality; 3, nice quality and type, fine head; 2, Lees, blaze of colour, fine quality, good head; 4, Woodhead. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Smith and Sellars, 1, good head, nice type, wonderful quality; 4, sweet bird; 2, Lees, grand head and chest quality; 3, Mayers, rich colour and feather. NOR. 1908 (8): 1, Faulkner, buff, good head and chest, lovely colour, magnificent quality; 2, Gardner, yell. blaze of colour, feathered like wax, grand type, we liked much; 3, Greenwood, buff, good head, typical, nice quality; 4, vhc, Thompson; hc, Lees; c, Gardner. HEN (8): 1, 4, Lees, typical, good head, clean on chest, rich colour, full of quality; 2, Woodhall, marked buff, lovely colour, good head and chest; 3, Leach, yell, marked, boxy feather, short and chubby; vhc, Brookes; hc, Cartwright; c, Smith and Sellars. SELL (15/-) (17): 1, Lord; 2, Hartley; 3, Jackson; 4, Spencer; vhc, Woodhall; hc, Fish; c, Lees. (25/-) (11): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Butterworth; 3, Fish; 4, Spencer; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Brookes, c, Watmuff. BRIT. HARD BILL (8): 1, Brookes, Bullie, good cap, rich colour, lovely condition; 2, Entwistle, Greenie, good head, condition and size; 3, vhc, Moorhead, Yellowhammer; 4, Mayers, Chaffinch; vhc, Law; c, Smith. SOFT BILL (4): 1, 2, Law, Wagtail and Missel Thrush, both grand; 3, Marsden, nice Lark, well staged; 4, Whitp. GIFT (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Brookes; 3, Woodhead. MEMBERS' CLASSES: COPPY (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Fish. P.H. (4): 1, Crossley; 2, Fish; 3, 4, Mayers. HEN COPPY (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Woodhead. P.H. HEN (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Fish. GOLD LIZ. (1): 1, Mayers. SILVER (1): 1, Mayers. YORKS YELL.: 1, Webster; 2, Smith; 3, Smith and Sellars. BUFF (3): 1, Webster; 2, Smith and Sellars; 3, Crossley. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Smith; 3, Hollows. BUFF (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Crossley; 3, Webster. NOR. YELL (2): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Hollows. BUFF (2): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Crossley. HEN (3): 1, Brookes; 2, Smith and Sellars; 3, Hollows. CREST (1): 1, Smith and Sellars. C.B. (1): 1, Smith and Sellars. SELL (10/6) (3): 1, Brookes; 2, Fish; 3, Smith and Sellars. BRIT. (3): 1, Rigg; 2, Webster; 3, Hollows. MULE (3): 1, Smith; 2, Webster; 3, Moorhead. The following gentlemen won specials for most points in their sections, Messrs. W. Adams (2): F. Fish (4): Entwistle, J. Dewsnap, J. Rukin; A. Ross, L. Lane, J. Lees, Smith and Sellars and J. Law, one point each.

Mr. Keegan is credited with winning first in the Yorkshire hen class, at the Morriston Show, whereas it should have been credited to me.—W. H. Wilcox (Morriston).

JARROW-ON-TYNE.

Second annual exhibition of the Jarrow, Hebburn and District C.B.S. held November 27th and 28th. The Mechanics' Institute is a capital place for such a function, spacious, lofty, and well lighted and ventilated, free from draughts, and nicely warmed. The show, under C.B.U. rules, had the patronage of the Northern Y.C.C., Northern C.C., Northern B.B. and M. and F.B.C., and Northern N.P.C. The schedule issued was a grand one, with excellent prize money and specials. The entries made a fine total of 550, 400 in the open section (beating last year's entry), and 150 in the members' classes. The staging was very pleasing, for every bird could be seen with comfort, and Messrs. G. Hagan, Wm. Bower, F. Furlong, T. Picken, R. Hutler, T. Carrick, P. Donnelly, C. Alty, J. Richardson, and W. Thompson, are to be complimented upon the arrangements. The president is Dr. Jennings, who, with his wife, officiated at the opening ceremony. The doctor is a good enthusiast, and has his heart in the welfare of the society. The chairman, Mr. J. Dutton, vice-chairman Mr. R. Hutler, and treasurer Mr. T. Picken, are three respected fanciers, and fill their important offices in A1 style. Mr. R. Blore, the worthy sec., is always on the go, and although quite a young man is equal to any "old hand." He is the right man in the right place, and Jarrow are exceedingly lucky to have him in their midst. We wish him every success in this none-too-thankful office. The stewards worked admirably, the cards being displayed promptly as each class was adjudicated upon. The management throughout, in fact, was really excellent. Everything went smoothly, and judging was over in good time. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Shelfield) took all the open section, and Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) the members' classes. The following are their awards, which were well received.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, spl, Cowling, brace of gems, 1st very typical, full of colour and quality, good carriage, one of the very best; 2nd, larger, A1 colour and feather, nice mover; 3, French, well up in substance, nice shape, very neat; 4, Scott, very similar to 3rd, little separates them; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gray; c, Rowell. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Godley, short and thick-set, beautifully feathered, delightfully frosted, red-hot in colour; 2, Grey, true type, lovely quality, nice size and carriage, clean cut away, close up; 3, Taylor, capital colour and meal, good substance, neat head and neck; 4, Lackey, ablaze with colour, very shapely, good carriage and size; vhc, Rowell. YELL. TKD. (3): 1, spl, Grey, mkd. left wing and head, fine substance and shape, A1 colour and carriage, very bonny; 2, Cowling, marked eyes, capital typo and quality, good colour; No. 3, Carrick, W.C., mkd. buff. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Cowling, variog., ablaze with colour, teeming with quality, grand shape and size, clean cut; 2, Grey, lightly variog., very cobby, rich silky texture of feather, good type; 3, Lackey, mkd, eye, warm in colour, covered over with neat frosting, all there for shape; 4, Morrell, mkd. head, thick-set, rare quality; vhc, no name in catalogue. HEN (10): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Grey, grand trio of bonny damsels, 1st cl. buff, bouncer, magnificent feather and mealing, good shape and carriage, well shown; 2nd, cl buff, lovely salmon tinged colour, nice feather and shape, close on heels of winner; 3, Cowling, yell., thigh tick, 1908 bred, rich quality and colour, nice shape and substance; 4, Lackey, mkd. wing, tight as a Java; hc, Godley; c, Grey. YELL., 1908 (11): 1, spl, French, cl., splendid shape, well up in colour, full of quality, nice size and carriage, very promising; 2, Grey, mkd. wings and eye, fine bouncing specimen, red-hot, rich silky feather, capital shape; 3, McGinn, cl., rare type, capital head and neck character, superb feather; 4, Cowling, cl., very warm colour, shining like satin, good shape, worth its place; vhc, Allison; hc, Lackey; c, Winter. BUFF (10): 1, hc, spl, Grey, cl., massively built, fine broad, deep-chested, lovely quality, colour and mealing, jaunty carriage, clinking head and neck, gem; 2, Holden and Todd, cl., hot in colour, grand feather, very shapely, should make a good one; 3, McKay, thigh tick, all there for colour and quality, well up in size; 4, Seely Bros., similar to third, not much between them; vhc, McGinn; c, Richardson. NOVICE (14), a good lot: 1, Scott, cl. yell. fine substance and type, capital feather and colour, could do well in open competition, well shown; 2, 3, spl, Woollett, variog. buff and cl. yell. respectively, both of lovely feather, tight as wax, good shape and carriage; 4, Birkett, buff, mkd. neck, tight as a Java, very shapely, A1 quality and colour; vhc, hc, Moore; c, Sokell and Binks. BUFF D.C. (4): 1, 2, spl, Currah and Son, a brace of beauties, 1, mkd. wings and chest, magnificent quality, good substance, crest nice size and radiation, slashing droop and centre; 2, marked wings, good feather and size, shapely, neatly formed crest, grand exhibit; 3, Graham, heavy mkd. fine quality and substance, crest of rattling frontal, nice droop and centre; 4, Logan, mkd. wings, A1 quality, with nice shaped crest. BRED 1908: 1, spl, 3, Dobson and Son, former mkd. left wing. D.C., wonderful feather, grand substance, crest large, delightful shape and droop; 3, buff, almost green D.C., cap. qual, shapely crest nice size, neat frontal, good in droop; No. 1, Currah and Son; absent. A.O.V. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, spl, Hands, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, well up in size, rattling quality, crest large, thickly thatched, good frontal and droop, neat centre; 2, buff, mkd. right wing, grizzled crest, A1 quality, good size, crest. C.B. (6): 1, Godley, buff variog. giant, lovely quality, wealth of feather, great width of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, 3, 4, spl, Hutchinson, fine team, 2, buff, lightly variog. very shapely, A1 quality, capital rise of skull, nice brow; 3, buff, mkd. neck, close on heels of second, very little between them; 4, buff, mkd. wings and head, shapely, grand feather, neatly browed; vhc, Logan; hc, Watson. HEN (3): 1, spl, Hands, buff, almost green, well up in size, rattling feather, grand skull and lash, a gem; 2, Bewick, buff, heavy variog, fine substance, good quality, slashing skull and brow; 3, Currah and Son, buff variog, rattling shape, beautiful feather. 1908 (5): 1, Bewick, The Duchess, buff green, magnificent quality, heaps of feather, very shapely, rare substance, delightful width and rise of skull, well lashed; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Hutchinson, trio of very neat exhibits; 2, buff, variog; 3, buff, almost green, both of rich quality, good shape; 4, Dobson and Son, buff, heavy mkd, good quality and shape. PAIRS (1): 1, spl, Hutchinson, buff, almost green C.B. ck, well up in size, grand feather and skull, with a buff mkd. D.C., hen of lovely leafy feather, nice shape. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Godley, all noted specimens, winner lovely shape, fine depth of colour, beautifully burnished, shining like plate, rare substance; 2, almost equal; 3, good colour and feather; 4, Seely Bros. rattling feather, and colour, grand shaped body; vhc, Winter. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Godley, again trio of invincibles; 1, monster; 2, close up, all of beautiful colour and shape and quality, and all in the pink; 4, Seely Bros., fine bouncing specimen, grand shape and quality; vhc, Winter; hc, Woollett. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Godley, team of charming damsels, 1, massive yell; 2, large buff; 3, medium yell., all possessing great depth of colour, well polished, hard nuts to crack; 4, vhc, Seely Bros., neat yell, rare feather and colour, very shapely. BORD. YELL. (13), a grand class: 1, spl, Hawkins, smart cl. of rare quality, smooth as glass, A1 shape, capital worker, gem; 2, Chapman, Cinn. mkd. wings and tail and head, rich feather, very shapely, neat head and neck; 3, Whittaker, mkd, right wing and eye, another of the right sort, feathered to perfection; 4, Ellwood, variog, tight as a drum, beautiful shape and quality; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Hudspeth and Soulsby; c, French. BUFF (18), a rare lot: 1, 2, spl, Thompson, brace of living pictures, former rich quality cl, delightful shape, in the pink of condition; 2, mkd, over beak, equal, both real eye openers, well staged; 3, Chapman, Cinn. mkd. wings and head, full of action, slashing quality and shape. 4, c, Whittaker, mkd. wings and head, capital feather, shone like satin; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Rowell. In this class two sets of winners could easily have been selected. HEN (16): 1, spl, Johnston, yell. green, magnificent quality, glistening like quick-silver, fine shape, rare worker, grand head, neck and wings; 2, Whittaker, buff, mkd, right wing, fine shape and carriage, feathered to perfection; 3, Thompson, yell. mkd. head, capital type and quality, neat in movement; 4, Hawkins, cl. buff, good shape and carriage, nice head and neck; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Greenwell. 1908 (18), a rattling lot: 1, spl, French, cl. yell. beautifully moulded, magnificent quality, fine head and neck, slashing wings, a topper; 2, Whittaker, cl. yell. equal in shape and carriage, just beaten in closeness of feather, very close up; 3, vhc, Chapman, yell, mkd. head, good feather, rare type, grand mover; 4, McQuillan, yell, green, superb feather and colour, good shape; hc, Currah and Son; c, Bowen. GREEN ETC. (3): 1, spl, McQuillan, yell. green, tight as a Java, capital type, works well, A1 wings and tail; 2, Johnson, yell. green, good shape, moves well, neat head and neck, capital wing carriage; 3, Harrison, yell. green, A1 feather and colour, nice wings and tail. SCOT. FCY. CK. (3): 1, spl, Harvey, cl yell. fine lengthy specimen, rattling quality, good shoulders and circle, very bonny; 2, Little, cl. buff, large, good feather, well built shoulders, tail goes well under, close up; 3, Chapman, cl. buff, very typical, neat feather. HEN (6): 1, 3, spl, Bell and Son, cl. yell. and cl. buff, respectively, former good lengthy bird, fine top end, A1 quality, well put down; 3, grand circle, capital quality, one of the smartest; 2, Craig, variog. buff, lengthy, good drive, nice quality, neat shoulders; 4, Little, cl. buff, little separates this from third; vhc, Harvey; hc, Chapman. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, cl. red hot, long slim drawn, stands like a guardsman, capital feather; 2, Mason, cl. well up in position, good length and quality, rare back and wings; 3, Hutler, apparently cl. well up on leg; 4, Carrick, quality nice, good bird. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, cl. bonny unflig., lovely salmon tinged colour, wonderful length and position, a beauty; 2, Mason, cl. 1908 bred, good colour and stand, nice length; 3, Dr. O'Neal, lengthy, good position, A1 back and flights. YELL. TKD. (5): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, mkd. left wing, a blaze in colour, rare feather and length, straight as a gun barrel; 2, Crawhall, mkd. right wing, fine length and quality, good back and flights; 3, Mason, mkd. head, A1 position and quality, nice back and wing carriage; No. 3, Allison, W.C.; No. 5, Dr. O'Neal, absent. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Rhodes, mkd. left eye, feathered like glass, fine length and position, grand long sided, well up on leg; 2, Mason, mkd. wings and head, hot in colour, rich feather and frosting, well up; 3, Crawhall, mkd. right wing, close up, well staged; 4, Cuthbertson, mkd. right wing, tight as a Java, good colour and frosting; vhc, Alderson; 5, W.C. Allison, a cl. HEN (11): 1, hc, spl, Rhodes, slashing cl. buff, as though chisled out of marble, straight as a rush, good length, rare back and wing carriage; 2, Alderson, cl. yell. beautifully feathered, rich colour, A1 stand, good length; 3, Cuthbertson, yell. mkd. right wing, well up in position, capital colour and feather; 4, Allison, cl. buff, good feather and position, neat back and flights; vhc, Hutler; c, Heddon. BRED 1908 (11): 1, spl, Mason, cl. yell. neat and narrow, superb colour and quality, stands delightfully, fine length, a topper; 2, Alderson, cl. yell. smooth as wax, straight as a pencil, fine lengthy and upstanding, close on heels of winner; 3, c, Crawhall, buff, mkd. wings, superb colour and feather, nice length and stand; 4, Hutler, cl. yell. fine length, capital feather, good back and wings; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Heddon. NOVICE (15), a nice lot: 1, Wigglesworth, cl. buff, superior feather and colour, very lengthy, A1 position, well up on leg, best of wing carriage; 2, 4, hc, Davidson, neat team; 2, cl. yell. capital stand, rattling feather, grand back and flights; 4, well up in position, superior quality; 3, c, Hutler, cl. yell. wonderful length, rare quality, grand back and flights; vhc, Mather. LIZ. GOLD. (2): 1, 2, spl, Hyslop, C.C. and B.C., respectively, both of sound ground colour, neat rowing, good shape, size and carriage. SILVER (2): 1, 2, spl, Hyslop, both B.C.'s, winner a shade the largest, capital colour, full of work, very shapely. PAIRS (6): 1, vhc, spl, Grey, Nor. cl. yell. ck, full of colour, grand shape and substance, with a buff mkd. hen, typical, feathered delightfully; 2, Woollett, Nor. buff, mkd. ck., a monster, grand shape and feather, with capital cl. yell hen of lovely shape, colour and carriage; 3, Seely Bros., Nor. cl. yell. ck, fine substance, colour and shape, with a buff mkd. hen of grand quality and shape; 4, Dr. O'Neal, Yorks. tkd. yell. ck. of good length, position and feather, with a very neat cl. buff hen of nice length and stand; hc, Hayes. A.O.V. (1): 1, spl, Little, cl. buff Belg., nice quality, good shoulders, works up quickly, good legs. CL. ETC. MULE (8): 1, Bruce, Linnet-Can., mkd. wings and neck, fine size, tight as a Java, good shape, in rare trim; 2, 3, spl, Moore, brace of beauties, former Goldie-Can, capital shape and size, lovely colour, nice face; 3, lightly mkd, Linnet-Can., neat feather, good shape, well put down; 4, Currah, Goldie-Can., mkd. wings, eyes and root of tail, good shape and size; vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Hutchinson. DARK (8): 1, spl, Moore, Siskin-Can., lovely colour, good shape and size, in grand condition; 2, Johnson, Greenie-Can., rare quality, rich colour, well up in substance, very shapely; 3, Furlong, buff, Linnet-Can., good size and shape, nice tone of colour, well shown; 4, Robson, buff Goldie-Can., very shapely, nice feather, pleasing exhibit; vhc, Graham; hc, Ronald; c, Bruce. HYB. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Taylor, capital trio, winner, superior quality Greenie-Bullie, well up in size, grand shape and colour; 2, nice moulded Goldie-Bullie, very shapely, good in colour and markings; 3, another Greenie-Bullie, similar to winner as regards size and colour; 4, vhc, Graham, Goldie-Bullie, nice colour and shape. GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, Bertram and Storey, well up in size, fine shape, grandly cut blaze of superb colour, shown in the pink; 2, Robson, very shapely, nice size, good tan, buttons and bars, very bonny; 3, Gillespie, good shape, colour, neat blaze and buttons, good third; 4, Heddon, similar to third, well staged; vhc, Lackey; hc, c, Thompson. BULLIE (8): 1, spl, Allison, rare shape and substance, capital breast colour, dense neatly cut cap, a gem; 2, Bertram and Storey, another fine Finch, superior quality and shape, well up in size, good breast and cap, close up; 3, Appleby, nice shape, neat feather, good third; 4, Mills, fine quality, good shape, nice breast; vhc, Sack; hc, Bell and Son; c, Clark. GREENIE (6): 1, spl, Bertram and Storey, grand shape and substance, rich colour, good carriage, a beauty; 2, McVay, well up in size, fine colour and quality, very close up; 3, Bruce, superb tone of colour, lovely shape, a gem; 4, Appleby, very shapely, nice quality, good substance; vhc, Watson; hc, Locker. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Waters, Siskin, of a very meritorious description, fine shape and size, magnificent colour and pencilling, a topper; 2, Bertram and Storey, capital coloured Twite, good shape and substance, neatly mkd.; 3, Cox, Siskin, very shapely good pencilling; 4, Longstaff, neatly shaped Siskin, good markings and quality. A.O.S. (10): 1, spl, Bruce, Corn Bunting, marvellous specimen, fine shape, colour and markings, shown in delightful fashion; 2, Waters, Hawfinch, good size and shape, nice colour, neatly cut bib, pretty exhibit; 3, McVay, Chaffinch, superior colour, good size and shape, beautifully marked; 4, Wilson, Yellowhammer, capital shape and colour, good size; vhc, Locker; hc, Bertram and Storey; c, Shepherd and Son. LINNET (10): 1, Waters, rattling colour, fine shape and substance, clear and distinct in pencilling, in capital condition; 2, 3, Dunn, brace of rare specimens, former, good size and shape, neatly mkd.; 3, nice colour, shape, and size, in the pink, worth its place; 4, Morrell, good size, nice shape, neat markings; vhc, Swan; hc, Heddon; c, Brown. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Bruce, Thrush, rare size, beautiful mooning, A1 colour, gem of gems; 2, Thompson, Starling, well up in substance, dense, and of grand polish, profusely ticked; 3, Smith, Thrush, good size and shape, nice moons, shown in neat style; 4, Blore, Starling, nice shape, good markings; vhc, Watson; hc, Carrick. INSECTIV. (3): 1, Hackworth, lovely Blue-throated Warbler, in full bloom, stood first Wallsend, a gem; 2, 3, spl, Wilson, brace of bonny exhibits, well shown. LARK (11): 1, 2, Watson, both fine size, A1 quality, well mkd., little between them; 3, McVay, good colour and shape, put down in fine style; 4, Potts, very shapely, nice markings, shows well; vhc, hc, Allaway; c, Page. A.O.S. (3): 1, spl, Mrs. Woodhouse, Great Grey Shrike, in capital order, well benched; 2, Wakefield, fine shaped Missel Thrush, good colour and moonings; 3, Shepherd and Son, capital Missel Thrush, A1 colour. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, Porteous, King Parrot, in delightful bloom, shown in rare style; 2, 3, spl, McKenzie, brace of beauties, Pennant leading. SMALL (4): 1, Porteous, lovely Pin-tailed Nonpariel, in perfect trim; 2, 3, spl, McKenzie, both in rare bloom, shown for all they were worth; 4, Clark, in full feather, well put down. SELL (20/-) (8): 1, Almond; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Woodhouse; vhc, French; hc, McCombes; c, Grey. (15/-) (13): 1, 2, spl, Taylor; 3, Woodhouse; 4, Wigglesworth; vhc, Grey; hc, Almond; c, Tyson. (10/-) (10): 1, spl, Watson; 2, Turner; 3, Bruce; 4, McKay; vhc, Seely Bros.; hc, McGinn; c, Grey. (7/6) (4): 1, Rowell; 2, Sowerby; 3, Tyson; 4, Sokell and Banks.

Mr. A. Brown's Classes.

MEMBERS: YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 3, hc, Richardson; 2, vhc, Bowen; c, Thompson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Richardson; hc, O'Hagan; c, Furlong. TKD. YELL. (1): 1, Morrell. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Morrell; 3, vhc, Richardson; hc, Thompson; c, Bowen. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Richardson; 2, hc, Thompson; 3, Morrell. NOVICE (5): 1, 2, 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Donnelly; hc, Furlong. CREST (1): 1, Donnelly. HEN (1): 1, Donnelly. C.B. (2): 1, Donnelly. HEN (1): 1, Donnelly. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, Blore; 2, 3, Bowen. BUFF (4): 1, Bowen; 2, 3, Blore. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Hutler; 2, Thompson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hutler. TKD. (4): 1, 2, Hutler; 3, Picken; vhc, Whittle. HEN (5): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Whittle; vhc, Hutler. NOVICE (5): 1, Furlong; 2, 3, vhc, O'Hagan; hc, Whittle. BRIT. (1): 1, Blore. GOLDIE (4): 1, 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Swales. BULLIE (1): 1, Metcalf. LINNET (3): 1, Morrell; 2, Furlong; 3, Picken. GREENIE (2): 1, Telford. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Furlong; 2, Metcalf; vhc, Picken. A.O.S. (1): 1, Picken. MULE (3): 1, 2, Furlong; 3, Donnelly.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

Far and away the best show of the three which the Southend Fanciers' Association has held was that which took place in the Kursaal on December 2nd and 3rd. The entries were far in excess of previous years, as was the quality, which was of a very high order throughout. All the arrangements were most ably carried out by the committee under the direction of Mr. Larman, the popular chairman, and Mr. Jones, who again officiated as secretary, proved himself to be indeed the right man in the right place, and thus everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, 2, 3, c, spl, Webb, magnificent team of rare shapely birds, of grand quality and style, leader a gem indeed; vhc, Dobson; hc, Parish. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Webb, another rare feathered and stylish team, the leading excelling in showiness and carriage; 3, c, Parish, splendid bird of rare nerve, but had its chance spoilt by the soap being left in. MARKED (9): 1, hc, Dobson, rare shaped cinnamon-marked yellow, very slim and racy, and full of nerve; 2, c, Webb, good showy, fine-feathered buff; 3, Hudson, capital shape and style; vhc, Parish. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Whent, two shapely stylish variegated yellows leading; 3, Hudson, very smart ticked buff, grand feather and position. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, 2, 3, hc, Webb, lovely team, very slim, and well shaped, with plenty of style and grand quality of feather; vhc, c, Dobson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Webb, another toppling team, full of quality and style; 3, Dobson, grand bird of rare quality, looked as though the soap was in the feather. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Kilby, magnificent clear, rare shape, very sound and level in colour, superb feather; 2, Farrow, grand rich colour, very silky and tight in feather, good head; 3, vhc, Rippon, very handsome in type, colour, and feather, not so clever with his wings; hc, Whent; c, Ainsworth. BUFF (8): 1, 3, spl, Rippon, beautiful wing ticked, lovely shape and quality of feather, nice level colour; 3rd, neck ticked, capital body, rare feather; 2, Kilby, very chubby, nice level colour, good feather; vhc, Farrow; hc, c, Scudder. MARKED (5): 1, Rippon, eye and wing marked yellow, wonderful quality, very warm in colour, nice shape; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Whent, very nice team, the leaders a variegated buff and variegated yellow. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Kilby, topping yellow, very typical, full of colour and quality, staged in rare form; 2, vhc, Rippon, neat shapely buff, short and compact, very close and silky in feather; 3, hc, Whent, rare quality, ticked yellow of nice colour. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, 3, vhc, c, Whent, leader one of the finest clear yellow hens we have seen this season, rare type and quality; 3rd, very nice; 2, Ainsworth, hardly so large, but rare shape, colour, and feather; hc, Scudder. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Ainsworth, very short and compact in body, neat head, level in colour, and frosted evenly all over; 2, Farrow, good deep chest, rare feather and style; 3, Rippon, the best hen in the class, but looking a bit out of sorts; hc, Hull; c, Scudder; a splendid class. A.O.V. (6): 3, Miss Bowman, neat little Border; hc, Huggett; Mr. Busby exhibited two variegs. Nor., and two variegs. Yorks. In this class by mistake. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, spl, Whent, large, shapely, fine feathered variog. buff; 2, 3, Rix, variog. yell. and buff, useful birds, but need feeding; vhc, hc, c, Harrington. DARK (6): 1, Parsons, very handsome cinn. Greenie-Canary, beautiful soft colour, rare shape; 2, spl, vhc, Whent, very handsome, rich coloured, high quality Jonque Linnet-Canary; 3, c, Barnard, very neat, well feathered Redpoll-Can.; hc, Webb. BRIT BULLIE. (5): 1, 2, Jupe, two beauties, wonderful colour and feather, winner best shape and carries a very large, clear cut cap; 3, Kell, rich bright colour, good shape and feather; vhc, hc, Potton. GOLDIE. (11): 1, Harris, a gem and won right away; 2, Jupe, splendid blaze, good bars and buttons, nice feather and style; 3, hc, Quilter, grand colour throughout, beautifully feathered; vhc, Harrington; c, Parsons. LINNET (7): 1, Harris, fitting companion to the winning Goldie, wonderful colour, rare shape, grandly marked; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Quilter, very nice team, leaders excelling in colour and markings; c, Gold. FOR. (6): 1, hc, c, Blackman, very handsome Green Parrakeet, in beautiful feather; 2, Bennett, lovely coloured Grey, grand head and eye, bit rough in tail, or doubtless would have won; 3, Miles, splendid Lemon-crested Cockatoo, capital plumage; vhc, Heathcote. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, 3, Rippon; 2, vhc, Reynolds; hc, c, Moss. MEMBERS' YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Pattrick; vhc, Moss. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Pattrick; 3, Moss. BUFF HEN (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Pattrick, 3, Moss.

WOKING.

First annual show, held in the Assembly Hall, December 2nd. It was a marked success. The President is J. H. Driver, Esq., who takes a real interest in the society, and by his influence attracts the support of the elite of the district. The hon. secretary, Mr. L. C. B. Hockin (who assured us this was his first experience of show management) is the embodiment of courtesy and business tact. The committee were as follows:—Chairman, Mr. W. Brooks Harrison; Messrs. Bailey, Balchin, Carter, Costa, James, Langley, Lascelles, Lawrence, Lewry, May, Medhurst, Moore, Osborne, Spooner, Steer, Storr, Wellbelove, and Wright. The room set apart for the birds was very cosy and free from draughts, and the stewarding was excellent. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (10): 1, 3, King and Rogers, leader very shapely yell., silky feather, nice level colour, 3rd buff, good type; 2, Parrott, buff, grand feather and under-colour; 4, spl, vhc, Osborne, former variog. buff, rich under-colour; hc, c, Carter. YORKS. CL. (6): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Parrott, leader hot-red yell. stands well, unfli., grand quality, 2nd buff, neat, nice pose; 3, King and Rogers, yell., rare feather; 4, Underwood, buff, neat, nice feather; hc, Mathews. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Parrott, fine team, very stylish Cinn., variog. leading, full of go, well up on leg, good tail; vhc, King and Rogers. BORD. (7): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Eyes, natty variog. leading; 2, May, buff, neat. BULLIE, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, Woods, leader pretty Goldie, nice blaze, good bars and buttons, well tanned and lustrous, 2nd grand-coloured Bullfinch; 3, 4, Osborne, hen Bullie, good one, and a Linnet respectively. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Osborne, lustrous, fine sheened Chaffinch, nice in marking; 2, Parrott, well marked Yell. Bunting; 3, vhc, Woods, the former a Greenfinch, in nice feather; 4, Ellis, dark Goldfinch Can. Mule. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, Lee, Budgerigar, in beautiful feather; 2, Mrs. Ellis, Spicebird, also in nice trim.

WANDSWORTH.

Owing to the tremendous clashing of shows, and the fact that the show was not under C.B.U. rules, the cage bird section at Wandsworth Show on Dec. 1st and 2nd was poorly supported. Still, a few very nice quality exhibits put in an appearance. The arrangements were well carried out by the committee, and in Messrs. Summers and Lightfoot the society has a brace of most excellent secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CL. (5): 1, with-held; 2, spl, Inch, very smart yellow, grand colour, rare shape; 3, hc, Barton, very close feathered, sound coloured buff; 4, Miller, good bodied yellow, capital colour; vhc, Kelby. TICKED cancelled. HEN (4): 1, with-held; 2, 4, Lupton and Jordan, two beautiful quality buffs, both good shape, former richest in colour; 3, Inch, rich coloured yellow; vhc, Mrs. Thynne. YORKS. CL. (5): 1, with-held; 2, spl, Brookes, long slim, stylish yell., capital shape and feather; 3, Walsh, very smart, shapely, stylish buff; 4, Hawes, grand bodied yellow, stands well; hc, Scott; absent, Drye. TICKED (7): 1, Walsh, long slim stylish bird, capital wings; 3, McLaughlin, lovely feather, capital carriage, and shape; 4, Horsey, grand shape, needed rubbing; vhc, Brooks; hc, Sexton; absent, Drye. 383, Brooks, good bird, soft. HEN (7): 1, Walsh, sweet buff, very smart in carriage, grand feather and style; 3, Hawes, lovely feathered buff, neat head, grand style; 4, McLaughlin, very stylish buff; vhc, Smith; hc, Brooks, Mrs. Jay. CREST OR C.B. (4): 2, spl, Miss Farmer, grand shaped, densely feathered green crest-bred; 3, Miller, well centred, nicely drooped green Crest; vhc, hc, Mrs. Haycon. BRIT. GOLD. ETC. (6): 1, spl, Harris, grand shaped, grandly marked, rich coloured Goldie; 3, spl, 4, Gunnell, another rare feathered Goldie, and a very nice Bullie, good colour and shape; vhc, Palmer; hc, Scott. MULE (7): 1, 3, Gunnell, very handsome four-pointed yellow, and a lovely feathered rich coloured Goldie-Bullie; 4, White, grand shaped, well marked, rich coloured, dark Linnet; vhc, Honan; hc, Warwick; absent, Scobell, Warwick. MEMBERS, NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Lupton and Jordan. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lupton and Jordan. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Horsey. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor. BRIT. (4): 2, 4, vhc, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Honan.

DURHAM.

A Linnet show was held on November 28th, at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, Durham. Mr. Wm. Rutherford judged. The secretary is Mr. Geo. Read, who managed the show excellently.

LINNET (15): 1, 2, vhc, Davidson and Boyd, nice team, excellent colour and quality, rare size and shape, well staged; 3, Stout, nice bird; 4, hc, Adams; c, Pullar.

FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE CENTRE.

In connection with the Ashton show held November 28th, in the Albion P.S.A. Schoolroom, the federation teams competed for the £5 5s. cup. The following are the points to date:—Hazelgrove: 37 Oldham; 34, Hazelgrove; 36, Ashton; total 107; Stockport: 30, 35, 38, total 103; Oldham: 32, 34, 33, total 99; Ashton: 35, 34, 29, total 98.—A. ACKROYD, Sec.

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PORTH.

Show held December 2nd and 3rd in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, a very suitable place for the purpose. The attendance was very fine, which is a very good augury of a financial success. Mr. R. G. Challenger makes a very capable and courteous hon. secretary, and is ably assisted by a body of splendid workers. Mr. H. W. Sheldon was very unfortunate in the late arrival of his exhibits—too late for judging. Some of the Norwich, Border, and Yorkshire classes were very hot, no less than 21 being in the Yorks, unflighted class, and some of the cream of the fancy were on exhibition. The entry totalled over 300. Messrs. J. Robson and T. L. Castree judged, the former doing the Canaries and mules and the latter the remainder. Winners of specials: Cup, Mrs. Jenkins; best Yorks., Mr. H. C. Smith; Border, Mrs. Jenkins; Mule, Mr. D. J. Leigh; fed Yorks., Mr. R. G. Challenger; and members', Mr. R. G. Challenger; member's cup, Mr. J. Norton.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Harber, rare stamp, fine size, deep colour, good wing and tail; 2, Jones, very smart, typical, beautifully feathered, grand headed; 3, White, very close up, rare size and type; 4, Kirby; vhc, Brown; hc, Sherrington; c, Prichard. BUFF (9): 1, Prichard, topper for size and type, nicely frosted, great wings and tail; 2, Wooton, sweetly pretty, correct type, rare style and finish; 3, 4, Sherrington, nicely furnished one, good head and neck properties; 4, very typical; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Harber; c, Hitchings. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Tedstone, variegated, gem for type and quality, fine silky plumage, nicely staged; 2, Brown, very warm exhibit, good all through, fine size, type, and beautifully clothed; 3, c, G. T. Jones, we liked, correct Bullfinch stamp, neatly shown; 4, Hitchings; vhc, Prichard; hc, Harber. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Kirby, rare good youngster, fine size, correct style, lovely plumage, neat wing; 2, G. T. Jones, very warm specimen, good quality feather, fine Nor properties; 3, Sherrington, much admired, topper for quality; 4, Brown, very fine; vhc, c, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Brown. HEN (12): 1, Prichard, topping size, grand tone of colour, shown in her best clothes; 2, Harber, rare size and quality, best possible type, neat head; 3, Lewis and Dymond, a very fine exhibit, clinking shape; 4, c, G. T. Jones; vhc, Harber; hc, no name. NOR. NON-FED (4): 2, Stephenson; really smart exhibit, possessing size, type, and quality, neat wings, general carriage; 3, Lewis and Dymond, clinker, fine quality feather, good cobby appearance; 4, White, very close, finely feathered; Sheldon (absent). CREST (1): Lewis and Dymond, good variegated crest, fine size and centre. C.B. (1): 1, Lewis and Dymond, large size, well clothed, well put down. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Negus, fine, lengthy, upstanding one, well polished appearance, best of wings and tail; 2, G. Jones, very smart and stylish, feather like wax; 3, Challenger, smart specimen, neat head, well filled in neck; 4, Sheppard; vhc, Taylor; hc, Card; c, Hughes. BUFF (3): 2, Taylor, reachy one, correct proportions, finished off with closely fitting jacket, neat wing and tail carriage; 3, Card, very stylish, well used to show cage, rare position; 4, G. Hughes, good straight run. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 2, Wilkinson, well drawn, fine colour, full of true Yorks. properties; 4, Griffiths Bros., tight as a bottle, fine length, good wing carriage. BUFF (7): 1, Negus, sweet exhibit, fine and lengthy, beautiful position and carriage; 2, G. Hughes, good wings and tail, filled in well at neck and shoulders; 3, 4, Smith, very smart for position and carriage, topping wings; vhc, Card; hc, Challenger; c, Davies. UNFLIG. (21): 1, hc, Smith, rare good bird, beautiful shape and style, best of wings and tail; 2, 4, Negus, another good quality youngster, shapely well clothed; 3, Dale, very sleek and stylish one, fine carriage; vhc, G. Hughes; hc, Pratt; c, Loney. HEN (10): 1, Card, clinker for quality and type, correct position, best of wings, well feathered; 2, Taylor, also very typical, feathered to perfection; 3, H. C. Smith, very shapely and lengthy; 4, vhc, Negus; hc, Griffiths; c, J. Davies. SCOT. CL. (4): 1, Davies, well known, fine top end, in grand form to-day, tail in right place; 2, J. H. Jones, very nice sweep, fine depression of head, rare substance; 3, Lewis, grand sided specimen, very heavy on top, gets to work in nice style; 4, Mrs. Brown. A.O.V. SCOT. (4): 1, J. H. Jones, very typical, nicely staged, fine depth, nice sided, gets tail well under; 2, J. H. Jones, very good, massive substance, fine position; 3, B. Davies, very large, fine properties; 4, L. Lewis. BORD., YELL. (4): 1, Mrs. Jenkins, neat, natty little Border, full of quality, neat type, moves prettily; 2, Mugford, real nice stamp, good head and neck properties, feathered like boxwood, 3, 4, Hammacott and Card, very close feathered, topper for wing and tail carriage. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Jenkins, 1st beauty for shape and quality, perfection for wings and tail; 2nd, neat and gay, moves nicely, closely fitting wings; 3, Mugford, smart Border, correct size, fine condition; 4, vhc, Hammacott and Card. BORD. GREEN (6): 1, Mrs. Jenkins, good grassy green, correct model, fine position on perch, moves nicely; 2, 3, vhc, c, Hocking, another very typical specimen, good sound colour, fine model, 3rd good balanced bird, correct proportions, extra good wings; 4, Hammacott and Card. BORD. A.O.V. (2): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Hocking, 2nd in best or order, full of correct properties, neat appearance, 3rd very taking exhibit in good order. SELL. (30s.) (7): 1, Thomas; 2, Brown; 3, W. Jones; 4, J. Jones; vhc, E. J. Davies; hc, J. Jones; c, Griffiths. (10s.) (11): 1, E. Davies; 2, J. H. Jones; 3, Wilkins; 4, Jenkins and Son; c, W. Jones. MULES, CL., ETC. (6): 1, J. D. Leigh, well known yell., eye and wing mkd, grand size and colour, wins well; 2, 3, Lees, yell. Goldie and buff Linnet, lightly marked, in rare fettle; vhc, Edwards; hc, Longden; c, Maggs. DARK (9): 1, 3, Leigh, 1st grand coloured, extra large dark yellow Greenie-Can., fine quality, 3rd smart yell Siskin-Can., finely marked, nice size and colour; 2, Lewis and Dymond, fine Goldie-Can., yell., well known; 4, c, G. Thomas, couple of Goldie Mules, yell. and buff; vhc, Jenkins and Son; hc, Moggs. HYB., A.O.V. (4): 1, Edward, good sized Goldie-Bullie, fine face and cap, in rare trim; 2, Richards, new name, with well known Chaffie-Bramble in splendid feather; 3, Tedstone, very good exhibit; 4, Thomas.

Mr. Castree's Classes.

GOLDFINCH (5): E. J. Davies, smart standing Finch, very bright face, good cut and proportions, nice fans; 2, vhc, Stephenson, very nice cut of face, rare expanse and colour, shows good fan and back colour; 3, Lewis and Dymond, perhaps best Finch in class, but not quite ready yet; 4, Howard. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Lewis and Dymond, very cobby, good coloured, nice cap, front and head, wins well; 2, 3, Norton, couple of beauties, good short ones, grand breast colour; 4, W. Thomas, very good specimen, well shown; vhc, Edwards. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, large buff, sweetly feathered, lovely level colour, good win; 2, hc, Bancroft, fine sized yell., good, sound, level colour, shown in splendid fettle; 3, Price, nicely polished, lovely colour and quality; 4, Mrs. Phillips; vhc, Prosser; c, W. Thomas. LINNET (6): 1, D. Prosser, fine nutty coloured Linnet, best marked in class, beauty for shape and general finish; 2, Longden, very neatly marked, in fine polish, very typical; 3, Bancroft, fine one, marked beautifully, well known; 4, Nicholas; vhc, Bowen; vhc, Parkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bancroft, fine sized Twite, good colour, well mkd. on chest and back; 2, Lewis and Dymond, beautiful Redpoll, fine size, well laced at thighs; 3, 4, Prosser, 3rd fine coloured Siskin, Swansea and Morriston winner; 4th, Redpoll, well mkd. and coloured; vhc, Longden; hc, J. Taylor. GREYPATE (7): 1, Morgan, Merthyr winner, topper for colour and general finish, grand blaze; 2, Ford, well known, neatly cut face, good body, rich tans and back colour; 3, Edwards, real nice one, fine expanse and cut of face; 4, E. Thorne, very good one; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Taylor; c, White. HARDBILL HEN (8): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known Bullie, fine cap and front, typical; 2, Bancroft, fine hen Yellowhammer, wonderful size and colour; 3, Rowles, very large Hawfinch, lovely quality and markings; 4, c, Prosser; vhc, Haward; hc, Price. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Nicholas, noted Yellowhammer, fine colour and size, well mkd.; 2, Prosser, nicely-spangled Bramble, grand size and colour; 3, vhc, Rowles, Hawfinch, good colour and quality; 4, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Phillips; c, Price. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, Ford, fine lustrous bird, good dense black, lovely bill and cere; 2, A. D Hughes, good Redwing, finely mkd., nice ground colour; 4, Clayton; vhc, Price, both Thrushes. A.O.S. SOFT, SMALL (3): 1, T. D. Jones, fine Whinchat, finely spangled, nice size and quality of feather; vhc, Cardiff winner; 2, A. D. Hughes, good Whitethroat, fine, pure colour, staged with nice taste; 4, Thorne, Swallow. FOR. (5): 1, 3, Thorne, nice couple of Tanagers, 1st Tricolour, 3rd Scarlet, both in fine feather and colour; 2, J. H. Jones, pair of Grassfinches, like wax, beautifully mkd.; 4, Richards; vhc, Llewellyn and Howells. LARGE (4): 1, Thorne, Tanager, fine size, cleanly cut marking, staged in good order; 2, Griffith, South African Grey, in good feather; 4, Williams. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR. (13): 1, c, Hobbs; 2, 4, Williams; 3, Watkins; vhc, hc, Llewellyn and Howell. NON-FED (4): 1, Evans; 3, (no name); 4, Challenger; vhc, McLucas. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, Parkinson; 4, W. Thomas; vhc, hc, Loney. NON-FED (14): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Thomas; vhc, Byard and Daniels; hc, Parkinson; c, Southwood. A.O.V. (2): 2, H. Jones; 4, (no name). GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Norton; 2, Caddy; 3, G. Davies; 3, Llewellyn and Howells; vhc, Gilbert; hc, W. Thomas. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, 3, Norton; 4, Gilbert; vhc, W. Thomas; 6, Pratt. MULE (7): 1, Gilbert; 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Llewellyn and Howells; vhc, Norton.

GRAVESEND.

Open show held December 2nd and 3rd, in the Market Hall, which is extremely well adapted for the purpose, having grand top light and being capable of staging thousands of exhibits, single tier. The exhibition was opened in the afternoon by Lady Parker, on behalf of the President, Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P. for the district. Mr. S. C. Stevenson, the hon. secretary, had an immense amount of work well in hand, supported by able colleagues in each department. Mr. H. Stewart made a very efficient cage-bird steward, assisted by his painstaking junior, Mr. Terry. Messrs. Penlerick and Hunwick, Vice-Presidents of the society, very generously arranged a capital luncheon for the officers and judges at their house of business, where it is nothing unusual for sixty diners to gather daily. Mr. North judged, and his awards were well received. It is hoped that another year something more may be done to increase the number of entries.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader grand typical yell., 3rd rich-coloured buff; 2, vhc, hc, Stewart, former buff, nicely frosted, rich under-colour; vhc, Mills, very smart yell.; hc, Taylor; c, Botell. VARIEG. (6): 1, 2, Gibbs, well-known ticked cap, and the other nicely variegated yell.; 3, Elliot, capped buff; vhc, Stewart, ticked yell., nice colour and feather; hc, Terry; c, Botell. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Taylor typical cl. yell.; 2, 3, Mills, former lightly variegated yell., latter smooth, good-coloured buff; vhc, hc, Elliott. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, vhc, Gibbs, leader nice, long, slim bird; no 2nd given. BUFF (3): 1, Hawes, nice feather, style and position; no 2nd prize; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Nunn. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, Taylor; 2, hc, (2), Stewart; 3, Tampkins; vhc Elliott; c, Nunn. MULES, LIGHT (4): 1, and spl for second best in show, Taylor, ticked yell. Goldfinch-Can, of nice quality, wants a rest; 2, Rudd Bros., perfectly clear Linnet-Can. Hyb., splendid size, shape and quality; 3, members' spl, vhc. Smith, former ticked buff Goldfinch-Can, in good condition. DARK (10): 1, spl for best bird in show, 2, and spl for third best in show, Mascall, two beautiful Mealy Can.-Bullfinch Hyb., in grand condition and feather; 3, 4, Taylor, rich Jenque Goldfinch-Can. and Siskin-Greenfinch; hc, Wickham, Redpoll-Grecnie; c, and members' spl. Stewart, rich Jonque Greenfinch-Can. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Wickham, undoubtedly Brit., chubby body, large, rich blaze, smoky cheeks, rich tone, nice buttons; 2, young, not far behind in fancy points; 3, Weaver, smooth in feather, nice condition, will improve, vhc, Tampkins; hc, Edmunds. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1 A. Wickham, Siskin, grand cap and bib, sound in plumage, followed by rich-coloured Greenfinch, good size; vhc, Pankhurst, choice Linnet; hc, no name; c, Smith, Warne. SELL. (20/-) BRIT. OR MULE (5): 1, Taylor; 2 Smith; 3, vhc, Terry; c, Bassett. LOCAL—A.V. CAN. (5): 1, Martin, buff grizzle cock Nor.; 2, 3, Nunn, yell. Yorks. and ticked buff; vhc, Fisby. BRIT. OR MULE (5): 1, Terry, good dark Goldfinch-Can., nice size, shape and colour; 2, Bordoe, beautiful Bullfinch, in almost perfect plumage; 3, Fox, Siskin, smart in feather; vhc, Smith, Chaffinch; hc, Inkpea, Chaffinch.

DEWSBURY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual members' show held at Royal Hotel, November 21st, about 70 birds being staged. There was a great improvement in the quality, showing that some of the members are bucking up. Mr. W. T. Hall won special for most points in champion section, Mr. W. Pickering being 1st, and N. Rayner 2nd in the novice section. Mr. H. W. Walsh placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Pickering; 2, Clennett; 3, Taylor; vhc, hc, Pollard; c, W. Cook. BUFF: 1, Rayner; 2, Ainley; 3, Senior; vhc, W. Cook; hc, Blakmires. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, W Cook; 2, Blackburn; 3, Senior; vhc, Hall; hc, Pollard. BUFF: 1, Pickering; 2, 3, hc, c, Taylor; vhc, Rayner. CL., ETC., YELL. HUN: 1, vhc, Pollard; 2, Hall; 3, Rayner; hc, Mitchell; c, Ainley. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Senior; 3, W. Cook; vhc, Pollard; hc, Ainley; c, Clennett. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Pickering; 2, Mitchell; 3, Taylor; vhc, W. Cook; hc, c, Rayner. BUFF: 1, 2, Pickering; 3, Pollard; vhc, c, Blackburn; hc, W. Cook. SELL. CK.: 1, Rayner; 2, Blakmires, 3, Hall. HEN: 1, Rayner; 2, Hall; 3, B. Cook; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Blakmires; c, Clennett.—N. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. put up another extremely fine show on November 20th and 21st, at their headquarters, the Church Institute, Marylebone, W. This popular Metropolitan society has acquired a great reputation for the number of birds staged at its members' shows, and their unquestionably first-class quality. The venture under notice was equal to anything they have done in the past, and in the British and Foreign sections an undoubted record. This "association of Canary breeders" will really have to tack another letter or two on to its name. The exhibits (428 in all) were very tastefully and well displayed, and the wonderful array of cups, medals, etc., in the society's large show case was also a notable feature of the hall, which, by the way, is an exceedingly comfortable and good room. The society is fortunate in having a splendid lot of officials, and the arrangements all round were as near perfection as mortal man can hope to obtain. Mr. V. Wynn, the secretary, is too well-known to need any commendation (the headway the society makes is his best testimonial). Suffice it to say that he achieved another thorough success in his own genial persevering way. Mrs. Wyse and Miss Shephard lent very acceptable assistance also. The esteemed chairman, Mr. A. C. Burn, unfortunately was in sore trouble, owing to the very serious illness of his only son, and the sympathy of all went out to him. The council and officers comprise Messrs. J. Burton, A. W. Curtis, F. Curry, H. Davis, F. Easterling, A. Lazarus, H. Offord, J. Pooley, W. Prance, W. Shepherd, A. E. Rouse, F. Wyse, R. L. Crisp, C. Prior, F. W. Thorpe, while Messrs. W. G. Sanders, F. Turnher, A. W. Hart, A. S. Wheller, and J. Dewhurst lent a hand. There was a very fine attendance, and the society looks like soon wanting a larger show-room. The "McGrather" shield and foreign bird cup were won by Mr. R. J. Watts (Watford); "Mayfair" cup by Mr. A. J. Marley; "Coronation" cup, H. Churchyard; Lazarus cup, H. Dickinson; Anonymous cup and Insectivorous cup, W. Frances; Wynn points cup, Mrs. Page; cup best unflig. Nor., Curtis; cup ditto Yorks., Crisp; "Thorns" and "Lassles" cups, diploma best bird in show, A. Lazarus. The judges were Messrs. J. H. Payne (Canarics), and G. E. Weston (Hyb., Brit. and For.).

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CHAMPION (5): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Curtis, two grand shaped variegs. well up in colour, full of quality, put down in lovely order; 3, Eaton, good shape and substance; hc, Martin. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, Curtis, winner, beautiful feather, full of quality, nice shape, neat wings and tail, well shown; 2, grand unflig., nice shape, beautiful colour and quality, wins challenge cup for best unflig.; 3, Eaton, good shape and feather; vhc, c, Martin; hc, Wynn. HEN (10): 1, 3, Curtis, yell. and buff, winner beautiful colour, full of quality, nice shape, good head and neck; 3, smart buff, all over; 2, Martin, yell. good shape, nice colour and quality; vhc, c, Wynn; hc, Eaton. AMATEUR NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Burn, nice trio, leader grand quality good shaped one, rich level colour; 2, Marley another capital bird, well staged; 3, Buckman, fine quality exhibit; c, Hart. BUFF (12): 1, c, Buckman, good shape, feather and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Hart, close up, good one; 3, vhc, spl, hc, Burn, nice team, close on the leaders. HEN (13): 1, vhc, hc, Burn, beautiful quality feather, nice shape, well packed flights and tail, level; 2, Marley, good colour and shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Hart, grand shaped one, slack at left side when judged, or no doubt would have gone up; c, Buckman. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Knight, smart cl. nice shape, well feathered; 2, Churchard, another nice one, close up; 3, hc, c, Wheller, grand coloured, broken jonque green, rare stock bird; vhc, spl, Head. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Churchard, grand shaped unflig. lovely colour and quality, nice wings and tail, good deep chest; 2, vhc, Lathlieff; 3, Knight, both good ones, well staged; hc, Wheller; c, Head. HEN (9): 1, hc, Pile, cl. yell, nice shape, capital colour; 2, c, Churchard, smart buff all over; 3, vhc, Head, both nice exhibits. A.V. PURCHASED (1): 1, Hodges. CREST CL. CHAMPION (3): 1, 2, Pooley, two nice ones, good frontal crests and droop; No. 84, wrong class, mkd. both wings. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Lazarus, winner, a beautiful hen, great expanse of crest, beautiful droop and radiation, lovely veiny feather, neat centre, wins diploma for best bird in show; 3, hc, Prance, another nice bird. AMATEUR, CREST A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Shepherd, nice team, well placed and well staged. NOVICE CREST. CL. (7): 1, Offord, good fronted grizzle, well staged; 2, c, Dickinson, good in droop and radiation; 3, vhc, Sanders, close up, good one; hc, Ashby. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, 2, Ashby, nice droop, well radiated, neat centre; 3, vhc, spl, Dickinson, couple of grand birds; hc, Sanders; c, Offord. C.B. CHAMPION (6): 1, 3, Prance, winner fine shaped skull, grand rise over beak, very dense in head feather, good length over beak; 2, Pooley, rare length of feather on skull, nice entrance, another good one, close up; vhc, spl, c, Lazarus; hc, Radford. AMATEUR (2): 1, spl, 2, Shepherd, good heads, well lashed, capital exhibits. NOVICE (8): 1, 2, 3, Dickinson, nice team, close together, well staged; vhc, Offord; hc, c, Sanders. YORKS. YELL. CHAMP. (4): 1, spl, Burton, Cinn. eye and wing mkd, lovely quality of feather, rich colour, good position and style; 2, Davis, full of style, nice colour and quality; 3, spl, vhc, Crisp, rare length nice colour, takes spl, for best unflig. Yorks. BUFF (7): 1, Burton, nice colour, gets well up, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Crisp, two smart ones, close on heels of winner, well staged; vhc, hc, c, Davis. HEN (7): 1, c, Davis, check and head mkd. buff, grandly feathered, stands well, lovely wing carriage, nice pipe tail; 2, vhc, Crisp, capital exhibits, well up; 3 hc, Eaton. AMATEUR YELL. (6): 1, spl, Simpson, smart and stylish, wing tick nice feather; 2, 3, Lewis, both grand ones; vhc, hc, c, Page. BUFF (6): 1 c, Lewis, nice stand and style, splendid exhibit; 2, Simpson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Page, both good ones, well placed. HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Page; 2, hc, Lewis, grand team of nice ones. NOVICE YELL. (9): 1, spl, 2, hc, Menhenett, fine team, nice clear feeding; 3, King, another good one; vhc, spl, Knight. BUFF (6): 1, Menhenett; 2, King; 3, Knight, all three good ones, well staged; vhc, Vale; hc, Walker; c, Morrison. HEN (9): 1, King; 2, Knight; 3, Vale, capital birds well up in style and quality; vhc, Warwick NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl 2 3, Vale, grand team, nicely put down. A.V. PURCHASED (1): 1, Pile. BORD. ECY YELL CHAMP. (4): 1, 2 Brownlie, two nice exhibits, good shape, nice quality, neat wings and tail, jaunty action; 3, vhc, Pooley, two good ones well staged. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, nice trio, winner lovely feather, grand shape and carriage, neat well packed flights and tail; vhc, Pooley. HEN (4): 1, spl 2, Brownlie, good feather, shape and style, winner beautiful jaunty carriage, very fit; 3, vhc, Pooley, close up, also nice one. NOV. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Saxtch, nice trio, great shape and feather. BUFF (3): 1, Saxtch, capital exhibit leading, nice meal; 2, Mrs. Pile, another good one. HEN (1): 1, Mrs. Pile, well clinged, good all over. A.O.V. CHAMPION (5): 1, spl, vhc, Curtis, grand shaped yell. green, grand head, lovely quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Martin, smart silver Liz., nice ground colour, and well rowed; 3, Goodall, massive yell, Lancs. P.H. good; hc, Wyse. NOV. A.O.V. (1): 1, Warwick. A.V.PURCHASED (1): 1, Warwick. SELL. (30/-) (4): 1, 3, Robbins; 2, Radford. (15/-) (4): 1, Elger; 2, vhc, Robbins; 3, Walker. PAIRS (30/-) (5): 1, 2, Hodges; 3, Radford; vhc, Robbins. (40/-) (2): 1, 2, Rauford.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

HYB. LIGHT (5): 1, spl., vhc, hc, Goodall, very promising exhibit, nice size and quality; 2, Dickinson; 3, Elgar. DARK (12): 1, Prior, very nice jonque Linnet; 2, Thorpe, beautiful Redpoll-Can., fine bloom; 3, Mrs. Page, good Greenfinch; vhc, hc, Elgar; c, Mrs. Morrison. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17), grand class: 1, spl, 2, hc, Prior, two very high-class Finches, leader wonderful blaze; 3, spl, c, Francis, very bold bird, very wide face; vhc, spl, Pile; hs, Marley. BULLIE (7): 1, Vincent, grand colour and condition, nice type; 2, vhc, Francis, very bold, fine bloom; 3, Wyse, right stamp, trifle pale as yet; hc, Morrison; c, Goodall. GREENIE (12): 1, Thorpe, beauty for size and shape, rich, sound colour; 2, 3, c, Marley, leader hot-fed, level colour, very tight feather, 3rd good buff; vhc, spl, Francis; hc, Adamthwaite. LINNET (18): Wonderful lot; 1, spl, 2, Marley, clear win, leader grand shape, style, and colour, full of work, 2nd big one, grand bloom, trifle plainer; 3, Mrs. Page, beauty for condition and colour, shade shimmer; vhc, spl, Mrs. Morrison; vhc, Simpson; hc, Wyse; c, Adamthwaite. SISKIN (7): 1, Curry, very nice fed bird; 2, 3, Francis, two good nat. colours; vhc, Mrs. Page; hc, Wyse; c, Goodall. REDPOLL (15): 1, spl, c, Prior, little beauty for shape, colour, and markings, full bloom; 2, Morrison, fine size and shape, rich colour; 3, Francis, big stylish Mealy; vhc, spl, Mrs. Page, very close up; vhc, Goodall; hc, Wyse. TWITE (10): 1, c, Mrs. Page, lovely condition, well mkd, big and stylish; 2, Prior, whopper, well mkd. in field plumage; 3, Mrs. Maher, grand pencilling and condition, big, close up; vhc, Goodall; hc, Francis. A.O.S. FINCH (13): 1, spl best bird, hc, Francis, splendid big Hawfinch, rich, sound colour, well marked; 2, vhc, spl, Prior, topping Bramble leading, grand size colour and markings, vhc, another very fine Hawfinch; 3, Goodall, excellent Chaffinch, big, fine colour; c, Mrs. Page. BUNTINGS (13), wonderful class: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, two spls, Wynn, splendid team, Lapland Bunting leading, one of the best we ever saw, followed by grand Cirl and Corn Buntings; 3, Marley, big stylish well marked Yellowhammer. HEN BULLIE (7): 1, Mrs. Pile, nice shape, excels in colour and bloom; 2, Francis; 3, Prior, two very fine condition; vhc, c, Mrs. Page; hc, Wyse. No. 341, Thorpe, well known champion, looking out of sorts. A.O.S. HEN (12), warm lot: 1, spl, 2, 3, Wynn, Reed, Yellow, and Snow Buntings, very fine condition; hc, c, Mrs. Page; hc, Wyse. INSECTIV. SMALL (13): 1, cup, 3, Francis, excellent black Redstart and Nightingale; 2, Robbins, very nice Swallow, unfortunately had flights missing; vhc, spl, hc, Miss Shephard, lovely Jenny Wren leading, takes ladies' spl.; c, Parrington. LARGE (5): 1, Parrington, grand shapely Song Thrush; 2, 3, Francis, very nice Starling and Blackbird; vhc, Mrs. Maher; hc, Wyse. ALBINO, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Prior, pretty lightly marked Linnet; 2, Wyse, another good one, same kind; 3, c, Mrs. Page, Robin, light feathers in wing; vhc, Vincent; hc, Mrs. Morrison. FOREIGN WAXBILLS, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Pile, pair beautiful Ribbon Finches; 2, vhc, c, Robbins, pretty Fire Finch leading; 3, Mrs. Morrison, very nice pair Zebras; hc, Watts. WEAVERS, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Morrison, very good pair Paradise Whydahs, well shown; 2, c, Watts, nice pair Red-faced Lovebirds; 3, vhc, hc, Robbins, yell. Budgerigars leading, excellent team. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Robbins, rare Elegant Grass Parrakeet, in fine condition, and pair Aurora Finches; 3, Watts, nice Lineolated Parrakeet; vhc, Mrs. Page, good hen Japanese Hawfinch. INSECTIV.: (9): 1, cup, and shield, vhc, Watts, beautiful Blue Tanager, lovely bloom; vhc, one of the best Superbs we have seen; 2, 3, c, Robbins, grand team, charming Gold-fronted Fruitsucker and very fine Shamah; hc, Miss Shephard.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Contest held November 21st, when 16 birds sang. Result: 1, Sissons; 2, Fellers; 3, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and W. Dean. November 22nd, when 15 birds sang. Result: 1, Sissons; 2, Soloman; 3, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, and E. Jackson. November 28th, when 12 birds sang. Result: 1, Wood; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and D. Midden. November 29th, when 11 birds sang. Result: 1, Wood; 2, Sissons; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Jennings and Jackson.—W. DEAN, Sec.

PENTONVILLE, N.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, the usual handicaps took place. The singing was far above the average, and from the scores made several races have been promoted. "Country Dick," "Pony Moore," Mabbit and Nelson, proved winners. Entries for marble clock close this week. —W. MORRISON, Timekeeper.

YORK.

Usual contest took place at the Crown Inn, North Street, on November 28th, when 13 birds competed. The judge's awards were as follows: 1, Grainger; 2, Horwell; 3, Gurden, and 4, Watson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

The Wigan Linnet Club will hold their first match on New Year's Day, January 1st, at the Millstone Hotel, Wigan Lane, when the members will sing for a silver cup and medal and other prizes, the best pair to be hung up 12 o'clock.—A. PARKIN, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Our grand contest, the first of those which are to take place fortnightly at the King's Head, Shannon-street, was held on November 23rd. Seventeen birds sang. 1st, Horner; 2nd, Pratt; 3rd, Hollinsworth. The judges were Messrs. Stead, Hardcastle, and Cooper. On November 28th our usual Linnet contest took place. Nineteen birds sang before a crowded house. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Hepton. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Stead. Also on November 29th, when 23 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Cooper. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

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J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Stoodman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, , Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

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December 10th and 11th, 1908.

Entries extended to Monday's Post.

Send on, we will classify. 8 Norwich, 2 Crest, 7 Open Yorks, 6 Novice Yorks, 8 Greens' 1 Cinnamon, 2 Lano, 2 Lizard, 7 Border, 2 Scotch, 1 A.O.V., 1 Matched Pair, 3 Selling' 10 Hybrid, 21 British, 3 Foreign. Prize money **12/-, 8/-, 4/- 2/-.** Entry Fee **1/6.**—
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Owing to shortage of Entries, closing date is extended to **Dec 10th** (st post) for

CARMARTHEN

DECEMBER 15th, 1908.

C.B.U. Licence. Judge, J. Robson, Esq., London. Please enter from following:—Class 94. Nor. Cr. or Cr. Bred. 9 , Nor. Plainhead cl. tkd. or unev mkd yell. 98 ,ditto buff. 97, Yorks. cl. or tkd. yell (except evenly marked, see class 10), do. buff (except even. mkd.). 99, ditto unfl. cl. tkd. or unev. mkd., yell. or buff. 100, ditto. A.O V. except even. mkd. 101, Bdr. Fan., A. V. yell. or buff except even. mkd. 102, Scots. Fan. 10 , A.V. Can. not prev. ment., incl. even. mkd. 104, Local Can. 05, A. V. Light Mule or Hyd. 106, A.V. Dark Can. Mule, 107 Brit. Gold nch. 108. Do. Bullfich. 109, Do. Goldfinch. (Greyint) bred 1 0-. 110, Do., Greenfinch. 111, Lin. Redpoll or Twite. 112, Blkbird. Stirling, or Song Thrush. 113, A.O.V. smaller than and incl. a Lark. 114, A.O.V. larger than a Lark. 115, For. A.V. singles or pairs. 116, Selling, A V. not to exceed 7/6 to include cage. 117, Gift Class, A. V. bird (no entrance fee. No amalgamation. Full prize money (**10 -, 5/-, 2/6.**) If 5 entries. Fee 1/6. Valuable specials. N.B.—Show closes at 4 p.m. Exhibits despatched first available train after that hour. Fanciers! Please help us to make this year's show a success. **Jack Francis, Secretary.**

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15 Cage Bird Classes.
Judge, J. H. PAYNE, Esq.

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Entries close Dec. 12th.

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and District O.S. **Open Show** under C.B U. Rules **DEC. 18th & 19th 1908.** Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Assoc, E. & W. B. F. C 36 open classes, including 4 Yorkshires, 5 Norwich, 4 York Green, 4 Norwich Green, 7 Borders, 1 Crest or Crestbred, 1 A.O.V., 2 Selling, 2 British, 1 Gift, 1 Foreign, Open Novice, 2 York. 2 Norwich. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and 2/- special each class. Ent. fee 1/6. Judges Messrs A. Wellings & C. Holliton. Sch. apply **S ANDREWS,** Sec. 100, Mersey Rd.

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& Dis. C. B. Society. Great open show will be held on **DEC 19th.** Entries close **DEC 14th** Under the patronage of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, & Scot. Brit. Bird & Mule Club. Judges, Mr. H. Moreland, (Falk.) Nor., Mr. McKenzie (Kelso,) Bor. Messrs. P. McQuiston, (Ayr.) ; Mason, (Peebles.) Brit & For. 42 open classes, over 60 specials & cups & medals. Schedules from **WALTER NEILSON, 32, Greendykes Road. BROXBURN.**

Dublin Pigeon & Cage Bird Association 8th Annual Show (Confined to Ireland).

DUBLIN Thursday & Friday, Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st.

Judges, C. A. House & J. Robson.
Canary Classes, 30; British, 12; Foreign, 7. **ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 14th, 1908.**
Secretary, J. GIBSON, 5, South Anne Street, Dublin.

THE

ECCLESHILL Cage Bird Association.

Will hold their 14th Annual Show of Canaries on **Dec 11th & 12th.** 6 open Norwich Classes including unflighted hens. Yorkshires. See our wonderful list of specials. Judge: J. Robson, Esq. of London. Entries close Dec. 8th no extension. For Schedules apply **ELSEGOOD & ASHWORTH, 72, Mount Street, Eccleshill, Bradford, Yorks**

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CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

Third Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies, on Saturday, **DEC. 12, 1908.** Good Classification. Large Prize Money Splendid Hall and Railway Connections. Judges: T. Fullarton, T. Walton, J. McLay. Entries close Dec. 5th. Be sure and send for Schedule. **John C. Burnie,** 2, CARLINGWARK COTTAGES, CASTLE DOUGLAS, N.B.

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PENDLETON & SALFORD.

OS (CBU. Rules.)

December 11th & 12th, 1908.

Prize Money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- with 2/- special every class. 6 open Novice Classes. Selling and Cottage Class, Entry 1/-. Up-to-date staging. Up-to-date Hall within 5 minutes of all Manchester stations. send for Schedule at once. Prize money paid within a few days of Show. The Society that paid all Prize money within 2 days of Show last year. Entries close Dec. 5. **W. JACKSON,** Hon. Sec., **11 Albert Square, Old Trafford Manchester.**

STONEHOUSE

N. B.

GRAND ANNUAL SHOW, DECEMBER 12th, 1908.

Entries close December 8th.

Judges: Messrs. Scaife, Walker, & Adam.

Schedules from

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TAMWORTH O.S.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Sat. Dec. 12. Entries extended Tues. Dec. 8th. Only 1 entry. Fanciers assist us. Schedules—**Spencer, 4, Aldergate, Tamworth.**

THORNTON and Distr ct O. S.

4th ANNUAL SHOW ON **Dec 12th 1908.**

Judges:—S. F., 10 cls., Mr. Paterson; Nor. and Bor. 25 cls., Mr. Adam; Mules & Brit. 13 cls., Mr. A. W. Watson. Entries close **Dec. 5th.** JAMES MOYES, Sec.

BRACKLEY

December 15th.

Entries close December 8th.

Prize money guaranteed in 10 days. Entrance fee **1/6.** Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Numerous Specials. Judge J. N. Harrison Esq. Cage Birds (open), Cock or Hen Class 37, Norwich Canary, 38, a.o.v. Canary, 39, Brit, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, 40, a.o.v. Brit. Lark and smaller. 41, a.o.v. Brit. larger than Lark, 42, Foreign Bird, single or pairs, 43, Selling class, single bird Limit 10/6. No schedules, enter from this. **J. SHAW, Sec., Brackley North Hants.**

NARBETH 21st Annual Show

DECEMBER 16th, 1908.

under C.B.U.R. and K.C. Rules. Judges: Dogs, T. Marples Esq., Poultry, Pigeons &c. P. Proud, Esq. Cage Birds, J. B. Evans Esq. Good prize money and numerous Specials. Exhibits dispatched by 7 p.m. mail train. Entries close **9th Dec.** Please write for schedules to **JAMES OWEN, Sec.**

KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies on **Friday, December 18.** Judges: Poultry, Rev. J. N. Williams; Pigeons, Cats, &c., Mr. Ted Booth; Cage Birds, Mr. Jas Smillie. Entries close **Dec. 11th. W. R. Cruickshank, Sec., Daar Lodge, Kirkcudbright.**

BRIGHOUSE & DIS. C.B.S.

3rd Annual Open Show

Of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds in the Oddfellows Hall, Brighouse, on Friday and Saturday **Dec 18 & 19.** Canaries, 21 classes, British, 3 classes (Foreign 3 classes, full prize money guaranteed). Judge, J. Broadley, Esq., Windhill, **Entries close Decem er 15** no extension. For Schedules, apply **F. Mitchell, Sec, 9, Marion St., Brighouse Yorks**

WEST BROMWICH

and Dis. C.B.S.

Second Open Show of Cage Birds Affiliated to the C.B.U. To be held at the Dartmouth Hotel on **December 18th and 19th.** Judge: J. H. Payne Esq. Entries close **December 10th.** Splendid classification and prizes. **DUFFIELD and JENNINGS, Secs., 18, Braybrook St., West Bromwich.**

KILSYTH

Open Show **19th December.** Judge: J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh S.C.C., B.F.C.C., and S.B.B. and M.C. patronage. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee **1/6.** Entries close **12th December,** to **DUNCAN "CHRONICLE," KILSYTH.**

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FERRYHILL & District

First Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds to be held in the council schools, Deanbank on **Sat. December 19th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. Rules, Judge:—Mr. J. Stanger. Pelton Fell. 25 classes, specials for every class. Entries close on **Monday, December 14th, 1908.** For schedules apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Hon. Sec.**

ANNAN Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons and Cage birds. Saturday, 19th December

splendid classification. Cage Bird Judge, Harry Bennet Keld . Entries close 12th December. Schedules. **A IRVING, Secretary & Treasurer, 10 Albert Road, ANNAN**

TIDESWELL P , Pgns, C.B. O.S. **Dec. 19,** C.B U. rules. Ent. cl. **Dec. 14.** Judges: J.N. Harrison (Pty.) A.G. Davis, C.B. Cage Birds staged in separate room. Apply Sch. **J. Brocklehurst. Tideswell. Buxton.**

BAILDON DECEMBER 19th, 14 Classes. Specials in every class. 5 novice classes. Judge, W. H. Shackleton, Esq. Entries close, DEC 15 Sched ules, W. T. DOBSON, Sec., BAILDON.

DONCASTER Ornithological and Fanciers' Society. Open show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit, to be held Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/- Entry Fee 1/6. BESCOBY & HAGUE, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S. Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds under C.B.U. Rules to be held on Sat., Dec. 26, 1903. 26 open classes, numerous specials in catalogue, exhibitors please note that class 8 in schedule is for Yorkshires bred 1908. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, fee 1/0, members 1/-. Entries close Dec. 19th. So please give us a good entry. For Schedules apply J. BROWN, 12, Humber St. Ohopwell, Ebchester.

HOYLAND & DIS. Ornithological Society. The 8th Annual Exhibition of Canaries and Cage Birds will be held on NEW YEAR'S DAY. Judges Mr. W. Vardy, Norwich, and Mr. R. Halliday, Yorkshire. For Schedules apply J. WARRENDER, 11, Cill Street. HOYLAND.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks) & DIS. "Priory" C.B.S. Annual Open Show of Cage Birds in the Cleveland Hall. 1 minute from N.E. Station on January 1, 1909. 33 classes including Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Crest, Crest-Bred, Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/- for 1/- entry. Numerous Specials including valuable cup for best bird in Show. Judge: Jacob Mackley, Esq. Atkinson & Wilson, Secs., 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

FORFAR 1st and 2nd January 1909. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cavies and Cats. Schedules from— J. M. Findlay, Myrtle Cottage, Brechin Rd., Forfar or. Wm. Grewar, Bell Place, Forfar.

MILLOM First Annual Open Show to be held Jan. 1st & 2nd, '09. Under C.B.U. Rules. Judge: Wm. Mundell, Bradford. Entrance Fee 1/6. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials for every class, also extra specials. 34 classes. Yorkshires, 5 Norwich, 8 Borders, 1 A.O.V., 2 Mules and Hybrids, 4 British, 1 Foreign, 3 Novice, 3 Members. Entries close Sat. Dec. 26th. 1908. Schedule ready, apply F. W. BRADLEY, Hon. Sec., 18, Lapstone Road, MILLOM.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH OPEN SHOW. JANUARY 7th & 8th, 1909.

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE and Dis. C.B.A. C.B.U. Rules. No clashing with other Shows. First O.S. Jan. 9, 1909 Good Classification. Specials all through. Judg : H. W. Battye, Esp. Guar. full prize-money No Can. or Amal.—Sched ; Wilkinson & Danby, Yarm-on-Tees, Yorks.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S. Sat. Jan. 9th, 1909. Miners Hall. 18 open classes, Prizes 8 -, 4/-, 2/-, Entry fee 1/-, 2/6 cash special, most points each class. Entries close Jan. 2nd Judge: E. Brunskill. Schedules—apply NOTLEY, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.

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Report of Launceston Show gives Watson first in Norwich Nonfighted; it should be myself, writes Mr. W. Collings (Devonport).

The Sunderland Show catalogue and report in the Yorkshire Yellow class state 2nd Crawford; this should be—T. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle).

I have purchased Mr. R. J. Howe's Linnet, 1st and specials at Dulwich and Peckham, Northampton, etc., writes Mr. P. H. Harris (London, W.C.)

Hull Show report credits Mr. Howe with 2nd in the members' Yorkshire Clear Buff hen class, writes Mr. G. Girling (Hull); it should have been: 2, Girling, as I won that prize.

Wimbledon Show report credits Mr. Martin with winning first in the Unfighted Norwich class, whereas I won that honour with my Yellow cock bird.—HARVEY LUFF (Battersea).

I took v.h.c. in the Norwich class and 2nd in that for Norwich hens, in the recent Herne Bay Show, writes Mr. A. Rolington (Whitstable). The report only credited me with h.c. in both cases.

TWITTERINGS.

Hamilton Show report in the Mule class should have read: 3, Douglas, with a light Canary-Siskin.

We are retiring from the Fancy, write Messrs. Morris Bros. (Ilford), but, of course, we shall continue to read CAGE BIRDS.

Our Members' Show will be held at headquarters on December 10, writes Mr. R. Dear, hon. secretary of the Metropolitan C.B.A.

Whitburn Open Show, December 12th. Splendid classification and specials. Popular judges. See show advertisement.—(ADVT.)

St. Helens, December 10th, 11th, and 12th. Splendid prize money and classification. See schedule. Entries close December 5th.—(ADVT.)

I have resigned membership of all societies affiliated with the C.B.U., so as to leave me a free hand in showing, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle).

Classes 5 and 6 of our schedule, writes Mr. J. Govan, secretary of the Stonehouse Society, take in Crests and Crestbreds. Fanciers will please note.

It was my buff hen that was first in class 24 in the Wimbledon Show, writes Mr. R. McLaughlin (Earlsfield), and not Messrs. Stone Bros., as given in the report.

Entries are short, and we are extending until Monday next, December 7th, writes Mr. Frank Jeffrey, hon. secretary of the Bromsgrove Society.

Our next open show, writes Mr. J. W. Philpott, hon. secretary of the Accrington and Dis. C.B.S., will be held on October 22nd and 23rd, 1909.

Our entries will not close, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, hon. secretary of the Stamford and Dis. F.A., until Tuesday, December 8th. I have only received a very few entries as yet.

The annual general meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., will be held at the "Raglan," on Thursday, December 10th, at 8 o'clock, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the acting secretary.

Class 26 under Belgians in our schedule, writes Mr. Wm. Thornton, jun., secretary of the Edinburgh Open Society, should read: "Bred 1908" and not "bred 1907"; this was, of course, a mistake.

Fanciers visit the Metropolitan Members' Show on Thursday next, "Crown" Hotel, Lavender Hill. Like the open show the collection will be an eye opener. Note the day. Admission, three pence.—(ADVT.)

The Herne Bay report credits Mr. Smith with having won 1st and spl. in the Crested class, writes Mr. H. Epps (Herne Bay); it should be Epps. The mistake arose through Mr. Smith's number being upon my cage.

We trust fanciers will send for schedule of Ferryhill and Dis. C.B. Society's show on December 19th, writes Mr. R. Binks, the secretary, for we have worked hard to provide good prize money and a splendid classification.

Having only one entry up to the present, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, hon. secretary of the Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S., we hope fanciers will help us, as it is our first open show. Otherwise we shall be obliged to cancel the fixture.

Please note in next issue of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson (Darlington), that owing to being delayed on their journey my birds did not arrive at Worcester Show until 12 o'clock, which was too late for competition.

Will exhibitors kindly notice, writes Mr. S. Andrews, hon. secretary of the Widnes and Dis. O.S., that in our schedule a printer's error occurs? Class 22 Border Fancy should read "evenly marked" and not "unevenly marked" as stated.

At Polesworth Show all our cage-bird classes have had to be cancelled, writes Mr. W. Wright, the secretary. People would not enter because we were not under C.B. Union rules. Had I known of this we would have put it right.

Lowestoft Show report omits my name as the winner of the cup and special for best Crest in show, writes Mr. J. Corke (Lowestoft). Your critique of this bird and my C.B. hen (1st prize) is very pleasing, as these birds are my own breeding.

The cup which is mentioned under "Specials for open competition" in our schedule and for most points in the show is intended to apply to members' classes also, write Messrs. Duffield and Jennings, secretaries of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.

A printer's error occurs in our schedule, writes Mr. W. Jackson, hon. secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. The entrance fee should have been given as 1s. 6d. per cage, except in classes 29, 30, and 32, 1s. per cage, and class 31, 6d. per cage.

I have received an entry in the British-bird section from Colerne with 3s. P.O., but no name, writes Mr. Clem. Watson hon. secretary of the West Herts F.A. Show. Will the sender forward the birds and we will bench them and afterwards label them for return.

That fine natural-coloured Norwich hen belonging to Dr. E. T. Martin (Southport), which we portrayed on our front page last week has won first prize at Preston (our reporter said of her: grand shape and colour), and many other prizes in good company.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Vardy was unable to judge our show on account of illness, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, secretary Coventry Godiva C.B.S., and we had to rely upon Mr. W. G. Poole to judge the whole show. We only had a telegram on the Thursday night, so it left us no chance to get another judge.

We are giving 2s. 6d. special in each open class at Ludlow Show, on December 19th, writes Mr. P. H. Oakes, the hon. secretary, which I would particularly like exhibitors to note, as I missed putting this in my schedule. Also we are extending our entries to December 12th.

A lecture entitled "Favourite Foreign Birds" was delivered by Mr. J. W. Rose before the Bromsgrove and Dis. C.B.S. on November 25, and proved both instructive and entertaining. Mr. L. F. Lambert, the president, was in the chair, and there was a capital attendance.

Everything went off satisfactorily at Nottingham Show, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. secretary. All birds were cleared off by 10.30 p.m., on the Monday, and lots of letters have come to hand thanking us for prompt return and splendid condition of birds when received home.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on December 7th, writes Mr. J. Dewhurst, hon. secretary of the West London F.A., when a series of questions and answers on the Crested Canary will be given. All prize money won at our annual show will be paid on the occasion of our annual dinner on December 10th, or posted next day.

Having engaged Mr. Jacob Mackley to judge at our Open Show on New Year's day, writes Mr. C. Atkinson, hon. secretary of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S., we hope to have a humping entry. Colonel Chaloner has kindly offered us a valuable cup to be competed for, which will be an inducemcut, together with numerous specials.

OBITUARY

Mr. ROBERT BAULD (Fife).

It is with feelings of deep regret, writes Mr. R. Ballock (Gleneraig), that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Robt. Bauld. He was known throughout Fife as a successful breeder of Mules, although he never found time to be able to figure at the shows very much. His heart always warmed at sight of a "guid Mule." It is not only as a fancier that our late friend was known; he was a very good authority on the game of draughts and will be greatly missed by the draught world. He was also chairman of a local institution which has made itself felt in the district under his able guidance. Brought up in a hard school himself, he was ever ready to comfort others and give them the benefit of his experience. His was an influence that will be missed by a community whose hearts go out in sympathy for the sorrowing widow and family. "He rests from his labours, but his works do follow him."

I will keep over till Sunday any birds coming from a distance, if notified on entry form, and despatch them Sunday night and see them into the different trains, writes Mr. A. Goodall, hon. secretary, St. Helens Show, so that birds shall not be delayed en route, as it has been found from experience that Sunday morning trains are not to be relied on.

We hear that for the open show on January 22nd and 23rd, the Halifax Society has engaged, at considerable expense, the Mechanics' Hall, which is centrally situated (near to the Town Hall), while the classification to be offered is of a very enterprising nature. The novices are to be well catered for. Our Halifax friends and their worthy secretary, Mr. Thackray, are hoping to be overwhelmed with entries.

The secretaryship of the Hyde and Dis. C.B.S. has been handed over from Mr. T. Allsop to myself, writes Mr. F. Barraclough, and all communications appertaining to the society must be addressed to me at 25, Railway Street, Hyde. Our next meeting is on Friday, December 11th, at St. George's Schools, when we hope all the fanciers of Hyde and district will attend and give us a bumping meeting.

Our classification appears in your advertising columns, writes Mr. J. Francis, hon. secretary Carmarthen Show, and I would call the attention of exhibitors to the fact that very few entries are to hand at time of writing and an extension to December 10th (first post) has been decided upon. I have every confidence that our old patrons will again favour us with their support, but the outlook at present is very gloomy.

An umbrella, value 10s., will be given for most points in British classes 60 to 73, writes Mr. T. Taylor, hon. secretary of Gateshead Show. This special was accidentally missed from the special list, and only an extra special of 3s. for second most points appears. The Fancy is well catered for both in the number of classes and the special prizes. Our special prize list comprises: Given by Gateshead Society, cups, specials, and extra specials, 98; given by specialist clubs, 84; a total of 182 specials, coupled with full prize money in every class; no cancelling or half-prize money.

We trust North Wales and neighbouring fanciers will give us a bumping entry at Ruthin Show, December 10th, writes Mr. W. Pierce-Williams, the show manager. The classification of the cage-bird section is quite an experiment as far as this show is concerned, and if we are supported it will encourage us to give much better next year. Mr. H. Tams is to judge, and there is a good special for every class. Every member of the committee is a genuine fancier. The railway company is giving special facilities for the occasion. We will accept entries posted on Saturday, December 5th.

Will show secretaries please note, writes Mr. George Thomson (late of Manor Street), breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire Canaries, that I have now removed to 83, Dogfield Street, Cathays, Cardiff.

Entries are very short for Canterbury Show, telegraphs Mr. Sargeant, the secretary, just as we go to press. We will extend entries until Saturday, December 5th; for full classification see our show advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS.

On behalf of our members, writes Mr. A. Flint, joint secretary, Tideswell Show, I beg to thank you for the splendid report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS, also to thank those fanciers who so liberally gave us their entries, thus helping us to success. I may say that though a few of our classes came up short, we paid full prize money throughout the whole of the show.

I wish to thank CAGE BIRDS for the really splendid report of our show, writes Mr. W. Reid, joint secretary, Sunderland C.B.A. The feature of the show was of course the Cinnamon section. Visitors declared they had never seen anything like it, either in numbers or quality. I would like to thank all exhibitors for helping to give us a record entry. All prize money has been paid.

I was surprised and delighted on opening my CAGE BIRDS this morning to find an excellent drawing of my Dayal Robin, winner of 1st prize and special for best foreigner at the recent Bristol C.B.S. Show. Congratulations to Mr. Norman on having caught the pose so well, and the same to yourself on giving us such good value in your paper.—CAPT. PERREAU (Bath).

Bathgate and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their annual show on January 16th, 1909, writes Mr. R. Bald, the secretary. The judges appointed are Messrs. A. Sloan (Glasgow) for Norwich; Gollan Hyslop (Stirling), for Borders; John Brown (Edinburgh) and Samuel Ward (Glasgow) for British, Mules, and Foreign bird section. We have got the patronage of the Scottish B.B. and M.C., whose shield is to be competed for at the coming show.

At the recent Dulwich O.S. Show Mrs. Vincent's winning Bullfinch was claimed at catalogue price, much to that lady's regret. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse fulfilled the duties of show manager with complete success; Councillor Scott opened the show, promising both personal and financial aid when needed. The enthusiasm shown by the two lady stewards, Mrs. Mazzoni and Mrs. Bussey, was infectious. In addition to the work of the committee already noted, Messrs. G. W. Saunders, G. Warley, W. Edmonds, and W. Rippon rendered splendid service. The society's challenge cup was won by Mr. W. Morris, the runners-up being Messrs. C. T. Maxwell and C. J. Warley.

The Welsh National.

The novice Yorkshire classes were by an oversight left out of our schedule, writes Mr. R. J. Truscott, secretary Welsh National Show, but classes 11 to 16 will be repeated, as Open Novice Classes, numbered 11n, 12n, etc. We hope fanciers will not overlook sending for a schedule of our fixture and patronising us with entries, for on the excellent management CAGE BIRDS complimented us highly last year. We offer a very fine classification, both for Canaries, Mules, and British birds, and good prizes.

International Border Contest.

Enclosed I forward table of points for contest between the Scottish Border Fancy C.C. and the English and Welsh B.F.C.C. at the recent Glasgow and West of Scotland Show. In class 47, Green or Cinnamon Buff cock, Mr. Hadwin is credited with third, but Arnot and Jamieson were third in this class; it is a printer's error. Sorry there was such a poor turn-out of the members of the English and Welsh Club. The scoring was: Class 33 Border Fancy C.C. 15 points, English and Welsh B.F.C.C. 6 points; Class 34, 14-0; 35, 36, 37, and 38, 15—0 in each; 39, 15—5; 40 15—0; 41, 15—4; 42, 15—0; 43, 15—3; 44, 45, 46, and 47, 15—0 in each; 48, 15—8. Total 239 points for the B.F.C.C., 26 points for the E. and W. B.F.C.C.—M. JAMIESON, hon. secretary, B.F.C.C.

Read: and be Wise.

My advertisement in CAGE BIRDS a fortnight ago, writes Mr. H. Barber (Southwell), brought me no less than sixteen replies in four days.

Money spent on advertising in the columns of your capital paper, CAGE BIRDS, brings returns, and is therefore well spent.—JACK FRANCIS (hon. secretary Carmarthenshire A.S.)

CAGE BIRDS is the best advertising medium and the best alround paper in existence for fanciers. I have bought it since the first number and advertised in it for years.—P. JACKSON (St. Helens).

I had so many replies re the Norwich and Borders which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Speed (Cupar), that I could only reply to those who sent a stamped-addressed envelope.

The last advertisement I put in your paper, writes Mr. C. Barrett (Scholes), I had 34 replies to, and these came from all parts of the British Isles. I could only reply to those that sent a stamped envelope for reply. I am starting with British birds and Canaries and intend to take your paper for my guide.

I advertised in —— for two weeks just recently and only got one reply, and this wasn't any good. I thought I would try it for curiosity. When I advertised in CAGE BIRDS last year I got results, and I will continue to advertise in the future in your paper, as it stands alone as the best advertising medium for birds of all descriptions.—W. LANG (Lowestoft).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Dec. 4 and 5. **Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.**
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**
*Dec. 5.—**Altrincham C.B.S.** (T. Harrison, 4, Shawfield-la.). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Dec. 5. **Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (Kirkland and Hadley, 28, Princess-st.). J.B and R.J.H.
*Dec. 5.—**Coventry O.S.** (G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon-rd.) J.H.P.
Dec. 5.—**Cupar and Dis. O.S.** (C. C. Edmond, jur., 51, Bonnygate). J. Bik., J Ms, J.Gw., C C. and J.C.
Dec. 5.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (G.H. Barwell, 20, College-rd.) J.C.B.
*Dec. 5.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (Williams & Easby, 30, Lister-st.).
*Dec. 9.—**Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd** (J. L. Eborne, 11, Pwllgwaun-rd., Pontypridd) J.H P.
*Dec. 9 and 10.—**Canterbury F.S.** (J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's-street).
*Dec. 10.—**Stamford and Dis. F.A.** (A, W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.) W.P.B.
*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., and J.B.S.
*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.F.H. and H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J F., H.W.B.
*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.
Dec. 12.—**Castle Douglas** (J. C Burnie, Carlingwark Cottage).
Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).
Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 109, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P
*Dec. 15.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.** (Jack Francis, Carmarthen). J.R.
*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H P.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.
Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Donegall Rd. Belfast). G.H. and J. RK.
*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W. and C.H.
Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Nellson, 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Mss., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.
Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd .Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.
Dec. 31 and Jan 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh) J.T , J McL , J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S W., A G , A.H., Ax.C., F.A W., and H.J.F.
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland.st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 3, Market-place) J M.
*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place).
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport), T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead)
*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S , and W.V.

For Key to Judges' Initials see No 352.)

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BINGLEY Society held a very successful washing exhibition on Nov. 24th at which Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington) officiated. Mr. Cowgill put four birds through their "tub," all of which dried off in first class style, and his methods were very intently watched by those present. A varied assortment of questions was put to the lecturer, all of which were very satisfactorily answered, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him.

GREAT Horton Good Intent O.S. had a lecture on breeding, by Mr. W. Blakey, on Saturday evening last, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Blakey had spent a lot of time preparing and gathering together information on his subject, one on which he has had good practical experience. No doubt many will find the hints he gave of great use in the coming season.

HUDDERSFIELD Society held their annual open show on Saturday, Nov. 28th, and were accorded a very decent entry, though several classes had only half prize money. The cup competition of the Y.C.C. and the competitions of the C.M.Y.C.C. were at this show and, of course, attracted the cream of the fancy. Leeds also held their show on this date, and the large variety of birds catered for always ensures a good gate there.

I HEAR two well-known Bradford fanciers have each suffered a severe loss amongst their birds. One winner of several firsts nearly departed this life during the washing process, while being prepared for the following week's show, and the other bird, also a winner, for which a very big price had been refused, has joined the great majority. Such is the Fancy, full of ups and downs.

"STRAIGHT-UN."

A FEW OPINIONS.

I think the plate this week is splendid.—F. G. JOINER (Portsmouth).

I beg to thank you for the grand plate of Yorkshires.—R. MCLAUGHLIN (Earlsfield).

Your coloured plate this week, "Extremes in Colour," is magnificent.—W. SCHOFIELD (Ipswich).

Delighted with this week's plate of Yorkshires. It is a splendid addition to my bird-room.—W. GOULDSON (Devonport).

Splendid plate last week; most life-like drawing of Buff and Yellow Yorkshires ever seen.—H. T. JONES (Walthamstow).

I must congratulate CAGE BIRDS and your artist on the production of the group of Yorkshires in this week's special number.—S. COOK (London, W.)

You have given us a great treat again in coloured plates; it makes us all wish that we had some birds like those depicted.—T. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle).

Allow me to congratulate you on your coloured plate of Yorkshires; the birds are simply grand. Our friend, Mr. Norman, is going one better on every plate.—T. DAVIES (Narberth).

I am very much obliged to you for the plate of Yorkshires, writes Mr. A. Thomas (Loftus). The birds are very good in shape and style, showing their colour to perfection, especially the yellow and green.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for a long time now, and find it a grand paper. I admire the recent plate, as the birds depicted are the lovely specimens. All my friends also admire the plate.—G. GIRLING (Hull).

I must compliment you on your last double number. It is certainly cram full of good things, and I consider the plate is absolutely the best I have ever seen. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—CHRIS. G. SHAW (Malvern).

I wish to congratulate you on your two recent coloured plates. I really don't know how it is done at the price. I am only a learner in the cage bird line, and I look forward to receiving CAGE BIRDS each week.—C. GARRETT (Scholes).

Just a word for your artist. The plate in this week's issue is a treat. As an old breeder of Yorkshires, and an exhibitor, I consider Mr. Norman can paint an ideal Yorkshire. With best wishes to CAGE BIRDS.—G. THOMSON (Cardiff).

I was much surprised when opening CAGE BIRDS this week to find such a splendid plate. I congratulate you on the production of such a work. The Green takes the fancy hereabouts I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves.—J. ANDERSON (Liverpool).

I really think that of all the splendid plates you have given us from time to time from the pen of Mr. H. Norman, the one presented with the current issue is by far the best, and the Buff bird is, to my mind, absolutely life-like. Who can fail to admire such plates as these? Push on CAGE BIRDS.—H. E. TRINGHAM (Lambeth, S.E.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 5—Ruthin—J. M. Williams, Brynhyfryd.
" **5—Thornton**—Jas. Moyes.
" **5—Castle Douglas**—J. C. Burnie, Carlingwark Cottages.
" **5—St. Helens**—A. Goodall, 73, Corporation Street.
" **5—Standburn**—A. Stevenson, Hillend Cott., Avonbridge.
" **5—Dove Holls**—W. Millner.
" **5—Pendleton**—W. J. Jackson, 11 Albert Square, Old Trafford.
" **6—Chester**—A. J Red, Abbey Buildings.
" **7—Gateshead**—Taylor & Robson, 68, Edward Street.
" **7—Leeds Roller Contest**—T, Carter, 16. Recreation Row, Holbeck.
" **7—Cheshunt**—F. E. Clarke, Gothic Villa Waltham Cross.
" **7—Fleckney**—Deacon & Mattock.
" **7—Edinburgh Open**—W. Thornton, jun., 6, Gardiner Road, Blackhall, Midlothian.
" **8—Stonehouse**—J. Govan, 7. Union Street.
" **8—Brackley**—J Shaw.
" **8—Eccleshill**—Elsegood and Ashworth, 72 Mount Street.
" **8—Whitburn**—J. Forrest, 109, West Main St
" **9 Narberth**—J. Owen.
" **9—St. Albans**—Moody & Sparrow 54 Victoria Street.
" **10—West Bromwich**—S. Duffield and Jennings, 18, Braybrook Street,
" **10—Leighton Linslade**—A. & W. Page, 70, North Street.
" **11—Haverfordwest**—J. L. Phillips, High Street.
" **11—Kirkcudbright**—W. R. Cruikshank, Daar Lodge.
" **12—Annan**—A. Irving, 10, Albert Road.
" **12—Belfast** (N.P.C. of I)—J. Stewart, B. 59, Donegall Road.
" **12—Kilsyth**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.
" **12—Widnes**—S. Andrews, 109, Mersey Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 5—First Post—**Canterbury**—J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters Street.
" **7**—First Post.—**Pontypridd.**—J. L. Eborne and W. Price, 1, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.
" **7—Bromsgrove** F. Jeffrey, Stourbridge Rd.
" **7—Welsh National**—R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle Street, Swansea.
" **8—Tamworth**—Spencer, 5, Aldergate.
" **8—Stamford**—A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street.
" **10—Carmarthen**—Jack Francis.
" **12—Ludlow**—P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Wigan, Merthyr, Tideswell C.B.I.S., Dumbarton, Coventry Godiva, Bristol F.A., Sale.

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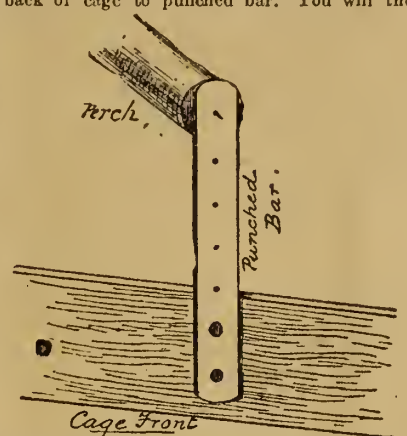
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of some where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence

No. 262.

A METHOD OF FIXING PERCHES.

Sent by v. Freeman 83, Olivo Street, Kingsley Park, Northampton

The sketch shows an easy way in which to fix perches. All that is required is a piece of punched bar (such as is used for cage fronts) and two small pieces of wire. First of all tack the punched bar on the inside of the cage front (as shown). Then drive a piece of wire in each end of the perch. Have the perch about ¼ inch longer than the measure from back of cage to punched bar. You will then



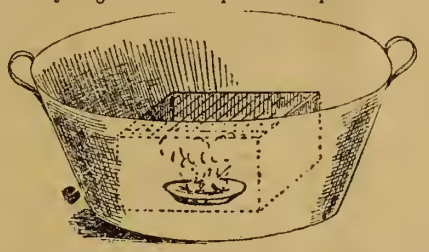
find the latter acts as a spring and presses the perch firmly to back of cage. It can be removed instantly by pulling the punched bars towards you.—V. FREEMAN.

No. 263.

A RED MITE DESTROYER.

Sent by T. Smith, 79, Astonville Street, Southfields, London, S.W.

Take an ordinary washing bath, or any thing large enough to hold cage. Get pennyworth of brimstone, which is enough to do twenty cages. Take a piece and put it in a



tin or saucer, and put the latter in cage and light the brimstone. Cover the bath and cage over tightly, when the fumes from the brimstone will kill every red mite, also any disease that may be in cage. Leave the cage under cover about three hours, and well air it before putting bird in again.—T. SMITH.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—J. Smith.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 6, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Washing competition; friends welcome.—Duffield and Jennings.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' Show and meeting; judge Mr. L. Ogden (Toug Street).—E. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 7, 6, The Broadway, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Burton; table show, Yorks.—H. Smith.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Open show, etc.—E. Broadley.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8.—F. Howes.

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Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Central Conservative Club, 8. J. W. Pimlott.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Dec. 8, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Nomination of officers for 1909. Lecture by Mr. B. Copeland.—W. H. Rhey.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Clarance Hotel, 5. Postponed table show; judging to commence at 6.—E. Carmine.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 7, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Nomination of presidents, secretary, and treasurer, and report of open show, etc.—J. Scringer.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Round House Inn, 8. Final show arrangements.—F. Mitchell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 5, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Mr. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) will open a debate, "The Re-arrangements of Yorkshire Union Shows"; fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 8, Burton Hotel, 8. Arrangements for general meeting, etc. — J. C. Heaton.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Royal Oak, 7.30. Final meeting for members' subscriptions. — W. Rutherford.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Half Moon, 8. Prize money and specials won at open show, and general boosting up for the year.—E. Brunskill.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, 7. Open show business.—J. Brown.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Headquarters, 8.30. Open show business.—J. J. Mullett.

Dulwich O.S.—Dec. 8, "Herne," Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.30. General meeting, to reconsider Mr. Brooks' resignation; will members please return tickets or money for annual show?—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.—Dec. 7, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Late show business. G. R. Smith.

Edinburgh Southern O.S.—Buchanan's Hotel, High Street; coronment of new members.—S. Hewit. (No date given.—ed.)

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C —Dec. 8, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Entries for members show, ticket returns and subscriptions —R. A. Brown.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 5, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for old show, etc.—J. F. Thackray.

Heaton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Crown Inn 7. Final arrangements for show; all members must be clear on books.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Rechabite Hall, 7.30. Payment of prize money, and receive ticket money.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate, Hampstead, and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8.30. Distribution of prize money and specials won at annual show. etc.—G. H. Neal.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 5, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—H. Fenwick.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 11, S. George's School, Table show British Birds; judge, F. Barraclough. Enrolment of new members. A large attendance desired.—F. Barraclough.

Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dist. C.B.F.S. — Dec. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Dec. 9, 67, High Street, Dover, 7.30.—G. Sanderson.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Lockhart's Cafe; nomination of officers for 1909.—A Wilkins.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To receive entries for members' show, Dec. 12.—R. H. Davies.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 5, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, corner of Commercial Street, 8.—T. Carter.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street, 8.15. Table show, open classes: Nor. Buff (except unflig.), A.O.V. Can. (except unflig.), Mule or Hyb.; Novice Class, Nor. Buff (except. unflig.). Judges, Messrs. C. Walton and E. B. Hirst. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7.30. Enrolment of members.—G. Brown.

Liverpool B.B.A. — Dec. 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Novice Washing Competition; prizes given; members to bring own birds, etc. A novice is "one who has not taken a first prize at the B.B. Old Show." Fanciers invited.—A. Thompson.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, and 7, Bird-in-Hand, commence 7.30. Secretary informs members he cannot accept specials for schedule after above date.—D. John.

London and Provincial O.S.—Dec. 10, "Raglan," 8. Annual general meeting.—J. W. Ramsden.

Longton and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Castle Inn, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mrs Edwards; members to bring birds; fanciers invited.—E. Tams.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 7, Fox and Hounds," 8.30. Presentation of cup, etc.—W. Lang.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Dec. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Members' Jan. show, etc., classification.—E. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Meeting postponed from Dec. 5, to 12. Report of open show, etc.—F. Western.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Dec. 12, Crown Hotel, 8. Members' show date.—A. Wake.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. Second monthly old bird show; judge, Mr. Garnett (Sheffield).—R. H. Turner.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. To discuss the prospect of open show next Nov.—J. Davey.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Headquarters, 8. Prize money, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Ormskirk O.S.—Dec. 8, Headquarters, 8. Show business.—F. Foster.

Pelton Fell Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Colliery Inn, 7. Final arrangements for annual show; members' subscriptions now due.—L. Hall.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 7, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Entries for open show, and definition of open novice.—W. Jackson.

Sale Open O.S.—Dec. 7, Technical Schools, 8. Distribution of specials and possibly prize money.—J. Irlam.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for open show, etc.—H. Dobson.

South-West London C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Plough Hotel, 8.30.—W. Lilley.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Christmas Members' Show.—R. Bennett.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 5, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Late open show business.—Reid and Maddison.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 10, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Annual general meeting, to receive balance sheet of open show, etc.—A. Hitchings.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., A.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Moulting.

W.G.—Am afraid your general management is very bad, but you do not give sufficient detail for me to tell where your chief error lies. A diet of fruit, whatever that may mean, is certainly not an ideal one for any Canary. Try the following general treatment, and if things do not appear to be progressing favourably in, say, a month's time, write again, and refer to this reply. Keep the bird in a fairly warm temperature, but see there are no great variations between night and day heat, and that draughts are quite avoided. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give half a teaspoonful of maw seed every other day, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape. If you still wish to colour feed, give half a teaspoonful of egg food with the colour food added every other day; not more, and no oftener, until you see the feathers beginning to drop freely, when you may increase it to the ordinary amount. On the whole, however, I would advise you to forgo colour feeding during the moult, in which case you may give a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake once or twice a week in addition to the above diet. A spray of watercress may be given occasionally, and a tepid bath, on fine mild days. Give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of water for drinking for two consecutive days, and after that give twenty drops of whiskey, and half a dozen shreds of hay saffron in the water every second day for a week or so. Cease giving the latter when the feathers are dropping freely: a mealworm a day for a time would be very beneficial.

A Canary Quartette.

A. H. W.—(1) As you evidently bought the bird before the moult, it might have been a late-hatched one, and required to be with a singing bird a short time at the end of the moult to incite it to commence singing; or it might be an old bird, in which case it may not commence singing until the approach of spring. Again, your feeding and management may be at fault. A young bird well moulted and properly treated should certainly have made some attempt at singing by this time, if a cock. See what a few weeks' treatment as given below will do for it. In any case, a Yorkshire that can win a commended card in ordinary competition is not dear at 10s. 6d. (2) The above remarks in the main also apply to this bird. (3) You can certainly do much better than feed as you describe. This may be the cause of the bird's not singing. The seeds named will do nicely for an occasional rare tit-bit, but are not suitable as a regular diet. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, on two other days a few grains of hemp, and once or twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Every second or third day give a small spray of watercress. Keep cage clean; give gritty sand regularly. For two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water, and after that give three drops of tincture of steel and two of tincture of gentian in the same way every second day for a week. (4) No, there is no legitimate way, even if there is any way at all, of improving the faults you name in a show Yorkshire. Neither would I advise you to breed with them if you can avoid it. If you *must breed* with them be careful to mate them with birds that show nothing of the same fault, or with birds that show a tendency to be faulty in the opposite direction. For instance, mate the bird that is pinched in neck to one slightly too full in neck.

Breed for Singing.

Beginner—The German Roller is, of course, the first and foremost breed for singing purposes, pure and simple, and is also a hardy and prolific bird. In size and colour, however, it is one of the most insignificant breeds, its only qualification being its singing abilities. If you wanted a more stylish-looking and better-coloured bird, you could not do better than cross a Roller cock with a Yorkshire hen. This mating gives the most stylish shaped bird, and one with a very fair amount of natural colour, and a slightly better voice than the Norwich cross—that is, a Roller cock and Norwich hen—though the latter undoubtedly gives the richest tone of colour, and, in general, a rather stronger note than the Yorkshire cross. Either of these crosses make very nice song birds, and are very hardy, and easy to manage.

Kill or Cure?

"Straight-tip."—You are evidently one of the death or glory boys. The birds being good ones and 1907 bred, should be well worth treating, and I see no reason at all why treatment should not be successful. They have doubtless got a chill in some way, perhaps through being temporarily in a draught. Put them in the snuggest part of the room, where there is little variation in the temperature; see they are protected from draught, and withhold the bath until better, giving it afterwards only on fine, mild days. Feed on plain canary only as a staple, and give separately twice a week a few grains of hemp, on two other days half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with five drops of sherry mixed with it. Three times a week give a small spray of watercress. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second ay for a fortnight, if necessary, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food, continuing the latter for a month. A small piece of fat boiled pork or bacon stuck in the wire, or a mealworm a day, for a week or two would also prove beneficial.

Those Avine Sneezers.

H.M.R.—If you are satisfied the bird is free from draught, see also that its cage is quite free from red-mites, that it is not hung over a lighted lamp or gas jet during the evening, and that it is not near enough to the fire to be very warm by day when a fire is burning, and proportionately cold at night when the fire is out. Keep it where the heat is fairly equable day and night, the air pure, and free from draughts. In addition to the staple of Canary seed you feed on, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, a few grains of hemp twice a week, and, for the next month, a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with five drops of sherry mixed in it three times a week. Give all these alternately on different days, so that a different extra will be given each day. Keep the cage clean, strewn with gritty sand, and give a small spray of watercress three or four times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Roller's Strange Behaviour.

"New Reader."—Putting the Roller in the spare room with the two hens was doubtless the cause, to a great extent, of stopping its song. The "chirp-chirp" you describe as taking its place was in all probability his love calls to the hens, due to his premature desire to begin breeding. In addition to this, it is not unlikely the spare room is much colder than the one it had been used to. You should either remove it to another room, away from the hens, or else keep it in a box cage of just fair size, so that it will not be able to see so much of his future partners, and at the same time be protected from cold and draughts more efficiently. Alter the staple diet to two parts of Canary and one part summer rape, and in adition give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or a very small piece of bread soaked in milk, and squeezed nearly dry, as a substitute, and give a scrap of green-food two or three times each week. If it appears hoarse give ten drops of glycerine and five of mucilage of gum arabic in the water for a few days.

Only Waiting.

F. T. Parsons.—The Norwich cock is only waiting for the nearer approach of spring before breaking into full song. It is probably a few years old, and many birds after the first season or two do not resume their full song after moulting until the weather begins to get mild in spring. The advent of the Roller will doubtless help to draw out the Norwich. A dose or two of saline aperient would probably do it good, to be followed afterwards by four drops of tincture of steel in its drinking water for two or three days. Your feeding is not very suitable. The mixture you name would do nicely to give now and again as a change, but for regular use the plainer diet so often advised in this column is much more wholesome. The Hartz Roller should be in full song now, if a cock. It does not require any larger cage than any other Canary, as a matter of fact, the cage should not be too large if you want the bird to sing its best. At the same time, do not keep it in a poky little prison. You must not keep it in the same cage as the Norwich cock. This would only cause endless quarrels unless the cage was of more than ordinary size. I do not quite understand what you mean by asking if this bird can be trained on its notes. If you mean taught the Roller song, this should have taken place before this time. Their education should have been completed before they are offered for sale.

Right or Not Right?

"Anxious."—Not right, sir, by a long way. This applies to your query as to the bird's diet. I strongly suspect the bird is exposed to draughts now and again, which is the cause of the stray feathers being found in the cage. See its cage is kept quite out of reach of all draughts, and not in an extremely variable temperature, though it need not be a very warm one. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and twice a week give a few grains of hemp separately. For the present stop giving egg and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight. If obtainable free from frost, give a small spray of chickweed, watercress, or groundsel, two or three times a week instead of the apple. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Give the steel in the water on the days when you are not giving the sponge cake. If a young bird it should commence singing as soon as the health is brought up to concert pitch, but it will not begin until the moulting is quite stopped. When the above treatment is no longer necessary, the above seed diet, and a small teaspoonful of egg once a week, will be all that is required to keep the bird in good condition.

Rather Confusing.

Ernest.—You may safely dispose of the fear of your birds being in the first stages of septic fever, but it is a trifle confusing to quite follow your note. You say the birds have a black mark at the top of the beaks where you have marked, but the mark, if there, is almost beyond me. As you further on wonder whether it is only the feathers that are a little dirty, I think you must mean the base of the beak around the nostrils. The tiny feathers around the nostrils frequently become dirty if a bird is kept in a dirty, smoky atmosphere. Also when it has a dirty cage, or perches, dirty water, or dusty seed. In these cases if a bird gets a very slight temporary cold, or sneezing, the mere act of rubbing its beak to clear it blackens the short feathers across the forehead, as does also bathing the head in the drinker when the water is not quite clean. I think if you attend to these points and give the birds a clean bath two or three times a week in mild weather, and see they do not get chilled after, you will soon find the marks disappear. If they do not, write again and say whether the marks are on, or in, the horny substance of the beak.

After the Moult.

C. R. B.—I have no doubt that the condition of the Yorkshire is due either to being exposed to occasional draughts or to extreme variation of temperature. Perhaps in your case it is the latter, though it is not at all unlikely that the removal and taking the bird to a new house may be indirectly responsible for it. Keep the bird now in a fairly comfortable temperature, which varies as little as possible. Feed as advised to "A. H. W.," but for the next few weeks give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion and three of sherry well mixed in it every second day. Stop the linseed altogether, and also any other food you may be giving, and give only what is here advised. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day only, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and four drops of tincture of steel on the alternate days. Give this until the feathers have ceased dropping, and if the wheeziness has not disappeared or improved by that time, follow up the treatment by giving twenty drops of whisky, five each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a split pea in the drinking water every second day for another week, or fortnight if necessary. Shake the latter mixture, until the gum is dissolved. Your feeding is very faulty. Linseed should never form part of a canary's staple diet. Stop this altogether for all your birds, and feed as advised to "A. H. W.," except that the general stock of bird which are well and healthy need only have a small quantity of the sponge cake, or egg food instead, once or twice a week, and do not require any of the medicine therein named.

A Brace of Posers.

G. B. Ignorance.—I hope I have not misread your nom de plume. If I have, you must pardon my ignorance. To reply to your rather ticklish question:—(1) For all practical purposes it is quite safe to say that it is not possible to breed successfully with a Goldfinch-Canary Mule cock and a pure Canary hen. At the same time I would not go so far as to say the thing is utterly impossible. A case was recorded many years ago which I believe went to prove that fertile eggs, which failed to hatch out, had been produced from a mating of Goldfinch-Canary hen Mule to pure cock Goldfinch. This was the mating if my memory serves me right, but I cannot lay hands on the report to verify it. It is also the mating which, in my opinion, would be most likely to succeed, if systematically carried on for a length of time—that is, of course, if the cross is ever fertile. The Mules bred from Mules which we hear of almost every season are nothing more or less than pure Canarics bred from pure Canaries, either by accident or design. If by design, the owner has generally mistaken an uncommonly coloured hen Canary for a Mule. (2) Sorry I cannot single out any individual to advise you to get stock from. If you have no fancier friend who would assist and advise you in the selection, make a point of dealing only with a respectable firm with a reputation to keep up, or buy only on the deposit system, and thus see the birds before the vendor gets the cash for them. Your final question is making a distinction where no difference exists. The difference between a Goldfinch-Canary Mule and a Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid is absolutely nothing at all. The terms "Mule" and "Hybrid" are synonymous, though it has long been customary for fanciers to use the term "Mule" to distinguish crosses which had the Canary for one of its parents, and "Hybrid" to distinguish all other crosses.

A Lingering "Sib."

"Ajax."—A Sib.-bred hen in the condition of chronic ill-health you describe gives very poor promise of successful breeding. Unless she gets quite well to all appearances some time before the time for mating, you would be well advised not to waste time trying to breed with her. Remove her from the cold room, and keep her in one with a comfortably warm and equal temperature, but not necessarily overheated. Stop feeding her on so much variety, and for a staple diet give plain good Canary seed only. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and every second day for the next month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry mixed in it. Give a small spray of green-food every second day, when not giving sponge cake, as long as it is obtainable free from frost. A mealworm each day for a time would also prove of immense service. Limit the food solely to what is named above. In the drinking water give first as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every other day for a week, and for the next fortnight after that give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and tincture of lobelia. Then, for the fourth week, give four drops of tincture of steel every second day. If the bird does not seem all right by that time, discontinue all medicines for a week, and then begin at the second week as above, and repeat the three weeks' course over again.

In a Bad Way.

"Anxious" (Birmingham).—Your birds appear to be in a bad way generally, so if you feed as advised in our paper, as you say, there is certainly something radically wrong with your management in other directions. The continual moulting, and birds going about with open beaks, and water coming out of the beak (remarkable enough in itself), shows a very bad order of things prevailing. Is the room subject to extreme fluctuations of heat at any time, or is it full of damp, and unventilated, having a stagnant atmosphere? Any or all of these causes that exist must be fully remedied as the preliminary step, or, failing this, the birds must be removed to another room, where the temperature is equable, but not necessarily high, the air dry, and the room well ventilated. Keep the cages quite clean and well strewn with clean gritty sand; the seed and water vessels sweet and clean. Feed on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, the same quantity of hemp seed on two other days, and three times a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry mixed in it. Give these extras alternately so that a different one is given each day. Do not give green-food at present. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whiskey, two of oil of eucalyptus, and five of mucilage of gum arabic, well shaken together. After the first week stop the latter mixture and give in its place four drops of tincture of steel alternately with the chemical food. Continue this for a fortnight, then stop all medicines for a week, and begin again and give another fortnight's treatment. Shall be glad to hear in a month how they are progressing.

Brevities.

Thanks Returned (Mrs. R. N. Murray).—Thanks also to you for letting us hear result of the operation advised. It is gratifying to hear result, though few take the trouble to send it. Am glad the operation has been so successful.

Samples of Rape (Potter).—Neither of the samples which you have sent for inspection is German summer rape. The latter is little more than half the size of these, and of a reddish-brown colour. I do not profess to know what the seed lately offered as German rape really is. Your samples appear to be identical in kind, but the one marked 25 is newer, and consequently rather stronger in flavour. I should prefer that marked 100, but should not care to use either as long as I could get the reddish-brown seed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Three and One Over.

L.R.A.C.—1, I should think this bird must be either a hen Redstart or hen Stonechat. The former would be almost self-colour, dirty ash-brown, reddish at root of tail. The Stonechat is a "dumpy" looking bird—a huge head, set on a short, rotund body. 2, The Rock Pipit is not the Titlark—the latter is a name applied to both Tree and Meadow Pipits, though usually the latter. Your bird is more likely to be the Meadow Pipit. I think this species makes a most interesting pet. 3, The Greater White-throat is not so very much larger than the Lesser, but is a browner-coloured bird, more especially on the upper surface. The Lesser is a purer white on the throat. Extra 3. I don't quite understand exactly what you want to know here. A Robin would be entered in the class for small insectivorous birds, and shown in the same style of cage as used for Red-tarts, 'Gales and such like species, with swing-in inside feeders. All cage-makers will supply the latter.

About Bullie.

Rex.—1, Some Bullfee are not very free bathers, but the majority I myself have, delight in a tub. Many of my birds of all species I am compelled to spray because of their dilatoriness in entering the baths provided. It is a nuisance having to do it, but it can't be helped. You must spray your own bird. Perhaps in the spring-time he may take to the water if you hang him out in the sunshine; especially if in sight of a bird which enjoys its tub. 2, Individual birds differ so much in disposition that it is always a thankless task having to give an opinion on a question such as this. If you get two good-tempered cock Bullies they will probably agree all right in your cage; but should one be a bully in every sense of the word, then he will make the life of the other a misery. You can only try the experiment in the hope that it will turn out satisfactorily. In any case, put the two Bullies into the cage at the same time; don't let one get used to it, and then introduce the other, or the latter will be fairly certain to get a warm reception. You will soon see "how the wind lies." 3, I find my own Bullfinches eat a little plantain seed (but not artificially "dried" if this is what you mean), though they certainly prefer ripe shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel. 4, The limit is a wide one; up to two teaspoonfuls won't hurt.

Mixture for an Aviary.

Novice—I do not think any seed mixture is "suitable" for an aviary. It will answer all right, true enough but it is invariably a very wasteful and consequently expensive method of feeding the birds. I have very frequently explained this in my replies, also said that the best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock and sunflower—or, preferably, a mixture of half sunflower, half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and throw a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. You can't allow any definite quantity of seed per head each day. Birds differ remarkably in their appetites, and the amount of seed they will consume per diem; for instance, the average Siskin will beat a Linnet hollow as a trencherman, though considerably less in size. Again, birds in an aviary will eat appreciably more in the winter than in the summer. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a mixed collection of Finches you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like those seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above.

A Trio.

A.M.R.—1, One of the dodges described in the "Illustrated Ideas" column would answer quite well, I am sure, for keeping the temperature of your outdoor bird-room above freezing point. The one described a week or so ago (made out of a drain-pipe) I can well believe to be satisfactory. I used a somewhat similar device myself years ago, only constructed out of tin. The points to be remembered are that a supply of air must be arranged for around the lamp at the bottom, while the top must fit very tightly, so that any fumes or smoke from the lamp pass outside, and not into the room. 2, I have no means of answering this. You should send a stamped envelope for a copy of the Act as applying to your own district, to the town clerk of your county town. The list of protected birds varies very widely in different parts of England, and is frequently altered, according to the dictates of the local authority. 3, I do not know any bird other than the Yellow Bunting (commonly called the Yellowhammer) to which your description could apply. You should refer to the portrait of this species given on our coloured plate issued some three weeks ago.

Various Matters.

Paddy from Cork.—Your query seems to have been inadvertently sent along to my colleague, Mr. St. John, and has only just come into my hands. The best food for bringing up the colour of plumage and beak of a Blackbird is colour-food; they should, too, not be moulted in too light a place. I think personally that a pale blue is very hard to equal as the colour of inside and wires of show-cage for either Thrush or Blackbird. An excellent size for the stock-cage is 24 to 30 inches long, 16 high and 14 from front to back. The case of your Goldies puzzles me exceedingly, and I am afraid I could not give you any useful advice without first seeing them, this applying more especially to the one which you say has been queer for upwards of ten months. As a rule it does not take a Goldfinch anything like that period to "shuffle off this mortal coil." I must give him up as a bad job. You appear to have tried every possible remedy. The bird which you say seems to have some throat affection, I should try for ten to fourteen days with water tinged a light red by the addition of a few drops of Condy's fluid, changing same frequently. I do not, I may say, consider the seed-mixture you are using at all suitable for a Goldfinch. It contains much that they will not eat, and which consequently represents so much waste. Why not try the Finch mixture I am so frequently recommending in these columns?

Concerning a Skylark.

Thank You.—1, The present is just about the best time of the year for buying Skylarks, that is, fresh-caught birds. 2, The cage I prefer is an extra large edition of that popularly known as the "Lark runner"; still, a large one of the old bow-fronted type is not by any means bad. I prefer a door at each end of my "runner," and put a turf one end and fill up rest of bottom with sand and road-dust. Food and water I hang in front, at end where turf is situated. 3, I should never think of leaving any Lark of mine hanging out-of-doors all the year round, day and night, no matter what the weather. It would be absolute cruelty, in my opinion. 4, as regards the food, my own method of feeding and treating Skylarks is as follows: As a stock food, mix game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupae, half-a-pound, meat meal, good ants' eggs, and dried flies, a quarter pound each, by weight. It will keep a long time, and the ingredients are obtainable at most up-to-date food shops, or through our advertisement columns. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed (canary, for choice) in a separate dish. This food can be moistened with a little water (it should be made crumbly moist, not into a sticky mass). But a little finely-minced green-food (chickweed, lettuce, watercress, etc.), or grated raw carrot, or mashed cold boiled potato is by far the best. Clover grass (either a turf of it or some chopped fine and mixed in the food) is also one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, and assist it during the moult. The game meal is practically identical with meals sold as pheasant and partridge meals, and either can be used. A dust bath is essential, or the birds will be pestered with parasites, one of the worst troubles of Lark-keepers.

Brevities.

Seeding Heads (Hussar).—The seed-heads you send are those of the knapweed. It is, as you say a favourite food with Goldfinches when in its natural state; and fanciers well realise this, for they give these heads freely to their caged Goldies, knowing them as "hard-heads," "hardines," "horse-nobs," etc.

Rare-Feathered (F. Parrington).—Many thanks for sending me the wings of the rare-feathered Linnet. It must have been a very pretty bird when alive. It is not easy to form an opinion as to the sex, but I should certainly think it was a female.

Wild Seeds (F. J. W. S.).—There is little else but "bird rape" (many similar seeds go under this name) in the sample you send—probably mainly charlock. I note also dock and persicaria. It is not possible to identify all. I have no doubt it would be picked over with relish by Linnets, Twites and Redpolls; doubtless also by Greenbirds, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc.

Grey Mite (R. V. Wagner).—I should think the grey-mites are due either to your neglecting to keep the mealworms in a dry, warm place, or else to putting dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, or other animal matter in the box. If you use a wooden box, then the sides towards the top must be lined with tin. Are your mealworms healthy stock when you get them; or do they reach you packed in material infested with "grey mite"?

Half Way (F. J. L.)—The best thing you could do would be to try the effect of a change of temperature. If in a cold place now, transfer to a heated room, or vice-versa. This should start the feathers falling. You are feeding the birds very poorly indeed, though, and this may be responsible for the drag in the moult. Note reply to an enquirer last week on this point.

Ring Ousels (Amateur).—The Ring Ousel is a relative of the Blackbird, and requires feeding on the same lines (though he is not so fond of fruit). See the reply on this point given to a querist last week. You ought to succeed in catching one with a good-sized spring-net trap, baited with mealworms. Their value is not very high; only a few shillings. Adults are hard to get steady. Keep in the same sort of cage as you would a Blackbird; large box-pattern one preferable.

Turns "Somersaults" (A. H. W.).—I have never yet succeeded in curing a Goldfinch of the wretched habit of "twirling"—or "turning somersaults" as you term it—and I have tried endless dodges (some of them very weird and wonderful). I look upon birds so afflicted (if they are not afflicted, their owner is, at any rate) as a decided nuisance. Your bird should get much steadier, of course. Only time can tell whether he will Mule.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Did it Die of?

A.W.—You set me an impossible task. There may possibly have been some internal growths; most certainly from your description there was acute enteritis, a chill on the return journey having precipitated matters—and the bird's dyspeptic condition, consequent upon a long period of improper feeding, left it no power to rally against disease—also your diet of egg, etc., during its sickness only aggravated matters. I cannot give you a general diet under such circumstances; such information must be given for each individual case, after being made acquainted with the prevailing symptoms. Personally, I would not knowingly take a bird as a gift that had been fed on tea, coffee, or milk slops, general table scraps and other animal food. Your case is only one of too many that reach me, and if their termination is not always fatal, it means chronic dyspepsia and feather eating or pulling. I am afraid you will consider the above very unsatisfactory, but it is the best reply I can give under the circumstances. If you have other Parrots you wish advice about, I shall be pleased to advise you, if you will say what kind they are and give full details. I dare not give general treatment, etc., under the above conditions. Do not use your cage for another bird till it has been well sterilised—say paint it thoroughly all over, swilling crevices with neat paraffin; leave it in the open air for 24 hours at least, then well scald it with boiling water, seeing that all crevices are thoroughly searched; finally, give a thorough swilling with cold water, and when dry it should be safe to use again.

What Cockatoo?

Mrs. B. B.—It is a Gollin's Cockatoo, a native of the Solomon Islands, it is hardy and docile, and a very teachable species, a talented specimen such as yours should have a minimum value of £5. I should certainly persevere and get it on to a seed diet as soon as possible—give a little boiled maize daily, it only keeps fresh one day, and its tin should be scalded out for each occasion, and you should soon be able to drop the bread and milk. In addition to the seed diet it should have ripe fruit, nuts, greenfood, plain biscuit, a little unseasoned potato will do no harm, but I do not like milk sop for any of the Parrot tribe, save for the Loridæ, viz., Lories and Lorikeets. The second bird you name is certainly an Alexandrine Parrakeet—young males of the various species of Ring-necks, are two years old at least before they are in fully adult plumage, till which time they do not possess the ring. It would interest many if you would send a letter to the Editor for publication, describing your talented bird.

An Ailing Amazon.

R. J. Boyce.—Give this bird a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoontul in about one ounce of water, to form its only drinkable for the day till consumed, at intervals of three days each, two or three other doses may be given so long as its excreta does not become watery loose. Bathe the eyes with a rosewater and zinc eye solution (from your chemist). Diet: treat as follows—seed mixture, Canary, hemp, oats, wheat, small maize, dari and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage; give a little boiled maize every other day, boil it till soft, drain off all water and then soak into same half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food—also give at intervals ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuits, nuts, and keep up a supply of cuttlefish, grit and water. Examine its mouth, and if it appears at all furred, wipe it out with honey and borax (from chemists), using a small camel hair brush, which must be well cleansed for each occasion.

Grey Parrot Pulling Feathers.

Barge.—You give no particulars as to how you have been dieting the bird, and in nine cases out of ten, this trouble arises from improper feeding, which sets up skin irritation, and if it goes on for any length of time is almost incurable. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. The proper diet is seed mixture (see recent issues), ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, a little greenfood, grit, cuttlefish and water. I can give you no definite reply owing to your giving me no particulars—for one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its drinking water (about one ounce), and after an interval of three days repeat the dose—supply it with cotton reels, and a branch of pine or willow to chew up and play with—let it be in your midst so as to keep it interested. If you repeat query and give me particulars as to how you have been feeding, etc., I shall be in a position to help you.

Cutthroats Refusing to Incubate.

"Experientia docet."—Am afraid I cannot assist you much save to counsel patience; so long as the birds are out of sight of one another I would be inclined to advise breaking up the pairs, or rather changing them about. It may possibly be that the pairs as they stand are brother and sister; such pairs according to my experience never do much, and the changing of them, i.e., mixing them up, may bring about the desired result in the spring. There is, of course, another factor against it, Canaries breed better in cages than in an aviary; it is not so with Foreign birds. Some will breed in cages and others will not; again, Cutthroats, though as a whole free breeders, yet I have heard of many acting as yours have done, but the probability is that if you change hens of the respective pairs about, they will settle down and incubate and rear their young. I presume there are no parasites in the cage and nest box. Cutthroats are rather liable to these when kept in cages—if so that would be sufficient to account for their refusing to incubate.

A Grey Pulling Feathers.

G.M.H.—Your diet is satisfactory, but I prefer the following to ready-made mixtures: Canary seed and oats two parts, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, hemp and sunflower seeds one part each, well mix, and let this form your staple diet. It is quite possible the bird is pulling its feathers merely to assist the moult; put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—for directions see other replies. Give it one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies), and spray it twice a week with quassia solution; this will make its feathers distasteful, and check his bad habit if it is such. The bird is sure to talk ultimately; talk to it in a general manner, and also try the constant repetition of odd words and phrases. The surest way to make or teach a Parrot to talk is to make it very fond of you; fondle it as much as your convenience will permit, and it will ultimately respond. Some individuals are more teachable than others. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Green Parrot Ailing.

"Cornubian."—The bird has either caught a chill through being in a draught, or else its digestive system is in a very bad way through improper feeding. Spray, or dab, with a camel-hair brush the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline—put a little honey and borax (from your chemist) on its tongue two or three times a day; if it will permit you to do so, wipe out its mouth with same, use a camel-hair brush for the purpose, which must be well cleansed for each occasion. Bathe its eyes with a rose water and zinc eye lotion, wetting the surrounding plumage as little as possible. Keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose, by using Dinneford's Magnesia as required (do not scare the bird), one teaspoonful to the ounce of water will suffice, and it is better to leave two or three days between each dose. When not giving the magnesia make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. As it finds the cracking of seed possibly painful, do not take this away, but give it a little boiled maize for a time; for method of preparation see other replies in this issue, also give ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food—keep warm, quiet, and strictly out of draught.

Grey Parrot with Swelling.

"Mulet."—In addition to the seed diet, also supply at intervals, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and keep a piece of cuttlefish continually hanging in the cage. Lightly paint the swelling with tincture of iodine daily, so long as the skin does not break. Give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water—repeating same after an interval of three days, and again after a similar interval providing its voidings do not become watery loose. When not giving the magnesia, make its drinking water the colour of Parrish's chemical food. Keep the bird where it will hear ordinary conversation, and also talk to it, and by constant repetition teach it odd words (one at a time), and phrases, and it will ultimately begin to talk. In a fortnight or three weeks' time I should be interested in hearing how the bird is getting on. It would be wise if you have a vet. near, to let him have a look at it; he very probably could remove it at once, with very little risk to the bird—such a course is the most satisfactory method with such growths.

Seed Eaters for Exhibition.

J. B. Milne.—Draught is the great enemy of all birds, and if you eliminate that, they will generally fare well if properly dieted, etc. The under-mentioned should meet your case, and by watching the show reports you could add to them from time to time such species as were in the money:—Parrot, Cuba, Diamond, and Gouldian Finches; Violet-eared and Gold-breasted Waxbills; Queen, Parsdise, and Giant Whydahs, White Java Sparrows often catch the judge's eye when pure in colour and of good size. Pairs are by no means necessary for exhibition, though with many species I fancy their lot is a little happier when so kept. The birds you describe are Gouldian Finches and are very suitable; there are two varieties, Red-heads and Black-heads, but very few are on the market at the present time; value 20/-, 25/-, to 30/- a pair. The value of the others are, taking them in the order named, 70/- to 80/-, 50/- to 60/-, 10/6 to 15/- per pair, the Waxbills 80/- and 7/6 per pair, the Whydahs 20/-, 7/6, 10/6, and 40/- per pair. If you desire cheaper varieties please repeat query

Brevities.

What Value? (M.P.R.).—Have been much interested in the description of your bird. Of course, a cock Cockatiel in good condition is worth about 7s. 6d., but a young talented bird, which can plainly utter "Pretty Polly," "Tiger," "Pussy," and bark like a dog, should be worth 60s. at least. But few would want to part with such a bird; talking Cockatiels are not common by any means.

What Bird? (F.S.).—Your bird is either a Firefinch or an Avadavat, more probably the former; if so, there have been isolated cases of their breeding in cages, but the species is not a free breeder in captivity. Neither is the Avadavat, and I am very doubtful if it has even attempted to nest. Given the range of a large garden aviary, with growing trees and bushes, they are but shy breeders, and successful records of their doing so are but few. To have any chance of success you must provide them with a mate of their own species. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free, from this office, very helpful; in it you would see the plumage of the above birds described, and by comparison should be able to decide which species yours is.

Zebra Finches (W. Shone, jun.).—Free breeders as Zebras are, I have known pairs act as yours, mostly when they were young from the same nest; it will be quite as well if they do not breed till spring. You might either get another pair, or change either the cock or hen with some other local aviculturist; possibly in the spring all may go well. If you are overrun with mice, possibly they are disturbing the birds, but I think the Zebras are the culprits as to the actual breaking of eggs. A good-sized square of zinc tacked on to the underside of roof over your nesting bush, should prevent mice getting at them; don't have any branches which are attached to the roof sides, or stick in the ground too near the nest; all this will help to make matters more promising. I can't keep the mice down in my aviary, the supply is continually renewed from neighbours' premises—yet I breed Zebra Finches and others.

Taming Lovebirds ("Sympatrie Vogel").—You do not say which species you possess; they are all anything but easy to tame, and some of them are so scary that if let out for a fly, that they will dash about wildly till they fall exhausted. As regards handling, you must judge by the demeanour of the birds, but certainly not if they are very scared. I remember turning a pair from a small cage to quite a large one; but they were so scared by their strange quarters that though they had been with me two or three months, they dashed about so that in ten minutes they were both dead. It is a case of patience with these birds; keep them where they will see you moving about, but yet in such a position that only quiet, steady movements will take place in their vicinity. Be very steady when attending to them, study their likes and dislikes, and offer such as they appear specially fond of in your fingers from time to time. Diet: Canary and white millet, spray millet, a few oats if they will eat them, the same as to a little ripe fruit, green-food, cuttlefish, and fresh water for drinking. A really tame Lovebird is not by any means common, but in time they become fairly steady.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Browne).—Well developed bird fever. If you have any birds remaining in your room, they must be removed and the place distempered.

Green Canary (Mrs. W. Thomson).—Inflammation of lungs and liver, ending with rupture of blood vessel of throat organ, which is apoplexy. This condition is often described as a severe chill.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Letter (W. Reid).—Your letter has been duly addressed and posted.

Budgerigars (Done Brown).—Your query has been sent to our foreign bird specialist, but we are afraid it came to hand too late to receive an answer this week.

Brighton Show (C. Pearson).—Many thanks for your kindness. We had already made arrangements.

Lowestoft C.B.S. Show (Anxious).—Reports of shows conmed to members are sent us by the secretaries of the various societies. A report of the "Oct. 20th Lowestoft Show" has reached this office, only this week, and we shall be pleased to publish it. Obviously we cannot arrange to send special reporters to fixtures of this kind. Why, by-the-bye, do you not sign your name to your communication?

A Patent (R. F.).—We have really no information on the point, which is outside the scope of our journal. You should apply for particulars to the Patent Office, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London.

Dead Birds (A. Crossman).—If they received the birds alive (you will have to call evidence proving this) and delivered them to you dead, then on the facts stated in your letter we should think the railway company liable. Yes; if you lose the case you will have to pay the expenses of the company.

Bournemouth Show (G. W. Jones).—Your corrections unfortunately arrived too late—after we had gone to press.

Yellowhammers at Ayr Show (S. Johnstone).—You will see in this week's issue an official communication from the Scottish National Society, and in face of this we think you will agree that we should not be justified in publishing your letter. We do not seem to have as yet received any official notification from Glasgow and West of Scotland Society that they have dealt with the matter.

Timber (G. W. D.).—We do not know anything of the advertiser you mention. If you comply with Rule 8 we shall be pleased to write him on your behalf.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bromsgrove (C.B.U.).—December 15th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 11 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1, and Sell. 1, and 4 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 7th, to F. JEFFREY, Stourbridge-rd.

Brackley.—December 15th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 2 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 8th to J. SHAW, Market-square.

Cheshunt.—December 16th, New Trinity Hall.—Judge, Mr. E. J. Enfield. 11 open classes: Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes according to fees. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 7th to F. E. CLARK, Gothic Villa, Waltham Cross, N.

Annan.—December 19th, Albert Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. Bennet. 23 open classes: Bord. 7, Nor. 3, Scot 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 12th to A. IRVING, 10, Albert-place.

Standburn.—December 12th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. M'Watt. 21 open classes: Scot. 1, Nor. 3, Crest 2, Bord. 7, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 2, and 1 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th to A. STEVENSON, Hillend Cottage, Avonbridge.

Doveholes (C.B.U.) (£10 limit, 12 mile radius).—December 12th, Schoolrooms.—Judge, Mr. W. M. Marsden. 8 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Gift 1, and 1 members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th to W. MILLNER, Doveholes, Buxton.

St. Albans (C.B.U.).—December 16th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 17 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 9th to MOODY AND SPARROW, 54, Victoria-street, St. Albans, Herts.

Eccleshill (Y.U., C.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.).—December 11th and 12th, in the Mechanics' Institute.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—29 open classes: Yorks. 12, and 6 Novice; Nor. 5, and 2 Novice; A.O.V. 1, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close December 8th to ELSEGOOD AND ASHWORTH, 72, Mount Street,

Edinburgh (Open).—December 11th and 12th, in the Artillery Hall, Grindley Street.—Judges, Messrs. R. Wright, J. Stewart, J. Carson, J. Arnot, and J. Kean.—25 open classes: Scot. 16, Sell 4, Pairs 1, Belg. 4. Prizes, 12/-, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 2/-. Entries close December 7th, to W. THORNTON, JUNR., 6, Gardiner Road, Blackhall, Midlothian.

Gateshead (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., C.C.C., N.N.P.C., N.C.C., F.B.C.N., B.B.M. and F.B.C., B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C.).—December 11th and 12th, in the Burt Terrace, Drill Hall, Bensham Road.—Judges, Messrs. J. Trengove, T. Heath, H. W. Battye, H. Bennet and Parker Robinson.—78 open classes: Nor. 15, Crest 10, Pairs 2, Bord. 11, Yorks. 8, Scot. 3, Sell 6, Mule 4, Brit. 14, For. 4, Hyde's 1, and 30 Members' classes. Prizes, 10/, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 7th, to T. TAYLOR, 68, Edward Street.

Haverfordwest (C.B.U.).—December 17th, Corn Market.—Judges, Messrs. J. and W. Lewis.—10 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Dec. 10th, to J. L. PHILLIPS, Cleddau House.

Leighton Linslade.—December 15th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—10 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell 1, and 3 local (10-mile radius) Classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 10th, to A. and W. PAGE, 76, North Street.

Kirkcudbright.—December 18th, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Smillie.—23 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 6, Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 11th to W. R. CRUICKSHANK, Daar Lodge.

Pendleton and Salford (C.B.U.).—December 11th and 12th, in the Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford.—Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and A. Wellings.—44 open classes: Yorks. 6, and 3 Novice; Greens 4, Nor. 7, and 3 Amateur; Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Extra Stock 1, Cottage 1, Gift 1, Brit. 6, Mules 2, For. 3, and 29 Members' Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6 (except Sell and Cottage, 1/-, and Extra Stock 6d.). Entries close December 5th to W. J. JACKSON, 11, Albert Square, Clarence-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Fleckney (£3 limit).—December 12th, "Old Crown" Inn.—Judge, Mr. W. H. Silvester.—2 open classes: 1, Can. or Mule, and 1 Brit. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 7th to DEACON AND MATTOCK.

Stonehouse.—December 12th, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. G. Scaife, A. Walker, and J. H. Adam.—40 open classes: Nor. 8, Bord. 7, Scot. 2, Brit. 14, For. 4, Mule 3, Sell 2, and 3 Members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee, 1/6 Entries close December 8th to J. GOVAN, 7, Union Street.

West Bromwich (C.B.U.).—December 19th, Dartmouth Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—28 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell 2, and 17 Members' Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/- and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close to DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, 18, Braybrook Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR GLENCRAIG AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Will you allow me to say that I shall be glad if all fanciers interested in the formation of a fur and feather club for Glencraig and district will please send in their names to me at 68, North Glencraig, Fife.

ROBERT BALLOCH.

A CAGE BIRD UNION MATTER.

SIR,—It is contended by some exhibitors that a person who is a member of a society that is affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, and who is also a member of a non-affiliated society, is entitled to exhibit in the open classes at the non-licensed show. I was wondering myself if it would be too much to ask the hon. secretary of the Cage Bird Union, Mr. Lythgoe, to put us right in respect to the above, so that we shall all know what to do?

UNION.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND SHOW.

SIR,—On the 7th of Nov. I entered a Linnet in Class 20 at the Leicester Hand-in-hand show, and same took third prize. Not having received my prize money, I have written the secretary twice concerning same, and not receiving a reply I think it a case that wants bringing forward, as I am only a novice in showing, it being my first venture at open shows. I think it is the means of disheartening young fanciers just venturing out at open shows, to send their birds and receive no prize money.

F. CLARKE.

(We think there must be a misunderstanding somewhere, as the Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society is, we believe, one which always discharges its liabilities with promptitude.—Ed.)

COMMON CANARIES AT KIRKCALDY SHOW.

What Are They?

SIR,—As a lover of justice, and especially to encourage the young fanciers who start in the hobby with a pair of "common" Canarics, I would like to draw attention to the awards in the class for Common Canaries at Kirkcaldy Show. I entered two and got 3rd and hc. The 1st went to a hot-fed Norwich and 2nd to a Border. What are we fanciers, old or young, to enter? Both myself and many others hold it is detrimental to the Fancy for such to be shown in classes for "Common" Canaries.

J. MCGREGOR.

(It might be interesting if someone would define exactly what "Common Canaries" are. Can they be "weeds" which will not pass muster as any recognised breed; or what? We seem to remember hearing certain Yorks. and Norwich seen on the show benches dubbed "half-and-halfers." Would they pass muster in a "common" class? We must confess that the problem of what should and what should not compete as such seems not exactly easy of solution.—EDITOR.)

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

An Appeal.

SIR,—Now that I have the most pressing of our show business over, I take the liberty of trespassing on your valuable space with the view of bringing before the wide circle of fanciers reached by your paper the baneful effects on our show of the infamous circular spread over the fanciers of Scotland and England just on the eve of our entries closing. I need not quote the circular—it has already had ample publicity in your columns—but I may be permitted to deal shortly with its allegations. These are mostly concerned with the financial matters of our last show. Now, so far as I know, every penny of prize money and every indebtedness to tradesmen were honourably and early met, with one exception, and that at the suggestion of the creditor (a member of ours), was allowed to lie over, although I have always had sufficient in hand to meet it. These facts, I believe, were well known to our traducer, but—who may escape the breath of calumny?—our club since I joined it has been doing its little best to keep its own gates clean, with the result that we have incurred the enmity of a certain class of bad men and worse fanciers, and only from such channels could such depraved matter issue. To fitly express our indignation and rightly label the perpetrators of this most diabolical of dirty actions would necessitate the employment of the whole gamut of scurrilous adjectives, and that stings them but little; but when we see men employing children to help disguise their meanness, we can't help thinking that their greatest punishment may yet be from among themselves, when the cubs turn and rend the jackals. We do not know the blackguards, but we ask every fancier's assistance in bringing them to light, and we promise that if they are worth the trouble we shall prosecute them till convicted. In the meantime it will no doubt be a satisfaction to them that we have lost over £50 on our show, but it is a great pleasure to me to be able to state that already several fanciers have come to our assistance with unasked donations ,and many more have promised us help. We are not above accepting these gratifying proofs of genuine men's repugnance at this dastardly treachery. Our own members have made a liberal voluntary subscription (at our first meeting), and we invite readers' assistance to help us over this embarrassment. Every outside exhibitor has been paid in full, and we have vindicated our claims to being an honest society, second to none in meeting our obligations and worthy of every fanciers' support. Donations sent to me at 102, Roslea Drive, Glasgow, will be acknowledged in next issue.

R. A. BROWN, Secretary.

ST. HELENS & DISTRICT O.S.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. C. Houlton's note in "Twitterings" last week: When did he resign, and did he conform to rules 9 and 16 in our rule book? These read:

9—That the subscription, which may be paid by instalments, be 5s. per annum, and one half to be paid before the 30th of June, and the remainder to be paid before the annual show.

16—That every member of this society shall be furnished with a copy of these rules, which must be returned to the secretary should he wish to resign.

Mr. C. Houlton's first letter to me was received August 1st, 1908.

A. GOODALL, Hon. Sec.

THE PRIZE MONEY AT OXFORD SHOW.

SIR,—I am sending you on the schedule of Oxford Show; also the catalogue with awards which they sent me. In the schedule it states in big type, "Prize money in full. No amalagamation." Yet from Class 61 to 71 they have not given one first prize, and four firsts in the 14 classes standing. Is this fair to outsiders? I am a good sportsman, and don't mind getting beat, but surely one's bird should get what it is entitled to. One of the rules, No. 13, reads: "The judges have power to withhold any prize if exhibits are not of sufficient merit." Now, this same bird of mine was placed first in a class of ten at Gerrards Cross on September 24th. under the same judge, so they can hardly fall back on Rule 13. He also got v.h.c. on November 17th and 18th at Wimbledon in a class of 15. I think it will be the last time I shall send to Oxford if this is their interpretation of paying full prize-money.

F. INCH.

THE SEXING OF LESSER REDPOLLS.

SIR.—I noticed in Mr. Weston's answers to correspondents that he states it is quite an easy matter to sex Redpolls. From my experience, it is very difficult to know for certain about hen Redpolls. I have seen a red-breasted hen that laid eggs, and I have bred from cock Redpolls that did not show the least sign of red on breast; the only sign of a hen that I have proved correct was the smaller and paler colour of the red on the forehead of the bird. An old hen fresh caught is often only yellowish brown on forehead.

J. H. VERRALL.

(Our Mr. Weston states: "Until I read Mr. Verrall's letter I had never heard of anyone having a red-breasted Redpoll which proved to be a hen; I have never possessed one myself, nor do I know any other bird-lover who has done so. I can only adhere to my statement that the red-breast *is* a sure sign of the male sex in Redpolls, and allow Mr. Verrall's bird to be the proverbial 'exception that proves the rule.' I have frequently laid stress on the great difficulty of sexing Redpolls when not in adult breeding plumage; also related how two 'cocks' I selected to moult for show bred me some young ones—neither of this twain had a red-breast.")

STEADYING BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Stephen's I should like to give my method of steadying Britishers. I always leave them quiet the first day after being caught, and in the evening, bring them out and put them on a table, about two feet away from me, with a table lamp between, so that the light shows full in the cage, leaving no dark corners. Sometimes I use an open cage, but then I throw some thing over three sides of it, to form a Box Cage. Now I put some tasty bits in the bottom for them to pick at, such as dandelion for Goldies and Linnets, or Bock or Privet Berries for Bullies, while a few crippled flies answer well for Chaffinches and Buntings. The first time they are brought in the lamplight they will flutter a bit, but they very soon quieten down, and the second time you will be surprised to find how quiet they are. I use this method with birds caught in the morning, and give them water at the same time (to make sure they have had it), from a straw or small stick, and if they are very thirsty you can lead them to the water vessel with the straw. by drawing it away so they cannot quite reach it and they will generally follow it.

AN AMATEUR.

WHAT IS ITS NAME?

SIR,—Mr. Murray in your issue of Nov. 21 asks me to name the bird about the identification of which there has been some question. I do so gladly, and beg to inform him that the bird is a Snow Bunting.

JOS. B. MOORE.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

SIR,—May I, as a novice exhibitor, be permitted to call attention to what I consider a most objectionable feature in the exhibition world, namely, fanciers exhibiting at shows where relatives are judging. I do think judges should be above suspicion, but I am afraid incidents of this kind do not tend to create confidence. I hope that, in future, fanciers will not exhibit at shows were relatives may be judging, so that no suggestion can arise.

R. ELLWOOD.

THE THREE-TIER METHOD OF STAGING.

SIR,—I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS a letter from Mr. Down, claiming to be the original maker and designer of the three-tier staging. Now, the three-tier method of staging has been used by the Edinburgh shows for thirty years; also at Glasgow and other Scotch shows. The Scottish National Show uses an improved three-tier method, which the Fancy Press and English visitors say is the most up-to-date method in use at any cage-bird show. I cannot understand in face of these facts how Mr. Down can claim to be the "original maker."

DAVID KINLAYSIDE.

SIR,—Respecting the "three-tier" staging, I beg to state that this method of staging was designed, and has been adopted by the Yorkshire Canary Club, of Ireland, since its formation in 1904.

P. H. KENNY.

YELLOWHAMMERS AT GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

SIR,—Re disqualified Yellowhammer at our show, Mr. Craig asks me to send you the enclosed letter received from the Scottish National, anent disqualification of the same bird for same alleged fault. I shall be obliged if you will kindly publish same.

R. A. BROWN.
Sec. Glasgow and West of Scotland Show.

COPY.

Scottish National Cage Bird Society.
Memo. from James Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.
To Mr. M. Craig, Glasgow. 20-1-08.

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that my committee, at a meeting held on Saturday, 19th inst., duly considered the disqualification of your bird, and decided to withdraw the said disqualification, and allow me to pay you the full prize money, which I have pleasure in now doing, they being now of the opinion that the bird was legitimately shown and, therefore, that no suspicion rests on either your name or your bird. Trusting this is satisfactory to you.

I remain, Yours faithfully,
(Signed). JAMES WINTER.

I also enclose prize card.

LLANELLY SOCIETY AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR.—Replying to Mr. Jones's letter, I may say that I was soon at work trying to find out what I had to do with the missing bird, and as Mr. Tedstone wrote me a satisfactory letter I looked it over, but I am annoyed at my name having been brought into the matter in the way in which it is, and unless the circumstance is fully explained in your next issue, I shall place the matter in other hands. I am a business man, and keep birds for a hobby, and the way in which my name is used in the wire to the show, without a reply, is damaging to my character, and unless they apologise I shall take proceedings.

F. BEARD.

Llandrindod.

(We must confess that on the face of it we do not see in what way the telegram of Mr. Tedstone's quoted by Mr. Jones last week is damaging to the character of Mr. Board, but probably Mr. Tedstono will be willing to supply our readers with the same explanation of it as he has already supplied to Mr. Beard himself.—EDITOR.)

SIR,— In your issue of the 28th ult. I was surprised to find a letter signed by the Chairman of the Llanelly C. B. C., drawing attention to a letter from Mr. D. H. Tedstone, the popular secretary of the Welsh C.B.C., which appeared in a previous issue. On reference to the letter I fail to see what exception the Llanelly Chairman can take to it. We see accounts of birds stolen and friend Patterson's birds' water alleged to have been tampered with, and the like. Surely, Sir, it is only right to acknowledge in the Press, when a fancier is assisted by a fellow fancier or club. Mr. Jones has evidently misconstrued the letter altogether, as the only construction one can put on it is, that it is a few words of advice to show secretaries, kindly meant, and quite in season. Anent the remarks "voluminous correspondence," etc., coming as they do immediately after the Llanelly maxim "Do unto others," etc., shows a spirit which is best left to the individual judgment of your readers. May I say that Mr. Tedstone initiated me into the Fancy, and during the few years I had the pleasure of his acquaintance I proved him a thorough sportsman and a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. I was with him at the time of the loss of his birds. and he told me that in all his long experience, he never felt so disheartened. He had sold all his Border Fancy Canaries and introduced some new blood with the hope of improving his Norwich stock, and to lose the lot within a week was enough to make any fancier disheartened. I was fortunate enough to obtain some of Mr. Tedstone's prize Borders (through a dealer), but I have not had sufficient time to prepare them for showing in the London District as I had hoped to do this season. I trust you will insert this letter as I fear some of our English friends may think there is something wrong with friend Tedstone, whom I hope they will have the pleasure of meeting at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show.

R. A. MILLS.

VETERAN JUDGES AND THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I should like to be allowed to endorse the remarks of your correspondent, "Nuthatch," anent the lamentable lack of kindly sentiment evinced by the executive of the Great National eveut in setting aside the claims of London's veteran British bird man, Mr. Samuel Cook, to act as one of the British bird judges at the Jubilee Crystal Palace Show. Affectionately spoken of in London birdy circles as "Old Sam," Mr. Cook has always enjoyed an unstinted measure of confidence, and has always proved himself worthy of it. No judge ever dealt out more even handed justice than he; his awards were made with a directness which can well be appreciated in these days of "axes to grind," and he cared not whose decisions he upset, even though they were his own, so long as he satisfied himself that he had the right birds on top. His mistakes have been few and far between, but always admitted by him with the same characteristic bluntness as that with which he would defend his judgment when it was wrongly called in question. It is a pity indeed that he and our other veteran, whom we think of with affection as "Old Joe Hills," should not be allowed to retire together with all due honour (let us hope to be lookers-on for many more years yet), and I trust there is yet time for the L. and P.O.S. Committee to reconsider the point, and have it so. As far as the appointment of judges who are really novices is concerned, it really does not matter much, although it might be better, perhaps, to have men who have, year after year, demonstrated their ability as successful exhibitors of stock. Judging British birds, however, is a much simpler proposition than winning prizes with them, and the novice who has yet to win his spurs can quite creditably adjudicate upon the veteran exhibitors' products, so long as he follows in the footsteps of the veteran judges who have gone before.

C. PRIOR.

SIR,—I heartily agree with every word written by your correspondent over the nom de plume "Nuthatch." No one can be more disappointed than I am that Mr. Sam Cook's name does not figure in the judges' list of the Jubilee Palace Show. I think I am justified in stating that Mr. Cook was passed by my committee on account of his not being on the judges' list of the National British Bird and Mule Club and for no other reason. The British Bird and Mule Sections are being held under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M. Club, and members desire to compete for the club specials in all the classes. To enable them to do this, club judges had to be appointed. It is a condition that I, personally, do not agree with, and would never vote for; but I am only one amongst many. The judges appointed meet with the approval of the N.B.B. and M.C., for I have a letter from the hon. secretary, Mr. Plumbridge, congratulating us upon our list of judges. Strange to say, most of the protests I have received have been from members of the N.B.B. and M.C., and to these gentlemen I would say: Confer with your committee; get your restrictive rule waived for this show, and I will at once ask my committee to appoint Mr .Cook without displacing Mr. Allen Silver's name from the list. The classes could easily be rearranged and divided equally between the judges. I am writing Mr. Plumbridge by same post, and will keep the schedule from the printer another week in order to give Mr. Plumbridge time to consult his committee, and reply.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

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A QUESTION FOR LINNET CATCHERS.

SIR,—Perhaps some experienced Linnet catcher would be kind enough to let me know through the columns of your most valuable paper how I could catch Linnets which are feeding on stubble fields. I use a pair of clap nets 7 yards long and 4 feet wide. I have set them close to hedge and also in the midfield, and have tried every conceivable plan to catch them; but all methods have proved abortive. I use only one brace bird and two call birds, and would like to know if more brace birds would be better, or if any bait would be required in the net; and also if it would be advisable to place call birds under the net when set? I trust some catcher will be good enough to enlighten me.

ANNOYED.

JUDGE BAITING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—In answer to "Querist," in your issue of last week, I, as an disinterested visitor to this show, beg to say that this particular exhibitor did not surpass himself by any means. Far from it. He simply asked the Judge appointed, the reason for placing his best bird below an inferior specimen owned by this same exhibitor. And when a fancier knows the merits and qualities of his own birds, and has proved it time after time at our biggest open shews, I think you must admit he has some ground for complaint. Further, is "Querist" aware that the exhibitor had the pluck to bet anyone present 20 to 1 that the awards would be reversed the following week under a specialist judge? Why did not the Judge take his bet, if he was so positive in his award? When "Querist" states the judge quietly but convincingly explained the reason to everybody but the exhibitor himself, he is wrong entirely. No, Sir, he did not by any means give the exhibitor a fair or reasonable explanation at all. His chief cry was that he detested the cages the birds were in, whereupen the exhibitor told him he was judging the bird, and not the cage. Now, "Querist," let me assure you this exhibitor will not go farther and fare worse. He went farther the following week at the premier and most popular Society in London, and carried off an eight-guinea silver challenge cup (the best cup this club holds), 1st sp. and 2nd. prize in the biggest class in the show, and had eight birds in the money out of nine entries. Surely this does not look like faring worse. Perhaps "Querist" was one of those dear chappies that this exhibitor beat, and has not got over the shock yet. I will sign my name when he has the courage to sign his.

CEDE-NULLIS.

ALLEGED YELLOWHAMMER-SISKIN HYBRID AT NORWICH.

SIR,—On visiting Norwich Show on November 28th my attention was drawn to an exhibit in the Hybrid class, entered in catalogue as a "Yellowhammer-Siskin," where it stood second prize. Various opinions were given by those present as to its proper name; some suggested it was another "Canterbury Pilgrim," others a cross between a foreigner and a Canary. But on being compared with an exhibit in the foreign bird class, a St. Helena Seed-Eater, it was seen to be identically the same, only in better conditien than the last named. It is a pity the owner of the third prize-winning Hybrid was not present with the courage to lodge a protest against the second bird, so as to put matters right, as such a thing ought not to pass without comment. Now, ye Cage Bird Union, wake up and take the matter in hand, and show you have control over such cases to prevent it occurring again. Let honour be given where honour is due. A VISITOR.

SIR.—One of the most interesting exhibits at Norwich Show was undoubtedly Mr. J. Howard's bird in the A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid Class. described as a Yellowhammer-Siskin Hybrid, and catalogued at £5. The bird was a picture, perfect in feather and condition and faultlessly staged. Yet the judge had a suspicion as to the bird's being really a Hybrid. However, at the last moment he decided to give the bird the benefit of the doubt, and awarded it second prize, the first prize going to a Canary Bully. On the show opening one of the first to enter was Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of London, and he was immediately asked if he could guess the parentage of the second prize exhibit. "Grand bird," replied Mr. R., "colour fed to perfection; had one like it at the Palace some six or seven years ago, and that was called a 'Canterbury Pilgrim.' What is this called?" Now, Sir, a bird similar in appearance, but non-fed, and not in nearly such good condition, was exhibited in the Foreign Section, and Mr. J. F. Hills was comparing the two birds later in the afternoon. his face wearing a worried look. Most of the fanciers present thought that the two birds were of the same species, but Mr. Howard stoutly maintained that his bird was as described. Certainly this "Yellowhammer-Siskin Hybrid" was the attraction of the show, and tho centre of interest. If no mistake has been made, it is without doubt one of the best Hybrids seen for a long time, and ridiculously cheap at the price named, £5. We hope to see this bird at the Palace.

AMUSED.

ARE SPECIAL PRIZES A NUISANCE?

SIR,—The correspondence re special prizes in your columns prompts me to touch upon another phase of the same subject—the advisability of offering specials at all. It has grown to be the custom to offer, if possible, a special for every class in order to draw entries and patronage, and this, in the case of a show held in a sparsely populated district like ours, is a difficult matter to arrange. That we have been able to do so for our next show is a tribute to the generosity of our local fanciers and tradesmen, but is at the same time a great tax on their generosity. Half the value of the specials given in cash to the society would have been of greater benefit to everybody and much less trouble, both before the show and after, for our experience at Cockermouth is that nearly all—nay all—the trouble with exhibitors is due to the specials, whilst the reckoning up of points is often very troublesome and a cause of dispute and correspondence. I would, except in particular cases, abolish all specials and add, say, a corresponding, or pro rata, amount to the money prizes, and in some large classes give a fourth prize—say the amount of the entrance fee. I am, however, not an exhibitor except in a very limited sense, but am speaking from the point of view of a show official.

GEO. OGLETHORPE,
Chairman, Cockermouth and District Feather Society.

BIRDS "WRONG-CLASSED" AT SWINDON SHOW.

SIR,—The folly of having exhibits forwarded from one show to another is proved by the treatment I received at the hands of an official of the Dulwich Ornithological Society. Through a "whip-up" p.c., I made three entries for Dulwich O.S. Show, on condition the birds were forwarded on in good time for Swindon Show. This was done, as the Swindon secretary informed me that my birds arrived overnight (for which I tender my thanks to the Dulwich secretaries). But as it turned out they might just as well have remained at Dulwich until the show closed, as the party entrusted to tie on the Swindon labels was evidently new to the game, especially so when he did not know a "Cherry Blossom" from an unflighted hen. When I sent the Swindon labels, I sent a note asking the secretaries at Dulwich to please tie them on. I also mentioned that my ticked buff cock, class 4, No. 1, Dulwich, goes in class 4, No. 3, Swindon; class 7, No. 4, variegated hen, Dulwich, goes in class 8, No. 12, Swindon, etc., etc. Imagine my surprise when I got to the show and found my birds "wrong classed." I then went in search of my friend's birds, and found his unflighted hens in the cock class, and vice versa. However, I spent a very pleasant afternoon amongst a ripping lot of fanciers. The foreign birds were a treat and worth going a long way to see, and the Swindon fanciers are to be congratulated on their very pretty little show, which I hope was a success. C. E. BROWN.

THE RECENT INVERNESS SHOW.

SIR,—I was a spectator of the judging of Inverness Show, and was greatly surprised at the way the prizes were "pitched" at the exhibits—to say they were awarded would be a misrepresentation. The judge arrived about 10.30 a.m. and left by the 3.50 p.m. train south, taking about an hour off for dinner, which doesn't leave much time to judge a show with 39 classes. I happened to drop in when he was busy judging the Britishers, and as I watched him I formed the opinion, as did all who were present, that he merely picked up the first three decent specimens and stuck on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd—the others he hardly even looked at. I do not blame the judge, for the show is really too much for one man to judge satisfactorily in time to catch the mail train south. When he came to the special prizes he found he had about seven minutes to award nearly 50 amongst 300 birds, and these were most complicated, some being for members, others local, and remainder open, so that you may guess how they were awarded. A young gentleman, seeing the dilemma in which matters were, endeavoured to ascertain the meaning of it, but was severely rebuked by one of the officials in rather an ungentlemanly manner. The show itself was a good one, in an excellent hall, and I especially enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Roller Canarics. My object in writing is not to do the association any harm; the members (and I have met not a few) are, in fact, all good fellows and thorough fanciers, but rather to impress upon them the necessity of an additional judge for the Canary section, without which satisfaction to exhibitors cannot be given.

A. ROSS.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

SALE.

Sale Open O.S. held their first open show on Nov. 28, in the technical school, a very nice room for a cage bird show. Having regard to the fact that there were four money prizes and a cash special for each class, coupled with a grand challenge cup for competition in the open class, we naturally expected that there would be a bumping entry, and were rather disappointed to find that it did not come up to expectations, but we trust the society will be better supported next year, and that the attendance, which we were pleased to see was very good in the afternoon, will make up for any deficiency there may be this year. In Mr. James Irlam, Sale has an ideal secretary, and although new to the game, no one could have been found who could have carried out the numerous duties more accurately or expeditiously, or would have had the show in better order. The committee—consisting of Messrs. J. Leigh, J. Gray, G. Whitney, J. Burst, F. Fields. W. Fields, C. H. Smith, W. Smith, S. Hartley, G. Allcock, Thomas Shield (President), and Horace Whitney (assistant secretary)—is a grand one, and worked hard to make the show a success. As to the birds themselves, the Yorkshires, Norwich, British and Foreign in the Champion section were a grand collection, and contained some very choice specimens, many noted birds of the season putting in an appearance. In the two classes for Bordero many wee gems were staged. The Novice Norwich, and Members' classes also contained many grand birds, which could well hold their own in the open. The silver challenge cup, presented by R. Unwin, Esq., for most points in open Canary classes, with 3 non-mated birds, was won by Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins, and Hyde's special by Mr. A. Royle. Messrs. A. G. Davis and Geo. Massey judged, and we heard no complaints.

The Pearson Cup for most points with four starred birds in members' classes was won by Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. W. Dooley being runner-up. The gold medal for most points with four starred birds in British classes was won by Mr. S. Beaty, Mr. E. Morgan being the runner-up. Messrs. J. Raynes, T. Harrison, P. Drinkwater, W. Bayley, A. Holt, F. Fielding, W. Crooks, and W. Whalley, gave very valuable assistance, whilst Mrs. Irlam watered and fed the birds, and made a nice exhibition with cups, etc., at the top end of the room.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Wilcock, grand length and stand, rare position and feather, clinking exhibit; 2, Hirst, grand length, well drawn, full of quality, well known winner; 3, Gray, rattling length, rare position and style, superior quality; 4, Crutchley, rattling length, good shape, nice quality; vhc, Fielding; hc, Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, Hirst, grand back, wings and tail, feather like wax, good one; 2, Wilcock, beautiful quality and type, well up on leg, nice length; 3, 4, Nelson; 3rd, good length, nice narrow shoulders, fine quality; 4th, superior quality and shape; vhc, Riley. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Nelson, thigh ticked, beauty, excellent length, stands like a guardsman, fine quality and colour; 2, Wilcock, ticked head, another gem, grand length and staud, lovely back, wings and tail, magnificent quality; 3, Gray, red-hot thigh ticked unflg., splendid length and quality; 4, Longworth and Lawson, head and wings mkd., well up in size; vhc Rance. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, Wilcock, leader, wing ticked, magnificent length, brimful of quality, fine shape; 2, thigh ticked again, grand length and quality good; 2, 3, Gray, slight grizzle on wing, all there for type and quality; vhc, Peace. HENS (13): 1, Riley, cl., yell., shines like silk, stands well up, grand back, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Hirst, clear buff splendid type, smooth as glass, good position and length; 3, Gray, head and wing marked, fine type and quality, bonny hen; 4, Peace, cl. yell., nice length and quality; hc, Nelson; c, Peace. NOR. CL. BUFF (6): 1, J. and J. Hopkins; 2 Raynes, magnificent type and quality, nice s- and grand colour, bonny bird; 3, Wilcock, big bouncing bird, grand type and quality; 4, Royle, red hot colour, short thick-set bird, good quality; vhc, Fildes; hc, Davies. TICKED, ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Wilcock, ticked back of head, grand size, extra shape, good colour and quality; 2, Davies, marked head, wings, and root of tail, grand substance, and colour, Wigan winner; 3, Davies marked back of head, grand size and quality, good shape and carriage; 4, Critchley, wing ticked, good size, nice type and colour; vhc, Hirst. BUFF (5): 1, Raynes, slight grizzle on wing, good substance, rare quality and shape, nice size and colour; 2, Critchley, head and wing marked, splendid colour and quality, good size and carriage; 3, Coulson, thigh ticked, grand substance and colour, nice quality; 4, Critchley, variegs., good shape, colour and quality; vhc, Davies. HEN (5): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, buff, marked face, and wings; 2, Davies, head and wing marked yellow, grand size and colour, rare quality, nice hen; 3, Royle, thigh ticked buff, grand unflg. hen, rare shape and quality; 4, Royle, variegs., nice shape and quality; vhc, Coulson. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Royle, 1st, cl., yell., grand shape and quality, good size and colour, nice head, neck and chest; 4th, grizzle on neck, good size and quality, nice colour; 2, Davies, head, neck, and wing marked, nice short flights and tail, good substance and quality; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, grizzle on neck; vhc, Fildes; hc, Butterworth. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Royle, 1st, clear, grand size and quality, good head, neck and chest, fine youngster; 2, Davies, cl., good colour and size, nice thick-set bird; 3, Critchley, grand Norwich, shape, good head and quality; 4, Parlett, grand bird all through; vhc, Fildes; c, Butterworth. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Walton, cap marked yell., grand substance and colour, good quality and carriage; 2, Astley, cl., nice size and shape, good head, well shown; 3, Smith, cl., beautiful quality and type, shade longer; 4, Proctor, cl., good size, shape and quality; vhc, hc, Longworth and Lawson; c, Edwards. BUFF (12): 1, Cadman, clear, magnificent shape and size. nice broad back and chest, A1 quality and colour; 2, Astley, clear, excellent quality, and colour, medium size, good shape; 3, Smith, grand bird, good quality, nice substance; 4, Whalley, clear, of good colour and quality; vhc, Deakin; hc, Kirk; c, Proctor. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Boothman, variegs., excellent shape and quality, grand back, wings and tail, very short and chubby; 2, Edwards, marked eyes and wing, good colour and quality, grand shape; 3, 4, Espley, 3rd, marked eyes, wings and tail, grand quality and colour, hardly so chubby; 4th, slight tick on wing, good size and colour; vhc, Woods; hc, Smalley; c, Gerrard. BUFF (15): 1, Cadman, eye and wing marked buff, all there for shape and quality, nice colour; 2, Gerrard, clear again, grand shape and extra quality, nice size and colour; 3, Espley, 3rd, clear, nice shape and size, good colour; 4th, clear, good quality, beaten shape; vhc, Longworth and Lawson; hc, Woods; c, Connor Bros. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, Proctor, good buff cinn.; 2, Kelsey, very nice Scot. Fcy.; 3, Hart, wing marked dark crest, good crest and body feather; 4, Drinkwater, buff Green Nor.; vhc, Hill; hc, Bracegirdle. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Bayley, clear, grand type, beautiful colour, full of quality and style; 2 (no name), clear, tight as wax, beautiful shape and carriage; 3, 4, Blackshaw, 3rd, cl., splendid quality and carriage, grade stoutish; 4th, marked head and neck, correct shape and quality. BUFF (5): 1, grand cl., buff, exquisite quality and shape; 2, another clear, rare feather, all there for type, grand mover; 3, cl., sweet little exhibit; 4th, ticked head, splendid quality, nice type (awards not marked in catalogue). GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (12): 1, 2, Burst, couple of stonning good finches, both very sound in colour, grand buttons and bars, leader perhaps more expansive in blaze; 3, Beaty, Bull., grand breast colour and cap, good size; 4, vhc, Holt, Goldfinch, good blaze, nice tan and buttons; hc, Walsh; c, Allcock. CHAFFINCH ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Burst, leader Chaffinch, wonderful size and colour, grand quality and condition 2nd, extra fine Bramblefinch, grand colour and markings, rare size and very steady; 3rd, Chaffinch, superior colour; 4, 5, Hampson and Billington, 4th, Brambiefinch, grand colour and condition; hc, Irlam. LINNET (10): 1, Burst, grand colour and size, well laced, all over, good type and quality; 2, hc, Parlett, 2nd, another grand Linnet, splendid colour and markings, good size; 3, Pitchford, well pencilled, good colour, not quite the size; 4th, Beard, another very similar bird; vhc, Morton; c, Ashton. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Burst, leader wonderful size and colour, feather like wax, a gem; 2nd, another grand bird, good colour and size; 3, Heywood, good size and quality. SISKIN ETC. (8): 1, 2, Hurst. couple of grand Twites leader extra colour, beautifully marked, lovely quality; 2nd, fine size and colour, not far behind; 3, vhc, c, Irlam, Redpoll, good colour and type; 4, Beaty, Twite, grand colour and markings; hc, Holt. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Chick, well known Hawfinch, Midland Chief, leading, needs no comment, often described, closely followed by the equally well known Corn Bunting, in lovely condition; 3, Beaty, Hawfinch, good size and colour, nice bib; 4, Hurst, another Hawfinch, grand bird; vhc, Riley; hc, Hampson and Billington. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Chick, well known black Redstart, "Elite," magnificent feather, rare colour and quality; 2, Walsh, Wagtail, good size and colour; 3, Birchley, another Wagtail, good size, grand colour and condition; 4, McGray, Song Thrush, lovely colour, well spangled; vhc, Walsh; c, Birchley. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 4, Walsh; 2, 3, vhc, Creasy. MULES. DARK (5): 1, Davies, Bullfinch-Greenfinch, grand size and colour, lovely bloom; 2, Pitchford, Bullfinch-Linnet, grand bird, well known; 3, Houghton, another Bullfinch-Linnet, nice size and colour; 4, Jenkinson, Linnet-Canary; vhc, Creasy. SELL. (20/-) (5): 1, Proctor; 2, Davies; 3, Brennan; 4, Lindsay; vhc, Sweetman. (12/6) (8): 1, Sweetman; 2, Riley; 3, Raynes; 4, Sweetman; vhc, Riley; hc, Gerrard; c, Smith. MEMBERS' AMATEUR AND OPEN CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Dooley; 3, Lindsay. BUFF: 1, 4, Dooley; 2, Lindsay; 3, Brennan. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Dooley; 2, Brennan. BUFF: 1, Brennan; 2, Lindsay. YELL. HEN: 1, Dooley; 2, Brennan. BUFF: 1, Dooley; 2, Lindsay; 3, Drinkwater. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Drinkwater. HEN: 1, 2, Drinkwater. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Irlam; 2, 3, Unwin; 4, Harding; vhc, Fildes. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, Harding; 3, Hill; 4, Smith; vhc, Unwin; hc, Davies. TICKED YELL.: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Irlam. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Irlam; 3, hc, Harding; 4, Hill; vhc, Hurst; c, Smith. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Smith; 2, Davies; 3, Unwin; vhc, Harding. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Unwin; 2, Davies; vhc, Harding; hc, Harding. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, Davies; 2, vhc, Harding; 3, hc, Smith; 4, Unwin. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Harding; 3, Unwin; 4, Smith; vhc, Hurst. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Fildes; 4, Hurst; vhc, c, Smith; hc, Harding. BUFF: 1, hc, Fildes; 2, 4, c, Unwin; 3, Davies; vhc, Harding. GREEN CK.: 1, 3, Drinkwater; 2, Hill. HEN: 1, Hurst; 2, 3, Drinkwater. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Fildes; 3, vhc, Busky; 4, Blackshaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Drinkwater; 2, Busky. TICKED YELL.: 1, Mrs. Fildes; 3, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Blackshaw. YELL. HEN: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 3, Busky; 4, Mrs. Fildes; vhc, hc, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 4, Busky; 3, vhc, Drinkwater. GREEN OR CINN. CK.: 1, 4, Middleton; 2, 3, Drinkwater. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Middleton; 3, Busky; vhc, Drinkwater. A.O.V. CAN. CK.: 1, Hill. HEN: 1, Hill; 2, Irlam. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Dunkerley; 2, Crookes. BUFF: 1, 2, Crook. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Morgan. BUFF: 1, 2, Worrall; 2, Shield. YORKS. HEN YELL.: 1, 2, Worrall. BUFF: 1, 2, Worrall. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Fields. BUFF (Could not find). TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Spencer; 2, 3, 4, Fields. BUFF: 1, 2, Fields. HEN CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Fields; 3, Morgan. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fields. HEN TICKED YELL.: 1, Spencer; 2, 3, Fields. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fields. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1 Spencer; 2, 3, vhc, Fields; 4 Morgan. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Fields. GREEN: 1, Spencer; 2, 3, Shield. OPEN MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH: 1 Beaty; 2, Walsh; 3, Dunkerley; 4, Morgan; vhc Middleton. BULLFINCH: 1, Beaty; 2, Morgan; 3 Birchley; 4, Gray. GOLDFINCH: 1, Beaty; 2, 3 Birchley; 4, Hurst; vhc, Whitney and Son: hc, Allcock. LINNET: 1, 2, Birchley; 3, 4, hc, Hurst; vhc, Gray; c, Whitney and Son. SISKIN ETC.: 1, Birchley; 2, Morgan; 3, Middleton; 4, Whitney and Son; vhc, hc, Hurst; c, Gray. BRAMBLEFINCH ETC.: 1, Beaty; 2, Dunkerley; 3, Birchley; 4, vhc, Hurst; hc, Middleton. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Birchley; 3, Hurst. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Grey. FOR. SMALL: 1, 3, 4, Walsh; 2, Smith. GIFT: 1, Middleton. DARK MULE ETC.: 1, Beaty; 2, 3, Whalley; 4, Morgan; vhc, Hurst. LIGHT: 1, Beaty.

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The 13th annual show was held on November 27 and 28 in the town hall. The entries showed a falling off as compared with those of previous years; the Norwich and Yorkshires were the worst. Borders came up strong, some very fine specimens being on view. The committee worked very hard for the success of the show, and the secretaries, Messrs. Woodburn and Lucas, especially displayed great energy in this department. Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale), judged all but the Border Fancies, and with a few exceptions his awards were very well received. Mr. J. Hopper judged the Borders, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. Cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Davies, grand size, substance and feather, short flights and tail; 2nd, grand colour and quality; 3, res., Moffat, 3, lovely quality, nice shape, good head, some thought might have been 2nd; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Whalley; c (could not find). TKD. ETC. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, c, Sumpton, Whitehaven, ticked on neck, beautiful shape and quality; 2, res., Wilcock, grand colour and quality, 3, Reid Bros., short, stout bird, beautifully mealed, short wing and tail; vhc, Moffat; hc, Davies; hc 2, Moffat, cardless, some thought should have been in the money. NOR. HEN cancelled. NOR. SELL. (8): 1, hc, Moffat; 2, Davies; 3, Youngbusband, res, Hanna; vhc, Sumpton. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1,), Stewart, Whitehaven winner, grand shape, good wings and tail, 3rd grand length, nice quality, well up on leg; 2, Wilcock, nice and well drawn, good colour and quality; res, Richardson. TKD. YELL. and CL. BUFF cancelled. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, res, Stewart, ticked on neck, beautifully drawn, grand length of wing, well up on leg; 2, Douglas, neck ticked, long upstanding and, good colour and quality; 3, Wilcock, ticked on wing, nice shape, good quality of feather; vhc, Brown. BUFF HEN (5): 1, res, Stewart, stylish, well drawn, good colour and quality; 2, Douglas, neatly moulded, lovely shape and quality; 3, Brown, good length, nice shape, wings well carried; vhc, Wilcock. YELL. cancelled. SELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Stewart; res, Smith and Son; vhc, Brown. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC.. YELL., cancelled. HEN (6): 1, 2, Poole, splendidly moulded, grand colour and quality, well put down 3, Plaskett, neat and jaunty carriags; res, Davies; vhc, Walker. BUFF CK. (15): 1, 3, Wilson, winner gem, grand shape and colour, good carriage, 3rd beautiful shape and quality; 2, Poole, smart carriage, beautifully moulded, good colour, presses. res, Levason; vhc, c, Youngbusband; hc, Moore. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, model of a Border, grand style, colour and carriage, well staged; 2, 3, Dixon, pair of neat Borders, models for shape and quality, grand carriage, good wings and tails; res, Moo. vhc, Plaskett Bros.; hc, Levason. EVENLY MKD (4): 1, Dixon, yell., rare shape, nice colour, grand quality, eyes and wings mkd., well balanced; 2, Wilson, bulf, best of types, jaunty carriage, beautiful finish; 3, Ellwood, buff, well balanced markings, nice quality and style; res, Thompson. UN. EVENLY MKD., ETC. (8): 1, Ellwood, splendid colour and quality, well moulded, jaunty carriage, was wrong classed, we hear, as evenly marked as Whitehaven; 2, Wilson, variegated buff, stylish, wr Border, was also wrong classed at Whitehaven, heard; 3, Dixon, variegated yell., shown in faultless condition, well carried wings, a model; res, Plaskett Bros.; vhc, Levason; hc, Millington; c, Thompson. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Hadwin, yell. green, nice type and quality, beautiful carriage; 2, Docherty, another green, neat wings and tail; 3, Docherty, green, neat shape, good style; res, Tomlinson vhc, Hadwin. SELL. (8): 1, Ellwood, pair of Bord., quickly claimed; 2, Hillon; 3, vhc, Bertram and Bell; res, vhc, Moffat. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 2, Davies, 1st grand Linnet-Can. leading, good pencilling, colour and shape, 2nd large Greenfinch-Can., splendid shape and colour, well shown; 3, res, Dixon, Whitehaven winner, Linnet-Can., grand colour and shape, little to choose between this and winner; vhc, Robertson; hc, Glaister. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 2, T. and J. 1. Kearton, pair of grand Finches, good faces and body colour, nice bars and moons, shown in splendid condition; 3 vhc, Carlyle, nice ground colour; res, Rundle; hc Jenkinson. LINNET (9): 1, Jenkinson, large and upstanding, was minus about 4 flight feathers in each wing when we saw it; 2, 3, vhc, T. and J. 1 Kearton, grand sheen, markings and type, some thought ought to have won; res, Hillon; hc, Robertson. BRIT. SOFTBILL cancelled. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC., cancelled. FOR., A.O.S. (3): 1, ; Snoddon and Thompson, Blue-fronted Amazon and Alexandrina Parrakeet, put down in the best o order; 3, Whalley, Cutthroat, splendid exhibit.

PENZANCE.

Bird shows, and good ones, have to our knowledge been held in this grand old Cornish town in years gone by, but as the schedule does not give their number we cannot supply the deficiency; suffice it to say that on November 27th a very nice collection of nearly 300 birds was ready for inspection in good time. This and a good list of 21 specials, well spread over 28 classes, proves the enthusiasm of the honorary secretary, Mr. Pearce Sampson, who was supported by an able committee, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. Sendall, Bounder, Richards, Watkins, Williams, Batten, Carne, and last, but not least, Mr. Bodinnar, a most efficient lieutenant and chief steward. Riviera weather prevailed, as promised by the railway company, and roses, geraniums, veronicas, and laburnums are still in bloom. Mr. J. North judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Stront, most typical bird, good size, colour and quality; 2, Spillman, not looking at all well, but very true to type, nice size; 3, Rickard, fine size and colour; res, Ferrill; vhc, Tippett; hc, Phillips; c, Coad. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, Rickard, nice size and marking, good colour; 2, res, Spillman, leader rich ticked yell; 3, Rickard, silky feathered, good colour; vhc, Phillips; hc, Williams. NON-FLIG. (8): 1, spl, Collings, most typical yell, lu grand condition; 2, Spillman, grizzle-backed buff, nice size and quality; 3, Rickard, excellent type; res, vhc, (2), Stront; c, Phillips. HEN (9): 1, spl, 3, Collings, yell, and buff, highest type and quality; 2, Spillman, splendid large bodied buff, free from coarseness; res, White, very neat; vhc, Phillips; hc, Chirgwin. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Pincombe, very stylish yell, straight and slim; 2, Thomas, long, grand quality; 3, Brooks, nice, smooth feather, well braced wings, nicely folded tail; res, Chirgwin; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Oatey; c, Fox. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Fox, nicely moulded and posed, good quality and bloom; 2, Phillpot, good stand and feather; 3, Thomas, well up in all typical Yorks. properties; res, Veal, splendid length and straightness of body; vhc, Oatey and Ellis; hc, Jeffrey; c, Fox. VARIEG. (11): 1, spl, Ellis, tkd. yell. excellent type, smooth and slim; 2, Rodda, tkd. buff, nicely moulded; 3, Thomas, variegated yell. good length and style; res, Mitchell; vhc, Oatey; hc, Jeffrey; c, Chirgwin, Jewell. NON-FLIG. (14): 1, Wills and Son, massive young yell; 2, hc, Ellis, leader very stylish yell; 3, Thomas, another mkd. yell. excellent type; ex. 3, c, Veal, former beautifully smooth buff; res, Oatey, yell.; vhc, Jewell; c, Fox. HEN (15): 1, spl, Wills and Sons, steady yell, splendidly moulded; 2, Rodda, beautiful cl. yell.; 3, res, Thomas, former, nice yell; vhc, Pope; hc, Oatey, Fox; c, Reynolds, Chirgwin. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, spl, Rabey Bros, clear body D.C., nice Nor. properties; 2, hc, Symons, variegated. C.B., exceedingly well feathered; 3, Bellman, very nice clear buff C.B.; res, Ryder, very good crested green; vhc, Bennett; c, Hancock. CINN. (7): 1, spl, 2, res, Medlin, leader yell. excellent Nor. properties, grand colour, quality and shape; 2, very rich coloured jonque; 3, vhc, Pope, former big buff bird, good head, nice quality; hc, Hancock; c, Chirgwin. PAIRS (10): 1, spl, exquisite pair of Nor. properly matched, well up in colour, size and type; 2, Ryder, grand D.C. ck, large variegated body with lower-class tien; 3, Collings, sweet pair cl. Nor.; res., Symons, well matched Crest pair; vhc, Scotch with some European spirit; hc, Fox; c, Thomas. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, spl for best in show, 2, 3, res, hc, c, Collins, grand team, worth a long journey to see, 1, six-pointed buff Goldfinch Can., good size and condition; 2, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, in grand trim; 3, Greenie-Bullie, sometimes placed first on account of its smooth plumage, which it inherits from its Indolent papa; res, lightly-marked Linnet-Can.; vhc, Rowe and Hancock, nicely marked yell. Goldfinch-Can. DARK (11): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, very rich and silky Greenfinch-Can.; 2, 3, res, Collins, Siskin, Redpoll, Greenfinch, and all from Canary mothers, in splendid condition; vhc, Davies, jonquis cinn. Can-Greenfinch hen, rare exhibit, in nice feather; hc, c, Bodinnar. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, Polkinghorne, charming bird, crimson face, rich tanning, distinct moons and buttons; 2, vhc, Giles, nearly equal, splendid colour and polish; 3, Rowe and Hancock, tight in feather, rich in colour; res, Legassick, large well shaped bird of great promise; hc, Jones; c, Rowe, Batten. BULLFINCH (13): 1, spl, vhc, Rowe and Hancock, winner, very thick-set and rich coloured; 2, res, Warren, leader very steady and smart; 3, Austiss, another steady bird beautiful colour; vhc, Oatey; hc, Rowe; c, Dale. A.O.S. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Rowe and Hancock, with Siskin, Hawfinch, and Yellow Bunting; vhc, hc, Ernest Mickell. FOR (10): 1, spl, F. Davies, perfectly feathered Gouldians, each showing both red and black on head; 2, c, Collins, former Paradise Whydah; 3, Wells, yellow Budgerigars, in perfect feather; res, hc, c, Michell, black-headed and white-headed Nuns in one group, and Waxbills in another; vhc, Woolcock, nice black-headed Gouldian. SELL (20/-) (15): 1, Rabey; 2, Jowell; 3, Oatey; res, Rowe and Hancock; vhc, Bennett, Fox; hc, Bellman; c, Smith. LOCAL (10 miles radius) NOR. (10): f, spl, vhc, hc, White, winner typical yell.; 2, Kemp, stout buff, smooth in feather; 3, Granville, rich yell.; res, Kemp, nice buff. BRED (1908) (20): 1, spl, Phillips, nice chested yell.; 2, Kemp, lovely colour; 3, (no name), nice buff; res, White, good quality; vhc, spl, for best Members, Major, nice quality unflig. buff; hc, c, Oatey. YORKS. (11): f, spl, Mitchell, good in position and quality; 2, Chirgwin, another stylish yell.; 3, Batten, also yell.—the buffs did not stand much chance against them; res, hc, Fox; vhc, Oatey; c, Veal. BRED 1908 (15): 1, c, Oatey, winner very smart yell; 2, res, Veal, former, beautiful smooth buff; 3, vhc, Mitchell, former good yell.; hc, Fox, Chirgwin; c, Batten. YORKS. OR NOR. NAT. COL. (11): 1, spl, White, very typical; 2, Glanville, good Yorkshire; 3, Rowe and Hancock, splendid type; res, hc, c, Oatey; vhc, Male; c, Jenkin. A.S. BRIT. (8): 1, res, Rowe and Hancock, Blackcap and Siskin; 2, Chirgwin; 3, Thomas, Magpie; vhc, Watkins, Bramblefinch; hc, Mitchell, Linnet, all in nice condition and feather.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Seventeenth annual show held on November 24th and 25th, in the North Road Lecture Halls. It was a great success. In the Canary section the birds were staged in a very light room by themselves and were well looked after by a well-known fancier, Mr. W. Swaysland (Brighton), also Mr. C. Pavey, and a good committee. The secretary Mr. J. W. Freestone, assisted by Messrs. Allfrey and Lintott, the assistant secretaries, had everything ready for judging early, and did well, considering the short time they had. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson (London).

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, and res, Rev. Miller, real gem, very good type, colour and quality; 2, Frost, good bird; 3, Donne, very nice one; res, Mustchin; 503, wrong class, a buff. BUFF (4): 1, Donne, real good bird, wins well; 2, Frost, another nice one; 3, Woolven, close up; res, Rev. Miller. TKD. ETC. (4): 1, spl, Terry, very fine type and quality, A1; 2, Woolven, good large capped bird; 3, Frost; No. 601 (no name), variegated, yell. Yorks., wrong class. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Dandridge, very good position, colour and quality; 2, Wells, nice one, close up; 3, Denton; res, Frost; vhc, (no name in catalogue); hc, Burtenshaw; No. 606, Alder, (wrong class) a buff. BUFF (4): 1, Burtenshaw, nice position, good type and quality; 2, Frost, very nice exhibit; 3, res, Pearson. TKD. ETC. (5): 1, spl, Dandridge, very good yell., wins well; 2, Burtenshaw, very fine buff, close up to first; 3, res, Pearson, both good ones; No. 615 (wrong class), a Blackcap. NON. COL.-FED. CAN.: f, res, and spl, Gibb, very nice wing mkd. Nor.; 2, Dandridge, good yell. Yorks., very nice one; 3, Rodgers, fine buff Yorks.; vhc, Donne. CREST (10): 1, spl, and cup, 3, res, and vhc, Gravett, 1, very massive crest good formation, well shown; 3, good grizzle; 2, Donne, crest, good droop, very nice quality; hc, Gale; c, Mrs. Nicholey, very fine class. C.B. (8): 1, res. and cup, 2, also r., Gravett, 1, very fine specimen, large head, well clothed with long feather; 2, plenty of feather, another good one; 3, res, Donne, good head; vhc, Small; No. 639 (wrong class) crest. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, Eagle-Bott, really good yell. Border fancy, tight as wax, well shown; 2, Frost, good yell Cinnamon, pled tail, in fine form; 3, No. 648 (no name), nice clear cap silver Liz.; res, c, Donne; vhc, hc, Mrs. Nicholey. NOVICE (8): 1, spl, c, Rodgers, very nice yell. Yorks., good type and quality; 2, Newman, buff, Yorks. full of type and quality; 3, Woolven, yell. Nor. nice one; res, Riddles; vhc, Potter; hc, Welsh; c, Gibb. SELL (15/-) (8): 1, Newman; 2, Frost; 3, hc, Donne; res, Rev. Miller; vhc, Riddles; c, Burtenshaw. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1 3 Hedges, 1, gem of a Goldfinch, wins easily; 3, well shown; 2, Swaysland, very nice Finch. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (9): 1, Swaysland, very good Blackcap, well shown; 2, hc, Mrs. Partridge, nice Bullfinch; 3, c, Hedges; 3, good Greenfinch; res, Gibb; vhc Kenwood. LARGE: 1, spl. Kenwood, grand Hawfinch, in beautiful plumage and condition, well shown; 2, Fleetwood, very nice Magpie; 3, Swaysland, good Thrush. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, res, vhc, Swaysland 1, Long-tailed Whydah, well shown; 2, pair of Gouldian Finches, in nice plumage; 3, Miss Willmer. LARGE (4): 1, 2, and res, Swaysland, 1, grand Mynah, in good condition; 2, Malabar Starling, in good form; 3, Cockatoo, very nice Cockatoo. MULE (6): 1, spl, 3, Neale, 1, lightly mkd Mule, good one; 3, another; 2, Wells, dark Goldfinch and Can., in good form; res Golden; vhc, Donne; No. 696 (wrong class), Goldfinch.

TONBRIDGE.

The cage bird section at the Tonbridge Show, held Nov. 25th and 26th, form no inconsiderable part in the total number of exhibits catalogued. Classes of two dozen, and others of a score, were on view in the public Hall, a spacious and well-lighted place and free from draughts. A very full staff of officers and stewards ensured the proper supervision and care, while Mr. F. J. Bingham, the honorary secretary, and Mr. B. T. Rogers, his lieutenant, supported by an enthusiastic committee, were indefatigable in their exertions to make the exhibition a success. A list of twenty special prizes spread over nearly two dozen classes, enabled nearly every class to get one. Mr. J. North judged, and his awards were well received.

Critique.

NOR. CL. (12): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, leader well known, grand exhibit for colour and quality, followed by a buff in splendid bloom and condition; 3, vhc, Meades, leader high colour and quality; 4, Berry and Mitchell, nice colour and quality; vhc, Botell, typical buff; hc, c, Mills. NON-FED (7): 1, spl, Barkaway, nice size, typical body and head; 2, Whitton, good type, nice exhibit; 3, Warner, very smooth plumage; vhc, Hollamby; hc, Taylor. NOR., 1908 (18): 1, 3, Jones, well-known winners at many Kentish shows, yellows, both showing nice size, quality, and natural colour; 2, Mills, very nice buff, beautifully mealed, tight in feather; 4, Meades, variegated yell., silky feather; vhc, Whitten, Wood; hc, Thompson, Wood; c, Taylor. Kent County C.B.A. special taken by Miss Hollomby. VARIEG. (18): 1, spl, 2, Gibbs, nicely variegated yellow and buff, good size, quality, and colour; 3, Meades, buff of excellent quality and type; 4, Castle, splendid colour and type; vhc, Clarke, large; hc, c, Jeffery, Thompson. CREST (12): 1, spl, 3, Broad, winner nicely variegated body, good size and length of feather, crest flows well over beak and face, centre deep; 3rd, big-bodied, nicely marked, good Nor. quality, crest full and round; 2, Bond, very nicely formed D.C.; 4, Duck, good spread of crest; vhc, Clarke; hc, Barkaway; c, Thompson. C.B. (9): 1, spl, Hayward, large variegated body, in splendid condition, head well clothed with long feather; 2, Broad, similar, nice head feather; 3, Bond, good green, nicely browed; 4, Holland, cl. buff, good crested properties; vhc, Duck; hc, Reader; c, Broad. CREST OR C.B., 1908 (8): 1, 3, Broad, winner very feathery, green bird, immense frontal, crest of nice droop; 3rd, neat green; 2, Bond, massive variegated C.B., good feather; 4, Hayward, variegated body, D.C., circular flat crest; vhc, Thompson; hc, Wiffen; 2, c, Reader. MEMBERS.—NOR. (17): 1, Hayward, variegated body Dark Crest; 2, Warner, yell., nice type and colour; 3, hc, Rudman, tkd. Nor. leading; 4, Clifton, Crested; vhc, c, Smithers; hc, Rudman; c, Peters. YORKS., CL. (11): 1, spl, vhc, Gibbs, leader, grandly moulded and positioned buff, in nice bloom; vhc, splendid quality; 2, Clarke, grand yell.; 3, hc, Edwards, very stylish; 4, Rudman, very long, straight bird; hc, Wraight, Edwards; c, Bond. VARIEG. (13): 1, Edwards, variegated yell., great length, straight as a pencil; 2, Johnson, splendid type, grizzle, wing-marked buff leading; 3, 4, Gibbs, 3rd cl., typical; 4th, tkd., good colour, quality and style; vhc, K.C.B.A. special, hc, Taylor; c, Rudman. YORKS. 1908 (11): 1, 2, Gibbs, promising young gentlemen; 3, Humphries; 4, Parish, all typical yellows; vhc, Knapp; hc, c, Harris. MEMBERS' A.V. (except Nor.) (16): 1, spl, Warner, yell. Yorks., nice style and feather; 2, c, Peters, same variety; 3, Rudman; 4, Taylor; vhc, Rudman; hc, Dennis. MULES AN. HYB. (amalgamated) (16): 1, 3, 4, Taylor, tkd. yell. Goldfinch Can, Jonque Goldfinch Can., and Siskin Greenfinch, all in good feather, well shown; 2, Gunnell, beautiful Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hyb., well up in size and colour; vhc, Richards, Wraight, special for best members'; hc, c, Wraight. GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, 3, Wickham, well-known Goldfinch and Greenfinch; 2, Gunnell, splendid Bullfinch, choice in colour, shape and feather; 4, Wiffen, Goldfinch, good size, clear marking, rich colour; vhc, Austin; hc, spl for members of K.C.C.B.A., Richards, a nice Goldfinch. A.O.S. (for special only): Brett, well-known winning Shrike. BRIT. OR FOR., MEMBERS' (17): 1, spl, Dennis, Amazon Parrot, in good feather; 2, 4, hc, Richards, Magpie Nuthatch and Wagtail; 3, hc, Peters, former nice pair Yellow Budgerigars; vhc, Smithers, Siskin; c, Warner, nice Thrush.

COWDENBEATH.

The above show was held on Nov. 28th in the Masonic Hall. The entries compared favourably with those of previous years, excepting in the 20 Scotch Fancy classes, with an average of not two per class. The affairs of the society are managed by a hard-working committee, headed by Mr. James Caithness as president; the vice-president is Mr. David Todd. The secretarial duties are admirably looked after by Mr. Jas. Orrock, who seems to get through his work with consummate ease; the finances being also in good hands with Mr. Wm. Simpson as treasurer. The hall is nicely adapted for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts; the exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after. The judge was Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh), who got through his work in good time, and seemed to give satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Leslie, fine top end and reach, good length and substance. HEN (2): 1, spl, 2, Ewan, well set up, good reach, very nervy, 2nd similar make, gets well down, good length of side. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, spl, Dow, fine depth through, grand erect drive, good to end; 2, Ewan, fine size and substance, nice width across. HEN (1): 1, Ewan, neat head, good reach and top, grand novice. BUFF CK. cancelled. HEN (3): 1, spl (no name), big one, plenty of substance, well set up, grand nerve; 2, Schoo bread, fine top and reach, well up in size; 3, Fulton, neat head, nice drive, grips perch well. BUFF PIED CK. (4): 1, spl, Leslie, finely rounded back, good depth through, gets head well down; 2, 4, Ewan, 2n another taking bird, nice square shoulders, good reach, fine depth of side; 3 (no name), well up i size, grand free action. HEN (1): 1, Leslie, strong made bird, good top end and reach. Classes and 95 cancelled. SELL. CK. (3): 1, Howie; 2 Fulton; 3, Hutton. HEN (f): 1, Bowie. NOR. CK. YELL. (8): f, Malloch, good one for colour and type, nice head and neck, splendid condition; 2 Bishop, full of quality, rare front, nice wings and tail; 3, Dickson, fine big bird good head and neck, well put down; 4, Kerr, good type and condition 5, Buglass. HEN (11): 1, spl, Buglass, rare shape and colour, fine short wings and tail, in rare bloom; 2, Bishop, good head and neck, nice quality of feather; 3, M'Andly, nice level colour, good front, head and neck; 4, Dickson, nice model; 5 Phillip; 6 (no name); 7, Kerr—a good class all over BUFF CK. (9): f, Buglass, grand size and colour, rare shape, good wing and tail carriage; 2 Bishop, pressed hard, good head and neck, best of quality; 3, 4, 5, Dickson, 3rd grand body, well set up, good back, 4th nicely put down; 6, Lawrie and Welsh; 7, Hynd. HEN (8): f, spl, Phillip, lovely head and neck, grand body shape, nicely mealed; 2, Bishop, shapely, good quality feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Dickson, right good one, grand size and shape; 4, Buglass, nice feather and shape; 5, Dickson; 6, Hyad; 7, Malloch. CREST CK. (6): 1, spl, Howie, nicely radiated crest, nice body and feather; 2, Arnott, grizzle crest of good size, fine leafy feather; 3, Watt, crest of good formation, nicely rounded; 4, Leach, fine crest; 5, McLean; 6, Paton. HEN (3): 1, Watt, D.C., grand droop and formation, 2, Veitch, yell., D.C., good centre and droop; 3, Arnott, finely radiated crest, good body and feather. C.B. CK. (10): 1, Bowie, well up in substance, fine width and size of skull, plenty of feather; 2, Armur, variegated, nice shape and quality, finely lashed; 3 (no name), rare size and shape, plenty of head feather; 4, Watt, nice exhibit; 5, Fulton; 6, Arthur; 7, Buchanan. HEN (4): 1, Veitch, variegated, wealth of head feather, nice size and shape; 2, Buchanan, well lashed in brows, good substance and feather; 3, McLean, good entrance, nicely lashed. SELL. NOR. (9): 1, Barclay; 2, Veitch; 3, Goodfellow; 4, Davidson; 5, Watt; 6, Lawrie and Welsh; 7, Philp. BORD. FCY. CK. (13): 1, spl, Peters, grand variegated, nice one for shape, fine back and wings; 2, King, good yell., nice type and quality, jaunty carriage; 3, Buglass, green, good type and position, fine pencilling; 4, Duff, grandly feathered buff, neat carriage; 5, Barrie; 6, Wilson; 7, Kilpatrick. HEN (8): 1, Baird, sweet little lady, nicely rounded, fine wing and good pipe tail; 2, Buglass, fine type and colour, nicely laced; 3, 4, Peters, 3rd cl., good round head, well filled in back, very stylish, 4th good type and quality; 5, Bowie; 6, Schoolbread. COMMON CAN. (14): 1, spl, 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Cargill; 3, Arnott; 5, Morris; 6, Bowie; 7, Barrie. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, spl, Jamieson, good sized Goldie Mule, splendid colour; 2, Beattie, another nice Mule, good size and quality of feather; 3, Jamieson, Siskin Mule, neat exhibit, well staged; 4, Ewan, fine size and condition. DARK MULE (10): 1, spl, Nicholson, grand Goldie-Can. Mule, fine size and colour, in rare order. 2, Simpson and Penman, Linnet Mule, good size and colour; 4, 6, Simpson and Penman, 4th good sized Linnet Mule; 5, Young; 7, McGowan. LINNET (3): 1, spl, McGowan, splendid colour, nice pencilling, in good order; 2, Rankine, good level tone of colour; 3, Higgins, good size and colour. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Bennett, grand crimson blaze, good wing bars and buttons; 2, Ewan, rich body colour, grand bars and moons; 3, Howie, big blaze, nicely tanned; 4 (no name), rare good Finch; 5, Young; 6, Sneddon; 7, Dickson. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Murray, nice coloured Siskin, good cap and lacing; 2, Marrs, good coloured Twite, nicely put down; 3, Malcolm, good Redpoll, grandly laced, nice condition; 4, Bowie, good Siskin; 5, Hynd. BRIT., SMALL (7): 1, Nicholson, charming yell. Wagtail, in the pink of condition; 2, Kerr, grand coloured Yellowhammer, good markings and condition; Nicholson, Woodpecker, in grand order; 4, Mitchell, nice Yellowhammer; 5, Malcolm; 6, 7, Lappin. FOR. (3): 1, spl, Lawrie and Welsh, long-tailed Whydah, in grand condition; 2, Bonthrons, good feathered Parrakeet. FINCH (8): f, spl, Leitch, good sized Hawfinch, grand colour, fine big bib; 2, Kerr, well coloured Bullfinch, nice crimson breast, good cap and wing bars; 3, Hynd, big Greenfinch, nice colour and shape; 4, Bowie, well spangled Bramble; 5, Mackie; 6, Thomson; 7, Dickson.

GOOLE.

At this fixture, held November 26th, cage birds had eight classes provided for them, and in these were 89 entries. Quality, too, was well represented, and quite a nice lot of birds were on view. One point, however, we would like to impress upon the committee, and that is to have the caged birds staged in a warmer corner of the hall; close by the door is by no means an ideal place for caged birds. In other respects the arrangements were most admirable. Mr. G. Butler makes a most capable secretary, and the success of the fixture is largely due to his untiring efforts. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

YORKS. (15): 1, Champion, yell., nice shape, position, and feather, red-not colour; 2, 3, Spencer, leader nice feathered buff, good style; 3rd, yell., nicely drawn, wings and tail well braced, good head; 4, Wheldrake, yell., mkd. saddle and cheeks, nice colour and feather; 5, Emery; vhc, hc, c, Duckles; hc, Green, Les. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Axe, leader yell., ticked on head, capital shape, leather and colour; 2nd, variegated bull, bold bird, full of quality, rare feather; 3, Orme, nice colour, yell.; 4, Croxall, buff, grand quality; 5, vhc, Wheldrake; vhc, hc, Mason. A.O.V. MULE, ETC. (17): 1, 5, Wilson, both Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, leader best in size, nice feather and colour; 2, Wainwright, fine four-pointed buff Goldfinch Can., grand quality; 3, Osborne, wing marked Crest, good length, and feathers nice radiated, well-filled centre; 4, vhc, Axe, lovely cinn. leading; hc, Edwards (2). A.V. BRED 1908 (10): 1, Spencer, yell. Yorks., good length and position, nice feather; 2, Axe, yell. Nor., good shape, nice quality feather; 3, Osborne, crest, very shapely, well filled centre, well radiated; 4, Duckles, yell. Nor.; vhc, Orme; hc, Whitehead. BRIT. HARDBILL (11): 1, 2, Axe, leader topping Goldie, shown to perfection; 2, Yellow Bunting, beautifully mkd., perfect feather and colour; 3, Edwards, Bramble, steady, nice size and colour, beautifully spangled; 4, Sutton, Goldie; vhc, Hill; hc, Harrison Bros.; Nos. 5 and 10 absent. BRIT. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Axe, Thrush, beautifully mooned, grand shape and feather, very steady; 2, 3, Medley, Redstart leading, in grand trim, cap beautifully frosted, nice colour; 3rd, lovely feather; res, vhc, Bloodworth; vhc, Harrison Bros. FOR. (7): f, Mrs. Lambert, Blue-fronted Amazon, in grand feather, leading; 2, res, Harrison Bros., sweet little Red-headed Gouldian leading; 3, Mrs. Wilson, Blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, 4th. SELL. (10): 1, Champion; 2, Green; 3, Osborne; 4, Axe.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

The third members' show was held at headquarters, The Crown and Anchor, on Nov. 21. Altogether 70 birds were staged. The Yorks. and Norwich classes filled well. The British bird section was not so good as at our last members' show, the entries having fallen by about fifty per cent. Mr. Atkinson gained most points for Members' cup. Mr. J. Wilman judged to the entire satisfaction of the exhibitors.

YORKS. CK. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Parkes; 3, Brown; 4, hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Tomlinson; 3, c, Talbot; 3, Brown; 4, vhc, hc, Parkes. HEN YELL.: 1, Rothwell; 2, Tomlinson; 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, Parkes; hc, Parker; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Parkes; 2, Parker. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Talbot; 3, Brown; 4, hc, Atkinson; vhc, Midgley; c, Netherwood. HEN: 1, 3, Parkes; 2, Talbot; 4, hc, c, Atkinson; vhc, Taylor. LINNET: 1, Atkinson; 2, Isherwood; 3, 4, Netherwood; vhc, Bedford; hc, Burgon. GOLDFINCH: 1, Isherwood 2, Brown; 3, Parker; 4, Netherwood; vhc, Burgon. BULLFINCH: 1, Parkes; 2, Rothwell; 3, Burgon; 4, Taylor. A.O.S.: 1, Netherwood; 2, 3, 4, Isherwood MULE: 1, Midgley; 2, Taylor. SELL.: 1, Talbot. — P. PARKER, sec.

INVERNESS.

The twenty-eighth annual show of the Inverness O.A. was held on 25th November, in the Music Hall. The exhibition was declared open by Sir Henry Munro. Geo. Mackenzie, Esq., President, occupied the chair, and in appropriate words, requested Sir Henry to declare the exhibition open. In the course of his remarks, Sir Henry said he could not possibly imagine a lover of birds being a bad man, and many a dingy home was no doubt brightened by the song of these delightful creatures. A record entry faced the judges, and as regards quality, nothing finer has been seen up North. The committee turned out in strong numbers before and at close of show, and everything was in spic and span order promptly. The hall is the best in the North of Scotland, being well lighted in the daytime and brilliantly lit up with electricity at night. The staging, too, was tastefully arranged and everything possible was done for the comfort of the exhibits. The committee are all fanciers of sterling quality, consisting of 37 members, which in point of numbers alone will compare favourably with the largest association in Scotland. They are particularly fortunate in having as their president Mr. Geo. Mackenzie, a gentleman who is a fancier to the marrow, and with a power of elocution that would put to shame many of our Cabinet Ministers. The Vice-President, Mr. Ed. Todd, assisted to make the show the success it turned out to be. The popular and energetic Secretary, Mr. A. Urquhart, was in his usual genial form, and not a little of the success of the show was due to his untiring efforts. He is an excellent official. The best bird in hall was adjudged a Scotch Fancy, the property of Mr. Ed. Todd, a bird possessing a particularly good neck, and all the points necessary to make up a specimen of the first water. A cup was carried off by Mr. A. Patterson, as was also "Todds" cup for best colour-fed bird with Norwich of outstanding merit. This exhibitor also did remarkably well in the British Bird Section. The British birds turned out in great strength, and a second set of winners could have been found in almost every class. The aviaries were a feature of the show, there being eight staged, all tastefully got up, and not much between them. Mr. Peter Pettigrew, Glasgow, placed the cards in all classes but the singing competition, which was handled by Mr. J. F. Kelly, and their decisions gave general satisfaction. We could not, however, follow the judge in some of his awards in the British Bird Section, but this he could not avoid having to "rush" these classes to catch his train. A separate judge for this section at future ventures would, we feel sure, be appreciated.

The Critique.

SCOTS. (7): 1, 3, 4, Todd, takes spl. best in show, clear buff, fair size, nice length of side, grand drive, gets bend well down, 3rd grand-sized one, enormous length of side, 4th nice yellow, good neck, brings tail well in, beaten only in size; 2, 5, Duncan, former well up in size, good deptb and shoulders. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 4, Mackenzie, correct type and size, well staged, wins; 2, Todd, another good one, grand feather, takes good position, beaten in colour; 3, Smith, nice type. HEN (5): 1, Mackenzie, good type and feather, wants steadying; 2, Todd, has correct position, nice colour; 3, Brodie, very fair bird, wants washing; 4, Dishart; 5, Smith. BORDER CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 5, Connochie, former ever-mkd., beautiful type, nice pipe tail, a wee gem; 2, 6, Macleod Bros., former clear, nicely feathered, good colour; 3, 4, Craig, lovely type, beautiful wing carriage. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Connochie, winner stormer for type and sleekness of feather, 2nd similar, beaten only in wing carringe, 3rd neat wings, well feathered; 4, 5, Craig; 6, Stanford. A.O.C. (5): 1, 3, 4, Connochie, winner four-pointed yell., grand colour, very neat, 3rd a Green, nice type, worth its place; 2, 3, Craig, former good one for colour, nice type. NORWICH (bred '07) (8): 1, Duncan, grand youngster, beautiful type, short flights and tail, good colour; 2, Clark, good buff, chubby, nice quality; 3, Thomson, clnn.-mkd. stormer for size and type, some fancied for higher place; 4, Lumsden; 5, Macmillan; 6, Falconer. CREST (8): 1, 2, Mackie, winner beautiful head-gear, well radiated from a close centre, beautiful density of feather, latter close up, wonderful frontal, close centre; 3, 5, Gibb, almost green, good sized "top knot," of good texture, wants grooming; 4, Ross; 6, Stanford. CREST-BRED (6): 1, Mackie, grand skull, broad entrance, well lashed, wins; 2, 3, Smith, former fine head, good Nor. type, latter a Green, close up; 4, Grant; 5, Todd; 6, Gibb. NORWICH UNFED, YELL. (7): 1, Hutcheson, had indulged in a bath when taking notes; 2, Macdonald, good colour, nice stamp all over; 3, Gurden, fine type, not finished in head or would have won; 4, MacBean; 5, Lumsden; 6, Falconer. HEN (5): 1, Cooney, medium sized, good type and feather; 2, Wattie, close up, chubby, neat in feather; 3, Patterson, larger one, good, little longer; 4, Stanford; 5, Cumming. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 6, Petrie, chubby, good size, a real Norwich; 2, Mennle, another very good one; 3, Patterson, wonderful size, nice feather, bit longer in tail and flights; 4, Garden; 5, Stanford. HEN (7): 1, Fraser, medium-sized, beautiful type, good head, real beauty; 2, Mennle, close up, fine type, good quality of feather; 3, Wattie, correct type, feathers well laid on, beaten only in wing carriage; 4, Patterson; 5, Smith. VARIEG. CK. (15): 1, Macdonald, good type and colour, nice head; 2, 5, Patterson, close up, similar bird; 3, 4, Wattie, former good type, medium-size, little loose in feather to-day; 6, Corney. HEN (9): 1, Duff, grand type and colour, beautiful texture of feather, badly staged; 2, 4, Patterson, good type and size; 3, Todd, model for type, neat wings and tail, close up; 5, Petrie; 6, Ross. YORKS. (COL.-FED (3): 1, 2, 3, Mackenzie, winner well known, nice type, 2nd slimmer-got-up, beaten only in tail, 3rd also good, similar stamp (give them a wash, Mr. M.). NORWICH YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Duncan, leader red-bot one, grand type and size, wins, 3rd another good one, chubby; 2, Mackie, good size and quality, chubby; 4, Dawson. HEN (1): Paterson, rather slim, but beautiful texture of feather. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Garden, beautiful type and size, hard to find fault with; 2, Patterson, chubby, good all round; 3, Thomson, nice, even colour, straighter in front than winners; 4, Duncan; 5, Hutcheson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Patterson, former fine type and size, good head, 2nd similar but harder in colour; 3, Thomson, good, very short in wings and tail; 4, Clark; 5, Garden; 6, Lumsden. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Patterson, grand type and size, great depth of colour, about perfect; 2, Mackenzie, nice type; 3, Mackie, good type and feather. HEN (5): 1, 3, Patterson, former good type, medium size, nice colour, 3rd similar to winner, straighter in front only; 2, Stanford, good one for type and colour; 4, Mackie; 5, Lumsden. A.O.V. Can (4): 1, Ewen and Anderson, Cinnamon, great size, grand depth of colour, correct type, wins; 2, MacMillan, looks like colour-fed Crest-bred, good size and feather; 3, Miss Stewart, nice Cinnamon, good type and colour, but not well staged; 4, Gibb, good Lancs. LIGHT CAN. MULE (2): 1, Mennie, variegated. Goldie-Canary, good size, nice feather; 2, Gibb, same cross, very fair blaze and size. DARK (9): 1, Nicholson, Goldie-Can., medium size, grand blaze, rare bloom, well staged; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Linnie-Can., good size and colour, close up; 3, Maclean, Siskin-Can., a big one for this cross, not quite finished yet; 4, Duncan; 5, Lumsden; 6, Dawson. HYBRID (3): 1, 2, Duncan, both Goldie-Greenies, winner medium size, nice type, well defined blaze, taking exhibit; 3, Todd, Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, of the gentler sex, shows the parentage well, beautifully staged. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Nicholson, good-sized Siberian, large face, grand square blaze, beautiful colour and tannings, very steady; 2, Stanford, Britisher, fair size, well defined blaze, good tannings, worth its place; 3, Duncan, good-sized Siberian, well tanned; 4, Sharp and Livingstone, stormer for size, wonderful face, tanning and buttons, must have pressed; 5, Mackenzie; 6, MacMillan.—SELL. (10/-) (18): 1st, Grant; 2, Macdonald; 3, Duncan; 4, Gibb, 5, Mackenzie; 6, Thomson. BULLFINCH, grand class (18): 1, D. Ross, not the biggest, but deep breast colour, beautiful whites, a gem; 2, A. Ross, not in class when taking notes; 3, Anderson Bros, nice breast colour, well defined cap, grand whites, well staged; 4, Sharp and Livingstone; 5, Stewart; 6, Jackson; several tip-top birds had to stand down here. HEN (7): 1, Sharp, grand size, beautiful type and texture of feather, steady, clear win; 2, Miller, smaller but close up in colour; 3, Nicholson, large one, good type and colour, A1 cap, wants few flight feathers left wing; 4, Ross; 5, Lees and Brown; 6, Anderson Bros. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (18): 1, 2 Patterson former colour-fed, fair colour and size, nicely laced cap, 2nd non-fed, very neat, beaten in colour; 3, Ross, Redpoll, grand colour and size, good bib; 4, Smith; 5, Grant; 6, Mnclennan. No. 2 grand sized Siskin nice bib, beautiful cap, well laced; No. 18, a stormer, out of tickets; perfect lacing at sides and breast colour, nice cap. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Duncan, grand size and colour, beautiful nutty-brown all over, very steady, well pencilled, will take some beating; 2, Law and Brown, medium-sized, good colour, very distinct pencilling in good bloom, wants steadying; 3, Maclennan, good, but smaller, very distinct pencilling, in good bloom; wants steadying; 4, Dawson; 5, Smith. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Sharp, good-sized Yell-Greenie, gem for type and colour, wins; 2, Smith, Buff, fine size and type; 3, Ross, Yellow, well staged; 4, Ewin and Anderson; 5, Duncan. A.O.S. LARGE (2): 1, Law and Brown, Jay, in rare bloom, not a feather out of place, well staged; 2, Ross, Fieldfare, hard lines to meet winner, beautifully marked, in grand condition, very steady, hard to find fault with. SMALL (5): 1, Nicholson, Yell. Wagtail, in A1 condition grand colour, well-marked, steady, taking exhibit; 2nd Ross, Yellowhammer, teeming with colour, grand size, excellently marked on head, a good second; 3, Ewen and Anderson, Wheatear. In good form, well up in size, very steady, shown to perfection; 4, Anderson Bros.; 5, Hutcheson. BRIT. SELL. (5/-) (6): 1, 3, Anderson Bros.; 2, Sharp and Livingstone; 4, Todd; 5, Smith; 6, Chisholm. FORRIGN, LARGE (9): 1, Miss Skene, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, in rare feather, white as snow, grand exhibit; 2, Chisholm, Leadbeater Cockatoo in grand feather; 3, blue-fronted Amazon, lovely colour; 4, Owens; 5, Grant; 6, Finlayson. SMALL (7): 1, Todd, Troupial, in A1 condition, shines like satin, well staged; 2, Stanford, Avadavats, in nice bloom; 3, Macklntosh, Budgerigars, good size and colour, very steady; 4, Todd Zebrafinches, in grand condition and colour; 5 Grant; 6, Gollan. AVIARY. Wonderful class (8): 1, 3, Grant, former. Crystal Palnce shaped, nice collection of birds, of many nationalities; 2, Anderson Bros., beautiful dome aviary, with grand collection, presses first hard; 4, 6, Duncan; 5 Dallas. SINGING COMPETITION (11): 1, 4, Schmiedel, former a marvel, excels in dellvery, like a bell, beautiful bass and hollow rolls, finishing with water bubble and flute notes, a gem; 2, 5, 6, Todd, former close up with nlce range of tours, opening also with bass roll, then water-bubble runs, hollow bell, harp and flute notes; 3, Elliot, opens with hollow bell, hollow roll, low roulades, and finishes with sharp flute notes, which somewhat marred an otherwise good performance.

PATHHEAD (Kirkcaldy) N.B.

The Pathhead O.S. added cage birds to its eleventh annual show, which took place on November 21st. Being the first time that cage bird classes have figured in its schedule, it was hoped a goodly entry would encourage their efforts, but, unfortunately, only a very limited number were in evidence, too many shows in the immediate vicinity being the general explanation, while the want of a few decent special prizes was another. We hope by another year to see better prizes offered and more support given. Mr. James F. Dewar (Edinburgh) adjudicated. Mr. W. R. Gibson, the hon. sec., is a very capable official, and had everything in capital order.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Wallace, large bird, good style, takes ready position; 2, Thomson, nice size and shape. HEN: 1, Watson, nice bird, fine position. BUFF CK.: 1, Watson, another nice bird, good size. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Thomson, grand exhibit. HEN: 1, Thomson, a green hen, really good bird, very fine, drive, good prominent shoulders, grand action; also a green. COM. CAN.: 1, Arnott, good stamp of the old-fashioned common; 2, Cargill, nice buff foul; 3, Anderson; 4, Bruce; 5, Lister Bros.; 6, Lambie. P.H.: 1, Lister Bros., nice fed huff, good stamp. CREST: 1,2, Arnott, former good large crest of nice formation; 2nd, hen, trifle smaller but of splendid quality; 3, Brown, crest good size. C.B.: 1, 2, Arnott, 1st rattling good bird, finely browed, good width of skull; 2nd, smaller. BORD. FCY.: 1, Patterson, yell. ck., lovely type, rare feather; 2, Wilson, nice feather; 3, Bennet, another nice one. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker, very good type, fine wing and tail carriage; 2, Bennet, splendid quality feather; 3, Patterson, another good one. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, Bennet, very nice stamp, rare quality feather for a buff; 2, Walker, another really good one; 3, Harris, another rattling good one, not much between the first three; 4, Patterson, clnn. mkd.; 5, Lambie; 6, Wood. HEN: 1, Patterson, right good stamp, rare quality of feather; 2, Bennet, another good one; 3, Harris, nice even mark GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wilson, good Brit. Goldie, nice blaze and buttons; 2, McGrigor, fine sized Russian Goldie. LINNET: 1, Neish, nice bird. GREENFINCH: 1, Cargill. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Arnott, nice Siskin; 2, Leitch, good Mealy Redpoll; 3, Neish, Redpoll. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Lister Bros., fine-sized, nice-coloured Bramble; 2, Kerr, grand Skylark; 3, Anderson, Chaffinch. A.O.S., LARGE: 1, 2, White, former right good Thrush, very regular and distinct moonings; 2nd, good bird, regularly spangled Starling; 3rd, Miss Sloan, pale-coloured Blackbird.

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Y.C.C. OF IRELAND Dublin.

The committee of the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland are to be heartily congratulated on the magnificent success which attended their efforts in connection with the annual show which was held in the hall of the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland, Stephens-green, Dublin, on November 26th and 27th. The Y.C.C. of Ireland has been in existence for only five years, but in that comparatively brief period it has done much to encourage and improve the breed of the Yorkshire in Ireland, a fact which was strikingly exemplified last week-end on the occasion of the fifth annual show. Happily, recent events have in no wise affected adversely the fortunes of the premier Irish club. The contrary, indeed, has been the case, and judging by the happenings of last week the Y.C.C. of Ireland has a prosperous and brilliant future before it. It was not with light hearts that the new committee set to work, for they had many difficulties to contend with, but they set about their task in businesslike and determined fashion, and the show, instead of being the dire failure that some people predicted for it, proved an unqualified success. As a matter of fact, it was the best Dublin show on record; the entries, which numbered close on 600, exceeded those of last year by about 150, and, what is of as much importance from the fanciers' standpoint, the quality of the exhibits all round showed a noteworthy improvement. Altogether the exhibition more than realised the expectations of the most optimistic, a state of affairs on which the committee, Messrs. J. J. Cloake (chairman), W. J. Birse (hon. secretary), R. F. Duigenan (hon. treasurer), P. H. Kenny, C. McKenzie, P. McDonnell, T. F. Lambert, P. Gillen, W. T. Taylor, C. J. Mulligan, N. Thompson, Dr. Lavery, W. Hankins, J. McQuade, F. O'Neill, A. South, J. Devins, W. Keatinge, J. P. Rooney, and S. Murtagh, are deserving of hearty congratulations. Mr. Birse makes a most excellent official. The arrangement of the birds, and the management generally were of a very high order, and satisfied everyone.

A strong feature of the show was the remarkable series of successes achieved by Mr. Hawkins, a member of the committee, who brought up a team of 20 splendid specimens of the Yorkshire. This Irish exhibitor, whom Mr. Hallilday, the judge, described as the "Bailey and Swanger of Ireland," clean swept the boards in the open classes, taking seven 1sts, three 2nds, six 3rds, and one commended, and thus went one better than at Cork, where his birds won three 1sts, four 2nds, and three 3rds. His success was all the more surprising by reason of the fact that he rarely breeds from any but birds of his own breeding. Like most breeders, however, he started with birds purchased in England. He staged his exhibits to the best possible advantage. But the "sensation" of the show was the magnificent Yorks. hen exhibited by Mr M. Fleming (Belfast) in class 13 (novices). This beautiful bird, in a splendid class of 13, won "hands down." Bred this season, it was coveted by the most experienced and sucessful of our breeders on both days. She took several specials, including Major Trotter's £1 5s. for best Yorks. hen bred and owned by a member, 10s. for best hen bred this season, silver medal for best novice bird, and silver medal for best Yorks. in the show. The judge gave it as his candid opinion that she is one of the best birds he ever had the pleasure of judging, and he expressed himself as doubtful if there are three birds in all England that would beat her in open competition. Catalogued at £20, Mr. Fleming refused, later in the evening, a bid of £10 which was tendered him by a noted English breeder and judge. Mr. Fleming was also first in class 21 with a spanking 1908 bird, first in clear buff cocks, first in clear buff hens, and several other awards. The competition in the open classes was very keen. In cinn. or cinn.-marked Mr. W. H. Coyne was an easy first, and Mr. J. Huggard, who had the best clear Yorks. hen in her class, was second and third respectively in the ticked, etc., buff cocks and clear buff cocks, coming out, we were given to understand, with the greatest number of points gained at the show for the cup, in the competition for which, however, Mr. Devins, who also, as will be seen on reference to the prize list, scored freely, still holds the leading position. Messrs. Sheridan and Fry waltzed off with the first prize in the largest class, that for buff hens (19 entries), and were also first and second in yellow hens, and second in var. cocks, securing third highest points for the cup. Mr. Duigenan was out of luck's way on this occasion, but his yellow hens, which won first and second at the Irish shows last season, easily retained their positions. Mr. Fleming, of course, scored heaviest in the novice classes, and was closely followed by Mr. T. Farrell, whose cup birds got the red card in clear yellow cocks, a second in clear buff cocks, and vhc in class 21. Another exhibitor who met with success was Mr. Birse. The Norwich exhibit was a large and representative one, and with the larger classes competition was very keen, for the quality of the birds reached a high standard of excellence. British birds, too, made a splendid show, the Goldfinches coming in for quite a deal of attention from visitors. Mr. Birse secured the special for the greateat number of points scored in British birds.

The Awards.

YORKS. CINN. OR CINN.-MKD. CK. (4): 1, 3, Hawkins; 2, Dr. Lavery; 4, Rowe. HEN (8): 1, hc, Coyne; 2, O'Reilly; 3, e, Hawkins; vhc, South. CL. YELL CK. (12): 1, Huggard; 2, Hawkins; 3, Coyne; vhc, South; hc, c, Sheridan and Fry. HEN (11): 1, 2, hc, Sheridan and Fry; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Tighe; e, McQuade. CL. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Hawkins; 2, O'Reilly; 3, Huggard; vhc, c, Sheridan and Fry; hc, Thompson. HEN (19): 1, 3, Sheridan and Fry; 2, Hawkins; vhc, Devins; hc, South; c, Mulligan. TKD., ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Coyne; 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, McCaghey; vhc, Devins; hc, Thompson; c, Duigenan. HEN (9): 1, 3, Duigenan; 2, Devins; vhc, Sheridan and Fry; hc, Cloke; c, Mulligan. BUFF CK. (9): 1, vhc, McQuade; 2, 3, Huggard; hc, Mechan; c, Thompson. HEN (6): 1, Coyne; 2, South; 3, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, hc, Duigenan. NON-FED CL YELL. CK. (4): 1, Devins; 2, McQuade; 3, Kenny. HEN (5): 1, Hawkins; 2, Devins; 3, Mulligan; vhc, hc, Kenny. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Hawkins; 2, Tighe; 3, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, Kenny. HEN (5): 1, vhc, McQuade; 2, Devins; 3, Kenny; hc, Duigenan. TKD., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Devins; 2, McQuade; 3, O'Reilly; vhc, Cloke; hc, Coyne; c, Kenny. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Farrell; 2, Fleming; 3, Birse; vhc, Carroll; hc, McArdle; c, Mulligan. HEN (13): 1, Fleming; 2, Birse; 3, Dowling; vhc, Dr. Lavery; hc, Mulligan; c, Miss Perrin. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Fleming; 2, Farrell; 3, Mulligan; vhc, e, Keatinge. HEN (16): 1, Fleming; 2, Mulligan; 3, Dowling; vhc, Birse; hc, McDonnell; c, Keatinge. TKD., ETC., CK. (20): 1, Fleming; 2, Dr. Lavery; 3, c, Birse; vhc, Farrell; hc, Mulligan. HEN (14): 1, 2, Donnell; 3, Fleming; vhc, Birse; hc, Miss Perrin; c, Farrell. SELL. YORKS. CK. (30/-) (15): 1, Sheridan and Fry; 2, Duigenan; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Devins; hc, South. HEN (10): 1, South; 2, McQuade; 3, Hawkins; vhc, hc, Sheridan and Fry; c, Kenny A.O.V. CAN. (30/-) (6): 1, Osborne; 2, Wright; 3, vhc, hc, Birse; c, Birch. YORKS. CK. (15/-): 1, Hawkins; 2, Coyne; 3, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, Carolan; hc, Carroll; c, Kenny. HEN (10): 1, Hawkins; 2, Devins; 3, vhc, Sheridan and Fry; hc, Dowling; c, McCagherty. A.O.V. CAN. (15/-) (6): 1, Osborne; 2, hc, Thompson; 3, vhc, Birse; c, Wright. CREST CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Birse; 4, McCaghcrty; 5, Tate. HEN (5): 1, Carson; 2 Tate, 3, 4, 5, Birse. C.B CK. (4): 1, 2, Birse; 3, Boles; 4, Tate. HEN (3): 1, Tate; 2, 3, Birse. NOR. CL. YELL. CK (2): 1, Carson; 2, Thompson. BUFF (11): 1, Thompson; 2, McConnell; 3, Stewart; 4, Teasey; vhc, Barclay; hc Carson; c, Connell. TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, McCaghcrty; 2, Stewart; 3, Connell; 4, McConnell; vhc, Teasey. BUFF (7): 1, Thompson; 2, C. J. Mulligan; 3, Barclay; 4, McConnell; vhc, Carson; hc, Connell; c, Owens and Magee. VARIEG CK. (11): 1, C. J. Mulligan; 2, McLoghlin; 3, Stewart; 4, vhc, Barclay; hc, Carson; c, Connell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Connell; 2, Stewart; 3, Thompson; vhc, McCaghcrty; hc, McLoghlen; c, Barclay. BUFF (10): 1, C. J. Mulligan; 2, Thompson; 3, Barclay; 4, Owens and Magee; vhc, McConnell; hc, Connell; c, Teasey. VARIEG. (6): 1, C. J. Mulligan; 2, Barclay; 3, McConnell; 4, McLoghlen; vhc, Meehan; hc, Thompson. SCOT FCY. CL. CK. (1): 1, Birch. HEN (1): Birch. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Birch; 2, 3, Birse.

GOLDIE-CAN. MULE, LIGHT (7): 1, Mulcahy; 2, Tate; 3, Scully; vhc, Osborne; hc, Rowe; c, C. J. Mulligan. DARK (6): 1, Tate; 2, McCaldin; 3, Patrick; vhc, Birse; hc, Harvey; c, Rowe. LINNET-CAN., LIGHT (1): 1, Osborne. DARK (6): 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Birse; vhc, Power; Nos. 4 and 5 absent. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (7): 1, Carson; 2, Owens and Magee; 3, Birse; vhc, Mulcahy; hc, Miss K. F. Perrin; c, McCaghy. BRIT. GOLDIE (22): 1, vhc, J. Lavery; 2, Barclay; 3, Conlan; hc, Tighe; c, Rooney. LINNET (14): 1, Mrs. O'Neile; 2, Birse; 3, Cloke; hc, C. J. Mulligan; hc, McArdle; e, Byrne. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Birse; 2, c, Miss K. F. Perrin; 3, vhc Cloke; hc, Tighe. LARK (10): 1, c, Carolan; 2, Birse; 3, vhc, Mulcahy; hc, Dowling. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Dowling; 2, c, Birse; vhc, Phillips; hc, Mulcahy. BULLFINCH CK. (12): 1, Birse; 2, C. J. Mulligan; 3, Dowling; vhc, Miss K. F. Perrin; hc, Phillips; c, Tighe. HEN (7): 1, Phillips; 2, 3, hc, Mulcahy; vhc, Birse; c, Cloke. HYB. (2): 1, 2 Birch. A.O.S. BRIT. SEED-EATING (8): 1, Phillips; 2, c, Birse; 3, C. J. Mulligan; vhc, Cloke; hc, Mulcahy. SOFT-BILL (5): 1, Phillips; 2, 3, Birse; Nos. 1 and 3, absent. GIFT (15): 1, Hawkins; 2, Cloke; 3, Thompson; vhc, Birse; hc, Duigenan; c, McArdle. FOR. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Hanna. PARROT, ETC. (1): 1, Cloke. A.O.S. FOR (except Mannikins and Waxbills) (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cloke. MANNIKINS. ETC.: 1, Cloke.

MUIRKIRK.

The Muirkirk O.S. held their annual exhibition in the Temperance Hall on November 28th. The hall is a very suitable one for such an occasion. It is well lighted by day, and very comfortable. All the exhibits were staged to the best advantage, and were well looked after by a body of enthusiastic fanciers. We regret to note the classes did not fill up so well as might have been expected, but the quality in most instances was very good, a large number of exhibits being forward that could hold their own in any company. The secretary, Mr. Jas. G. Torbett, had everything in apple-pie order, and is a very courteous official. He was well assisted by a capable committee. The only regret we have is that they had not more to do. We wish them a bigger turn-out another year. Mr. Robert Hardie (Auchenheath) made the awards in the cage bird section, and there was very little if any grumbling

Critique.

BORD. FCY. CK., YELL., CL. (5): 1, B.F.C. medal, Brownlie, topper for type, fine full-fronted bird, grand head, rare position, well cut, nicely rounded, rare style; 2, Mossie, grand colour, very nice wing carriage, neat-bodied bird; 3, W. and J. Thomson, sweet all-round bird, nicely got up, shown to perfection; 4, Arnott and Jamieson; 5, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, Mossie, clinker and no mistake, grand tone of colour, rare feather, correct size, splendidly drawn, fine head, nicely-rounded shoulders; 2, Watson, well moulded, nice wing carriage; 3, Findlay, good body, well drawn, staged to perfection; 4, Duncan, taking one, grand size; 5, spl, Smellie, nice quality, grand cut, well rounded; 6, Dempster. YELL. HEN, CL. (6): 1, Duncan, gem, fine style, grand position, well moulded, in fine order, staged to perfection; 2, Watson, fine all round bird, nicely got up, shows well; 3, spl, Brownlie, plenty of style, in good order; 4, spl, Findlay, nice feathered bird, rare tail and wings; 5, Dempster; 6, W. and J. Thomson. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Smellie, very nice, feather like boxwood, grand style, lovely wing carriage, rare pipe tail; 2, Duncan, good body, lovely-headed one, well drawn, fine carriage; 3, McKean, topper for type, fine full-fronted bird, grand head, well staged; 4, Findlay, good quality feather, well staged; 5, Dempster; 6, Watson; 7, Whiteford. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, R. and J. Thomson, buff, gem when handling, grand style, lovely bodied bird, round, finely-tapered, fine wing carriage, staged to perfection; 2, 5, Smellie, a two-pointed yell., nice type, grandly positioned, fine taper, good style, very showy; 3, Findlay, yell. variegated, grand style, well drawn; 4, McDougall; 6, Smith. HEN (9): 1, Mossie, nice all over, fine feather and colour, grand wing carriage, well tapered; 2, R. and J. Thomson, good-bodied bird, lovely front, nicely drawn, rare head and carriage; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, almost even-marked yell., nice front and head, in grand feather; 4, Findlay, topper for shape, nice wing carriage; 5, McKean; 6, Whiteford; 7, Watson. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, 2, cup, Findlay, pair of gems, good shape, lovely marks, nicely balanced throughout, in grand form; 3, absent. FOUL BORD. (1 or 2 marks) (9): 1, Smellie, gem for shape, lovely moulded bird, grand front, rare wing carriage, splendid shower, clear win in type; 2, Brownlie, in grand order, lovely wing carriage, good finish, well put down; 3, Dempster, yell. wing mkd., in grand feather, well staged; 4, Shields; 5, Watson; 6, McKean; 7, Duncan. GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, 2, R. and J. Thomson, huff and a yell. green, teeming with quality, fine tone of colour throughout, rare style and carriage, well staged; 3, Findlay, buff green, lovely grassy shade of colour, rare quality feather; 4, spl, Duncan; 5, Arnott and Jamieson; 6, Watson; 7, W. and J. Thomson. SELL. (10 6). 6, Watson; 7, W. and J. Thomson SELL. (10 6). (11): 1, Findlay; 2, Brownlie; 3, Shields; 4, Mossie; 5, Dempster; 6, Thomson; 7, Mair. GIFT (3): 1, Dempster; 2, Findlay; 3, McKean. BRIT. (6): 1, Findlay, house-moulted Bullfinch, nice colour, well staged; 2, 3, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting and Bearded Tit respectively; 4, Halliday, lovely Yellowhammer; 5, Hardie, Greater Spotted Woodpecker; 6, Devoy, Hawfinch. LINNET (3): 1, 2, McQuiston, two well-known winners; 3, Kean, nice size and lovely breast markings, well staged. BO[illegible] FCY. (confined) (6): 1, Findlay, nice buff in grand order; 2, Thomson, buff, wing-marked, rare mover, order; 2, Thomson, buff, wing-marked, rare mover, order; 3, Duncan, buff capped, good style, very showy, rare traveller; 4, McKean; 5, Dempster; 6, Hogg.

NORWICH.

A Record at the Cathedral City.

The annual show of the Norwich Alliance Association was held in the Assembly Rooms, on November 28th and 30th, and we are pleased to be able to pronounce it a splendid success. The total number of entries was 854, a considerable increase on that of last year. The "native" birds (Norwich) were greatly in evidence, several of the classes containing over 20 entries. The Amateur, Limit, Unflighted, and Non fed classes especially were remarkably well filled, and the managing staff were more than satisfied. Much of the success was undoubtedly due to Mr. R. Roll, the able and energetic secretary, who has been many times tried, but never found wanting, at this arduous post. He was ably assisted by an enthusiastic and efficient staff of fanciers, including Messrs. W. W. Freestone (chairman), J. Parsons (vice chairman), Mr. F. Cullington (treasurer), Gilbert, Smith, Bartram, Bullard, Carlton, Cuthmore, Freeman, Holmes, Clark, Morrison, Barbee, Calver, Clapham, Daynes, Fish, Green, Horth, Johnson, R. Thompson, J. Thomson, Miles, Revell, Russell, Schulen, Smith, Stark, R. Wigger, A. Woollard and several others. The whole of the exhibits were packed and despatched by the mail train on the second night of the show, and all prize money was sent off the same night, so that many exhibitors would be pleasantly surprised by receiving cheques even before they received their birds. That is surely the way to secure support another year, for exhibitors will not be likely to forget such business-like treatment.

The opening ceremony was very graciously performed by the Mayor (Mr. Walter Rye). The arrangements showed that the officials were past masters in the art of successfully engineering a show, and, as the hall admirably suits their methods, owing to its grand space and light, nothing was in any way lacking. That the show is gaining in popularity year by year is an accepted fact, and this year's venture beats all predecessors of recent years. Impartial judges affirm that it is the best show ever held since the resuscitation of the club some eight years ago. Visitors were highly interested in the drawing competition, open to boys attending schools in Norwich. Their work, exhibited at the front of the stage, bears the stamp of merit, the effort of the winner being highly meritorious. There was general regret at the illness of the appointed Crest judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves, who was unable to fulfil his engagement. The committee were fortunate in obtaining the help of that well-known Crest breeder, Mr. F. W Barnett, who at some inconvenience was good enough to step into the breach and undertake the Crests and Crest-breds in the place of Mr. Greeves. Mr. J. Dobson judged the Plainhead classes, excepting the Amateur and Novice, which were taken by Messrs. J. Stark and A. Woollard, while Mr. J. F. Hills adjudicated upon the British, Foreign, and Mule Classes. We heard very little adverse comment on their decisions.

Crest and Crest-Bred Classes.

CHAMPION CLASSES—YELL. CREST: 1, vhc, c, Drake, nearly green, massive crest, good broad front, comes to end of beak, nice centre, good droop, wins easily; 2, Mrs. Crow, evenly marked, D.C., beautiful crest, very neat, good front sides and back; 3, Gaze, variegated, D.C., nice feather, good back, very neat; 4, Gowing, variegated, another beauty, nice feather, very neat; hc, King. BUFF CL. BODY: 1, Gowing, fine grizzle, grand front, sides and back, beautiful droop, stout body, nice centre; 2, Gaze, grizzle, nice round crest, good front, back and sides; 3, 4, Sadd, grizzle, nicely round, good back, front, and sides; 4, similar, in most respects; vhc, Woollard, large massive grizzle, good front and back; hc, Evins Bros; c, King. BUFF D.C. CK.: 1, spl, King, mkd. wings, D.C., large massive crest, excellent front, back, sides and droop, neat centre, very dense; 2, Ley, marked right wing, very similar to first; 3, vbc, Gowing, good front, sides and back, neat centre, good body; 4, hc, c, Shearman, D.C. and flights, variegated, beautiful round thick crest, good front, back and sides, grand body. HEN: 1, Pooley, nearly green, heavy, massive crest, round as a daisy, nice centre, wonderful droop; 2, Evins Bros, green, nice round crest, fine centre and feather, good one; 3, Shearman, marked wings, D.C. about same size as second, grand formation; 4, Gaze, mkd. wing, nice feather, good front and centre; vhc, King; hc, Howard; c, Gowing. C.B. YELL.: 1, Ley, good big variegated, fine skull, good entrance, nice lash, excellent feather; 2, 4, vhc, Drake, another clinker, mkd. head and wings, broad skull, grand entrance, good lash and feather; 4, nice bird, plenty of feather; 3, Mrs. Crow, nearly green, nice dome-shaped skull, splendid entrance and lash; hc, Evins Bros; c, Gowing. BUFF: 1, Shearman, green, excellent skull, wonderful rise over beak, lashed to perfection, stout body; 2, King, variegated, good skull, grand entrance and lash, fine body; 3, Howard, good body and skull; 4, Evins Bros, nearly green, similar to third; vhc, Brooks; hc, Woollard, both of fine skull, entrance and lash; c, Betts. HEN: 1, Mrs. Crow, mkd. head, wings and back, good head, well lashed, excellent feather; 2, Ley, green, beautiful entrance, nice lash, plenty of feather; 3, Howard, variegated, good bird, close up; 4, Evins Bros, grand size, nice head and lash; hc, Clapham; c, King. PAIRS CRESTS: 1, Drake, cl. C.B. buff ck, grand size, head and lash, and green yell Crest hen, good size, extra neat crest; 2, 3, 4, Revell, lovely variegated crest ck, to a grand variegated C.B hen, close up; 3, grizzle, crest and yell. C.B., good size, likely pair; 4, ck. D.C., and flights to green C.B. hen, another good pair; vhc, Woollard, evenly mkd. D.C. ck, nice round crest, to green C.B. hen, good skull; hc, Calver; c, Bennett. AMATEUR CLASSES—YELL. CREST: 1, Gilbert, evenly marked, D.C. hen, round as a daisy, good size, lovely formation, wins; 2, Snowden, very neat, nice crest; 3, 4, Smith and Son, nice, neat crest; 4, nice bird; vhc, Snowden; hc, Kirby; c, Burrage CL. BODY. 1, Snowden, D.C. again, round as a daisy, large expansive crest, nice feather and droop, very neat; 2, Mrs. Gaze, another good one, grizzle, again neat; 4, Holmes, D.C., good frontal, nice feather; 4, Alden, very neat grizzle; vhc, Parsons; hc, Goulder. BUFF CREST CK.: 1, Ong, D.C. mkd. wings and tail, nice front, back and sides, very neat, good centre, veiny feather; 2, Mrs. Gaze, green, neat crest; 3, Goulder, wing mkd. D.C., nicely round, good feather; 4, Scott, green, good front, back and sides, nice droop; vhc, Snowden; hc, Alden; c, Holmes HEN: Mrs. Gaze, D.C., and wings, nice front, back and sides, good leafy feather, nice droop; 2, Alden, green, very neat crest, nice back and sides; 3, Smith, wing marked, D.C., nice round crest, good feather; 4, Goulder, nearly green, nice round crest, fine sides, back and droop; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Shorten; c, Parsons. C.B. YELL.: 1, Parsons, grizzle head, grand skull and entrance, abundance of feather, well lashed; 2, Kirby, green, pied tail, nice bird; 3, Smith and Son, marked head, neck and wings, nice entrance, good head feather; 4, Smith, green, somewhat similar to third; vhc, c, Snowden; hc, Carlton. BUFF CK.: 1, Howard, green, grand skull, good entrance, abundance of feather, well lashed; 2, Snowden, another green, nice entrance, plenty of feather; 3, Panting, very similar bird; 4, Smith and Son, ticked eye, nice head and length of feather; vhc, Edwards; hc, Mrs. Gaze; c, Alpe. HEN: 1, Corke, mkd. face and back, lovely head, good entrance and lash, nice smooth back, abundance of feather; 2, Cole, mkd. head and wings, nice entrance, grand head feather, smooth back, well lashed; 3, Alden, nearly green, good body, nice head; 4, Carlton, similar to third, loses only in length of feather; vhc, Parsons; c, Smith. PAIRS CRESTS: 1, Alden, beautiful variegated C.B., lovely feather, neat as wax, with an almost cl. C.B., good size, grand head and feather; 2, Thorpe, D.C., and flighted with an almost green C.B., close up; 3, Curl, green crest, good sides, back and front, with a cap and flighted C.B., nice head feather; 4, Johnson, D.C., and wings, good front, back and sides, with a nearly green C.B., nice head, entrance and feather; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Smith; c, Mrs. Gaze. NOVICE CREST LIMIT (40/-): 1, Philpot; 2, 3, Goodson; 4, Eagleton; vhc, Barnes; hc, Websdale. C.B. (40/-): 1, 4, Goodson; 2, Eagleton; 3, Barnes; vhc, Philpot; hc, Websdale. CREST 1908: 1, Gowing, cl. body, D.C. good front, back and sides, neat centre, nice droop; 2, Reeder, evenly marked, D.C., fine broad crest grand back and sides; 3, Revel, very neat, nice feather, cl. body, D.C.; 4, Broad, green, massive front, nice back; vhc, Revell; hc, Woollard, both had beautiful round crests and nice front; c, Howard. C.B.: 1, Evins Bros., big, bouncing green, clinking head, good entrance, well lashed; 2, 3, Calver, variegated, nice head and entrance, well lashed, 3, close up; 4, Ley, nice green; vhc, Mrs. Crow; hc, Corke; c, Howard. CREST LIMIT (50/-): 1, Drake; 2, Baldwin; 3, Shearman; 4, Smith; vhc, Revell; hc, Bennet; c, Howard. C.B (30/-): 1, Goulder; 2, Bennet; 3, Revell; vhc, Clapham; hc, Parsons; c, Johnson. SELL. CREST. OR C.B. (15/-): 1, Payne; 2, Cullington; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Revell; vhc, Roberts; hc, Smitb.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Rippon, excels in quality, wonderfully good body, wings and tail; 2, Claxton, rare colour, nice quality, good body; 3, hc, Howard, very fine, large bird, excellent colour, beaten only in quality of feather; 4, Wright and Son, another big bird, rare colour; vhc, Betts; c, Brooks. BUFF (7): 1, 4, vhc, Howard, 1st regular topper, Nor. properties throughout; 4th, very nicely made; 2, Wright and Son, very fine and large, full of quality, rich colour, abundance of feather; 3, Cullington, tight as wax, very nice body and wings; hc, Brooks, one of the best in class. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Howard, 1st ticked, wonderful size for a yell., real red hot 'un, well made throughout, clear win; 2nd, mkd. on wing, correct type and colour, very nice quality; 3, Rippon, smart tkd. bird; 4, Miles, very nice exhibit; vhc, Wright; hc, Howe, mkd. bird, wonderful colour; c, Brooks. BUFF (10): 1, Brookes, very typical mkd. Nor., Cambridge winner, in good form; 2, Palmer, another typical bird, very fine quality, close up; 3, Francis, grizzle-headed bird, well-made body, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, vhc, very heavily mkd.; hc, Claxton, nice and tight. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Cullington, very smart, teeming with quality, which carried her to the front; 2, Rippon, good head, nicely-carried wings; 3, Howard, very fine large bird, correct type, nice quality; 4, Revell, one of the biggest and best in class; vhc, Hart; hc, Miles; c, Revell. BUFF (11): 1, Brooks, sweetly pretty, well-made throughout, impossible to find fault with her; 2, Rippon, right stamp, lovely sweep of chest, short well-carried wings; 3, Wright and Son, very rich colour and condition; 4, Palmer, lightly marked, genuine Nor., we liked very much, claimed at catalogue price; vbc, Howard; hc, Stark; c, Claxton. PAIR OF NOR. (matched for breeding) (11): 1, W. Freestone, really lovely pair, absolutely free from brow; 2, Palmer, very fine buff cock with extra good head and body, hen not quite equal to him; 3, Francis, pair of good birds, cock especially excels in Nor. properties; 4, Revell, one of the biggest pairs in class; vhc, Calver; hc, Howe; c, Payne. AMATEUR CLASSES.—These were remarkably well filled, and contained some very fine birds. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Outten, regular topper, excels in colour and quality, correct type throughout; 2, Mrs. Gaze, another very fine bird, nearly equal to 1st; 3, Page, very fine, big bird, good; 4, Smith and Son, teeming with quality; vbc, Campling, Thompson, Alpe; hc, Carter, Williment; c, Parke. BUFF (13): 1, Rix, lovely bird, smooth as a Java, grand head, full of quality; 2, Nichols, big, very rich colour, correct type; 3, Mackham, very smart and smooth, in fact similar to winner; 4, Locke, rare bird for size, nearly as big as a Lancs. P.H., good quality; vhc, Edwards, nice cobby bird, we liked; hc, Alpe; c, Thompson. TKD ETC. YELL. (22): 1, Williment, excellent colour, nice sweep of chest; 2, Outten, very fine quality, correct type; 3, Mrs. Gaze, very nice head, excellent quality; 4, Daynes, jun., very pretty dark-capped bird, nice type; vhc, Alpe, Handscombe; hc, Castleton, Skipper; c, Fulcher. BUFF (19): 1, Nichols, mkd. on wing, excellent type, nice size and colour; 2, Mrs. Gaze, mkd. on head and wing, very fine large bird, excellent carriage; 3, Hart, grizzle back, wonderful body; 4, Scott, grizzle cap, very smart and nicely moulded; vhc, Lay, Bales; hc, Plummer, Bolton; c, Page. YELL. HEN (22): 1, hc, Hart, sweetly moulded, in excellent condition; 2, Smith and Son, similar to 1st; 3, Bales, wee bit smaller, but very nice colour and quality; 4, Nichols, marked, dark tail, useful stock bird; vhc, Piggin, Alpe, smart, good colour; hc, Hart, Martin; c, Nichols. BUFF (18): 1, Shorten, excellent type, grand head and eye, good wings and tail, claimed at £3; 2, Hart, rare-bodied bird, put up in excellent condition; 3, Page, very nice, smart, well made, not far behind; 4, Hatch, has broken tail, which spoils its appearance, otherwise very nice; vhc, Bales, lovely soft silky feather; hc, Smith and Son, Nichols; c, Rix. PAIR NOR (matched for breeding) (22): 1, Schulen, very nicely matched, with luck should breed something worth having; 2, Hart, very fine cock bird, correct type, hen hardly equal to his lordship; 3, Nichols, another well-matched pair, close up; 4, Piggin, excellent quality, nicely matched; vhc, Zipfel, Plummer; hc, Parke, Williment; c, Smith, Nichols. A.O.V. (7): 1, Smith and Son, very fine buff Lancs. coppy, with excellent crest, put up in good form; 2, Bailey, very nice buff Yorks.; 3, Gilbert, cinn. mkd., Nor. type; 4, Rix, evenly-marked Nor., nice type; vhc, Hall; hc, Thompson; c, Mrs. Gaze. NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL. (7): 1, Capon, grizzle cap, excellent type, quickly claimed at 20/-; 2, Fish, good body, rather heavy in tail, nice quality; 3, Eagleton, excellent quality, very good type; 4, Capon, nice exhibit; vhc, H. Brooks; hc, Cubitt; c, Dye. BUFF (5): 1, Booty, nice stamp, showing good quality; 2, Fish, jun., cap and wing marked, nice body and wings; 3, Dye, very good cl., lovely quality feather; 4, H. Brooks, good body; vhc, Cubitt. YELL. NOR. CINN., OPEN (11): 1, Mrs. Gaze, fine big bird, rich colour, full of quality; 2, Crow, very nice quality; 3, Crow, similar to 2nd; 4, Shenrman, very clean-cut bird, nice carriage; vhc, Smith; hc, Payne; c, Lay. BUFF (11): 1, Howe, fine big bird, rich colour, teeming with quality; 2, Bevan, nice quality bird; 3, Smith, similar to 2nd; 4, Shearman, very smart close-feathered bird; vhc, Cullington. NON-FLIG. YELL. NOR. (18): 1, c, Howard, fine large bird, rare colour, correct type; 2, Francis, another large bird, dark tail, also good colour and type; 3, Howard, very nice quality; 4, Smith, all there for smartness and quality; vbc, Hart; hc, Campling. BUFF (21): 1, Howe, very fine made bird, marked on neck, lovely head, free from brow; 2, 3, Cullington, couple of very fine exhibits, smooth as a Java, all there for type and quality; 4, Schuler, excellent bird, true Nor. properties; vhc, Hart, good stamp; hc, Wright and Son, nicely-marked; c, Mackham. NON-FED YELL. NOR. (29): 1, Freestone, lovely quality and condition, quickly claimed; 2, Miles, smart, tkd. bird, put up in fine condition; 3, Rix, marked, excellent type, beautiful polish; 4, Schulen, grand colour and quality; vbc, c, Wright; bc, Mason. BUFF (28): 1, Mason, smooth as a bottle, well made, rich natural plumage; 2, Brown, we liked much, lovely sweep of chest, full of quality; 3, Bates, another very nice stamp, real Nor.; 4, Howard, in fine condition; vhc, Freestone; hc, Shorten; c, Gooderham.

Mule, British and Foreign Bird Classes.

MULE GOLDFINCH CAN. (9): 1, Brooks, very smart four-pointed, in lovely condition; 2, 3, hc, Howard, 2nd another smart one, mkd. on head, wings and thighs; 3rd, very similar, looks like a nest mate to 2nd; 4, Brooks, similar to first, nearly evenly-marked; vhc, Miles, Payne; hc, Cullington, Wright and Son. A.O.V. (11): 1, vhc, Riley, very nice Canary Buffie, good colour, nice cap, Can. type, and a Goldie Buffie; 2, Howard, entered in catalogue as a Yellowhammer Siskin; what a rarity! The celebrated Chaffinch Canary isn't in it; guess again; 3, 4, Nobles, smart Siskin Mule, nicely laced, lovely coloured Greenfinch Mule; vhc, Crow; hc, Eastick; c, Dawson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (23): Rare good class; 1, Keymer Bros., lovely Finch, grand blaze of nice size and colour, excellent tanning, nicely mooned and huttoned; 2, Mays, another grand Finch, steady as a rock, sweet blaze, rich body colour; 3, vbc, Cook, in excellent condition; 4, Mitchell, put up in good form, very nice exhibit; vbc, hc, Lowne; hc, Rix; c, Wilmot. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Smith, Lesser Redpoll, grandly marked, rich colour; 2, Edwards, very lively Siskin, excellent wing marks; 3, Thompson, nice Linnet; 4, Mitchell, good Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Lowne, Miles; hc, Harrowven. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (11): 1, Mays, very fine Bunting, excellent markings, good size and steady; 2, Mitchell, lovely coloured Bullie, nice cap; 3, 4, Cooper, nice Hawfinch, very smart, rich-coloured Bramblefinch; vhc, hc, Lowne. SONG THRUSH (10): 1, 3, Cooper, 1st lovely-coloured bird, grandly spotted, in fine condition; 3rd, similar bird; 2, Mays, very fine Thrush; 4, Edwards, one of the biggest birds in class, good one, must have been difficult to separate these; vhc, Lamb; hc, Ridgewell, Carlton; c, Fowell. A.O.S. SMALL INSECTIV. (11): 1, 2, Lowne, charming Redstart and a Bearded Tit, both put up in Mr. L.'s usual form; 3, Mays, very nice Tree Creeper; 4, Fowell, good Nuthatch; vhc, Miles; hc, Claxton; c, Sutton. LARGE: 1, Mays, charming Redwing; 2, 3, Miles, nicely-spotted Starling, good Blackbird; 4, Cooper, good Redwing; vhc, Cullington; hc, Fowell. PARRAKEET, ETC. (7): 1, Curzon, very handsome pair of Red Rosellas; 2, F. Howe, lovely pair of Yell. Budgerigars; 3, Curzon, excellent Blue Bonnet; 4, Row, Scaly-breasted Lorrikeet; vhc, hc, Sladden; c, Miles. PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, Curzon, rich-coloured Amazon; 2, Wright, Grey, in good fettle; 3, Mrs. Varnon, excellent Green Amazon; 4, Rix; hc, Miles. AVADAVATS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Row, pretty pair of Parson Finches and Orange-cheeked Waxbills; 3, Howe, pair of pretty Nutmeg Finches. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Row, very nice pair of Black-headed Gouldians; 2, Fowell, very fine Green Cardinal; 3, Riviere, good St. Helena Seed-eater; 4, Miles, fine large Siberian Goldfinch. LIMIT, YELL. NOR. (25/-) (25): 1, Wright and Son; 2, Miles; 3, Stark; 4, Hart; vhc, G. Wright; hc, Plummer; c, Revell. BUFF (25/-) (26): 1, Page; 2, Baldwin, 3, Wilmot; 4, Miles; vhc, Locke; hc, Parke; c, Howard. YELL. HEN (15/-) (21): 1, Baldwin; 2, Miller; 3, Freestone; 4, Stark; vhc, Cullington; hc, Howard. BUFF (15/-) (24): 1, Roberts; 2, Page; 3, Bartram; 4, Revell; vhc, Palmer; hc, Austin, c, Nichols. CREST (50/-) (18): 1, Drake; 2, Baldwin; 3, Shearman; 4, Smith; vhc, Revell; hc, Bennett; c, Howard. C.B. (30/-) (18): 1, Goulder; 2, Bennett; 3, Revell: 4, Shearman; vhc, Clapham; hc, Parsons; c, Johnson. SELL., CREST, ETC. (15/-) (19): 1, Payne; 2, Cullington; 3, Smith and Son; 4, Revell; vhc, Roberts; hc, Smith. P.H. (15/-) (33): 1, Robinson; 2, Campling; 3, Hart; 4, Freestone; vhc, Revell; hc, Martin, Howard.

WEST STANLEY.

At this fixture on Nov. 28th the cage birds were by no means strong. This, we heard, is attributable to the fact that the Society were unable to obtain the Cage Bird Union's license. A few very nice exhibits were shown, and these were admirably staged on the platform. Capable stewards had charge, and Mr. T. J. Ambrose, who had a heavy morning's work in the fur section, judged in a painstaking manner. The show being on a Saturday and the railway accommodation none too good would no doubt account somewhat for the meagre support. In classes of less than six entries the first prize was withheld. Mr. J. H. Leighton made a most capable and obliging secretary, and is to be congratulated on his efforts.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, members' spl, Pike, leader heavily variegated, nice shape, grand feather and bloom; 2, good bird; 3, res., Humphrey, third wing marked; hc, Atkinson Bros., Mason. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Mason, ci, rattling shape, nice colour and meal, well shown; 2, Snell, neck and wing mkd.; 3 (no name), heavily variegated, good type, nice colour and shape; res, Humphrey; vhc, Hunter, Stobbs; hc, Murray. HEN (8): 1, Atkinson Bros., buff, mkd. back of head, thick set and chubby, nice shape, grand feather; 2, Stobbs, romping yell., rare colour; 3, Snaith and Greener, buff, nice shape and feather; res, Hunter, H. C. Snell, C. Humphrey. CREST OR C.B. (5): 2, spl, best bird in show, Snaith and Greener, ticked grey crest, mkd. on wing, crest of nice size, grand shape, nicely packed; 3, Sheavills, very neat D.C., wing mkd.; res, hc, Todd; vhc, Dickenson Bros. A.O.V. (5): 2, Lamb, nice yell. Scotch, fine top end; 3, Piper, good buff Cinn.; res, Mason; vhc, Piper. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Davidson and Boyd, leader best colour and pencilling, grand bloom; 2, Peart, large nice bird; res, Mason; vhc, Snaith and Greener. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 2, 3, Davidson and Boyd, leader nice feathered Jay, grand colour and steady, third good Bullie; res, Humphrey; vhc, Snaith and Greener. BORD. FCY. (9): 1, 3, Elliott, leader bounding little buff, tight as wax, third yell., grand for shape and carriage, lovely feather; 2, vhc, Snell, neat little yell., full of swagger; res, vhc, Turnbull. HEN (6): 1, res, Snell, winner gem of a yell., grand style and feather; 2, Turnbull, yell., nice shape and feather, stylish; 3, vhc, Elliott, fine shape; hc, Elliott. FOR. (8): 1, Hunter, hen King Parrot, in grand plumage; 2, vhc, (3) Elliott; 3, Ledger; res, Mason.

COVENTRY (Godiva.)

Second annual open show held November 28th at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park-street. As was only to be expected, the Norwich were the feature of the show; these classes were well filled, and competition was very close—so close, in one or two instances, that it only needed a bit extra condition and polish to be able to turn the tables on the birds higher up. A hot-coloured clear buff led off, a bird of grand quality of feather and shape, closely followed by same owner's unevenly marked, third was a trifle larger. The winning buff was another bird of rare shape, and short, well-carried wings and tail. The second had good head and front. The hens were a very level lot, and must have taken a deal of sorting out. The winner was very typical, and of splendid quality. The second, a yellow, and third, buff, were of good all-round Norwich properties. Several larger birds were in the class, but the judge went for birds right through the Norwich classes of good medium size that were full in head, and well cut away behind perch. The unflighted classes contained some grand birds. Messrs. Symonds' winning yellow was of lovely colour and quality, with the shortest of wings and a good headpiece; this bird secured Ramsden's special. The winning unflighted buff is a grand shape, short, thick-set body, full head and neck, close and compact in feather, the second and third running it very closely. The Yorkshires were not very numerous, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Mr. Burke's buff was the pick of the basket. He secured the special over the Yorkshire and Cinnamon classes. The bird has good length, rare stand, and finish, is full of style, and is feathered to perfection. The winning yellow has feather of splendid quality, is of good shape, and well drawn out. The unflighted winning yellow was another good one, though the second, a bird of warm colour, must have given it some trouble, being only beaten in length of side. In the class for dark Canary Mule (except Canary Bullfinch), Mr. Edwards scored with a romping good Linnet-Canary, and the A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid class again found him at the top with a really good Green-finch-Bullfinch in magnificent condition. A Gold-finch-Bullfinch was second, and a Linnet-Bullfinch third, both being exceptionally good ones, and well worth all they got. The limit classes were a strong lot, and contained some very cheap birds, those for £2 2s. and 25/- pairs being especially so. The Hinckley winning Goldfinch turned up, and again defied all-comers, though the second, a trifle larger bird and very showy, ran him very close up. The winning Bullie is a real topper, and the same remark applies to the winning Gale, which secured special for best British. Mr. W. Vardy (Nottingham) was down to do the Canaries, and Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) the British and Foreign birds, but owing to illness Mr. Vardy was unable to keep his appointment, so Mr. Poole did the lot, his awards meeting with general approval from the large company present. The show was excellently managed by Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. sec., who is to be congratulated on that account. He was ably assisted by the show stewards, Messrs. J. Bent, H. Ward, J. Symonds, A. Symonds, T. A. Cooke, W. Houlden, B. Roberts, J. Allen, and J. Ingram. The president and treasurer is Mr. J. Busby, and the vice-presidents are Messrs. J. Blackshaw and A. Wright. Mr. J. Blackshaw was the show manager, and Mr. R. Symonds makes a capital assistant-secretary.

NOR. CL. TKD. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Christian; 3, Cooper; vhc, hc, Pailling; c, Riley; absent No. 3, Younghusband. BUFF (11): 1, Cooper; 2, Mitchell; 3, Christian; vhc, Pailling; hc, Colloby and Brown; c, Ingram; absent 4 and 5, Younghusband. HEN (12): 1, Palling; 2, Lucas; 3, Judd; vhc, A. Symonds; hc, Colloby and Brown; c, Symonds and Son. YELL. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Tyler; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Fowler; hc, c, Palling. BUFF (7): 1, Dipple; 2, Judd; 3, Parker and Bott; vhc, Tyler; hc, Peacock; c, Houghton. NAT. COL. (15): 1, Hewitt; 2, Herbert; 3, Wright; vhc, Dicken; hc, c, Bray and Blackshaw. CINN. (5): 1, Brown Bros.; 2, 3, hc, A. Symonds; vhc, c, Symonds and Son. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Millinchamp; 2, Burke; 3, Spann; vhc, Wright; hc, Symonds and Son. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Burke; 2, Mole; 3, Hawley; vhc, Fap; hc, Paddock; c, Spann. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Burke; 2, Millinchamp; 3, Paddock; vhc, Mole; hc, Wright; c, Hawley. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Taylor; 3, Jeacock; vhc, Dickin; hc, Symonds and Son. DARK CAN. MULE (except Canary Bullfinch) (7): 1, Edwards; 2, hc, Chillingsworth; 3, Caylers; vhc, c, Symonds and Son. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Edwards; 2, Edwards; 3, Dickenson; vhc, hc, Chillingsworth. CAN. PAIRS (£2 2s.) (11): 1, Butler and Waring; 2, Jacklin; 3, Yates; vhc, Dipple; hc, Jeacock; c, Wright. NOR. YELL. (30/-) (12): 1, Mitchell; 2, Yates; 3, Dickenson; vhc, Brown; hc, A. Symonds; c, Parker and Bott. BUFF (30/-) (12): 1, Fowler; 2, Wootton; 3, Jeacock; vhc, Herbert; hc, Barratt; c, Wright. UNFLIG. (30/-) (13): 1, Cooper; 2, Parker and Bott; 3, Dipple; res, Jeacock; vhc, Midgley; hc, Wootton; c, Butler and Waring. PAIRS (25/-) (18): 1, Edwards; 2, Midgley; 3, Webberley; res, Jeacock; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Dipple; c, Ward. (15/-) (21): 1, Sadler; 2, Jacklin; 3, Jeacock; res, Midgley; vhc, Yates; hc, Barrett; c, Hadley. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Seal; 2, 3, Hallam; vhc, Edwards; hc, Osborne; c, Gawlett. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Mole; 2, Bazeley; 3, Lawrence; vhc, Seal; hc, Tyler; c, Jackson. GREENFINCH: 1, Millinchamp; 2, Tyler; 3, Houghton; vhc, Wright; hc, Bazeley; c, Cooke. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Osborne; 2, Tyler; 3, Dickenson; vhc, c, Cooke; hc, Audley. SOFT-BILL: 1, Burrows; 2, Garratt; 3, Shaddock; vhc, Audley; hc, Bell; c, Bray and Blackshaw.

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SWINDON.

Swindon and District C.B.A., first open show, held 26th and 27th November. Notwithstanding the clashing of a large number of other fixtures, the entries, which totalled nearly 600, were eminently satisfactory, and constituted a record exhibition for this district. The able and courteous Mr J Edmunds, and the hard-working, enthusiastic stewards, Messrs. Bywater, Bennett, Burson, Bale, Foster, Greenwood, Hopkins, H and R. Sendell, Sprules, Mackay, and Phinell, are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their initial venture. The hall of the Swimming Baths is exceedingly well suited for a show of this kind, the top light being particularly good, while the staging was nicely arranged, and at intervals relieved by a pleasing array of large palms and other tropical plants. Judging commenced shortly after 9 a.m., and catalogues with awards printed were on sale by 5 p.m.—smart work this, worthy of all praise. The great feature of the show was the remarkably fine display of Foreign Birds, chiefly through the efforts of the local foreign bird enthusiast, Mr. O. Millsum, who had no less than thirty entries, all rare, and in many cases unique, specimens, beautifully staged, and in grand order. The placing of the winners was an unenviable task; the Parrot class was of such extraordinary merit that the judge gave every bird out of the money a vhc card, making the remark that he should have liked to have given 1st prize to each. The large Insectivorous class contained many birds that have never been seen on the show bench previously. The British section made a grand display, the Goldfinch classes being the best we have seen this season, containing birds of exceptional merit. The judges were Mr. John Robson, Canaries and Hybrids, with Mr. John Frostick, British and Foreign birds.

The Canary section was worth a long journey to see, most of the leading Southern breeders being well represented, and competition was very keen. A gratifying item was the brisk sales on both days. Mr. Hodder's winning unfiguted yellow cock was claimed at catalogue price, also Mr. Gwilliam's winning ticked buff cock, while Mr. Schneider's yellow cock, 1st in his class in Novice Section, met the same fate. Many visitors honoured the Swindon Fanciers' Show by a visit, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. Rennie, Mathes, C. E. Brown, Spoor, Yates, Fulbrook, and Hodder, all of whom were loud in their praise of the way the birds were arranged, etc. Owing to Mr. Allsopp, who undertook to report the Canary section, not fulfilling his obligation, exhibitors in that section are unfortunately deprived of any comments.

The Awards.

CHAMPION CLASSES—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, 3, Gill and Pethick; 2, Rennie; res, Tristem and Taylor; vhc, Yates; hc, Hodder; c, Matthews. BUFF (11): 1, res, Gill and Pethick; 2, Stephenson; 3, vhc, Baker; hc, Rennie; c, Hodder. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Midgley; 2, Hodder; 3, Baker; res, Gwilliam; vhc, Tristem and Taylor; hc, Pope; c, Hopkins and Allsopp. BUFF (9): 1, Gwilliam; 2, res, Hodder; 3, Garland; vhc, Rennie; hc, Dale; c, Baker. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Hodder; 2, res, Gill and Pethick; 3, Hopkins and Allsopp; vhc, Midgley; hc, Dring; c, Yates. BUFF (15): 1, hc, Midgley; 2, Rennie, 3, res, Gill and Pethick; vhc, Bellamy; c, Wasley. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, Rennie; 2, Hodder; 3, Gill and Pethick; res, Stephenson; vhc, Fulbrook; hc, Midgley; c, Rogerson. BUFF (19): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp; 2, Hodder; 3, Rennie; res, hc, Midgley; vhc, Carter; c, Baker. NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Schneider; 2, Keech; 3, Spoor; res, Brookes; vhc, Inch; hc, Luff; c, Nelson. BUFF (6): 1, Keech; 2, Nelson; 3, Hiam; res, Inch; vhc, hc, Spoor. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Schuelder; 2, Keech; 3, Hiam; res, Master Pool; vhc, Inch; hc, Pennells; c, Brookes. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Schneider; 2, Keech; 3, Hiam; res, Pennells; vhc, Luff; hc, c, Spoor. CREST CK. (8): 1, Rev. O. W. Joyce; 2, 3, King; res, Piper; vhc, Greenwood and Burson; hc, Johnson; c, Oldfield. C.B. CK. (14): 1, vhc, Pool; 2, Piper; 3, Rev. Joyce; res, King; hc, Johnson; c, Lazarus. CREST HEN (8): 1, Lazarus; 2, Johnson; 3, Rev. Joyce; res, Evins Bros.; vhc, Upton and Button; hc, Greenwood and Burson; c, King. C.B. (6): 1, Piper; 2, Rev. Joyce; 3, Pool; res, Evins Bros.; vhc, Lazarus; hc, King. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Hawes; 2, vhc, Parsons; 3, Yates; des, Burton; c, Maisey. BUFF (9): 1, Hawes; 2, Rennie; 3, vhc, Yates; res, Lovell; c, Maisey. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Maisey; 2, Burton; 3, Carter; res, Rennie; vhc, Keegan; hc, Morgan. HEN (9): 1, res, Rennie; 2, Maisey; 3, Hawes; vhc, Bowden; hc, Morgan. NOVICE YORKS. (7): 1, vhc, Reade; 2, res, Stonelake; 3, Cooper; hc, Marks; c, Wall. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, Roberts; 2, Gwilliam; 3, Hopgood; res, hc, Mrs. Clarke; vhc, Evans; c, Riddle. BUFF (7): 1, Roberts; 2, Gwilliam, 3, Evans; res, Hopgood; vhc, hc, Mrs. Clarke; c, Riddle. LANCS (Cancelled). A.O.V. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Green; 2, Pope; 3, Fisher; res, Wasley; c, King. SELL. (£1) (13): 1, Greenwood and Burson; 2, Bowden; 3, Green; res, Bywater; vhc, Yates; hc, Piper; c, Clowes and Son. (10/-) (12): 1, Rennie; 2, Dale; 3, Gill and Pethick; res, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Greenwood and Burson; c, Stephenson.

CANARY MULE, CL. ETC. (11): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, very fine, even-marked buff Goldfinch, in grand fettle, the Plymouth winner; 2, Wasley, Goldfinch, more heavily marked, very good; 3, res., Fulbrook, variegated Goldfinch and variegated Greenfinch, both good birds, well staged; vhc, Calnes; hc, Fricker; c, Godden. DARK. GOLD. OR GREENFINCH (13): 1, Leigh, rich-coloured, shapely Greenfinch; 2, Coffey, fine, large yellow Goldfinch, well put down; 3, Best, good Goldfinch, loses only in colour, nice condition; res, Parsons, Clnn. Greenfinch, nice, large bird; vhc, Phillips; hc, Davies and Gerry; c, Baker. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Morton, very rich yellow Linnet, a real topper; 2, Leigh, really fine Siskin; 3, Coffey, very good Linnet, but fails in colour to winner; res, Bancroft, good Siskin; vhc, c, Fulbrook; hc, Howes. A.O.V. HYBRID (5): 1, Fulbrook, capital Goldfinch-Bullfinch, well known; 2, Brown, another good one of the same cross; 3, Greenwood and Burson, nice Greenfinch-Bullfinch; res, Vale, Greenfinch-Twite, rarest bird in class, but not attractive in colouring. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (any age) (15): 1, Harris, well-known champion often described, looking better than ever; 2, Stephenson, bonny Finch, good blaze and colour; 3, Prior, fine all-round bird, shown to perfection; res, Hopkins and Allsopp; vhc, c, Coggins; hc, Sandy. GOLDFINCH (black-legged) (13): 1, Prior, a coming champion, grand large square blaze, beautifully burnished, rich in tanning, well marked, staged to perfection; 2, Hussey, large, rich-coloured bird; 3, Miss Byerley, also a good one, nicely shown; res, vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Fulbrook; c, Sandy. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Coffey, very neat, rich-coloured bird, steady as a rock, and tight as a Java; 2, Galton, fine large bird, loses a little in colour and contour; 3, res, Jones, rich colour, latter wants steadying; vhc, Mead; hc, Fellows; c, Birchley. GREENFINCH (12): 1, res, Bancroft, former a bouncer for size, teeming with colour, real good one, rare condition; 2, Birchley, nice size and colour, a good one; 3, Coffey, a big Finch, very fair in colour, a bit soft to-day; vhc, Fulbrook, hottest fed bird in the class, fine condition, loses in size; hc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Clark. LINNET (any age) (13): 1, Mrs. Page, a fine specimen, teeming with colour, steady and beautifully shown, a clear win; 2, Fullbrook, very good bird, hardly the richness of colour; 3, Smith, better coloured bird, but smaller; res, Bancroft, a big one; vhc, Harris; hc, Prior; c, Dodson. LINNET (field-moulted) (14): 1, Smith, wonderfully steady, rich, nutty-brown, beautifully pencilled, should moult a topper; 2, vhc, Bancroft, another very good one, well selected; 3, Hussey, one of the right stamp; res, Sexton; hc, Nicholas; c, Davies. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Russell, natural coloured Siskin, good cap and bib, nice thigh marks, well shown; 2, hc, Bunerott, former bonny Twite, rich colour, good size and well marked; 3, Crundell and Rowley, good Lesser Redpoll; res, Birchley, fine Siskin; vhc, Watt; c, Clark. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Coffey, very large, rich coloured Bramble, good parriage, and markings; 2, Birchley, real nice Chaffinch, well shown; 3, Mrs. Page, another good Bramble; res, Sandy, good Chaffinch, in too small a cage to show to advantage; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Prior; c, Crundell and Rowley. A.O.V. HARDBILL (6): 1, Jones, beautiful Hawfinch, large grand coloured bird, lovely order; 2, Gunnell, well-known Yellow Bunting, nice colour and markings, fine bodied bird, lovely condition; 3, Prior, another grand Hawfinch, in the pink of condition; res, Birchley, fine yell. Bunting, bit faulty in flights to-day; vhc, Leavers. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): 1, Price, fine Thrush, grandly spotted, good size, well shown; 3, res, Loader, excellent Blackbird, and a really nice Thrush; vhc, Humphries; hc, Gorton; c, Hinton. A.O.V. SOFTBILL (7): 1, vhc, Fulbrook, former very good Tree Creeper, well staged, latter nice Yellow Wagtail; 3, hc, Birchley, another lovely Tree Creeper, pressed winner close, latter a Tree Pipit; res, Tout, nice Lesser Whitethroat. FOR., BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, res, vhc, Millsum, pair blue-crowned hanging Parrots, Guiana Lovebird, and yellow Budgerigars, all well shown; 2, Howe, grand pair of yellow Budgerigars. PARROTS, ETC., One of the most magnificent classes ever seen (10): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc (2), Millsum, gorgeous team, beautifully shown, rarity, condition and staging perfect, 1st Black-wing Lorry, the only one we have seen, 2nd, pair Stanley Parrakeets, reminds us of 15 or more years ago, when Mrs. Pretyman first showed this species, and which remained unique until quite recently, 3rd purple-capped Lory, res Hawk-headed Parrot, vhc pair Bluebonnets and pair of many-coloured Parrakeets; vhc, Beaty, Ceram Lory; vhc, Gill and Pethick, King Parrakeet; vhc, Randell, Rosella. AVADAVATS, ETC. (7): 1, Miss Gibbons, perfect pair of Diamond Sparrows; 2, res, Howe, sweet little pair of Zebra Waxbills and St. Helenas, well shown; 3, vhc, Lenvers, good pair White Javas, and nice Diamond Sparrow; hc, Millsum, Orange Bishop. A.O.V. SEED-EATER (6): 1, res, Miss Galloway, the finest pair of Parrot Finches we ever saw staged, latter blue-breasted Waxbills; 2, Howe, very hot-fed Green Cardinal, in grand order; 3, Mrs. Rogerson, beautiful pair of red-headed Gouldian Finches; vhc, Miss Gibbons, Paradise Whydah. TANAGERS (8): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, c, Millsum, another wonderful team, consisting of pair of Magpie Tanagers, pair of Festive Tanagers, blue Tanager, Superb Tanager, Tricolour Tanager, Black-throated Tanager, probably the finest collection ever shown by one person at one time; hc, Beaty, excellent Magpie Tanager, well shown. A.O.S. INSECTIV., remarkable class of super excellent exhibits (14): 1, 2, res, vhc (5) hc, Millsum, white-spotted Laughing Thrushes (unique), black-headed Sugar Bird, slatey-headed Babbler (unique), rusty-crowned Babbler (unique), Peruvian Jay, pair of green-billed Toucans, Glossy Starling (species unknown), and Laughing Thrush; 3, Arthur, well-known Indian Blue Magpie, in grand trim; vhc, hc, Perreau, really good Dyal Bird, he Plumbeous Redstart, unique, but unfortunately minus a claw, which put him back in such company; c (2), Beaty, very fine green-billed Toucan, and nice golden-fronted Green Bulbul.

THE MEMBERS' CLASSES—CREST AND C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Greenwood and Burson. NOR. CK. (4): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp; 2, Fullbrook; 3, Dale. HEN (6): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp; 2, Bywater; 3, Carter; res., hc, Fullbrook; vhc, Dale. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp; 2, vhc, Bywater; 3, Smith; res, Dale; hc, Pinnell. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, Cuff; 2, Pinnell; 3, Smith; res, Carter. HEN (2): 1, Smith; 2, Pinnell. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Smith; 2, Carter; 3, res, Pinnell. MULES AND HYB. (6): 1, vhc, Fulbrook; 2, Dale; 3, res, Ottery. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Ottery; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp; 3, Greenwood and Burson. BRIT. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Fulbrook; 2, Carter. FOR. (Cancelled). LOCAL A.V. CAGE BIRD (7): 1, res, c, Leavers; 2, Dasing; 3, Hall; vhc, Wall; hc, Houlton.

ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual members' show held at the Vestry Hall, November 21st. It was in every respect a success. We had a record entry, and also a good list of specials. The judges were Messrs. F. Gregory, G. Browning, and W. Bagnall. Mr. J. Perry won the medal given by Mr. Ramsden for best fed bird in show; Mr. G. Greenfield took special for best Yorkshire, Mr. Havenhand that for best Norwich, and Mr. Richards that for best British bird.

YORKS. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Greenfield; 2, Havenhand. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield; vhc, Havenhand. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Havenhand; vhc, hc, Greenfield. NOR. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Havenhand; 2, 4, Richinson; 3, Johnson; vhc, Perry; hc, Highly. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 4, hc, Johnson; 3, vhc, Richinson. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Johnson; 2, Perry; 3, Havenband; 4, Highly; vhc, Richinson. BUFF: 1, Havenhand; 2, hc, Hill; 3, Highly; 4, Richinson; vhc, Johnson; c, Perry. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Perry; 4, Hill; vhc, Highly. NOR. HEN: 1,4 , he, Havenhand; 2, 3, vhc, Johnson; c, Perry. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Welbon; 2, hc, c, Richards; 4, vhc, Grainger; 3, Highly. LINNET: 1, 4, Watson; 2, Dewick; 3, Hill; vhc, c, Cocking; hc, Welbon. GREENFINCH: 1, Welbon; 2, Hill; 3, Wadsworth; 4, Watson. HARDBILL: 1, hc, Richards; 2, Cocking; 3, 4, Welbon; vhc, c, Watson.. FOR.: 1, Perry; 2, 3, Justice. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Granger; 2, Cocking; 3, vhc, hc, Richards; 4, Wadsworth; c, Welbon. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Richards; 2, Haywood; 3, Granger. BUFF: 1, 2, Bright; 3, Haywood; 4, Welbon. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Richards; 3, 4, Wadsworth. BUFF: 1, 3, Bright; 2, vhc, Granger; 4, Wadsworth. YORKS. HEN: 1, Cocking; 2, Welbon; 3, Richards; 4, Wadsworth; vhc, Bright. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Cocking; 2, Grainger; 4, hc, Skells; vhc, Welbon. BUFF: 1, 3, Fisher; 2, c, Grainger; 4, Cocking; vhc, Welbon. MKD., ETC.: 1, Welbon; 2, 4, Fisher; 3, Grainger; vhc, Wadsworth. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Grainger; 3, Fisher; 4, Wadsworth; vhc, hc, Skells.—W. Richinson, hon. sec.

BOURNEMOUTH.

The 17th annual show of the Bournemouth and Dist. C.B.A. was held on Dec. 1st and 2nd. The venue was the Winter Gardens, a grand place for a bird show, it being well lighted, roomy, and warm. The exhibits were well staged in tiers, which were nicely draped with hunting, which gave the show a very smart and cheerful appearance. The committee did their best to ensure the comfort of their charges, and were most assiduous in their attention. The entries did not reach those of last year owing to the Society not having the patronage this year of any specialist club, and also to two or three fanciers, who made heavy entries last year, having left the district. The quality in most of the classes was excellent, many grand exhibits being staged. The members' challenge cup was won by Mr. T. Neale, with a very smart unflighted clear yellow Norwich. The awards were quickly put up, and catalogues with marginal awards were on sale soon after 2.30, a very smart and creditable performance. Messrs. Leech and Jones, the hon. secretaries, worked like Trojans; they made an ideal pair, being methodical in their efforts, and most courteous and obliging. When we left early in the afternoon the show was thronged with visitors, and there appeared to be every prospect of the venture turning out a huge success. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Canaries, and Mr. W. G. Poole the British and Foreign birds and Mules.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Mortara, lovely colour and quality, good shape, nicely carried flights, neat tail, 2nd rare shape, nice deep well-rounded chest, full neck, nice colour and quality; 3, Brain, grand feather, good flights, neat tail; vhc, Schneider; hc, Neale. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Mortara, beautiful colour, full of quality, nice shape, well cut away behind, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Hodder, nice shape, clean cut, good back, wings, and tail, 3rd grand quality feather, nice cobby shape; hc, Bragg; c, Schneider. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, Cook, mkd. right eye, nice colour and quality, good back, neat head; 2, Schneider, unflig. tkd., nice colour and shape, good head and back; 3, Basten, ticked on head, nice shape, short flights and tail; vhc, Neale; hc, Brain. HEN (7): 1, A. E. Silk, mkd. left wing, buff, rattling shape, short flights and tail, gets across perch, good head and neck; 2, Neale, yell., good size and shape, nice quality, level colours; 3, Brain, sweet shape, nice feather and quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Bragg; hc, Turner; c, Gerrey and Davis. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Schneider, buff, mkd. on breast, good breast, nice level back, neat head, good colour, 3rd buff, nice shape, colour and quality; 2, Mortara, cl. buff, grand colour and quality, nice shape; vhc, Silk; hc, Cook; c, Roberts. CREST CL. BDY., CL., ETC., CREST (4): 1, Marshall, mkd. wings, D.C. of good length, grand droop and radiation, nice neat centre, wins well; 2, Oldfield, neat centre, good back, crest; 3, Turner; vhc, Gerrey and Davis. YORKS. CL. (amalgamated) (8): 1, hc, Mrs. Garland, yell., grand colour, slim build, straight as a rush, well up on leg, nicely packed flights, neat tail; 2, vhc, c, Jackson, yell., nice position, good back, flights, well packed; 3, Holliday, cl. buff, grand feather and quality, neat head. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Mrs. Garland, yell., grand quality feather, well up on leg, nice style and position, neat head, good flights and tail; 2, Joiner, neck ticked yell., nice stand, good flights and tail; 3, Holliday, buff, fine length, good back, and position; vhc, Cook; hc, Gerrey and Davis. HEN (4): 1, Francis, yell., ticked on head, slim build, good feather and quality, straight as a rush, nice flights and tail; 2, vhc, Holliday, oinn., head and eye mkd., fine position, close feather; 3, Parkes, yell., nice position and style. LIZ., CINN, AND A.O.V. CAN. (amalgamated) (6): 1, Comber, buff Belg., nice head and neck, good straight back, grand shoulders; 2, vhc, Fisher, Silver Liz., nice ground colour, well round; 3, Miss Marriner, yell. green C.B., nice skull and feather; hc, Popham. NON-FED NOR. ETC. (9): 1, Brooke, yell. Yorks., good length and stand, well up on leg, nice feather, wings and tail; 2, Kearl, buff Nor., nice feather, colour and quality, good shape; 3, Mrs. Farrer, good shaped yell. Yorks, neat wings and tail; hc, Miss Thomas; c, Miss Hall. ROLLERS (4): 1, Wilsdon; 2, Miss Thomas. LIMIT, CAN., OR MULE (21s.) (14): 1, Gerrey and Davis, very smart Redpoll-Can. Mule, lovely feather and quality, good colour; 2, Bragg, nice buff Norwich; 3, Clements; vhc, c, Neale; hc, Brooke. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Matthews, grizzled, right wing, lovely quality feather, nice shape; 2, Allen, red hot colour, good size and shape, nice head and neck; 3, Thomas, marked right cheek; hc, Cook; c, Neale. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Mrs. Parry-Crooke, grizzled tail, grand shape, deep chest, full neck, gets well across perch; 2nd mkd. wings, neck and eyes, cobby shape, short flights and tail; 3, Harris, good shape, full of colour, nice breast; vhc, hc, Neale; c, Baker. Crest (5): 1, 2, Neale, good long frontal, crest coming well to beak end, grand droop, centre and radiation, 2nd pied, tail green, nice back crest; 3, Gerrey and Davis; vhc, Clements. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Neale, green, rare length of head feather, good wide back skull, nicely rounded, 3rd pied tail green, good length feather on skull; 2, Parry-Crooke, variegated, good shape skull, nice entrance; vhc, Clements. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Baker, grand colour and feather, nice style and position, well branced wings, nice pipe tail, 3rd, good quality cl.; 2, Francis, variegated, long flights and tail, slim built; vhc, Harris; hc, Neale; c, Gerrey and Davis. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Baker, cl., grand feather and quality, nice pipe tail, good position, 2nd tkd. on head, nice position, wings and tail; 3, Kearl. LIMIT (11s. 6d.): 1, Gerrey and Davis; 2, Baker; 3, Matthews; vhc, c, Neale; hc, Whittle. PAIRS (10): 1, hc, Neale, grand crest and C.B., real good pair, walks in; 2, 3, Baker, smart pair of Yorks. and Nor.; vhc, Harris; c, Allen. COLLECTION (Canaries or Mules) (8): 1, 3, Neale, good lot of Crests and C.B., and a useful lot of Nor., two or three useful hens in the latter group; 2, Cook, rattling cage of Nor., good shape, feather and colour; vhc, Downing-Farrer; hc, Harris; c, Mrs. Marriner. GIFT (6): 1, Neale; 2, Baker; 3, Winter; vhc, Cook; hc, Adams; c, Gerrey and Davis. NONFED. NOR., ETC. (8): 1, Brooke, yell., Nor., good shape, feather, and quality; 2, 3, Mrs. Downing-Farrer, nice shaped ticked buff Nor., 3rd mkd. yell.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Kearl; c, Popham. UNFLIG. CAN. OR CAN. MULE (7): 1, challenge cup, 2, Neale, splendid colour, deep and level, nice shape and feather, good wings and tail well cut away, 2nd close up; 3, Baker, good colour and shape, nice wings and tail, all yellows; vhc, Mrs. Downing-Farrer; hc, Cook; c, Clements.

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BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Herbert, good blaze, nice body colour, good bars and buttons; 2, Carrier, good coloured blaze, nice tanning and buttons; 3, Long, good shape and colour, well tanned, nice face; vhc, hc, Baker; c, Cook. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Galpin, good shape and size, nice breast and bars, in good form; 2, Thorne, nice coloured breast, good caps and bars; 3, c, Fellowes, splendid colour on breast; vhc, Flintoff; hc, Bazeley. GREENFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Edmunds, buff Greenfinch, rare size, good colour and feather; 2, Gerrey and Davis, Chaffinch, fine size and shape, nice colour and whites; 3, Hascley, yell. Greenfinch, good colour and feathers; vhc, Lean and Son; hc, Cherry; c, Parsons. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Lovell, grandly pencilled, good colour and shape, very steady; 2, Russell, Twite, splendid colour, good size, well marked; 3, vhc, Smith, Linnet, good colour and feather; hc, Fisher; c, Wake. REDPOLL ETC. (7): 1, Russell, grand Siskin, beautifully laced cap, nice side marks, grand feather, well polished; 2, Lovell, mealy Redpoll, nice shape, feather, and markings; 3, Parsons, Siskin, good cap and markings, smaller than winner; vhc, Gerrey and Davis; c, Miss Thomas. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Miss Thomas, Bramblefinch, good size, shape, and spangling, in grand feather; 2, Barry Bros., Hawfinch, good bib and bars; 3, Trout, Bramblefinch, good colour and spangling; vhc, Brown. SMALL (5): 1, Lean and Son, Nightingale, in grand condition, good shape and colour, very steady; 2, 3, Miss Harris, Golden-crested Wren, good feather, 3rd, nice pair of Long-tailed Tits; vhc, hc, Warr. MULES, LIGHT (4): 1, Hamblyn, six pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., good feather and colour; 2, Winter, head, eyes and wing marked buff Goldfinch-Canary, grand feather; 3, vhc, Gerrey and Davis, nice 4-pointed buff. DARK (7): 1, Kearle, yell, Greenfinch-Can., magnificent colour, grand feather, in fine condition; 2, Farmer, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, lovely feather and colour, nice face and finish; 3, Miss Thomas, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice size and shape; vhc, Brown; hc, Mitchell; c, Cook. FOR. PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, Leach, Amazon, grand size and colour, in good feather; 2, Loveless, Roseate Cockatoo, rich coloured breast, in grand feather; 3, Townsend, good Grey Parrot, splendid colour and feather; vhc, Burles; hc, Miss Richardson; c, Neale. PARRAKEET (5): 1, Miss Clarke, grand Rock Parrakeet, in lovely feather, nice colour; 2, Miss Douglas, Moustache, nice colour, and body feather; 3, Mrs. Youngman, Rock, in good feather; vhc, Windebank; hc, Miss Townsend. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Hiuves, Goldfinch, grand blaze and body colour, in good feather, 2nd fine hen Bullfinch, grand cap and bars, and good colour; 3, Brain, Goldfinch, nice feather and colour. SMALL (13): 1, Harris, pair Red-headed Finches, well marked, in good feather; 2, vhc, hc, Miss Thomas, black headed Gouldian Finches in good colour; 3, Mrs. Mayne, lovely pair of Orange cheeked Waxbills, in best of feather; c, Lydford. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Parsons, large square cut blaze good colour, well tanned chest; 2, Mrs. Trowbridge, good bars and buttons; 3, Matthews, nice collar, good feathers; vhc, Gerrey and Davis; hc, Kearl; c, Cook. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Matthews, nice shape, good bars and cap; 2, Gerrey and Davis, good coloured breast; 3, hc, Goddard and Jones, grand coloured breast; vhc, Parsons; c, Goddard. SMALL (7): 1, Cook, grand Lesser Redpoll, nice colour and feather, well laced, grand bib; 2, Parsons, Reed Bunting, in good feather, nice colour; 3, Goddard, good coloured Yellowhammer; vhc, Gerrey and Davis; hc, Neale; c, Jones. MULE (7): 1, vhc, Winter, wing marked yellow Goldfinch-Can., nice feather and colour; 2, Gerrey and Davis, buff Greenfinch-Canary; 3, Parsons, yell. Greenfinch-Can., nice colour and feather; hc, Cook; c, Jones.

EDINBURGH AND DISTRICT O.S.

The seventeenth annual show was held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, on November 14th. The entries, compared with last year's total, were in excess on all sides, and in all classes the birds were of excellent quality. Competition, too, was keen. The judge's decisions were well received. Mr. Macolm won special for best Scotch Fancy in hall, Mr. Smith being runner-up. In the Norwich section Mr. Spence won both specials. In the Scotch Fancy novice class Mr. Robinson won, and Mr. Malcolm won a similar honour in the Norwich section. Mr. Gourlay won members' special for best Border. Mr. A. Smith won Councillor Stewart's special for most points in all classes. The show was well attended during the afternoon, and in every way was a very successful one. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. G. R. Smith, the secretary, who handled his duties well. Mr. R. S. Spence is the President, and the committee consists of the following: Messrs. Dalling, Morrison, Dougall, Gourlay, A. Smith, junr., Sneath, and Thomson. The judges were Messrs. W. Thornton and J. M'Lay.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. OR YELL. FOUL (14): 1, 4, Malcolm; 2, Morrison; 3, Dodds. BUFF (9): 1, 2, A. Smith, senr.; 3, Morrison; 4, 5, Dodds. YELL. PIED (3): 1, Morrison; 2, Dalling; 3, Malcolm. BUFF (6): 1, A. Smith, senr.; 2, Dalling; 3, Robinson. CL. YELL. and YELL. FOUL HEN (5): 1, Malcolm; 2, 3, Morrison. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dodds; 3, 4, Malcolm. YELL. PIED (5): 1, 2, Sneth; 3, Morrison; 4, Robinson. BUFF (4): 1, Dodds; 2, Malcolm; 3, Sneth. BUFF GREEN HEN (3): 1, A. Smith, senr.; 2, 3, Robinson. BELG. (5): 1; 2, 3, A. Smith, senr. CREST (9): 1, 6, Spence; 2, Dougall; 3, 4, Gourlay; 5, Robinson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Spence; 3, 4, 6, Gourlay; 5, Robinson. C.B. CK. (12): 1, 2, 3, Spence; 4, Gourlay; 5, 6, Dougall. HEN (14): 1, 3, Spence; 2, 6, Gourlay; 4, A. Dougall. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Dalling; 2, Thomson. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Dalling; 2, Porteous; 4, 5, Norrie. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dalling. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 5, Norrie; 2, 4, Porteous. BUFF VARIEG. (15): 1, 6, Norrie; 2, 3, A. Smith, senr.; 4, 5, Thomson. NON-FED (11): 1, Spence; 2, 3, 4, Thomson; 5, A. Smith, senr.; 6, Robinson. BORD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Gourlay; 2, 5, Jeffrey; 3, Dodds; 4, Sneth; 6, F. Robinson. HEN (11), 1, 3, F. Robinson; 2, Gourlay; 4, 5, Sneth; 6, J. Dougall. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Gourlay; 2, 4, 5, F. Robinson; 3, 6, Dodds. HEN (13): 1, 5, Sneth; 2, Gourlay; 3, 4, Dodds. MULE (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Finney. BRIT. (19): 1, 2, A. Robinson; 3, 6, Sneth; 4, Jeffrey; 5, A. Smith, jun. FOR.: 1, 2, A. Robinson.

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DUNDEE.

The City of Dundee and Dis. C.B.S. (amalgamated) held their annual show in the Gymnasium, Ward Road, on Nov. 28th, under the patronage of Scot. C.C. and Scot. F.C., also the Glasgow and Western Counties, N.C., M.B., and F.B.C. Entries came up well and compared favourably with those of last year. The hall is all that could be desired for a show. The president, Mr. Jas. Howie, had a hard morning's work in staging the birds, he was ably assisted by the vice-president, Mr. D. Smith, and Mr. Alex. Miller, secretary and treasurer, who is a past master in the art of carrying out a successful show. The Norwich section was in the able hands of that well-known fancier, Mr. Alex. McFarlane (Glasgow), who without doubt knows the type of a Norwich that is required to win on the show bench. He gave every satisfaction. Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow) judged the British and foreign birds with great success. Crests and Crossbreds were ably judged by Mr. J. Mellay (Kirkintilloch). Special mention may be made of the grand Dark-Crested hen shown by Mr. Wallace; also the clear C.B. hen of Mr. Wm. Cairns.

Mr. McFarlane's Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Adams, grand substance, good head and neck, nice rounded body, well balanced ou perch, wings and tail carried to perfection; 2, A. Chalmers, good substance, grand colour and quality, nice one; 3, Steele, tip-top colour and quality, teeming with quality, well turned out, 4, Hampton; hc, Mitchell; hc, Murray; c, Malcolmson. BUFF (6): 1, Davidson, cup and N.P.C. medal for best C.H., rare size, good head and chest, short and chubby, beautiful carriage, teeming with quality, A1 quality; 2, Chalmers, grand colour and quality; 3, Korr, another good one; vhc, Law; hc, Steele; c, Brown. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Adams, typical, short and thick set, nice level colour throughout, wings well braced up; 2, Chubb, Bullfinch type, fine rounded chest, short wings and tail; 3, Malcolmson, well up in size, good head and neck; 4, Gowans; vhc, Davidson; hc, Bowman; c, Taylor. BUFF (16): 1, Grewer, grand hen and no mistake, true Nor. type, soft silky feather, teeming with quality, staged to perfection; 2, Chubb, very sweet, typical, grandly carried wings and tail, nice short feather, lovely colour and quality; 3, Roberts, another grand hen; 4, Adams; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Bowman; c, Davidson. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (13): 1, McKenzie, mkd. both wings and cap, rare size and colour, good head and chest; 2, Bowman, similarly mkd., very little between them, two good birds; 3, Adams, cap and one wing mark, made grand third; 4, Chalmers; vhc, Clubb; ho, Law; c, Davidson. BUFF (10): 1, Davidson, mkd. eyes and wing, rare size and quality, lovely mealed; 2, 4, Adams, 2nd excels in type and quality; 3, Mitchell, looking well, best of type and quality, well turned out; vhc, Law; hc, Harris; c, Clubb. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (8): 1, Smith, gem, rare shape, good size and colour, lovely quality; 2, Grewer, similar shape and colour; 3, Davidson, grand shape, A1 quality; 4, Adams; vhc, Harris; hc, Lyall; c, Law. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Bowman, 1st heavy mkd., model for shape, grand substance, wins to-day; 2, Milne, rare good hen; 3, Chalmers, A1 quality and colour; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Law; c, Skinner. UNFLIG. CK. (24): Grand class, two sets of winners could have been picked: 1, Bowman, gem for colour and quality, neatly moulded, in the pink of health and condition; 2, Adams, rich even colour, good type, A1 quality; 3, Malcolmson, built on similar lines; 4, Allan; vhc, Lyall; hc, Davidson; c, Gowans. HEN (21): 1, Gowans, cl., nice colour and quality; 2, Adams, yell., sweet, good shape, nice close feather, rich even colour; 3, Rae, buff, tkd. on head, well up in size, plenty of substance, rare good head and neck; 4, Malcolmson; vhc, Lyall; hc, Forrest; c, Davidson. NAT. COL. CK. (14): 1, 4, Adams, both of good type and quality; 2, Aitchison, nice shape, lovely texture of feather, well put down; 3, Grewer, rare size, little soiled when we were taking notes; vhc, Porter; hc, Bowman; c, Lyall. HEN (9): 1, Law, rattling good hen, closely followed; 2, Davidson, well up for size, nicely balanced, grand quality feather; 3, Aitchison, another good one; 4, Lyall; vhc, Kerr; c, Mitchell. SELL. (16): 1, Bowman; 2, Skinner; 3, Miller; 4, Grewer; vhc, Harris; hc, McKenzie; c, Hampton.

Mr. McLay's Classes.

DARK CREST CK. (6): 1, Whitton, even wing mkd., grand size and shape, crest coming well to end of beak, lovely feather, nice droop; 2, Shillinglaw, lovely shaped crest, beautiful feather; 3, Easson, nice shape, good bird; 4, Bruce; vhc, Reid; hc, O'Mahoney. HEN (6): 1, Wallace, topper, crest of splendid size and shape, any amount of feather, grand substance of body; 2, Watt, mkd. on wings, D.C. good size, fine, broad, leafy feather; 3, Whitton, neat, good centre and droop; 4, McMaster; vhc, Cairns; hc, Bruce. GREY OR GRIZZLE (9): 1, hc, c, Bruce, 1st cl., rare substance, fine shape, grand radiation, good centre, nice droop; 2, Miller neatly shaped crest at front; 3, Shillinglaw, well filled in crest; 4, Forbes; vhc, Wallace. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Wallace, heavy variegated, rare skull, good lash and entrance, plenty of substance; 2, Watt, almost green, good head, plenty of feather, well lashed; 3, Hersehell, nice bird all over; 4, Miller; vhc, McIntosh. HEN (12): 1, Cairns, cl., rare head, well browed, plenty substance, grand hen; 2, Shillinglaw, nice skull, plenty of feather; 3, Whitton, fine build, good head, well lashed; 4, Welsh; vhc, Easson; hc, Watt; c, McIntosh. SELL. (17): 1, hc, Cairns; 2, Love; 3, McMaster; 4, Wallace; vhc, Forbes; c, Welsh.

Messrs. Arnott and Mulrhead's Classes.

SCOT FCY., Cl., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, spl, Wallace, grandly topped yell., full rounded shoulders, well ribbed, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, 6, Thornton, fine reachy style, very free action, bold drive; 3, McLennan, tick head and wing, fine square top and good neck, finely turned leg and tail; 4, Allan, cl., A1 top reach, gets well down; 5, Low; 7, McGregor. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (16): 1, 3, Thornton, winner splendid reach and substance, good depth of rib, finely rounded body; 3rd, similar style, good action; 2, Thoms, more of the Belg., squarely topped one, well filled shoulders; 4, Hendry, well balanced, fine action; 5, spl, Black; 6, Low; 7, McGregor. CL., ETC., BUFF (13): 1, Curtis, very massive top end, great depth through; 2, 3, McLennan, former grand reachy style, free action, good rib and tail; 4, Lamb, well turned shoulders and wing, wants a tubbing; 5, McNaughton; 6, Black; 7, Wright. PIED, ETC. (13): 1, 3, McMillan, both pied, grand substance and feather, good position and style; 2, Auchterlonie, very strongly built, fine reach; 4, Black, green, massive build, lovely placed shoulders and back, well turned tail; 5, Hamilton; 6, Merrilees; 7, Saddler. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Allan, in her right place to-day, well set up body, great length, very decided drive, grand worker when handled; 2, McMillan, massive body, great depth, rather plainer in top; 3, Thornton, finely turned shoulders, ribs and tail of good length; 4, Auchterlonie, very stylish; 5, Kelli; 6, Curtis; 7, Black. PIED, ETC.: 1, Thornton, pied, grand reach, finely turned; 2, Carmyllie, lengthy, well filled in top end; 3, spl, Low, well built, good substance and reach, close up; 4, Black, good action and sound; 5, Mohenman; 6, Merrilees. CL., ETC., BUFF (15): 1, McLennan, very massive, great depth throughout, fine position; 2, Allan, summer style, grandly finished; 3, Thoms, finely topped, well filled in shoulders; 4, Carmyllie, heavy shoulders, well rounded; 5, Symens; 6, Barrie; 7, Henderson. PIED, ETC. (16): 1, McLennan, splendid top, very free head and neck, finely turned ribs and tail; 2, McGregor, more squarely built, grand reachy head and neck; 3, McMillan, massive top, grandly placed head and shoulders, deep in body and ribs; 4, Allan, strongly built, great substance; 5, Carmyllie; 6, Black; 7, Ramsay. SELL. CK. (20/-) (18): 1, Thoms; 2, Napier; 3, Duncan; 4, Carson; 5, Gibson; 6, Beattie; 7, Blair. HEN (14): 1, spl, Ramsay; 2, Carmyllie; 3, spl, Ross; 4, Curtis; 5, Gibson; 6, Napier; 7, Carson.

Mr. H. Bennet's Classes.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Hutchison, lovely round head, fine neck, best of wing carriage, wins; 2, McKenzie, deep colour, neat head and neck, finely tapered body; 3, Patterson, sweetly built, fine front, wings and tail, 4, Craig, well made; 5, 6, Miller; 7, Reid. BUFF (19): 1, Brockie, very finely modelled, neat wings and tail, level colour; 2, Tait, tick, splendid type and feather; 3, spl, Patterson, in lovely bloom, fine warm level colour, splendid back, front and tail; 4, McKenzie, well set on head, wings and tail; 5, Haddow; 6, Craig; 7, Campbell. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Hutchinson, snug tick, model for style and finish, fine tone of colour; 2, Patterson, cl., very neatly made, sweet head and short flights; 3, Haddow, cl., neat, jaunty carriage, carries wings and tail well; 4, Bickerstaff, comm. tick, in splendid bloom, neat head and back; 5, McKenzie; 6, Miller; 7, Brockie. BUFF (15): 1, McKenzie, very typical exhibit, fine close feather, well finished; 2, Patterson, similar type, free and jaunty, lovely feathering; 3, Robertson, grandly furnished feather, neat head and wings; 4, Hutchison, very neat rounded head; 5, spl, Craig; 6, Christeson; 7, Tait. A.O.C. CK. (12): 1, Tait, 3-pointed buff, extra fine modelled body, in grand feather; 2, Patterson, neat 3-pointed, in faultless feather; 3, Haddow, 3-pointed also, lovely finished, very typical; 4, Brockie, yell. variegated, round, level tone of colour, well rounded; 5, spl, Walker; 6, Lambie; 7, Bickerstaff. HEN (7): 1, spl, Patterson, well known, even, in splendid bloom, grandly balanced markings; 2, McKenzie, another big winner, well known, markings of the best, in fine feather; 3, spl, Easson, yell. variegated, splendid type; 4, Lambie, typical buff green heu; 5, Lumsden; 6, Craig; 7, Tolmie. SELL. BORD. (7/6) (14): 1, Haddow; 2, McKenzie; 3, Easson; 4, Finnie; 5, Donnelly; 6, Hampton; 7, Tait. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, 5, Beattie, former good-sized buff Belg., finely topped, good droop; 2, Curtis, yell. Belg., fine style, thinner in make; 3, 7, Ross, very nice Gold Liz., fine cap and spanglings; 4, Rae, nice coloured Yorks. cann.; 6, Webster.

Mr. Pettigrew's Classes.

MULES LIGHT OR HYB. (8): 1, 5, Jamieson, 1st Goldie-Can., well up in size and condition, mkd. eyes and one wing, closely followed; 2, 3, Johnstone, 2nd Greenfinch-Bullfinch, cross showing two parents distinctly, good size and colour, in lovely condition, 3rd gem of a yell. Goldie-Can., mkd. both eyes and wing, grand colour, beautifully feathered, must have pressed; 4, Dunn, Linnet cross; vhc, Irvine; c, Hovelsroad. DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET (8): 1, Marlin, rare size and colour, in best possible condition; 2, 4, Nicoll, both buff Goldie-Can. Mules, large; 3, D. Brown, Linnet-Can., nice size and colour; vhc, Johnstoue; hc, Watson; c, Calder. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (10): 1, 3, Stevenson, both Greenfinch-Can., winner best of colour, lovely feather; 2, Davidson, Siskin Mule, good size, grand cap, A1 colour, nice cross; 4, Reidie; vhc, Baird; hc, Milne; c, Thomson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (20): This was the best class in the Brit. section: 1, T. Brown, good size, remarkable blaze, nice full front, grandly tanned, nice glossy wings, even buttoned, steady; 2, Colbron, another good one, plenty size, rich blaze, grand front, back and wings perfect, nicely defined buttons; 3, McLaren and Roy, grand Finch, excels in polish and finish; 4, Bennett; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Geo. Brown; c, Combe. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Thomson, nice Bullie, lovely defined cap of right colour, A1 breast colour and bars; 2, Dickie and Smith, nice cage-moulted specimen, smart exhibit; 3, 4, Nicoll, both fine coloured Finches, neat caps, lovely wings; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, c, Colville and Son. GREENFINCH (19): 1, Bald, tremendous size, lovely sheen, nice quality, well turned out; 2, Calder, similar in type, shows well, in grand feather; 3, Gowan, nice chubby Finch; 4, Cargill, good specimen, grand size and quality; vhc, Watson, very nice, well fed, and stylish; hc, Finnie; c, McGregor and Boyd. LINNET (17): 1, Brisbane, large, well fed Linnet, lovely polish; 2, 4, Dryden, 2nd good show bird, well up in size, nice polish, distinctly mkd., 4th also good one; 3, Colbron, fine bold bird, very steady, in grand condition; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Thomson; c, Whyte. FIELD-MOULTED (16): 1, Fox, good size and colour, steady; 2, Wilkinson, nice upstanding Linnet, good colour and condition; 3, Calder, large, nicely mkd. Linnet; 4, Dickie and Smith; vhc, Love; hc, McDonald; c, Brown. SISKIN (14): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, smart little Siskin, in fine feather, rare cap and bib, lovely breast colour, very distinct lacing, wins; 2, 4, McGavin, 2nd also well up in colour, fine polished cap, nicely mkd. wings, staged to perfection; 3, Law, little gem, fine dark cap, well laced; vhc, Bishop; hc, Dickie and Smith; c, Johnstone. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Dickie and Smith, well-known Twite, needs no comment, looking as well as ever; 2, Calder, rare good Poll, in pink of condition; 3, 4, Martin, Twite, good one all over; vhc, Dryden; hc, Love; c, McGavin. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Reid, Chaffinch, well up in size, very nicely shown; 2, Watson, Bramblefinch, smart, finely ruked., teeming with colour, in fine condition; 3, Winton, nice Chaffinch; 4, Livingston and Sharp. BUNTING (5): 1, Martin, Yellowhammer, good colour, well defined head markings, staged perfectly; 2, Lawson; 3, Finnie, good size and colour, nicely turned out; 4, Winton; vhc, Dryden. A.O.S. BRIT., LARGE (5): 1, 2, Brown, in front of any in class, winner grand Mussel Thrush, looking in best of train, well spotted, clean and steady, lovely exhibit, 2nd Fieldfare, another good one; 3, Thomson, Blackbird, a little wild, good size and colour; 4, Lawson; vhc, Law. SELL. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, Webster; 2, Lambie; 3, Douglas; 4, Byers; vhc, Law; hc, Finnie; c, Colville and Son. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (11): 1, McLennan, large, square cut blaze, nice front, rich in tanning and markings; 2, Barclay, another good Finch, rich blaze, neatly tanned in front, nicely defined buttons and steady; 3, Malcolmson, very little to choose between this and the one in front, nice blaze, well cut, lovely quality and markings; 4, Fleming; vhc, Whyte; hc, McMinn; c, Cowan. FOR., SMALL: 1, Colville and Son, Whydah, coming into grand order; 2, 3, Whyte, 2nd Caterpillar Catcher, in A1 condition, nice colour, 3rd pair Yellow Budgerigars, in perfect feather; vhc, Lister, Green Budgerigars; 4, Barbour, Zebra Finches. LARGE FOR. (5): 1, Dickie and Smith, Macaw, knows how to keep his stand, in grand order; 2, Whyte, Toucan; 3, Winton, Blue-fronted Amazon, in perfect feather; 4, Manson, African Grey.

DARLINGTON.

The 4th annual show was held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 28th, with a record entry both in quality and quantity. The society were favoured in having the Mayor (Councillor Biggs) to open the show, which he did in a few well-chosen words. Yorkshires were strong in numbers, and some real good birds were staged. In Norwich, type and quality were well represented. As usual, Britishers were exceptionally strong, the class of Goldies being the best seen in the North this season. We regret to say that Mr. Wekin's Tree Creeper died in spite of every attention soon after being judged. Mr. Brunskill carried out the secretarial duties in this usual able and efficient manner, and was assisted by a band of hard-working stewards headed by the chairman, Mr. R. Todd. Mr. Cowgill judged all Canaries, and Mr. Maddison the remainder, and their awards gave satisfaction, as we never heard a grumble.

Critique.

YORKS., CL., YELL. (12): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, lengthy, upstanding bird leading, good colour, A1 quality, grand back and wings, 3rd red hot colour, grand quality, good wings and tail; 2, Mountain, long slim bird, well up, good wings and tail, grand quality; 4, Yelland, good one, paler colour; vhc, S. Ware; hc, Camping; c, J. Meaburn. BUFF (11): 1, Mountain, A1 quality, good length, stylish neat wings, tail well folded; 2, Cuthbertson, nice salmon colour, A1 quality and type; 3, Stewart, good quality and colour, stands well up; 4, Watts, hot colour, good shape and style, wings; vhc, Messenger; hc, Irwin; c, Campling. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, lengthy, slim, thigh ticked, grand quality and position, 2nd another thigh tick, fine position, good quality, wings well carried; 3, Meaburn, cheek tick, A1 quality, good back and head; 4, Stewart, wing ticked, hot colour, good length; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Barnwell; c, Ware. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, head mkd. bird, a gem, grand length and colour, good wedge shape, well up, and a cheek ticked, excelling in quality, grand head, back, nicely folded tail; 3, Crawhall, thigh tick, slim and shapely, tight fitting wings, neat tail, good quality; 4, Barnwell, cheek tick, A1 quality, good length, nice position; vhc, Cook; hc, Carter; c, Stewart. HEN (20): 1, 4, Stewart, yell., lovely quality, lengthy and stylish, 4th buff, very hot colour for a hen, rare length and quality; 2, Cuthbertson, yell., good length, in grand condition, A1 quality and type; 3, Ware, wing ticked buff, grand quality, neat head, back and wings; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Crawhall; c, Meaburn. UNFLIG. (19): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, yell., slim and stylish, teeming with quality, grand position, a gem, 2nd wing ticked buff, grand quality, good shape, well carried wings, neat tail; 3, Watts, yell., hot colour, good wings and tail, plenty of length, nice quality; 4, Holmes, wing ticked buff, good quality, well up; vhc, Yelland; hc, Carter; c, Rutherford and Bright. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 2, vhc, Hill and Stewart, good team, rare shape, grand colour and size, in grand bloom, 1st wins on condition; 3, Hesp, ticked neck, grand colour, size and quality; 4, Pickering and Wright, cl., good size and shape; hc, Agar; c, Richardson. BUFF (18): 1, Clayton and Smith, grand shape and feather, rare size, well mealed, wins; 2, 3, Hill and Stewart, beaten size, lovely quality, very shapely, 3rd very similar; 4, Wake and Carr, rare size, grand cobby shape, beaten quality; vhc, Hesp; hc, H. W. Axe; c, Pickering and Wright. HEN (14): 1, Pickering and Wright, real good one, grand type, A1 quality, very cobby; 2, Dalgetty, grand quality, rare type, short wings and tail, quickly claimed at catalogue price, 30/-; 3, vhc, Hill and Stewart, yell., big bird, hot colour, grand quality, good shape; 4, Clayton and Smith, buff, nice quality, good type; hc, Crosling; c, H. Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Dalgetty, rare size, A1 quality, good chest, shapely; 2, Clayton and Smith, lovely quality and shape in rare condition; 3, Cleminson, shapely, excellent colour and quality, not so good in head; 4, Pickering and Wright, grand quality; vhc, Appleby; hc, Floyd; c, Hesp. BUFF (14): 1, Pickering and Wright, lovely quality, grandly moulded, rare shape and colour; 2, Wilson, big and shapely, good quality; 3, Burdett, ticked on head, good size, grand quality; 4, R. Lawson, good colour and quality; vhc, Hesp; hc, Cleminson; c, Vart. CINN. (12): 1, 4, Richardson, grand quality, rich colour, shapely; 2, Dixon, close up, rare size, A1 quality and shape; 3, Rutherford and Bright, rich cinn. colour, nice feather; vhc, c, Todd and Son; hc, Wake and Carr. A.O.V. (6): 1, Taylor and Smart, a gem of a C.B., immense size, wide cushion-shaped skull, clothed with dense feather, grand quality; 2, Axe, Crest, nice leafy crest feather; 3, Roweroft, Norwich Green, many thought a very moderate C.B.; 4 Todd and Son, nice Bord. PAIRS (12): 1, Taylor and Smart, Crest hen and Crest-bred cock, grand pair, hen with good big crest, neat centre, grand leafy feather, dense and well spread; 2, Pickering and Wright, well-matched Norwich; 3, Cook, Yorkies, good big variegated buff cock and neat stylish yell. hen; 4, H. Wilson, good pair cinn.; vhc, Dipper; hc, Burdett; c, Cuthbertson. SELL. (20/-) (18): 1, Dalgetty; 2, Taylor and Smart; 3, Benninon; 4, Carter; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Axe; c, Appleby. (15/-) (16): 1, Pickering and Wright; 2, Floyd; 3, Todd and Son; 4, Carter; vhc, Agar; hc, C. Thomas; c, Towler. (10/-) (17): 1, Carter; 2, Wilcock; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Lawson; vhc, Bennison; hc, Allan; c, Cleminson. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (9): 1, Marwood, well-known Goldie-Can. Mule, great winner; 2, Wilson, Goldie-Bullie, good size, grand colour and condition, 3, Miss Ewbank, pretty little Greenfinch-Redpoll, in grand trim; 4, Nicholson, another rea, good Goldie-Bullie, rich colour, good size, well marked; vhc, Grainger; hc, J. Wilson; c, T. Floyd. DARK (14): 1, Leigh, Greenfinch-Can., stormer, great size, in grand condition; 2, c, Wells, Goldie-Can., nice size, good colour and bloom; 3, Todd and Son, good Greenie-Can., rich colour; 4, hc, Todd and Son, Linnet-Can.; vhc, F. Jones. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Axe, gem, rare expansive blaze, rich colour, good wings, nice chest; 2, Hanson and Lancaster, close up, good square blaze, well up in colour, well tanned; 3, Wadsmith and Hawkins, well buttoned wings, good size blaze, in nice bloom; 4, C. Hodgson, grand bird, well up in colour, good blaze, nice chest; vhc, Floyd; hc, Duncan, Junr.; c, Holland. BULLFINCH (16): 1, 2, Foster, pair of beauties, clean, rich breasts, good size, big dense caps, good wings and bars; 3, Kemp, good shapely Bullie; 4, Stamp, rich cap, good breast colour; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hogg; c, Livingstone and Sharp. LINNET (20): 1, c, Wadsmith and Hawkins, nice bird, good size and shape, very steady, nice nutty brown, well marked; 2, Handley, good colour and polish, well marked; 3, Nicholson, good size and colour, nice chest; 4, Wake and Carr, good bird, nice colour; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Floyd. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Axe, grand bold bird, rare size, colour and condition; 2, Leigh, good colour, grand feather and steady; 3, Todd and Son, rich colour and quality; 4, Hunter; vhc, Stamp; hc, Livingstone and Sharp; c, H. Wilson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, hc, Livingstone and Sharp, wonder of a Chaffinch, great size, grand colour, rare bloom, steady, good wings; 2, Foster, grand Bramble, rich colour, big, good markings, well spangled; 3, Hunter, Chaffinch, good bird, rich colour, well marked; 4, Taylor, Bramble, well spangled; vhc, McVay; c, Duncan, Junr. SISKIN (9): 1, 3, Todd and Son, Siskin, smart and shapely, good bib, well laced; 2, c, Wadsmith and Hawkins, big mealy Redpoll, good colour and markings; 3, bonny little Lesser Redpoll, in grand trim; 4, Rocks, nice Twite, well marked; vhc, Hunter; hc, Reeks. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (10): 1, Wilcock, well-known Hawfinch, rare size, grand bib, good colour and shape; 2, Todd and Son, Yellow Bunting, good colour, nice shaped body; 3, Hunter, good Corn Bunting; 4, Foster, nice Yellow Bunting, good head markings; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Stewart; c, Dippie. SOFTBILL (11): 1, vhc, Medley, lovely Redstart, rich colour, grand condition; 2, Welsh Bros., Tree Creeper, died soon after judging was over; 3, Mrs. Freeman, good big Redwing, steady as a rock, grand colour; 4, Foster, good Wheatear, nice colour and size; hc, c, Duncan, Junr. HEN, A.S. (12): 1, Hunter, Corn Bunting, steady, well polished, rare size; 2, Mrs. Freeman, real good Thrush, well mooned, in rare bloom; 3 (no name), Wheatear; 4, Livingstone and Sharp, good hen Bullie; vhc, McVay; hc, Nicholson; c, Todd and Son. SELL. (10/-), MULES AND BRIT. (10): 1, Hanson; 2, Livingstone and Sharp; 3, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, Wadsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Floyd; hc, Parnaby; c, Carter. FOR. (9): 1, 4, Porteous, lovely little Parrot Finch leading, in grand form and greatly admired, 4th Red-headed Gouldian, in grand condition; 2, Brunskill, tricolour Tanager, well staged; 3, Reeks, Rufus-tailed Grassfinch; vhc, Booth; hc, Chadwick; c, Grainger.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. (6): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Rutherford and Bright, 3, vhc, Carter; 4, Stephenson; hc, Heseldine. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, c, Stephenson; 3, 4, hc, Carter; vhc, Rutherford and Bright. NOR. (12): 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Holland and Grainger; 3, Crosling; 4, Carter; vhc, Raine; hc, Hanson; c, Stephenson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, 4, Crosby; 3, Allan and Richmond; vhc, hc, Holland and Grainger; c, Raine. A.O.V. (6): 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, 3, vhc, Todd and Son; 4, Brunskill. MULE (8): 1, 3, 4, Todd and Son; 2, Cuthbertson; vhc, Hanson; hc, Crosling; c, Carter. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 3, Foster; 2, Wilson; 4, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Moss; hc, Wade. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 2, Todd and Son; 3, Carter; 4, Hanson; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Moss. BRAMBLE-FINCH (5): 1, Foster; 2, P. M. Carter; 3, Reeks; 4, H. C. Carter; vhc, Hanson. LINNET (7): 1, 3, 4, Todd and Son; 2, Hildon; vhc, Moss; hc, Holland and Grainger; c, Rutherford. SISKIN (8): 1, 2, Todd and Son; 3, vhc, Reeks; 4, Foster; hc, Moss; c, Hildon. A.O.S. (4): 1, 3, Foster; 2, Todd and Son; 4, Carter. NOVICE.—YORKS. (10): 1, Stephenson; 2, hc, Brown; 3, vhc, Underwood; 4, Carrol. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 3, Stephenson; 2, Patterson; 4, Brown. NOR. (12): 1, Crosling; 2, Raine; 3, Hildon; 4, Stephenson. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Allan and Richmond; 2, Carroll; 3, Corner; 4, Kearton. A.O.V.: 1, P. M. Carter. MULE: 1, Carroll; 2, 3, P. M. Carter; 4, Hildon.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Members' show held November 21st at headquarters. Sixty-seven birds were staged in nine classes, and Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) placed the cards to the satisfaction of all.

OPEN SECTION.—TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Ludbrook; 3, Fortnam; 4, S. Lingley; hc, c, Stansfield. BUFF (9): 1, Fortnam; 2, 4, c, Lingley; 3, hc, Ludbrook; vhc, Stansfield. CL. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Ludbrook; 2, Shingley. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Lingley; 2, 3, Stansfield. NOVICE SECTION.—TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Slater; 2, Hellewell; 3, hc, Brown; 4, Bateman; vhc, c, Plowright. BUFF (11): 1, Hellewell; 2, Bateman; 3, Plowright; 4, c, Horsfield; vhc, Stark; hc, Brown. CL. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Brown; 2, Packer; 3, Batenson; hc, Horsfield; 4, Hellewell. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Horsfield; 2, Stark; 3, Plowright; vhc, Brown; hc, Hellewell; c, Packer. A.V. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Fortnam; 4, Ludbrook; hc, Stansfield; c, Plowright

BAILDON ORIGINAL.

Members' show held on Nov. 21 at the Bay Horse Hotel. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods), judged.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, c, Greaves; 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Halliday; vhc, Tyler; hc, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, 2, Halliday; 3, Haithwaite; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Tyler; c, Tidgwell. YELL. TKD. CK.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Alderson; 3, Tyler; 4, Greaves; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Fawcett; c, Tidgwell. BUFF: 1, Alderson; 2, Halliday; 3, Fawcett; 4, hc, Rhodes; vhc, Atkinson. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Greaves; 2, Fawcett; 3, vhc, Haithwaite; 4, Tidgwell; c, Alderson. BUFF: 1, Fawcett; 2, Greaves; 3, Rhodes; 4, hc, Halliday; vhc, Alderson; c, Tidgwell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Fawcett; 4, Tyler. BRIT.: 1, Tyler; 2, 3, Halliday. SELL. CK. (12/6): 1, Fawcett; 2, Halliday; 3, Atkinson; 4, Tyler; vhc, Haithwaite. (10/6): 1, Halliday; 2, Fawcett; 3, Tyler; 4, c, Tidgwell; vhc, Greaves; hc, Atkinson. HEN (10/6): 1, Fawcett; 2, Alderson; 3, vhc, Halliday; 4, Haithwaite; hc, Atkinson; c, Tyler. Most points for cups, J. H. Atkinson and J. Greaves, 13 each; spl for best bird in show, M. Alderson.

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LEEDS.

Leeds C.H.S. held their 19th annual exhibition in the Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Road, on Nov. 27th and 28th. The room is a grand one for the purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries came up well, nearly every class being nicely filled, and this together with the fact that there was a grand attendance made the show a success in every respect. Yorkshire classes contained many noted champions, particularly the clear yellow cock and hen of Messrs. Ambler, the yellow hen of Mr. Brown's, the ticked hull of Messrs. Greaves and Crabtree, and the unflighted yellow of Messrs. Wright and Son. A class worth going a long way to see was that for heavily variegated Yorkshires, which was quite a show in itself. The Greens, both Yorkshires and Norwich, were good throughout, not a bad one being amongst them. Norwich made a nice show, and some right good red hot clubby specimens were on view. British and Foreign birds were a grand lot, and made a very interesting and instructive side show, there being some very rare birds amongst them. Hyde's special was won by Mr. H. Smith, Mr. Ramsden's goblet by Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Sandiford's medal by Mr. D. Edwards, and the Foreign Bird Club medal by Mr. J. H. Harrison. Mr. A. Wilkins, the secretary has, it is very evident, little to learn in the art of show managing, he having everything in apple-pie order, and well under control, and being extremely courteous and obliging to all. He was well supported by the committee, Messrs. F. King (chairman), J. Chambers (vice-chairman), N. S. Love, H. Woof, J. Owen, A. Chew, R. E. Simpson, G. Hallet, F. Farrar, R. S. Banks, W. Ireland, E. Stokoe, and J. W. Medley, the treasurer, Mr. W. Ireland, all genuine fanciers, who have the welfare of the society at heart. Messrs. J. Robson, and J. Beswick judged.

The Open Canary Section.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Amblers, regular swell, grand length, wonderful quality, rare colour, stands to perfection; 2, Townsend, extra length, straight as a pencil, fine quality and colour; 3, Greaves and Crabtree, grand quality and finish, rare length and position, good third; 4, Farrar, long, slim, upstanding bird, nice quality and type; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Ogden Bros; c. Fowler. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Stebbings, mkd. eyes, shoulder and wings, splendid length, grand quality and type, nice colour, clinking Yorks; 2, Wood, grizzle wing, rare colour and length, fine quality, well cut away; 3, Reed, grizzle on head, grand length and style, teems with quality, nice colour; 4, Simmons, grizzle neck, grand back, wings and tail, benutiful quality and colour; vhc, Ambler; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Halliwell. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Brown, cl. gem, shines like silk, stands well up, magnificent shape, nice length; 2, Amblers, grand quality and shape, real good one; 3, Greaves and Crabtree, cl. very leggy and stylish, rare length, colour and quality; 4, Stebbings, another really splendid cl. smooth as glass, grand shape; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Thornton; c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFF (8): 1, Ogden Bros., grand length, rare quality and type, splendid position and carriage; 2, 3, Amblers, couple of stormers; 2, finely moulded, capital length and colour; 3, grand length and quality, good type, rather stronger; 4, Simmons, nice size, feather like wax, and stands like a guardsman; vhc, Coates; hc, Greaves and Crabtree; c, Reed. TKD. ETC. BUFF (11): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, thigh ticked, correct shape, grand length, exquisite quality and colour; 2, Amblers, grizzle on shoulder, stands well up, not a feather out of place, good length and type; 3, Whitaker, grizzle wing, nice narrow shoulders, neat head, splendid length and quality; 4, Armstrong, eye and wing marked, rare colour, length and quality; vhc, he, Coates; c, Darnwell. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Amblers, cl. grand length, wonderful quality, splendid type, well filled up all over; 2, Whitaker, clear, nice length, superior shape and teeming with quality, bonny lady; 3, Dyson, always at attention, lovely quality and type; 4, Greaves and Crabtree, cl. practically faultless, grand long hen, splendid feather and bloom; vhc, Ogden Bros., long slim, and typical; hc, Myers; c, Oakes. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, Wright and Son, cl. wonderful length and quality, rare position, and legs straight as a pencil; 2, Ogden Bros., neck and wing marked, fine length, well up on legs, nice back wings and tail; 3, Amblers, lengthy cl. full of quality and style, good third; 4, Townsend, cl. rare length and colour, splendid quality and type, worth its place; vhc, Stebbings, clear, grand quality and shape, hot colour, nice length; hc, Dyson, grizzle wing, capital length, very leggy and stylish; c, Woodhead, clear, grand length and shape. Orand class. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Amblers, 1, clear, magnificent quality, best of shape grand length, one of the right sort; 2, grizzle neck, nice length, grand shape and quality; 3, Chew and Stokoe, grizzle, neck and wing, nicely moulded, grand shape and quality, good length; 4, Whitaker, clear, splendid shape and length, beautiful quality and colour; vhc, Greaves and Crabtree, very nice clear; hc, Chew and Stokoe, grizzle cap, fine length and quality; c, Dyson, very smart clear. FOUL MKD. (15): 1, Hudson, varieg. yell, rare colour, very slim and well drawn, splendid shape, leggy, stands to perfection; 2, Armstrong, varieg. buff, slashing length and quality, rare position and shape; 3, Ogden Bros., varieg. yell. wonderful length and quality, clinking shape, fine stock bird; 4, Chew and Stokoe, varieg. yell. splendid length and quality, extra position and style; vhc, Priestley, another gem of a varieg. yell., wonderful length, colour and shape, we liked much; hc, Taylor and Haigh, varieg. yell. grand exhibit; c, Galling, varieg. yell. superior length and quality. GREENS SELF YELL. (15): 1, Fielden, grand, sound, rich colour, long slim, leggy, and fine quality; 2, 4, vhc, Clayton; 2, grand quality and shape, full of colour; 4, teems with colour and quality, perfect position, nice length; 3, Nimmo, well laced, rich colour, grand length and position; hc, Riley; c, Rowlands. BUFF (22), A grand class: 1, Nimmo, grand length, magnificent quality, very rich in colour; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, wonderful length, fine shape and position, good sound colour; 3, Handley, splendid shape and colour, extra quality; 4, Rowlands, slim, stylish, good position and length; vhc, Metcalf, another grand specimen; hc, Rowland; c, Helliwell. GREEN FOUL YELL. (14): 1, Atherton, foul tail, splendid rich colour, fine length and quality; 2, Fielden, foul tail grand quality and length, stands like a guardsman; 3, Rowlands, foul tail, grand quality and length, fine position and colour; 4, vhc, c, Clayton, foul tail, clean legs, fine length and quality; hc, Benson. BUFF (10): 1, Nimmo, foul tail, well drawn, nice back, wings and tail, grand exhibit; 2, Fielden, foul tail, splendid shape and quality; 3, Metcalf, foul tail, wonderful length, nice narrow shoulders, good colour; 4, Benson; vhc, hc, Rowlands; c, Handley. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Harlnnd, 1, grand colour, rare shape and quality, nice size; 2, grand head, superior quality and colour; 3, Sherrington, red hot, rare head, neck and chest, grand size and shape; 4, Pickering and Wright, grand substance and quality, good head, nice colour; vhc, Mennard; hc, Wilson; c, Stead. TKD. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Dr. Herd, thigh ticked, grand shape, extra quality, good head and colour; 2, Talbot, marked neck and wing, good size and shape, grand quality and colour; 3, Haigh and Son, thigh ticked, rare colour and shape, splendid carriage and quality; 4, Huggins, marked head, back, wings and tail, grand size, nil front; vhc, Chambers. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Mennard, clear fine head, neck and chest, all front grand quality; 2, Huggins, clenr, fine shape and size, good colour and quality; 3, Stead, clenr, wonderful quality, and nice colour, good size; 4, Dr. Herd, clear, line shape and quality, nice colour; vhc, Woof; hc, Waters; c, Talbot. BUFF (13): 1, Watson, grand colour, extra shape, superior quality and carriage; 2, Amblers, splendid quality and shape, nice head, neck, chest, good second; 3, Waters, rare shape, fine colour and size; 4, Coventry, again grand size, and shape, capital colour and quality; vhc, Johnson, nice cobby bird, rare shape, colour and quality, hc, Wilcock; c, Sherrington. TKD. ETC. BUFF (8). 1, 2, Evans, leader tkd bnck of head, Accrington and Manchester winner, wonderful shape nnd substance, grand quality; 2, well-known "Sign of the Cross," wonderful bird; 3, Hnrland, ticked back of head, grand colour, magnificent shape and quality; 4, Haigh and Son, ticked over eye, the best of shape and quality, good colour; vhc, Dr. Herd; hc, Wilcock; c, Waters. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Huggins, cl. rattling shape and quality, nice size and colour, 2, 3, Cook, 2, marked head, wing and tail, the correct shape, rare colour, nice size, we liked; 3, well known dark tail, magnificent size and shape; 4, Evans, Bolton, Manchester, Accrington, etc., winner, grand bird; vhc, Pickering and Wright, ticked back of head, grand size and quality; hc, Brown and Smith, wing marked, rare shape and quality; c, Harland, nice clear. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Cook, ticked over eye, grand size and shape, rattling colour and quality; 2, Mennard, clear, extra shape and quality, good colour and carriage; 3, Moore, ticked neck, red hot, fine head and chest, nice quality close up; 4, Pepper, cl. grand colour, plenty of size, nice quality; vbc, Wilson, grand colour and quality; hc, Coventry, varieg. grand size and colour; c, Hnigh and Son, cap, neck and wings marked. BUFF (18): 1, Hnrland, cl. grand youngster, fine shape and colour, superior carriage and quality; 2, Hemmings, grizzle neck, good colour, splendid shnpe and quality; 3, Huggins, clear, immense size, wonderful shape, red hot colour, grand quality, well known Nottingham and Great Harwood winner; 4, Pickering and Wright, clear, grand shape and colour, just behind in quality; vhc, Cook, cap and wings marked, grand size, rattling stock bird; hc, Owen, ticked back of head; c, Moore, nice clear. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL. (9): 1, Deacon, grand size, rich in colour, capital shape and quality; 2, Lawson, well penciIled, sound colour, grand quality and shape; 3, 4, Walker, both splendid in quality and shape, full of colour; vhc, c, Isaac; hc, Harrison. BUFF (11): 1,vhc, and c, Walker, leader grand substance and quality, sound rich colour, perfect shape and condition; 2, hc, Isaac, grand shape and size, capital head and quality; 3, Lawson, extra shape and quality, nice size and colour; 4, Deacon, rare thick-set bird, grand quality. FOUL YELL. (14): 1, hc, Harrison, foul wings, grand size, correct shape, fine bead and quality; 2, Lawson, wonderful substance and colour, grand quality and shape; 3, Walker, foul tail, and wings, best of shape and colour, fine quality; 4, Deacon, foul tail, nice substance, rich colour; vhc, Isaac; c, Jenkins. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Harrison, 1, foul wing and tail, grand Norwich shape, full of colour and quality; 3, foul tail, grand size and shape; 2, Isaac, foul tail, rattling quality and shape; 4, Deacon, foul tail, nice colour, superior quality and shape; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Lawson. SCOT. FCY. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cobb, grand team, 1, clear, grand length, good shoulders, capital reach, and drive, one of the best; 2, varieg., the old champion, well known, grand bird; 3, wing marked, unflig. excellent drive, grand position, good length; 4, Willison, grizzle on neck, another clinking bird. HEN (5): 1, Willison, varieg. splendid reach, good drive, grand shoulders and length; 2, 4, vhc, Cobb, 2, clear buff, beauty, grand circle and reach, well staged; 4, cl. yell. splendid hen well worth its place; 3, Banks, cl. buff, good length, extra position and circle, good third. BOR. FCY. CK. (10): 1, vhc, Wilson, cl, yell, stormer, exquisite quality, grand type, fine mover, well staged; 2, Hudson, cl. yell. again grand shape and quality free mover; 3, Hawkins, beautiful cl. buff, fine type and feather; 4, Simpson, another charming cl. buff, grand quality; bc, Houghton; c, Young. HEN (5): 1, Wilson, cheeks and wing marked, yellow, extra type and action, magnificent quality and carriage; 2, Young, eye ticked yell, extra quality beautiful shape, good one; 3, Houghton, eyes and wing mkd. buff, beautiful wee gem; 4, Hawkins, splendid clear buff; vhc, Medley. A.O.V CAN (5): 1, Hodgson, grand yell. Belg., good shoulders and reach; 2, Brown and Smith, clinking buff cinn., lovely type and quality; 3, Riley, cinn. yell. Yorks. fine length and quality; 4, Proctor, even eyes and wing-marked yell. Yorks., rattling type, superior quality; vhc, Hudson. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, Owen; 2, Cobb; 3, Farrar; 4, Hemmings; vhc, Simpson; hc, Johnson; c, Mennard. (15/-) (22): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Farrar; 3, Cobb; 4, McMillan; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Simpson; c, Hornby.

The Remaining Sections.

CAN. MULE, LIGHT (4): 1, Inman, eyes and wings marked Goldfinch Can., splendid feather and shape, shown in A1 style; 2, Taylor, varieg. yellow Goldfinch Can., splendid colour, quality, and condition; 3, Meadows, varieg. buff Greenfinch Can. CAN. MULE DARK (13): 1, Shorney, Goldfinch Can., grand size, full of colour, splendid quality; 2, Coffey, dark Linnet Can., grand size and feather, in rare bloom; 3, Somerfield, Greenfinch Can., grand size and colour; 4, Hingley, Redpoll-Can., good size and finish; vhc, Dale; hc, Wilson; c, Stott. HYB. (5): 1, Walsh, Greenfinch Bullfinch, fine size and colour, in good feather; 2, Brown and Smith, Linnet Goldfinch, shows percentage well; 3, Hingley, Linnet Bullfinch; 4, Middleton, Linnet Bullfinch; vhc, Westerby. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Duncan, jun., grand bluze, good rich tan, splendid feather and finish, a gem; 2, Somerfield, another splendid Finch, rare blaze and moons, very close up; 3, King, sound body, colour, good blaze; 4, Fox and Thompson, splendid exhibit, grand moons and body colour; vhc, Taylor; hc, Fox and Thompson; c, Nicholson. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Boyle, a clinker, extra good cap, rnre breast, colour, fine size and condition; 2, Inman, another rattling specimen, nice size and feather; 3, 4, Woods, 3rd grand colour and shape; 4th, splendid colour, nice size, worth its place; vhc, hc, c, T. Parks; hc, Moore; c, Reynolds. LINNET (18): 1, vhc, Boyle, fine size and shape, sound colour, well pencilled, grand one; 2, Duncan, jun., splendid condition, colour, and markings; 3, Fox and Thompson, rare size, lovely colour; 4, Pickles, grand size and shape, nice colour; hc, Bond and Son; c, King. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Colley, wonderful size and colour, rare feather, very steady; 2, 3, Pickles, 2nd another rare bird, grand size, nice colour; 3rd, splendid colour and feather, smaller; 4, Myers, grand bird, good 4th; vhc, Beatie; hc, Owen; c, Stott. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Boyle, charming Siskin, grand colour and cap, not a feather out of place; 2, Simpson, splendid Twite, grand size, colour, and markings; 3, Pickles, fine Redpoll, good size and bib; 4, Duncan, jun. Siskin, grand; vhc, Collins. A.O.S. HARDBILL: (except Hawfinch) (7): 1, vhc, Owen, fine Bramblefinch, grand colour, size, and markings; 2, Dale, splendid Chaffinch, in clinking condition, very steady; 3, Stott, good Yellow Bunting, very distinct markings, good cap, and well sbown; 4, Maltby, nice Bramblefinch; hc, Harrison; c, Wood. PARROT (7): 1, 3, 4, Cheetham, 1st Port Lincoln Parrakeet, 3rd King Parrot, 4th Mountain Lories, all in fine feather and condition; 2, Howe, Red-vented Bluebonnet; vhc, Snoddon and Thompson; hc, Lloyd; c, Smith. SEED-EATING FOR. (5): 1, Pickles, Pintail Nonpareil; 2, vhc, Harrison, Paradise Whydah and Waxbills respectively; 3, Chadwick, Red-crested Cardinal; 4, Cheetham, Paradise Whydah. INSECTIV. (6): 1, Pickles, Maroon Tanager; 2, 4, vbc, hc, Harrison, Silver Mesias, Ground Thrush, Tanager, Blue-wing Tanager; 3, Hingley, Toucan.

Novice Classes.

NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Hall, leader long, slim, clear, fine shape and quality; 3rd, clear, good length, shape, and carriage; 2, Fowler, clear, well drawn, grand quality; 4, Williams, marked neck, grand exhibit; vhc, Furness, hc, Norton; c, Lloyd. BUFF (11): 1, Smith, clear, good style and quality; 2, Fowler, splendid clear, grand colour, teems with quality, stands well, we liked; 3, Proctor, clear, shines like silk, grand length and type; 4, McDnde, good type and length; vhc, Batty; hc, Williams; c, Hall. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Hall, yellow, fine length and position, grand youngster; 2, Stirk, eye ticked yellow, red hot, correct shnpe, grand bird; 3, c, Smith, marked head and wings, buff, good length and quality; 4, Girling, clear buff, fine colour and quality, good position; vhc, Hodwin; hc, Cook. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Guest, cl., good head, nice colour and type; 2, Hallett, grizzle neck, nice shape and size; 3, Bairstow, nice colour, good shape and quality, clear; 4, Derry, varieg.; vhc, Mason; hc, Johnson; c. Stafford. BUFF (15): 1, Proctor, cl., round as a ball, grand all through, wins; 2, Fox, clear, nice substance and colour; 3, 4, Triffitt, 3rd clear, good shape and quality; 4th, grand colour nnd quality; vhc, Medley; hc, Lloyd; c, Benge. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Hallett, marked head, neck, wings and tail, yellow, excellent shape and qunlity, good size; 2, Hudson, clear buff, short and compnct, good quality; 3, Derry, yellow, ticked eye, ablaze with colour, grand head and chest; 4, Johnson, marked head, neck and wing, buff, grand shape and quality; vhc, Mallinson; hc, Triffitt; c, Stafford.

SOUTHALL.

This show was held in St. John's Hall, on the 26th November, and was successful. It was the society's 11th venture, and was as well managed as any previous event, which is saying a great deal. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. Smith, backed by a committee of excellent fanciers, such as Messrs. J. Higgins, Timberlake, Brooks, Lingwood, Hoaken, A. Allwork, H. W. Allwork, Frant, and Argyle, made every arrangement for the comfort of the exhibits that the circumscribed space of the hall would allow. A courteous and enthusiastic cage bird steward had charge of the exhibits, which consequently received every attention. Quality was well represented, particularly in the Yorkshires. In the British bird section were several nice Goldfinches. Mr. F. Easterling judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL (11): 1, c, Jeffery, leader best style, nice whip tail, head and good feather; 2, Phipps, stylish, fine drawn; 3, Fryer, good length, nice behind leg, goes up well; vhc, Alford; hc, Mole. BUFF (8): 1, Jeffery, good feather, well cleaned out, stands in nice position; 2, 3, Mole, former fine quality feather; 3, a varieg., lovely texture of feather, finely tapered body, nice whip, plenty of length behind leg, well cleaned off; vhc, Brinkworth; hc, Sweetman; c, Alford. YORKS. HEN (6): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Jeffery, leader grand style, nice feather; 3, buff, finely tapered; 2, Ryc, ticked neck, neat, nicely proportioned hen, topping quality; hc, Brinkworth; c, Mole. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Rippon, both rare quality of feather; 2, best in size nnd warmest in colour; 3, Phipps, clubby, nice colour and feather. BUFF (6): 1, Pedder, good quality, and body; 2, Miton and Button, typical, neat head, nice quality; 3, Thursby, good shape, just a trifle feathery at thighs; vhc, hc, Rippon, former good quality and type; c, Billington. NOR. HEN (2): 1, Billington, yell.; 2, Pedder. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Haysom, wing mkd. D.C., and varieg. crestbred both well known, and well shown; 3, Miton and Button, neat and good; vhc, Fryer. GOLDIE (7): 1, spl, Alford, deep toned blaze, nice bars, very glossy; 2, Thursby, sweet Finch; 3, spl, Timberlake, another Finch of nice colour; vhc, Hireson. LINNET (9): 1, spl, Conibere, rich colour, well mkd., steady, well shown; 2, Darrill, again good colour, lustrous, nicely marked; vhc, bc, Fellows; c, Timberlake. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Timberlake, prettily marked and capped Siskin, very decent bib; 2, Conibere, good coloured Bullfinch; 3, Argyle, lovely, nice coloured Redpoll. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Darvill, Brambling, mkd. well nnd lustrous; 2, Argyle, equally good Chaffinch, very rich in colour, tone, steady, and glossy, well shown. FOR. (5): 1, spl, Timberlake, Goldfinch, very bright in face, and wide, nice wings and whites; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Redbone, leaders Budgerigars, very nice; 3, Conibere, another Goldfinch. Those gentlemen are determined to point the contrast between alien and British. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Lamb, very nice fourpointed Goldie-Can., well shown; 2, Alford, varieg. Goldie-Can.; 3, Thursby, dark buff Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Lamb, Cinn. Greenfinch-Can., beautifully pure in the Cinn., and a yell. with the Cinn. stripings, grand, pure colour; hc, Picroth.

CIRENCESTER.

The 11th annual show was held on November 20th in the Bingham Hall. The cage birds were staged in an ante room by themselves, and were quite free from all draughts. Owing to the fact that entries were returned a sent after advertised date of closing, and also to a shortage of schedules, the entry was a poor one. Some nice birds were staged that were worthy of stronger competition. The hon. sec. Mr. Inward was a most obliging hon. sec, and did his work well. He was ably assisted by a very capable committee. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (1): 3, spl, Mrs. Read, buff, nice colour and quality, good shape, neat wings and tail. TKD. ETC. A.C. (5): 2, spl, Jennings, left wing marked yell, grand colour, good shape, nice deep chest, good wings and tail; 3, Crump, nat. col. bull, nice back and shape, neat wings; 4, Mrs. Lockey, varieg. yell., good feather. HEN (2): 3, spl, Miss Gibbons, buff, mkd., right eye, neck and wing, good shape, nice back, head, and wings; 4, Mrs. Read, bull, good colour and quality, neat head. CREST OR C.B. (3): 3, 4, Greenwood and Burson, crest, grand frontal, long, round and great density, takes special for best in show; 4, romping good C.B., rare skull and entrance, feather of good length and density; vhc, Crump. YORKS. CL. (2): 3, spl, Halliday, cl. buff, nice and straight, slim built, good colour and quality, neat wings and tail; 4, Fox. TKD. ETC. (5): 2, spl, Osborn, yell, ticked on neck, beautiful position, slim built, well up on leg, well packed flights and tail; 3, Halliday, buff, nice colour and good quality, nice feather and style; 4, Harding, nice ticked, yell. unflg., good length and position, nice colour and quality; vhc, James; hc, c, Willis. A.O.V. (3): 3, spl, Maurice, buff Bord., nice shape and feather. MULE OR HYB.: cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 2, Strange, Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, a fine bird all over; 3, 4, Mrs. Seldon, Goldfinch, and a nice shaped hen Bullfinch, good cap and bars; vhc, J. Gillinan; hc, G. Gillinan. LINNET, ETC. (5): 2, spl, 3, Birchley, Siskin, beautiful shape, feather and colour, and well marked sides, grandly laced cap; 3, Linnet, grand colour, well laced, nice shape, very steady; 4, Strange, Linnet, good feather; vhc, Mrs. Seldon. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (3): spl, 2, 3, 4, Birchley, Bramblefinch, splendid feather, well spangled, nice shape and condition; 3, Grey Wagtail, good size and shape, well marked; 4, good coloured, nnd nice feathered Greenfinch. LARGE (2): 3, Barry Bros., Hawfinch, good colour and feather, well defined bib; 4, Wilkinson, Magpie, very lustrous and well cut, good one. FOR. (2): 3, spl, Miss Scott, nice colour Black-headed Gouldian Finch. SELL. (20/-) (2): 2, Greenwood and Burson; 3, Miss Gibbens; 4, hc, Halliday; J., vhc, Jennings; c, Wallace. MEMBERS' CAGE BIRD (6): 1, Inward, yell. Yorks. nice length and colour; 2, Smith, varieg. buff, Goldfinch Mule, nice feather; 3, 4, vhc, Seldon, yell. Nor. nnd buff Yorks. close together; vhc, Habgood.

OXFORD.

Entries came up badly in the cage bird section of the show of the Oxford F.S., held in the Corn Exchange on November 26th. The fixture was this year confined to the counties of Oxon, Bucks, and Berks, not at all fertile ground for cage bird exhibits; yet there should have been a better response to the committee's appeal. The two Foreign bird classes, and two of the British had to be cancelled. If the entry was not a large one, the quality of the exhibits was most excellent, several very noted winners being stnged, and their wants were well looked after by the cage-bird members of the executive; they looked very snug and comfortable. Both the members' challenge cups fell to Mr. J. A. Lees, his well-known wing-marked Jonque Goldie Mule taking that for the best Canary or Mule, and bis Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid that for the best British Hybrid. The committee responsible for this year's fixture were Messrs. H. Johnson (chairman), J. C. Cortis, J. A. Lees, A. Galpin, W. White, W. R. Lee, R. G. Gillard, F. Butler, F. Pnlmer, A. Lewin, A. Payne, and S. Boulton, witb Mr. W. F. Cross as treasurer, and Messrs. A. H. Calcutt and H. Leden as hon .secs.; and the manner in which they all strove to make the show a success was most commendable. It is to be boped that when the balancesheet is prepared it will be of a satisfactory character. The show was a nice one, and well managed Mr. C. A. House judged.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (4): 2, spl, Lees, lovely saddle-marked bird, tight as wax, grand colour nnd shnpe; 3, vhc, Lewin, fine bold bird of capital colour and style; hc, Inch. BUFF (5): 2, hc, Lees, very neat, close feathered, nice shapely wing ticked; 3, vhc, Lewin, neat clear, nice colour and shape. HEN (6): 2, spl, Lewin, very chubby, nice feathered, wing ticked yell., bonny; 3, vhc, hc, Lees, good showy buff, nice feather, drops her wing. UNFLIG. (5): 2, vhc, Lewin, neat, shapely, close-feathered yell.; 3, hc, Lees, varieg. buff, shapely, hardly so tight. YORKS. YELL. (4): 2, 3, spl, Hawes, two stylish, nice-feathered, shapely clears; vhc, Eborn; hc, Brooks. BUFF (5): 2, Eborn, long, slim, good-shaped clear, looked as though some of the soap had been left in; 3, hc, Hawes, grandly-feathered, stylish cinnamon-marked; vhc, Miss Price. A.O.V. (9): 1, Lewin, sound rich-coloured buff cinnamon, nice shape, capital feather; 2, vhc, hc, Fyfield, nearly green crest, very neat body, nice quality, and droop of head gear; 3, Williams, varieg. buff C.B., good dense feather, and nice shape. MULE LIGHT (5): 2, spl, cup, 3, vhc, hc, Lees, well-known wing-marked yellow Goldie, and a lightly-variegated buff Linnet leading, both in grand form. DARK (8): 1, spl, cup, Lees, very rich-coloured, well marked, neat-feathered Linnet-Bullie; 2, Lewin, the same variety, grand shape and feather, nice colour, hardly so large, a close run; 3, Fulbrook, good-coloured, well-marked dark buff Goldie-Canary; vhc, hc, White; hc, Gough. BRIT. GOLDIE (12): 1, two spls, 2, hc, White, hot, grand-shaped blaze, rich in colour, capital buttons and bars, in grand fettle; 2nd, hardly so large in blaze, lovely colour, and grandly-marked; 3, Elkerton, large square cut blaze, good back and bars, nice buttons, not up in colour yet; vhc, Jacobs; vhc, hc, Cripps. BULLIE (5): 2, 3, hc, White, rattling good team of lovely shape nnd colour, and good in feather; vbc, Inwood and Son. GREENIE, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Sandwell, large, shapely, rich-coloured buff Greenie, in capital feather; 2, hc, Cripps, nicely marked, well feathered, steady Linnet; 3, vhc, Tomsett, another good buff Greenie, splendid wings and tail. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 2, Sandwell, well marked, nice shaped, steady Siskin; 3, Fulbrook, nice, rich-coloured, well-marked Twite; vhc, New. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, Miss Weller; 2, Loader; 3, Pearce; vhc, Hawes (2); hc, Gough.

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HUDDERSFIELD.

Huddersfield's annual show took place on November 28th. The Primitive Methodist Schoolroom is of grand light, very spacious, and well ventilated. The show was under the Y.U. rules, and had the patronage of the Y.C.C. and C.M. Club. This being one of the Yorkshire Challenge Cup fixtures, competition ran exceedingly keen. All the "cream" was present, and hard and fierce was the battle. Mr. J. G. Barnes (Sheffield), who adjudicated this section, had a hard task before him. In the champion classes, which numbered 14, 180 entries were obtained. Novice classes, as usual, were hot; 126 birds turned up in the six classes set apart for them, giving an average of 21 per class. Norwich were up in fair numbers. Mr. Trengove (Rishton) appeared quite happy in his selections. Prize-money here was 22/- per class, and the classes provided deserved better support than 57 birds. Cinnamon marks were truly a superb lot. A better quality collection we have not seen for many a day. Leading winners amongst the novices were Messrs. Turton, Livesey, Lumb, Sowden, and Beaumont (Yorkshires), and Sykes and Fortunin (Norwich), with exhibits quite good enough to win at many open fixtures. Sandiford's medal went to Mr. J. Wilcock; special for best 4th cock was gained by Mr. A. Hirst; that for best 4th hen fell to Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Mr. W. Gledhill acts as president; he is a most genuine and enthusiastic fancier. The vice-president is Mr. G. Cartwright, also a capital official. The treasurer, Mr. W. H. Waring, is the right man in the right place. The committee are a band of well-known and well-tried men, who do all in their power to help things on, and deserve great praise for the manner in which they execute their duties. Mr. S. Lodge (secretary) and Mr. W. L. Brier (assistant secretary) are a brace of fine workers, and trot well together. They have every item at their fingers' tips, and are courteous in the highest degree. If the attendance of visitors is anything to go on (the show room was literally packed when we left), they can rest content that things will come out on the right side. Staging was of a very neat order; every specimen could be seen with ease. Prize-cards were promptly affixed by capital stewards. The management throughout was excellent, and everything went as smoothly as marriage bells. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) took all the Yorkshires, he being the official judge, elected by the Y.U. Mr. J. Trengove (Rishton), adjudicated upon the Norwich and British birds. Their awards were well received.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Radley, fine long drawn specimen, feathered like a Java, stands like a guardsman, a topper, stood first at Bradford West, the week previous; 2, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, brace of their noted birds; 2, rare position and length, tight as a drum, perfect back and wings; 3, hot colour, long and racy, superb feather; 4, Shackleton, very lengthy, A1 position, rich quality, worth its place; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Wood; c, Waring. BUFF (10): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, both gems, former wonderful length, straight as a gun barrel, feathered as though chiselled out of marble, Bradford West hero; 3, stands delightfully; 2, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, feather like glass, erect as a rush, neat and narrow, sweet head expression; 4, Wood, capital quality and stand, grand long-sided, well filled back, neatly carried flights and tail; hc, Radley; c, Hellewell; No. 4, 5, 6, Shackleton, absent. TKD. YELL. (15), a good lot: 1, Bailey and Swanger, warm fed, thigh ticked, magnificent quality, rare length and position, grand solid front, perfect back; 2, Drake and Son, mkd. left wing, beautifully clothed, rich tone of colour, well up in position, capital back and wing carriage; 3, Ogden Bros, mkd. wings and eyes, hot colour, silky texture of feather, good length; 4, vhc, Shackleton, mkd. head, lengthy and typical, well up on leg; hc, Priestley; c, Bray. BUFF (12): 1, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, again couple of good ones, 1, noted cheek mkd, bordering on the ideal, hard to find fault with; 3, mkd. left wing, lovely salmon tinged colour, straight as a pencil, checky and defiant; 2, c, Shackleton, mkd. neck, wonderful length, feathered to perfection, stands beautifully, pressed hard; 4, Charlesworth, thigh tick, full of character, charming quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Hellewell. YELL. HEN (13): 1, vhc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, fascinating cl., long, neat and narrow, straight and stylish, lovely back, wings and tail, shows good breeding; 2, Moss, marked neck, rich tone of colour, soft, silky feather, A1 position and length, a charmer; 3, 4, Shackleton, former, thigh tick, great length, stands well, good back and sides; 4, marked wings and eyes, very lengthy and of grand position; hc, Radley; c, Hellewell. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Shackleton, brace of pretty maids, both cleans, very little separates them, not a feather misplaced, full of nerve and style, stood 1, 2, Bradford West; 3, Bailey and Swanger, mkd. neck, very lengthy, superb feather, well up in position; third Bradford West; 4, Helliwell, mkd. back and head, superior tone of colour, tight as wax; vhc, Radley; hc, Croesley Bros. YELL. UNFLIG. (20), a rare class: 1, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, marked wings, eyes, and tail, wonderful symmetry, clinking feather, rare colour, best of backs, wings and tails, real beauty; 2, Bray, marked left wing, feathered like glass, shone like silk, straight as a rush; 3, Bailey and Swanger, cl. shin, and upstanding, superb feather, A1 back and flights, very promising; 4, hc, Shackleton, cl. warm colour, very lengthy, A1 quality; vhc, Charlesworth; c, Haigh. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Wood, cl. slashing quality and colour, delightful position, perfect back and wing carriage, neatly folded tail, gem of gems; 2, Radley, marked neck, straight as a gun barrel, capital feather; 3, Bray, thigh tick, richly coloured, covered over with fine frosting, lengthy and leggy; 4, Moorhouse, mkd. left wing and neck, A1 quality, good stand and length; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Dobson; c, Dearden. CINN. MKD. YELL (14): 1, 2, spl, Cooper, both toppers, former, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, great length grand quality, excellent position, rare wing carriage; 2, marked wings and eyes, feathered beautifully, capital colour, fine length and stand; 3, Ogden Bros, marked wings and cheeks, red hot, lengthy and leggy; 4, spl, Chittenden, mkd. head, lovely feather and colour, good stand and wing carriage; vhc, Sandiford's, Wilcock, blaze; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Frankland. BUFF (17), rattling class: 1, spl, Wilcock, mkd. wings, head and neck, magnificent feather and colour, neatly frosted, well up in position, good length; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheek, stands well, very lengthy, rare back and flights; 3, Chittenden, mkd. wings, eyes and tail, marvellous long drawn specimen, A1 colour, nice quality; 4, spl, Hirst, mkd. wings and eyes, rattling stand, superior feather and colour, neat flights; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Cooper; c, Haigh. YELL. HEN (22), a fine lot: 1, 4, spl, Wilcock, couple of clinkers, 1, marked wings and cheeks, beautiful feather and position, full of character, lengthy, a gem; 4, mkd. wings and head, straight up, good length, capital quality; 2, Jowett, mkd. wings, warm fed, lengthy and slim, stands nicely, magnificent; 3, Towers, mkd wings and head, A1 quality, good position, stands on clever legs; vhc, hc, Gelder; c, Pickering; No. 5, Ogden Bros, absent. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd, wings and eyes, correct type, fine upstanding maid, richly clothed, rare colour, perfect back, flights and tail; 2, Taylor and Hingh, marked wings, cheeks and eyes, capital quality and length, good position and colour; 3, Fawcett, mkd. right wing and head, superb feather, grand stand; 4, Tinkler, mkd. wings and eyes, teeming with quality; hc, Jowett; c, Pickering. TKD. (12): 1, spl, Mallinson and Son, yell, cap mkd, very slim, A1 position, lovely colour and feather, showing thighs well, very bonny; 2, Ogden Bros, buff, mkd. back and head, slashing colour, covered with rich frosting, shone like satin, capital length and stand, good legs, full of nerve; 3, Tinkler, yell, mkd. right wing, wonderful length, slim, rattling quality, A1 position; 4, Chittenden, buff, mkd. left wing, grand feather colour and stand; vhc, Moss; hc, Cartwright; c, Drake and Son. HEN (8): 1, 2, spl, Ogden Bros, both gems, former, yell, mkd. right wing, tight as a Java, shone like polished granite, designated position and length, well on leg; 2, buff, mkd. head, feathered like wax, capital stand and length, A1 back and flights; 3, Denton, buff, cap mkd, slim and upstanding, superior colour and feather; 4, Dyson, buff, head and wing mkd. neat and narrow, good position and length; vhc, Priestley; hc, Towers; c, Chittenden. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (20): 1, spl, Turton, yell, mkd. cheek, gem for quality, great length, slashing position, rattling back and wing carriage, could win in open; 2, Beaumont, cl. long slim and upstanding, capital colour and quality, well up on leg, A1 wings and tail; 3, Wilson, cl, red hot, stands delightfully, fine long sided, well filled back; 4, Simonett, cap mkd. straight as a rush, rich texture of feather; vhc, Varley; hc, Gill; c, Radley. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Livesey, mkd. left wing, wedge shaped, feathered to perfection, capital colour, a beauty; 2, Jebson, cl. all there for quality and colour, lengthy, good stand, capital wings and tail, close up; 3, Tinkler, cl. rich salmon tinged colour, good length and position; 4, Robinson, marked left wing, full of breed, rich colour and meal, fine stand; vhc, Townley; hc, Beaumont; c, Sowden. YELL. UNFLIG. (22), a good lot: 1, spl, Lumb, cl. beautiful quality and colour, fine long sided, rattling back, flights, and tail, clever legs; 2, White, marked neck, teeming with quality, capital colour and position, full of style, close up; 3, Jackson, Cinn. mkd. both wings and head, slashing colour and feather; 4, Dunn, cl. yell. hot in colour, slim and lengthy, stands well; vhc, Hellilwell; hc, Laycock; c, Lane. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Sowden, mkd. left wing and head, teeming with quality, fine length specimen, A1 position; 2, Firth, cl., very breedy, stands delightfully, feathered to perfection, grand back flights and tail; 3, Lumb, cl. long and slim, richly clothed, well up in position, clever legs; 4, Beaumont, tkd. left eye, smooth as a bottle, and straight; vhc, Wilson; hc, Swailes; c, Townley. YELL. HEN (19): 1, vhc, spl, Beaumont, cl. regular model for type, clinking feather, very lengthy, capital wings and tail; 2, Lane, thigh tick, wonderful quality, neat and narrow, stands erect and of good length, close up; 3, Rigg, mkd. right wing, 1908 bred, superior colour and quality, A1 position, nice length; 4, Tinkler, mkd. left wing, wonderful length, straight up; hc, Fergusson; c, Clegg. BUFF (27), a grand class: 1, spl, Beaumont, mkd. right wing, fine lengthy drawn specimen, slashing colour and frosting, stands like a rush, real gem; 2, White, cl. slim and upstanding, feathered like a Java, stands well up in position; 3, Radley, cl. full of colour and quality, nice position and style; 4, Tinkler, Cinn. mkd. wings eyes and neck, grand colour and feather; vhc, Dunn; hc, Quarmby; c, Lumb.

Mr. J. Trengove's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Haigh and Son, cl. ablaze with colour, fine shape and substance, capital quality and carriage, one of the very best; 2, c, Hirst, cap marked, red hot, A1 type, neat head and neck, very bonny; 3, Mallinson and Son, cl. a bouncer, warm colour, capital quality, good head, neck, and chest; 4, vhc, Eyre, variog. all type, teeming with quality, smart; hc, Moss. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Moorhouse, mkd. left wing and head, massive in build, rare head and neck, deep broad chest, clean cut; 2, Morris and Woodhouse, mkd. head, well up in size, soft silky texture of feather, grand colour and carriage; 3, Haigh and Son, cl. short and thick set, lovely colour and feather, beautiful wings, and tail; 4, Waters, cl. very shapely, A1 quality and colour, clean cut awny; vhc, hc, Eyre; c, Mallinson and Son. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, bonny cl. full of colour and quality, well up in substance, rare shape, good carriage; 2, Hirst, ticked neck, rattling type, good substance and carriage, neat wings and tail; 3, Taylor and Morris, cl. good size and quality, nice head, neck and chest, well agross perch; 4, Watson, cl. a bouncer, A1 quality, well up in colour; vhc, Moss; hc, Mottram; c, Archer. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Mottram, cl. round as a ball, beautifully feathered, rich colour and carriage, clean cut, a gem; 2, Hirst, mkd. back, smooth as wax, fine colour and frosting, good size and shape, very close up; 3, Taylor and Morris, cl., rattling type, fine colour and feather; 4, Morris and Woodhouse, cl. all there for type, good feather; vhc, Moss; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Rapson. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, very warm fed clear, teeming with quality, grand shape and size, lovely carriage, one of the first water; 2, Moorhouse, cl. capital feather and col. good body shape; 3, Mottram, cl. red hot, lovely shape and carriage, neat wings and tail; 4, Brook, cl. well up in colour, A1 feather; vhc, Watson; hc, Hardwick; c, Moss. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Morris and Woodhouse, cl, very cobby, warm colour, soft silky texture of feather, nicely frosted, good size; 2, Waters, cl. good quality, well moaled, nice substance; 3, Hirst, cl, grand colour and quality, smooth as glass, neatly frosted; 4, Haigh and Son, cl. ablaze with colour, A1 feather and carriage, one we liked; vhc, Moorhouse; hc, Taylor and Morris; c, Mottram. Sell (15/6) (31): Some cheap birds here: 1, spl, Skinn; 2, Mallinson and Son; 3, Lumb; 4, Radley; vhc, Gilder; hc, Morris and Woodhouse; c, Bnll. (10/6) (11): 1, spl, Watmuff; 2, Radley; 3, Hardaker and Sample; 4, Morris and Woodhouse; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Jackson; c, Moss. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Hirst, Yellowhammer, "Shamrock," well up in size, grand shape, lovely colour, tip-top head markings, gem; 2, 4, Archer, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, respectively, former, good shape and colour, nice size; 4, nice size and quality; 3, Fountain, Goldie, good tan, nice size, and shape, neat in blaze properties; vhc, Clegg. SOFT-BILL: cancelled. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Radley, fine trio, former, buff variog., C.B., wonderful substance, heads of rich quality feather, capital width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection, a topper; 2, buff, mkd. D.C., very shapely, wealth of feather, crest large, round as a rim; 3, buff, almost green D.C., capital feather, good frontal crest, neat centre; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, neat four-pointed buff Nor., A1 colour and feather; vhc, Clegg; hc, Hardwick. NOVICE Nor. (16): 1, Sykes, cl. yell, capital size and quality, good colour and shape, rare carriage of wings and tail, well shown; 2, Fortnam, cl. buff, short and thick set, A1 quality and colour, nicely mealed, clean cut; 3, vhc, spl, Hammond, buff, marked left wing, first Bradford West, full of colour, grand shape; 4, Kaye, cl. yell. warm colour, capital head, neck and chest, A1 quality; hc, c, Ball. HEN (13): 1, Fortnam, cl. yell, very chubby, smooth as glass, rare size and carriage, good one; 2, 3, 4, spl, Hammond, neat trio, 2, yell, mkd. wings and head, lovely shape colour and feather, Bradford West winner, 3, cl buff, cobby, excellent feather; 4, cl. buff, good colour and quality; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Markwell; c, Jackson.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Ninth annual show held November 21st. It proved a record both for numbers and quality. Norwich opened the programme, and here were to be found some of Scotia's prominent exhibitors contesting with the cream of the Fancy. Crests and C.B.s were a grand lot. These classes were judged by Mr. Adams (Dundee), who was happy in his selection. Borders were a representative lot; the B.F.C.C. medal and cup were secured by a grand green shown by Mr. Buglass. These classes and the Any Other Variety classes were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), who pleased the majority. British, Mules, etc., were a fine lot, too, and were carefully selected by Mr. J. Pendrigh (Edinburgh) to everyone's satisfaction. The management was ideal, Mr. Welsh, the secretary, having the reins well in hand, and carrying out everything to a complete and satisfactory conclusion. He was ably assisted by a willing committee composed of genuine fanciers. The show was held in the Buccleuch Hall, an ideal place, being well lighted.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Winter, hot fed yell., lovely size and shape; 2, Dandie, nice type and quality; 3, Winter, good stamp; 4, Finnie, well up in feather; vhc, Buglass; hc, c, Holmes. HEN (16): Cup, 1, 2, c, Holmes, leader good one, grand size, lovely shape and colour, wins cup for best in section; 2nd, good shape, and body; 3, vhc, Winter, good front; 4, Buglass, stylish; hc, Foster. BUFF CK. (22): 1, 3, hc, Holmes, again leading with a hot one, grand shape and finish, well put down; 3rd, another nice one; 2, 4, and vhc, Winter, 2nd good stamp, both grand size; c, Buglass. HEN (18): 1, Buglass, grand size, shape and finish, wins easily; 2, hc, Holmes, fine front and style; 3, 4, vhc, Winter, 3rd good one, grandly moulded, plenty of substance; 4th, nice quality; c, Forster. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Winter, hot fed yell., plenty size and shape; 2, hc, Holmes, nice exhibit all over; 3, Thomson, good all-round variog.; 4, Craig, fine size and shape; vhc, Thomson. HEN (10): 1, 4, vhc, Thomson, leader romping home, grand all over; 4th, nice size and quality; 2, Holmes, good heavy variog.; 3, Buglass, nice stamp and quality; hc, c, Winter. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Winter, leader an easy win, rare shape, colour, etc.; 2nd, plenty weight; 3, Thomson, hot fed, nice one; 4, Holmes, beaten in substance only; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Craig. HEN (15): 1, Caldwell, slasher, well fed, in fine bloom; 2, 3, 4, Winter, all very nice birds; vhc, Holmes; hc, Finnie; c, Thomson. YELL. NOVICE (7): 1, vhc, Stormont, hot fed, good one; 2, 3, Finnie, both variog., nice type and size, good feather; 4, c, Gray; hc, Stewart. BUFF (14): 1, 4, vhc, Finnie, leader good size and shape, fine quality; 4th, plenty substance, good feather, neat; 2, McFarlane, nice quality and shape, good exhibit; 3, hc, c, Stormont. CREST CK. (7): 1, Holton, good D.C., fine size and quality; 2, 3, Cairns, grand-fronted grizzle, nice side and back; 3rd, nice length of feather; 4, Holton. HEN (6): 1, Holton, well laid on headpiece, good one; 2, 3, Cairns, neat size and shape; 4, Carson, nice quality. C.B. CK. (8): 1, hc, Holton, stormer, grand entrance and lash; 2, 4, Cairns, grand-backed bird; 4th, falls in entrance and lash only; 3, Winter, nice all round, good size and substance; vhc, Dunlop. HEN (3): 1, 3, Holton, leader nice green, good entrance and lash; 2, Dunlop, good entrance, beaten in lashing only. CREST OR C.B. NOVICE (1): 1, Grant, nice all-round grizzle crest. CINN. CK. (3): 1, Finnie, good one, fine size, colour, and lacing; 2, Craig, nice shape, warm colour. HEN (3): 1, Finnie, wins easily, best size, grand colour and lacing; 2, Gray, nice nat. col. GOLD, ETC. LIZ. (3): 1, 2, 3, Dandie, leader grand Silver, rare head, good spangle; 2nd, slightly broken in cap; 3rd, Jonque, foils in cap. ANY OTHER CAN. (2): 1, 2, Winter, leader good yell., Scot. Fancy; 2nd, nice buff. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, 3, 4, Lumsden, leader nicely drawn, fine shape; 4th, good shape; 2, Welsh, nice body, fine weight; vhc, Caldwell; hc, Hook; c, Brown. HEN (19): 1, 4, Windrum, good type and shape; 4th, grand feather and shape; 2, Welsh, fine taper, inclined to cross wings a little at times; 3, Holmes, good one, shade soft when judged; vhc, Lumsden; hc, c, Brown. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 3, Brown, leader well moulded; 3rd, nice quality; 2, Welsh, grand shape and head; 4, Lumsden; vhc, Windrum; hc, Finnie; c, Hook. HEN (16): 1, 2, Lumsden, leader nice stamp, well rounded; 2nd, close up, also good shape and quality; 3, Holmes, grand feather; 4, c, Windrum, nice shape; vhc, Caldwell; hc, Hook. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, cup, B. and C.C. medal, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Buglass, leader real good one, live yell. green, sound in colour and markings; 2nd, good marked buff green; 3rd, yell. cinn., well laced, good colour; 4, Dandie, nice buff green hen, sweet shape and size. A.O.COL. CK. (15): 1, 3, 4, Brown, leader, good buff, variog., well rounded, in grand order; 3rd and 4th, two high-coloured yellow, nice size and shape; 2, hc, Welsh, fine heavy variog. yell., grand shape and quality; vhc, Hook; c, Windrum. HEN (15): 1, 2, Hook, leader good variog. yell., nice shape and style; 2nd, tight feather, buff; 3, 4, hc, Windrum, 3rd and 4th two sweet yell. variog., grand size and finish; vhc, Welsh; c, Lumsden. NOVICE YELL. (7): 1, 4, hc, Finnie, leader nice shape and quality; 4th, beaten in shape only; 2, 3, Windrum, two nice birds; c, Stewart. BUFF. (8): 1, 2, 3, Finnie, leader topping buff bird; 2nd, variog. ck., well drawn; 3, Gray, again a good one; vhc, Windrum; hc, Gray; c, Stewart. NOR. CK., OLD (7): 1, Wilson, good yell. tick cock, fine size and style; 2, 3, Buglass, buff close up, and nice yell.; 4, Foster, yell.; vhc, Anderson; hc, Dandie. HEN (2): 1, Buglass, hot fed buff; 2, McFarlane, variog. NOR. BREEDING PAIRS (4): 1, Holton, slashing C.B., and a good all-round crest; 2, Watson, pair hot fed Nor., well balanced; 3, Foster, pair of nice cinn.; 4, Grant, C.B. and Crest. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 3, c, Arrighi, leader grand Siskin; 3rd, topping Twite for colour and markings; 2, hc, Watson, nice Mealy Redpoll, well up in size; 4, Winter, Siskin, fine size; vhc, Brown. LIGHT MULES (2): 1, 2, Foster, two nice light variog. Goldie Mules, well up in size and colour, leader the largest. DARK GOLDFINCH CAN. (8): 1, vhc, Brown, good Jonque Goldie, well up in size; 2, 3, Bankier, slashing buff, grand face and size; 3rd, also buff, well up in colour; 4, c, Anderson, nice colour; hc, Bankier. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (5): 1, Bankier, good buff Linnet, well up in size; 2, 4, Brown, Jonque and buff greenie respectively, fine size and quality of feather; 3, Gray, also a Greenie buff. OLD MULES (11): 1, 3, vhc, Arrighi, good greenie bullie leading; 3rd, topping jonque Goldfinch, in grand bloom; 2, Martin, nice variog. Goldfinch, well up in size; 4, Foster, sweet Linnet Bullie in A1 bloom; hc, Carson; c, Arrighi. HYB. (2): 1, cup, Forster, nice Goldie Bullie Hyb., in fine bloom, well up in size. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Dandie, slashing Finch for size, grand face and bloom; 2, Brown, good Britisher, in A1 condition; 3, 4, Arrighi, another good Siberian, grand face and shape; 4th, also plenty size; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Foster. LINNET (9): 1, Arrighi, noted winner, leading in size and markings; 2, Brown, nice quality; 3, Craig, plenty size; 4, Finnie, well marked; vhc, hc, Grant; c, McFarlane. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Arrighi, hot fed, nice size and quality; 2, Foster, good shape, nice colour, well up; 3, Brown, well up in bloom, fine finish; 4, Atkinson, dense colour; vhc, Finnie; hc, Martin; c, Anderson. BULLFINCH HENS (4): 1, 3, Arrighi, two romping Russians, 1st the best order; 2, Watson, good Britisher. BREEDING FINCH (5): 1, 2, 3, Arrighi, Bramble, Chaffie, and Bullfinch respectively, all in good bloom; 4, Watson, nice Bramble; vhc, Welsh. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 4, Arrighi, good Hawfinch, nice Cirl Bunting, and nice Yellowhammer; 3, vhc, Dandie, grand caged Blackbird; hc, Watson; c, Craig. FOR. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Arrighi, Baltimore Oriole, Cape Sparrows, Cardinal, and Bullfinch, all in fine bloom, nice collection.

WORTHING.

The 16th annual show of the Worthing F.A., took place in the Imperial Institute, on November 25th and 26th, and was a great success, thanks to the able management of the excellent hon. secretary, Mr. H. Tate, and his assistant, Mr. G. White, backed, as they were, by a splendid body of fanciers in the committee, Councillor W. Walter (chairman), Messrs. C. Pilgrim (vice-chairman), T. Gale, H. Hopper, G. Stubbs, A. Williams, and Councillor F. Tate (hon. treasurer). The Institute is a capital place for a show. The entries were good, and the quality was very nice. British birds came up well, as was to be expected in the home of that now well-known lady exhibitor, Miss Hopwood. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged Canaries and Foreign, and Mr. M. Penfold took the British. The show was opened by the Mayor (J. G. Denton, Esq.), who is an old cage bird fancier, and who that day had succeeded, to his great pleasure and satisfaction, in winning special for best Yorkshire.

YORKS. (19): 1, spl, Denton, splendid length of leg and side, full of fire, nice quality, yell., neat head, well carried wings; 2, Burtenshaw, variog. yell. fine length, nice tail, well cleaned out for a variog. nice taper; 3, Wells, yell., nice back, stands well, good quality; vhc (2), Heavsey; hc, Mrs. Hill; c, Williams. NOR. (14): 1, spl, 3, F. Walter, leader, fine quality, nat. col. yell., good head, nice body, shape, well shown; 3, a fed buff, silky feather, nice shape; 2, vhc, Rev. Miller, buff, bonny shape, nice quality feather; hc, c, Denton. CREST OR C.B. (12), all the prizes, 2 spls, and all the honour cards to Mr. T. Gale, with a fine team, a rattling headed Green Crest-bred leading, followed by a very neat, nice fronted and centred grizzle Crest. GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, Williams, nice face, bars, and lustre; 2, Wirtzfield, very close up, smart Finch; 3, Hopper, very pretty, nicely proportioned; vhc, Walter; hc, Williams; c, Hopper. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (14): 1, spl, Stubbs, very smart, good colour, nice feather; 2, 3, hc, J. Tyfield, rattling team of Finches, all well shown; res, F. Tyfield; vhc, c, Wells; c, Williams. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, Miss Hill; 2, we missed; 3, res, vhc, c, Miss Hopwood; vhc, Cowley; hc, Mrs. Hill. SELL (12/-) (16): 1, Rev. Miller; 2, res, vhc, F. Walter; 3, hc, Gale; vhc, hc, Haddow; vhc, hc, Miss Hopwood; vhc, Williams; hc, Stubbs. NOVICE (15/- limit) (7): 1, vhc, Mackenzie; 2, A. Williams, junr.; 3, Mrs. Stubbs; res, Mackenzie; vhc, Pilgrim; hc, Mrs. Butcher; c, Miss Cloce. FOR. (9): 1, spl, no name; 2, Mrs. Partridge; 3, Voice; vhc, Mrs. Robinson; hc, Mrs. Partridge; c, Miss Bailey.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' Show held on November 14th, at Headquarters. 98 birds were staged in 9 classes and Mr. T. Bennett (Lidget Green) placed the cards to the satisfaction of all. The principal point-scorers were Messrs. Hardaker 23, Taylor Bros and S. Shaw 21 each, and J. Swailes 20.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Bastow; 3, Hudson; 4, Shaw; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Hillas; c, Humphries. BUFF: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Swailes; 3, Crowther; 4, Thornton; vhc, Mann; hc, Humphries; 3, Bairstow and Chapman. TICKED ETC. YELL.: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Shaw; 3, Hardaker; 4, Mann; vhc, Crowther; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Ellerton. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Taylor Bros; 3, Hardaker; 4, Wilman; vhc, Hudson; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hindle. FOUL, MKD.: 1, Wilman; 2, Mann; 3, 4, Bywater and Waddington. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Bastow; vhc, Crowther; hc, Mann; c, Swailes. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Swailes; 3, Bastow; 4, vhc, Hardaker; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Mann. UNEVEN ETC.: 1, Hudson; 2, Musson; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, hc, Thornton; vhc, c, Wilman. YORKS. STOCK: 1, Hardaker; 2, Shaw; 3, Thornton; 4, Bastow; vhc, Hillas. E. W. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

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CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Annual 12 miles radius show held on November 21st, in the Church School. A very good entry was obtained (for a radius show), the quality being very high. The Yorkshire classes were both of very good quality, Mr. Vernon showing two grand exhibits and gaining special for best bird in show. Competition was also keen in Norwich. Mr. J. R. Cooper makes a most obliging secretary, being ably assisted by a hard-working committee, composed of Messrs. G. Mayle (chairman), R. J. Hunter (vice-chairman), S. Mycock, G. Lomas, S. Arsen, G. Simpson, Peter Vernon, J. Ford, J. H. Martin, H. Chapman, etc. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Vernon, very stylish yell., lovely quality feather, nice colour and position, well shown; 2, vhc, Dewsnap, ticked yell., well up on leg, nice tight feather, in good condition; 3, Lomas, very typical cl. yell., neat head and wings, splendid colour; res, Flint; vhc, he, Dewsnap. BUFF (6): 1, spl best in show, Vernon, clinking unflig. tkd. buff, grand back and wings, beautiful carriage, rich colour; 2, 3, Dewsnap, very nice exhibits, both in lovely condition; res, vhc, Flint; he, Potts. RN. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Flint, W. S., very stylish tkd. yell., in lovely condition; 2, Millward, cl., neat head and chest, grand rich colour, close up; 3, Beswick, another cl., very typical head and neck; res, Cartwright; hc, Holmes. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Millward, good size, very neat back and wings, good full chest; 2, Beswick, cl., in grand condition, but open in front; 3, c, Flint, nice quality, good shape, well shown; res, he, Booth; vhc, Booth. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, res, Evans, crest, lovely feather, splendid size, neat round crest, wins; 2nd, Dewsnap, and 3rd, Walters, brace of very fine Lancs., both of very good quality and position; hc, Potts. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Marsden, Blackcap, in lovely condition, grand size and shape, neat cap, well shown; 2, he, Swarbrick, Hawfinch, capital bib, nice shape, in grand condition; 3, Newlands, Greenie, grand size, rich colour, rather wild; res., Fowler, grand Lark, but would not show himself.

CAMBRIDGE.

The 15th annual show of the Cambridgeshire O.S. was held in the Corn Exchange on November 25th and 26th. The committee are certainly to be congratulated upon an entry of considerably over 2,000, in which the caged birds section staged a very important part. The whole of the arrangements were in the very capable hands of Mr. W. Driver, the indefatigable hon. secretary, Messrs. Linsey and Edwards occupying the position of bird stewards. The hall was kept at a suitable temperature. The Norwich section was fairly good, while the Yorkshires were considerably above the average both in numbers and quality. Mules and British classes contained a number of choice specimens, while the foreign birds were a show in themselves. Mrs. C. L. Anningson (a local exhibitor), with a grand team of no less than 30 exhibits (including the very rare Banksian Cockatoo, for which bird we understand that lady has refused a very high figure), captured, as might be expected, most of the prizes. Mr. H. T. Camp judged the Foreigners, and Mr. T. J. Ambrose the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Candley and Son, some were sorry not to be able to follow the judge here, nice bird, lovely quality; 2, Gould, tkd., large, deep colour; 3, c, Brooks, sound in colour throughout, excellent type, full of quality; res, Punchard, very nice exhibit; vhc, Pamphilon; hc, Wards. BUFF (9): 1, spl, hc, Brooks, rare stamp, marked on wing, very typical, clear win; 2, vhc, Punchard, marked bird, correct type, nicely-carried wngs and tail; 3, Candley and Son, lovely cl., rare size, beautifully mealed, teeming with quality; res, Gould, very compact, excels in body. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, spl, 3, Harrison, 1st variег. C.B., remarkably fine broad head, dense feather, rare length, cl. win; 2nd, excellent crest, good frontal and centre; 2, he, Brooks, very smart crested bird, well formed crest, beautiful texture; res, vhc, green, very large crest. NOR. BRED, 1908 (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Barber, cl. buff, extra good head, nicely-rounded chest, good pair of wings, beautifully mealed; 2, Pamphilon, cl. yell., excellent colour and type; 3, vhc, Brooks, smart crest of lovely quality of feather, and nicely made; res, Candley and Son, mkd. yell., nice stamp, rich colour; hc, King; c, Punchard. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, spl, 2, Harris, nice colour, correct length, well-filled-in shoulders, good pair of legs; 2nd, slim bird, well drawn out, hardly equal in head to first; 3, vhc, Murrell, very smart, well made, extra good wings, nice pipe tail; res, Harrison, fine large bird; he, Ballard; c, French. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Harris, 1st very clean, smooth as a bottle, well drawn out, choice; 3rd, in rare fettle; 2, vhc, Murrell, sweetly pretty, very slim and straight; res, Linsey, very fine long bird, correct type; he, French; c, Ballard. YORK., BRED 1908: 1, spl, 3, res, Harris, very fine team, 1st wins cup for best Can. in show, lovely yell., teeming with quality, correct length, straight as a gun-barrel, well-carried wings and tail; 3rd, another choice yell.; 2, Linsey, very smart, well-made buff, tight as a Java, excellent quality; vhc, French; he, c, Murrell. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, 3, Ingram, yell. cinn., very rich colour, excellent quality; 3rd, equally good buff cinn.; 2, Linsey, very smart buff Border Fancy, in rare trim; res, Fennell, very good yell. Nor. HYB. (11): 1, spl, Mays, very choice, rare specimen of the Redpoll Bullie, in rich plumage; 2, hc, Mascall, good Can. Bullie, in rare condition; 3, Lees, pretty light Linnet Mule, nice shape and condition; res, local spl, Brooks, nearly six-pointed Goldfinch Mule; vhc, Lees. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Gifford, in excellent bloom, nice square blaze, rich tanning; 2, Whybrow, large, very expansive blaze, but just lacks the polish of winner; 3, Mays, smart Finch, in rare form; res, Punchard; vhc, Chapman; hc, Dickens and Welch. BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Mays, nice size, jet black cap, rich in colour both on chest and neck; 2, Mascall, very steady, well-formed cap, nice colour; 3, King, compact, smart appearance; res, Punchard; vbc, Lambert; hc, Cuttenz. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Bloy, rich colour, well pencilled and steady; 2, King, nice bird; 3, Gifford, large, nicely pencilled and steady; res, Punchard; vhc, Ridgeon. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Rouse, nice sized yell. Greenfinch, good colour; 2, Jeeves, equally good buff Greenfinch, tight as wax; 3, Smith, smart Lesser Redpoll; res, Mays, nice yell. Greenfinch; vhc, hc, Bye. A.O.S. LARGE (6): 1, 2, spl, very fine Blackbird, deep rich colour, excellent yell. beak and ceres; 2, local spl, Linsey, nice Magpie, bad dirt or blood on one side of body; 3, Linsey, very fine Missel Thrush, in excellent condition, grandly marked; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Clarke. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Mays, very pretty Wheatear, in rare trim; 2, Ridgewell, smart little Titlark, well pencilled and, steady; 3, local spl, very fine rich-coloured Bramble, excellent crest; res, Linsey; vhc, Brace; hc, Bye. SELL. (15/-): 1, Hearn, four-pointed Goldfinch Mule, quickly claimed; 2, Williams, nice yell. Nor.; 3, Linsey, good Yorks.; res, Ingram; vhc, Hearn; hc, Smith; c, Casey. LOCAL CLASSES (£3 limit), NOR.: 1, spl, Rogers, well-made buff, good colour; 2, Bainbridge, buff, otherwise good; 3, Linsey, ticked yell., nice colour; res, King; vhc, Ison. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, 2, spl, Gifford, 1st very fine rich-coloured self green Yorks., correct length, well made throughout; 2nd, yell. mkd. Yorkshire, similar type; 3, spl, res, vhc, hc, Linsey, 3rd very pretty Bord. Fancy, tight as wax. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Hipwell, smart Siskin, nice breast colour, dark cap and bib; 2, Cutting, bonny little Lesser Redpoll; 3, Wesson, similar; res, spl for best Linnet, Smith; vhc, Bye. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Hinson, smart Goldfinch, nice blaze and tanning, bit thick when we took our notes; 2, spl, Jeeves, buff Greenfinch, in rare plumage; 3, Linsey, Chaffinch, very brilliant colour, steady; res, Cousins, nice Goldfinch, extra good blaze; vhc, Hipwell; hc, Ridgewell; c, Williams. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2 spls, Linsey, really very fine Magpie, in suitable cage, cheap at catalogue price, 30/-; 2, spl, Linsey, very fine Thrush, grandly spotted from beak to tail; 3, Collingwood, very fussy and cunning Jackdaw; vhc, Hawes; hc, Anningson. SELL. (10/-): 1, Ison; 2, Williams; 3, Rogers; res, Edwards; vhc, Smith; hc, Hipwell; c, Linsey. FOR., MACAW, ETC. (10): 1, 2, res, vhc, hc, Mrs. Anningson, 1st celebrated Banksian Cockatoo, in rare form; 2nd, lovely salmon-crested Cockatoo, also in good condition; res, Leadbeater Cockatoo; vhc, Gollens Cockatoo; hc, Scarlet and Blue Macaw, very fine team; 3, Stubbins, Blue Macaw, well-known bird. PARROTS, ETC. (13): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Anningson, 1st lovely Eclectus Parrot, 2nd an equally good Jardine Parrot; vhc, Senegal Parrot; hc, Blue Mountain Lory; 3, Chivers, Grey Parrot; res, Cooper, King Parraket. SMALL (11): 1, 3, res, c, Mrs. Anningson, 1st pair of lovely Scarlet Tanagers; 3rd, equally good Long-tailed Whydah; res, Yellow Budgerigars; c, pair of White Javas; 2, he, pair of Gouldians; vhc, Hadley, pair of Bicheno Finches—an excellent class. LOCAL CLASS (13): 1, 3, res, vhc, he, c, Mrs. Anningson, another very choice team, all in prime condition; 1st, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker; 3rd, pair of Cuba Parrots; res, Shaft-tailed Whydah; vhc, Glossy Starlings; hc, pair of Eclectus Parots; c, pair of Pekin Robins; 2, Mrs. Punch, very fine King Parrot.

WHITBY.

The 23rd show of the Whitby F.S. was held on November 25th, under the general secretaryship of Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, a most energetic and thorough official. The caged bird section was held for the first time in the new Market Hall, a very great improvement on the hall where shows have been previously held, it being lofty, well lighted, free from draught, and in every way fitted for show purposes. The exhibits were attended to by Messrs. F. C. Agar, W. Watmough, R. Dickenson, J. M. Fletcher, W. Porritt, with Messrs. J. P. Stamp and F. Calam as sectional secretaries. They are all enthusiastic, so that everything went well. The entry was a good one, averaging just over twelve per class. The classification might with advantage be improved upon another year, especially seeing that Whitby is so noted for British birds. Mr. E. Brunskill judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, hc, Pickering and Wright, fine big cl., grand head, neck and chest, nice colour, good type and feather, wins well; 2, c, Hesp, tkd. neck, good head and neck, nice colour and type; 3, Russell, good one, will improve; 4, Miss Coble, nice quality; vhc, Middleton, Malton; hc, Calam. BUFF (15): 1, Agar, grand cl., lovely type, colour, and feather, good size, wins easily; 2, Pickering and Wright, nice unflig., good colour, shape, and type; 3, Miss Coble, nice typical cl. hen; 4, c, Hesp, good hot cl., grand chest and feather; vhc, Harland. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Middleton, good feather, type and colour; 2, Stevens, good typical cl., stands well, nice back, well piped tail; 3, Sample, fine unflig., good stand, type and colour; 4, Dixon, typical unflig., stands well; vhc, Watmough; hc, Mitchell; c, Fletcher. BUFF (8): 1, Hyde's teapot, Watmough, grand cl., typical, good back, feather and colour; 2, c, Fletcher, nice unflig., straight back, good stand and colour; 3, Lines, ticked shoulder, nice position and size; 4, Pressey; vhc, Stevens, wet through when we saw it; hc, Porritt. CREST AND C.B. (8): 1, Calam, good variег. D.C., good size, well radiated, fine veiny feather, good quality, wins; 2, Gibson, nicely feathered variег., well browed, plenty of feather; 3, Palmer, nice cl. body D.C., good quality; 4, Blackburn, variег., nice head; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Russell; c, Fletcher. CAN. A.O.V. OR MULE (3): 1, Marwood, well-known Goldfinch Can Mule, frequently described, even marked, in the pink of condition, marvellous for its age; 2, Pickering and Wright, grand buff cinn. cock, good size, fine colour and feather; 3, Calam, very nicely fed Greenfinch Can., lovely feather; 4, Bowron and Kimmings, nice six-pointed Goldfinch Can.; vhc, Russell; hc, c, Meadows. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC. (14): Good class; 1, 2, Boyle, 1st grand Goldfinch, in fine bloom, beautiful square blaze, delightful tan and breast; 2nd, very fine bouse-moulted Bullfinch, grand cap, breast and bars; 3, Calam, beautiful house-moulted Bullie hen, fine cap, lovely feather; 4, Prest, good Goldfinch; vhc, Stamp, grand field-moulted Bullie, a beauty; hc, Bowron and Kinnings; c, Watson. LINNET (house-moulted or wild): 1, 3 spls, Prest, 1st nice field-moulted bird, was somewhat thick and in cage bottom when these notes were taken; 2, Shears, a little deficient in markings and polish, but a nice one; 3, Hunt, grand one, nicely marked, good back and pencilling; 4, Stamp, really good bird, some thought it might have gone up. 1st at Blaydon-on-Tyne; No. 19 (same owner) unnoticed, was 1st and special at Hull; vhc, Boyle, another good Linnet; hc, Hunt. FOR. (5): 1, spl, Lakin; 2, Mrs. Hugill; 3, Miss Pearson; 4, Fowler; vhc, Boyle; all very fine Parrots except the vhc, a nice Blue Java. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, Gibson; 2, Agar; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Lines; vhc, Middleton; hc, Bowron and Kinnings; c, Fletcher. CUP CLASS, BRED 1908, MEMBERS' (13): 1, challenge cup, Calam, the winning Crest; 2, c, Miss Coble, the 3rd Buff Nor.; 3, 4, Fletcher, Yorks. and Nor. respectively; vhc, Watmough; hc, Porritt.

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LONG EATON.

First open show held Nov. 28th and 30th in the People's Hall. The management was ideal, everything being grandly arranged, the staging too being a nice height. The hall is an ideal one for a show, being excellently lighted, well ventilated, and very spacious. The Norwich made a capital display; Mr. W. Bowyer staged a nice team, and also Mr. E. Fox, who captured three firsts, his noted marked yellow and clear buff hen standing well out. The unflighted classes were heavy and keenly contested, some gems being staged. Yorkshire's were hardly so good in number, but the quality was A1; and Crests and Crestbreds were a grand collection. Mr G. Colledge having a grand team out. The Mules on the whole were good, and British were also a fine collection. The birds in the two Foreign classes (although not many in number), made a capital show. Mr. J. Turner carried out the secretarial duties to perfection, being ably assisted by a hard working committee, composed of Messrs. O. Clark (chairman), H. Hay (vice-chairman), E. Fox, W. Haliam, W. Schofield, A. Horwood, E. Wilcox, C. Rodgers, H. Sheldon, R. S. Turner, R. Hexter, J. Wood, E. Barker and J. Lowe. The entries came up well, being 320 in the 42 classes. Judging was over in good time and prize cards displayed promptly. The judges were Mr. J. H. Ree, the Norwich, Borders, and foreign birds, and Mr. J. Robson, the Crests, Yorkshires, British and Mules.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Bowyer, fine massive, specimen, red hot colour, delightful feather, nice head, neck and chest, a gem, Nottingham winner; 2, Severn, full of quality, grand shape, good size, extremely nice; 3, Moore and Sons, good type, nice shape and size, bold front, in lovely condition; hc, c, Vardy, ablaze with colour. BUFF (9): 1, C. Severn, wonderful size, very rich colour, nice feather, good carriage and body shape; 2, he, Vardy, full of quality, excellent type, rare colour and frosting, in lovely condition; 3, Walton and Noakes, capital feather and colour, good type and carriage; vhc, Bertie, grand front, nice feather. TICK, ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Fox, variег. smooth as glass, grand substance and quality, lovely colour, in the pink; 2, Hall, wing marked, fine deep broad chest, A1 wings and tail, neat head and neck, lovely condition; 3, Walton and Noakes, neck mkd., lovely shape, grand quality and feather; vhc, Emery, head and wing mkd, nat. col. very fine specimen, would take some stopping if col. fed; hc, Hulse; c, Coltman. BUFF (6): 1, c, Fox, head and wing marked, lovely colour, feather and frosting, good carriage of flights and tail, clean under; 2, Walton and Noakes, eye marked, warm colour, grand shape and size, delightfully frosted; 3, Hall, variег., A1 colour and quality, lovely shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Severn. NOR. HEN. YELL. (12): 1, Fox, well-known saddle, looking A1 to-day, grand substance and quality, shone like satin, in the pink; 2, Bowyer, cl. perfect feather, nice tone of colour, Nottingham winner, fine deep chest, very neat head and wings, in lovely condition; 3, Bertie, cl. very cobby, nice carriage, superb quality and colour; vhc, Dallman and Sons, cl. good size and shape; hc, Tyler; c, Severn. BUFF (13), a grand class: 1, 2, Fox, brace of slashing specimens, winner noted cl, perfect shape, rare substance and carriage, Nottingham winner; 2, wonderful shape and size, lovely head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Vardy, eye and wing marked, teeming with colour, nicely frosted, short and thick-set, in lovely condition; vbc, Severn, cl. short and thick, neat head; hc, Moore and Sons; c, Bowyer. UNFLIG YELL. (14): 1, hc, Walton and Noakes, cl. very cobby, short and thick-set, grand head and wings, nice short tail; 2, Hall, cl. lovely shape, grand quality and carriage, fine head and wings, splendid colour; 3, Emery, cl. bot colour, lovely wing carriage, rare stamp all over, A1 style; vhc, Flint, cl. nice shape, splendid colour; c, Seed. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Vardy, leader neck and wing mkd., fine head, grand body, lovely shape; 2, cl. stout, good head and back, finely drawn, both in lovely condition; 3, Bellamy, cl., grand shape, neat head and wings, lovely back and tail, nice colour; vhc, Severn, well staged, good shape and style; hc, Moore and Sons, very neat cl.; c, Wilcox and Sons. CREST YELL. (3): 1, Colledge, green, lovely feather, fine size, crest of rich leafy feather, nice round crest; 2, Barber, wing marked, D.C. capital quality and substance, crest round, good droop; 3, Davis, green, massively built, good size of crest. BUFF (DARK) (9): 1, Brown, wing mark, wonderful substance abundance of feather, delightful shape, lovely droop and centre; 2, Cowpertwait, grand cl. body, D.C., grand veiny feather, crest of fine shape and size, rattling droop; 3, Davis, D.C. cl. body, abundance of rich feather, fine substance, good size of crest, in lovely condition; vhc, Turner; hc, Nuttall; c, Wigglington. A.O.V. (1): 1, Colledge, cl body, D.C., marvellous substance and length of feather, massive crest, possessing heaps of feather. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Colledge, cl. body D.C., good substance and head character, wealth of feather, best of droop; 2, Brown, cl. body D.C., crest leafy and of lovely frontal, grand shape and substance; 3, Twine, buff wing mark D.C., wonderful size, neat shape, good third; vhc, c, Cowpertwaite; c Turner. C.B. (7): 1, Alton, yell. green, superb quality, fine bold specimen, A1 shape, slashing width of skull, a stormer; 2, Bowyer, yell. variег., clinking quality, nice substance, rare head and size, heaps of feather; 3, Nuttall Bros., yell. green, capital quality, lovely body shape; vhc, c, Wigginton; hc, Davis. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Colledge, head mark buff, well up in substance, grand shape, lovely quality, abundance of feather; 2, Brown, variег. buff, superb quality, fine bold specimen, capital feather, neat head, good lashing; 3, Davis, variег. buff, capital feather, in great profusion, nice-shaped body, neat head; vhc, Nuttall Bros.; hc, Brown, c, Turner. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): A grand class; 1, Parkes, fine slim typical specimen, A1 colour, neat head, good wing and tail carriage, in lovely condition; 2, Cuthbertson, long, racy, and upstanding, grand carriage, A1 quality and position; 3, Wall, fine length, stands delightfully, good colour, Matlock winner; vhc, Broughton, well up in colour; hc, Sutcliffe and Son, warm colour; c, Hawley. BUFF (5): Broughton, wonderful length, grand position, feathered to perfection, well up on leg; 2, Parkes, grand long and typical, stands well, capital wings and back, nice condition; 3, Day, straight up, long-sided, grand back and flights; vhc, Hymas; hc, Wood. TICK (5): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, winner ticked yell., shines like satin, capital position and length, A1 quality and feather; 3rd, thigh ticked buff, well up in colour, superior feather, neat neck, head, and wings; 2, Parkes, neck marked yell., lovely colour and condition, capital length, A1 stand; vhc, Day; hc, Hymas. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Broughton, head marked buff, grand length and stand, smooth as glass, capital quality, A1 wings and back; 2, hc, c, White, cl. yell., stands like a guardsman, grand back and flights; 3, Cuthbertson, very stylish cl. buff, grand length and position; vbc, Flint. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Sutcliffe and Sons, cl., good length and stand, lovely colour, straight as a rush, in champion condition; 2, hc, Cuthbertson, head marked, long, typical, and upstanding, fine position very neat head and neck; 3, Broughton, cl., grand wings, racy and typical, stands well; c, Day. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Broughton, cl. and eye mark in order named, 1st clinking specimen, straight as a dart, fine silky feather; 2nd, spanking eye mark, grand level colour, neat head and back, in nice condition; 3, Cuthbertson, eye mark, grand length and position, nice level colour, stands well; vhc, Hawley; hc, Crowson; wrong class. Day. BORD. (4): 1, Taylor, cl. buff, well moulded, perfect wing and tail carriage, good quality of feather; 2, Wigginton, yell. green, lovely shape, grand head, perfect carriage, well shown; 3, vhc, Hall, splendid type, good pipe, tail, nice head and feather; vhc, very neat cl. UNFLIG (3): 1, 3, Wigginton, chin. green, and head and wing marked buff, leader perfect carriage, feather like wax, splendid position and style; 3rd, perfect head, grand eye, free mover, the type that is wanted; 2, Tyler, cl. buff, grand colour, wings and tail superb. A.O.V. (10): 1, 3, hc, Gilbert, two four-pointed buff Nor., both grand size and shape, grand head and wings, in lovely condition; 2, vhc, c, Seed, three cinns., in tip-top bloom, lovely shape throughout, neat head and front, A1 wing carriage. NOR. (NOVICE) (13): 1, Wilcox and Sons, cl. yell., grand shape, nice head and neck, rare wing carriage, stout front, in rare form; 2, he, cl. yell., Coltman, stout, good head and back, finely drawn, well staged; 3, Dallman and Sons, cl. buff, strongly made, plenty of substance, nice colour and condition; vhc, Eaton, very neat head and wing marked buff; c, Bentley. YORKS. (14): 1, Andrews, cl. yell., well up on leg, grand position and colour, neat head and wings, in lovely feather; 2, Day, cl. buff, very racy and typical, stands on good legs, nice even colour, in lovely condition; 3, Eaton, cl. yell., lovely feather, well up on leg, nicely finished; vhc, c, Rodgers and Orchard, nice length and position, not long enough; hc, Clarke. CREST (6): 1, 2, Barker, leader good one, nice round crest, finely centred; 2nd, good one, fine length of feather, well forward; 3, c, Barber, good bird, nice at back, well groomed; vhc, Dunn; hc, Shelton. C.B. (10): 1, 2, E. Barker, 1st buff variег., well up in substance, capital quality, lovely width of skull; 2nd, yell. green, good quality and shape, nice size, plenty of feather; 3, Bentley, buff green, good substance and quality; vhc, hc, R. Barber, two very nice buff variег., in lovely condition; hc, Stevens. MULE, LIGHT (5): 1, Gilbert; 2, hc, Colton and Dawn, look like cl., both Goldies, leader fine size and colour, 2nd very neat all through, as they stood at Nottingham; 3, Lander, fine coloured Gold-Canary, also nice one for shape and quality; vhc, he, Vardy. DARK (1): Cooper and Sons, dark, Goldie-Can., rare size and quality, in lovely condition. A.O.V. MULE (except Can. Bullie) (4): 1, Smith; 2, Lander, both Siskin-Canaries, both nice size, good quality and colour, fine condition; No. 2 Hingley, No. 3 Alton, wrong class. HYB. (6): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, leader noted Redpoll-Bullie, best for size and markings, in rare condition, Nottingham winner; 2nd, Greenie-Bullie, very smart, excellent size and shape; 3, Gilbert, very smart Redpoll-Goldie, nice size and shape, good colour; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hexter; c, Hingley. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Lander, grand one for blaze and quality, lovely size and shape, well tanned and marked, good one; 2, Hexter, also very shapely, nice size, square cut face, good moons and buttons; 3, Wilcox and Sons, rare size and shape, excellent blaze, smart one; vhc, Hexter; hc, Bexson; c, Robinson. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Harrison, beautiful type and size, broad chest, nice cap, excellent back and bars, one of the best, Liverpool, Nottingham, Hull, etc., winner, in grand form to-day; 2, Hexter, another good one, will improve in colour later, neat cap, bars and back; 3, Tyler, grand stamp, good colour, very steady, hardly size; vhc, Chick; hc, Henshaw; c, Garton. LINNET (4): 1, Chick, easy win, rare size, well marked on breast, fine chest, grand flights; 2, Alton, very shapely, well got up, good tone of colour, nice size and condition; 3, Robinson, good colour and marking, in fine order; vhc, Hadley. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Robinson, Greenie, real good one, grand size, lovely shade of colour, rare shape, good head and front; 2, he, Henshaw, Redpoll, nice size, rare bib, well marked in extra bloom; 3, Hexter, Siskin, grand size, lovely quality feather, very neat cap, splendidly laced on sides, well staged; vhc, Turner; c, Widdowson. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, Chick, noted Hawfinch, The Prince, topper for size, in beautiful condition, walks over; 2, Asbury, Bramble, in nice condition, good colour and markings, good size, very steady; 3, Bexon, another Bramble, nice size, rather wild at time of taking notes; vhc, Hexter; hc, Garton; w.c., Chick, Meadow Bunting. BRIT., LARGE (3): 1, Hexter; 2, Heathfield, two very nice Thrushes, in lovely condition, winner grand size and markings. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Stocker, Eclectus Parrot, in lovely feather; 2, Mrs. Henton, really fine Blue and Amber Macaw, in grand condition; 3, Hadley, Bluebonnet Parraket, well shown; vhc, Garton, pair of fine Japanese Hawfinches. SMALL (12): 1, 3, Stocks, Superb and Scarlet Tanager, two beauties, best possible condition, and staged in A1 form; 2, vhc, Mrs. Duncan, beautiful pair Green Budgerigars, lovely markings and colour, very nice size; hc, Garton; c, Bexon. SELL. (15/-) (9): 1, R. Holmes; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Barber; vhc, Hadley; hc, Ball and Sons; c, Flint. (30/-) (10): 1, 3, R. Holmes; 2, Colver; vhc, Holmes; he, c, Hallam. GIFT (5): 1, Wigginton; 2, Bentley; 3, Turner; vhc, Smith; hc, Schofield.

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THE LAVENDER-BACKED FINCH (*S. castaneiventris*).—An interesting and pretty species, with a sweet little song. There are four at present on view in the new bird house at the Zoo.

I became possessed of one of this species in July, 1907, and at time of writing it is doing well, just successfully through its second moult in this country. It did well both in a cage and an outdoor aviary, in the latter place it has been since April of this year, and is there seen at its best. At the same time, I have seen some very fit specimens which are kept continually in cages, but they appear at their best disporting amid the greenery of an outdoor aviary, though of a retiring nature.

Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is blue-grey, which is also the colour of the lesser wing-coverts; median and greater coverts, black, tipped and edged with blue-grey; bastard wing, primaries, and flights, black, edged with blue-gray; the inner secondaries are broadly edged with ashen, and the inner primaries with a small white spot at the base of the outer web; upper tail-coverts, crown of the head, ear-coverts, cheeks, and sides of the face, blue-grey slightly washed with dusky; tail feathers, blackish with grey edgings. Lower surface: throat, breast, abdomen and under tail-coverts, ruddy chestnut; sides of body, flanks and thighs, blue-grey, a small spot of pure white at base of mandible; beak and feet, brown; iris, deep brown. Total length, 3¼in. bare; tail, 1⅜in.

Adult female: The upper surface is mostly brown, lighter and more ruddy on the lower back and rump; wings, dusky-brown, with the lesser coverts darker, primaries and flights edged with olive; upper tail-coverts, brown; tail-feathers, brown, narrowly edged with olive; lores, eye region, ear-coverts and under surface, pale olivo-brown; with the breast, abdomen, under tail-coverts, pale buffish-ochre. Total length, 3½in.; of which the tail measures 1⅜in.

The description of the male is from living specimens at the Zoo; that of the female from Museum skins. Its range according to Museum catalogue is Guiana and Columbia to Lower Amazonia and Peru.

S. *pauper*.—Similar to Sombre Finch, but darker generally, the eye region being lighter. "Adult male: General colour, above brown with an olive tinge; lesser and median coverts, like the backs; greater coverts, bastard wing, primary-coverts, and quills, dusky brown edged with the same colour as the back; the greater coverts and inner secondaries rather more reddish on the margins; upper tail coverts, like the back; tail feathers, brown edged with paler brown; crown of head, slightly more ashy than the back; lores and feathers round the eye, ashy whitish; ear-coverts, dull ashy brown; cheeks and throat, pale ashy; sides of neck like the head; fore neck and breast, dark ashy brown, washed with olivo; abdomen, whitish; sides of body and flanks, olivo-brown; thighs, olive-brown; under tail-coverts, pale fulvous; iris, dark brown (J. Stolzmann). Total length, 3.5 inches; tail, 1.5 inches; habitat, Ecuador to Peru."

S. talasco.—The general colour of the upper surface is ashen-brown, mottled with darker (blackish) centres on the upper back; rump and upper tail-coverts more ashen and only slightly mottled, a white band across the lower rump; the lesser coverts as back with blackish bases; the remainder of the wing-coverts are blackish with light brown edges and much lighter at their ends; the inner primaries and secondaries have whitish margins, and are white at the base, forming a double wing-patch; tail-feathers, blackish with ashen margins and tips and white at their bases; crown of head dark ashen with minute dark streakings; nape, sienna-brown; a fine white line divides the cheeks from the throat, which is chestnut with a purplish sheen; sides of neck, light brown; remainder of under-surface white, washed with sandy-brown on the breast, and streaked with blackish on the sides and flanks; beak, blackish; legs and feet ashen-brown. Total length, 4in.; tail, 1⅛in.

According to the British Museum catalogue the adult male in winter plumage is much browner, with darker brown centres to feathers; the head is brown, and the light edges to the wing-coverts and quills broader and more hoary; the chestnut spot on the throat much obscured by sandy margins to the feathers.

The female is much browner than the male, lacks his chestnut throat and white rump-band; the under surface of body is tawny-buff. Habitat, Peru to Ecuador.

S. inornata.—The adult male is bluish-grey above, mottled with blackish on the upper back, and only slightly so on the crown; median and greater coverts dusky-black, with outer webs bluish-grey, the latter have white tips; remainder of wing-coverts, quills and tail-feathers dusky-brown with ashen edges, the primaries edged with ashy-white; sides of face and under surface, pale ashen merging into white on the lower abdomen; beak, ruddy-brown; legs and feet, dark flesh colour. Total length, 5⅜in.; tail, 2½in. Habitat, Bolivia and Ecuador.

S. homochroa.—The adult male is mostly deep slate-grey, slightly tinged with olive-brown on the under surface; forehead, lores, cheeks, and ear-coverts, blackish; beak, yellowish; legs and feet, dark flesh-colour. Total length, 4¾in.; tail, 2in.

The adult female is brown on the upper surface, streaked with darker; greater coverts tipped with tawny, other wing-coverts dark brown with lighter margins; tail feathers, dark brown with ashen edges; the under parts are mostly lighter or darker olivo-brown, almost whitish on the breast and abdomen. Habitat, Peru and Ecuador.

S. analis.—Adult male: Upper surface, slaty-grey; median, greater and primary wing-coverts, black edged with slate-grey; primaries are white at the base forming a largish wing-patch; quills, black with hoary margins; upper tail-coverts slaty-grey mottled with blackish; tail-feathers, black with ashy edges, and the outer ones tipped with white on the inner web, and a round spot midway up the inner web; front of head, lores, eye-region, chin, ear-coverts and cheeks, black, the two latter having the hind portions black; throat, sides of neck, and remainder of under surface, slate-grey; centre of breast and abdomen, white. Total length, 4⅞in.; tail, 2in.

The adult female differs from the male in being light brown above, streaked with blackish; lower back, rump, and upper tail-coverts, greyish with narrow black streakings, lesser coverts, ashen; median-, greater-, and primary-coverts and quills, dark brown edged with light; primaries have white bases forming a white wing-patch; tail feathers, brown, narrowly edged with paler brown and with a large patch of white about the middle of inner web; under surface, ashy-white with narrow black shaft streaks; sides and flanks, washed with ashen. Slightly larger than the male (?). It is unsafe to be definite on such a point from skins, as these frequently get stretched while being preserved.

S. analoindes.—Adult male: Similar to *S. analis*, but has no white at the base of the primaries, these being margined with white; the black chin-patch is smaller, and the white of the under parts blurred with ashy. Total length, 4½in.; tail, 2in.

The adult female only differs from the female of *S. analis* in having less white at the base of the privaries. Habitat, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia.

(*To be continued.*)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Bird Catching for Amateurs.

A Paper by H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate) read before the Members and friends of the L. and P.O.S. on September 17.

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The Spring Net Trap.

There is yet another method; this may be classed as the softbill trap. In regard to this particular method there is a diversion of opinion as to the pattern of the wire spring trap. The one I have here to-night you will notice is a half-circle in shape. Another, doubtless you saw illustrated in CAGE BIRDS on August 1st, is shown to be eliptical in shape. But when set, it was of the exact shape of the one I use; therefore, I claim for the man who made the net before you, that his is the best, owing to the saving of material and also to the simpler mode of setting same. And I think I am right in saying that the gentleman who is the original maker of this half-elipfical trap is a London born man, well known to most softbill fanciers in London, and if ever a man knew a bird and how to catch it better than the one whom I have in my mind, I should be pleased to meet him. I take this opportunity of paying this bird-catcher these compliments as a small acknowledgement of the many "quiffs" and many clever hints he was good enough to convey to me.

In using this trap, you are guided more by the particular species of bird you desire to catch than anything else. Redstarts, Stonechats, Whinchats, etc., are caught where furze bushes abound. Shrikes are caught around their haunts, or near their nests, in a thick thorn hedge. But the bird most sought after in the use of these traps is the Nightingale. So I will deal with him as an example.

In case any of our friends (the enemy) are looking out for a point at which to attack once again the birdcatcher in general or myself, I assure you I never catch a 'gale after April or the first week in May, nor before August. The best time to seek the 'gale is in the early spring, when numbers of them first arrive then you are sure of catching cock birds as they arrive quite a fortnight before the hens.

An Easy Victim.

I will imagine ourselves seeking 'gales; we are walking down a quiet lane. On our right there is a well-covered spinney, and hark! Tiu, tiu, tiu, tiu, spe, tiu, zqua, tio, tio, tio, tio, tio, tio, tio, tis, qutio, qutio, qutio, qutio, zquo, zquo, zquo, zquo, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, tzu, quorror, tiu, zqua, pipiquisi, zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo zo gizzholding. Yes, that's the 'gale's welcome to spring. If you approach that bird gently and set your trap properly you can bet a mealworm to a shilling that the bird is yours. You must proceed to rake up the mould so as to make it look fresh to the bird, then out with your trap, pull back the netted wing and peg the trap to the ground with either a stout wire or a wooden crook. Then pull back your wire, hold fast over your net and adjust to your cork trigger. Then pin your mealworm through on to the said trigger, so that the least touch of the "bait" will send the net over. After that just cover the net lightly with a few dried leaves and it is ready to receive invited guests. And in this case, it's not the smaller the catch the more valued the prize, for instead of catching your 'gale you will probably catch Robin Redbreast or the ever-busy Accentor, but if you are lucky, in a very few minutes' time after you've left your trap, you may walk back again and get your 'gale.

After catching him you will need to carry him home. To manage this, I got my wife to make me some small linenette bags, after the same style as our school-day marble bags, so that when the bird was put in one of them he could not knock himself about and could at the same time have plenty of fresh air. But do not put more than one bird in one bag, or you may find both your day's sport and your birds killed.

I trust this condensed discription of the spring trap, for the intending seeker after Soft-bills, will prove sufficient, and as practice is much better than theory, you will go on improving as time goes on.

On the Use of Bird-lime.

With your kind indulgence, I will next endeavour to deal with another method of "snaring"; this one I mention almost at the end of the paper for the simple reason that it is the last method I myself would resort to. I refer to the use of birdlime in many and varied ways.

It has only one redeeming feature to me, and that is, that as I have to seek my living in smoky London, and snatch from Saturday to Sunday night away in the country in order to share the joys of nature and the fresh air, I am compelled to use bird-lime for catching Bullfinches, etc. It takes me back in memory to my school days in a little village near the beautiful Crays, in Kent—a place called Sidcup. At one end of the road in which my parents lived, was the school I attended, and at the other end was a tremendous wood; and in that wood there were more Bullfinches than in any other wood I have ever been in. It was always my hobby to take an old trap cage, my favourite old Bully hen, and a lime stick, for the purpose of catching those Bullies. All my spare time and money went in that way, and I well remember the sad predicament those poor birds got into after I had finished with them. I was not quite so far advanced then, as I am now, in the knowledge of how best to clean them from the lime, so I used to give them such a rubbing with ashes (out of the fire-grate) that you scarcely could tell them from the ashes themselves.

Chaffinch "Pegging."

The bird that is most sought after by the means of lime is, I think, the chaffinch, during the pegging season. This method of bird-catching I was asked by one of our oldest and respected members and fanciers to omit, but I fear that a paper on bird-catching would not be complete without it, as this method is truly the working man's way of getting his share of the beautiful country and the fresh air, which by right are ours, but which by right are in many cases withheld from us by the great landowners. I know many a man who spends his spare coppers in going to Romford after a few "pleasant" birds, who would otherwise spend them probably in a public-house; and his home and self are made happy with song.

The chief requisite for pegging is a stout-singing chaffinch—one with a good heart, as it is termed, so that he will do battle with any bird whom he may meet. You will also require a "dummy"—that is, a cock Chaffinch cured and stuffed. This is mounted upon a stick with a nail diven in either end of it, so that it may in turn be driven into a tree or bar of a gate-post. You must also have your lime in a case, made so that it will carry your twigs, which are of whalebone or wire (whalebone preferable, as that will "give" more readily when the bird strikes.

How to Make Bird-boxes.

Of course, as you are going bird-catching, you expect to catch something, so you want a box to put your birds in. A good box is made from a Hudson's soap box (costing one penny). Take off the lid and in its place stretch a piece of coarse canvas; tack this on with some short tacks. Next, cut a hole in the side of your box about 4ins. in circumference, which will not represent the top. You must go very carefully about the next move. You want a stocking, and as men don't usually use these to cover their anatomy with, you must resort to your sisters's, or your wife's surplus stock, but be careful not to attack her last new pair, to get one of the legs by which you must complete your box, else the women's suffrage question will be very prominent in the debate that follows. By tacking this round and over the hole in the box, it will allow you to put the birds in, and at the same time it will prevent their escape.

(*To be continued.*)

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The Yorkshire Canary.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

A Lecture given by the Secretary of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club before the Members and Friends of the Jarrow and District C.B.F.S.

(Continued from No. 511.)

There is another point emphasised by most writers on the subject of pairing, which my personal experience has not proved to be quite in keeping with theirs, that is, the pairing of a large cock to a small hen; provided the hen be very typical, the cock may be almost anything if he has size and colour. They say size and colour come from the male parent, and type and quality from the female. This has a certain amount of truth in it, and is possibly safe advice for the givers of it to follow in their own rooms with their own stock, because they will know how their birds are bred, and what they are likely to produce.

I am, however, convinced it is not a safe policy for a beginner to adopt unless he knows the dealer from whom he obtains his stock. I will give you an instance of my own: Last year I paired a yellow cock up with two buff hens of very different type. From one I had three young, all hens; from the other also three, but these were cocks. These six birds were all yellows, and all except one followed the father as regards shape. One certainly was unlike him, but it was also unlike its mother; it went back to the grandparents, being a better bird than either of its parents.

Thus you see you cannot always rely upon the young following the hen as regards shape; in fact, I may say that, as far as I could trace the shape in my birds to either parent there was a larger percentage in favour of the sire.

The Question of Feeding.

On the question of feeding I am also at slight variance with some writers. When I got my first Canary an old fancier gave me a recipe for a seed mixture, which I have given two or three times a week ever since, and I have had very few sick birds. It was equal parts German summer rape, inga, and hemp, and half parts linseed and maw seed. This I give a pinch of frequently, and during cold winter weather an extra pinch of hemp. The birds seem to appreciate the mixture very much, and it must relieve the monotony of always eating white canary seed.

Of course, my hoppers are always filled with the best Canary seed; the other I give as a kind of refresher and tonic—a change of diet. I tried teazle seed, and many of the birds liked it well, but I thought it made them too fit during the breeding season, as I had one or two hens left their nest about the twelfth day, so dropped it. I have had one hen do the same this year, so perhaps the teazle was not to blame; there is no doubt but that the birds liked it very much. I have also used groats, but some birds will not touch them, while others go for them first. I think they tighten the feather and give it a bloom, and, consequently, are very useful during moulting and show season. The much-glorified Gold of Pleasure I have not tried as yet, but perhaps I shall give it a trial during the next moult.

My method during this pairing-up season has been to give egg food one day, the mixture I mentioned the following, and the third day boiled rape mixed with a little powdered biscuit, and so far I have only had one nest in which there were more than one unfertile egg, and that was a Crest hen, in whose nest only one out of four was fertile. About twice a week I give a spray of watercress.

A Generous Diet.

Some may think that I treat my birds too generously, but I think you will agree with me that it is necessary to give changes. I have in my room at the present time an old bird which would soon die if kept on a diet of plain Canary seed. It may be that he is old and requires extra stimulating food to keep him up to par. For some time he was very poorly. I dosed him with castor oil and salts, gave him tonics and milk sop—in fact, everything I could think of, but he got gradually worse, and for three days he could not take the perches. At last, I was speaking to a friend about him, and told him how puzzled I was what to do for the bird. He advised me to crush some hemp and give him. Well, he was on the perch next day, and has gone on well ever since.

I have at present a nest of full eggs from him. I have also a Border hen at the present time which needs a lot of stimulating food. If kept on plain diet she would die. Thus, although it may be wise to keep most of your birds on a very plain diet, there are some which from the nature of their constitution require more stimulating food than others, and for the bulk of the stock I would certainly advise frequent changes. If you don't give them too much, there is no fear of them taking any harm.

The Feeding and Training of Young.

I have tried all methods of feeding the young, yet I cannot say that I have been very successful. Egg and bread, egg and biscuit, hemp, various green foods, such as lettuce, dandelion, chickweed, watercress—in fact, everything that I have seen recommended. Last season I never put egg food into the same vessel twice, still I could not rear anything like the number I should have done—in fact, I did not average two chicks per hen, and from many I did not not rear any at all—they generally died at a week to ten days old. This season I am trying Mr. J. Robson's plan. I will give it to you,—

"Commence to give a little egg food on the thirteenth day, as if the hen has been sitting close the young will in all probability be hatched by then. In fact, when the weather is warm, it is quite a common occurrence for birds to be hatched in twelve days with a close-sitting hen. I give the yoke of egg only, mixed with biscuit or home-made bread-crumbs — two parts egg to one part powdered biscuit or bread—for the first three days with hemp and German rape seed added to the Canary. After the third day give the yolk and white combined with the biscuit, and continue it until the young birds are reared, increasing the supply daily as well as the hemp seed as the birds get older. Never crush the hemp for the old birds, as it keeps the hen longer off the nest shelling it, and allows the air to get to the young, which is very beneficial and strengthening to them. On the third day also commence to give a little watercress, and continue to increase the quantity daily."

I will give you another extract from Mr. Robson on weaning the young.

"Young birds first commencing to feed themselves should have the egg food for the first week the same strength as you have been giving the old birds to feed with, after which time the egg should be gradually reduced and more biscuit added, until you have worked them entirely on to biscuit. Then you should by degrees reduce the supply of crushed biscuit until you have gradually weaned them altogether on to seed. Crushed or scalded seed should be given. I prefer the former until they can crack it for themselves, which they generally do about six weeks old."

I may say that I give lunch biscuits, for the reason that when I add a little water to moisten the egg food it does not go sticky, but remains in a crumbly state. I find the birds take the egg food better when slightly moistened.

"Steady, Boys, Steady."

If you are successful in rearing a few Yorkshire, the next thing to consider is the steadying and training. A wild bird stands no chance beside one that is steady. Mr. Hadwin told the members of the Newcastle Society last year a very good method of getting the birds steady. He runs them into a spraying cage, gives them a little spray of warmed water, then runs them into an ordinary Yorkshire show cage. They at once commence to plume themselves, and thus get used to the cage.

To get a bird used to run from the stock cage into the show cage, you simply leave the show cage in front of the stock cage for two or three days with both doors open, so that the bird can run into either cage at will, then, say, after the third day, you go to the cage with a short cane or stick, put it into the stock cage, and with a little gentle manœuvring you will get him into the show cage. After you have done this a few times, he will know exactly what is wanted, so that all you need do is to place the show cage in front of the door, gently tap the wires, and he will run in quite freely.

In position.

I have almost all my birds trained to run so that I seldom need to handle them; even some of my Crests do the same thing. When you have them trained to run into the show cage, you must leave them in for an hour or two each day. I generally put three or four cages side by side with a piece of cardboard between of just sufficient height that when the bird stands to the top perch he has to gently stretch himself to see his neighbour in the adjoining cage. This helps to get him into a good upright position, which he speedily assumes when handled.

You must handle your birds frequently if you wish them to be steady. I do not advise you to do as a friend of mine did with his Linnet, which he wanted steadied. He gave it to his two-year-old son to play with. It certainly answered in his case, but I should not care to trust a probable exhibition Yorkshire to my youngest. I'm afraid his exhibition career would be nipped in the bud.

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*In Praise of the Canary.

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**Queer Place for Nests.

Swallows often build their nests in strange places. Once a pair of these birds built a nest in a lamp bracket, which was fixed close to a kitchen door. Yet the lamp was taken out of the bracket every day to be trimmed. Another pair built a nest on the frame of a picture which hung over the fireplace in an old hall in Bath. They went in and out of the room through a broken window. Another pair built a nest inside a schoolroom. One of the windows was left open for several days, and the Swallows took a fancy to the place for a dwelling. There they remained all the season. One of the strangest places ever chosen for a nest was the iron network of the famous Eiffel Tower in Paris. Here a pair of Swallows made their home at a height of nearly one thousand feet from the ground.—Sent by Mabel Dunn (age 14), 17, Stanley Street, Darlington.

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The Useful Owl.

When Owls are seen to frequent the coops where game is reared, they are doubtless after the mice which come for the corn; but as hunting is strictly forbidden near game, they generally fall victims to the watchful gamekeeper, who will not, under any pretence, tolerate predatory birds near his charges.

A Huge Flock.

While travelling from Scotland the writer saw one of the largest flocks of Starlings he has ever seen. They were in a very big field, the majority of them being on the ground. So thick and dense were they that at first glance it looked as though the ground had been covered with soot or other refuse. It is impossible to estimate numbers in a case like this; there must have been thousands of them, and for such a mass to find food must be a most difficult matter. One hardly knows why Starlings should congregate in such enormous numbers. One would think they were safer and could forage better in flocks of smaller size. The mortality in a gathering like this during a severe winter must be very great, for only the healthy and strong among them would be able to obtain food.

A Note on the Crested Tit.

The Crested Tit is the rarest of the British Titmice, and is quite a bird of the North. Occasionally we see one or two at some of the Scottish Exhibitions, when the bird lover has an opportunity of closely studying its form and character, the beautifully barred crest, which extends beyond the back of the head, is erected at will, and when raised gives to the bird an exceedingly alert appearance. In form it closely resembles the Marsh Tit. It has no striking colours, the most conspicuous being the black and white of the head and crest. It is a bird of the pine woods, and seldom wanders far from the district where these trees abound.

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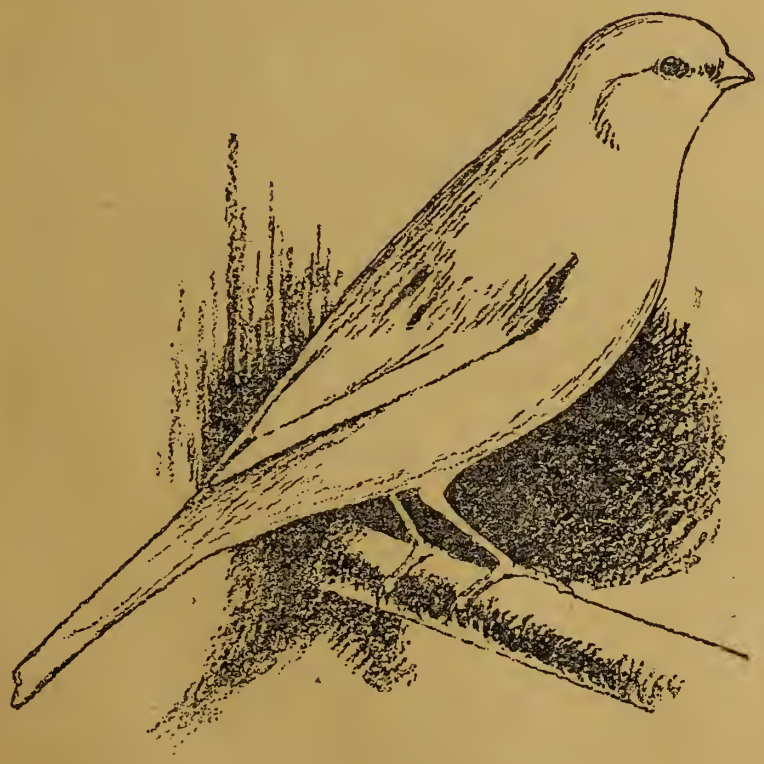
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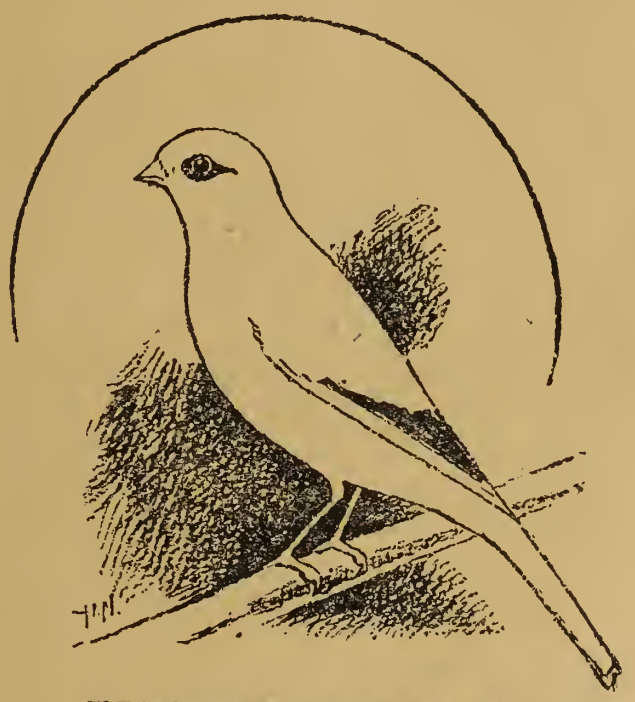
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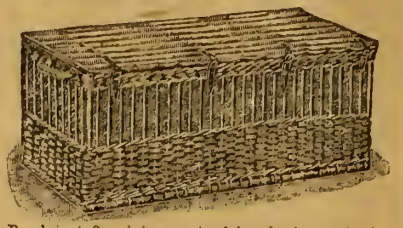
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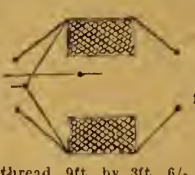
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WHAT offers, three typical Border cocks, yell.—John Lind, Newby, Peebles, N.B.

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GRAND buff-marked Border cock, a gem, 10/-; two yellow-marked hens, 3/6 each; all 1908 birds; approval.—Briggs, Woodside-place, King-st., Paisley.

CHOICE lot cocks and hens, bred from, and closely related to winners, splendid type and quality, cheap; approval.—Nixon, 76, Denton-street, Carlisle.

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NOTICE. Grand lot Border Fancy, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

CLEAR Buff cock; brother to my first Kilmarnock, 12/; others, single or in pairs, cheap on approval; stamp.—Miller, 3, Stephen Terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

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Cinnamons.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CINNAMONS; three open classes; handsome specials.—Aberdeen, 25th and 26th.

TWELVE pair of grand Cinnamons, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- a pair; approval; deposit.—W. Millburn, 96, Tulketh-st., Southport.

BUFF cock, 8/6; Yellow Green hen, 5/-; clan. marked Yorks. hen, 3/6; exchange.—J. M., 27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnersbury.

CINNAMONS, Norwich and cock Goldfinch Mules, from 5/-; approval; deposit; stamp.—Hawke, Ada Villa, Perryman's Farm-road, Ilford.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, cocks from 10/6; pairs from 15/6; approval; deposit; stamp.—Silver, Peel-street, Winson Green, Birmingham.

CHAMPION Cinnamon, guaranteed my own breeding, buff yellow cock, buff hen; stamp reply; approval.—L. Roberts, 44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

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CRESTS, 9 classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

WANTED large winning hen Canary of good pedigree.—Davey, 1, Henry-st., Plymouth.

CRESTS and Crestbreds; 5 open classes; numerous specials.—Aberdeen, 25th and 26th December.

BARGAINS. Large 1908 Crest and C.B. hens, 7/6 each, worth double.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

CREST cocks, winning strain, from 12/6; cold-room.—Thomas Almond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.

LARGE massive variegated Crest-bred cock and Grey Crest hen, pair 30/-; approval.—Dobson, 14, East-rd., N.

EVINS BROTHERS, grand lot of Crests for sale; pairs from 30/-; single birds, 10/- upwards.—High-st., Exeter.

GOOD stock Crests, 15/-, 17/-, 20/-, from birds worth from £5 to £25 each.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

LARGE Green Crest and Crest-bred cocks for sale, from 10/-, 15/-, and upward.—Colledge, 7, Eugene-st., Nottingham.

DARK Crest cock, C.B. hen, breeders, Yellow Green C.B. cock, three 1908 C.B. hens.—Esson, Broad-st., Deuny.

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EIGHTY champion Crests, show birds, best living, all on sale; must clear; stamp reply.—55, South-dean-gardens, Southfields.

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A FEW high-class Crests and Crest-breds, including some winners, to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

TWO clear Crested hens, variegated Crest-bred cock; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires; approval.—Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., South Lowestoft.

CRESTS, Crestbreds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/- each; from winners; approval; stamp.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

WM. REID, Falkland, winner of 50 prizes and challenge cup this season, has Crests and Crest-breds, including winners, from 10/-; approval.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has several Crests and Crest-breds; can win at small shows; cheap; also matched pairs from 12/6; approval.

A few good Crests and Crestbreds to part with from 10/- each; prize bred; on approval; deposit.—H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-street, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few to dispose of; show and stock; reasonable and on approval.—Alex. Onion, Old Robin Hood, Hockley, Nottingham.

CRESTS, Crest-breds, cocks from 10/-; hens from 6/-; choice stock birds from winning strains; approval.—Heslop, 65, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NOTICE. Extra grand lot Crests and Crest-bred; many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

LARGE Buff-marked hen, 1908, 7/6; cinnamon-marked Border hen, 2/6; deposit.—6, Norwood-gardens, Ashford.

WORTH your notice. Cinnamon Crested hen for sale cheap; also Norwich Plainheads, Crested and Crested-bred, for show or stock purposes; satisfaction guaranteed; easy payments arranged; state wants.—Ralfs, Highmill-rd., Southtown, Gt. Yarmouth.

FIFTY Crest and Crest bred cocks and hens for sale cheap, nice hardy birds, cold room; seen by appointment.—E. Chapman, 17, King Edward's rd., Barking, Essex.

HEAVILY feathered Green Crested hen, 10/; large Yellow ticked C.B. cock, 10/-; pair Cinnamons, 8/6; bargains.—Johnson, 57, Talbot-rd., Bayswater, London.

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HIGH CLASS Crests and Crest-breds, from 15/-; with birds of this strain I have won hundreds of prizes; approval.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park rd., Blackheath, S.E.

GOOD stock Crests and Crest breds, from my well-known winning strain, from 7/6 to £10; approval, deposit. W. Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

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BARGAINS; through illness; high-class 1908 large feathery Crests, Crest-breds; choice pair, breed winners, 30/-, worth 60/-; single bird, cheap; week's approval; cash or deposit.—Sills, 25, Cecilia-place, Holgate, York.

CREST-BRED cock, 18 months, 1st Caterham, 1st and spl, Southampton, really good, dark Crest hen 18 months, bargain 70/-; another pair, winners Caterham, Weybridge, and Southampton, 65/-; on approval.—Fellows, Hill-lane, Southampton.

WHAT offer in high-class Crested and Crest-bred and Lancashire Canaries, must be good, in exchange for a foolscap folio cylinder printing machine, cost £31; be your own printer; this machine is up-to-date.—J. M. W., No. 2, Suttees-st., Bishop Durham.

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CLEAR body dark Crest hen, variegated Crest-bred cock, 25/-; clear Buff Crest-bred cock, variegated Crest hen, 25/-; variegated Crested cock, perfect, 20/-; wing-marked ditto, 20/-; all large young birds, not half their value; approval.—Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

MASSIVE Buff wing-marked D.C. cock, 1906, winner, father of my winners at Edmonton last week, 1st, 3rd, vhc, hc, £2; exchange Yellow Crest-bred cock, must be fit to win in good company; on approval first; others, cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-.—Brown, 11, Melrose-avenue, Wood Green.

DARK Crest cock, winner, cards sent, £2 10s.; C.B. cock, 2nd Middlesbrough and Kirkby Moorside, £3; another, he Kirby Moorside, 30/-; another, 1st Middlesbrough First Feather Show, £2; big C.B. hen, 30/-; nice Crest hen, 17/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

HARRY MILLS, Old Manor House, Great Houghton, Northampton, winner hundreds prizes, cups, medals, has nice lot young birds for sale; state wants, monster Crested cock, 1908, can win young bird class, £3; young Crested-bred cock, feather well over end beak, £2; another, 30/-; approval, deposit.

FEW highest-class Crests and Crest-breds for disposal, from champion winning strain, single birds 10/- to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 35/-; massive, feathery birds of grand quality; no better blood in the Fancy; please state requirements; correspondence a pleasure; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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CRESTS, Crest-breds, best blood, champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc., among latest wins, four specials, including Crest Club for best Crest, and for best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CLEARING out, grand pair Crest-bred, bred winners, £3 pair; another pair 20/-; cock can win; Buff Cinnamon cock, 2nd, 15/-; yellow Cinnamon hen, 1st; another 10/-; another, 5/-; Buff, 4/-; six ticks, yellows, buffs, cocks, 15/-, 10/- each, fed, all cock double; approval. See Lowestoft wins this week.—Lay, 65, Norwich-rd., Lowestoft.

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GREEN Yorkshires, from 12/6 per pair.—Samuel Dean, see Yorkshires and Food columns

FEW Yorkshire and Norwich greens for disposal, prices reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

EIGHTY Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, good length, type, and quality, 7/6 to 55/- each.—Matthews, 17, Parndale-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, singles; pairs well matched; approval; stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

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HIGH-CLASS Lizards, from 3/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires and Lizards, price reasonable, from my noted strain.—C. E. Fisher, 30, Surrey-st., Glossop.

FIVE high-class Lizards, hens, 1908 bred, three Gold and two Silvers; sell 5/- each, or 21/- the lot; approval.—Bennett, Northst., Lynn.

CHAMPION Lizards; pairs from 10/6; offers exchange anything for the festive season.—Holt, Tobacconist, Larkfield Aviaries, Rochdale.

LIZARDS. Having selected my breeding stock, can spare a few grand Lizards, cocks or hens, single or in pairs, all my own breeding.—Levi Butterworth, 593, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

CHAMPION Lizards, Gold cock, 1st Shields, 3rd Wallsend, 3rd Sunderland, 1st members', and Silver hen, 25/6; Silver cock, 1st Wallsend, etc., and Gold hen, 25/6; bargains.—Reid, Plantation-rd., Sunderland.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, from 7/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, show or stock; approval.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

YELLOW coppy hen, from my winners, young one, 20/-.—Rushton, 15, Catherine-st., Macclesfield.

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LARGE Plainhead, very wide skull, 30/-; ditto 16/-; two Coppies 20/- each; all cocks, 1908 bred; approval.—Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

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Norwich.

Pearson, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich for cash, or exchange.

LARGE stout cock and two hens, 12/6; deposit.—6, Norwood-gardens, Ashford.

NORWICH cocks, 6/-; variegated hens, 2/-.—Harris, 5, Lawrence-road, Upton Park.

NORWICH Plainheads, 25 classes, challenge cup, specials galore, Scottish National Show.

EIGHT hens left, from 10/-; see last week's advertisement.—Sheldon, South Parade, Llandudno.

A FEW good young Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bisdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

FINE young cocks, coloured, 7/6 and 10/6 each; approval.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- each, full song, good birds, 1908 bred.—G. Whitten, 116, London-rd., Southboro', Kent.

FOR Sale, 30 Norwich, large birds, for stock or show; price reasonable.—Thomas Brown, Scott-st., Brechin.

NORWICH, 18 open classes; numerous specials, challenge prizes and medals.—Aberdeen Show, 25th and 26th.

A FEW nice Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/- and 5/-; approval, 32, Church-terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

NOTICE. Grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/- to 6/6; hens, 3/- to 5/-; approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

FOUR Norwich cocks, eight hens, 28/-, or near offer; after 5 evenings.—Forster, 153, Gloucester-rd., Peckham.

SIX large hens, 5/- each; few cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; mostly 1908 birds.—Myles, 16, Chalmers-street, Arbroath.

LARGE Norwich Yellow Canary, full song, and two hens, 10/6.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

TYPICAL Norwich hens, 5/-; cocks, 6/- upwards; a few large unflighted Buff cocks, grand stock birds, from 15/-; state wants.—Nelson, Middleton-rd., Banbury.

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, all guaranteed my own breeding; stamp reply.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

THREE pairs Norwich, 10/- pair, or 7/6 cocks, 2/6 hens; deposit; approval.—11, Deacon-rd, Kingston, Surrey.

S. T. JONES can spare some grand, bold yellow hens, 5/- each; winning strain; approval.—Queen-st., Lynton.

TYPICAL Plainheads, grand stock birds, unflighted; stamp; approval.—Hutchison, 326, Crown-st., Glasgow.

MUST sell unflighted Norwich cocks, prize strain, colour fed, 5/6; approval.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

WHAT offers six prize-bred Norwich cocks, four Yellow, two Buff, colour-fed.—Sadler, 22, Grove-st., Mansfield, Notts.

WM DALE, owing to removal, offers twelve prize-bred Norwich cocks at 6/6 each; offers.—Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

TWO cocks, one yellow, 4/-; buff variegated, 5/-; double breeder, 35 ins., 2/6.—T. Wright, 189, Mill-rd., Wellingboro.'

TWO house-moulted cock Linnets, 2/6; or exchange cock Canary, Norwich.—W. Clements, The Mall, Hungerford.

NOTICE. Grand lot high-classed Norwich; prices low; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Scobright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH clear Yellow cock, natural colour, 1st Consett, 3rd Newcastle, 30/-; also others.—Hayes, 76, Howe-street, Gateshead.

GOOD Norwich green cock, winner two second prizes, 10/-; approval; deposit.—H. Wicker, Headstreet, Halstead, Essex.

MUST clear; two pairs Norwich Yellow cocks, Buff hens, 8/6 pair; 16/- the lot; or offers.—Scott, 37, Churchill-st., Oldham.

GRAND yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; cold room bred; cash or deposit.—Sydney Barlow, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

SOME really good stock birds, 1908, bred from winners; beautiful type and quality, especially cocks.—Barrows, Hilton, Sidmouth.

GRAND clear Buff cock, winner of several 1sts, etc., can win, 25/-; approval, deposit; stamp.—Mattock, Myland, Colchester.

THREE unflighted cock Norwich and one hen for sale; cocks, 5/-; hen, 3/-; or 16/- the four.—Franklin, 12, Linden-rd., Bedford.

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YELLOW ticked Norwich cock, first and special Maldstone, third Malling, Jenner's, 25/-; cards sent.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

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CHAMPION Norwich for sale, all guaranteed my own breeding; state wants; approval; stamp reply.—Counsell, 14, Pollard-st., Blackburn.

CHAMPION Norwich Canaries, few grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6 pair; approval.—J. Blackshaw, 70a, Butts, Coventry.

PAIR var. Norwich, 3rd Musselburgh, 25/-; also clears, cheap; stamp reply; see Border Fancy.—T. and W. Nisbet, High-st., Musselburgh.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 10/- to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 30/-; same strain as my winners; see reports.—Lack, 89, Gleuthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

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PURE Norwich, grand large Yellow cock, 1907 bred, 10/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—R. Law, Temperance Institute, London-st., Southport.

F. MADDISON, 80, Cayville-road, Wandsworth Common, has good stock Norwich from 15/- pair; old hens; approval; stamp; see appliances.

VARIEGATED Norwich hen, good bird, 5/-; approval; pair Hartz Mountain, 6/6 cash or deposit.—Machattie, 46, Chatsworth-avenue, Wimbledon.

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich from winners; see reports, CAGE BIRDS, Ramsgate, Margate, Herne Bay, etc., 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair.—Mills, Victoria-rd., Margate.

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NORWICH. A few clear and ticked 1908 Yellow cocks, colour-fed, for sale; also two Buff cocks, from 5/- upwards; approval.—Faulkner, Long Buckby.

PRIZE-Bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

GOOD Norwich, the whole of my stock of grand Norwich Plainheads for disposal, single or in pairs.—Bleach, 25, Chandos-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

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PLAINHEAD, hens, 3/- each; crested cocks, 10/- each; crested and crest bred hens, 5/6 each; cash or deposit.—Humphries, Birchett Lodge, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

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CHAMPION Norwich, two Yellow cocks, two Buff cocks, two Buff hens, 1908 bred, same as my winners Battersea, Dulwich and Peckham, Leyton, etc.; stamp reply.—Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham.

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PRIZE-BRED ticked Yellow cock, colour-fed, vhc, matched to clear Buff hen, c, bred 1907, bargain, 15/- pair; nice clear Buff Norwich hen, good feeder, 4/6; cock Linnet Mule, c, rare songster, 6/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, well coloured, 6/-; cock Linnet, vhc, house-moulted and excellent songster, 4/-; stamp.—Dawson, Ardross-place, Inverness.

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TYPICAL Yorkshires, bred from winners, cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; yellow cock, 1907 bred, 2nd at Margate, 15/-.—W. Housden, Dodinga, Birebington.

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SIX good Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each, or 27/- the lot; seven hens, 3/0 each, or 21/- lot; cash or deposit.—Luther Lawton, Gib-lane, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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A FEW Yorkshire cocks, winners at recent shows, to spare; also one or two nice pairs at 20/-, 15/- per pair; approval; stamp reply.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

F. EASTERLING has some good Yorkshires for disposal; cocks from 10/- each; hens from 5/-; feathered like wax; clears, green-marked, or cinnamon-marked.—Note address, 340, Battersea Park-rd.

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YORKSHIRES.

"Winners! Winners!!"

DYKES' high-class Yorkshires still lead the way; others try to follow; see reports of Bolton Woods, Grimsby, Birmingham, etc., in this issue; and have bred and sold over 50 winners to customers this season that have won in keenest competition; see testimonials published recently in this paper. For style, length and quality of feather, and possessing that bit of breed so much admired on the show bench, my birds are unequalled. Read these testimonials selected from scores similar received recently. Templeague, Dublin. Dec. 4, 1908.—Received birds last night, and am very well satisfied with them; they are simply splendid. I could not get anything like them in Dublin for twice the amount paid. There is no doubt you are the straightest man I ever dealt with. I sent for a pair of Canaries to another advertiser, and got two hens. If I know of anyone wanting birds, I shall certainly recommend you to them.—Thanking you for your fair dealing.—A. Borgin to L. Dykes.



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I have a few good show or stock birds for sale related to my winners at Longton, Darlington, Grimsby, Accrington, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, etc.; stamp particulars.—H. Foden, 73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-u-Lyne.

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WANTED, cash offers, three 1908 Roller cocks, three cock Linnets, caged ten weeks.—Sturdy, Sandhurst-terrace, Harehills, Leeds.

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WANTED two large Yellow Norwich Plainhead hens, unflighted; must be large, clear and cheap.—B., Hazelmere, Chitheroe, Lancashire.

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WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins; state lowest price; any amount.—G. Clarke, Bird Specialist, 112, Liverpool-st., Salford.

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CAGE, iron, second-hand, good condition, for destructive Cockatoo.—Price and particulars to "Kimania," Northampton-rd., East Croydon.

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CANARIES, wanted, especially songsters; also nice brass cage, in exchange for marble clock, very handsome, cost 30/-.—Mack, 45, Dorotby-st., Liverpool.

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BIRD catchers, owing to increased business, wanted large or small quantities weekly, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc.; state prices.—Vanner, 16, Rawling-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED, ½-in. mesh wire netting; also roof felt; will exchange green Parrot, beautiful plumage, 18 in. long, with strong cage; or sell £1; no rubbish.—Hirst, 86, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

TO sell, large quantity of Canaries, all varieties, or exchange new-caught British, wire fronts, new cages, and appliances. Cock Canaries, £1 for 6.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

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WANTED, buyers, for 100 Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, high-class birds, approval; exchange blankets, men's and children's boots, clothes, mos cart.—Brown, 11, Melrose Avenue, Wood Green.

WANTED good talking Grey Parrot and cage, or Canaries; or what offers in exchange for grand old violin, rich tone, cost £7; also mandoline, cost £3 10s.—Wheaton, 8, Union-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

TWO hand-reared Thrushes, one Blackbird, one pair of Bramblefinches, one cock Linnet, cage-moulted, and all in the pink of condition, all fit to show, sell; or useful exchange.—Robert Busfield, Albion-place, Guiseley, Leeds.

WANTED 500 hen Canaries, any breed, for abroad, will give 1/- each, in small or large quantities; hen Goldfinches, 8/- dozen; hen Mules, 8d. each; cash on receipt of birds; best prices given for cock Bullfinches and Goldfinches; Monkeys, Parrots, Squirrels, Owls bought; state prices.—Raine, Bird and Seed Stores, Meadow-lane, Leeds.

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WANTED, Bullfinches; exchange for Accordeon, value 8/-.—Blackett, 10, Philip-st., Kingsland.

SIX dozen travelling cages, 9/-; exchange Goldfinches, Canaries.—Smith, Waverley-terrace, Highworth.

PROVED Muling pair, Finch, white-dogged, 15/-; exchange boots.—Williams, High-st., Penrhyn, Hendraith.

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COCK Linnets, four times house-moulted, exhibition or contest, 7/6, 12/6.—Yearsley, 118, Revidge-rd., Blackburn.

EXCHANGE 2 pair of Bullfinches or 3 cocks for pair of boots size 6 or 7.—Marsh, Trevor Cottages, Chirk, North Wales.

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch, in full song, for Yorkshire hen.—Address, John Swarbrick, Bridge-st., Cootehill, Ireland.

GOLDFINCH Mules, three pairs, 4/- pair; or exchange.—Morley, 32, South-st., Mt. Pleasant, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush and new show cage, 10/6; ready for show; exchange anything.—E. Fawcett, Crowle, Doncaster.

SPLENDID exhibition cock Bullfinch, the Goole last week, with show cage, 10/-; offers.—John Hill, High-st., Swinefleet, S.O.

GOLDFINCH, which has bred me some good light Mules; exchange good in Canaries.—Saunders, 3, Capel-terrace, Whetstone.

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EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch or Siskin Mules for early hatched blue Andalusian Pullets, or sell.—Passifull, Papillon-rd., Colchester.

EXHIBITORS, cock Nightingale, 2nd prize Cardiff, 15/-; exchange for good Hardbill to value.—Ford, 83, Llanishen-st., Cardiff.

SEVERAL extra good colour and stamp cock Finches, 2/6 and 3/- each; exchange yellow Norwich. Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

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TWO cock Brown Linnets, guaranteed thrice house-moulted, grand condition, songsters, 4/- each; exchange.—Pinner, Kings-hill, Wednesbury.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 3/-; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 5 mixed pairs, 1/6; 20 mixed, 1/6; exchange.—G. Fenn, Church-lane, Isleham.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Siskin, 7/6; yellow and buff Norwich cocks, 6/6; exchange exhibition Hawfinch; offers.—Boswell, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

EXHIBITORS, exchange grand Thrush, splendid condition, twice shown successfully; good Bramble-finch, or offers.—Reynolds, Castle-st., Carisbrook, I.W.

GOOD Linnet Goldfinch Hybrid, 2 years' old, colour fed, in splendid show condition; sell 10/-; or exchange for anything useful.—Wormall, Welbeck-st., Mansfield, Notts.

HAND-REARED, cage moulted cock Bullfinch, finger tame, splendid plumage, bargain, 5/-; or exchange for 1908 cock Canary.—W. Howland, South Ockendon, Romford, Essex.

TWO genuine guaranteed 1908 Canary reared hen Chaffinches, good condition; offer, or exchange house-moulted hen Bullfinches; approval.—Griffith Hughes, Newton-st., Llanberis, Wales.

HAWFINCHES, one cock, 6/-; one at 5/-; three hens, 3/- each; all caged three months; exchange any Yellow Yorkshire cock, clear or marked.—G. Stansall, 15, Gladston-st., Mansfield, Notts.

THRICE house-moulted Goldfinch, cock, make splendid Muler, sell 6/6; or give in part exchange for good Roller Canary, singing Roller first; approval.—Peter Mawdsley, 25, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

COCK Goldfinch white legs, winner and Norwich hen, 12/6 pair; or exchange for two buff Yorkshire 1908 hens, good length; two cock Mules, bred from above pair, 8/6 each.—Chandler, Chalkwell-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

EXCHANGE St. Andreasberg Roller, one double breeding cage, and one single breeder, and two Roller hens for Foreign birds, offers value 18/-.—Buffield, Braybrook-st., West Bromwich.

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EXCHANGE grand exhibition house-moulted cock Linnet, and also house-moulted cock Bullfinch, and eight genuine pure Seifert Roller hens, for a pure Seifert Roller cock, fit for contest singing, or sell 15/6 lot, or nearest offer.—Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup, Lancs.

MR. WOOD has few good cock Bullfinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Skylarks, all in song and should make show birds, 3/6 each; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, or clap nets.—66, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

TYPICAL yellow Yorkshire cock, variegated Norwich cock, two large Norwich hens, feeders, two breeding cages, complete, 20/-; exchange true pure yellow Budgerigars; offers.—15, Great Brickkiln-st., Wolverhampton.

COCK Greenfinch and large Norwich hen, guaranteed bred Mules, Greenfinch is three times house-moulted, and has bred with Bullfinch hen, British hen Bullfinch, very large, 15/- lot, or useful exchange; approval, deposit.—W. Fairhurst, 30, Guy-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

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MUST clear cock Bullfinch, 2nd members, Hertford, 4/6; two others, fit for exhibition, 2/6 each; cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, grand pair, 2/6; cock Linnets, caged months, singing, 1/-, three 2/-; pair clap nets, 12 ft. by 3, complete, four call birds, 6/- lot; great bargains.—A. D. Welch, Parkhurst-rd., Hertford.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

TWO Norwich cocks, 6/- each; or exchange Yorkshires.—Coates, Park Row, Knaresboro.

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CLASSICAL Yorkshires, no rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley. Stamp reply.

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EXCHANGE young Yorks cock, for three large, light cock Goldfinches, not fresh caught.—Reddall, King-street, Dunstable.

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EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for pair of stitched shoes, size 9, Green hen, light variegated cock, or sell 15/-.—Regan, 209, Gloucester-rd., Bootle.

EXCHANGE good Norwich cock Canary, guaranteed, for a good hanging lamp; lamp on approval.—Bell, Woolleywood, Whitebank, Sheffield.

ONE prize-bred Yellow Norwich cock, sale or exchange one mealing cock Goldfinch or Yorkshire value 10/6; birds first.—J. Naden, Hapton, Burnley.

PAIR typical Yorkshires, 15/-; pair Norwich, 12/6; exchange phonograph; house-moulted Linnets, Goldfinches; offers.—How, Park-avenue, Roundhay, Leeds.

WILL exchange Norwich or Crest Canaries for good gramophone and records; offers invited; no rubbish; value 35/-.—A. C. Gregor, St. Columb, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks, one hen, for good Schoolmaster Roller; also Brown Leghorn cockerel for sale, 5/6 each.—Astley, Beacon-st., Cinderhill, nr. Bilston.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries for half-size or three-quarter size violin, also for violincello to value.—Robinson, 44, Cromer-st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED 1908 Buff Yorkshire hen, must be good; exchange Yellow Norwich cock, 1908; approval both ways; hen first.—Swindley, 11, East-view, Handbridge, Chester.

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GENT'S safety cycle, good order, £1; rug, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 2/6; Linnet, 1/-; finger-tame Greenfinch, 1/6; exchange Canaries; offers.—Smith, Freemantle-rd., Lowestoft.

CLEAR Yellow Norwich cock, Buff hen, good breeders, 12/6; Yellow Green Crested cock, 1908, 7/6; Goldfinch cock, 3/6; sell 22/0 lot; exchange offers.—Kirk, Hankey-st., Peterboro'.

KEESHOND bitch, five months, pure bred, sell 15/-, or exchange Canaries; lady's silver watch, in perfect order, sell 12/6, or exchange birds to value.—Coplund, Dent-st., Tamworth.

EXCHANGE ticked buff Yorks cock for yellow hen value 6/-; also 39 6d. parts Cassell's Popular Educator, clean, for Goldfinches, 7/-; approval, deposit. Maude, Thwaites Brow, Keighley.

EXCHANGE pair of high-class Yorkshires for a first-class Roller, must be a gem and no bad notes in his song; Yorkshires sent on approval on receipt of Roller.—2, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

BARGAIN. Nor. cinnamon cock, 25/-; 1st Crewe November 14th, card sent; large variegated Buff Nor. cock, 15/-; good stock bird; part exchange.—Jess Glover, 106, Underwood-lane, Crewe.

PURE Roller Canaries, specially trained for Schoolmasters, 12/6 and 10/6; hens, same strain, 2/6; or exchange Ancona or White Leghorn laying pullets.—Rhodes, 37, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, Staffs.

THREE pairs Yorkshires, all recent winners South London, Wandsworth, Grand Metropolitan, travelling case, six show cages, £5 lot; exchange O.E.G. Bantams; offers.—Horsey, 1, East Sheen-avenue, Mortlake.

CRESTBRED cock and Crested hen, both winners, 35/-; exchange for cock Hawfinch and Crossbill, well marked, winners; or offers; other winning Britishers; approval both sides.—Low, Willow Cottage, Broughty Ferry.

GIVING up breeding; pair of Yorkshire Canaries, one odd Yorkshire, house-moulted cock Goldfinch and ben Canary, all grand condition, 16/-, last lot; stamp particulars.—W. Greenwood, Gloucester-rd., Newbury, Berks.

LARGE Buff Cinnamon cock, 1907; yellow Cinnamon hen, 1908, £1 10s; yellow Cinnamon cocks, 15/-, and 10 yellow Cinnamon hens, 10/6, and 15/-; exchange entertained, Crest or C.B. preferred.—Stewart, 73, Albert-street, Edinburgh.

OFFERS wanted in children's boots, cycle, gent's 24-in. frame, for Canaries, cages, three buff Plainhead hens, two Crested hens, two Crest-bred hens, two Crest-bred cocks, all 1908, large, healthy.—Lewis, 28, Lawrence-avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GRAND 1907 variegated buff Yorkshire hen, slim and leggy, good type and quality (Knight's strain); would exchange for Siberian hen Bullie, equal to value, or two hand or Canary-reared British; also good 1907 yellow variegated Border hen, good strain, for three hen Bullies; approval.—Hughes, Bryn Gwynedd, Llanberis, Wales.

SALE or exchange grand Crest-bred cock, 10/-; Border Fancy, two pairs, 15/-; Scotch Fancy cock, Yellow Green, 10/-; Plainheads, the Bullie type, one pair, or first or second cross of the Belgium; must be good; approval; three Border show cages, price 1/11 each.—David Ross, Baker, Tay-square, Broughty Ferry.

NORWICH, foul Yellow Green cock, large, can win, 20/-; variegated Buff hen, 10/-; large unflighted Buff cock, 20/-; large clear Buff cock, 1907, 15/-; variegated Yellow hens, 7/0; three unflighted Yellow cocks, 10/6 each; four unflighted Buff hens, 7/6 each; pairs, good birds, 15/- to 40/-; six common Norwich and two Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; wanted good double silver albert, gold watch; £2 piece, guinea, offers.—Allen, 190, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

FOR Sale or exchange, fine tame Cockatoo, for Indian Rock Parrot, or talking machine records.—O. Hancock, Wickwar.

EXCHANGE pair aviary-bred Budgerigars for Norwich or Yorkshires, or offers.—A. Mills, Nag's Head, lane, South Weald, Brentwood.

HAND-REARED, tame Amazon Parrot, commenced talking, cheap at £4; will sell 35/-; or exchange.—Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

ROSELLA Mealy, perfect specimen, two years in England, prize-winner at Birmingham cage bird show, cattle show week, 50/- including cage; or exchange for live stock, dogs preferred.—A. Jinks, Market Hall, Birmingham.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

ELECTRIC battery, sell 12/6; or exchange.—Revell, Signalman, Shotley Bridge.

BLANKETS, sheets, boots, clothing, for Canaries.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

SIX high-flying, performing Tumblers; exchange British birds.—Holloway, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

SMALL rifle, nearly new; exchange 8's boots, anything useful.—Spring, Bank, Longstone, Derbyshire.

TANDEM cycle, in good order, is cheap at £6, will accept 40/-; or exchange.—Wressell, Crowle, Don.

STRONG bicycle tyres, want repairs; exchange Canaries, British.—10, James-st., Tyldesley, Manchester.

FOR sale, large mahogany aviary; or exchange bird house, with flight.—Cutter, Salem Cottage, Sunderland.

STRONGLY made Parrot cage, large size, as new, 6/6; one ditto round, 3/6, or exchange.—H. Towers, Garstang.

PEKIN Bantams, two trios, sale or exchange good Norwich Canaries; must clear. — 104, Fisherton, Salisbury.

WIRE-HAIRED Terrier dog, good pedigree, sell 10/-; or exchange anything useful.—Cullcur, Dawley, Salop.

WHAT offers British, Foreign, for good ladies' umbrella, value 10/6; new; no rubbish.—Boothroyd, Accrington.

BOVRIL picture, "Leopards' Skin," unframed; exchange Canaries.—Newton, 90, Daybrook-street, Macclesfield.

WHAT offers in British birds for a pair of white Fantail Pigeons, or sell 0/-.—A. Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

DARK Fawn Whippet bitch, extra fast, well bred; exchange anything.—McBride, Townfoot, Old Cumnock, Ayrshire.

TWO well-bred fox terrier bitch pups, 10 weeks, 5/- each; or useful exchange.—Rogers, Gladstone-road, Tonbridge.

AVIARY, 3 ft. 0 high, 3 ft. long, 16 inches wide; exchange seven Roller hens.—Saunders, 3, Capel-terrace, Whetstone.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Smithfield pup, good bred, for Yorkshires; or offers.—S. Whitmore, Wilton House, Dersingham, Norfolk.

LARGE round Parrot cage, 30 in. high, 20 in. wide; exchange Canaries or Goldies.—Withers, 5, Green-gate, Stafford.

WHAT offers in good Yorkshires for first-class buck's head, or sell, 30/6.—Ambrose, Naturalist, 71, Berners-street, Ipswich.

TWELVE long distant homers, all flown 100 miles, sell 30/-; exchange bantams or Canaries.—Abell, Stanfree, Shuttlewood.

WILL give new set of carvers, 7/6, for good cock Goldfinch; bird first.—Andrew Allan, 17, Queen-st., Alva, Clackmannanshire.

FOR sale, a pure-bred Schipperke dog, £2; or exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—Luxton, Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.

BLACK Hamburgh cock, 1908, for two good Norwich Yellow hens, 1908.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

LADIES' cycle, good condition, exchange gold curb bangle, sell £1; offers.—Mrs. Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

PURE-BRED Sable Collie bitch, handsome coat, white tips, four months; exchange for Canaries.—W. Wells, Toftwood, Dereham.

TWO pure black Minorcas, Cockerel, good comb lobes, sell 3/0 each; exchange birds approval.—A. Bignell, 21, Knox-rd., Battersea.

THREE st. brown Mustard; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins, and Linnets, or sell cheap.—Charles Lee, 79, North-st., Stanground, Peterboro'.

GIVE free wheel bicycles, girder frame, for two pairs Yorks, or two large Norwich hens, one cock.—Brown, 22, Alma-road, Weymouth.

ARTIST will exchange high-class oil paintings for Canaries (any variety), or foreign birds.—Gray, Wildbrook, Woodgate, Bromsgrove.

EXCHANGE 12 Edison records for Nor. cock; also Linnet Mule for 1908 green cock, or Crested hen.—Brand, junr., Westerfield, Ipswich.

PARTS 1 to 9 Cassell's Self Educator, unbound, good condition; what offers Canaries or British?—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

ABOUT 680 numbers Hobbies, large quantity, designs, wanted, offers in pure bred Canaries.—Wm. Currall, Baker, Hednesford, Staffs.

PORTMANTEAU, cricket bag, travellers' sample case, two roasting jacks, exchange big hen Canaries.—Legg, 51, Parish-lane, Penge.

THREE double Yorkshire breeders, 5 ft. flights, three show cages and case, cheap; or exchange dog.—43, St. Margarets-rd., Kensal Rise.

BREEDING cage, nearly new, 2/6; suit length, 5/6; black skirt (tall lady's), 5/-; exchange all toy puppy.—L., 14, Angel-rd., Edmonton.

FINE litter of 13 Dalmatian pups, good pedigree well spotted, 15/-; exchange Rollers, Mules.—James, 201, Chester-road, Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED offers in cock Goldfinches or Goldfinch Mules, for Edison Gem phonograph and 30 records.—G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

IRISH Terriers, dog and bitch, three months old; sale, or exchange for Canaries.—Simpson, China Shop, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

BLACKSMITH parallel staple leg vice, worth £1; exchange Canaries.—Newton, 70, Dunham-terrace, Stalybridge-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

DOUBLE-BARREL, muzzle loader, thorough working condition, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Charters, Hairdresser, Caldewgate, Carlisle.

PURE white Pom. bitch, just coming season, 2 years; £1; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, approval. Johsen Wood, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

NINE fancy Pigeons, Beards, Tumblers, sell 11/-; exchange lady's boots, size 6, blankets, anything.—Higgs, 9, Chasely-st., York-square, Stepney.

LADY'S cycle, free wheel, guaranteed good running order, 45/- cash, with accessories; exchange Canaries.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

SECOND-HAND cornet, wants repairs; exchange two Crested or S.b. hens, Roller Schoolmaster; offers.—Moscrop, 23, Walton-st., Gateshead.

EXCHANGE patent heating oil lamp for pair matched Crest.—A. Stevens, 22, Southwold Mansions, Widley-rd., Elgin Avenue, London.

GENTS' Dunlop safety, splendid condition, £2 10/-, or useful exchange, birds, poultry, anything; no rubbish.—Higgins, Riverside, Writtle, Essex.

POMERANIAN white sable lugs dog, 9 weeks, exchange Canaries double breeding cage.—Johnston, Castle Terrace, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.

CROCKER liver spaniel bitch, quiet, used to gun and ferrets, sell 10/-; exchange anything useful.—Moyle Gribbes, Stithians, Perranwell, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE gent's black and white check silk muffler, value 4/11, cock Goldfinch (singing) and cage, or ditto Linnet.—Boothroyd, Accrington.

BARGAIN, drag net, warranted new, not been used, 28 yds. 9 ft. deep, 15/-; cost 25/-; part exchange.—John Parr, 36, Grainger-st., Nottingham.

ONE pair giant Rabbits, weighing 8 lbs. each, 5 months, sell 12/0 lot; or exchange Canaries; what offers?—Leslie, c/o Richmonds, Holbrooks, Coventry.

PAIR plated nearly new cycle wheels, 28 by 1½, New Hudson free-wheel fitted, Crabb's back brake, 15/6; bargain; separate.—Brough, Greenwich, Derby

TWO jet-black toy curley French Poodle dogs and bitch puppies, champion pedigree, price 15/-; or exchange Canaries.—J. C. Smeaton, Broad-st., Stirling.

SCOTCH terrier bitch, pup, by Scorpion, champion pedigree, 15/-; exchange Bullfinches, Goldfinches or Canaries.—Grantham, fruiterer, Wembley.

BLACK Spaniel dog, 4½ months, well bred, 12/-; exchange for two Norwich hens; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Seabrook, 31, St. Leonards-rd., Lowestoft.

FLUTE wanted, exchange small rifle .22 bore, bolt action, perfect condition, and very accurate, mutual approval.—Holloway, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

GENT'S free-wheel cycle, plated rims; exchange Norwich Plainheads or Crests the value of £2; approval.—Taylor, 8, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorkshire.

QUICK Roller Organ, cost £3 5/-, sell 30/-; or exchange two good Rollers; birds first.—Weston, Bishampton Cottages, Waterfall-lane, Old Hill, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 5/- Texas Incubator, fishing-rod, cost 12/6, house-moulted Greenfinch and Bramble finch, for Canaries.—Phillips, 104, Frederick-road, Aston.

GRAMOPHONE, sound, arm, with 32 10-inch disc records, cost £5 10s. recently; exchange Canaries and cages.—Violet Norton, Station-rd., Winslow, Bucks.

EXCHANGE two cock Goldfinch Mules, 1908, for Norwich hens, or anything useful; small egg drawers wanted.—Willmott, 38, Comas-place, Old Kent-rd., London.

SPLENDID marble clock good order, sell 35/-; also few marble paper weights, 2/- each, or exchange for Canaries.—Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

WANTED good gramophone and records; will exchange violin, bow, and case, value 50/-; also pair of good Yorkshires, value 25/-.—H. Midgley, Sladen-st., Keighley.

LIVER Spaniel dog, 14 months, white patch on breast, 15/-; exchange Yellow Norwich cock, or offers in birds.—Ward, 3, New-houses, Wharf-lane, Chesterfield.

COLUMBIA graphophone, six indestructible records, and outfit, 35/-; exchange Canaries, fowls, jewellery; offers anything useful.—194, Wilton-st., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE 87 CAGE BIRDS, from July 2nd, 1906, to December, 1908, for good singing Seifert Roller, or anything useful.—E. Ellis, 8, George-st., Morecambe, Lancs.

FIVE pairs good flying homers, new training basket, sell 15/-; exchange, offers, gramophone preferred; give little cash for good one.—Kirk, Hankey-st., Peterboro'.

GRAND pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, 10/6; exhibition dark Goldfinch Mule and show cage, accept £1, or exchange Canaries.—Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

GRAND cross retriever dog, 18 months, bunt retrieve anything, fond of children, 20/-; exchange Pullets, Canaries, or offers.—Wm. Sorrell, North-st., Bumpstead, Haverhill.

ZITHER harp, cost 30/-, one string missing, accept 7/6; Dante, illus., 36 parts, 136 full-page plates; sell or exchange cage birds, Pigeons.—Jacobs, 60, Lower Marston, Sittingbourne.

SEVEN prize-bred Tipplers, four Tumblers, four Fantails, exchange cock Goldfinches, or colour-fed Yorkshires, valued 25/-.—Joseph Davies, 6, Prospect Place, Longton, Staffs.

INCUBATOR, 30 egg, 23/6, black red Bantams 3/- each, Dun Carriers, 20/-; pair black Magpies 5/-; offers wanted, crest breeding cages.—A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

PAIR clap nets, 16 yds. by 5, almost new, call cages, box complete, hen Bullie, twice moulted, 25/-; exchange gramophone or Goldfinches.—H. Colman, 6, Victoria-st., Doncaster.

LADY'S silver engraved watch for colour-fed Norwich, or sell 16/-. New full-sized Scotch blankets, 18/6, or Norwich Canaries.—Walker, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

CLAP nets, 24 feet by 4½ feet, poles, pegs, lines complete, and two pairs of Canaries; will exchange for gent's cycle or good small-bore rifle; offers; no cards.—Folger, Ixworth-Thorpe, Suffolk.

LARGE stuffed Japanese fish, sea porcupine; also Indian Parrot-fish, cash offers; exchange small foreigners or pied cock Goldfinch; or cock Roller Canary.—Steele, 31, Rufford-rd., Liverpool.

GRAMOPHONE and 36 records, exchange for buff cock and two yellow Norwich hens, must be winning strain, and £1 cash; or sell £3 10s.; approval, deposit.—B. Harland, Bagdale, Whitby.

EXCHANGE four pure-bred Dutch rabbits, doe eighteen months, 3 four months; clap-nets or Norwich Canaries; sell 10/-.—Charles Gordon, Gardener, Hirst Head Farm, Bedlington, Northumberland.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries, prize bred, for three English does, Elders and Young strain, also auto-harp in good condition, cost £2 when new.—Apply, J. Hill, Ship Inn, Church-street, Whitby.

GENUINE bargain, good grey suit, £1, cash, fit gentleman 5ft. 10in., 11 stone; black morning buttoned coat, clean, good, 8/6; exchange, offers for coat, approval; deposit.—Sowtham, Honeybourne, S O.

YORKSHIRE terrier dog, 2 years, rich tan, blue back, short leg, sound and clean; exchange grey Parrot, good talker, or sell £5; approval both ways.—Barker, Hairdresser, Grosland Moor, Huddersfield.

PAIR self black Tumblers, can win, 10/-; or exchange pair of good Norwich, also winner, cock Dragon, 4th only time out, 10/-, for Norwiches or racing basket to hold 12.—A. McNair, 8, George-st., Paisley.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held December 3rd, when there was a good number present. The balance-sheet showed £5 on the right side. It was decided to hold annual show on October 23rd, 1909. The following official benrers were then appointed:—Messrs. Jas. Stenhouse (president), Alex. Fotheringham (vice-president), John Ford, Normand Place, Kelty (secretary), Alex. Anderson (treasurer), and D. McConvillo and Fotheringham (auditors). The chairman was congratulated on the manner in which he had his business in hand, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.—J. FORD, sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A "beast heart supper and social" was held on November 21st, at the headquarters "The Horse and Groom Inn." Upwards of 40 members and friends sat down, and the manner in which plate after plate was emptied was evidence of the excellence of the fare provided. After supper Mr. H. Barker presided at the piano, and with Mr. Crowther, the president, in the chair, the company settled down for a jovial evening. The night was wild and wet outside, but this did not damp the spirits of the assembled fanciers, and songs were sung by Messrs. W. Chapman, W. Hillas, H. Babratow, H. Barker and H. Pickles, and the time slipped away in a very pleasant manner. We passed an excellent evening.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, December 1st, Mr. R. B. Gibb (vice-president) in the chair. After a general discussion, the date for annual general meeting was fixed for January 26th. It was also decided that final date for receiving bowl subscriptions, and specials be December 19th next. Will members kindly send on by then? Voting papers will be sent out directly after next meeting, for the election of office bearers, and must be returned to the scrutineers as early as possible. All country members intending being present at general meeting please let me know. The secretary read a paper on the principal properties of various seeds, and after a friendly discussion the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the secretary and chairman.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held November 19th, and was fairly well attended. The discussion had to be postponed. The rules for show were revised, and the price of catalogue and admission were fixed at 6d. each. The contracts for printing were agreed upon. The schedule was passed, with 44 open classes and 40 members' classes, and the entry fee for members is to be 1s. 3d. open classes and 1s. members' classes. One member sent in his resignation, which was accepted. A committee meeting was held on December 5th, when the members proceeded to allot no less than 65 specials to the various classes. It was also decided to have the model cards, which the committee and one or two members subscribed for among themselves. One new member was elected. Fanciers wishing to exhibit at annual show must join at next meeting.—W. PAWLEY, sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Last table show for 1908 on Tuesday, December 15th. It will comprise the following classes:—Lizards, Borders, Mules, and British. Now, brother members, support the committee. They are doing their best for you, so kindly show your appreciation of their efforts, and make this table show the best we have held. We are obtaining the services of competent judges; they will not offer their services if you do not support them better, and give them something to do when they come. The last table show, held December 1st, was a complete failure. Our host has kindly promised to give 2s. 6d. for the best bird in each class at our next show, and the remainder of the awards will be paid on the sliding scale, entrance fees 6d. per cage. Come, members, it is hard work for the secretary to be there and find no exhibits, so just rally round.—J. C. SPILSBURY, sec.

SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.C.

Committee meeting held in secretary's room at Kilmarnock Show, December 5th, with Mr. Winter (president) in the chair. Others present were Messrs. A. Sloan, W. G. Muir, A. Watson, J. Young, and the secretary. Final arrangements were made for the club show, to be held in conjunction with Scottish National Show on December 31st and January 1st. The classes, which will be judged by Mr. Trengove (Rishton), are: Clear or ticked yellow cock, clear or ticked buff cock, variegated or green yellow cock or hen, clear or ticked yellow hen, clear or ticked buff hen, variegated or green buff cock or hen. This classification provides members with the opportunity of exhibiting a large number, and the committee anticipate a most successful club show. Members' attention is again directed to the special prize fund, donations towards which, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the secretary. The following gentlemen were proposed and seconded and duly admitted to membership:—Messrs. C. Thomson, J. J. Russell, J. Sinclair, W. Hutchison, A. McInnes, F. Taylor, J. McGovern, G. Martin, D. Johnstone, A. McFadyen, E. Barron, A. Malcolmson, W. Johnstone, W. Jack, A. McEwan, A. Cant, J. Peters, J. Ronistone, J. A. Irvine, J. Milul, and D. McNeil.—J. BROWN, sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Mr. J. Hartley gave a splendid Canary washing exhibition on December 1st, when a good number of members and friends watched him with keen interest. Mr. Hartley uses three bowls of water—one for lathering and two for rinsing purposes. He says he believes in the old-fashioned way of washing, and if this was a sample of what the old fanciers were capable of doing, then a lot of the younger fanciers will have to look to their laurels, for he put four birds through the process within 14 minutes, and delighted the audience with his easy and confident manner. He used Magerison's white Windsor soap for washing, and many remarks were passed about its being a rather big piece, but friend Hartley was not long before he showed those present what advantages this large piece of soap contained, to those who were in the "know." Laying the tail and the ends of the wings, always a very dirty place, on this piece of soap, he is not very long before he works a transformation in the colour, the dirt disappearing in quick time. He uses a brush for lathering the bird, and a sponge for rinsing, doing this thoroughly before he takes a nice soft towel and dries as much of the water off as possible; he then wraps the bird in another cloth, and lays it before the fire to dry for about 20 minutes. When Mr. Hartley had done washing the birds, he washed the perches, and put clean paper in the cage bottoms, ready for the birds as they came out of the cloths. One noticeable feature was that the birds did not seem much fatigued, after the easy manner in which they had been put through their ablutions. Mr. W. Laycock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hartley; this was seconded by Mr. G. R. Rushworth, and carried unanimously. Mr. Hartley responded, and this brought a pleasant evening to a close.—H. HILL, sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet contest took place at the "Crown Inn," North Street, on December 5th, when 16 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Gurden; 2, Kirby; 3, Lumbert; 4, Oldroyd. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at "King's Head," Shannon Street, December 5th, when 19 birds sang before a crowded house, and were judged by Messrs. W. Kisher and T. Johnson. First, 2nd, and 3rd, Stead. Also on December 6th. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper. Twenty birds were hung. First and 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Nichols.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

I wish CAGE BIRDS good luck and prosperity. I look forward to it every Friday. I think the plates are grand; I have mine hung up in the bird-room.—CHARLES R. HULLEN (North Kensington).

THE SHOWS.

HORTICULTURAL HALL.

Held December 4th and 5th in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. There was an excellent display of high quality birds, and these were very nicely staged, the room presenting a distinctly pleasing appearance. The only fault we could find was the many empty, or partly empty, rows of staging, which looked somewhat ragged, and spread the birds about unnecessarily. It would have been better to have taken the useless benching down, and grouped the exhibits more compactly. The hall is a wonderfully fine and suitable place for a cage bird show, being unusually spacious, and perfectly lighted, while it is really absolutely draught-proof. The heating arrangements are first-class, though at night the temperature got rather too much on the warm side. Messrs. Trower and Company, J. Carter and Company, and Hyde and Company had very attractive stands of their specialities in the hall, while Mr. Dawson, the "Chelsea Naturalist," made a good display of birds, cages, etc. The fact of birds being sold in the hall by a stall-holder caused a little heart-burning among those who had catered birds in the selling and extra stock classes. The entry, officially given as 1,727, was stated to be a record. In this total are included 11 returned (cancelled) entries, and 369 members' birds, while no fewer than 68 birds were marked 'absent" by the judges. The 110 open (not including those cancelled) classes contained 1,347 birds, an average of just over 12 per class. Deducting the Roller, selling, and stock classes, the average is under 10 per class. The Rollers (144 in six classes) and sell. and stock (193 in three classes) mustered strongly. This may be a record for the Horticultural Hall Show, but—well, there are the actual figures. The exhibits themselves were tended and fed in first-rate style.

How Did it Happen?

The Crests did not muster very strongly in numbers, but the quality was high, and specially so in the Crest-breds. A good few noted breeders entered into the fray, and the honours were fairly evenly divided amongst them. These classes were undertaken by Mr. R. L. Crisp, who seemed to please the majority with his decisions. The Yorkshires were strong both numerically and in point of quality, the S.Y.C.C. competitions drawing a big entry from its members. Several exhibitors from Yorkshire also sent down teams, but the men of the south rather more than held their own. A remarkable incident, and one which gave rise to some little controversy, was the disqualification of two birds belonging to Mr. Lohr (Carmarthen) for alleged staining; they were shown in the open Novice classes. The general opinion seemed to be that the "staining" was the result of accident, or carelessness of the owner. A red stain on tail and flight feathers could quite plainly be seen, and certainly did not improve the birds—the contrary, in fact. As one well-known fancier observed, it looked as though some excreta tinted with colour-food had got on the said feathers (say, during the moult), and been imperfectly wiped off with a cloth, leaving (or rubbing in) a palpable red stain. Whatever the cause, the judge had no option but to disqualify the two birds, and we presume the C.B.U. will endeavour to arrive at the facts of the case.

A Grand Lot.

The Norwich were admirable in quality, and the classes generally were well filled. Several new faces at London shows put in an appearance, and that not unsuccessfully. Those "cups" are responsible for a great deal of enterprise and zeal in the Southern Norwich Fancy. Some frequent winners elsewhere "went under" in the fray, notably that splendid ticked buff, "The Sign of the Cross." But none of the vanquished were at all disgraced by defeat. The yellows, as we have before noted this season, kept up a very much higher level than heretofore, Mr. Rennie's beautiful bird well holding his own against the most severe attack. The hen classes were very fine. This is as it should be, for much importance attaches to the hen—more than some people will allow—in breeding operations; and it is in this direction fanciers will begin to turn their attention very soon now. The Norwich, taken all in all, at the Horticultural Hall, were a grand lot, quite the equal of anything seen in the south this season.

Dulcet Strains.

The show of the British Roller C.C. was again the admiration of hundreds of visitors, and it is not to be wondered at, as some of the birds were both pleasing and interesting to the most delicate and cultured ears. The steady growth of this variety was clearly shown again by this well-filled classes. There were a few absent birds, due, no doubt to the very bad weather experienced in the north, which caused some of the intending exhibitors to keep their birds at home, while others came to hand some 12 hours late. The keenest fanciers of this variety would not have dreamt 7 or 8 years ago that such a grand lot of young birds bred in this country could be got together for public exhibition, but still the members of this club have succeeded in doing in a few years what it has taken Germany two centuries to accomplish. The reason why British breeders of this variety have succeeded so quickly lies in the fact that they bought the best breeding stock they could possibly obtain, and it is to be hoped that with perseverance we shall be able in the near future to compete in a sound and honourable competition with those experienced breeders the Germans. The staging of the birds was admirable in every way, and as nearly all the birds were shown in the newly adopted show cage, their uniformity was greatly admired, and the visitors not only had the pleasure of hearing the birds, but at the same time had an uninterrupted view of them, and were thus able to follow their song as near as possible. The most difficult task the judges, Messrs. Lester, Norris and Roehl, had was to do justice to such a large number of competitors, entailing, as it did, 15 hours' strenuous labour, but they can be congratulated upon the apparent satisfaction given to the whole of the exhibitors. The points given below for each bird are as awarded by the three judges together.

A Mixture.

The Lancashire section was not over large, but the two classes provided were fairly well filled, and among them were some of the best. Mr. F. J. Green had a strong team out, and this enthusiast has done much to popularise this variety down south. Perhaps in time we shall be able to get together some strong competition. The Lizard section was a show in itself, the champions from Lancashire (the home of the "spangle-backs") being represented by some real clinkers. So keen was the competition that the careless observer could see "nowt between 'em." They are little gems, and appear to be gradually increasing in popularity. Classes for stock birds should help somewhat to this desirable goal. London Fancies, which we remember some quarter of a century ago (how time flies), had a nice little class all to themselves. The effort to revive these charming birds appears to have resulted in steady progress, for they made an undoubted advance upon last season's show. With a few more enthusiasts added to the list of breeders we shall see them in all their past glory. And why not? We can easily do with another breed. The "wee" Border section was only moderately filled, the Midland men failing to support, although some even-marks journeyed from Carlisle, the home of the variety. Mr. A. J. L. Taylor, from South Wales, sent a few good ones, which fairly held their own, his winning buff hen taking the special for best Border. Mr. E. R. Roberts, from North Wales, also did well, as did that keen supporter of Southern shows, Mr. W. Simpson, from far-away Fort William. "Wolley Seiramac" had out a strong team, his even-marks being birds of exceptional merit. We have lately heard of several ladies taking up this charming variety, and if they do so earnestly the men are sure to follow; do they not always follow the fair sex? A word of praise must be given to Mr. Brownlie for the way in which he fulfilled his duties as judge; fault-findiug was a most difficult matter. There was a capital display in the cage classes. Cages of all shapes and sizes, and for every purpose, were to be seen. The chief exhibitors were Messrs. Palmer, Newley, Smith, and Linsey and Son, and we are surprised more makers do not take advantage of this method of bringing their wares before the public. There need be no return carriage, for the exhibits always find a ready sale, if reasonable in price.

A Debateable Point.

The Hybrids were highly interesting, and not bad classes on the whole, the quality of the winning birds being exceptionally good. Messrs. Jackson and Bond, Coffey, Morton, Leigh, Browning, Lamb, and Mrs. Askham, put down some well-known winners, and annexed a goodly share of the prizes. There was nothing new to be seen, and little that was controversial. We heard several expressions of regret that the notorious Canary-Chaffinch did not put in an appearance, and so give breeders a chance of inspecting it. Two or three of the judge's decisions we were unable to follow, though on the whole he did well. One curious point arose. First prize was given to a Goldie-Bullis in the A.O.V. Hybrid class, although a class confined to all Bullfinch crosses was scheduled. This resulted in some caustic comments from interested exhibitors, and eventually the committee upset the judge's decision, and moved the other birds one up in the class. It is a nice point, whether the officials could rightly claim to do this in face of the rule that the judge's decisions shall be "absolutely final, excepting in the case of fraud subsequently discovered." This was a mistake of both exhibitor and judge; but that is not "fraud." Rule 6 deals with specimens entered in a wrong class. But many present contended it lay with the judge to decide, and that only such cases as cocks in the hen classes could afterwards be dealt with by the committee. It is, as we remarked above, a nice point.

England's Pride.

The British birds made an excellent an attractive section. It must be confessed that they played "second fiddle" to the Foreigners in this latter respect, though still a great draw with the outside public. That respected fancier, Mr. S. H. Mays, made one of his all too rare appearances as a judge, and sorted out the Hardbills to the general satisfaction of the exhibitors. Mr. J. Frostick was equally happy in his selection of the winners in the Insectivorous section. The Hardbilled classes were in most instances very well filled, but none lacked quality, and several contained specimens far above those seen even at London shows. The Goldfinch class was, in our opinion, a splendid one, for quality far above those it has been our privelege to see for a long while. Quite half the class were of a stamp fit to win anywhere, and Mr. Harris must feel that he made an exceptionally good bargain when he persuaded the late owner of his Goldie (Mr. Maxwell) to part with it. We hardly saw a "duffer" in the class, which is saying a lot. The Hawfinches also included some stormers, and two such specimens as Mr. Francis' bird and Mr. Chuck's "Midland Chief" (or "Midland Prince") seldom come together. They are both very fine in all points, and although the class contained many birds of high merit, these two stood well away. The Bramblefinches were not quite up to high-water mark in point of numbers, but the quality was good; and the same may be said of the Linnets and Chaffinches. The Greenfinch class contained some rare big birds. The Bullfinches were a good lot. The Yellowhammer class was a distinct disappointment, only eight birds competing; the A.O.S. Bunting class, too, had but six entries.

The Insectivorous Section is always an interesting one, and it came well up both in quality and variety on this occasion. Mr. Maxwell, as usual, staged some grand specimens, especially in the migratory class; while in the small resident class, visitors were able to get a good view of the Jenny and Golden Crested Wrens, which, while familiar enough to country friends, are seldom met with in the metropolis. The little Treecreeper is another interesting bird, and was an object of much curiosity. The Chough is another bird that few people see except on the show bench. The Nightingale class attracted many admirers, and from some of the questions asked by visitors it seems clear that even in these enlightened days there are still plenty of people who judge this bird by the strength of its voice, and expect to see something about the size of a Woodpigeon.

The Gorgeous Ones.

It has been some years since there was gathered together so goodly an array of rare and uncommon Foreign Birds. There were about ten that made their first appearance on the show bench in this country; others that had only appeared this season for the first time, and again others that reappeared after a lapse of years. Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Mexican Trogan first courts our notice; the species in question is one of the least resplendent of this gorgeous genus, but is nevertheless a beautiful bird, even within the limits of its cage giving indications of how beautiful it would be under the influence of light refraction. Briefly, the upper surface is an arrangement of metallic, bronzy-greens and steely blue, the latter colour adorning the head and neck; wings much darker, almost blackish and much spotted and barred with pure white; the under surface mostly greyish-white, with the ventral region orange-red. The now well-known King Bird of Paradise, also owned by Mr. Maxwell, could this year get no higher than third in its class, though in excellent condition. Another uncommon exhibit was Mr. Townsend's Giant Barbet, and though not as gorgeous as some of its relatives, it was a striking and handsome exhibit, in faultless condition. Another very rare exhibit was Mr. Millsum's white-spotted Laughing Thrushes (Ianthocincla ocellata), beautiful and striking birds, but evidently not yet used to the small limits of a show cage, as slightly damaged plumage round the beak bore witness; but space will not permit any but the briefest allusion to the many other rarities exhibited. Mr. Maxwell's black-throated Lorrikeet is indeed a beautiful and rare bird, plumage somewhat similar to the well-known Blue Mountain, but more chaste and beautiful—a first appearance. The same may be said for Mr. Millsum's rare and beautiful black-winged Lorry (Eos cyanogenys), clad in a rich garment, dull carmine-red of various hues, purplish-blue head, and black wings. Mention must also be made of Mr. Maxwell's black-cheeked Lovebird, which has been described in previous issues. The Tanager class was certainly ahead of past years, Mr. Maxwell's black-throated Tanagers all being first appearances, and all of exceptional beauty. Among the uncommon exhibits must be mentioned Mr. Miller's very fine Hawk-headed Caique and Mrs. K. L. Miller's exquisite Sun Conure (Conurus solstitalis), and a very beautiful Splendid Parrakeet, in very fine condition. A very rare Bulbul was entered by Mr. Watts, in the Tanager class, where, of course, it was "W.C." It belongs to the genus Iole, but as the writer did not take detailed notes of its plumage, he cannot be sure of the species—most probably virescens. In the Waxbill and Finch classes Mr. Maxwell showed a beautiful Gaboon Weaver, which is bluish-black on the upper surface and scarlet on the under surface; it is most probably Spermospiza hæmatina. Painted Finches (Emblema picta) were exhibited by Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Leslie Miller—there was the curious spectacle of prizes being awarded to this species entered in different classes, viz., 155 and 156. Mr. F. Finn judged, and complaints were very few; in several of the classes the separation of the different exhibits must have been difficult indeed. That well-known "annual" is always cropping up, that in Foreign Bird Classification provision is only made for rare birds, and that the common or freely imported species stand no chance of being in the money—at the present time classes for common Tanagers, common Finches, and common A.O. Species would doubtless soon be well filled and profitable classes for show managers. However, exhibitors cannot expect such reforms unless they support such. Show managers will not provide classes unless they can secure entries for them, and as we much wish to see the F.B. Classification extended, the writer was very disappointed to see only six entries in the class for common Waxbills, etc.—the matter lies in exhibitors' hands. There were 113 entries among the 12 classes provided, fully two-thirds of which were from members of the Foreign Bird Club. Foreign bird exhibitors must be congratulated on the general excellence of the condition of their exhibits.

The judges were Messrs. R. L. Crisp (Crests and C.B.), P. Mason (Yorks. and Sell.), R. Brownlie (Bord.), F. A Lester, J. W. Norris, and C. Roehl (Rollers). J. Robson (remaining Canary classes, and Mules), S. H. Mays (Brit. Hardbills), J. Frostick (Brit. Insectiv.), Frank Finn (Foreign). Most of them finished in good time, despite the gloomy day, and their awards seemed to be well received.

The Crests and Crest-breds.

CREST YELL. (5): 1, Shearman, nice-bodied hen, neat crest, leafy feather, well laid on; 2, T. J. King, heavy variegated, good frame, capital crest, nice shape, neat; 3, Mrs. Crow, wing mkd. dk, very fair specimen, good and neat beadpiece; 4, Ley, grand body and quality, very decent crest. CL. BODY BUFF (6): 1, Tyson, slashing big bird, very massive frame, carries a pied crest of splendid size and shape, very round and neat, well finished at edges, good texture; 2, Taylor, another well-built bird, also carrying a very nice, expansive, well-groomed crest, few light feathers in it; 3, King, dark crest, close up, very neat, well made headpiece, good size and feather; 4, Evins Bros., very taking clear, lovely quality, good neat beadpiece, in fine condition; vhc, Johnson; "W.C." Mitchell, tkd. on rump. A.O.V. BUFF (12): 1, Taylor, mkd. wings and rump, well-known, rattling good alround bird, grand stout body, lovely quality feather, very expansive shapely crest, thickly and neatly built; 2, Tyson, also a very fine bird for substance and shape, has an immense crest, nicely made up, and well centred and radiated, loses a little in texture, maybe; 3, Ley, wing mkd. dk, grand frame, clothed with splendid feather, rare big beadpiece, neat, good centre and droop; 4, Radley, green, grand size and quality, fine neat crest, lovely droop; vhc, Mills; hc, Shearman; c, Gale. HENS (14): 1, 4, Lazarus, leader the well-known winner, splendid body, very big crest, correct centre, wonderful frontal and droop, neat as possible, a gem; 4th, mkd. right wing, also excels in frontal, very good alround; 2, Johnson, heavy variegated, big bird, carries a wide spread of crest, beautifully drooped and finished, very leafy, good one; 3, Tyson, mkd on back, another splendid hen, grand fronted crest, very fine texture, thickly built and neat, fine big frame; vhc, Evins Bros., much above the average in merit; hc, Turner; c, (no name); No. 11, Gals, too late. CREST-BRED YELL. (7): 1, Mrs. Crow, very big almost green, rare body and head, good rise and entrance, lovely feather; 2, Johnson, light variegated, full of quality, fine frame and feather, wide dome, skull; 3, Ley, great size, true Norwich type, full, well-domed head, wide entrance, looked equal to any from outside of cage; 4, Mrs. Crow, green, lovely texture of feather, big, shapely body, nice skull; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Bowyer; c, King. BUFF (15): 1, Radley, heavy variegated, an out-and-out stormer, marvellous size and head, exceptional rise and entrance, lashed to perfection, heaps of feather of grand width, gem; 2, 3, Pool, two more wonderful exhibits, heavy variegated, wonderful head for width, entrance and turn-back, green follows, practically equal to its room-mate, both very high-class exhibits, hard luck to meet winner; 4, King, lightly variegated, trifle narrow in skull, though still of remarkable width, splendid dome and lashing, very broad feather; vhc, Horton, another clinker; hc, Gale; c, Tyson. HENS (14): 1, Tyson, green, with curious light patch over beak, an exceptional hen for size and shape, has a grand wide rising skull, good entrance and lash; 2, Piper, almost green, beautiful feather, very massive build, lovely wide head, grand browing and dome, looked to be very close up; 3, Ley, light feathers in wings, beauty for skull properties, great width and rise, rare lash, heavy cobby frame, well clothed; 4, Pool, green, lovely dome skull, capital entrance and browing, well built body, plenty of feather; vhc, Mills; hc, Taylor; c, Lazarus. CREST 1908 (7): 1, Johnson, almost green cock, neatest possible crest, expansive, thickly built, round, good centre, very good body, we heard was bought (with others) at a surprisingly low figure; 2, T. J. King, wing mkd. dark, very fine alround youngster, cock, big and good crest, not quite so neat as leader; 3, Cory, wing mkd. dk, not quite the body of leaders, but has an excellent headpiece, expansivo and well built up; 4, Evins Bros., green hen, very promising, fails at sides to-day, big crest, fine texture; vhc, J. Brown; hc, Ley. CREST-BRED 1908 (11): 1, Lazarus, splendid green, very well built, wide cushion head, well browed, grand feather; 2, Evins Bros., another very fine green, heaps of feather, good rising skull, trifle less width; 3, King, another lovely feathered green, very bold head and body; 4, Greenwood and Burson, monster for size real good skull, hardly the wealth of feather of leaders; vhc, Mills; hc, Ley; c, Mrs. Crow. OPEN NOVICE CREST (21): 1, c, Ashby, mkd. left wing, dk, trifle oval in shape, yet a very good crest, neat, good droop, well built, nice big body; 2 vhc, Braund, lightly var., good body, lots of feather, expansive, shapely headpiece, well put down; 3, hc, Burgess, variegated, very neat crest, excellent texture of feather, nice size; 4, Hoar, wing mkd, dk, fine body and quality of feather, capital crest, trifle weak one side. CREST-BRED (9): 1, vhc, Hoar, slashing green, good build, wide entrance, excellent rise, plenty of feather; 2, Slade, very big green, wealth of feather, grand skull, close up; 3, c, Burgess, fine variegated, trifle narrower in head, good rise and turnback; 4, Braund, clear, grand substance, pretty bird; hc, Quekett. CREST LINNET (£3) (13): 1, Mills; 2, Shearman; 3, Greenwood and Burson; 4, Johnson; vhc, Lazarus; hc, Tyson; c, Brown. CREST-BRED (£2) (7): 1, Mills; 2, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Shearman; 4, Radley; vhc, c, Offord; hc, Tyson.

The Yorkshires.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (16): 1, Webb, fine long upstanding bird, very level colour, well rounded, good one, yet we thought a trifle coarse; 2, Halliday, very well drawn and modelled, neat, grand legs, well braced, full of quality and bloom; 3, vhc, Pattrick, all quality, two very typical built birds, long and well drawn; 4, Hudspeth, nice one, capital length, stands on good legs; hc, Crisp, very close up, we thought; c, Parrott. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Crisp, winner tkd. neck, stands out for position and boxey feather, tight as a Java everywhere, exquisite quality, beautifully modelled, not a harsh line anywhere, wins hands down; 2nd, clear, also grand feather and quality, very long and well drawn, splendid legs; 3, Knight, fine, long, straight, boxey-feathered bird, plenty of leg, very typical, we thought needed a tubbing; 4, Pattrick, very stylish and taking, grand quality, good leggy bird, well shown; vhc, Rorke; hc, Webb; c, Greaves and Crabtree. MKD. ETC. (11): 1, Crisp, cinn. wing and eye mkd. buff, one of the best we have seen, exquisite quality, waxlike condition, wonderful length and shape, hard to find fault with; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, yell., wing and eyes, splendid lengthy bird, rare legs and position, fine wing and tail carriage, very typical, shown in grand style; 3, Johnson, very nice stamp of bird, well rounded, slim, neat, lengthy and good in position, seemed to be soiled in condition; 4, Rennie, yell., fine length and shape, we could not get it tight in feather when taking notes; vhc, Davis, clinking good Yorkie; hc, c, Pattrick. HENS, YELL. (14): 1, hc, Crisp, beauty, neat and clean as a new pin, grandly drawn, fine length, plenty of leg and style, shows beautifully, perfect quality; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, another sweet hen, hardly the taking style of winner, yet bad to beat for length and type, rare quality and bloom; 3, vhc, Pattrick, perhaps hardly so well moulded, but for length and quality excellent, nice head and wings, good stand; 4, Webb, trifle stronger, smart position, nice quality and bloom, good length, neat; c, Rennie. BUFF HENS (19): A warm lot; 1, 3, Rennie, the well-known clear, faultless condition, grand hen for length and style, beautifully moulded and drawn, very neat in plumage, wants beating; 3rd, another very typical hen, good legs and position, trifle sharper on front; 2, Halliday, lovely clear, well drawn, straight as a pencil, all quality, neat everywhere; 4, Crisp, shade on the small side, fine quality and bloom, smart position, shapely; vhc, Davis, very stylish and typical; hc, Johnson; c, Rorke. BRED 1908 (14): 1, Rennie, clear yell., the "Non-such," truly a splendid youngster, A1 quality and bloom, lengthy, very shapely, grand legs, yet inclined to tip wings across at times; 2, vhc, Crisp, buff, tkd. back head, rattling good bird, beautiful quality, fine length and position, tight as wax; 3, Pattrick, very lengthy, typical, long-sided bird, nice wings and tail, good stand; 4, Parrott, cinn.-mkd., lovely quality, fine stamp of bird, stands grandly; hc, Davis; c, Greaves and Crabtree. OPEN NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, spl, vhc, Baker, clear, fine length and style, very neat; 2, Jefferies, hardly so tight in feather as leader, yet a beauty for length, well drawn; 3, Green, head tkd., close run, very stylish and lengthy, good legs and quality; 4, Beeny, very good clear, excellent quality and type; hc, Rogers; c, No. 2, disqualified. BUFF (11): 1, Jefferies, fine clear, very long and well-drawn, neat, good style; 2, Rogers, hardly so finely drawn, good one for position, boxey feather, nice bloom; 3, Whittome, trifle shorter, plenty of leg, good stand, A1 quality, neat; 4, Beeney, same failing, typical position, upstanding, fine quality; vhc, Allen; hc, Franks; c, Adams. MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Dixon, mkd. right wing, good, long, tight-feathered bird, stands well; 2, Green, yell. cinn. mkd. head and wings, well moulded, neat, good length and style; 3, Batchelor, fine stamp of bird, well drawn and neat, capital position; 4, Allen, long one, but quality and style, nice and neat; vhc, Whittome; hc, Franks; c, Jefferies. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Adams, sweet clear, leggy and stylish, long, wing nicely drawn; 2, Jefferies, excellent colour and quality, good stand, lengthy and neat; 3, Dixon, cinn. mkd. wings, bit shorter, but lovely boxey feather, good style; 4, Allen, nice stamp of hen, good length and quality, trifle heavier at waist; vhc, Franks; hc, Whittome; c, Baker. BUFF HENS (17): 1, Grecu, very long and well-drawn lady, fine position, neat, full of quality; 2, Adams, fine neat hen, good length and style, nice feather; 3, 4, Franks, good length, well on leg, neat in feather, two smart ones; vhc, Whittome, also a good hen; vhc, Rogers; c, Miss Gill; No. 5, disqualified. BRED 1908 (17): 1, Green, yell., lovely quality and colour, fine length and position, capital legs; 2, Picard, romping big one, great length, neat, good legs, full of quality; 3, Creamer, very good style, lengthy, nicely drawn; 4, Dewsnap, promising, long and neat, A1 quality; vhc, Adams; hc, Franks; c, Porter. LIMIT (30/-) (13): 1, Edwards; 2, 4, Knight; 3, Winter; vhc, Page; hc, Rennie; c, Pope.

The Norwich Plainheads.

NORWICH CL. YELL (14): 1, Rennie, a charming fellow, level as a die in colour, beautiful sheeny feather, nice full chest, good wing carriage and covering, well formed and carried tail, neat head and beak, wants some beating in any company; 2, Baker, lovely soft, silky feather, good head, possibly not as rich in colour or as uniformly built for "flow" as the winner, but for all that a topper; 3, 4, Gill and Pethick, both shapely, hardly so deep in colour, but fine quality and well proportioned, the former "carries its tail behind it" in true Norwich fashion; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Morris; c, Sandiford. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Whetstone, rare bold head and body, good undercolour, nice feather, a good one; 2, Morris, a very smart bird, the Dulwich winner; 3, Seed,

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trifle weaker in head and neck, grand tone of feather, rich undercolour, finely shown; 4, Gill and Pethick, beautiful type and feather texture, a good bird; vhc, Watson, sweet bird, fails just a shade in head only; he, Baker, lovely bird of grand shape, fine frosty feather, one could scarcely reconcile its low position on the list, a frequent winner. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Seed, variegated, nice colour, good in shape; 2, Cook, magnificent ticked bird, lustrous and rich, grand type, lovely flutish; 3, Midgley, another grand ticked bird, rare size, and close in feather; 4, Hodder, variegated, grand quality, nice colour; vhc, Ins, Whetstone; c, Crimes. TKD., ETC., BUFF (12): 1, 2, Hodder, winner in new face, grand body, rich undercolour, beautifully burnished head, bold and nicely formed, bonny bird, 2nd variegated, beautiful quality, neat head, good wing covering; 3, Rennie, very similar to 1st in most respects, hardly so closely boxed up, perhaps, but close up; 4, Evans, "Sign of the Cross," fine bold bird of rare undercolour, not quite so glossy as winner; vhc, Bowyer; he, Baker; c, Crimes. HENS, YELL. (16): 1, Rennie, bold and short, level, well packed wings, glossy feather, nice colour, a good one; 2, Gill and Pethick, rare quality of feather, neat head and neck, level colour; 3, Tottle, variegated, grand chest and front, rare quality of feather, sweet hen; 4, Cook, bold, silky in feather, short flights, good colour; vhc, Gill and Pethick, rattling good all-round hen; he, Hodder; c, Sandiford. HENS, BUFF (15): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, "The Temptress," one of the most uniform hens for type, as a buff, and for quality and undercolour the writer has ever seen, a gem of the first water; 2, Whetstone, good one, just beaten by the winner in type, excellent all-round characteristics; 3, Hodder, variegated, rare type, fine quality of feather, well known; 4, Gill and Pethick, good quality and shape of head and neck, just a wee bit squnre behind; vhc, Evans; he, Sandiford; c, Morris. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Midgley, most lovely feather, very typical, rich in colour, short in body, grand bird, but did not seem to have a full tail; 2, Gill and Pethick, shapely again, with nice "flow," rare quality of feather, hardly so rich in colour as winner, but a real good one; 3, Cook, bird of true Norwich properties, fine colour, grand quality; 4, Rennie, level colour, nice bold chest, neat head, fine silky feather; vhc, he, Howard; c, Hodder. UNFLIG. BUFF (12): 1, Midgley, very similar in build to the nullig. yellow, grand feather and bloom, rich undercolour; 2, Rennie, a bird we liked much, ran the winner a neck-and-neck race, even if it did not just get in front—a matter of opinion; 3, Gill and Pethick, another beauty, chubby, good feather and colour; 4, Baker, a bird carrying the most lovely bloom, like gauze, rich in undercolour, bonny shape, close up with the others; vhc, Seed; he, Cullington; c, Bowyer. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Harper, fine body, grand quality; 2, Isom, rare shape and quality, nice colour; 3, Luff, full of quality, nice colour; 4, Mrs. Mazzoni, smart bird, good type, silky in feather and rich in colour; vhc, Reeves; he, Lee and Kearney; c, Baker. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Keech, bold and shapely, nice quality of feather, and has good undercolour; 2, Dixon, another bird of merit, fine shape and quality; 3, Harper, typical, in rare bloom; 4, Fuller, good shape and colour, just a trifle free in feather; vhc, Baker; he, Rogers and Mazzoni; c, Reeves. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Palmer, splendid quality, nice colour, capital shape and style; 2, Keech, variegated, dense colour, nice shape; 3, Hart, full of quality, excellent shape and colour; 4, Ferris, variegated, rich tone of colour, silky feather; vhc, Baker; he, Billington; c, Parr. TKD., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, Jordan, variegated, of fine quality, nice body; 2, Penuells, rare quality, good shape and finish; 3, Keech, variegated, very neat and typical; 4, Rogers and Mazzoni, ticked, lovely close feather, rare undercolour, if a little more chubby would need pegging back; vhc, Lee and Kearney; he, c, Harper. HENS (20): 1, Isom, variegated, buff, very sweet and typical, we liked much, quickly claimed; 2, Hart, another really good shapely hen, full of quality; 3, Harper, buff, pretty, very shapely; 4, Billington, yellow, well up for type, quality, and colour; vhc, Hollands; he, Kuce; c, Parr. UNFLIG. (24): 1, Lathleif, yellow, lovely silky feather, nice colour, full of promise; 2, Thomas, yellow, teeming with quality, nice shape and colour; 3, Lee and Kearney, chubby body, nice head, good quality; 4, Joyes, variegated buff, good quality of feather, but a trifle free; vhc, Joyes; he, Luff; c, Thomas. SELL. (30s.) (5): 1, Litchfield and Son; 2, Richardson; 3, Cooper; 4, Day; vhc, Keech, some cheap birds amongst them.

All other Canary Classes.

CINN. YELL. (3): 1, Dormer, capital type, good broad head, full chest, nice even colour throughout; 2, Shearman, quite as good in colour, had hardly the substance of winner, but a good one for a' that; 3, Pretty, big bold bird of good colour, plenty of substance, capital wings. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, 4, Dormer, 1st bouncing bird, splendid quality, rare body, good level back and wings, very rich colour; 2nd, a good big buff, sound colour, typical, nice wing carriage; 4th, another good one, capital head, back and wings, close up; 3, Pretty given in catalogue as owner, but we believe should be Shearman, splendid type, sound in colour, hardly so deep as winner perhaps, but very level; vhc, King. LANCS. COPPY (11): 1, 2, vhc, c, Green, two bonny birds leading, rare substance and length, leader has a bit more frontal than 2nd, two rattling exhibits; 3, Lowe, grizzle-capped bird, good substance, plenty of feather, nice neat coppy, hardly the size of winners perhaps; 4, he, Ind, very fine long-sided bird, nice even grizzled headpiece; No. 10, West, we heard was the Manchester and Rochdale champion, stood cardle c. PLAINHEAD (7): 1, Lowe, grand bird, very shapely, stands well, splendid substance, with plenty of head feather, lovely quality; 2, 4, vhc, he, Green, 4th big bold bird, rare length, hardly the substance of winner perhaps, but a good one, splendid headpiece; 4th, good buff, exceptional quality, capital substance throughout; 3, Ind, another topper, rare size and quality, plenty of length, good, full head and neck. LIZ., GOLD., CL. (10): 1, vhc, c, Rukin, 1st capital size, neat cap, good even back and wings, splendid ground colour; 2, 3, Dewsnap, very neat, grand spangling on both body and back, very neat cap; 3rd, another from the same aviary, similar, but hardly so good in cap perhaps; 4, he, Hampshire, good bird, splendid cap, capital size and shape, full of work throughout, topping colour. B.C. (8): 1, Hampshire, lovely bird, rare quality, teeming with colour, full of work throughout, capital size and shape, Manchester winner we heard; 2, 3, 4, he, c, Dewsnap, wonderful team, 2nd rare ground colour, very even in spangling, good body work; 3rd, very shapely, full of work throughout, nice depth of colour; 4th, very similar, must have run close; vhc, Rukin. SILVER C.C. (6): 1, vhc, Dewsnap, a beauty, capital size, very shapely, good sound colour, lovely spangling, ahead of everything in body work; 2, 3, he, Rukin, good one, hardly so shapely perhaps, but excellent spangling, very hot colour; 3rd, similar bird for substance and shape, very bold spangling; 4, Hampshire, neat stylish bird, splendid cap, full of neat work, very close up. B.C. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Dewsnap, a very shapely neat little bird, capital colour, very close, even spangling, hard pressed by his companion with rather more work, very bold and distinct, excellent colour; 3, 4, he, Rukin, capital bird, nice size and shape, good back, fails a wee bit in body work to leaders; 4th, similar, very even, bold spangling, nice body work, capital condition and colour; c, Fisher. GOLD (ANY AGE) (4): 1, Dewsnap, very rich coloured C.C., lovely quality, beautifully spangled, scarcely a trace of age, easy first; 2, Fisher, another good C.C., lovely work, bit grizzled in flights; 3, Hampshire, real good, broken cap, rich ground work; 4, Rukin, another good one, beautifully spangled, wears well. SILVER (16): 1, Rukin, good C.C., lovely quality and colour, full of work throughout, would almost pass for a youngster, so neat and nice is it; 2, 3, 4, Hampshire, very shapely, good ground work, beautifully spangled throughout; 3rd, very rich-coloured C.C., very neat bird, clear, distinct work; 4th, another good one, very bold spangling, good distinct wings and body work; vhc, he, Clegg. BORD., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Roberts, real typical Border, very stylish and jaunty, good head and wings, in faultless condition; 2, Pearson, another good one, very typical, hardly so fully moulded as winner perhaps, but very rich colour and good quality; 3, Sciranac, fine jaunty bird, travels well, splendid wings, lovely condition; 4, Mrs. Baker, very stylish, beautifully moulded, hardly in the condition of leaders, but will improve with care. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Simpson, bird of grand condition, which secures her her place to-day, closely pressed; 2, he, Sciranac, beautifully moulded, grizzle cap, with good round head, lovely wings, hardly fit yet as might be; 3, Taylor, little gem, good head and front, lovely condition, a grand exhibit; 4, Bowes, good one, very rich colour, very stylish, in capital condition; vhc, Roberts; c, Rukin. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Simpson, real topper, grand position, sweet full head, nice clean run, good win; 2, Taylor, another good one, shade bolder in front, very typical, hardly so well filled in at back perhaps, but splendid position; 3, Bowes, very rich, sweetly moulded, stylish, must have pressed hard; 4, Roberts, good size, rare feather, well moulded, nice wing carriage; vhc, Sciranac; he, Bott; c, Ellwood. HEN (7): 1, Taylor, little queen, beautifully moulded, nice clear, runs, good style, capital wings, took spl for best Border; 2, Bowes, another good one, very close up, lovely feather, sweet head, good wings, natty close-feathered tail; 3, Simpson, good feathered bird, nice front, stands well, nicely filled back; 4, Roberts, very jaunty little bird, stylish and free, good head and wings, capital condition; vhc, Pearson; he, Baker. EVEN MARKS (8): 1, 3, Sciranac, real typical Border, good rich colour, very jaunty, splendid wings, evenly balanced eyes; 3rd, similar, with grand wings; 2, Robson, bird of good position and feather fails in eye marks just a trifle, nice exhibit; 4, vhc, Meekly, best mkd. birds in class, 4th fails just a bit in type (and the standards says type is first), but the yell is a real beauty; he, Ellwood; c, Roberts. UNEVEN (9): 1, Simpson, little gem, lovely carriage and colour, sweet head, beautiful front and wings, grand condition; 2, 3, Sciranac, two birds of exceptional quality, right position, beautiful heads, very typical, lovely pair, will improve a bit yet; 4, Taylor, very fine upstanding buff, lovely condition, and contour; vhc, Pearson; he, Roberts; c, Stovin. LONDON FANCY (7): 1, 2, Tilby, good clear body, with nice dark wings and tail, a distinct advance during the twelvemonth; 2, similar bird just a shade more tick. on it, a nice exhibit; 3, 4, Tyson, good type, cl. cap, and nearly cl. body, good wings and tail; 4, another from the same room, looks like a nest fellow; vhc, Filby; he, Tyson; c, Tilby. FRILLS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Brooks, capital team all big bouncing birds, beautifully frilled, especially the two leaders, these birds are an interesting addition to a show and deserve to be popular.

The Roller Section.

YOUNG BIRDS (bred by the exhibitor, and wearing the 1908 closed rings): 1, 2, 3, extra 4, he, and special, Randall, 1, 59 pts, magnificent, has secured the owner the club cup for the second year; 2, 51 pts, another good bird of the same strain; 3, 47 pts, bird with good song and delivery; 4th, 41 pts, good all-round songster; extra 2nd, Percival, 48 pts., good deep songster; extra 3rd, 4th, Fisher, 3rd 42 pts, wonderfully deep and full; 4th, 42 pts, another deep and full bird, had slight nufzug; 5, Walton, 39 pts, good tours and delivery; vhc, Waring, 37 pts; c, Turpin, 21 pts. NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (bred by the exhibitor, wearing the 1908 closed ring): 1, Pattison, 51 pts, nice bird, good delivery and tours; 2, Schluter, 43 pts, also good bird, many tours; 3, Hirst, 47 pts, bird with specially good hollow and schockel roll; 4, Willows, 47 pts, good deep allround bird; 5, Hirst, 43 pts, good variety song; vhc, Pattison, 43 pts; he, T. Hirst, 40 pts; c, Willows, 40 pts. CHAMPION CLASS: 1, Harding, 60 pts, real little champion, good variety of tours, delivered in splendid deep tone with no faults; 2, Randall, 54 pts, last year's cup winner, has retained his melodious voice; 3, Parr, 53 pts, good, deep, valuable songster; 4, Randall, 53 pts, full in song tours, but a few points were taken off for nufzug; 5, Merrick, 41 pts; vhc, Hughes, 40 pts; he, Foulds, 38 pts; c, Steigart, 35 pts. In this section a collection of 6 birds were shown by Mr. C. Roehl; their deep and full songs, with their variety of tours, were greatly admired. They were imported by him and are of the same strain from which most of the prize winners in this country have been obtained. AMATEUR: 1, Fisher, 41 pts, good deep bird, with excellent variety; 2, 3, Gladwin, 2, 40 pts, splendid deep and full-toned bird, grand delivery; 3, 37 pts, also good allround bird; 4, Harper, 34 pts, lovely little songster, fine tours; vhc, Fisher, 33 pts; he, Parr, 30 pts; c, Wakelam, 27 pts. NOVICE: 1, White, 27 pts, good little songster, grand tours and delivery; 2, Banks, 23 pts, also a fine songster; 3, Schluter, 20 pts, good songster, with many merits; 4, Willows, 19 pts, special good hollow and schockel roll; vhc, Smith, 15 pts; he, Wirth, 14 pts; c, Wirth, 14 pts. OPEN COMP.: Judge, Mr. Norris; 1, 2, Roehl; 3, Steigart; 4, Whittlestone.

Cages.

CAGES (show or stock): 1, Millsum, cage for Soft-bills, with bowed front, of nice depth, light, and strongly made, combination cage for show and travelling, made to admit light when on the journey; 2, 3, Palmer, another soft bill cage, very neatly made, with the ordinary feed and water vessels, light and strong, cheap; 3, Palmer, bow-fronted Blackbird or Thrush cage, well made, good front; 1, Newley, good box-cage suitable for Finch or Soft-bill, with draw board, and fittings complete, reasonable in price; vhc, he, c, Palmer. BREEDING: 1, 2, Palmer, good, well-made double breeder, fitted throughout, perches in correct position, capital size, very reasonable in price; 2, capital three-compartment breeder with top and bottom door, fitted throughout with wire and wood slides, quickly claimed, capital cage; 3, Newley, neat single breeder, 20 by 16, fitted with seed, water and egg drawer, perches arranged to prevent fouling, useful size; 4, Linsey and Son, soundly made double-breeder extra full size, with wood and wire partition, very light and strong for its size, reasonable; vhc, he, c, Palmer. A.O.V.: 1, Newley, Chough or Magpie cage, strongly and well finished, food and water easily got at, capital show cage for these species; 2, (no name), cottage cage suitable for a large bird, built to give as much protection as possible when in the open, has a metal drawboard; 3, vhc, he, Palmer, an open double breeder or drawing-room cage, beautifully made of wire and metal, can be used as single or as two; 4, Newley, Blackbird or Thrush cage, good size, perches nicely arranged, fitted with usual feeders; c, Parrington.

The Hybrids.

CLEAR, ETC., CAN. HYB. (7): 1, 4, Jackson and Bond, leader ticked Siskin-Can., nice size and shape, lovely quality and feather, real good Mule, 4th very big clear, grand shape and style, very pale colour; 2, Browning, very pretty four-pointed, graud whig marks, good eyes, lovely quality and colour, in A1 form; 3, Gunnell, also four-pointed, fine size and shape, capital colour and silky feather; vhc, Hills; "we," Alford, a lightly varieg. bird. VARIEG., ETC., GOLDIE-CAN. (12): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, two fine specimens, leader marked wings and eyes, very big and shapely, fine colour, trille loose, grand style and quality; 3, Lamb, almost six-pointed, excellent bird for shape, size and colour, but we thought fortunate to beat 4, Hopkins and Allsopps, the well-known "Sunset," an exceptionally good and shapely Mule, exquisite quality and colour; vhc, Browning; he, Edwards; c, Leigh, wonderful bird this, grand shape, pale in colour, but inexplicably low down in the list. A.O.V. VARIEG. (7): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, head and neck mkd. Siskin-Can., and uneven mkd. Linnet Can., both well-known and in grand form, latter undoubtedly much the better Mule of the two; 3, 4, Askham, pied tail Can.-Bullie, gem for size and shape, exquisite plumage, wonderful deep colour, finely mkd., should have been second, with the Linnet-Mule first, 4th another very fine pied Can.-Bullie; vhc, Fulbrook; he, Edwards; c, Mrs. Coon. DARK GOLDIE CAN. (9): 1, Coffey, Jonque, a topper, splendid size and shape, beautifully rich coloured and burnished coat, graudly mkd., wins well; 2, Francis, buff, excellent size and shape, expansive blaze, capital colour, good stylish bird; 3, Browning, another gem of a Jonque, slasher for size, full of colour, lovely shape and style, hardly so rich in face as winner, yet close up; 4, Fulbrook, another very nice buff, grand colour and shape, just loses in size; vhc, Ward; he, Freen; c, Smith. DK. LINNET-CAN. (13): 1, 3, Morton, beautiful Jonque leading, really fine size and shape, chock full of rich, sound colour, rare bloom, 3rd most shapely and stylish buff, beautiful feather, grand carriage, both "in the pink"; 2, Coffey, another high-class Jonque, fine colour, yet not so hot as winner, grand size and shape, lovely quality, had bad habit of facing cage back; 4, Fulbrook, nice big upstanding bird, very fine condition; vhc, Edwards; he, Godfray; c, Browning. A.O.V. DK. CAN. (15): 1, 2, Leigh, the champion Jonque Greenie leading, wonder for size and colour, sound all over, in first-rate condition, 2nd grand Siskin, rare size and shape, full of colour, well marked, two fine Mules; 3, Mortlock, lovely Redpoll-Can., for size, shape, quality and colour a gem, put down in first-rate order; 4, Fulbrook, Twite-Can., we thought decidedly lucky, only moderate in size, and very slim in build, nice quality and condition; vhc, Lamb, pretty Cinn. Siskin-Can., fine size and condition; he, Hunt; c, Collins; "wrong class," Browning, magnificent Jonque Greenie-Can., runs a little light at thighs and root of tail, which presumably accounts for its unwelcome card; No. 2, Lamb, one of the best Twite-Cans. we have seen, twice the size of 4th, much better in colour, steady, very fine condition. A.V. BULLIE HYB. (5): 1, 3, Mrs. Askham, one of the grandest coloured Can.-Bullies out, very deep and warm, carrying lovely sheen, splendidly mkd, big, good chested, fine headed bird, wins hands down, 3rd exceptionally big, finely built hen of same cross, certainly ought to have been a male; 2, Jackson and Bond, another first-rate Can.-Bullie, splendid size and shape, in rare fettle, well beaten for colour; 4, Browning, nice Greenie-Bullie, big and well built, excellent offer; "we.," Picrott, a variegated Goldie-Can. A.O.V. HYB. (8): Judge awarded 1st to very fine Goldie-Bullie, which was clearly in its wrong class, and its owner, Mr. Fulbrook, had it marked "wrong class" on protest being made; the 1st then went to Lamb, the well-known Redpoll-Goldie, a perfect gem, colour, blaze, shape and bloom of the highest order; 2, Mrs. Cooper, grand Chaffinch-Bramble, shows the cross most distinctly, lovely specimen, will want stopping; 3, Tonks, exceptionally good Goldie-Greenie, rare size, shape and colour, fine fellow; 4, Coffey, also a nice Chaffinch-Bramble, lovely condition; vhc, Barrow; he, Mrs. Ackland. HYB. PAIRS (7), interesting class: 1, Mrs. Page, cock Greenie and hen Bullie, grand couple, in beautiful condition; 2, Gunnell, excellent Goldie with a smart yellow hen Canary; 3, Cutting, another smart couple, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 4, Watson Lyle, fair Siberian Goldie and neat Redpoll; vhc, Kitchener; he Maxwell; c, Fulbrook, latter Chaffinch and Canary.

British Hardbills.

GOLDFINCH (28): Grand lot, half the class fit to win almost anywhere; 1, c, Harris, former an old winner, wonderful large, clean cut blaze, perfect buttons and moons, beautiful rich tanning, fine size, in wonderful bloom considering its hard work of late, champion all over; 2, he, Prior, another gem, shade smaller blaze but very rich, splendid quality of feather, perfect buttons and moons, very clear in whites, shows well, must have run winner close, seemed a very light plumaged specimen; 3, 4, Hirst, big Finch, with a fine square skull, not so bright in blaze or clear in whites, we think a tubbing would improve it; 4th, rich colour, fine blaze, very tame; vhc, Jordan, rare big Finch, good blaze, very rich browns, well polished, a trille unsteady; a lot of grand birds had to be left out of the cards altogether. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Francis, nice shapely bird of rare colour, dense black cap, splendid wings, good clear back, looks like the Dulwich winner in new hands; 2, Coffey, another very fine Bullie, capital cap and wing bars, clear breast, good carriage, steady as a rock; 3, Gunnell, similar type to winner, very steady, fine carriage, well polished cap, shade paler breast, in nice order; 4, Wyse, typical Britisher, smaller than leaders but a capital colour, nice condition, well staged; vhc, White, fine size, good cap, nice quality; he, Withers Bros.; c, Cullen. LINNET (12): 1, Marley, wins well, excellent quality, very rich nutty brown throughout, dense poncillings, nice throat markings, good carriage, fine size, very close feather; 2, Maxwell, an old winner, but beaten to-day, good markings, splendid carriage, but shade paler in colour, grand condition; 3, Pickles, a bonny big Linnet, nice throat and cheek marks, paler on breast than winners, rather bad carriage with right wing, in fine bloom; 4, Morrison, another big bird, good colour, but lacks pencilling, soon clamed at £1; vhc, Hurst, very fine sized and marked Linnet, in nice order, some preferred for higher place; he, Mortlock; c, Hunt; both nicely-marked birds in good trim. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Maxwell, the well-known Twite, wins easy, rare size, very dense pencillings, full of bloom and put down in grand order; 2, Francis, equally well-known Siskin, colour-fed to perfection, fine size, good cap, thigh marks, very distinct; 3, R. J. Howe, big Mealy Redpoll, full of bloom, shows well, has nice pencillings, and is very steady; 4, Pickles, clinking Lesser Redpoll, rich colour, good bib, fine size, real good specimen, well deserves his place; vhc, Quantrell, another rich Twite, rather faulty wing carriage but a good one; he, MacDougall, colour-fed Siskin, in nice order; c, Botting. GREENFINCH (22): A hot lot; 1, Hurst, rare sized yellow, fine quality of feather, good wings and tail, massive head, well staged; 2, he, Pickles, grand type of greenie, good clear colour throughout, rare size, stands well, beaten a trifle in head; 3, Lee, hot fed, rare wings and rich body colour, fine quality of feather, bit nervous; 4, Howe, massive bird, tremendous head and chest, level colour, nice bright wings and tail, goes soft at times; vhc, Coffey, another big Finch of good colour and style, very close up; c, Marley. CHAFFINCH (35): 1, 3, R. J. Howe, former fine quality, rich breast colour, clear in whites, medium size, well defined head and back colour, latter deep breast, has a light feather or two at back of head, but a larger bird, shows well, clear white wing bars, very steady, and put down to perfection; 2, Francis, another of rare size, deep breast colour, good whites, full of quality; 4, he, Hurst, shade smaller than leaders, but in nice feather and very steady, good bird; vhc, Coffey, nice size and colour, a bit pale on throat; c, Botting, another of the right stamp. BRAMBLE-FINCH (9): Not such a hot lot as we have seen this season; 1, Hurst, big bird, beautiful dark spangling on head and back, good thigh marks and carriage; 2, Hunt, shade smaller, richer breast colour, good spangling, thigh markings are none too distinct, shines like satin; 3, R. J. Howe, fine big-bodied bird, rich colour through, grand spangling, good markings, splendid carriage, some preferred to win; 4, Coffey, beauty, splendid quality, rich spangling, fine bold bird, shows itself to perfection; vhc, Prior, another good one, paler in colour, but in grand condition; he, Cutting; c, Quantrell. HAWFINCH (12): Good class, contained some grand birds; 1, Francis, rare size and marvellous colour, very massive skull, rich-coloured head, well-defined collar, large bib, coming into breeding trim; 2, Chick, very similar bird, and beat 1st at Dulwich we believe, splendid wing bars, shows splendidly, both stand out from the remainder of the class; 3, Simpson, nice showy bird, smaller than the leaders, nice bib, rare quality, beautiful colour; 4, he, Maxwell, medium size, fine condition, has a nice bib, but hardly so massive a head as leaders; vhc, Richardson; c, Hunt. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Marley, rich colour, good size and quality, capital head and thigh marks, shows well; 2, Curry, an old winner, looking well, very steady and in nice order, not so clear in head markings; 3, Mackie, hot fed, trifle smaller, fails in head marks, nice wing markings; 4, Maxwell, very fair stamp of bird; vhc, Gunnell, an old winner, nice size, in good order; he, Raine; c, Parrot. A.O.S. BUNTING (6): 1, Chick, the noted Corn Bunting, almost too well known to need description, has very fine distinct markings throughout, and wonderful rich colour, steady as a rock; 2, 3, vhc, Wynn, very nice, rich-coloured Cirl, capital head and dense black throat, in fine feather, latter a good Reed Bunting, nice dark head, good white collar, and nice back markings; 4, Francis, Lapland Bunting, nice quality, just showing traces of Blackthroat, probably a young bird; he, Maxwell. HENS (15): A good variety here, 1, 2, R. J. Howe, Hawfinch, fine size for a hen, good head and well defined, bib, and wing bars; 2, capital Bullie, good clear cut cap, fine size, rich body colour, fine quality of feather; 3, Chick, capital Siskin, nice markings, good quality, has white feathers in face; 4, Dewhurst, Yellow Bunting, nice size and feather, very steady; vhc, Coffey; he, Hunt; c, Wynn.

British Insectivorous.

SONG THRUSH (15), a capital class: 1, Maxwell, grand Blackbird, fine size, very lustrous plumage, and jet black flights, good crocus bill and eye cere, very steady, put down in capital order; 2, Price, very nice Thrush, good size and colour, well spotted, plenty of bloom, well staged; 3, Griffin, well-spangled lustrous Starling, plenty of spots, very tame, put down in A1 order; 4, R. J. Howe, well-known Thrush, fine quality with a good rich breast and well spotted, but scarcely as distinct as first; he, Lugg, good Starling, fine size, well spotted; c, Francis. LARK OR PIPIT (5): 1, Shirley, rich-coloured Treepipit, medium size, well marked, nicely staged, fine bird; 2, McVary, Skylark, fine bodied bird, rare broad chest, plenty of pencilling, shade pale in colour, but in splendid trim; 3, R. J. Howe, Pipit, paler than winner, but very nice condition, and perfect feather; it was busy trying to separate the food from the sawdust when we saw it. It is a great mistake to put the food tin on the cage bottom; 4, Mrs. Warren Vernon, a nice Meadow Pipit in grand bloom, full of colour, plenty of markings; vhc, Cook, Treepipit, perfect feather, well shown; he, Fullbrook. CHOUGH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, the well-known pair in their usual places, Chough leading, shines like satin, rare red bill and legs; Magpie (the survivor of the fire), dense black head, and pure in whites, grand metallic sheen on flights and tail. We heard that Mr. Chough had an attack of migratory fever on Thursday last and wandered into the neighbours' gardens, but soon fell a victim to its liking for mealworms; 3, Bussey, very fine Jay, in grand trim, beautiful blue wing bars, contrasting with the black flights and rich brown plumage; 4, Quantrell, another Magpie, not quite so large as second, very clear cut bill and whites, carrying plenty of beautiful metallic sheen. BLACKCAP OR NIGHTINGALE (5): 1, Francis, wins well with the noted Nightingale, grand quality of feather, perfect feet and tail, tame as possible, cheap at catalogue price, at which it was claimed; 2, R. J. Howe, another good Big Gale, paler in colour than winner, good shape and stands well; 3, Mrs. Cookes, sweet Blackcap and stands well; 3, Mrs. Cookes, sweet Blackcap in nice order, light as wax, splendid cap, well polished, steady, perfect feather; 4, Baker; vhc, Cooper. SMALL INSECTIV. RESIDENT (13), fine class: 1, 3, R. J. Howe, 1, sweet Jenny Wren, well shown, has a perfect eye mark and nice size, wins well, quickly claimed and dirt cheap; 3, nice Tree creeper, rich coloured back, pure white throat; 2, Fullbrook, sweet little Goldcrest, nice bright crest, capital feather, well staged, looked very natural on its yew bough; 4, vhc, Bardner, former Bounty little Long Tailed Tit, in grand form, quite a treat to see these little chaps recognised now a days; latter, a fine Bearded Tit, good colour and in fine feather; he, Maxwell; c, Meadows.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 119, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

ALB. BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn road, Great Harwood, judge of Cinnamons, Norwich, and British cage birds; over 20 years' experience of breeding and exhibiting British and Cinnamons and Norwich cage birds

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. G. BULL, 8, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. C. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

JOHN FROSTICK, Eudlesham Road, Balham, S.W. Export and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30, years' practical experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Inverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 32, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chilmaido. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, Bodmin. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds. Seventeen years successful Breeder and Exhibitor.

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BRACKLEY DECEMBER 15th.

Entries very short, must extend to **Saturday, December 12.** See classification in last week's issue. **J. Shaw. Brackley. N Hants.**

NARBERTH 21st Annual Show

DECEMBER 16th, 1908.

under C.B.U. and K.C. Rules. Judges: Dogs T. Marples Esq., Poultry, Pigeons &c. P. Proud, Esq. Cage Birds, J. B. Evans Esq. Fanciers, kindly support us. Entries very short. If no Schedules received send your entries, we will classify. A committee man will attend Carmarthen Show to see to the dispatch of Exhibits for this Show. Entries extended to First Post on the 14th inst. **J. Owen, St. James Street.**

ST. ALBANS (HERTS)

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies, **December 16, 1908** Schedules ready shortly. Judges—Poultry, H. Abbot, Reg. Melbourne; Pigeons and Cage Birds. C. A. House, M. Evangelisti; Rabbits, W. Mason Entries extended to Dec. 12 Sat.) Messrs. Moody and Sparrow, Hon. Secs., 54, Victoria Street, St. Albans.

HAVERFORDWEST (Affl. C.B.U.) P., Pig., C.B., C., R., & Cav. Show. Dec 17. Ent. fee 1/-. Ent. clo. Dec 11. Sched. apply J. Llewellyn Phillips, High Street.

HALTON Poultry & Cage Birds Show December 16th, 1908. Entries close Dec. 14th. WALTER SAUL, Sec.

KILSYTH Open Show 19th December. Judge: J. F. Dowar, Edinburgh S.C.C., B.F.C.C., and S.B.B. and M.C patronage. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close 12th December, to DUNCAN "CHRONICLE," KILSYTH.

ANNAN Open Show. Poultry, Pigeons and Cage birds. Saturday 19th December splendid classification. Cage Bird Judge, Henry Bennet Kelsall. Entries close 12th December. Schedules. A IRVING, Secretary & Treasurer, 10 Albert Road, ANNAN.

WEST BROMWICH

Open Show, DECEMBER 18th and 19th,

Affiliated to C.B.U. Entries extended to First Post on Monday, **DECEMBER 14th.** Very few entries up to time of Writing Kindly help us by sending at once. Judge: J. H. Payne. Good Prizes.

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Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland.

BELFAST

Fri. & Sat., DEC. 18 & 19. 47 Classes, 2 Cups, 2 Medals and big array of specials. Judges: Messrs. G. Harland & J. Rook. Entries close Sat., Dec. 12. JAS. STEWART, 859, Donegall Road, Belfast, Hon. Secretary.

Entries close Dec. 12th.

WIDNES end District O.S. **Open Show** under C.B.U. Rules **DEC. 18th & 19th 1908.** Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Assoc, E. & W. B. F. C. 86 open classes, including 4 Yorkshires, 5 Norwich, 4 York Green, 4 Norwich Green, 3 Bordere, 1 Crest or Cresthred, 1 A.O.V., 2 Selling, 2 British, 1 Gitt, 1 Foreign. Open Novice, 2 York, 2 Norwich. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and 2/- special each class. Ent. fee 1/6. Judges Messrs A. Wellings & C. Houlton. Sch. apply **S. ANDREWS,** Sec. 109, Mersey Rd.

BROXBURN & Dis. C. B. Society. Great open show will be held on **DEC 19th.** Entries close **DEC 14th** Under the patronage of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, & Scot. Brit. Bird & Mule Clnb. Judges, Mr. H Moroland, (Falk.) Nor., Mr. McKenzie (Kelso,) Bor. Messrs. P. McQuiston, (Ayr,) J. Mason, (Peebles,) Brit. & For. 42 open classes, over 60 specials & cups & medals. Schedules from **WALTER NEILSON, 32, Greendykes Road, BROXBURN.**

TRURO **and County Fanciers'** 20th Annual Show. **Dec. 26th.** of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Fur.

Good Classification Popular Judges. Entries Close, **December 18th. Confined to the County** Schedules ready. **JAMES TIPPETT,** General Secretary. 6, Alverton Terrace, Truro.

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds under C.B.U. Rules to be held on **SATURDAY DECEMBER 26th, 1908.**

26 open classes, numerous specials in catalogue, exhibitors please note that class 8 in schedule is for Yorkshires bred 1908. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. fee 1/6, members 1/-. Entries close **Dec. 19th.** So please give us a good entry. For Schedules apply **J. BROWN, 12, Humber St. Chopwell, Ebchester.**

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S. SHOW.

Thursday & Friday, December 31st, 1908 & January 1st, 1909.

Corn Exchange, Grassmarket St., Edinburgh. 127 Classes. No amalgamation, no cancelling. Under the patronage of Scottish Plainhead, Scottish and English Crest, Border Fancy and Yorkshire Canary Clubs, L.P.O.S. Green Canary Association and the National and Scottish British Bird and Mule Clubs. Challenge Shield, Cups, Medals and 200 valuable Specials. Popular Judges. Schedules now ready. Ents. close **Mon. Dec. 21**

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Show **1st & 2nd JANUARY, 1909.** The Cage Bird Show of Scotland, Five money prizes every class, Cups and Specials Galore, best place for sales in the Kingdom. Two Birds sold for £5 each last show. Grand accommodation for visitors Bor., Nor., York., Brit., etc. Schedules for **A. W. BAIRD, 23 Neilston Road, Paisley.**

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& West of Fife Ornithological Society's Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cavies will be held in the Drill Hall, Bruce St. on **1st & 2nd Jan., 1909,** Judges: Game and Game Bantams, Mr. Danskin, Larkhall; Haroburghs and Variety Bantams, R. Stewart, Blairadam; all other varieties, Wm Morgan, Windygates; Pigeons, Dragoons, Alex. Macdougal; Tumblers, D. Younger; Homers, James Ferguson; all other Varieties, W. B. Duncan; Scotch Fancy, David Black and David Low, jointly; Norwich, Hugh Moreland, British and Foreign, Peter Pettigrew; Rabbits and Cavies, J. Esplive. No Model Cards. Schedules ready from **J. TEMPLEMAN, 61, Maitland Street. Entries close 26th December.**

Don't forget the

FERRYHILL & District

First Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds to be held in the council schools, Deanbank on **Sat., December 19th, 1908.** Under C.B.U. Rules. Judge:—Mr. J. Stanger. Pelton Fell. 25 classes, specials for every class. Entries close on **Monday, December 14th, 1908.** For schedules apply **R. BINKS, 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Hon. Sec.**

TIDESWELL P., Pgns, C.B.O.S. **Dec. 19,** C.B.U. rules Ent. cl. **Dec. 14.** Judges: J.N. Harrison (Pty.) A.G. Davis. C.B. Cage Birds staged in separate room. Apply Sch. **J. Brocklehurst, Tideswell, Buxton.**

BAILDON **DECEMBER 19th,** 14 Classes. Specials in every class. 5 novice classes. Judge, W. H. Shackleton, Esq. Entries close, **DEC 15** Schedules, **W. T. DOBSON,** Sec., **BAILDON.**

KEITH & DISTRICT Cage Bird Society's

SHOW DECEMBER 19th 1908.

26 open classes for Cage Birds. Prizes 7/-, 4/-, 2/- one or two specials in every class. Entries close 14th Dec. Judges: Canaries, Mr. A. Steele, Aberdeen. British and Foreign, Mr. F. A. Watt, Banff. Secretary **D. D. MILNE 69, Regent Street.**

PWLLHELI Fanciers' show Dec. 26. (Open to Wales.) 57 Clas. with 8 Cups, 14 Medals, 42 other specials. For C. B. Pty., Pges., Rbts., Cats Etc. Prizes paid day of show. Schedule from **J. ROWLANDS,** Sec. Ent. cls. 17.

ABERDEEN O.S.

53rd Annual Show. Music Hall. **25th and 26th December.** Under the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club, Scottish Crest Club, Yorkshire C. C. of Scotland. Forty-nine open classes. Good prize money. 89 specials. Judges: Norwich, Mr. A. Wellings; Crests, Mr. J. E. Donald; British and Foreign, Mr. Geo. Finnie. Entries close first post 21st. Schedules from **J. BRYSON, 8, Broomhill Road,**

DONCASTER **Ornithological and Fanciers' Society.**

Open show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit, to be held Boxing Day, **Dec. 26th.** Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/- Entry Fee 1/6. **BESCOBY & HAGUE, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.**

NORTHALLERTON **Fanciers, Jan. 1st.** 12 Classes Birds. Judge, T. Hill. **Hodgson & Walker, Secs.**

EASTFIELD SIDE.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD **DEC. 26.** 2nd Annual Show of Can., Mules, Brit. & For. Birds C.B.U. 14 open classes. Entries close, Dec. 22. Judge, G. Marshall, Braithwaite. Sch. from Hon. Sec., J Carlin, Beighton St., S'a in A'ld

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WESTHOUSES & BLACKWELL 15 miles radius C.B. Show, **DEC. 26.** Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6 Ent. clo. **Dec 19.** Judge: J. N. Harrison Esq. Send for Sched. at once from **T. TUCKER, Sec., Westhouses, Nr. Alfreton.**

OVER, WINSFORD **& DIS. FAN. SOCIETY'S** 10th Annual Open Show Of Pty., Pgs., Rab., & C.B will be held at the Black Bear Hotel, on Sat **Dec. 26. Entries Close Dec. 19.** Entry fees 1/-. Judge, C. Houlton, St. Helens. Entry forms, **Geo. Baker, 92, Woodford Lane, Over, Cheshire.**

HOYLAND & DIS. **Ornithological Society**

The 8th Annual Exhibition of Canaries and Cage Birds will be held on **NEW YEAR'S DAY,** in the Town Hall. Good Classification; specials for all the classes. Prize money guaranteed. Judges: Mr. W. Vardy, Nor. and Mr. R. Halliday, York. For Schs, apply **J. WARRENDER, 11, Gill Street, HOYLAND (Nr. Barnsley).**

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks) & Dis.

"Priory" C.B.S. Annual Open Show of Cage Birds in the Cleveland Hall. 1 minute from N.E Station **on January 1, 1909.** 33 classes including Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Crest, Crest-Bred, Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and 1/- for 1/- entry. Numerous Specials including valuable cup for best bird in Show. Judge: Jacob Mackley, Esq. **Atkinson & Wilson, Secs., 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks**

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

FORFAR

1st and 2nd January 1909. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cavies and Cats. Schedules from—**J. M. Findlay, Myrtle Cottage, Drechin Rd., Forfar, or, Wm. Crewar, Bell Place, Forfar.**

FALKLAND O.S.

49th Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc., will be held on **Jan. 2, 1909** in Town Hall. Judges: Scotch Fancy, J. Black, Esq. All other varieties, D. A. Craig, Esq Lists ready. **Geo. Steedman, Sec.**

MILLOM

First Annual Open Show to be held Jan. 1st & 2nd, '09. Under C.B.U. Rules. Judge: Wm. Mundell, Bradford. Entrance Fee 1/6. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials for every class, also extra specials. 34 classes. 7 Yorkshires, 5 Norwich, 8 Borders, 1 A.O.V., 2 Mules and Hybrids, 4 British, 1 Foreign, 3 Novice, 3 Members Entries close Sat Dec. 26th 1908. Schedule ready, apply **F. W. BRADLEY,** Hon. Sec., 18, Lapstone Road, MILLOM.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH

January 7th and 8th.

45 open classes. Schedules ready **W. PAWLEY. 13 Olven Road, Plumstead.**

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE and Dis. C.B.S. C.B.U. Rules. No clashing with other Shows. First O.S. **Jan. 9, 1909** Good Classification. Specials all through. Judge: H. W. Battye, Esq. Guar. full prize-money No Can. or Amal.—Sched: Wilkinson & Daaby, Yarm-on-Tees, Yorks.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S. **Sat. Jan. 9th, 1909.** Miners Hall. 18 open classes, Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, Entry fee 1/-, 2/6 cash special, most points each class. Entries close **Jan. 2nd** Judge: E. Brunskill. Schedules—apply **NOTLEY, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.**

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On Monday evening, **Nov. 30th,** during transit from the People's Hall and the Long Eaton Railway Station, a basket containing 5 birds; anyone giving information and whereabouts of the thief or thieves will receive the above reward providing the birds are alive, or if dead £2 reward will be paid for the same information. Any information will be received by **The Long Eaton Police Station, or Mr. E. Fox, Curzon Street, Long Eaton, or Mr. J. Turner, 35, Market Street, Draycott, near Derby.**

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TWITTERINGS.

Send along your entries at once for Widnes Show.—Entries close December 12th. S. Audrews, 109, Mersey Road.—(ADVT.)

Entries close December 14th for Broxburn. Fanciers should hurry up. W. Neilson, 32, Green Dykes Road, Broxburn.—(ADVT.)

Our next open fixture, writes Mr. W. T. Davies, hon. secretary of the Vaynol Park, Port Dinorwic Show, will be held on August 14th, 1909.

Report of Cowdenbeath Show in the Crest-bred cock class credits Bowie with 1st, writes Mr. Geo. Arnott (Sinclairtown), whereas I won that honour.

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. will hold their members' show on December 12th, when Mr. Vardy will judge, writes Mr. H. Marshall, the hon. secretary.

I must thank you for the grand report which you gave us of our show writes Mr J. Pearce Sampson, hon. secretary of the Penzance and Dis. F.A.

Allow me to congratulate you on your last exquisite plate. The Buff Yorkshire is as true to life as possible—excellent, I'm sure.—GEO. OAKES (Masbro').

The Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire Show report credits Mr. Methuen with 2nd in class 79, whereas I had that honour, writes Mr. Wm. Griffiths (Glasgow).

Entries are slack, and date of closing same will be extended to Saturday next, write Messrs Moody and Sparrow, hon. secretaries of the St. Albans F. and F.F.S.

I was fortunate enough, writes Mr. A. Kemp (Malton), to obtain fourth prize in the Goldfinch class at Darlington Show, and not Mr. Hodgson, as given in the report.

I have removed from Sheffield Street, Carlisle, to 12, Vyner Street, Haxby Road, York, I am in no way connected with any other fancier of the same name.—J. F. CRAIG.

Report of Sale Show in the Border Yellow class should read: 1st, 2nd, v.h.c., Bayley, and in the Buff class 1st, 2nd, v.h.c., Bayley; 3rd, 4th, Blackshaw.—W BAYLEY (Altrincham).

The Leeds Show catalogue and report credits Mr. Fowler with 2nd in the Buff Yorkshire open novice class, whereas I won that honour with my Buff cock bird.—G. GIRLING (Hull).

The report of Norwich Show credits Nobbs with 3rd and 4th, in the A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid class, writes Mr. Nobbs (North Walsham) This should be Nobbs, as I won these prizes

Will members kindly pay in the money received through the sale of tickets for annual show as soon as possible? writes Mr. A. B. Forse, hon. secretary of the Walthamstow F.A., so that the accounts can be made up and the prize money paid?

TWITTERINGS—continued.

Classes 28 and 29 in the Eccleshill schedule, writes Mr. T. Elsegood, joint secretary, should read: Class 28, novice Norwich Yellow or Buff cock, and class 29 novice Norwich Yellow or Buff hen.

Will secretaries please note that the 1909 show of the Cambridge C.B.S. will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, November 10th and 11th, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, the hon. secretary.

I find, writes Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham), that I entered my Hawfinch as "Midland Chief" in error at the Horticultural Hall Show. It should have been "Midland Prince." "Midland Chief" was at Altrincham, where he took the 1st prize.

Mr. J. Cuthbertson (Darlington), won the cup for members, with most points for six exhibits, at our recent show, with Messrs. Wildsmith and Hawkins, also of Darlington, runners up, writes Mr. A. Bowes, secretary, Crook Original C.B.S.

We learn that Messrs. Rudd Bros., of Norwich, sons of the well-known Norwich bird specialist, have a perfectly clear Linnet Canary Mule, which is good in shape, size, and quality.

By a printer's error, the name of Mr. M. Cooper, (Taylor St., Batley) was last week printed "T. M. Cooper" in our advertisements of Yorkshire Canaries. Will his customers please note?

Will you kindly ask the Wellingborough exhibitor making four entries at Coventry O.S. Show, writes Mr. G. Peters, the secretary, and requiring a catalogue, to let me know his name and address.

Report of Long Eaton Show reads: v.h.c, Dunn, in the novice Crest class, writes Mr. J. Bunn (Nottingham); it should read Bunn. In the novice Crestbred class it credits R. Barker with v.h.c.; this was also my bird.

Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins (Bolton), write: Kindly announce that Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), is the winner of the Unwin cup at Sale Show, and not ourselves, as Mr. Hirst ties with us for points, but gets more prize money.

At Norwich Show the Black Redstart belonging to Mr. Lowne (Yarmouth), which was awarded 1st prize, also won CAGE BIRDS special for best Britisher, and silver medal for best bird shown by a member of the L. and P.O S.

Mr. Jas. Irlam, secretary of the Sale Open O.S. Show, writes that Mr. S. W. Birchley entered a large team of birds for their show but owing to a delay on the journey from another show they did not arrive home until the afternoon, when it was too late to do anything.

We have engaged Mr. W. Mundell to judge Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood, British, etc., at Doncaster O. and F.S. Show, and hope with their good reputation, good prize money, and prompt payment, to secure a bumping entry, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, joint secretary.

Please inform secretaries and others that I have removed from Grange Street to 30, Carter Street, Wakefield, writes Mr. Percy Parker, secretary of the City of Wakefield O.S. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), has been engaged to judge our members' show, to be held on December 26th.

Kindly draw attention to rule 3 in our schedule, which should read: "Saturday," December 26th, and not "Thursday," as printed, as we do not wish exhibitors to be deceived (by printer's error) into sending birds before day of show.—J. CARLIN, hon. secretary Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. (Notts).

All exhibits entered at our show were in the Railway Company's hands by 6.30, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, hon. secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S. Prize money was paid to the exhibitors attending show and all other was paid out on the Monday. We had a very successful show. Success to CAGE BIRDS.

The Coventry O.S. has, as the subject for a debate at its next meeting: "Suggestions for bettering or ending the C.B.U."

Entries for Bromsgrove Show are very poor, not three per class, writes Mr. Jeffrey, the secretary, and will, therefore, be accepted up to Saturday, December 12th.

Many thanks for the good report you gave us of our show, writes Mr. Jas. Kerr, secretary of the City and County of Perth O.S. I have paid all prize money. The winner of CAGE BIRDS special prize was Mr. Adam McNaughton.

On receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS on Friday morning, writes Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) I was delighted to see such a life-like sketch of my Silver Lizard cock bird, which does credit to your artist, Mr. Norman. It is an excellent portrayal of my prize winner. May I wish CAGE BIRDS every success?

Mr. F. W. Bradley, secretary of the Millom C.B.A., writes: I have taken the liberty of sending out bundles of schedules of our show, to be held January 1st and 2nd, to several secretaries. Would these gentlemen kindly oblige by distributing them among their members or any exhibitors overlooked? We have a splendid classification, and hope for a good entry.

Having received no entries yet up to the present, writes Mr. R. Binks, secretary of the Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S., we trust fanciers will give us a humping entry at our open show, December 19th. We have a good classification. (Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell), is to judge, and we are giving good specials to be awarded to the best bird in each class. Entries close Monday, December 14th, or Tuesday morning first post.

Allow me to thank all who sent me entries for Sale Show last Saturday, writes Mr. J. Irlam, the secretary. I am sorry to say that we did not receive a very large entry, probably owing to its being our first open show, but trust that we shall double the number next year, as we intend to run a two-days' show. I hope also that any little error may be overlooked, as this is my first attempt to run a show, and we all must learn. The winner of the Unwin Cup is Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), and Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins runners-up; this, of course, was my mistake. I have several very nice letters from exhibitors.

I have always found CAGE BIRDS a great help to me, and have not given up reading it yet.—A. S. WHITWORTH (Truro).

Allow me to wish CAGE BIRDS every success, writes Mr. A. H. Williams (Neath). I know I would feel quite lost without it.

Some of the rarer species of wild birds are, it is said, disappearing from Epping Forest. It is believed that this is due to the thinning out of the undergrowth, large quantities of blackthorn and hawthorn having been cut away, and the sanctuary of the birds thus destroyed.

Mr. G. A. Charles, secretary Reading C.B.S. informs us that his society intend launching out and holding an open show next year on November 17th. We wish the committee success. He further states: We had an increase in entries at our last show, and no doubt CAGE BIRDS made all the difference.

The birds of Bute seem to have got puzzled by the topsy turvy nature of the present season, writes a Scottish correspondent. It is solemnly recorded that a Sparrow in the Rothsay neighbourhood is busily engaged in rearing a brood of young, under the mistaken belief that the winter is past. A Starling, it is also noted, is busily engaged rearing a brood of young in Largs, one of our coast towns, across the Firth from Bute. So much for the mildness of the season.

It is recorded that recently when the train between Spalding and Sleaford was ruuning at high speed a Partridge came in contact with the look-out light of the front guard's brake and smashed the glass (which was a quarter of an inch thick), and severely cut the face of Mr. H. Watson, a chief inspector of the line, who was sitting on the seat inspecting the signals through the glass. Others in the van witnessed this unusual incident.

I had my noted ticked buff claimed at Swindon Show at catalogue price, £5, by a well-known exhibitor, writes Mr. G. Gwilliam (Gloucester). He has appeared four times this season, winning 1st and 3rd spls., and spl. best Norwich in show at Glo'ster; 1st Cheltenham, 1st and spl. best Nor. at Morriston, 1st Swindon. I have won outright the open Norwich Plainhead Challenge bowl, value £6, and medal, also Mr. Winfield's challenge cup, value £5, and gold medal. I won the above three years in succession at Glos'ter Cage Bird Show.

Xmas Holidays.

SPECIAL OFFER to senders of undisplayed SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

Two Insertions for Price and a half.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, advertisements for the issue dated DEC. 26th, must close on MONDAY. DEC. 21st, and despite the huge increase in our circulation, we have decided to again offer to advertisers the same advantages as last year. We are therefore prepared to accept advertisements for our next two issues, for the price of one and a half insertions, provided the wording remains exactly the same. Orders must definitely state that the announcement is for the "two weeks special offer" and must be accompanied by the fee for the two insertions.

AS AN EXAMPLE.—An advt. costing a shilling for one insertion will appear in our issues dated Dec. 19 & 26, at a cost of eighteen-pence, provided the order is sent now. We make this offer to induce advertisers to send in their orders this week for the Xmas Holiday week also, and so spare themselves trouble, and us a heap of detail work when the time at our disposal will be necessarily short.

A SPLENDID XMAS GIFT.

Lovely Almanac presented to readers of "Cage Birds."

With every Copy of "Cage Birds" there is this week given without extra charge a magnificent 12-page Almanac in colours.

BY arrangement with the enterprising firm of Spratts Patent, Ltd., universal providers to the fancy, CAGE BIRDS is enabled to give its readers this week such a gift as is probably unique in the history of Fancy Journalism. In the long series of exquisite calendars issued by Messrs. Spratts, we cannot recollect any more calculated to please the fancier and keeper of live stock than the superb example given away through our agency to-day. The total expense of these almanacs to Messrs. Spratts will, as readers will see for themselves, be very heavy, while some idea of their world-wide popularity may be gathered when we state that applications for them are received from the remotest corners of the earth, and that each year hundreds of people are employed in their production and circulation.

We ask every reader of CAGE BIRDS to make certain of securing their almanac with this issue, and to forward their acknowledgments of its beauty and utility to the firm at their head office, 124, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

I was delighted to get your book on "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," which proved as attractive as instructive. I am just as much pleased with CAGE BIRDS as ever before, and particularly enjoy the Rev. C. D. Farrar's articles.—F. G. B. ROTH (New York).

I have won at Nowport, I. of W. Show, in the A.O.V. class with a cock Greenfinch for the last six years, and I have been in the money every time, writes Mr. W. White (Cowes). One year, when I was squeezed out, I was awarded an extra 3rd. Is this a record to win at the same show for six years running, under different judges, in a mixed class, and get in the money each year with a Greenfinch?

Members of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club please note, writes Mr. W. Neilson, secretary of the Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S., that a slight error occurs in our show schedule as regards the medals. The numbers should read thus: Classes 23, 24, and 25 one medal; 27 and 28, one; 29 and 30, one; 31 and 32, one; 33 and 34, one; 35 and 36, one; 37, 38, and 39, one; and 41 and 42 one, making eight medals in all.

A Concert.

Metropolitan bird-lovers should not overlook the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. concert on Tuesday, December 15th, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary. Our worthy chairman, Mr. Tringham, has arranged a splendid programme, including many well known artistes. We specially invite ladies to be present. Mr. J. W. Ramsden has kindly consented to take the chair and distribute the prizes. The concert will be held in the hall attached to the "Montpelier," the headquarters of the society, Choumert Road, Peckham. There is every convenience, cloakrooms, etc., and the entrance is entirely separate from the hotel. The committee will be delighted to see all fanciers on this occasion. A large number of letters have reached me from well-known exhibitors, congratulating the society on their late show, the manner in which the exhibits arrived home, and the prompt settlement of their accounts.

I am very pleased with the results of my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, having had several good sales through same, writes Mr. H. Sweetman (Stoke Newington).

OBITUARY

Mr. A. J. RED (Chester).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. H. Storm, hon. treasurer of the Chester and Dis. C.B.S., of the death of our honorary secretary, Mr. A. J. Red, which took place suddenly on Sunday, December 6th. His death has come as a great shock to the fanciers of this district, by whom he was greatly respected, and we shall feel his loss and miss his genial presence. We offer to Mrs. Red and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement. The committee have decided to cancel the show fixed for December 9th in consequence.

A Sad Loss.

A dastardly act was perpetrated last week-end by someone at present unknown, by which that well-known Coventry fancier, Mr. T. Gilbert, has been involved in a sad loss. He sent to Long Eaton Show last Saturday and Monday 5 exhibits, viz., a nearly Clear Goldfinch-Canary Mule, the Nottingham, etc., winner, a Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid, an even-marked Yellow Norwich, and two even-marked Buff Norwich. They were packed for the return journey on the Monday night and taken to the railway dray, we are informed, and never seen again. The lot are stolen—at least, that is the only conclusion those concerned can come to at the moment. The officials of Long Eaton Show much deplore the catastraphe, and offer five pounds reward for information leading to the recovery of the birds. Their announcement will be found in our show advertisement columns. The Fancy will join us in an expression of hearty sympathy with Mr. Gilbert in his misfortune. We hope the more-or-less mysterious occurrence will be got to the bottom of, and any responsible party brought to book.

Next Week.

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With very Beautiful Coloured Plate, Art Calendar, and many additional attractions.

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Should send in their announcements to reach us on Tuesday next certain, and note the splendid Xmas Offer made them on this page.

Seize this tempting opportunity. Sales in our Special Numbers are always record ones.

I had 52 replies to my last advertisement, writes Mr. Morris (Ryde); thanks to CAGE BIRDS.

To my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Bell (Sheffield), I had 24 replies within four days.

I was highly satisfied, writes Mr. Joseph Bean (Chapel Allerton), with my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS.

We were placed in a difficult position through the indisposition, which is to be much regretted, of Mr. Greeves, writes Mr. R. Roll, secretary, Norwich Show. We are under a great indebtedness to Mr. F. W. Barnett, who came at such short notice to help us out. This action is very much appreciated by the Norwich fanciers, and so far as I am personally concerned it will not be forgotten. We are all very sorry about Mr. Greeves' indisposition, and trust he will soon regain his usual health.

Another Record for Gateshead.

Just as we go to press the following details of the entry at Gateshead come to hand:—Norwich 224, Cinnamons 47, Crests and Crestbreds 162, Scotch Fancy 28, Yorkshires 166, Borders 188, A.V. pairs 11, Selling 84, Mules 55, British 187, Foreign 43, various 19—well over 1,200 entries, another record.—T. TAYLOR, secretary.

Echoes from Lanark Show.

That the management was well pleased; that perfect harmony reigns in the association; that secretary Clark appreciates his committee's assistance; that he said so; that Blackwood breeders were there in force; that many specials went to Kirkmuirhill; that Biggar had his share; that they were all welcome; that one or two old breeders of the Fancy were there, notably Willie Paton (Carlake), his friend Geordie Reid, and Lowrie Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), all looking hale and hearty, and loving their hobby as much as ever; that a mild sensation arose in the Scotch Fancy section; that an exhibit in one of the classes there was under the influence of whisky; that its fellow Canaries in the class were shocked at such conduct; that the judge was also shocked and gave it a low place in the "tickets" as a punishment; that its owner, being afraid of its catching a cold, it already having a touch of asthma, gave it a drop or two of whisky in its water; that poor Greenie succumbed to its potent influence, but fully recovered towards the afternoon, highly ashamed of itself, on seeing the value of the card hanging on the cage, and always being well up in the tickets, and value for it (Greenie is a fair model of a Scotch Fancy), the bird has resolved to abstain entirely; that its owner, who says he had given it too much in error, was as much disappointed as Greenie; that the "joke" was highly relished by those in the "know"; that the show was a grand success, and the association is to be congratulated.—SCOTCH FANCY.

Sweet are the Uses of Advertisement.

Many a hearty laugh arose at the recent Horticultural Hall Show out of the dodge resorted to by CAGE BIRDS to secure an advertisement inside the hall. Denied ordinary channels, we sent to the show a trusty servant, arrayed in a lovely bald head, on which was painted back and front an exhortation to read this journal. His appearance created a considerable sensation. It certainly was very amusing to watch him discreetly parading the aisles, stopping every now and again to scratch his head in amazement at the birds he saw on the benches. The removal of his hat always coincided with amused smiles from those in his vicinity, the onlookers appearing to be immensely tickled at the notion or nearly all of them, that is.

Foreign Bird Keeping for Amateurs.

By Mrs. E. WARREN VERNON.

At the outset permit me to say that the majority of foreign birds are no more expensive to buy or more difficult to keep in good health than the everlastingly-popular Canary. Take as an example the Waxbill tribe. Amongst these are to be found some of the smallest and most beautiful of birds, hardy to a degree, simple to keep, prolific breeders, and in many instances just as fine singers as one could possibly desire. Added to these good qualities is their low price, 2s. 6d. per pair being in most cases the usual figure at which healthy specimens can be obtained.

Some Aviary Inmates.

I have now in my possession, to mention the kinds most commonly met with, the following species, all living entirely out of doors in an aviary, of which I shall give particulars in a moment: two pairs of Cordon Bleus, which at the time of writing are sitting (and as an example of their prolificness I may here mention that one hen last year laid no less than 19 eggs), two pairs of Orange-Breasted Zebra Waxbills, which I recommend as the loveliest and most charming of the commoner Waxbills (these also are building, and, I may say, cost me only 2s. 6d. per pair), several pairs of Avadavats, sometimes called Tiger Finches, always pleasing to the eye, and songsters of no mean ability, and one pair of Green Avadavats.

The last-mentioned are more strikingly garbed than their commoner namesake, the delicate green and their handsomely barred sides making them most attractive. My pair are, at the time of writing, busy sitting. They have a neatly constructed, oval-shaped nest, composed of hay and lined with feathers, a small aperature being the only break in the neatly-woven structure. Through this aperture the bright eye and small red beak of the little lady may be seen. She never offers to leave her duties even when my bird man and I pass close beside her daily; indeed, this fearlessness seems characteristic of all the above-mentioned species, and is, I think, the reason they are so rapidly tamed. I should recommend one or two pairs of each kind as a start for a beginner.

Fitting and Furnishing an Aviary.

I advise an outdoor aviary, but where this is impossible an excellent substitute can be made by having a large cage placed in a sunny window, a box cage for choice, as a guard against draughts. The cage can be much more easily kept clean if painted or enamelled inside, including the sand tray.

Get some small twiggy branches as perches, as the feet of the birds are very small, and you will observe that they invariably choose the slightest twigs to perch on. All they require for winter shelter are some husks or reed nests, hung high, where you will find they will roost at night times.

On the Feeding of Foreigners.

Their staple food should be Indian millet, but they should also have a little red, common white, and spray millet. They are also partial to maw seed, of which they should have a little. An essential, if the birds are to be kept in good health, is sand, and a plentiful supply of grit. Bird keepers should always bear in mind that by keeping birds in cages they are depriving the birds of one aid to digestion, namely, flight; so they must not fail to provide an abundance of another aid, namely, good grit. The birds greatly relish grass seed, and, failing any other source of supply, a handful of the sweepings of a hay loft will be eagerly picked over and every seed eaten.

Ants and ants' eggs are also much enjoyed and should be given fresh if thus procurable. I get mine myself, by collecting a whole ant mound (earth and all), of which I give the birds a trowelful at a time. Ants and their eggs are very soon cleared up, and if your cage is in a room there is little fear of the ants escaping, provided you don't put in too big a helping at a time. Now and then, as a treat, a little crumbled sponge cake on a piece of cuttlefish hung up for them to pock at may be given, and also a handful of grass for them to play with. This method of treatment, together with the daily tub, will enable your birds to thrive and do well.

Making and Fixing a Window Aviary.

In spring, say about May, failing an outdoor aviary, you can (if you have given your birds plenty of fresh air on all the sunny winter days) turn them out into the window aviary.

Any handy man can make this. Get some thin splats, say 1in. by 1in., and make a skeleton box with them. The dimensions of it must be according to the window you intend to utilise for your aviary. Take as an example a window 5ft. by 3ft. You had better use the lower sash only. Your window aviary can be 2ft. 6in. by 3ft., and, say, 2ft. long. A greater length is not advisable, as the weight would be too great for the screws by which the aviary is to be fastened. The uprights on the side you intend for next the window should be left about 3in. higher than the flight and 2in. below for screwing to the window frame. The whole should be covered with quarter-inch mesh wire netting, a door of suitable dimensions being made on the window side of the flight.

Fix your cage up to this flight, and let your birds out into it. Also put a pot plant in for shade, and also their bath, and if their husks and nests are hung in the flight the birds will in all probability nest and breed. You must choose a warm day to put them out, as a raw east wind would most likely give them a bad chill.

During the birds' moult I find that a little Parrish's Chemical Food in their water helps them greatly—only put in sufficient to colour the water. During this most trying period draughts are the worst danger.

The size of the cage will, of course, vary according to the number of birds you keep, but a very useful size is 2ft. by 18in. high by 12in. broad. The wires should be ¼in. apart, the inside feeders and the drinking vessels being of the fountain type to avoid pollution of the water.

Waxbills appreciate lettuce and chickweed, in fact, most green stuff. I grow in a sunny corner Canary seed and millet, which I give when it is in the ear, and green. If you have a plant infested with green fly, put it into their cage, and they will clear every one. Besides being beneficial to the plant, this provides a diet for the birds which is a great help to them, especially during the breeding season.

A Satisfactory Type of Aviary.

Regarding aviaries proper, the most satisfactory type, to my mind, is one with an all-wood sleeping compartment and a ½in. mesh wire netting flight. If you can manage it you will add greatly to its appearance, and to the comfort of your birds, if you board the roof and then tile it. This course keeps the compartment cool in summer and warm in winter.

The aviary should be placed where it faces south, and is sheltered from the east. A good-sized window to open outwards is of vital importance to keep the place fresh and sweet. This must, however, be protected on the inside by a wire netting guard to cover the whole window, and should be made of the same meshed wire as the flight. By running a perch along the width of this about 2in. away from it, the guard can be utilised for hanging on the feeders and drinking fountains.

Put in some twiggy branches for perches and lay a good coat of gravel on the floor. I advise making the floor of concrete. Run a fillet of the cement about three inches up the side of both sleeping compartment and flight; this will prove an effective means of stopping mice and rats. As an additional safeguard against the escape of the inmates it is as well to have a wire door and guard outside the outer door. This wire door can then be shut before one opens the door of the sleeping compartment, and should any of the birds fly out, it will be only into the "guard."

The door into the flight should be of matchboards, fitted with a pigeon hole and shutter. The flights should have a grass border, with a rough square of earth left in the centre. If it is placed against a wall a fruit tree may be planted with advantage against it. Logs, husks, reed nests, etc., of any kind, should be hung up, and will form snug nesting and sleeping places, should the birds prefer the open.

In an aviary similar to the one above described, I keep, in addition to the Waxbills already mentioned, Gouldian Finches, Diamond Sparrows, Pin-tailed Nonpareils, and Singing Finches, all thriving and amiable.

(To be continued.)



THE WAXWING, ONE OF OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL BIRDS.

Sketched from the specimen exhibited at the City of Glasgow Show by Mr. John Brown, Edinboro).

IN THE COURTS.

A Cardiff Man Fined

The Cardiff deputy-stipendiary (Mr. E. Milner Jones) had before him on November 26th Charles Buson Inson, of Arthur-street, and his sixteen-year-old son, Charles, summoned for having on November 7th certain Starlings in captivity, and inflicting unnecessary suffering by unreasonably omitting to kill the birds. Mr. F. W. Ensor (from the town-clerk's office) conducted the prosecution. Proceedings had been taken on the initiative of Inspector Bingham. Davies deposed that he saw defendants in the vicinity of the Waterloo tips, off Newport Road. They approached a flock of Starlings, and defendant, who carried a gun, fired, and the birds that fell he picked up and handed to Charles. The latter produced from his pocket seven Starlings, four of which were alive, and a dead Sparrow. The living birds were shockingly mutilated. Inspector Bingham said it appeared to be a great cruelty. His Worship discharged the boy. The father he fined 40s., including costs, or fourteen days, for "carelessness and gross cruelty."

Another Man Cautioned.

James Brain, Habershon Street, was summoned for having in his possession on the 7th inst. "a certain wild bird, to wit, a Gull," which had been recently killed, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection (City and County Borough of Cardiff) Order, 1908. This was the first prosecution of the kind, and his Worship dismissed the summons with a caution.

Cruelty to a Parrot.

"Birds in captivity should be treated as kindly as children," declared the South-Western (London) magistrate on November 23th, when fining John Howard, of High Street, Putney, £2 for leaving a Parrot without food or water for a week. Howard stated he had owned the Parrot for thirty years, and a veterinary surgeon added that Parrots sometimes lived to be 100.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Views on In-Breeding.

A paper on Inbreeding was given by Mr. W. Blakey before the members and friends on November 28th. Mr. Geo. Riley (president) in the chair. The subject, he hoped, would be interesting to those present, as it was to him. It was a subject that was open to a great deal of discussion, and if some of our big exhibitors andbreeders would only give us their ideas, it would prove more interesting still. Inbreeding was a word that at present startled and frightened novices, for the simple reason that they did not understand (or should he say they misunderstood?). To breed winners, or a succession of winners one was bound to inbreed. Of that he was sure; but one would have to work systematically, and in time he would be sure to succeed. But he advised his listeners to avoid breeding with any unhealthy specimens, as by so doing they were fixing disease upon disease, which would lead to a bad end. Mr. Blakey was asked if inbreeding in any way had a weakening influence on the stock? He replied, no; and, for proof, instanced cattle and wild birds and fowls, which did a lot of inbreeding. They seemed hardy enough, he was sure. Did he advise pairing brother and sister together? He had tried them and found that from such pairs he sometimes had hens that were barren, which, he thought, showed that these pairs were too nearly related to produce good results. He advised the building up of one's own strain, so that one might be certain how he was pairing for breeding, as by so doing he would save a lot of valuable time. Would he pair father and daughter? he was next asked. Yes, because the daughter would only have half the blood of the father, whereas brother and sister would have equal, and be much of a sameness. By inbreeding one fastened points and quality; for instance, speed in a horse, single or double combs in fowls, spangles and crests, markings and colour in Canaries, etc. If one inquired of a fancy stock breeder, he would find that they always stuck to their own stock for breeding purposes, which showed that there was more in inbreeding than appeared on the surface. Mr. Blakey was then asked if he believed in double-buffing or double-yellowing? He said, yes; and only pair the young from same, and one would be surprised at the bloom produced. He cautioned those present to be careful about introducing fresh blood on the cock side; he also thought he got size from the cock. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Blakey for his instructive lecture, and was replied to by him in well chosen words, which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—HARRY SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

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The Starling: Its Habits, Appearance and Management.

By H. GIBSONE.

The Starling is one of the few British birds which seem to brighten up the dreariness of a town. Of course by this I do not mean to imply that it is only a town bird, and does not know the country at all; on the contrary, it is as much at home in the ploughed lands and green fields as on the dingy house-tops of a smoky city.

Some Characteristics.

No person living in a town or village can help noticing the lively and energetic movements of this bird, as he sits on the chimney pots or perhaps at the end of some gable, with the feathers of his throat thrown out as though he were going to burst out with the curious sort of song he utters, at the same time moving his wings with that peculiar nack he has got, which makes him appear as though he beats time to the notes he utters.

If this performance is after a shower of rain, and the sun is peeping through the clouds, when the freshness of everything seems to lend charm, then one sees the Starling at its best. The bird is well-known to a good many people by its habit of sitting on the backs of sheep in search of ticks, or foraging in search of beetles or the like with others of its kin, in ploughed fields.

The plumage of this species is apparently of a sombre shade, but on closer inspection it will be found to be of a beautiful metallic colour, which seems in perfect harmony with the nature of the bird.

Starlings at Home.

Starlings are of a very conservative turn of mind in regard to their nesting habits; that is to say, they will retain possession of the nesting site in which to rear their family for several years in succession. The situation generally chosen by these birds is a hole in a tree or house, or a crevice in a church tower or gable. They do not stint themselves with regard to the materials with which they build the nest. Hay, roots, straw, and grass, feathers, rags, and paper, are some of the things they employ. These, when formed into a nest make a very untidy home for the future occupants. The Starling lays from four to six eggs of a beautiful light blue tinge, the texture of the egg being rather rough.

The young Starling has a very large gape, and seemingly a correspondingly large appetite; that is, judging from the amount of beetles, snails, grubs, etc., which the old ones exert themselves to bring them. They are very affectionate towards their young and work in hearty co-operation with each other in the heavy domestic duties which fall upon them as soon as the eggs are hatched.

Procuring and Training Them.

In my opinion this is the right time to start to tame them for cage life; or a better time, perhaps, is when they are just able to fly. It is as well as get your Starlings out of a nest which is isolated, as they are much quicker and more on the alert than those which live in a nest in the Starling colonies, and consequently are apt to be lazy, owing to their having a leader and sentinels to do all the thinking for them.

If by any chance you are not able to procure a young one, but at the same time have the opportunity of getting an old bird, do so, for it is not by any means difficult to tame one of them. An acquaintance of mine after having shot an old bird in the wing succeeded quite well in subduing it, so as to make a desirable pet of it.

The birds should be fed on quite sloppy food at first, such as crumbs and milk. But later on a more substantial food should be substituted; for instance, meat or any other odd bits, varied with a little of its wild diet as far as possible for a delicacy.

Only One Master Needed.

The bird should not be allowed to have a dozen masters; that is, if you intend to be the owner, and take an intelligent interest in your bird. At first nobody should be allowed to attend to its wants but yourself. It should also get used to your voice, and whatever is done, let it be done gently, so as not to make noise enough to seriously upset the bird. Then, with a little patience, as is necessary in the case of all wild birds, they will begin a lasting friendship with you.

Teaching to mimic and say things is not quite so easily done as it is said. The bird is most forgetful, and no matter how many times you may call or repeat a tune to it, it seems to know nothing of it the next day. But this notwithstanding, go on persevering, and one of these mornings you will come down to be greeted with the very tune or call you have been whistling day after day. Then, indeed is the battle won, but only then. The best time for this operation of teaching is after the bird has finished a good meal, when it is more inclined to be musical, if so I may call its note. As the bird gets older, it will be found very advisable to clip its wings, unless it can be relied upon not to go astray, which it will probably do at one time or another of its life.

At Liberty in the House.

These birds should be allowed a large and airy cage in which to live, if one intends to keep them in confinement. But on the other hand if you are not going to keep your bird in a cage, you will still want one of some sort, only smaller for it to go into at night or in times of danger.

There are many pitfalls in the way of an unconfined bird. One of the greatest is the fire and perhaps the least cruel thing to do is to teach it the necessary lesson at once, by holding it close to the fire and letting it get hot. If this measure is not resorted to, one of these days the pet may be found to have rushed into the fire, and sustained injuries sufficiently serious in some cases as to necessitate its being put to death.

Many other dangers there are, which the alertness of the owner alone can avert, and sometimes even this will not always help the situation. The cage should be made to be the bird's harbour of refuge in time of peril; one should not fail to impress this on the bird. Be sure to keep the cage clean, and plenty of fresh food should be supplied.

Always provide the bird with a bath; this is not always done, but for all that it is a most essential thing. If you watch by a pool of water, that has been left by the rain, it will surprise you to see the number of birds that come at irregular intervals for their dip, or may be at the time of your arrival preening their feathers.

With these instructions before one it should not be found so difficult as at first it seems to train this interesting bird. Bear the following saying in your mind when you commence your task "If you don't succeed at first try again," and you will be sure to triumph in the end.

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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

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The end of July naturally enough brings on an apathy in the attention which Canaries receive. This ought to be guarded against at this period, as old and young birds are prone to break down; therefore the entire stock should be carefully inspected last thing in the evenings and first thing in the mornings, so that those getting out of condition may be attended to at once.

Ordinary grass which is in seed is a capital food, and is easy to obtain in the suburbs of towns and in country places. Sulphate of iron should be put into the drinking water glass every alternate day.

To get the birds through the moult smartly and before the weather is cold is of great importance. It fits them for the the Show bench, it prepares the surplus stock for an early sale, and puts them into condition for standing the winter, besides putting the breeder or owner in possession of something reliable for the next season's breeding operations.

I have noticed that a bird which has moulted quickly and well usually proves a good breeder; it is an indication that the bird has a sound constitution. For the reasons I have mentioned no attempt should be made to retard birds entering the moult.

The Red Mite Nuisance.

Red mites, if not kept in check, multiply rapidly, and prove a decided hindrance to the moult. They disturb the birds nightly, drawing blood, and depriving them of rest. The best means of destroying them is by using Jeyes' disinfectant freely, and by keeping the cages clean. The bird-room should never be without disinfectants of some kind, and whenever they begin to lose strength they should be renewed. Their use keeps down infectious trouble, which means maintaining the health of the inmates of the aviary. If the power of disinfectants were generally known, they would be more in evidence than they are.

Importance of Sound Limbs.

Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries must of necessity be sound in body and limb; so much depends upon the birds being able to show themselves. The existence of a corn in a foot might mar a bird's chance of winning. Exhibition birds like Race Horses have to be kept in the very best of condition. Much can be done by the owner at this time of the year. The birds should not be attended to hurriedly, but the greatest care should be exercised, and where anything appears to be out of order it should at once be attended to. Fanciers are apt to pay attention to their promising birds—which, in its place, is quite proper—and to neglect the less promising. The others should not be overlooked, but, on the contrary, should have the strictest attention. By doing so the breeder's chances of success the next season will be greatly improved. Besides, with the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, a winner sometimes arises where least expected. A bird which has been soft and mopey, after it gets through the moult may pull together and beat others which had been considered far ahead of it in quality.

It should always be remembered that if surplus stock is to be sold to advantage, the birds must be in good condition. I strongly advocate attention all the year round. By so doing many a bird's life is saved, and a maimed bird may turn out a strong, vigorous member of the flock. It is easy to discern between a well-kept stock and birds that are left pretty much to themselves.

Surplus Stock.

In a successful season and where room is wanted a breeder often disposes of surplus stock. Many a breeder has succeeded in picking up in this way and at such times birds which have turned out to be the foundation of a winning strain. This is a hint worthy of note, especially when one is visiting.

Overcrowding should be avoided as it has many dangers. Where the accommodation is insufficient the stock should be reduced rather than incur risk. Some breeders rear a lot of common birds, in addition to their Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, and moult them as well. In certain cases it would pay a successful breeder to sell out his feeders cheap and make more room for the higher class of birds, and when the fancies come to be reduced buy in feeders at the beginning of the year.

Late Breeders.

Late breeders are to be found in every aviary. I have had fertile eggs from my hens when I did not want them—when both of the old birds were in rags. In such a case it is a great advantage to have a pair or two of feeders which did not start breeding until far on in the breeding season. They can then stand the effort entailed in late rearing.

Winners have been hatched well on into August, but all breeders prefer early hatching. A good deal depends, however, upon the kind of weather which prevails in the opening months of the breeding season. Cold backward weather naturally leads to late hatching and rearing. If at all possible Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries should be spared all risks attendant upon the late upbringing of a brood.

What to do with Idle Pairs.

Idle pairs (I mean by this birds that have not up to this point done anything in the way of breeding) as a last resource might be separated, and each given a fresh partner. The chances then are that a couple of nests of young will be secured. It will also serve to indicate whether or not they should be kept for the following season.

I do not advocate the putting away of birds that may not have bred, if of pure blood. They should have another trial. Remember, birds that do not breed well one season may breed successfully during another. Fanciers are inclined to be far too hasty in condemning birds that have not done exactly what they wanted them to do, and are frequently rash at the end of the breeding season. Breeders should do nothing quickly in the matter of stock. There is scope here for judicious thinking and for the weighing up of points.

Groenfood should be in a ripe condition and may be given even to birds that have ceased to breed. Ripe chickweed is wholesome, provided it is fresh. Care should be taken to remove all tainted green food. Cages should be kept sweet and clean throughout the year and particularly in July and August when summer heat prevails.

Several Things.

July and August are the favourite months for holidays. Many a plan is tried to tide over this much prized period in life. No matter where life is spent a change is beneficial and should be made the most of. A run here and there is a doubtful method. Here is where the hobby pinches. The house is usually shut up and many are hard put to it to get the stock attended to. It is impossible to lay down hard and fast lines, and each breeder has to work out his own salvation in this respect. An experienced caretaker in the breeder's absence is essential. Losses easily occur, and these quickly undo part of the year's work. Neighbouring fanciers who go at different periods for holidays are able to oblige one another.

In bright, warm weather, old and young birds should have a moderate use of the bath in early morning. It helps them to throw their old feathers, and assists the fresh feathers to grow. Quassia chips should be put into the water to destroy the red mites, which are very numerous in warm weather.

In hot weather windows are put up or down to admit cool air. In such circumstances, should a bird get out of the cage, it is apt to escape, never to be seen again. The window, therefore, should be covered by wire.

(*To be continued.*)

BUCKHAVEN.

First annual show held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, November 21. The Hall is undoubtedly one of the best in Fife, and the Association is to be congratulated on the ideal management. This was their first venture, and we found everything in its place, and everyone up to their various duties. The comforts of the exhibits were well provided for They were staged along the warmest side of the hall. The cage bird section is well looked after, with the popular and energetic President, Mr. David Baird, at the helm. He had everything well in hand. In Mr. Lawrie they have a secretary who, with a little more experience, will be hard to beat; he was most obliging, and quiet, and had all the arrangements well in hand. In the Scotch Fancy section, the entry was rather a poor one. We would urge those who still breed them to encourage societies who give them a large classification. They were well handled by Mr. Lisshe (Thornton). The remainder of the classes were judged by Mr. Patterson (Chirnside); both their awards were well received. Norwich were not so keenly shown, but there were one or two well-known winners present. Both British and foreign Goldfinches were good, and nearly every British Bullfinch was a champion.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (1): Barrie, nice size, good shoulders and drive. BUFF (3): 1, Peters, cross type, well up, good shoulders and drive; 2, Gibson, fine size and head, carried well down, nice length of drive; 3, Barrie, good size, nice length of side, good top end. HEN: 1, Moyes, good one, well placed, takes good position, rare length of reach, bringing her head well down; 2, Fulton, good shoulder; 3, Steward, good shoulder. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, Dow, nice one, well up in size, good shoulders, well thrown back, takes nice position; 2, Barr, good length. HEN (1): Gibson, real nice one, splendid style and action. BUFF: 1, Steward, nice one, hard up, prominent shoulder, grand drive, well laid on wing; 2, Spencer, nice shoulder drive and action. HEN (2): 1, Gibson, nice size, good length, takes good position, very fine below; 2, Steward, nearly green, nice drive and action. SELL. (7): 1, Duncan, good buff-pied cock, showing age; 2, Gibson, yellow; 3, Moyes; vhc, Barrie; he, Peters; c, Dow. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, McKenzie, little beauty, well put down, grand head, nicely drawn body, good colour and quality; 2, Bennet, similar in colour, quality and condition; 3, Craig, nice model, good colour, well rounded; 4, Wilson, good colour, nice free carriage; vhc, c, Millar; he, Kilpatrick. HEN (10): 1, Hogg, stylish lady, grandly dressed, and seems to know it, splendid colour and style, in grand condition; 2, Bennet, nice head, very free in neck, good quality and condition; 3, Craig, another good one, nice head, well rounded, nice carriage; 4, spl, Anderson, another good one; vhc, c, Peters; he, Barrie. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Craig, beauty, splendid head carriage, grand front, well laid on wings, colour, condition and quality all here; 2, Bennet, another good one, grand colour, quality and condition; 3, spl, Hutchison, mkd. head, takes grand position, well up for colour and quality; 4, Robertson, grand colour and quality; vhc, Leitch; he, Arnott; c, Baird. HEN (14): 1, Bennet, wee gem of the first water, feathered to perfection, nice shape, jaunty air, good colour; 2, Hutchison, very similar in shape, style and condition; 3, Craig, feather of grand texture, finely modelled; 4, Robertson, another good one, nice head and colour; vhc, Leitch; he, Peters; c, Anderson. VARIEG. (10): 1, Glass, real model for shape, well shown, grand head, takes rare position, steady, marked eyes, wings and head; 2, Craig, buff, well-known winner, grand head, stylish carriage, good markings; 3, McKenzie, three-pointed yell., grand colour and quality; 4, Peters, five-pointed buff, nice head and body, well rounded; vhc, King; he, Baird; c, Kilpatrick. HEN (9): 1, McKenzie, good buff, marking well balanced, good colour and quality, nice style; 2, Glass, grand stamp, good head carriage, nice back and wings; 3, Walker, yellow markings, well balanced, nice, free style; 4, Craig, another grand mark eyes, nice size, well balanced wings; vhc, Millar; he, Hutchison; c, Barrie. SELL. (14): 1, Bennet; 2, McKenzie; 3, Peters; 4, Glass; vhc, Barrie; he, Davidson; c, Baird. CREST CK. (4): 1, 2, Reid, 1st marked both wings and D.C., nice length of frontal, well forward, nice centre, 2 good, well up in size; 3, Milton, nice size. HEN (2): 1, Sanders, nice size, good crest, well centred, grandly groomed, good length of head feather; 2, Reid, grey Crest, nice one, good size Crest, well rounded. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Fulton, variegated, good size and length, grand entrance to head, nice turnover, well lashed; 2, Reid, cl., good size, lengthy feather, well browed; 3, Smith, broad head, well put down; 4, McLean. HEN (1): 1, McLean, good size, nice head, well lashed. PLAINHEAD YELL. CK. (3): 1, M'Anally, rare size, very bold front, beautiful head, good neck, very tight in feather, well staged; 2, Kerr, well up in colour, in grand condition, good size, bold front; 3, spl, Connelly, nice stamp, good head. HEN (4): 1, M'Anally, again leading with grand one, rare head and neck, in the pink of condition; 2, Fraill, good colour, grand quality feather; 3, Connelly, nice stamp and head; 4, Lawrie and Welsh, good colour and quality. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Dickson, beauty, nice head, beautiful neck, back and wing carriage, splendid colour and quality; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, another good one, well up in colour, nice head and neck; 3, spl, Allan, grand shape, nice head and front; 4, Connelly, lovely stamp, good colour and condition; vhc, Spence; he, Fraill. HEN (4): 1, Connelly, good one, lovely colour, quality, head and neck, well put on, nice back; 2, Logan, good head, nice front, good wings; 3, Dickson, good colour, nice quality; 4, Fraill, good size. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Dickson, mkd. eyes and shoulders, grand colour and quality, well put down, nice shape; 2, M'Anally, nearly green, nice shape, good head and front; 3, Logan, variegated, good head, plenty of substance; 4, Fraill, good colour, nice quality; vhc, Hunter. HEN (3): 1, M'Anally, good one in every point, fine head, bold front, nice condition; 2, Logan, buff in fine condition; 3, Lawrie and Welsh, another nice one. NON-FED (2): 1, Lawrie, cl. yell., nice colour and quality, fine type; 2, Thomson, good size and type. HEN (7): 1, Kerr, grand variegated, rare head, well rounded back, bold front, in fine trim; 2, Lawrie, three-pointed buff, nice colour and quality; 3, Barr, another variegated, good head, nice front, grand wing carriage; 4, Stephenson, lovely cl.; vhc, Lawrie; he, Lawrie and Welsh; c, Hunter. SELL. (9): 1, Kerr; 2, Dickson; 3, Foster; 4, vhc, Lawrie and Welsh; c, Allan. A.O.V. (1): 1, Kinnear, Yorks., good length, nice style. COMMON (8): 1, 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Thomson; 4, Storres; vhc, Chalmers; he, Peters. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Mackie, real beauty, grandly-cut blaze, nice wing bars and buttons, fine size and colour; 2, Hill, well-cut face, shows buttons well down; 3, Duncan, nice one, good colour, well cut face, good size, has habit of taking a visit to his foreign cousin by coming out his cage to do so. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Kerr, good size, well up in colour, rare black cap, nice tone of colour, in pink of condition; 2, Purvis, close up, lovely, dense cap and colour; 3, Wilson, grand cap and markings; 4, McDonald, dense coloured cap; vhc, Mackie; he, Chalmers. GREENFINCH (1): 1, Mackie, real good one, well up in colour, nice head. LINNET (3): 1, M'Gorum, good colour, nice condition, well pencilled, good head, nice whites; 2, spl, Chalmers Bros.; 3, Thompson. SISKIN (2): 1, Graham, nice cap, in good trim, very steady, well shown; 2, Murray, well marked. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Kerr, beautiful Yellowhammer, in pink of condition, grand shaped head markings, nice tone of colour, steady; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, Chaffinch, good size and marking; 3, Peters, Lark, nice markings. LARGE (5): 1, and 2, Gilmour, 1st splendid Mealy Redpoll Thrush, large as we have seen one, in pink of condition, spangling of perfect order; 2 Hawfinch, nice colour and markings, well cut bib; 3, spl, Morgan, good spangled Song Thrush; 4, Lister, Pied Blackbird, nice bill; vhc, Lister. DARK MULE (7): 1, Simpson and Pearman, grand coloured Linnet Can. yell., in pink of condition, and well shown; 2, M'Gorum, Greenie-Can., good size, nice colour; 3, Kerr, Siskin-Can., on small side; 4, Murray, Goulding-Can.; vhc, Peters; he, Thomson; c, Dryburgh. FOR. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Purvis, real champion for colour and markings, well-cut, rich-coloured blaze, well mooned wings; 2 (no name), nice size, good colour, well-cut blaze. BULLFINCH (1): 1, McDonald, good one, well shown, great depth of colour, well-cut markings. FOR. (7): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, leader Paradise Whydah, in fine trim, will still improve; 2, Bisset, beautiful pair of yellow Budgerigars, well shown, well up in colour; 3, vhc, Storrer, good pair of Cockatiels, cock in grand trim; 1, Bisset; he (no name).

WEST MALLING.

The fourth annual show (open to a radius of 6 miles) was held at the Hollies, Malt House, on Nov. 24 and 25. The show-room was well lighted, free from draughts, and the birds in our section were quite separate from those of the other sections. West Malling spells enthusiasm and progress, not as applied to big undertakings of the meteoric order, but to the steady nursing of fanciers locally, with the result that the society grows and competition gets keener every year. Our section totalled 102 exhibits, and the birds that won, and in most cases the losers, were of outstanding merit. An unfortunate circumstance marred an otherwise successful venture. The indefatigable chairman, Mr. J. J. Hayward, was, for the second consecutive year, unable, through sudden illness, to share in the joy of his labours. We wish him a speedy recovery. All arrangements were in apple-pie order. The secretary, Mr. Henry Martin, and his assistant, Mr. Roland Martin, were very methodical, and Mr. Hood attended to the wants of the caged birds. Mr. McGreath made the awards, which appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. COL. FED: 1, 2 spls (Hyde's), and 2, Gooding, yell., and buff, respectively, good type, colour and quality; 3, hc, c, Jenner. all pretty close, leader good yell.; res., Hills; vhc, Lambert; a good class. CL. YELL. NON-FED: 1, spl, Hills, bouncing bird, all in front of perch; 2, Gooding, loses only in stoutness and shape, grand one; 3, vhc, Reed, good quality and condition; res., hc, Higgins; c, Jenner. BUFF: 1, spl, Hills, chubby, typical, and good quality; 2, Gooding, nice bird; 3, Lambert, typical; res., Curd; vhc, c, Abery; hc, Morgan. TICK. ETC. NON-FED: 1, spl, Hills, 4-pt. buff, put down well; 2, Harvey, variegated, good substance and quality; 3, vhc, Reed; res., Higgins; hc, Gooding; c, Lambert. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Lambert, Grizzle cap, yell., leading, went right through class, keeping her position always up; 2nd, yell., nice length; 3rd, buff, well filled back and tidy; res., Terry; hc, Harvey; c, Martin, hot lot, but Yorks. require training—a tip to the losers. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, Challenge Cup, res., c, Jenner, Grizzle Crest, good radiation and frontal, densely packed, veined and well staged; res., really good green crest, trifle soft, when judged; 2, 3, hc, Wiffen, variegated, C.B., grand size, dense head feather; 3rd, neat green crest; vhc, Morgan; a keen class this. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, res., Jenner, typical Borders, staged in his usual style; 2, Wiffen, C.C. Silver Liz., good merit. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Hills, 4-pt. buff Goldie-Can., fine trim, good colour, wins; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Curd; 2nd, 6-point buff Goldie-Can., loses colour; 3rd, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch hen, Maidstone winner; res., Weller; hc, Driver. BRIT. LARGE: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hoad, beauty for blaze, buttons and chest colour, wins; 2, res., vhc, Jenner, another high-flier, beaten only in finish; 3, Terry, large, fine polish; hc, Reed; very fine class. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, res., Curd, 1st, Bullfinch, gem for cap, colour and type, rare polish; 2, vhc, hc, Jenner, Wagtail, in fine colour and condition of feather, hard lines; 3, Hoad, another Bullie, close on winner all round; c, Higgins. FOR. LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL: 1, spl, 2, 3, res., hc, Martin, 1st, Combassou in spanking condition, lustrous plumage; 2nd, pair nice Grey Javas; 3rd, pair Cut-throats, all in best of condition, well staged; vhc, Newman, Cordon Bleu. SELL. (10/-): 1, 2, res., Jenner; 3, Lambert; vhc, Newman; hc, Terry. GIFT: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Terry.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held on Nov. 25th. A good number turned up and the competition was very keen. The entries totalled 20. Judge, Mr. T. H. Ride.

1, hc, Tyler; 2, Curtis; 3, Hartshorn; 4, Heighton; vhc, Stevens; c, Harrison. A judging competition took place in connection with the above class, five members taking part; the nearest to the above awards were as follows: 1, Smith; 2, Christian; 3, Warmington; 4, Freer; 5, Claypole. Only novices were eligible to take part in the above competition.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Second annual open show held December 9th, in the "Stafford-shire Knot" Auction Rooms. The show was opened by the Mayoress (Mrs. E. Tresise), in a few well-chosen words, and we were pleased to hear that this lady is a keen fancier of foreign birds. The management was ideal, everything being utterly arranged, the staging, too, being a nice height. Norwich made a capital display. The Yorkshire classes were not quite up to the average, but the A.V. class was composed of some very fine Crests, also a few fine Borders, but these have not a fair chance in such a class. Mules and Hybrids were a very nice lot, Mr. T. J. Ward's noted Redpoll Bullie again being on the top. The British and Foreign birds were quite a show in themselves. Mr. Hadley was very busy among these, supplying their wants. He staged a very fine team himself. Messrs. Hadley and Kirkland carried out the secretarial duties to perfection, being ably assisted by a hard working Committee, composed of His Worship the Mayor (president), Dr Dockerty (chairman), Messrs R. Coltman (vice-chairman), S. A. Dicken, A. Ford, H. Hathaway, J. H. Lee, H. Hawkins, S. J. Gopsill, J. England, W. Elliott, A. Wood, A. Halliday, T. J. Siers, and S. Hawkes. Mr. J. H. Roe, judged all Canaries and Mules, and Mr. R. J. Howe, the British and foreign birds.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Irons, cl, fine massive specimen, red hot colour, lovely feather, nice head, neck and chest, in the pink; 2, Nutt, cl, nice quality, grand shape and size, neat head and wings, well shown; 3, Fox, cl, good type, nice shape and size, bold front, in lovely condition; 4, Davis, nice size, in grand feather; vhc, Campbell, very nice exhibit; hc, Growbridge and Sons. BUFF (7): 1, Greaves, wonderful size, very rich colour, grand carriage and body shape, in lovely feather, wins; 2, Parlett, cl, nice quality, excellent type, rare colour and frosting, in lovely condition; 3, Hall, cl, capital colour and feather, neat head and wings, good carriage; 4, Irons, grand front, ablaze with colour, nice feather; vhc, Dent; hc, Howkins. NOR. UNEVEN MKD. (6): 1, Hathaway, head and wing mkd. yell. fine shape and substance, nice quality and shape, in good condition; 2, Christian, nice colour, A1 type, very bonny, neat head and neck; 3, Drakeley, buff, lovely shape, well up in colour, nice feather; 4, Nutt, all there for type, good feather; vhc, Hewitt. VARIEG. ETC. (10): 1, Walton and Noakes, heavily variegated, yell. massive in build, well up in substance, rare shape, splendid carriage, in the pink; 2, Hall, variegated, buff, smooth as wax, beautifully feathered, rich colour, neat wings and tail; 3, Bowyer, variegated, yell, rattling type, fine colour and feather, nice head, neck and wings; 4, Dent, A1 quality, well up in colour; vhc, Bellemay, very neat head and wings; hc, Orme; c, Elliott. NOR. HEN (15): 1, Tams and Sons, cl. yell. rattling shape and size, neat head and wings, grand quality, in lovely condition; 2, 4, Bowyer, cl. yell. and buff, wonderful size and shape, lovely quality, close up; 4, grand size and quality, good colour; 3, Nutt, wing marked, yell. fine colour, magnificent shape and quality, lovely condition; vhc, Tyler, excellent colour, plenty of size; hc, Hall, rare shape and condition; c, England. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Walton and Noakes, cl. yell. fine head, neck and chest, all front, rare colour and shape, grand quality, a gem; 2, 4, Hall, cl. and variegated, in order named; 2, correct shape, rare colour, grand size, in good form; 4, grand size and quality, neat head and chest; 3, Emery, cl. yell, hot colour, magnificent shape, and quality, nice size; vhc, Christian, very smart cl. yell; hc, Hathaway, very smart; c, Tyler, variegated yell. BUFF (11): 1, Tams and Sons, grand shape and size, rattling colour and quality, superior carriage, in grand form; 2, Walton and Noakes, cl. very stylish, grand head, neck and chest, lovely colour and shape, in the pink, close up; 3, Parlett, neat eye and wing marked, grand colour, nice back, grand shape, neat wings; 4, Growdridge and Sons, cl. rare thick-set bird, full of quality; hc, Davis, another good clear; c, Christian, very neat wing marked. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Irons, very good quality, splendid type and size, in A1 condition; 2, vhc, Emery, both of good quality, good head and chest, teeming with quality; 3, Walton and Noakes, very smart eye and wing mark, in grand form; 4, Herbert, cl. buff, nice size and shape; hc, c, Hathaway; neat neck mark, and wing mark. Very good and even class. SELL PAIRS (30/-) (7): 1, Hathaway; 2, Nutt; 3, Hadly; 4, Williams; vhc, Greaves; he, Shefferson; c, Greaves. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Brotherhood, rattling cl. yell, well up on leg, neat wing carriage, nice position, wins easily, in the pink; 2, Burke, very stylish variegated, nice slim bird, good wings and tail, in nice order; 3, Milling, champ. cl. good quality and colour, nice shape and style, A1 form; vhc, Brotherhood, good one; hc, Foster. BUFF (7): 1, Burke, very stylish cl., straight as a rush, very nice wings and tail; grand length and quality; 2, Campbell, cl. good length, in excellent condition, A1 quality and type; 3, Jefferys, cl. wonderful quality, neat carried wings, well up; 4, Foster, cl. A1 form, good length, nice position; vhc, hc, Collier. DUTCH FRILL (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Dr. Dockerty, nice team. A.O.V. (11): 1, Smith, wing mkd. D.C. grand shape and size, crest coming well to end of beak, lovely feather, nice droop; 2, hc, Barker, head and wing marked yell, C.B., rare skull, good lash and entrance, plenty of substance, well shown; 3, Williams, cl. yell. Border, lovely round head, fine neck, wings and tail, splendid colour and condition; 4, vhc, Wigginton, wing mark D.C. and cl. Border, crest beautiful feather, Border, fine front neat head and wings, hard lines to meet such class; hc, Barker, very nice variegated crest, in lovely feather; c, Tyler, very neat Bord. MULE (9): 1, Cooper and Sons, grand yell. Goldie Can., grand size and quality, in A1 condition; 2, 3, Wells, 2, Linnet-Can., good shape, lovely colour and quality; 3, Goldie-Can., grand size and shape, rich colour, well marked; 4, Hingley, another very good Goldie-Can; vhc, Tams and Sons, very neat Linnet-Can., in good feather; hc, Williams; c, Kirkland. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, Somerfield, very fine Greenie-Can., grand size and shape; lovely colour and quality, in the pink; 2, Howkins, Siskin-Canary, extra size and shape, good colour and bloom, splendid quality and condition; 3, Garton, Greenie-Can., rich colour; 4, Dr. Docherty, Siskin-Can, in nice feather; vhc, Hingley; hc, Smith. HYB. (6): 1, 2, Ward, leader famous Redpoll-Bullie, looking A1, wins easily; 2, Linnet-Bullie, grand size and colour, also in A1 form; 3, Cameron, Goldie-Linnet, nice shape, lovely colour and shape; vhc, Kirkland. GOLDFINCH (15), very strong class: 1, 3, Hallam, leader a gem, rare blaze, rich colour, good wings, neat chest, grand size; 3, well buttoned wings, in nice condition; 2, Somerfield, good square blaze, well up in colour, fine moons and buttons, in the pink, close up; 4, Alton, grand bird, good blaze, nice colour, neat chest; vhc, c, Tams and Sons, both very neat and steady; hc, Lakin, also a very nice exhibit. BULLIE (12): 1, Harrison, the noted winner looking A1, rich crest colour, good size, big dense cap, good wings and bars, wins easily; 2, Walsh, good shape Bullie, not in such colour as leader, neat cap and bars, in grand feather; 3, Tyler, very fine Finch, neat cap, lovely wings; 4, Hester, good size and condition, neat wings and bars; vhc, Henshaw, very fine hen in lovely feather; hc, Hawkes, another nice exhibit; c, Bonas. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, spl, Tams and Sons, Linnet grand bird, good size and shape, very steady, nice nutty brown, well marked, 2, 3, Parlett, 2, White lovely condition and quality, nice size and shape well marked; 3, very fine Linnet, splendid condition colour and marking; 4, Henshaw, Redpoll, good size, neat markings, in grand form; vhc, Welsh, Linnet, in nice feather; hc, Alton; c, Harris. GREENIE, ETC (12). 1, Millingcamp, wonderful sized Greenie, grand colour, rare feather and condition; 2, Tyler, another good Greenie, splendid colour and condition; 3, Secret, charming Siskin, wonderful colour and cap, not a feather out of place; 4, Henshaw, One nice, grand bird for size, very good fourth; vhc, Rouse; hc, Hawkes; c, Robinson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Hawkes, Hawfinch, grand size, nice colour, and bib, in A1 condition; 2, very fine Bramble in excellent feather and condition; 3, Walsh, well marked Chaffinch, nice colour and bloom; 4, Dowler, very smart Yellowhammer, very steady, nice shape and markings; vhc, Hester. SOFTBILL (12): 1, spl, Hingley, Wryneck, in nice condition; 2, c, Walsh, very nice Wagtail, in lovely condition, very steady; 3, Medley, lovely Redstart, in grand feather, beautiful colour, very steady, easy first; 4, vhc, Williams, nice Nightingale, in grand feather, and a very nice Wagtail; hc, Medley, Flycatcher, very smart, in pink of condition. LARGE (7): 1, Alton, very fine Starling, lovely quality feather, in A1 form, very steady; 2, Martin, splendid Magpie, in clinking condition, very steady, good second; 3, Wain, Thrush, very distinct marking, and well shown; 4, Hakes, Blackbird, in lovely condition, lustrous colour; vhc, Renwick; hc, Markwell; c, Woodpecker. PARROTS (6): 1, 2, 4, F.B.C. medal, Hadley, with a very fine pair of Tuis, in lovely feather; 2, Blue Bonnet Parrakeets; 4, very fine Blue Fronted Parrot, in A1 condition; three fine exhibits, well shown; 3, Cushney, very fine Port Lincoln Parrakeet, in fine feather; vhc, Tresise Gray Parrot; hc, Mrs. Duncan, lovely pair Green Budgerigars (Nottingham winners), in good condition. SEED EATING FINCH (9): 1, Miss Galloway, pair of Parrot Finches; 2, Garton, splendid pair of Japanese Hawfinches; 3, Williams, pair of Rufous-backed Mannikins; 4, Mrs. Duncan, pair of Parson Finches; vhc, Hadley, Bicheno's; c, Besson, Zebra Finches, all in lovely feather and in the pink of condition. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hadley, 1, Archbishop Tanager, in grand feather; 2, Magpie Tanager, in good condition; 3, pair Australian Peaceful Doves, in spotless feather; vhc, Garton, pair Pekin Robins, in nice feather; 4, Hindley. FOR. SELL. (15/-) (5): 1, Williams; 2, Hadley; 3, Freeman; 4, Sparrow; vhc, Hadley. (15/-) (not to include For): 1, Hall; 2, Bittles; 3, Smith; vhc, Mayer and Roberts; hc, Hathaway; c, Greaves. MEMBERS' NOVICE: 1, hc, Wood, very stylish head and wing marked buff Nor., near head and neck; 2, 3, vhc, Ford, cl. yell. and cl. buff, both very chubby, and in A1 form; c, England. SELL (30/-): 1, 2, Hadley, two very cheap Norwich; 3, hc, c, Emery; 4, vhc, Hathaway. (30-): 1, 4, Hakes, Chaffinch and Yellowhammer; 2, Wood, Greenie; 3, hc, c, Hadley, Wagtail; vhc, Cameron.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual Members' Show held on Nov. 28th, in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham Street. Messrs. Battye and Wellings judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction. Some storming birds were staged by Messrs. Coffey, Hillmen, Gore, J. Walker, Hadwin, Davies, Dixon, Wardale, Moss, Thompson, W. Walker, and others.

YORKS., C YELL. (4): 1, spl, Bracegirdle; 2, Lee; 3, Eeeleston; vhc, Lloyd. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Walker; 2, Eeeleston; 3, Lee. TKD. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, Thompson; 2, Orme. HEAVILY VARIEG. CINN., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Brindle; 2, Orme. BUFF: 1, Christall; 2, Coffey; 3, Orme. CL. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Coffey; 2, Lloyd. TICK YELL. (2): 1, Thompson; 2, Coffey. BUFF (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Orme; 3, Lloyd. CINN. TICK BUFF HEN (4): 1, Thompson; 2, 4, Coffey; 3, Christall. YORKS., GREEN SELF YELL. (10): 1, spl, Gore; 2, Haudley; 3, Eeeleston; vhc, Quirk; hc, Abbott; c Moss. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Kelly; 2, Quirk; vhc, Brindle; hc, Dickson; c, Atherton. FOUL, YELL. (3): 1, Wardle; 2, Quirk; 3, Brindle. BUFF (6): 1, Handley; 2, Brindle; 3, Abbott; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hadwin; c, Moss. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dixon; 2, Wardale; 3, Handley; vhc, Christall; hc, Atherton; c, Brindle. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Atherton; 3, vhc, Brindle; hc, Dickinson; c, Abbott. GREEN SELF OR FOUL, YELL., BRED 1908 (8): 1, Wardale; 2, Dixon; 3, Handley; vhc, Brindle; hc, Hadwin; c, Quirk. BUFF (7): 1, Gore; 2, Dixon; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Handley; hc, Brindle; c, Rushton. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Walker; 2, Coffey; 3, Hillmen; vhc, hc, Hales; c, McMillan. BUFF (3): 1, Hillmen; 2, Walker; 3, McMillan. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Hayes; 2, Bracegirdle. BUFF (6): 1, Hillmen; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, McMillan; hc, Hayes; c, Lloyd. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Coffey; 2, McMillan; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Dickinson. BUFF (4): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Hillmen; 3, McMillan; vhc, Hayes GREEN SELF YELL. (3): 1, Davies; 2, Brotherton; 3, Moss. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Wardale; 3, Hayes. BUFF (2): 1, Hayes; 2, Moss; SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (4): 1, Davies; 2, Moss; 3, Brotherton; vhc, Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Walker; 2, Moss; 3, Davies. SEL FOR FOUL YELL. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Moss; 2, Hillmen; 3, spl, McMillan. BUFF (2): 1, Hayes; 2, Davies. BORD. FY. YELL (2): 1, Gore; 2, Hadwin. BUFF (3): 1, Gore; 2, Walker; 3, Hadwin. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Walker; 2, Gore; 3, Hadwin. BUFF (2): 1, Gore; 2, Hadwin. NAT. COL. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Handley; 2, Atherton; Quirk (wrong class). BUFF (5): 1, 3, Atherton; 2, Jones; vhc, hc, Quirk. NAT. COL. HEN (11): 1, Gore; 2, Quirk; 3, hc, Hales; vhc, Thompson; c Hadwin. NAT. COL. NOR. BUFF (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Hayes; 3, Jones. NAT. COL. NOR. HEN (4): 1, spl, McMillan; 2, Dickinson; 3, Jones; Coffey (wrong class). A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Walker; 2, Lloyd; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Moss. SELL. PAIRS (30s.) (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Moss; 3, McMillan; vhc, Christall; hc, Dickinson. 15s. (6): 1, 2, Thompson; 2, Bracegirdle; vhc, Hadwin; hc, J. Walker; c, W. Walker. HEN. (10s. 6d.) (8): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Hadwin; hc, W. Walker; c, Quirk. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, spl, Hales; 3, Davies; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Royden; c, McDougal. LINNET (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Hillmen; 3, Lloyd. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Coffey; 2, Lloyd; 3, Hillmen. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Royden; 2, Coffey; 3, Lloyd; hc, Hillmen GREENFINCH (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Hillmen; 3, Royden. SISKIN ETC. (2): 1, Coffey; 2, Lloyd. Most points in show: Champion, 1, Thompson; 2, Coffey; 3, Gore; 4, Handley; 5, Hillmen; 6, Brindle; 7, Hadwin; 8, Hales. Novice: 1, Atherton; 2, McMillan; 3, Lloyd; 4, Kelly; 5, Dickinson; 6, Jones; 7, Eeeleston; 8, Orme.—A. THOMPSON, Sec.

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BIRMINGHAM.

Annual Show of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. was held on Dec. 2nd and 3rd in the Crown Hotel. Entries came up well, and competition was very keen, particularly in the Yorkshire section, where all the birds in the cards were well-known winners. Mr. J. B. de Maillett, the new secretary, was indefatigable in his efforts, and he was well supported by stewards, who evidently had the business well in hand. We noticed Messrs. Eckersley, Smith, Collier, Jones, Maillett, and several others giving the exhibits every attention, and the secretary had taken upon him the feeding of the necessaries. The birds and the foreign birds. In the Norwich classes birds of great merit were staged by Messrs. Eckersley, Jeffs, Jones, Tams, and Dipple, and in Yorkshires Messrs. Burke, Wallis, Paddock, Long, Dykes, and Mole staged birds of grand type and quality. The show closed at 9 p.m. on the second day, and exactly an hour later all the exhibits had been packed and handed to the railway servants. This was smart work considering there were over 500 birds. Mr. J. H. Rea judged.

The Canary Section.

NOR., VELL. (6): 1, 2, Jeffs, leader cl., grand shape, lovely head, back and wings, feather of beautiful quality, 2nd a shade larger, grand cobby bird; 3, Maillett, lovely shape and quality of feather, nice head and neck short flights and tail, well staged; 4, Broadhurst, variegated, grand colour; vhc. he, Jones. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Eckersley, cl., grand size, shape and quality, nice head, neck and wings, 3rd almost equally good in feather, nice substance; 2, Jones, very cobby, grand body shape, fine substance and quality, feather showing rich frosting, a close thing; 4, Williams, variegated, rich colour, nice short feather; vhc, Mason; he, Godley; c, Jeffs. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, 3, 1, vhc, Eckersley, leader yell. head ticked, hot colour, nice head and neck, grand quality feather, 3rd cl. yell., excellent quality, 4th ticked buff, fine shape and feather; 2, Dipple, cl. buff, splendid head and neck, grand substance and quality; he, Reed; c, Godley. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Tams, cl. yell., gem for shape and quality, nice short flights, grand head and neck; 2, c, Eckersley, cl. yell., excellent colour, nice cobby body; 3, Dipple, cl. yell., hot colour, good type and quality feather; 4, Jones, nice cobby buff, good feather; vhc, he, Broadhurst; No. 3, Garfield, buff in grand feather, beautiful cobby shape, unnoticed. CREST (6): 1, King, variegated. D.C., grand body substance, splendid head piece, neat centre, grand droop, well groomed, wins well; 2, 3, Smith, variegated. D.C., good length of feather, neat centre, 3rd beautiful leafy crest feather of nice length; 4, Memmott, another variegated. D.C., nice size and droop; vhc, Ingram; he, Cotton. C.B. (3): 1, Godley, well-known variegated. winner, immense substance and feather, grand well lashed skull, wins; 2, Smith, nearly green, nice substance, good one; 3, King, variegated., will improve in substance and head feather, grand exhibit. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Paddock, cl., well up on leg, lovely feather, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Dykes, cl., grand length, finely drawn, nice long side" and tail; 3, Howes, variegated., great length, nice wings and back, good bird all over; 4, Walsh, wing ticked, grand style and position, beautifully drawn, well up on leg; vhc, Pugh; he, Burke. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Burke, cl., grand length and position, good head and neck, wings and tail, nicely filled up all over; 2, Mole, cl., magnificent feather and style, beautiful wings and tail, well up in position; 3, Paddock, another cl., grand length and position, rare sides of great length, good head and neck; 4, Long, cl., beautifully drawn, grand back and sides, nice exhibit; vhc, Wells; he, Pugh; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Walsh, cl. buff, lovely quality feather, grand shape, nicely drawn; 2, Mole, cl. yell., not a big one, A1 position and style, lovely quality; 3, Williams, cl. buff, well up on leg, grand feather and style; 4, Millincamp, variegated. yell., great length, good position, back and wings; vhc, Long; he, Dykes; c, Howes. YORKS. HEN (17): 1, Long, cl. yell., beautiful shape, nicely drawn out, rare back, wings and side, stands well; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., A1 position and feather, runs 1st very close; 3, Howes, cl. yell., shade smaller perhaps, but well up on leg and built on fine lines; 4, Millincamp, cl. yell., grand length, nice back and sides; vhc, Walsh; he, Dykes; c, Paddock. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, spl, vhc, Riding, grand sound colour, excellent shape and feather; 2, 3, 4, Godley, 2nd shade larger perhaps, nice rich colour, nice shape, 3rd grand size and shape, 4th extra good for size, nice shape and quality; he, Bentley; c, King. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, excellent team, leader fine size, rich sound colour, beautiful shape, 2nd very similar; 3, he, Riding, grand shape and quality, scarcely so sound in colour as leaders perhaps, will improve; 4, Silvers, beautiful shape and quality; c, King. SELL. (£3) (15): 1, Dipple; 2, Yates; 3, Smith; 4, Midgley; vhc, Bentley; he, Edwards; c, Wootton. (£2) (18): 1, Dipple; 2, Yates; 3, Godley; 4, Marshall; vhc, Mason; he, Wilkins; c, Bentley. (£1) (21): 1, Yates; 2, Godley; 3, Dipple; 4, Marshall; vhc, de Maillett; he, Silver; c, Jeffs. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL (3): 1, spl, 2, Eckersley, 1st good cl., nice type and quality; 3, Broadhurst, variegated. yell., nice cobby bird. BUFF (3): 1, Broadhurst, cl., grand type and quality, good head and neck; 2, 3, Eckersley, leader variegated., rather long in body, 3rd cl., good quality. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Eckersley, cl. yell., cl. buff, tkd. yell., and mkd. yell. in the order named, grand team: he, de Maillett; c, Silvers. CREST (5): 1, Smith, buff variegated. D.C., nice crest, dense feather, good droop; 2, Marshall, very similar, not quite so well put down perhaps; 3, Ingram, even marked D.C.; 4, Ankers, buff D.C., nicely shown. C.B. (4): 1, Marshall, almost green buff, grand lash and turnover; 2, Ingram, variegated. buff, nice substance; 3, 4, Bradshaw, two buff mkd., fine birds. YRKS., YELL. (6): 1, Pugh, grand length and position; 2, 4, Burke, cinn. mkd. and cl., good position and feather; 3, Marlow, nice variegated. BUFF (11): 1, Pugh, cl., built on nice lines, fine quality feather; 2, 3, Burke, two clears, good position and feather; 4, Coton, variegated. buff, grand quality and position, good length. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Burke, cl. buff, nice feather and position; 2, Collier, tkd. yell., very slim and stylish; 3, Wells, head tkd. buff, nice quality and length; 4, Coton, variegated. yell., nicely drawn, good position. CINN.: Silvers 1st in both yell. and buff classes. NOVICE CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Bradshaw, two nice Crest-breds. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, he, Latham, cl. buff Yorks., good length and position; 2, Marlow, cl. buff Nor., nice quality; 3, Hawkesford, cl. yell. Yorks., good stand and length; 4, Marlow, nice buff Nor.

Hybrid, British and Foreign Sections.

DARK CANARY MULE (8): 1, he, Wells, Goldfinch, grand colour, rich blaze, nicely put down; 2, Jackson, Linnet, grand colour and quality, beautifully laced; 3, Hingley, Redpoll, nice feather, trifle soft when we saw it; 4, Tonks, Goldfinch, nice rich feather, good shape; vhc, Cayless; he, Wells; c, Aitken. A.O.V. HYB. OR MULE (10): 1, spl, Wood, Redpoll Bullie, well known, in best of form; 2, vhc, Lawrence, Can. Bullfinch, grand rich colour, nicely staged; 3, Ward, Linnet-Bullie, splendid size, grand feather, in beautiful bloom; 4, Edwards, Greenfinch Bullie, grand size, rich colour; he, Tonks; c, Clowes and Son. GOLD FINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, Parbitt, big square blaze, grand body colour, lovely buttoned; 2, Yorke, grand blaze and body colour, very close run; 3, Edwards, another grand one, just a shade smaller, very rich blaze; 4, Tonks, grand exhibit, not yet at its best, big blaze, nice shape and quality; vhc, Jones, he, Tams; c, Jackson. BULLFINCH. 1, Harrison, fine size and shape, very short and cobby, hardly at its best in body colour, grand cap; 2, Jones, beautiful cap and breast, in lovely feather; 3, Mole, excellent Fuch, lovely feather, rich quality, grand cap and breast; 4, Chick, good cap, scarcely the colour of leaders perhaps; vhc, Hinchley; he, Barrett; c, Taylor. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, Chick, leader Hawfinch, grand shape and colour, large rich bib, 2nd Meadow Bunting, rich colour and markings; 3, Coton, Hawfinch, beautiful colour, nice bib; 4, Capewell, Yellow Bunting, very steady, grand colour; vhc, Birchley; he, c, Hakes. SOFTBILL (11): 1, spl, Williams, Cornish Chough, in fine bloom, feather great polish, good size, nice legs and beak; 2, Chick, Redstart, beautiful exhibit, in grand feather and condition; 3, Hingley, well-known Wryneck, in nice order; 4, vhc, Birchley, Treecreeper, in splendid condition, very steady, nice feather; he, Burrows; c, Grazier. FOR.—COCKATIEL, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Stocker, leader superb Tanager, shown in lovely trim, 2nd crimson-crowned Honeyeater, also in fine order; 3, Williams, pair Wood Swallows, feather and condition perfect; 4, Rose, superb Tanager, not quite the lustre of winner; vhc, he, Pearce; c, Jinks. LARGE (5): 1, Stocker, Electric Parrot, shown to perfection, grand condition; 2, Voigt, Mountain Lory, in splendid feather; 3, Rose, Rosebill Parrakeet, also in nice condition; 4, Jinks, Mealy Rosella; vhc, Hingley. MEMBERS' HYB.: 1, 2, Wells, Goldfinch-Can. Mules. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.V.: 1, Wells, Goldfinch. SELL. (20s.): 1, Wells.

HARTLEPOOLS.

The 4th annual show, held in the Christ Church Hall on Dec. 5th. Unfortunately entries showed a falling-off as compared with those of recent shows in this district, but although short in numbers the quality of the exhibits all through was excellent and many well-known winners were on view. The cup for best team of three birds shown by a member was won by the secretary, Mr. H. Williams, he also winning Hyde's special. Special for best bird in show was won by the winning buff Yorkshire. In Mr. Williams this society has a hard-working and enthusiastic secretary, and his only complaint was that he had not had half enough to do. The committee were also an energetic and capable body. Mr. E. Brunskill placed the tickets.

Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, wing ticked leading, good shape, stylish, grand quality, showing plenty of leg, 2nd cl., A1 quality, good colour, neat wings and tail; 3, F. Stevens, rich colour, good type and quality; vhc, Woodhead; he, c, Rev. B. Wilton. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, cl. leading, rich salmon colour, well frosted, lovely quality, well carried wings, neat back and tail, 3rd ticked on cheek, grand quality, wedge shape; 2, Rev. Wilton, lengthy and stylish, a little pale in colour, well up on leg, good length of side; vhc, Williams; he, Stevens; c, Woodhead. HEN (6): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, buff hen, A1 quality, neat and shapely, close fitting wings and tail, 2nd wing ticked yell., long and tight in feather; 3, Williams, buff, good type, grand quality, nice position, well carried wings, neat tail; vhc, Rev. Wilton; he, Williams; c, Wallinger. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, cl. yell., lengthy, stylish, good quality, well up on leg, good wing carriage, 2nd wing marked buff, lovely colour, rare length and quality; 3, H. Williams, excellent type and position, grand quality; vhc, c, Rev. Wilton; he, Woodhead. NOR., YELL. (10): 1, 2, E. Cowling, gem, ticked both eyes, teeming with quality, excellent level colour, good shape, 2nd cl., good colour, A1 quality; 3, Mrs. Hope, good rich colour, nice quality; vhc, Axe; he, c, Hill and Stewart. BUFF (13): 1, Axe, cl., grand quality, rare chest, good colour, well mealed; 2, Papple, very big bird, rare chest; 3, Hill and Stewart, good shape and colour; vhc, Wake and Carr; he, c, Rev. Wilton. HEN (11): 1, Hill and Stewart, yell., hot colour, rare size, good quality; 2, Papple, bonny little wing, neck and eye marked buff, grand cobby shape, tight as wax, some thought might have won; 3, Cowling, yell., good quality and colour, lovely shape; vhc, Wake and Carr; he, Meynell; c, Dalgetty. UNFLIG.: 1, Dalgetty, yell., good colour, A1 quality, magnificent substance and shape, grand head, neck and carriage; 2, Hall, eye and wing marked buff, rare substance, hot colour, rich meal, good type and size; 3, vhc, Cowling, cl. yell., good quality, colour and type; he, N. Smith; c, Papple. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Axe, expansive, rich coloured blaze, very steady, well tanned chest, good bars and buttons; 2, Nicholson and Son, close up, rich blaze, grand feather, nice tanning, in rare bloom; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, bigger bird, expansive blaze; vhc, Todd and Son; he, c, Rev. Wilton. LINNET (6): 1, Wake and Carr, good quality feather, rich colour, nice breast markings; 2, Hanson and Lancaster, nice markings, good size and colour; 3, he, Robinson, neat shape, nice breast; vhc, Dodsworth; c, Whittet. A.O.S. (11): 1, Wilcock, well-known Hawfinch, in good trim; 2, vhc, Forster, grand Bullfinch, rich breast colour, good big cap, grand bloom; 3, Axe, Yellow Bunting, excellent size, nice head markings; he, c, Nicholson and Son. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, McNeil, Goldie-Bullie, tight and shapely, good size and colour; 2, he, Hillier, heavily variegated. Greenie-Canary, rare size; vhc, Ewbank. DARK (8): 1, Todd and Son, well-known Greenie Mule; 2, he, Wells, Goldie-Can., rich colour, good size, in grand condition; 3, Cuthbertson, yell. Linnet-Can.; vhc, Williams; c, Payne. FOR. (6): 1, 2, he, c, Nicholson and Son, noted Glossy Starling leading, looking as well as ever, 2nd lovely Superb Tanager, in grand colour, he another Superb, close up, c Diamond Sparrow; 3, vhc, Pintail Nonpariel, in splendid colour, and bonny little Parrotfinch. SELL. (20/-) (11): 1, Gibson; 2, he, Wake and Carr; 3, Dalgetty; vhc, Rotel; c, Mrs. Hope. (10/-) (13): 1, Wilcock; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Rev. Wilton; vhc, he, Gibson; c, Ronald.

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The Manningham C.B.S. annual open show was held on Dec. 3rd in the Drummond Road Council School, Manningham, Bradford. The entry was not quite so large as expected, the total in the 26 classes provided reaching 378, an average per class of nearly over 14. Two classes were declared void in consequence of not receiving the regulation five entries, and two classes were half prize money, only containing seven entries each. The novice Yorkshires were a nice lot, and plenty of them, 141 birds being staged in the six classes, an average of 23. Sectional specials for most points were secured by Messrs. W. H. Shackleton, Bailey and Swanger, Crabtree, Wilson, Ogden Bros., Cantenden, Wilcock, Hammond, Clegg, Kaye, Beaumont. Best Novice bird was won by Mr. E. Clegg, and best Novice hen in Yorks. classes by Mr. Beaumont. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger secured the medal for best fed bird mounted on Ramsden's peppers. Messrs. F. Townsend and Shaw Bros. were the top scorers in CAGE BIRDS competition for the amateurs of Yorkshire. Mr. R. Carr was the official judge elected by the Yorkshire Union, and he was assisted by Mr. T. Tetley, the awards of both meeting with entire approval. The management left nothing undone in the matter of the arrangements. In Mr. F. Western they have a very efficient and popular secretary, who was well backed up by Mr. Robinson (president), Mr. J. Dennison (vice president), Mr. Dent (treasurer), with Messrs. Smith, Varley, and others as stewards. Mr. W. Holroyd rendered good service as assistant secretary. The room is a very large and lofty one and well supplied with light, altogether very suitable for a cage bird show. There was a capital attendance, and time passed very pleasantly along.

Mr. Carr's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., grand length, well drawn out, nice and leggy, good quality; 2, Shackleton, grand type, stylish, extra good wing carriage and fine quality; 3, Townsend, red hot colour, long, good shape and quality; 4, Bailey and Swanger, extra type, well braced wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; he, Murgatroyd; c, Briggs. CL. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Crabtree, grand shape, well up in position, rich quality, very neat; 2, Wilson, very typical and stands erect, nice colour and quality; 3, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, big, bouncer, nice quality, extra good back and wings, good stock bird; 4, Shackleton, lovely shape and position, feather like wax, good colour; vhc, Hardaker and Sample; he, Brook; c, Ogden Bros. TKD. YELL. cancelled. TKD. BUFF (13): 1, Rhodes, grand length, nice shape and style, good quality; 2, c, Bailey and Swanger, grand type and position, full of quality and colour; 3, Shackleton, nice length, grand shape, well drawn out, stands well up, rich quality; 4, Radley, another good long one, capital shape and quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Charlesworth; he, Wilson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Armstrong, grand shape and position, marvellous colour and quality, a gem; 2, Addy, plenty of length, nice shape and quality, trifle low on leg; 3, Watmuff, grand type, very straight cut, nice quality, lovely head and neck; 4, Bartley, good lengthy bird of nice shape and quality, nice position; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; he, c, Smith. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Stebbings, very lengthy, splendid shape, carries wings and tail well, nice quality; 2, Crabtree, very slim, well drawn out, stands well up, neat quality; 3, Wilson, neat typical lady, lovely feather and position; 4, Shackleton, good length, shapely and nice quality, stylish; vhc, Rhodes; he, Bailey and Swanger; c, Dyson. BUFF HEN (12): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, noted ticked neck, lovely quality, grand shape and position; 2, Rhodes, nice shape, well up on leg, very clean under, nice quality; 3, Briggs, very slim, perfect shape, well up in position, good quality; 4, Shackleton, tick wing, grand shape, stands erect, full of quality and sheen; vhc, Dyson; he, Crabtree; c, Drake. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Chittenden, very lengthy and shapely, good back and wings, nice quality; 2, Ogden Bros., rich colour, very typical, nice quality, very good position, close up; 3, Dobson, slim, nice shape, quality and position; 4, Hardaker and Sample, grand shape, rich quality, extra good wing carriage; vhc, Cooper; c, Towers. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Wilcock, extra shape, grand quality and colour, very clean front; 2, Shackleton, neat shape, plenty of quality and colour, good back; 3, Dobson, long, good shape and quality, extra fine position; 4, Hartley, very typical, stylish and good in feather; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, c, Chittenden. CINN. HEN (18): 1, spl, Chittenden, yell., great length, narrow shoulders, well drawn out behind, nice quality, rather pale in colour; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, nice shape and position, full of colour and quality; 3, Grange, lengthy yell., grand shape and quality, extra position; 4, Ogden Bros., buff of lovely quality and shape, stands well, a gem; vhc, Wilcock; he, Addy; c, Taylor and Haigh. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Townsend, nice length, good shape and position, rich quality and colour, lovely back; 2, Charlesworth, very typical and stylish, rich quality, neat; 3, Wilcock, good shape, shows a bit of breed, extra position, nice quality; 4, F. Shackleton, neat type, grand quality and colour, trifle small; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; he, Bearpark; c, Wright and Son. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, full of quality and colour, correct type and very stylish; 2, Charlesworth, nice shape and style, very leggy, good quality; 3, Shackleton, good shape and stand, rich quality, nice round back; 4, Hartley, extra colour and shape, stands well up, grand quality; vhc, Dewhirst; he, Dyson; c, Armstrong. FOUL MKD. (13): 1, Bailey and Swanger, green marked yell., good length, grand shape, nice quality and colour, well up on legs; 2, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., both green marked yellows, 2nd very slim and shapely, well cut away behind, plenty of leg, rich quality, 3rd grand length and shape, nice position and quality; 4, Armstrong, green marked buff, marvellous quality, nice shape and stands very erect; vhc, Taylor and Haigh; he, Bearpark; c, Addy.

Novice Yorkshires.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (30): 1, Wilson, good length, shape and position, nice quality, extra hot colour; 2, A. Radley, grand shape, well drawn out, plenty of style and full of quality; 3, Varley, not quite as long, extra type and position, neat feathered; 4, White, good shape, lovely back and wings, loses on front, nice quality; vhc, spl, Gill; he, Huddleston; c, Lumb. BUFF (28): 1, Clegg, very good shape, stands well, plenty of quality, good round back; 2, Gill, very typical, nicely feathered, well carried wings and nice tail, first rate position; 3, Livesey, good length, nice shape, stands very erect, full of quality; 4, Fortnam, good shape, nice head and neck, rich quality; vhc, spl, Tinkler; he, Radley; c, Willo. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Laycock, straight as a rush, slim, very typical, grand stand, nice quality, shows well; 2, Kaye, very good and clean feathered, neat in type and stylish; 3, Radley, lengthy, good shape and position, fine quality; 4, Grange, cinn. mkd., excellent wing carriage, very good type and quality; vhc, spl, Holroyd Bros.; he, Greenwood; c, Lumb. BUFF (9): 1, Kaye, good length, very typical, stands out right as a rush, rich quality, very clean feeder; 2, Clegg, good shape and style, full of quality, nice back; 3, Holroyd Bros., nice size and quality, stands well, very good markings; 4, Burdekin, cinn. mkd., very lengthy, nice shape and position, good quality; vhc, spl, Firth; he, Telford; c, Simonett. YELL. HEN (26): 1, Beaumont, good length, very good shape, stands well, grand back and wings, rich quality; 2, Hornfield, very typical and good position, all there for quality, neat; 3, Hall grand type, splendid shoulders and back, nice quality; 4, Huddleston, rich colour, nice shape and style, neat feather, splendid head; vhc, spl, Birkett; he, Brown; c, Graham. BUFF HEN (32): 1, Livesey, neat type, stands well, rich quality, lovely back; 2, Nicholl, good shape and position, well drawn out, nice quality, very neat; 3, Dunn, teeming with quality and colour, correct shape and stylish; 4, Holroyd Bros., very slim and shapely, excellent position, nice wings and tail; vhc, spl, Radley; he, c, Lane.

Mr. Tetley's Classes.

A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, spl, H. Radley, junr., leader Green Crest, good size crest, nice radiation, good substance, plenty of feather, 2nd Green Crest-bred, rattling skull, great substance; 3, 4, c, Clark, 3rd yell. Norwich, good size and substance, nice colour and quality, 4th Crest-bred, nice skull, good size and substance; vhc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; he, A. Cooper. SELL., YELL. YORKS. (£1) (21): 1, spl, Jowett; 2, Radley; 3, Lane; 4, Suggitt; vhc, Halliday and Armstrong; he, Hartley; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. BUFF (15/-) (19): 1, spl, Kaye; 2, Jowett; 3, Dewhirst; 4, Lister; vhc, Denton; he, Lunn; c, Watmuff. HEN (12/6) (15): 1, spl, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Denby; 3, Denton; 4, E. Radley; vhc, Nicholl; he, Chubb; c, A. Radley. NOR. CK., NOVICE (5): 1, vhc, Hammond, leader buff, grand size and substance, full of quality and colour, good head; 2, 4, Markwell, big bird, nice quality and colour, 4th nice shape and substance, hardly as clean behind; 3, T. Fortnam, very cobby, nice substance, rich quality. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, spl, Hammond, grand team, winners yell., lovely type and substance, plenty of chest, grand head, looks like a last year's winner out again, 2nd buff, good thick set bird, full of quality, 3rd good coloured buff, very cobby, nicely feathered; 4, Fortnam, yell. of good shape and substance, short and cobby build, neat; vhc, Greenwood; he, c, Markwell.

LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The 2nd annual members' show was held Oct. 29th, at the Public Hall, London Road. Mr. W. E. Greeves (Wrentham) judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction. The entry came up very well for a second attempt, 293 birds being staged; the quality of the exhibits was splendid, and no doubt several of them will be heard of again before the show season finishes. Everything went off A1 under the management of Mr. W. Lang, jun. (secretary), Mr. A. Cooper (chairman), and a good working lot of stewards, including Messrs. Bagshaw, Blackburn, Catchpole, Fitt, Hart, Hatch, Kirk, Lay, Munford, Smith, and Wigg. The silver challenge cup presented by Mrs. R. Leach for most points in Norwich plain-head classes was won by Mr. F. Rackham, the same exhibitor winning Sandiford's medal and several other specials. Mr. H. Hart won the silver medal for best Crest in show with a beautiful Crest, which was claimed at catalogue price, £2 10s. The sales amounted to £7 16s., and the show was financially a great success.

CHAMPION CLASSES:—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 3 spls, 3, vhc, Rackham; 2, he, Parke; vhc, c, Kirk; he, Hart; c, Blackburn. BUFF (12): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, vhc, Rackham; vhc, vhc, he, Kirk; c, Blackburn. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Parke; 2, 3, vhc, Rackham; he, c, Kirk. BUFF (14): 1, 2, vhc, Kirk; 3, c, Rackham; he, Lang, jun. YELL. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Kirk; 2, 3, he, Rackham; c, c, Hart. BUFF (11): 1, Parke; 2, 3, vhc, he, Rackham; he, Hart; c, Linder; c, Blackburn. NAT. COL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Rackham; 2, c, Hart. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Rackham; 2, 3, and he, Blackburn; c, Linder. YELL. CINN. (6): 1, 2 spls, vhc, he, Hart; 2, 3, c, Lang, jun. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Hart. PAIR OF P.H. (9): spl, 1, vhc, Rackham; 2, Parke; 3, he, Lang, jun.; ex. 3, Hart. MULE OR HYB. (1): 3, spl, Clarke. CREST (11): 1, 3 spls, 2, Hart; 3, c, Wigg; ex 3, vhc, Corke; vhc, Lowe; he, c, Smith. C.B. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, Hart; 3, Wigg; vhc, Linder; he, Bagshaw; he, Corke. HEN (9): 1, 2, Bagshaw; 3, he Corke; vhc, Lowe; c, Hart. PAIR OF CRESTS (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hart; vhc, Corke; he, Wigg; c, Lowe. NOVICE CLASSES:—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, spl, he, Catchpole; 2, Lay; 3, c, Cooper; vhc, Hatch; vhc, Rickards; c, Munford. BUFF (15): 1, he, Hatch; 2, 3, Rickards; vhc, c, c, Catchpole; he, Clarke. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Cooper; 2, Castleton; 3, vhc, Catchpole; he, Clarke; he, c, Hatch. BUFF (18): 1, spl, c, Cooper; 2, Lay; 3, he, Catchpole; vhc, Hatch. YELL. HEN (11): 1 vhc, c, Hatch; 2, 3, he, Catchpole. BUFF (18): 1, Cooper; 2, Clarke; 3, he, Hatch; vhc, c, Catchpole. NAT. COL. YELL. (4): 1, Castleton; 2, Clarke; 3, Clarke. BUFF (9): 1, Hatch; 2, Clarke; 3, Catchpole. YELL. CINN. (7): 1, spl, Lay; 2, c, Howard; 3, vhc, he, Lang, jun. BUFF (10): 1, he, Cooper; 2, Lay; 3, vhc, c, Howard. PAIR OF PLAINHEADS (8): 1, spl, Doddington; 2, Clarke; 3, Lay; vhc, Catchpole; c, Munford. CREST (5): 1, spl, Cooper; 2, Lay; 3, Munford. C.B. CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, Lay; 3, Munford. HEN (2): 1, Rickards; 2, Cooper. PAIR OF CRESTS (2): 1, spl, Cooper; 2, Rickards. SELL. 15s. (14): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Linder; vhc, Wigg; he, Linder; c, Lang, jun.; c, Munford. EXTRA STOCK (6): 1, spl, Rickards; 2, Blackburn; 3, Wigg

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*Dec. 10 and 11.—**Welsh National C.B.S.** (R. J. Truscott, 27, Castle-st., Swansea). J.R., and J.B.E.

*Dec. 10, 11, 12.—**St. Helen's O.S.** (A. Goodall, 73, Corporation-st.). J.P.H. and H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.** (T. Taylor 68, Edward-st.). T.H., H.B., P.R., J.T., H.W.B.

*Dec. 11 and 12.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (W. Jackson, 11, Albert-sq., Clarence-st., Old Trafford, Manchester). W.A.C., and A.W.

Dec. 12,—**Castle Douglas** (J. C. Burnie, Carling-wark Cottage).

Dec. 12.—**Stonehouse (N.B.)** (J. Govan, 7, Union-st.).

Dec. 12.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J. Forrest, 100, West Main-st.). J.P., A.C., and P.P.

*Dec. 15.—**Carmarthenshire A.S.** (Jack Francis, Carmarthen). J.R.

*Dec. 17.—**Ludlow (Salop)** (P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage). J.H.P.

*Dec. 18 and 19.—**West Bromwich** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook-street). J.H.P.

Dec. 18 and 19.—**Norwich, P.C.C. of Ireland** (Jas. Stewart, 359, Donegall Rd. Belfast). G.H. and J. Rk.

*Dec. 18 and 19.—**Widnes and Dist. O.S.** (S. Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd.). A.W. and C.H.

Dec. 19.—**Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (W. Neilson, 32, Greendykes-rd.). J. Mson., H.M., P.McQ., and P.McK.

Dec. 19.—**Ferryhill.** (Rd. Binks, 27, West-st.) J. Str.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh) J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.

Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.

Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.

*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.

Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.

*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place) J.R., & E.A.L.

Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport). T.P.

*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead)

*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.

Oct. 22 and 23.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford. Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

For Key to Judges' Initials see No 852.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 11—**Haverfordwest**—J. L. Phillips, High Street.

" 12—**Annan**—A. Irving, 10. Albert Road.

" 12—**Belfast** (N.P.C. of I)—J. Stewart, B. 59, Donegall Road.

" 12—**Kilsyth** - A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.

" 12—**Widnes**—S. Andrews, 109, Mersey Road.

" 14—**Broxburn**—W. Neilsou, 32, Greendykes Road.

" 14—**Ferryhill** R. Binks, 27, West Street.

" 14—**Tideswell**—J. Brocklehurst, Tideswell, Buxton.

" 14—**Keith**—D. D. Milne, 69, Regent Street.

" 14—**Halton**—W. Saul, Halton nr. Doncaster.

" 14—**Dublin**—J. Gibson, 5, South Anne Street.

" 15—**Baildon**—W. T. Dobson, Baildon.

" 15—**Brighouse**- F. Mitchell, 9, Marion Street.

" 17—**Pwllheli**—J. Fawlands, Maes Apiaries.

" 18—**Truro**—J. Tippett, 6, Alverton Terrace.

" 19—**Derwent Valley**—J. Brown, 12, Hunter Street, Chopwell, Ebchester.

" 19—**Over, Winsford**—G. Baker, 92, Woodford Lane, Over, Cheshire.

" 19—**Westhouses and Blackwell** — T. Tucker, Westhouses, near Alfreton.

" 19—**High Wycombe**—S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 12—**Ludlow**—P. H. Oakes, Globe Cottage.

" 12—**Brackley**—J. Shaw, Brackley, N. Hants.

" 12—**St. Albans**—Moody & Sparrow 54 Victoria Street.

" 13—(First post)—**Narberth**—Jas. Owen, St. James Street.

" 14—(First post)—**West Bromwich**—Duffield and Jennings, 18, Braybrook Street.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Inverness, Wimbledon, Morriston, Crook Original, Muirkirk, Grimsby C.B.S., Harrogate, Penzance, Berwick-on-Tweed, Weybridge, Cambridge, Selkirk, Galashiels.

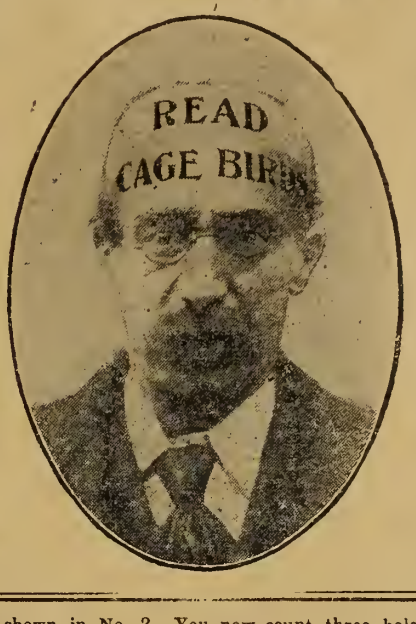
Wimbledon Show report credits me with winning v.h.c. in the large softbill British bird class with my "Shrike"; it should have been by "Thrush."—J. Cooke (Alton)

Plymouth Show report, in the members' class, writes Mr. W. Gouldson (Devonport), ro my Blackbird should have read: 1st and special, and not v.h.c., as in catalogue.

I was indeed suprised and delighted on looking through Cage Birds this week to find such a good portrait of my Dutch Frill, and should very much like to see classes for them better supported at shows, as we have it on good authority that there are plenty of these birds in this country, and I should like to see the owners bring them out and support the shows. —A. E. Brooks (Cambridge).



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THESE two photographs show the humorous manner in which 'Cage Birds' obtained an advertisement at the recent Horticultural Hall Show, and the person who so successfully carried out the scheme.

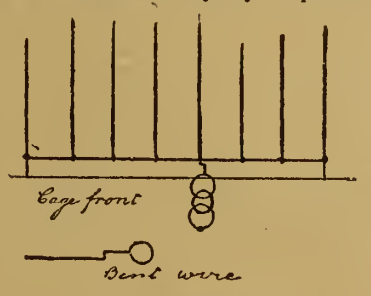
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 264.
DOOR FASTENER FOR YORKSHIRE SHOW CAGE.

Sent by A, Booth, 12, Victoria Street, Allerton Bywater, near Castleford, Yorks

I onclose sketch of a fastener for a Yorkshiro show-cage—a piece of ordinary cage wire bent in the shape skotch shows and soldered to cage-door. You get a small screw picture ring and screw it into cage just under door (vide sketch). Then you get a split ring to go through the loop of the wire that is soldered to the cage-door. When the door is shut down, and the split ring inserted in the loop of the wire through tho picture ring, it is fast and impossiblo for anybody to open with-



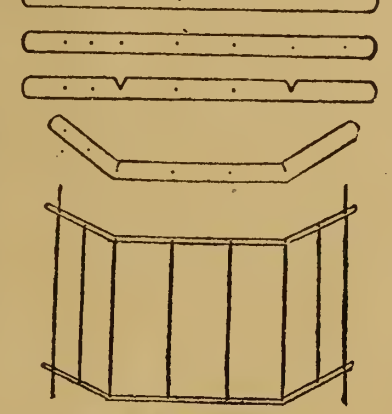
A Novel Fastener.

out removing the split ring; also impossiblo to get knocked open. Any person intent on stealing anyone's birds would be hampered by this little device, and would most likely be detected beforo getting the ring loosc.—A. Booth.

No. 265.
IMPROVED DOORS FOR CAGE FRONTS.

Sent by A. Sanders, 81, Balmoral Street, Gorton, Manchester.

I onclose sketch of a wire front, which if made to instructions is one of the neatest. My improvement is in the egg drawer door and cage-door, both of which are made to slide up and down. Instructions how to make the egg drawer door. First of all I use ¼-in. punch bars. I cut two pieces with five or six holes, (in whichever you please), leaving about ⅜in. of tho bar beyond the end holes, as shown in No. 1. Then I drill a hole outside each of the end holes about 3-16in. from centre to centre. This I do by means of a small bobbin drill. You now have eight holes in your bar, as shown in No. 2. You now count threo holes from tho end of each bar and file a slot, v shape, till you cut down into the hole, as shown in No. 3. You can now bend your bars in with your fingers, which at the same time closes the slots up. You must now solder these corners to strengthen them, and run



A Novel Style of Door.

your drill through again, as the holes get closed up when tho bars are bent. This will form a nice bay, projecting out about half-inch; shown in No. 4. You are now ready to solder your wires in, leaving the two end holes for sliding purposes. Leave your two centre wires a bit longer than the others, and bend them round what shape you like, when they will serve to keep the egg drawer in. Readers who make their own fronts will find that this is a great improvement.—A. Sanders.

REMEMBER!

Xmas Number Next Week!!

The Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. A. J. Notley, the secretary, intend holding an open show on January 9th in conjunction with their annual members' show. We are providing 18 open classes with 2s. 6d. cash specials in each class. Mr. E. Brunskill will judge.

I have had a little fad for birds from boyhood days in the Mother country, writes Mr. John K. Storey (St. John, New Brunswick), when I used to catch the Grey Linnets with bird lime made from the holly bark We have a Grey Linnet here, with red breast. I have one now I intend crossing with Canaries. But our winters are so cold that almost all the birds migrate to a warmer climate, and we have few song birds here. Good wishes to Cage Birds.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—Dec. 16, Llandudno Junction (Station Hotel), 3.30. Balance sheet, annual report, revise rules, election of new officers, etc., etc.—A. T. Johnson.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Dec. 17, Station Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers for 1909, etc.—J. Johnston.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 14, All Saints' Schoolroom, 6.30. Members' show after the usual business, of six classes; Mr. J. Oakam (Hull), judge; members and friends kindly attend last meeting of the year.—A. Waud.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—Dec. 14, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Club show business, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Judge for members' show, nomination of officers for 1909.—H. Clegg.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 15, Park Chapel Schools. Members' Show. Judge Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton). Birds to be staged by 6.45. Entries can be made on the Monday night at the schools.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 15, Temperance Rooms, birds staged at 8. Table Show of Yorks. and Nor. Greens, and lecture on Greens, by Mr. Hadwin; fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Dec. 15, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. To make entries for Members' Show, to be held at headquarters, Dec. 26.—W. H. Riley.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Dec. 14, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Open show business. —W. Jackson.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 15, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8. Business important.—A. Livesey.

Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. General business.—W. S. Negus.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Dec. 16, Crown Hotel, 7. Presentation of cups at 8.—A. Bowes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Crests and Crest-breds; 3 silver medals presented; visitors welcome. —V. Wynn.

Coventry O.S.—Dec. 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Settlement of show business, and to consider suggestions for bettering or ending the C.B.U.—G. Peters.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 12, Crown and Anchor, 7. Classes for open show.—Parker and Atkinson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, S.E., 8. Annual Concert and Presentation of Special Prizes; ladies especially invited; all fanciers welcome; chairman, Mr. J. W. Ramsden.—W. Hodson.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — Dec. 16, George Hotel, 8. Members' subscriptions to be paid up at this meeting.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Dec. 12, Barley Mow, 7. Discussion on removal of headquarters and classification for Boxing Day Show.—J. E. Hudson.

Edinburgh O.S.—Feb. 2, 142, High Street, 7.30. Discussion on past years' finances.—W. M. Campbell

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 12, Butchers' Arms, 8. Also Members' Show, at 8. Judge, Mr. A. Jowett. —J. Holroyd.

Grimsby and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 15, Hall of Science, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers for ensuing year; fanciers and friends invited.—Moore and Crowston.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 12, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Members' Show. Judge Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill); birds must be staged by 8 p.m.—H. Schofield.

Garston B.B.A. — Dec. 16, Albright's Cafe, St Mary's Road, 8.—A. Thompson.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) O.S.—Dec. 19, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Members requested to return subscription sheets with money.—A. Cant.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 12, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for Dec. 19 show.—J. F. Thackray.

Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Congregational School. Birds to be staged at 2 o'clock. First Members' Show, 15 classes; judge, Mr. Richmond (Bodley); visitors invited.—W. E. Whitley.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 15, White Swan Hotel. Table show. Class 1, Mkd. nr Varieg. Yell. Nor.; class 2, Cl. or Tk. Buff Nor.; classes 3 and 4, ditto for Novices only; classes 5 and 6, ditto for Amateurs only; judge Mr. T. Ride.—C. Draper.

London and Counties O.A.—Dec. 16, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., 8.30. Lecture on Foreign Birds, by Mr. R. J. Watts. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—R. J. Pretty.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 12, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' Show; judge, Mr. J. Hartley.—A. Bottomley.

Lancashire C.A.—Dec. 12, Rochdale O.C. Rooms, York Place, 7. Special business, etc.—W. Adams.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—D. John.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 19, Miners' Hall, 5.30. Table Show, Brit. Hen Finches, Siskins, Muling Hens; judging at 6, Mr. Swan, judge.—J. Pollock.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Report of show, nommations of officers, etc.—F. Western.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Dec. 17, usual place, 8. Important business, C.B.U.; members requested to attend.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Dec. 16, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30.—J. Bertram.

North London C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. W. Morris, and a washing competition for members. All are welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. General show business; election of fanciers wishing to show at annual show in members' classes.—W. Pawley.

Preston O.S.—Dec. 14, Scientific Rooms, 8. Allocation of members' specials, and other business.—W. H. Heathcote.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 17, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show of Norwich, and Judging Competition; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Bull's Head Hotel. Annual Members' Show. Birds must be staged by 2; friends invited; sec. will receive entries at Bull's Head on Friday night, when birds can also be left.—A. E. Morton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Dec. 16, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Date for annual dinner, and receiving prize cards.—W. Stafford.

Shields C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7.30. Arrangements for combined show; auditors report, etc.—W. Duke.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Headquarters, 8. Table show of Lizards, Borders, Mules, and British, to be staged by 9. Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester).—J. C. Spilsbury.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton). — Dec. 14, Newman's Room, 8. Show statement, etc.—J. N. Jeffery.

Uddingston and Dist. O.S. — Dec. 11, Recreation Rooms, 7.30. Arrangements for our first show.—W. P. Campbell.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

By Fits and Starts.

E.U.—Your Canary which only sings by fits and starts, as it were, and is constantly losing feathers, it is pretty certain, is exposed to draughts or gets a chill in some way, which is the prelude to its silent intervals. It is also fed incorrectly. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, a few grains of hemp about as often, a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or the egg-food you mention, once a week, and a small spray of green-food every second day as long as it can be obtained free from frost. You may also give occasionally half a teaspoonful of the mixed seeds you name in place of one or other of the above extras, but this is not really necessary. Keep the cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and see the bird is quite free from draughts at all times. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Then stop for a week, and if the moulting has not quite ceased then, begin again and repeat the same for another fortnight.

A Slow Recovery.

C.N.M.—The hen would have got on better by having the cod liver oil emulsion earlier, but, as I said before, the wheeziness may last some time. Let the seed diet remain at what you now have it, viz., Canary only, as staple, with a little rape twice a week. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and two of sherry mixed in it three times a week. If you can get watercress free from frost give a small spray each day when you are not giving sponge cake. This will prevent the constipation. If you cannot obtain this, you must give a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water as often as is necessary to prevent constipation. Instead of the previous medicines try the following decoction given three times a week for a month. Put a small teaspoonful of linseed, a chlorate-of-potash lozenge, a piece of gum arabic, and Spanish liquorice, each the size of a pea, into a small teacup, fill up with boiling water, stir until gum is dissolved, cover over, and allow it to stand until cold. Strain through muslin, and give in the drinker in place of pure water, adding five drops of syrup of squills to what you put in the drinker. A mealworm a day for a short time would be very beneficial to this bird if you have any handy

Puffs Out Its Feathers.

D. Middleton.—If the bird only crouches down and puffs out its feathers when anyone goes near I should suspect there was nothing at all the matter with it, but that the change from the room you speak of to the kitchen where, I presume, the bird always sees people moving about, has rendered it so tame and confiding that when it puffs out its feathers as you go near it, it is merely inviting you to play with it. If this surmise is correct, and you were to put your finger gently against the perch end when the bird crouched down at you, it would probably peck and fight it. Instead of giving hemp and rape as you do, give just a few grains of the former two days each week only, half a teaspoonful of the rape on two other days, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg-food. Give a spray of green-food every second day. Keep it free from draught, and in a fairly regular temperature. If you think the above surmise is incorrect, try the effect of four drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water every second day for a week, with thirty drops of chemical food on the intervening days.

Made Excellent Progress.

D.A. (Broxburn).—Thanks for reporting progress of Norwich. Am glad to hear it has done so well As regards further treatment you may give the bird another two weeks' treatment similar to what I advised before for the first and second weeks, and in the same order, but with this little difference: Instead of giving the egg-food or sponge cake with sherry and oil every second day, give it only twice a week, and during the first week give only two drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water instead of five. At the end of the fortnight discontinue all further treatment, and put the bird on the ordinary diet frequently advised here for stock birds, viz., good plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week; on two other days give a few grains of hemp, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg-food. A small spray of green-food may be given every second day as long as it is obtainable quite free from frost. For a few weeks you may add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water twice a week, but if no relapse occurs stop other drugs and medicines, and discontinue this in a few weeks' time.

Resting and Panting.

P.M.—As the trouble has not stopped the bird singing I imagine it is not very serious yet. It may be nothing more serious than an overfed condition, but your brief note does not help me much, as I can only advise in a general way. First see the bird is not exposed to any draught or great variations of heat, such as might occur from its cage hanging near a lamp or gas jet when alight, and see it is not infested with red mites. Keep cage perfectly clean and strewn with fresh gritty sand. Then for one week limit its diet to plain Canary seed only, with half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake moistened with two or three drops of sherry twice during the week. Give a spray of green-food, free from frost, every second day. Let this form the sole food for the week. In the drinking water give every second day during the same time as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. If the panting is better at the end of the week continue the same diet, but stop the salts, and give instead five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for the next week. Then begin again and repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order. But should the panting be as bad at the end of the first week, add one drop of cod liver oil emulsion to the sponge cake, and give it every second day for a fortnight, and for the same length of time add twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together to the drinking water every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food.

Mealworms Again.

"Enquirer."—1. For details about breeding see reply to "C. B. Morgan," in last week's issue. 2. A mixture of bran and thirds is much better than using all fine meal. Equal parts of bran and mixed meal, the latter composed of equal parts of thirds, common flour, and barley meal, is very good. See also note in the reply referred to about the food used in one experiment. 3. Yes, certainly, I expect they require a certain amount of air to live and thrive, but if you fill the box only about half full of the various materials used, the occasional opening of the box to see how things are going on, take out worms, of the supply food, etc., will supply all the airing that is really necessary. 4. The metamorphoses of the mealworms begin with eggs which are laid by the beetles. They are: egg, larvæ, which is the familiar mealworm, and changes its skin several times during its growth to the full-fed stage; pupæ, beetle. The beetles lay the eggs to provide the next brood, and then die. 5. The only feeding they require is the meal and bran put into the box you keep them in. The bran and meal is their food, so you must not let the supply of this become exhausted in the box.

Loose and Ruffled.

B.T.G.—There must be something wrong with your food or water, as the trouble points in that direction. As a staple diet give good sound canary seed only, and separately, in addition, half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give these alternately, and fill up the odd days by giving a small spray of green food if you can procure it quite free from frost. Limit the diet solely to these items for a month. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, five of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence each day for three consecutive days, and for the remainder of that week give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every other day in the water. For the next fortnight give twelve drops of chemical food every second day, and on the intervening days four drops of tincture of steel. If you have any doubt about the purity of your water supply give only water that has been boiled to the bird, and see its supply is clean and fresh daily.

Dietetics.

C.G.E.—It depends upon circumstances whether it is best to give Canaries their canary and rape seeds mixed or separately. The most economical plan is to give all seeds separately in all cases, as this prevents the birds throwing out and wasting several kinds of seed in order to pick out a particular variety they are partial to. But this method is not always convenient, especially when one has perhaps only one or two singing birds kept in small cages, as the multiplicity of seed vessels is somewhat of a nuisance. In such cases I do not object to the canary and rape being given as a mixture in the one seed vessel, and all other seeds can be given as required in the egg drawer, or even on the floor of the cage. Where a larger stock of birds are kept and are to be used for breeding, it is always best to give canary seed only in the hoppers for a regular staple, and give all the others in the egg drawer as before mentioned. As to the other seeds to be given, and quantities, also proportion of rape to canary in a mixture, you will see details given almost every week in these columns. Briefly, when only canary is given in the hopper, half a teaspoonful of rape about twice a week, a few grains only of hemp on two other days, and a half teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake twice a week, with a spray of green food daily in summer and two or three times a week in winter when it is free from frost, is all that is really necessary to form a good wholesome diet in all ordinary cases. As a rule it will be found that the plainer the diet the healthier the stock will be, so all other changes and variation of diet are much better reserved for special cases or particular needs. When the canary and rape is mixed together the best proportion for English breeds is three of canary to one of rape; for Rollers the proportion should be two of canary to one of rape. Of course when this mixture is used as a staple the separate supply of rape is withheld.

Consanguinity, etc.

W.I.G.C.—1. No; it is not advisable to breed in-and-in so closely as the mating of brother and sister from the same nest whenever it can be avoided; and in those very exceptional cases where it is done, because it cannot easily be avoided, or for any very special purpose, it should be made an absolutely rigid condition that both the birds so mated are thoroughly sound and healthy, and are not themselves the product of in-bred stock. Given these latter conditions one such mating might not produce any great deterioration, but it is always advisable when inbreeding to keep the relationship much wider apart than a full-blooded brother and sister cross. Matings with cousins, or uncles, or aunts, with an occasional half-blood cross—such as mother to son, or vice versa—for special objects is quite near enough. 2. It is very unusual for a bird to have a bare patch on the breast just below the beak. As a matter of fact no feathers really grow in that position, so I imagine your bird must either be very scantily feathered that the plumage is not sufficiently profuse to cover the bird's body, or perhaps it is so thin and attenuated as to cause the breast to protrude through the feather tracts. In the latter case give it a small piece of bread and milk three times a week and a pinch of hemp twice a week, and in the drinking water twenty drops of chemical food every third day for a month. If you discover from where the feathers are really missing write again, and describe the appearance of the skin, and say how you feed the bird.

Two in Distress.

Arundel.—The two birds you say are the only ones affected have most likely been in a draught or in a colder part of the shed than the rest; otherwise they are a couple of those chilly bodies which cannot get along in comfort without a fire. They are two such as would succeed best in a room where a fire is kept, provided the heat is equable day and night, or fairly so. Give each of these birds an extra pinch of rape twice a week, or a pinch of coarse oatmeal or rolled oats instead, and on two other days a half teaspoonful of hemp each, and the same quantity of egg food once or twice a week. A mealworm each day would be very helpful, or, failing that, a small cube of fat boiled bacon between the wires. Give green food only in the most limited quantities, and see it is perfectly free from frost and condensed fog. If you wash to heat the shed, which I should scarcely advise if the above treatment works an improvement in the two birds in question, as long as the others keep well and lively, the hot pipe arrangement such as you refer to would do very well, provided also the furnace or the heating lamp is outside, or so placed that the fumes from the burning lamp cannot enter the shed. If you do begin to heat it you must not forget that the temperature should be kept fairly equable night and day. To apply heat during the day, and leave the temperature to take care of itself at night, would be infinitely worse than no heat at all.

How to do it.

G.H.M.—If I wanted to be funny I would reply to your query how to shell white millet by saying throw it down before a group of hungry Weavers. Personally I never knew of anything that could perform the operation one-half so speedily as this simple method. But I expect you want the kernels and not the husks, which is all you would get in the above method, so I am sorry I cannot tell you how you could shell it, or strip it of the husk. Neither do I know any machine, or dealer, which does it, or could supply it ready done. If you were not particular about having the kernel ground to flour, I should say your best plan would be to run the seed through a small grinding mill—a coffee mill would do—and then sift the flour from the husks. Scotch pinhead meal is simply coarsely ground oatmeal. In the days of yore I remember the powers that were, in our culinary department, used to buy it under the name of "coarse oatmeal," or "rough oatmeal," which were probably convenient terms to distinguish it from that which was finely ground.

Wants a Tonic.

T.A.D.—You worked the bird a little too hard last year for one thing, if you allowed him to help in the rearing of all his sixteen sons and daughters; and since the moult he has probably been laying on more fat than is good for him. In any case you must not expect him to begin singing for some weeks to come, as it is very doubtful whether he will begin again until the spring. For present treatment continue to feed as you are now doing for a staple, but give in addition a few grains of hemp twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of sherry in it three times a week. Give this on different days and alternately. Give a small spray of green food every second or third day as long as you can procure it free from frost. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and five drops of dandelion juice every second day for a week, and after this give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during this period give four drops of tincture of steel. See that he has a supply of gritty sand, and is free from draughts, and keep him in a comfortable temperature, but not necessarily a high one—from forty-five to fifty degrees is quite enough.

To Bring on Song.

H. Meredith.—Your young birds should have been trying over their notes by now if they are really cocks, unless the old cock went off song early before they had much opportunity of hearing him sing. If you want them on song quickly cage them up separately, keep them in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily very warm, but just away from any chilly feeling; see they are quite free from draught, and in a fairly equable place. Keep the cage clean, free from red mites, and nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape, on two other days a few grains of hemp, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry mixed in it, and a small pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give all these extras alternately, so that a different one is given each day. Give four drops of tincture of steel in the water twice a week. This should quickly bring them into full vigorous song, when you must discontinue the steel, sherry, and gold of pleasure, and cut down the sponge cake to once a week.

Roller Not Moulted.

J. G. S. Roller.—If the bird is apparently in good health and spirits leave well alone, as you can do no good by trying to force on a moult under such circumstances. The bird may be a very late-hatched one, having moulted last spring; in which case it will doubtlessly repeat the performance in three months hence. You do not say whether the bird shows any signs of illness or not, so I presume it is not seriously ill. By-the-bye, I doubt whether you read all your efforts to enforce a moult in our paper. I am quite certain I never advised anyone to give a bird soaked mustard, either in seed or any other form. Feed the bird on a staple mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and give separately a few grains of niger twice a week, and twice a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, which you may vary occasionally by giving a small piece of bread soaked in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Two or three times a week give a small spray of green food, but guard against giving anything frosted. Keep the cage nicely strewn with clean gritty sand, and see the water supply is pure and fresh. Keep bird free from draughts, and then I do not think you need worry at all about its not moulting as long as it keeps bright and active.

Brevities.

Showing Rollers (Rollers).—If I understand your query right, you wish to enter your birds in singing contests under the patronage of a Roller Club. The only one I know that would suit your purpose is the British Roller Canary Club, established in London. The secretary's address is: Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla-road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E. Of course, you could join being at a distance, even if you were not able to attend the meetings. The secretary, no doubt, will tell you how to proceed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding and Mating Goldfinches

H.H.S.E.—1. The Finch mixture you name is a very good make, but I do not recommend its regular use. Feed, rather, on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, safflower, summer rape and charlock a half-part each. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger and hemp two parts each, and maw one part; (2) thistle three parts, dandelion and sesame two parts each, lettuce and cornflower one part each. All are mixed by measure. I also, of course, give the various wild seeds beloved by the Goldie, but which, of course, it is now too late for you to gather. 2. A young yellow Norwich hen, if big and with a bold head and chest, is very difficult to beat as the mate for a Goldfinch. They mate in exactly the same way as Canaries. Let the couple get used to one another before actual operations are due to commence. 3. I do not know of such a work, but you can get the coloured plates from CAGE BIRDS' office; address a letter to the manager, stating your wants.

A Siberian Hawfinch.

A. Bigg.—The Siberian Hawfinch cannot be distinguished from the British Hawfinch with any certainty, therefore the question whether it should compete in an A.O.S. British class, and for a British bird special, resolves itself into a nice point of morals. I myself the other week gave a Hawfinch, which I knew for a certainty was imported from Germany, the special for best British bird in the show. It won the same easily, too. Probably I also gave prizes to Siskins which came to us from the "Fatherland." There are many other species, too, with which the judge is quite helpless. If their owners choose to exhibit imported specimens in British classes, he can only take them on their merits. There is no means of detecting them. It simply amounts to this, therefore: Anyone can show a Siberian Hawfinch in British classes providing his conscience does not prick him over it, and cause him loss of sleep.

Nuthatch for Exhibition.

Novice.—Evidently you are not a regular reader of my columns, for it is not many weeks ago since I dealt with this matter There is no regulation size and pattern of show cage for a Nuthatch. A box-pattern cage, about 15 or 16 in. long by 11 high by 9 wide, would answer well, with a piece of bark (as flat as possible) fixed to the back so that the bird cannot get behind it, and water and food vessels which fit inside, preferably swing-in from the front. The inside and wires should be enamelled white. In the stock cage the Virginian cork (or bark) should be semi-circular in form, and arranged so that a "tube" is left at the back, down which the Nuthatch may pop when so disposed. An entrance hole should be arranged at the top (not over large), and another near the bottom. I strongly advise you to have two pieces of cork (or "bark," as some term it) and change them fairly frequently, thoroughly scalding the one last used with boiling water, or stoving it for a time in a fairly warm oven. This is necessary to keep down insect pests. The bird is very fond of bathing, and should be allowed to freely. Its main food should be a good quality of insectivorous mixture, such as is supplied to small soft-bill birds, moistened with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, or other green-food. Several very good "soft foods" will be found advertised in our columns. Suitable live-foods must also be given, according to season, and a few small nuts (cracked, if necessary) and sunflower and hemp seeds. One particular favourite I had, possessed a wonderful appetite, and very varied tastes. He liked (in addition to the above things) hard-boiled eggs, bits of cake, currants and things, all sorts of nuts, mealworms, live nuts' eggs, wasp grub, gentles, flies and tiny beetles, and many kinds of fruit, peeled grapes being a "speciality."

Six at Once.

W. J. Salmon.—Your questions are too many (three at one time is understood to be the limit), and cover too wide a field to be satisfactorily answered in query columns. You need to read up a book on British birds; why not get the "British Bird Manual"? The feeding of (3) Goldfinches, (4) Linnets, and (5) Goldfinch Mules is dealt with in answers to "H.H.S.E.," "Novice, Hinckley," and "Gosh" this week. 2. Give this bird a course of dandelion juice (taraxacum), from the chemist, until bowels are being freely moved, then change to whiskey for a few days. Dose of both would be half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. (6) Give the young Goldies taraxacum also; but afterwards dissolve in the drinking water as much crystals of citrate of iron (get one ounce from chemist) as will just cover a threepenny-bit. (7) Probably old age is chiefly responsible for the Mule's trouble. Of course, no medicine can make it young again, or provide it with new lungs and other internal organs. The failure to moult has no doubt aggravated matters. Try as medicine three or four drops of chlorodyne (not more) stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water daily. Keep the bird in a warm atmosphere.

Feeding Mules.

Gosh.—You might have stated what kind of Mules yours are. Still, the feeding of these Canary crosses is practically the same; all require a little "richer" seed diet than that usually given a Canary. If you go on the following lines so far as the general feeding is concerned, your birds should thrive admirably. I feed my own Mules in the same way. The box pattern cage (especially that known as the Finch stock cage) is unquestionably the best. A good seed mixture at this season of the year is:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed and increase the teazle. Stop them altogether, as a regular thing, during summer, and begin again with them when the moult is nicely advanced. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's-purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The three first-mentioned may be given practically *ad libitum*. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's-purse and chickweed.

Linnets for Song and Exhibition.

Novice, Hinckley.—Pity readers do not keep scrap books, and cut out answers likely to be useful. Practically once a fortnight on an average I get requests how to feed either Linnets or Goldfinches or Thrushes, which entails much repetition. Colour-food is generally given to Linnets and other seed-eaters amongst crushed seed; unless the birds are got on to soft-food, and sometimes it is not easy to do this. You should read the chapter on the Linnet in the "British Bird Manual," price 1s. 1d., from CAGE BIRDS' office. The Linnet is best fed on the following lines; at least, this is how I feed my own, with the best of results, both as regards song, moulting and exhibition. A good stock seed mixture is: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter, if the birds are in a cold room, and during the moult, one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's-purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. As regards bringing them on to song and in condition quickly after the moult, the great "secret" is to give them plenty of best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well of it. Also put in the "side-pan" daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, mustard (the golden-yellow seed), niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "wild seed mixture," or "Tit Bit," or "Refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste—except that Goldies, for one bird, do not eat the mustard, though Linnets, etc., delight in it.

Brevities.

Muling (Greenie, Glasgow).—You will have to let me know the sexes of the birds mentioned before I can advise you. If you put up Hybrid pairs, then you will need Canary hens to batch the eggs and feed the young. You must have each cock bird in a separate breeding cage. Assuming your birds to be five cocks, it is difficult to see how you can utilise them all and keep to three cages only.

Blackcap Warbler (John Pye).—It is only a week or so ago that I dealt very fully with treatment of the Blackcap Warbler, and, of course, it is impossible to repeat the same answer after so short a lapse of time. Please refer back to it. The food you mention I believe to be an excellent one. But remember that the Blackcap must have plenty of ripe fruit also.

A Goldfinch (Goldie).—You will find the feeding dealt with in the reply to "H.H.S.E." this week. If the bird is kept in a heated living room, it certainly must not be hung out of doors in cold weather; no bird will stand that. Don't put it out at all until it becomes steady. If really been two months in captivity, the bird can be considered quite "safe," given average luck.

Linnet Going Bare (Wally).—The most likely solution is that the bird has never got free from the red-mites. One of the best possible methods of cleansing him would be to get someone experienced to wash him, using a carbolic soap. You should not give hemp as a regular thing. If the skin looks "scurfy," you could try anointing the place gently twice daily with a little sulphur ointment, from chemist. Pleased to hear paper has proved so helpful.

Black-headed Siskin-Canary Hybrid (Homer).—This cross is rare, because it is seldom tried for in England, as the progeny are not eligible to compete in Siskin Mule classes. An example was shown a few years back at several shows, however, but caused a lot of grumbling amongst the exhibitors. It would not be a difficult cross to get, I am sure. Your bird might be worth 15s. or 20/-; it depends, however, on sex and quality. Your query ought really to have been addressed to our Mr. Page.

"Thistle" Seed (N.R.).—The seed you send is that of a certain kind of foreign thistle, but is not the correct thistle seed to give to birds. I can quite believe that your birds will not eat it; possibly it is lucky for you they don't, as other readers have written me saying their birds turned queer after they commenced to use it. The proper (English) thistle seed is about a third the size, and very light grey in colour, with a smooth (not ribbed) surface. It is dear, in comparison, but cheaper in reality.

Ailing Jay (Mrs. A. Smith).—Your feeding is not good enough for so large a bird. You must give more meat (cooked, not raw) and dead mice, Sparrows, blackbeetles, mealworms, etc., as obtainable; while table scraps (gravy, greens, etc.) should be mixed among the stock food, and a hard-boiled egg now and again. Weakness causes the fits, without a doubt, and in better feeding probably lies the cure. Dip its head into cold water when an attack comes on, then place the bird in a warm spot (say in a small basket, covered at top) near the fire, or on the hob.

A Couple (C.G.S.).—1. Only an issue or so ago I went fully into the feeding of Hawfinches—plenty of sunflower is the chief thing in the seed line. Linnets, see reply to "Novice, Hinckley," this week; Goldfinches see reply to "H.H.S.E." Bramble-finches, give the same as the Linnets, but add a little hemp always, and a little sunflower and safflower. You should get the "British Bird Manual" from this office. 2. The surest and best way is to pair cock Finch to hen Canary. It is a good plan to let couples fly together for a time before breeding commences.

A Judge's Awards (Local Show).—Am afraid I should get a week's notice (and deserve it) if I used these columns for the purpose of criticising a fellow judge's awards. Besides, other judges often think I myself am a "hass"; of course, I never (well, hardly ever) think they are dittoes. Take it philosophically.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Sexing Young Budgerigars.

Parrot.—(1) Young Budgerigars of both sexes have the ceres blue and tail after the moult it is not possible to distinguish the sexes by this method. Usually by a careful observation of the young the sexes can be picked out, by their demeanour towards one another. Note.—Adult female Budgerigars when out of breeding condition have the cere distinctly bluish. (2) No, though I do not hold with the principle of keeping such gregarious species solitary; nevertheless, singly they do as well as most other species, and soon become attached to their attendants; I have known of several talking Budgerigars, which have been so treated. By all means let it have the piece of looking-glass, or anything else, not harmful, that interests it and keeps it occupied.

What Parrot?

M. Harris.—From your description the bird is a Quaker Parrakeet; accounts of several talking birds have been recorded in our pages during the past twelvo months. Such are not numerous, and the majority merely recognise you with a sort of "yapping." Its value is about 10/- at most; that is for a non-talker. Newly imported birds are often offered for half that amount. If your bird is as named above (your description does not fit any other species) it is much smaller than an Amazon, and has a longish tail. Diet:. A seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts, with ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuit, nuts, and cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing *ad lib.*

Grey Parrot in Poor Feather.

Cumberland.—Talented as your bird is I would not accept it at a gift; a bird that has been fed as yours nearly always, sooner or later, becomes featherless or nearly so, with a continually irritated skin. Give for the next two months sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. Stop the table scraps, bit of everything, and tea slop diet at once. Possibly the bird may sulk a little, but you can get over the difficulty by having a little of something wholesome by you, and give the bird a little at intervals. Of course you must not let it want for food, but the sooner you can wean it from its present diet on to a wholesome one the better for the bird. Instead of sopping anything in tea, dip it in the Chemical Food water, just in and out, and the bird will soon become reconciled to the change. Do not limit the seed mixture; keep a continuous supply in the cage. Diet: All the following are permissible—sponge or madeira cake in limited quantities, plain biscuits, nuts, ripe fruit *ad lib.*, boiled potato (dry), unbuttered toast, just moistened with the Chemical Food water, cuttlefish, grit, green food, and seed mixture. Use following seed mixture in equal parts—Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, hemp and sunflower seed; well mix and you will find this both cheap and wholesome. Every other day for a week soak half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into a piece of sponge cake, and when partially dry supply to the bird.

Amazon Continually Moulting.

D. Bray.—I should say you have an immature bird. Bathe or spray it, with a fine sprayer two or three times weekly with quassia solution, and the parasites should speedily disappear. You must keep it carefully out of draughts till dry. The quassia will also serve the purpose of making its plumage distasteful to the bird if it should be pulling its feathers out. Put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, using sufficient to make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine. Twice a week or every other day supply a little boiled maize (boil it till you can squeeze it to a pulp between the fingers); all water should be strained off before supplying to the bird. It only keeps fresh one day remember, and the food tin must be scalded out for each occasion. I much prefer the following mixture:—Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Continue to give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, etc., but do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Amazons are not as teachable as Greys; nevertheless most will talk, and mimic to some extent. Keep it in your midst, talk to it continually, and it will ultimately respond. It is evident that it was not a talking bird when you obtained it or it would have uttered something before this.

Faking Budgerigars.

Done Brown.—It is of course possible to fake as you suggest, but I doubt the possibility of its remaining so for such a period; such faking would cause irritation, and the bird, I should say, would soon scratch it away with its toes. Personally, I have little belief in faking; and the "game is not worth the candle," with such cheap birds as Green Budgerigars. Besides, such tactics would soon make the particular dealer famous, and he would be generally avoided. I presume you are aware that during the winter months, that is when not breeding, the cere of females becomes decidedly bluish, and that is probably the case with yours. You ought to be able to determine this easily by their demeanour one to the other. All young Budgerigars, with but few exceptions, have their ceres blue till they become mature. Keep the bird merely as an experiment, and note if its cere becomes brown in the spring or early summer; at the periods when seasonal or partial seasonal changes are taking place, most species of birds are more or less mopy and indisposed. At such times a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, and a course of Parrish's Chemical Food are a material aid in keeping them vigorous.

Grey Parrot with Fits.

Miss C. M. H.—These attacks are usually preceded by restlessness, etc.; when such is noticed give a dose of 3 grains of Bromide of Potassium, dissolving same in a little syrup. Remove the bird's water, and do not replace till the above has been consumed. After an attack a dose may be given; if at any time the bird becomes abnormally excited or restless, you should give it a dose of the bromide. I should give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to one ounce of water), once a week so long as the bowels do not become watery loose. When giving the magnesia, remove the drinking water, and do not replace till the magnesia has been consumed, or till the next day. I should only give the whisky when you see the bird badly needs a stimulant; it would be far better to give Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water regularly for a time (make it the colour of pale port wine), except on the days you give either of the above remedies. Your diet is satisfactory, save for the seed mixture, which I advise as follows:—Equal parts by measure, Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep up a regular supply. I take it, you are not giving slops, table scraps, or animal food; if you are, cease it at once. It is a pity you did not apply sooner, as of course the delay increases the difficulty. For a time remove the grating from cage bottom and keep cage tray covered with about an inch of sawdust; a little grit can be mixed with the seed mixture for the time being. If the above treatment should not check the attacks, or lessen their severity, repeat query at once.

Brevities.

What Bird? (W. Buker).—Your additional information came to hand just as we were going to press; I will name your bird in next issue.

Macaw in Moult (Mrs. Neal).—You must continue the treatment already advised; but I cannot hold out much hope of improvement if it is given table scraps, and a bit of everything. Diet as under, and in conjunction with the treatment already advised, it should gradually recover; but the renewing of its plumage will not be rapid. Seed mixture: Maize, oats, hemp, Canary, wheat, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix and keep a supply continually in cage; also give ripe fruit, boiled potato (dry), plain biscuit, cuttlefish and grit, with water *ad lib*, containing Chemical Food, as already advised.

What Bird is it? (J. Purchase).—You have one of the Cape Buntings, but which species I cannot determine without a little research, for which there is not time before going to press; but I will give you full particulars next week.

Procuring Diamond Doves (W. Shore, jun.).—Have not an unrelated pair for disposal, but if you consult our advertisement columns and write those making a speciality of Australian species, you will get what you want. Their present value is about 15/- per pair. Budgerigars will not harm the adult Doves, but I have found them merciless to the young Squabs, mutilating them shockingly, and very few young will be reared if the pretty but mischievous Budgerigar is kept with them. They should do well in your aviary and breed freely—there should be a seed pan on the floor. Doves are not everyone's fancy, but this charming and diminutive bird is more largely kept than you imagine. Their coo is pleasing rather than otherwise. Personally I consider them charming and beautiful. Glad to note you have found this column helpful.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A. (S. H. W. Baker).—Your club notice came a day too late; we had gone to press when it arrived.

Squirrels (A. Temperley).—What made you think we sold squirrels? There are dealers in your city advertising in our columns, who would no doubt be glad to supply you. Give one of them a call.

Wire Fronts (G. Edwards).—We have frequently to explain that the law of libel stands in the way of the publication of letters such as yours. It seems to be a question of what you did—and what you did not—order. If you care to comply with rule 7, we will write the advertiser on your behalf.

Lost at Selkirk (Silent Onlooker).—We cannot publish letters if the writer does not send name and address as a guarantee of good faith. You appear to have omitted yours. Perhaps you will send same along to us.

Ferns (W. J. Salmon).—We have no information or should be glad to oblige; should advise you to write to one of the papers devoted to gardening.

For Beer (Anxious).—It is illegal for any game to be played for stakes in a public-house, whether it be "for beer only," as you put it, or merely for trouser buttons. That is the law. The pastime of "board rings" is not objected to in many centres; but it must never be played for anything other than "love."

Cutting (A. Sawer).—Many thanks.

Photo (D. H. Tedstone).—We are much obliged to you, and shall hope to print the excellent photograph in the near future.

Photo (John Ainsworth).—We could not possibly reproduce the photo you send us. Being so very indistinct, it is not suitable. Cannot you manage to send us a better and clearer one? We hope so.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dublin (Y.C.C. and the N.P.C. Clubs of Ireland), confined to Ireland.—Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, in the Rotunda, Upper Sackville Street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—48 open classes: Scot. 4, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Yorks. 8 and 6 Novice, Non-fed 3, Brit. 12, For. 6, Gift 1, Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 14 to J. GIBSON, 5, South Anne Street.

Derwent Valley (C.B.U.).—Dec. 26, in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood.—Judge, Mr. J. Stanger.—26 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 3, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, Sell. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 19 to J. BROWN, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Brighouse (Y.U., C.M.Y.C.C., Y.C.B.B. and M.C.).—Dec. 18 and 19, in the Oddfellows' Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Broadley.—27 open classes: Yorks. 10 and 6 Novice, Sell. 3, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 3, Novice Nor. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 15 to F. MITCHELL, 9, Marlon Street.

Pwllheli (open to Wales).—Dec. 26, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis.—22 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, Bord. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1, Sell. 1, and 3 local. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 17 to J. ROWLANDS, Maes Apiaries.

Truro (C.B.U.).—Dec. 26, in the Market House.—Judge, Mr. C. H. Toy.—23 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Scot. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, Sell. 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 18 to J. TIPPETT, Alverton Terrace.

Aberdeen (Scot. N.P.C., S.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot.).—December 25th and 26th, in the Ballroom, Music Hall, Union Street.—Judges, Messrs. A. Wellings, G. Finnie, and J. E. Donald.—46 open classes: Nor. 15, Crest 5, Cinn. 3, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Belg. or Scot. 1, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 3, Sell. 1, and 16 local young bird classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 19th, to J. BRYSON, 8, Broomhill Road.

High Wycombe.—Dec. 30 (20-mile radius), Oakley Memorial Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. H. Calicutt.—13 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 19 to S. C. PEARCE, 114, Oxford Road.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show, held Dec. 5, at Clarence Hotel. The total number of entries was 88. The principal points' winners were: F. Race, 31; F. Carlisle, 23; J. Simmons, 27; and F. Simms, 21. In Yorkshires; E. Thorpe, 47; and W. H. Lindley 36 in the Norwich; E. Thorpe 18, and W. Smith 14 in British. Mr. J. Taylor judged, and it being the first time he has tried his hand at this, the general body of the members thought he did very well.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Carlisle; 3, Race; hc, Hinchcliffe; c, Simms. BUFF: 1, vhc, Simmons; 2, Green; 3, Race; hc, Jackson; c, Simms. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Simmons; 2, hc, Race; vhc, Carlisle; c, Williams. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Simms; 2, Williams; c, Green. YORKS. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Race; 2, Green; 3, Simmons; vhc, Jackson. BUFF: 1, Carlisle; 2, hc, Race; 3, Simmons; vhc, Jackson. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Thorpe. BUFF NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, Lindley. YELL. HEN void. BUFF HEN: 1, Thorpe; 2, 3, Lindley. CL. ETC. YELL. UNFLG. CK.: 1, vhc, Thorpe; 2, Lindley; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Lindley; 2, Lucas. UNFLG. YELL. HEN void. BUFF: 1, 3, Thorpe; 2, Lindley. LINNET: 1, 3, Thorpe; 2, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Thorpe; 3, Crossland Brothers. SOFT void. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Lindley. SELL. (12/6): 1, Lindley; 2, Simms.—Ed. CARLISLE, hon. sec.

EDMONTON.

Annual members' show held in the Town Hall, December 3rd. So far as entries and quality are concerned, it was a grand success. Mr. A. Burgess is the general secretary, but the caged bird section was under the able supervision of Mr. S. Williams, F.Z.S. He was most enthusiastic and painstaking. Councillor C. Sorrell, the chairman stuck at it until all was plain sailing; and the committee were most assiduous in their efforts to secure the comfort of all. The quality, especially, was A1. The spl for best Canary went to a rattling yellow Yorks., shown by Mr. H. Sweetman. Mr. A. J. Marley sent a grand team of British, securing special for best with his goldie, and 2nd special with an equally grand Greenfinch. Mr. S. Williams put down a fine team of foreigners, annexing special for a lovely pair of Scarlet Tanagers. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. BUFF (5): 1, Hayden, good shape, head, and back, nice under-colour and quality; 2, Saunders, fine shape again; 3, res, Titchner, lovely quality; vhc, Mrs. Burrows. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Marley, bonny bird, rare body, silky feather, rich level colour; 2, res, vhc, hc, Titchner, leader, short typical variegated hen, lovely head, close after winner; 3, c, Pamphilon, level and rich coloured, silky-feathered bird. CREST OR CB. (10): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Brown, leader wing mkd. D.C., neat, nice formation, well staged; 2, res, Irving, former green C.B., fine body, nice head, well lashed. YORKS. (9): 1, spl, best Can., 2, 3, Sweetman, really nice team, leader slashing yell., beautiful quality, nice behind leg; res, vhc, hc, Newman; c, Manning. MULE (3): 1, Williams, large and lightly variegated. Goldie Can.; 2, Bell, Greenfinch Can.; 3, Colcock, variegated Goldie Can., looked like a hen. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, spl for best Brit., Marley, "Hector," a fine Finch, staged in excellent condition wide, dense face, good tanning, bars and buttons; 2, 3, Bell, rich coloured, steady Bullie; 3rd, good coloured hen Bullie, very steady; vhc, hc, Fountain; c, Saville. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, 2nd best Brit., Marley, "Hero," very fine in colour, steady; 2, 3, Bell, very nice one; res, vhc, hc, Williams, bonny 'Finches; c, Harris. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Williams, leader bold, fine wing marks, sheeny, and steady; 2, Harris, rich in colours, well marked; res, Cawthorne. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Bell, very steady, beautifully mkd., lustrous and close as wax; 2, Marley, very nutty, close as wax in feather; 3, res, vhc, Williams, first one very pretty; hc, Fountain; c, Harris. FOR. (12): 1, spl, 2 spls, 3, vhc, Williams, former magnificent pair of Scarlet Tanagers; 2nd very fine Black Throated Cardinal; res, hc, Harris, former Scarlet Tanager.

MOTHERWELL.

Annual show of the Dalziel O.A. held December 5th, in the Lesser Town Hall. Over 300 birds were staged. Quality also was excellent. Mr. Jas. Mathieson, the hon. sec., carried out his duties admirably. The judges were: For Scotch Fancies and Borders, Mr. Nisbet (Galston); for Norwich and British birds, Mr. Goodfellow. Both gentlemen gave every satisfaction.

SCOT, FCY., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Roddie; 3, Mathieson; 4, 5, Gray. BUFF: 1, spl, Mathieson; 2, 3, 4, spl, Roddie. OLD, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Mathieson; 2, 3, Roddie. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Roddie; 4, Mathieson; 5, Gray; 6, Allan. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Roddie; 3, Mathieson. BUFF: 1, Gray; 2, 3, Roddie; 4, Allan. YOUNG CREST: 1, 2, spl, Arnott; 2, 3, M'Innes. OLD CREST: 1, 4, Arnott; 2, 5, M'Innes; 3, 6, Alex. Pearson. C.B.: 1, 3, spl, M'Innes; 2, 4, 5, Pearson. NOR., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Mathieson; 3, 6, Paterson; 4, Roddie; 5, Arnott. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Paterson; 5, Scobbie; 6, Williamson. BUFF: 1, 3, Paterson; 2, Harding; 4, Scobbie; 5, 6, Owen. BUFF HEN: 1, 4, spl, Paterson; 2, Scobbie; 3, spl, Mathieson. GREEN, ETC., YELL., YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, Roddie. BUFF: 1, Mathieson; 2, 3, Shannon; 4, Owen; 5, Roddie; 6, Allan. OLD CK.: 1, 2, spl, Mathieson; 3, 4, Scobbie; 5, Jack; 6, Allan. HEN: 1, Mathieson; 2, Scobbie; 3, Hamilton; 4, Owen; 5, Jack; 6, Paterson. OLD PAIRS: 1, spl, Paterson; 2, Arnott; 3, Roddie; 4, M'Innes; 5, Harding; 6, Williamson. NEW-FED: 1, Hamilton; 2, Scobbie. SELL.: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Owen; 4, Mathieson; 5, Scobbie. BORD., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Allan; 2, Hamilton; 3, spl, Mathieson; 4, Gray; 5, Hamilton; 6, Scobbie. HEN: 1, Allan; 2, 3, Hamilton; 4, 6, Scobbie; 5, Mathieson. HEN: 1, spl, Allan; 2, 4, spl, Hamilton; 5, Gray; 6, Scobbie. YOUNG, VARIEG, ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, 5, Hamilton; 2, 4, 6, Scobbie. BUFF: 1, 6, Gray; 2, 3, Scobbie; 4, 5, Hamilton. OLD CK.: 1, 4, 5, Allan; 2, Gray; 3, Scobbie; 6, Roddie. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Allan; 3, 6, Scobbie; 4, Hamilton; 5, Gray. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, spl, Williamson; 3, 4, Roddie; 5, Conway; 6, Jack. YOUNG MULES: 1, spl, Roddie; 2, 4, spl, Shannon; 3, spl, Allan; 5, 6, Couway. OLD: 1, Hamilton; 2, spl, Roddie; 3, Jack; 4, Scobbie; 5, Allan. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, 6, spl, Roddie; 2, 3, Scobbie; 5, Jack. LINNET: 1, Paterson; 2, 4, Allan; 3, Hamilton; 5, Mathieson; 6, Jack. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Roddie; 3, Conway; 4, Arnott; 5, Jack; 6, spl, Wm. Harding. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 4, Scobbie; 3, 5, 6, Roddie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Roddie; 3, Harding; 5, Conway; 6, Jack. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Gamble; 2, Jack; 3, 6, Scobbie; 4, Roddie; 5, Arnott. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 2, 4, Roddie; 3, Harding; 5, Scobbie. SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH: 1, Allan; 2, 3, Roddie; 4, Harding; 5, Arnott.

HORTICULTURAL HALL.

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MIGRATORY (9): Hot lot; 1, spl, 2, 4, hc, Maxwell, a splendid team, his noted Black Redstart leading, and taking the special for the best British bird in the show, very dense breast and capital carriage, fine size and bloom; Yellow Wagtail, the champion of many shows, teeming with colour, steady as a rock, and a grand Redstart, taking third pince, in lovely order, jet black throat showing very little frosting; 3, R. J. Howe, Blue headed Wagtail, rare blue crown and white eye marks, rich body colour, perfect feather and nicely put down; vhc, Dewhurst, Chiffchaff, very tame and in nice feather; c, Baker, Sedgewarbler, sweet little chap, has rubbed a few feathers off over beak, which possibly put him back. A.O.S. INSECTIV. (7): 1, Cook, Great Grey Shrike, steady as a rock, clear white breast, jet black eye mark, rare size and well staged; 2, Maxwell, Wryneck, gem, rich breast and plenty of lacing, fine size, shown in Mr. M's noted style; 3, Francis, Fieldfare, topper, bonny size and colour, perfect feather, steady as a rock; 4, hc, R. J. Howe, Missel Thrush, another rich coloured bird of rare size and shape, spots very distinct; vhc, c, Dewhurst, Greater Spotted Woodpecker and Missel Thrush, but nicely shown and in good order. RARE FEATHERED (5), An interesting class: 1, Hakes, pure White Blackbird, with a fine crocus bill, in perfect feather and very steady; 2, Smith and Son, Cinnamon Greenfinch, taking bird, good size and good feather; 3, Wyse, Pied Linnet, sweet exhibit, showing a large proportion of white, nicely staged; 4, Lamb, Cinnamon Redpoll, very attractive little chap, fine bloom and feather; vhc, Mrs. Warren Vernon, nice Pied Hen Bullfi, very tame, nicely marked. CONTINENTAL (7): 1, Cook, Nutcracker, now an old winner, looking very fit; 2, Frost, said to be a Caucasian Woodpecker, very similar to the ben Greater Spotted, but a sort of variety between the Green and Greater Spotted for size, similarly marked to the latter; 3, Robbins, pretty pair Bearded Tits, nicely staged, and in the pink of condition.

The Foreign Classes.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (9): 1, Maxwell, black-checked Lovebird, very rare, and in superb condition, grandly staged; 2, 3, Mrs. Miller, Guiana Lovebirds, very uncommon, of a palish bright grass-green colour, and a nice pair of rosy or peach-faced Lovebirds, both in excellent condition; 4, Watts, good pair of red-faced Lovebirds; vhc, Cook, fine pair of green Budgerigars. Madagascar and blue-winged Lovebirds were also exhibited in this class. PARRAKEETS (11): 1, 3, Maxwell, black-throated Lorrikeet, very rare, its first appearance, very beautiful, in exquisite condition, and one of the finest elegant Parrakeets we ever remember to have seen; it is many years since one of these chaste and beautiful birds graced the show bench; 2, Millsum, black-winged Lory, another grand exhibit, and first appearance, richly clad, but the colour is more subdued and chastely blended than is common with the Loriidæ; vhc, bc, c, Mrs. K. L. Miller, Sun Conure, beautiful exhibit, bright yell., washed with fiery orange on sides of face, with the larger wing feathers and tail green, if not a first appearance, has not been exhibited for a long period; many-coloured Parrakeets, and a very brilliant Swainson's Lorrikeet. Also exhibited, good specimens of white-eared Conure, Barnard's and Pennant Parrakeets, varied Lorrikeet, and a good Grand Eclectus Parrot, unfortunately in its wrong class. PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, Miller, Hawk-headed Caique, very uncommon, in fine condition, this fine species has the power to raise the elongated feathers of the nape in the form of a frill, and is then beautiful indeed; 2, Cook, nice pair of red-vented Parrots; 3, Mrs. C. Cooper, good black-headed Caique; 4, Tyson, very fine grey Parrot; vhc, Mrs. K. L. Miller, red-vented Parrot. COMMON WAXBILLS (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Howe, green Avadavat, one of the best ever exhibited, plumage sleek, tight, and evenly marked; 2 golden-breasted Waxbills, 3 St. Helena Waxbills, 4 Spice Finches, all in exquisite condition; vhc, Townsend, Zebra Waxbills; hc, c, R Tyson, grey Waxbill. This class for common species was disappointing as to the number of entries; if exhibitors do not support such, they cannot complain if show managers fail to cater for them. A.O.S. WAXBILLS, ETC (9): 1, hc, c, Mrs. K. L. Miller, Painted Finch, very uncommon and beautiful, Crimson Finches and Melba Finch, in the order named; 2, 3, Maxwell, violet-eared Waxbills and Melba Finches, very beautiful, in faultless condition, some thought their positions might have been reversed; 4, Cook, good Vinaceous Firefinch; vhc, Townsend, richly-coloured Crimson Finch; also exhibited an exquisite specimen of the chastely beautiful Sydney Waxbill. GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Maxwell, exquisite specimen of the rare Gaboon Weaver, probably a first appearance; Painted Finches, in good feather and colour; Mrs. E. Galloway, perfect pair of scaly-crowned Finches; vhc, Mrs. M. B. Hodgkins, well-coloured pair of Pintail Nonpariels; good specimen of Parrot Finches and Paradise Whydahs also exhibited. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (14): 1, Mrs. E. Galloway, black-faced Serin, undoubtedly the most beautiful of all the Serin tribe, in exquisite condition, repeating its victory of last year; 2, 3, Townsend, Cape Rock Bunting, fine condition, and Gorgeted Finch; 4, Maxwell, Cuba Finch, very tight, sleek and bright in colour; vhc, Cook, Nonpareil Bunting, in splendid feather; hc, F. Howe, green Cardinal, very fine, probably colour-fed; also exhibited, Olive Cuba Finches, lavender-backed Finch, hooded Siskin and pileated Bunting. Tanagers (15): 1, 2, 4, hc, Maxwell, red-throated Tanager, exquisite condition, very rare, deep blue, with throat of ruddy chestnut; black-throated Tanager, very rare and beautiful beyond description, general colouring irridescent green, varieg. on the upper surface with black, throat black, chest and upper breast golden-chestnut, the green forehead and side of body glistening with silieru-lustre that cannot be described, emerald-spotted Tanager, also very uncommon, though it has been on view at the Zoo for several years; maroon Tanager, beautiful but well-known species, a grand team, in faultless condition, and well staged, the first three are, we believe, all new to the show bench; 3, Pickles, well-known maroon Tanager, absolutely faultless, winner of over a dozen lots during the last and present seasons; vhc (2), hc, Townsend, Archbishop Magpie, and the veteran white-capped Tanagers; vhc, Mrs. K. L. Miller; hc, Dewhurst, Superb Tanagers; Mr. R. J. Watts exhibited (unfortunately in wrong class) an interesting Bullbul as an Olivaceous Tanager, as already stated it is very probably the Olive Bullbul (Iole virescens), a grand class, worth a long journey to see. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (7): 1, 4, S. M. Townsend, black-head Sugar Birds, grand pair, in faultless condition, and a gold-fronted green Bullbul; 2, Millsum, black-headed Sugar Bird, tight and sleek; 3, Mrs. E. Galloway, blue Sugar Bird, beautiful male of this well-known species; vhc, T. Miller, Malabar green Bullbul; hc, Mrs. B. W. Hodgkin, gold-fronted green Bullbul; a red-whiskered Bullbul in rather rough condition also exhibited, a beautiful class, but not so large as usual. A.O.S. (17): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Maxwell, Mexican Trogan, beautiful and rare species, a first appearance, one of the most beautiful of its genus, many of which outrival the Birds of Paradise, Loriidæ, etc., for gorgeous plumage, but this specimen seen under the aspect of summer's sun, is beautiful indeed, a unique exhibit, 3 well-known King Bird of Paradise, in exquisite condition, its plumage having lost none of its brilliancy by a moult in this country; vhc, rufous-bellied Niltava, in exquisite condition, the intensity of its colouring certainly not surpassed by the two or three that have preceded it on the bench; hc, blue-winged Siva, another lovely exhibit, very tight and sleek, truly a grand team; 2, Townsend, giant Barbet, a first appearance, we believe not so brilliant as some of its relatives, but was exhibited in the very finest condition, a rare and interesting species; 4, Millsum, white-spotted Laughing Thrushes, another unique exhibit, not yet fully steady, having rubbed their head plumage, an interesting and beautiful exhibit; vhc, Capt. Perreau, Plumbeous Redstart, another very rare and interesting exhibit, this season being its first appearance on the bench, its plumage is plumbeous-blue, with tail of a bright chestnut hue, the caudal appendage being in a perpetual motion; vhc, Mrs. E. W. Vernon, an exquisite green Jay, in faultless condition; hc, Brazilian green Jay; c, Puck, Indian Shama; c, Mrs. E. Galloway, Dyal Bird; also exhibited amber-shouldered Troupial, rosy Pastor, sulphur-breasted Toucan, etc.; a large and interesting class, attracting much attention by reason of the unique character of many of its exhibits. This was truly a unique gathering of foreign birds, containing more rare and first-time exhibits than has been the case for some years. SPECIALS—F.B.C. SILVER MEDALS: Mr. Millsum, black-winged Lory, but having won the silver medal at Swindon, he is not eligible, and the medal passes to Mr. T. Miller for his Hawk-headed Caique; Mrs. K. L. Miller, painted Finch; Mr. S. M. Townsend, black-headed Sugar Bird. Half-guinea by Mr. W. T. Page, in Class 154, F. Howe, green Amnduvande. In Class 158, W. H. Pickles, maroon Tanager.

OPEN SELL., SINGLE (20s.) and PAIRS (30s.) (44): 1, Maxwell; 2, Ashby; 3, Long; 4, Pooley; vhc, Ayers, Easterling, Gale; bc, Mrs. Cross, Collins; c, Easterling (2), Lilley (2). SINGLE (15s.), PAIRS (20s.) (27): 1, vbc, Luff; 2, Miles; 3, Mrs. Hodgkin; 4, Maxwell; vbc, Luff, Easterling; hc, Easterling (2); c, Martin. EXTRA STOCK (32): 1, 3, 4, vbc, Dawson; 2, Lawrence; hc, Taylor.

The Members' Section.

CHAMP. CREST (10): 1, Broad; 2, Tyson; 3, 4, Turner; vhc, Horton, Gibbons; hc, Johnson; c, Mills. C.B. (9): 1, Turner; 2, King; 3, 4, Tyson; vhc, Mills; bs, Horton; c, Gibbons. CHAMP (Cup) CREST, BRED 1908 (9): 1, Tyson; 2, Broad; 3, Layards; 4, Mills; vhc, Turner; hc, King; c, Gibbons. C.B., BRED 1908 (9): 1, Tyson; 2, Turner; 3, vhc, Broad; 4, Mills; hc, Gibbons; c, King. AMAT. CREST (19): 1, 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, 4, Franz; vhc, c, Mrs. Galloway; bc, Shepherd; Nos. 18 and 19 absent. C.B. (16): 1, 2, hc, Mrs Litchfield; 3, Franz; 4, vhc, c, Mrs. Galloway. AMAT (Cup) CREST, BRED 1908 (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Franz; 2, Shepherd; 4, Mrs. Galloway; c, Mrs Litchfield. C.B., BRED 1908 (9): 1, Shepherd; 2, Franz; 3, c, Mrs. Litchfield; 4, vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; bc, Offord. NOVICE CREST (11): 1, vhc, Belsey; 2, 4, hc, c, Mugford; 3, Penney. C.B. (7): 1, Belscy; 2, Penney; 3, vhc, bc, c, Mugford; 4, Savage. NOVICE (Cup) CREST, BRED 1908, cancelled. CHAMP. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Gibbs; 2, Peverall; 3, Knight; 4, Bennett; vhc, Rennie; hc, H. T. Jones; c, Crisp. BUFF (14): 1, Rennie; 2, Elsmore; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Hawes; bc, H. T. Jones; c, Knight. CINN., ETC., CK. (10): 1, Hawes; 2, Crisp; 3, Rennie; 4, Elsemore; vhc, H. Smith; hc, Winn; c, Peverall. YORKS. HEN (17): 1, Easterling; 2, Knight; 3, c, Hawes; 4, Crisp; vhc, hc, Rennie. CHAMP. (Cup) YORKS, BRED 1908 (13): 1, H. Smith; 2, 4, Rennie; 3, Gibbs; vhc, Hawes; hc, Elsemore; c, Knigbt. AMAT. YELL., YORKS CK. (4): 1, Lewis; Nos. 2, 3, 4, absent. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Lewis; Nos. 3, 4, absent. HEN, YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Lewis; Nos. 3, 4, 5, absent. AMAT., YORKS. (Cup), BRED 1908 (9): 1, bc, Baker; 2, Ayers; 3, 4, Adams; vhc, Lewis; c, Withers. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Neal; 2, 4, Shetler; 3, Ayers. BUFF (4): 1, Ayers; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Neal; 4, Pullinger. YORKS. HEN (5): 1, 3, Ayers; 2, Neal; 4, Pullinger; No. 4 absent. NOVICE (Cup) YORKS., BRED 1908 (7): 1, Neal; 2, 3, 4, c, Shetler; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Ayers. CHAM. NOR CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, W. H. Howe; 2, 4, Mrs Lovegrove; 3, hc, Gibbs; vhc, Matthes; c, Curtis. BUFF (14): 1, Morris; 2, Hodder; 3, Curtis; 4, Hazell; vhc, Godfray; hc, Gibbs; c, Battison HEN (15): 1, Morris; 2, Battison; 3, c, Cooper; 4, Gibbs; vhc, Hazell; hc, Godfray. CHAM. NOR. (Cup), BRED 1908 (18): 1, Richardson; 2, Hodder; 3, hc, Godfray; 4, Mrs. Lovegrove; vhc, Matthes; c, Cooper; No. 16 absent. CHAMP. A.O.V. CAN. (Cup), cancelled, only one entry. AMAT., NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Withers; 2, Marley; 4, vhc, Mrs. Litchford; hc, Lack; vhc, Withers; bc, Hart BUFF (7): 1, 3, Buckman; 2, Marley; 4, Lack; vhc, Withers; hc, Hart; c, Mrs. Litchfield. AMAT., NOR. (Cup), BRED 1908 (13): 1, c, Buckman; 2, 4, Witbers; 3, Marley; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; bc, Lack. AMAT. A.O.V. (Cup), cancelled, only one entry. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 4, Neal; 2, Knight; 3, vhc, Podd. BUFF (6): 1, Knight; 2, 3, Podd; 4, Neal; vhc, hc, Mrs. Cross. NOVICE NOR. (Cup), BRED 1908, cancelled. A.V. HYB. (6): 1, Mrs. Cooper; 2, Lamb; 3, Andrews; 4, H. T. Jones; vhc, Lack; hc, Baker. GOLDFINCH (any nationality) (5): 1, Andrews; 2, Marley; 3, Lack; 4, Mrs. Cooper; vhc, Richardson. BULLFINCH (any nationality), cancelled. LINNET (3): 1, Marley; 2, R. J. Howe; 3, Maxwell; 2, vhc, R. J. Howe; 3, Andrews; 4, hc, Mrs. Maher. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Maxwell; 2, R. J. Howe; 3, Wynn; 4, hc, Dewhurst; vhc, Marley. INSECTIV., SMALL (5): 1, R. J. Howe; 2, 4, Maxwell; 3, vhc, Dowhurst. LARGE (6): 1, R. J. Howe; 2, Maxwell; 3, 4, Dewhurst; vhc, Mrs. Maher. FOR SEED-EATING (6): 1, Maxwell; 2, Mrs. Cooper; 3, 4, vhc, Dewhurst. INSECTIV., ETC. (10): 1, 3, 4, c, Dewhurst; 2, R. J. Howe; vhc, hc, Maxwell.

COUNTY OF PEMBROKE F.A.

Nineteenth annual show, under C.B.U. rules was held in the covered Market House, Pembroke Dock, on December 2nd. The secretary, Mr. W. H. Bowling carried out his duties admirably. Mr. L. P. Ashley judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. NOR. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Tucker; 2, 3, W. Hughes. NOR.: 3, Hughes. YORKS.: 1, Lewis; 2, Tucker. MULE: 1, 2, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, John; 2, Lewis; 3, Howells. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Twigg; 2, Brown. SELL. (10/6): 2, Hughes; 3, Tucker. FOR.: 2, Mrs. Lawrence; 3, Rees.

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PWLLGWAUN, PONTYPRIDD.

This show was held December 9th in the New Town Hall. The exhibits were well arranged on the concert platform, and made a nice display. The quality in most of the classes was of the best, and the competition keen, the Mules and Hybrids being particularly so. In the latter class was found the winner of the special for best bird in show, a really grand Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, put down in fine form, and much admired. The prize cards were quickly put up, and the exhibits had the best of care and attention. Messrs. Eborne and Price were the joint hon. secretaries, and did their work well. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

YORKS. COL.-FED (14): 1, spl, Keegan, well-known, neck and cheek mkd. yell., looking well, grand quality, colour and style; 2, Martin, left wing ticked, beautiful feather, nice narrow shoulders, stands like a soldier, well braced wings; 3, vhc, Shearn and Owen, clear buff, nice feather, slim built, neat head, fine position, nice flights and tail; vhc, good one, but seemed to feel the cold, and would not show to advantage; hc, Challenger; c, Smith. NON-FED (6): 1, Keegan, smart and stylish, cl. yell., nice feather and quality; 2, Castree, varieg. buff, nice feather and quality, good length and style; 3, Thomas, yell., nice stand, shorter; vhc, Martin; hc, Hinton. HEN (11): 1, Keegan, cinn., wing marked yell., stands beautifully, grand feather and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Gregory, buff, grand feather, nice length and position, well braced wings, neat tail and good back; 3, Smith, good position, clear yellow, nice quality and colour; vhc, Parry; hc, c, Challenger. NOR. COL.-FED (12): 1, 2, spl, Tedstone, buff, mkd. wings, head and cheek, gem for colour and closeness of feather, nice shape, good wings and tail, and clear yellow, well shaped body, grand colour and quality, nice neck and back; 3, James, grizzled on head, plenty of substance, full neck and deep chest, nice colour; vhc, Pritchard; bc, White, Mrs. Read; c, Hemming and May. NON-FED (3): 1, Castree, right eye, left cheek, and wing mkd. buff, nice feather and quality good size; 3, McLucas, four-pointed buff. HEN (11): 1, Lewis and Dymond, grand shaped unflig. buff, nice head and back, round chest, short flights and tail, good undercolour, well frosted; 2, Hill, buff, nice feather and quality, good shape, neat wings and tail; 3 Tedstone, buff, good colour and quality, nice head and back; vhc, Pritchard; bc, Llewellyn and Howells; c, Hobbs. CREST OR C.B. (1): 2, Pocketts, neat grizzle. BORD. FCY. (1): 2, Cromin, jonque green, nice shape and colour. A.O.V. (9): 1, Davies, buff Scots, grand top end, good head and drive, gets tail well under perch, soon at work when called upon; 2, Mrs. Brown, another buff, long sided, good top and gets tail well under; 3, Lewis, buff Belgian, good shoulders and position; vbc, c, J. H. Jones; hc, Thomas FINCH MULE (14): 1, 3, Lewis and Dymond, yellow Goldfinch, marked eyes, neck and left wing, grand quality of feather, nice colour and a good size and shape, dark Jonque Goldfinch, grand size and good colour; 2, G. Edwards, four-pointed buff Goldie, nice feather and shape, good coloured and neatly carried flights; vhc, Clarke and Hodge; bc, Thomas; c, Tipping. A.O.V. MULE, ETC., (10): 1, spl, J. Edwards, Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, lovely colour, size, shape and markings, shews parentage distinctly, and put down in fine fettle; 2, 3, vhc, G. Edwards, Greenfinch-Bullfinch and Goldfinch-Bullfinch, two grand birds, both in good form, hard lines to meet winner; hc, Thomas; c, Shearn and Owen. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Clark and Hodge, lovely blaze and crest tanning, good bars and buttons, in grand order; 2, G. Edwards, square cut blaze, good size, nice bars and buttons; 3, T. D. Jones, nice colour blaze, good tanning and buttons; vhc, Norton; hc, no name; c, Caddy. BULLFINCH (6): 1, vbc, Norton, good feather, nice cap, breast and bars, good shape; 2, T. Jones, good shape, nice cap and colour; 3, Thomas, good shape and size, nice cap; hc, Porter; c, McLucas. LINNET (8): 1, Tipping, good shape, nicely feathered and well pencilled; 2, vhc, Small, nice feather good whites, loses a little in pencilling; 3, Tom Thomas, nice coloured back, bit pale on breast; bc, no name; c, Thomas. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (8): 1, F. D. Jones, Whinchat, beautiful feather, and well marked, very steady, well shown, Cardiff winner; 2, Russell, grand Siskin, well pencilled cap, nice feather and markings; 3, Norton, good coloured yellow Greenfinch, nice wing bars; vhc, Tipping; hc, Wilkins; c, Thomas. A.O.S. (7): 1, S. Jones, Hawfinch, splendid colour and feather, well marked body, good bib, in good form; 2, J. Edwards, Song Thrush, good bold head and eye, nice feather and well spotted; 3, Castree, Blackbird, good body colour, rare crocus bill and eyo cere; vhc, Clayton; hc, Johnson; c, Hemmings and May. PARROT (6): 1, Ryan, grand Amazon, rare size, feather and colour, blue fronted; 2, Griffiths, good Grey, nice colour and size; 3, Rees, blue fronted Amazon, splendid feather, nice colour; vhc, Tipping; hc, no name. A.O.S. FOR. (5); 1, 2, Thorne, superb Tanager, grand colour and feather, good size, 2nd nice Troupial in nice condition; 3, J. H. Jones, grand pair of pin tailed Grass Finches in good feather; vhc, J. Edwards; hc, Williams. SELL. (15s.) (9): 1, Thomas; 2, Pritchard; 3, Lewis; vhc, Davies; hc, G. Edwards; c, Wilkins.

NEW STEVENSTON AND DIS. O.S.

A very successful show was held on December 5th in Robbs Hall. This being their first venture, every member did his best to make it a success. Notwithstanding a very disappointing breeding season the number of birds staged turned out very well. Close on 150 birds were staged, and judged by two sterling fanciers in Mr. George Marlin (Hamilton), who did the Norwich and British birds, and Mr. Hunter (Wishaw), who did the Scotch Fancies. The show was well patronised by visitors and friends although the day was rather stormy. By another year we will have two silver cups for competition (one for Fancies, and one for Norwich). Fanciers within a five-mile radius are invited to join.

SCOT. FCY. YOUNG BIRDS CK. (3): 1, 2, Murdoch; 3, Douglas. HEN (3): 1, 2, spl, 3, Murdoch. OLD YELL CK. (1): 1, Douglas. HEN (3): 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Murdoch. BUFF CK. (5): 1, and best in hall, 2, 3, Buchan; vhc, spl, Woods; hc, Murdoch. HEN (6): 1, spl, 3, Buchan; 2, Woods; vhc, hc, c, Murdoch. NOR. YOUNG CK. (14): 1, 2 spls, 2, and spl, Lamb; 3, vhc, hc, Harper; c, Millar. OLD HEN (14): 1, Harper; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Millar. OLD YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, spl, Millar; 2, Davidson; vhc, Lamb; hc, c, McElhinney. HEN (5): 1, spl, Harper; 2, Millar; 3, vhc, hc, Hussy. BUFF CK. (11): 1, spl, 3, c, Harper; 2, Millar; vhc, Hussy; hc, Davidson. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, Lamb; 2, McElhinney; hc, Davidson; c, Millar. YOUNG CREST (2): 1, spl, 2, Page. C.B. (3): 1, Page; 2, Millar; 3, Reid. CREST CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Page. HEN (9): 1, vhc, spl, Reid; 2, 3, hc, Page; c, Millar. C.B. CK. (3) 1, Page; 2, 3, Reid. HEN (4): 1, Page; 2, Millar; 3, vhc, Reid. BORD. YOUNG CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, McVicar; 3, Darrock. HEN (1): 1, Darrock. OLD (10): 1, spl, vhc, Darrock; 2, 3, hc, c, McVicar. COMMON (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Clyde. BRIT. HARD-BILL (15): 1, 2, Lamb, Goldfinch and Siskin; 3, vhc, Millar, hen Greenfinch and Redpoll; hc, Hussy, Linnet; c, Lamb, Redpoll.—JAS. LAMB, Sec.

INNERLEITHEN.

Annual show held in the Drill Hall, Dec. 5, and the cage bird section was well up in quality to that of former years. Mr. J. Blackie captured the B.F.C. medal and cup, with a grand buff cock Border. The cup for best young bird was secured by Mr. Pringle's foul buff cock bird, a good all round specimen. Mr. J. Thomson judged the Borders, and Mr. J. W. Bruce all the other classes, and their awards on the whole were well received. The caged birds were staged in a very comfortable room by themselves, and were beautifully arranged. The committee are to be congratulated on the splendid attention they gave their charges. Mr. Imrie makes an ideal secretary, and he had everything in apple pie order, being ably assisted by his committee.

Mr. Thomson's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Blaikie, leader rare position and style, lovely feather, good front, well drawn, top top form; 2, also good in feather, well rounded; 3, Brown, taking exhibit, fine weight, grand back and wing carriage; 4, Tait, nice type, grand bloom; vhc, Gordon. HEN (11): 1, Lenton, nice type and quality of feather, good position, A1 carriage, well drawn, finely balanced; 2, Cairns, sweet one, neatly rounded; 3, Blaikie, nice type, fine shape, good quality; 4, Cockburn, well drawn, good one; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Robertson. BUFF CK. (12): 1, medal and cup, Blaikie, hot one, grand all over, rare bloom, lovely head and wing carriage, splendidly drawn, staged to perfection; 2, Tait, another topper for quality, fine face bird, good finish, well drawn; 3, Cairns, well moulded, good back and wings; 4, Brown, well finished, neat size and shape; vhc, Cockburn. HEN (13): 1, Brown, sweet one, fine weight, rare head, back and wing carriage, well staged; 2, Blaikie, another model, lovely bloom, grand size, neat head and back, well drawn; 3, 4, Tait, beauties for quality, lovely shape, grand head and front; vhc, Cairns. EVEN MARKS (6): 1, Aitchison, nicely balanced eye and wing marks, grand shape, well staged; 2, Cockburn, good eyes, nice wings, grand body; 3, Robertson, A1 type and quality; 4, Watson, neat eye marks, well balanced, in grand form. UNEVEN (11): 1, Tait, lovely order, grand quality feather, extra good head and back, well drawn, wins; 2, Blaikie, sweet one, neat front, good style, extra well staged; 3, 4, Cockburn, hard to separate, fine shape, grand weight; vhc, Robertson; hc, Gordon. GREEN ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Murray, good one, fine ground colour and extra good in lacing, grand shape and finish; 2, Cairns, good markings, fine flights and tail; 3, Watson, very plain and distinct in markings; 4, Blaikie, fine tone of colour; hc, Cowan. FOUL (8): 1, Tait, hot one, extra fine quality, feather, grand shape and position, very neat in head; 2, Cairns, close up, grand style; 3, Cockburn, neat one, well balanced all over, A1 style; 4, Linton, grand position; vhc, Blaikie; hc, Lind. SELL. (7/6) (14): 1, Blaikie; 2, Cowan; 3, Watson, Jr.; 4, Linton; vhc, Cairns; hc, Cockburn.

Mr. Bruce's Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Blackhall, leader head tick, finely rounded on body, grand size, well up in colour, plenty of substance, neat front and taper; 2, good all round birds, in grand order; 3, Keddie, fine, nice shape; 4, Wilson, best fed one, nice size; vhc, Wilson; hc, Keddie. BUFF (7): 1, cup, Pringle, very nice, fine full front, neat in head, well rounded all over; 2, Lugton, in grand bloom, rare feather, nice size; 3, Wilson, grand size, in nice order; 4, Blackhall, good quality feather, plenty of size; vhc, Hughes; hc, Blaikie. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Wilson, good all round buff, well up in size, neat all over, stylish; 2, 3, 4, Blackhall, good yell., grand shape, lovely head and wings; 3, good buff, neatly got up, grand shape and length; 3, good all round exhibits; vhc, Lugton; hc, Keddie. VARIEG. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Keddie, short, well rounded buff varieg., rare front, good head, nicely drawn, splendid body; 2, vhc, Blackhall, nice yell., good quality, feather, in splendid bloom; 3, 4, Wilson, nice buff, good quality feather, fine size; 4, nice quality throughout. CL. ETC. HEN (14): 1, Innes, best Nor. in show, gem for shape, grand head, lovely wing carriage, well staged; 2, Pringle, slashing yell., well drawn; 3, vhc, Keddie, good feathered one, buff, well drawn, nice front; 4, Lugton, grand size, good feather; hc, Blackhall. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Craig, Scotch Fancies, leader noted buff ck, real gem for style, well known winner; 2, good buff green hen, very stylish; 4, lengthy yell. piebald, good style; 3, Lugton, taking buff, fine top end and drive. CAN. NOVICE (5): 1, 3, 4, Brown, leader good buff Border, hen, fine quality, size and shape; 3, neat yell.; 4, good green, fine markings and colour; 2, Ferguson, neat yell., in grand bloom. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, vhc, Pringle, gem for size and shape, dense expansive face, rare cheeks, tannings, and buttons, staged to perfection; 2, Mason, good Britisher, fine size and colour; 3, Brown, grand Siberian, well marked; 4, Gordon, good faced bird, grand size; vhc, Pringle. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Brown, grandly moulted, rare size, dense cap, good wing bars, teeming with quality; 2, Mason, dense coloured bird, well up in size, nicely shown; 3, Goodfellow, neat size, grand shape; 4, Scott, good cap and feather; vhc, Robertson, BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Mason, leader tip top Bramblefinch, grand size, colour and lacing, very steady; 2, nice Hawfinch, good head and bib, solid body colour, very steady; 3, Innes, well fed Siskin, neat cap and bib, well up in size; 4, Blaikie, Hawfinch, fine order; vhc, Brown; hc, Blaikie, Hawfinch, fine order; vhc, Brown; hc, Scott. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Miller, large well spangled Starling, in superb condition; 2, Mason, grand Blackcap, nice colour and cap; 3, Henderson, good large well coloured Nuthatch. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Blackhall, large good varieg. Goldie, plenty of size and flush, in rare bloom; 2, Henderson, Jonque Linnet, great colour and markings; 3, Cockburn, good Greenie Mule, nice size, plenty of colour. FOR. (2): 1, spl, Mason, well known winning Superb Tanager, in A1 bloom; 2, Rathie, Rosella Parrakeet.

LUTON C.B.S.

A very successful table show for Novices was held on December 7th at 4, Peel-street. Judges, Messrs. Bennett, Litchfield and F. Webb, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. (8): 1, hc, Brower; 2, 3, Rhodes; vhc, Fountain; c, Dillingham. YORKS. (11): 1, Rhodes; 2, cup for best ticking, vhc, hc, Codd; 3, Ball; c, Dillingham. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, hc, Ball; 2, vhc, c, Timms. E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec.

KILMARNOCK.

The Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. held their annual competition and exhibition on December 4th and 5th, in the Art Gallery Halls, London Road, one of the best halls for the purpose in the west of Scotland. It is commodious and comfortable, and has plenty of light from the top, and is absolutely free from draughts. All the exhibits could be viewed with comfort, which fact is to be appreciated, considering there were over 500 birds staged. Kilmarnock fanciers know how to stage their birds, and this fact alone will make this show in time one of the biggest and best in the west. Amongst those we noticed taking an active part in making this show the success it undoubtedly was, was that good old fancier, Mr. James Johnstone, president of the club. He is a model fancier, whom all the young generation would do well to copy. The committee comprise such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Noble, Smellie, Watson, Adamson, Calderwood, Cram, Hutchison, Alston, Muir, McCaw, and others, all of whom we congratulate on the business-like way in which they fulfilled their tasks. The secretary, Mr. James B. Y. Murdoch, is a model official, whose tact and courtesy earned for him the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with him. The following gentlemen adjudicated in the various sections, and their awards met with general approval:—Scotch fancy section, Messrs. Wm. Webster (Grenock) and D. Holden (Muirkirk); Crests, Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch); Norwich Plainheads, Mr. Alex. McFarlane (Crossmyloof); Border fancies, Mr. Thos. McCredie (Dumfries); British and foreign birds, Mr. Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow).

The Canary Classes.

SCOT FCY., CL., YELL. CK. (5): 1, McClure, gem, grand size, extra well set back, displaying shoulders and chest to advantage, nice drive, tight feather, tail well under; 2, Jas. McLardie, nice shoulders and drive, tail sweeps nicely under perch, neat; 3, Hannay, grand size, good pose, nice reach and drive; 4, Findley; 5, Ralston. BUFF (5): 1, Findlay, grand size and shoulders, good drive, clean fronted, splendid depth throughout, hard up, well set, good bird; 2, McClure, nice drive, clean front; 3, Brown, decided drive, fine pose 4, Craig; 5, Paton. CL. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Brown, nice size and shoulders, wings well set, lovely sweep of tail, good bird; 2, Frew, grand style, neat head, good body and wings; 3, W. McClure, good bird, nice shoulders, wings and tail; 4, hc, Findlay; 5, Lyon; c, Hainey. BUFF (6): 1, Hannay, full fronted, decided drive, rare action, good bird; 2, McDonald, nice style, good bird; 3, Craig, good all-round bird, neat, fine drive; 4, Frew; 5, Paton; 6, McLauchlan. YELL. PIED. CK. (5): 1, Borland, grand pose, good drive, nice shoulders, easy first; 2, Mitchell, fine size, grand style; 3, McDonald, fine body, wings, and tail; 4, McLaren; 5, Paton. HEN (9): 1. Nisbet, neat hen, plenty of style, grand pose, in lovely feather, easy first; 2, W. McClure, erect, nice style, body and wings, tail sweeps well under, good reach; 3 (no name), erect, fine body and wings; 4, Ralston; vhc, McDonald; hc, Pollock; c, Frew. BUFF PIED. CK. (10): 1, Borland, typical all over Scotch fancy, nice size, good depth through, wins; 2, Hainey, fine drive, good shoulders, erect, nice pose, in rattling form; 3, W. McClure, nice size, good pose; 4, Findlay; 5 (no name); 6, McDonald; 7, Paton. HEN (7): 1, Brown, fine and erect, excellent shoulders, nice pose, tail well under, grand style all over, wins place; 2, 3, Price, 2nd erect, fine style, body and wings; 3rd very neat and stylish; 4, W. McClure; 5, 6, Mitchell; 7, Findlay. DARK, ETC., CK. (7): 1, W. McClure, nice size, neat head, good shoulders, nice sweep under perch, in great form; 2, Findlay, very close on first 3, Brown, good reach, nice shoulders; 4, Hainey; 5 (no name); 6, Paton. HEN (7): 1, W. McClure, wonderful size and shoulders, erect pose, nice typical bird, wins easy, tail well under; 2, Findlay, good size, nice reach and body, in grand trim; 3, Brown, nice drive, body and tail; 4, Hannay; vhc, Paton; hc, Craig; c, Taylor. SELL. CK. 15s. (7): 1, 3, R. and J. Thomson; 2, Nisbet; 4, Ralston; 5, Porteous; 6, Hardie; 7, Samson. HEN, 15s. (6): 1, Paton, nice hen, quickly claimed; 2, Porteous; 3 (no name); 4, Samson; 5, R. and J. Thomson. CREST, CK. (7): 1, spl, 4, Noble, "King of the West," often described looking like a "king," to-day well shown, gem of a bird, grand body, frontal and droop; 2, (no name), beaten but not disgraced, beautiful bird, with rattling texture of chest, feather; 3, Shillinglaw, well radiated, nice centre, good quality feather; 5, Kirkwood; 6, Cram; 7, Dykes. HEN (7): 1, 3, Noble, former green variegated, dense crest, deep vein, leafy, grand body, lovely quality all round, long in frontal, grand bloom; 3rd, cl. buff, very neat, nice veiny feather; 2, Adamson, green variegated grand hen, pressing close on winner, fine droop, thick in substance, nice vein, real good one; 4, Watson; 5, Cram; 6, Shillinglaw; 7, McKay. C.B. CK. (6): 1, spl, 2, Noble, 1st variegated green, immense body, one of the best we have seen for a long time, beautifully domed, grandly rising cushion; 2nd self green, nice formation of skull, well clothed, turns back well; 3, Adamson, cl., dark cap, well lashed, good body, nice length of turned back; 4, McPhail; 5 (no name); 6, Cram. HEN (4): 1, Shillinglaw, variegated green, grand body, lovely feather, wide entrance skull of correct formation, fine cushion, nice short beak; 2, 4, Noble, self green, another gem, wide veiny feather, rare shaped body; 3, McLean, fine cushion-shaped head, rising well over the beak. CREST, YOUNG (4): 1, Kirkwood, variegated green, gem for length of feather and shape of skull, typical; 2, Adamson, almost green, excellent body substance, fine quality, good shape, well drooped, crest of splendid size; 3, 4, Noble, former another excellent specimen, big neat crest, nice droop and quality, fine body. C.B. (4): 1, spl, 3, Noble, former self green, rattling good body and skull, fine rise in browing, in rare trim; 3rd thick set, fine shaped body, nice domed skull, well lashed; 2, 4, Adamson, mkd. wings and head, big body, nice-looking skull, very bold domed skull, heavily lashed, heaps of feather. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, spl, Adamson, beautiful body, rich even colour, grand silky feather, rare wings and tail; 2, 7, Calderwood, grandly headed, rare colour and quality, in A1 form; 3, Chambers, very neat and sweet, good stout body, rare Nor. type, staged in grand trim; 4, Reid; 5, Jarvie; 6, Watson. HEN (9): 1 (no name), grand chubby body, neatest of wings and tail, feathered like glass, nice even colour; 2, 3, Calderwood, former a model, grand shape and colour, rare quality, short and compact, 3rd rare head, chest and back, lovely feather, shape and colour; 4, 5, Adamson; 6, Chambers; 7, Watson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Watson, former grand Bullfinch shape, short in tail, very compact and silky in feather, stands well; 3rd, picture for colour, feather, and shape; 2, Chambers, grand colour and feather, rare shaped body, neat wings and carriage, pressing winner hard; 4, Adamson; 5, Russell; 6, Skinner; 7, Latta. HEN (7): 1, Jarvie, nice exhibit, very short and chubby, neat wings and tail, lovely head, grand quality feather; 2, Calderwood, head mkd. buff, grandly feathered, full of colour, beautifully frosted; 3, 4, Watson, former rare shape and colour, lovely head and body; 5, spl, J. Adams; 6, Hutchison; 7, Murray. VARIEG. YELL., ETC., CK. (14): 1, spl, Adams, saddle and cheek marked, real gem, full of colour and quality, rare shape, well cut away behind; 2 (no name), ver yhandsome wing marked, most typical, rare quality; 3, Calderwood; nice thick set, splendid shape, carriage, feather and substance; 4, Skinner; 5, Reid; 6, Latta; 7, Russell. HEN (9): 1, spl, 2, Calderwood, former one of the sloutest yellows we have ever seen, very short in wings and tail, grandly fed, rare quality feather; 2nd, rattling good specimen, fine wide chest, well across perches, neat all over; 3, Kelly, almost self green, good quality, very stylish and neat; 4, Adams; 5, W. Hutchison; 6, J. Hutchison; 7, Alston. BUFF, ETC. (12): 1, S.P.C. medal King's cup, 6, Watson, winner of cup for best young bird bred by a member, variegated buff, slasher for size, round as an orange on chest, tight in feather, grand quality and style, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Calderwood, short, chubby, well tucked up underneath, fine carriage, neat wings and head, full of quality; 3, Adams, cap marked we liked well, clinker for type; 4, Jarvie; 5, McLeod. HEN (10): 1, S.P.C. medal and Jamieson cup for best young hen; 3, spl, Calderwood, pair of gems, grand type and quality, rare colour, beautifully frosted; 2, Jarvie, green variegated, short, chubby bird, plenty of substance, neat feather, good quality; 4, Watson; 5 (no name); 6, Latta; 7, Chambers. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, spl, Watson, cl. yell, grand one, wonderful size, great width of chest, well rounded, clean cut away behind, lovely head and wings, finished off with rich colour; 2, Calderwood, clear yell., very warm in colour, silky coat, clean cut carriage, fine style; 3, spl (no name), eye mkd. buff, good quality, very stylish and neat; 4, Henderson; 5, Miller; 6, Winters; 7, Russell. HEN (15): 1, Brown, yell. with dark tail, wonderful colour, grand head, neck and chest, very neat in wings and tail, excellent size and shape, fine all-round specimen; 2, Calderwood, buff head, markd, full of quality, chubby, well cut, neat, nice mealed, fine bold head and chest; 3, Jarvie, variegated, yell., typical in shape and carriage, neat as a new pin, very nice head, rare chest; 4, Gowans; 5, spl, Watson; 6, Russell; 7, Adams. NON-FED (14): 1, Winters, almost self green, rare good chest and head, fine colour, grand wings and tail, staged in rattling bloom, wins easy; 2, Adams, variegated buff, good typical bird, fine carriage; 3 (no name), short and well made, fine chest, excellent quality; 4, Alston; 5, Chambers; 6, Watson; 7, Allan. NOVICE (19): 1, Kerr, cl. buff, grand size and shape, beautiful quality, wax-like in feather; 2, D. McNeil, cl. yell., not a feather out of place; 3, Gowans, very nice shape and style, excellent in quality and feather; 4, Richmond; 5, Russell; 6, Candlish; 6, Sinclair. SELL. 15s. (16): 1, Hutchison; 2, Johnstone; 3, 7 (no names); 4, Sinclair; 5, Cooper; 6, Allan. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, B.F.C. medal; Duncan and Logan, fine all-round, good feather, shown in pink of condition; 2, Cree, another nice one; 3, Hutchison, neat head, grand wing carriage, some preferred for 2nd; 4, Gardiner, neat little fellow; 5, Fisher; 6, Willison; 7, Jamieson. HEN (10), Grand lot. 1, Murdoch, Troon, and Kilmaurs, winner little gem, nice round head, grand wing carriage, shown in pink of condition, some preferred for medal; 2, Smillie, another beauty, neat head; 3, Lennox, another good one; 4, Monaghan, smart little bird; 5, H. O. Hutchison; 6, Willison; 7, Withers. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (7): 1, Miller, correct type, grand feather; 2, Shearer, another good one, presses winner hard; 3, Lee, good one, will improve; 4, Duncan and Logan, nice type; 5, Smillie; 6, Blair: 7, no name. HEN (13), grand class: 1, 4, Smillie, beauty without a doubt, grand type, feathered like wax, we could not find a fault with her; 2, Cree, neat little bird; 3, McWatt, wee gem, lovely shape, grand carriage; 5, Duncan and Logan; 6, G. Willison; 7, Blair. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5), Rather a poor class: 1, Findlay, even-marked, wins with markings; 2, Smillie, neat head, grand body, wings and tail; 3, Duncan and Logan, good 2nd, some thought correct type; 4, Murdoch. HEN (6): 1, Cree, beauty, great colour, shown in spanking condition; 2, 5, Murdoch, another beauty, lovely head, good wings and tail, well staged; 3, Scoular, fine shape and style; 4, Gnthrie; 6, Lockhart. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Findlay, lovely even-marked, in pink of condition, wins; 2, Fisher, grand Border all over; 3, A. H. McWatt, another nice bird; 4, Shearer, neat head and wings; 5, 6, no names. HEN (3): 1, Duncan and Logan, wee gem, best of carriage, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Mossie, another good one, lovely head and wing carriage, good 2nd; 3, Gardiner, neat wings and tail; 4, Miller, typical Border. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, R. and J. Thomson, yell.-green, fine, typical bird; 2, 3, Murdoch, former self Cinn. beauty, neat head, grand wings and tail, staged in perfect condition, 3 yell.-green, grand colour, best of markings; 4, Strathearn; 5, Noble; 6, Blair. SELL. (10/-) (6): 1, Murdoch; 2, Jamieson; 3, Shearer; 4, Blair; 5, R. and J. Thomson; 6, Voy.

Mules, British and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, c, Douglas, 1st almost even mkd, yell. Goldie, in lovely bloom, magnificent colour, good size, well staged, 2nd almost cl. buff, ticked on neck and tail, 3rd buff even mkd. Goldie Mule, grand size, rare good colour, three grand birds, a credit to owner; 4, 5, Miller. DARK (10): 1, Duncan and Logan, well-known Canary-Bullie, "The Dandy," needs no comment; 2, Marlin, large buff Greenfinch Mule, nice colour and quality, well staged; 3, McGavin, Jonque Siskin Mule, nice quality feather, good size; 4, McCallum, Redpoll Mule; 5, Douglas; 6, McCaw; 7, Stevenson. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE: 1, Marlin, Goldie Mule, grand size and colour; 2, McQuiston, Goldie Mule, fine size and quality of feather, lovely blaze; 3, McWatt, another nice Goldfinch Mule, good shape, well staged; 4, Roddie, dark yell. Linnet Mule; 5, Bald; 6, Brown; 7, Jones. HYB. (4): 1, 2, McLeod, former Goldfinch-Redpoll, grand size, nice flush face, we were told it was just a baby, will be a clinker with another moult, fatter Goldfinch-Siskin, best of this cross we have seen for a long time; 3, Marlin, Greenfinch-Siskin, nice size, well staged; 4, McCaw, Siskin-Greenfinch. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Fisher, nice square-cut blaze, good buttons and tanning; 2, McMinn Bros., nice size, rich tanning, lovely square-cut blaze; 3, McQuiston, lovely type, rare bloom, well staged; 4, Gow, nice little Finch; 5, Kelly; 6, Skinner; 7, McCaw. FOR. GOLDIE (9): 1, McQuiston, well-known winner, in lovely bloom, well staged, wins easy; 2, no name, nice square-cut face, lovely depth of colour, grandly tanned; 3, McMinn Bros., was soft when we were taking notes; 4, Hutchison, nice Goldfinch, lovely colour, in tip-top form; 5, White; 6, O'Rorke; 7, Guthrie. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (16): 1, Brown, horse-moulted, teeming with quality, good dense, large, expansive cap, grand, solid breast colour, tight as wax in feather, nice shape; 2, Guthrie, field-moulted, lovely breast colour, nice cap and wing bars; 3, Dunsmuir, house-moulted, grand type, lovely breast colour; 4, Roddie; 5, Calder; 6, McFadzean; 7, Wilson. LINNET (15): 1, Paterson, West of Scotland winner, grand Nor. type, grandly laced, fine and even, nice tone of colour, in good bloom; 2, Brisbane, nice style; 3, McQuiston, grand Linnet, rare size, shining; 4, Wason, lovely size, grand style, lovely breast markings; 5, Henry; 6, Calder; 7, Mackie. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Cowan, grand size, lovely shape, deep, full chested bird, very hot colour; 2, Marlin, hot-fed, nice shape, good carriage, grandly finished; 3, 4, Bald, former Dundee winner, bouncer, grand size, lovely shape, deep, full-chested, rare head, lovely wings; 5, Mackie, 6, Calder; 7, Johnstone. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Marlin, Twite, well laced, forward in colour, nice size and shape, well put down; 2, Roddie, nice little colour-fed Siskin, nice tlb and cap, well laced; 3, no name, Twite, well put down, grand condition, lovely markings, beauty for wing flights; 4, Calder; 5, Cameron; 6, Johnstone; 7, Dunsmuir. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, A. and W. Allan, grandly laced, clear on breast, good colour and shape, in grand feather; 2, 3, no names, pair of nice Polls, in good feather; 4, G. and W. Gow; 5, Wallace; 6, Alston; 7, Kelly. BRIT. HEN (13): 1, 2, Bald, pair of gems, former well-known Bullfinch, in grand trim, rare cap and breast colour, latter well-known Greenfinch; 3, Dale, another good Bullfinch, grand cap, lovely wing bars; 4, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting; 5, Fisher; 6, Hutchison; 7, Calder. BRIT HARDBILL, SMALL (7): 1, Ward, Hawfinch, gem for size and markings, grand quality feather, exceptionally well put down; 2, Marlin, Yellowhammer, good one, rare depth of colour, grandly laced, good head markings, well staged; 3, Mackie, Corn Bunting, grand size, nice colour and markings, very steady; 4, Morrison, Hawfinch, in grand bloom, very steady; 5, Alston; 6, Small; 7, Murphy. SMALL SOFTBILL: cancelled. BRIT. LARGE (7): 1, McQuiston's well-known Cornish Chough, in great bloom; 2, Hardie, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, well staged, in grand feather; 3, Tait, Nutcracker, good bloom, well staged; 4, Smith, Song Thrush, steady as a rock, lovely spotted breast, staged in grand bloom; 5, 6, Mackie. REDPOLL, WILD (not moulted) (15): 1, A. and W. Allan; 2, Martin; 3, Menzies; 4, Cameron; 5, Marlin; 6, Portcous; 7, Calder; all good birds. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Alston, well-known Parrakeets, staged in this exhibitor's well-known style; 2, Whyte, Toucan, very rare exhibit in this quarter, lovely colour, well staged; 4, no name. SMALL (10): 1, Gibson, superb Tanager, in lovely bloom, showing his gorgeous colours to perfection, well staged; 2, 4, Garrick, 2nd well-known Parrot Finch, shown in tip-top form; 3, Morrison, long-tailed Whydah. In full bloom; 5, Alston; 6, 7, Whyte. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, Mackie; 2, Guthrie; 3, Martin; 4, Alston; 5, McCaw; 6, Menzies; 7, Brown. GIFT (9): 1, Cooper; 2, McCaw; 3, Cram; 4, 5, Watson; 6, Scott; 7, Jones.

CANTERBURY.

The best entry which Canterbury has had for some years was grouped in the Corn Exchange on December 9th and 10th, the occasion being the thirty-eighth show of the Canterbury F.S. Norwich were the strongest section, unflighted classes being the largest ever seen here. The quality was also remarkably good, birds of most excellent type being to the fore. The cup for best shown by a member of an East Kent society was won by a lovely unflighted yellow shown by Mr. Jones, the popular secretary of the Margate Society. Yorkshires, although not so numerous, were an exceedingly nice lot, whilst the Mules and British made a most attractive and high-class display. All the arrangements were ably carried out by the following committee, of which Mr. Councillor Whittaker is chairman, and that enterprising cage bird fancier, Mr. F. J. Gibbs, vice-chairman:—Messrs. W. T. Fowler, A. Attwood, C. Fox, D. Easton, A. Webb, G. Harris, A. J. Brock, J. Johnston, C. Collard, W. H. Eastman, R. Eastman, S. Taylor, J. Dalton, W. J. Goldsmith, R. Paterson, H. E. Taylor, and E. Cook. Mr. J. W. Sargeant, the secretary, is a most energetic and courteous official, and is quite the right man in the right place. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Meades, grand shape and style, beautiful colour, nice quality; 2, 3, Gibbs, a brace of gems, wonderful type, very silky, and fine in feather, but both a bit awkward with their wings; what a pity! 3rd, wins Sandiford's special; 4, Bellamy, grand stamp of bird, but soiled; vhc, Ellis; hc, Kilby; c, Mills. BUFF (10): 1, Ellis, lovely colour and quality, good shape and style; 2, Stewart, very fine in shape and feather, needed tubbing, a bonny bird; 3, Taylor, grand body shape, beautiful feather and colour; 4, Gibbs, very smart in body, shade narrow in head; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Patterson; c, Williams. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, Gibbs, fine bold deep-chested three-pointed bird of rare colour and quality, and two lovely neck ticked birds, the 3rd excelling in tightness and smoothness of feather; vhc, Castle; hc, Williams; c, Ellis. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Meades, very handsome three-pointed bird of rare shape and quality; 2, hc, Taylor, head ticked, not one of the largest, but full of quality and colour, and good shape; 4, Castle, head and neck ticked, nice shape and feather; vhc, Bellamy; c, Ellis. HEN CL. (9): 1, Patterson, very short, neat, chubby buff, a lovely little lady; 2, 4, Gibbs, grand shaped yellow of beautiful quality, and another good shaped one, not so level; 3, Taylor, grand quality buff of nice colour, nice shape and style; vhc, Mrs. Elliott; hc, Howard; c, Williams. TKD. (6): 1, spl, Gibbs, variegated yellow of grand shape, good chest and back, rare colour and nice feather; 3, Mills, four-pointed buff, capital shape, nice colour and feather; 4, Ellis, very short cobby variegated yellow, nice quality; vhc, Patterson; hc, Elliott; 965, Gibbs, was wrong-classed by Mr. House, the tick being invisible, and high up in the thigh; the schedule read, "Clear of invisible Tick," and "Ticked or unevenly marked." UNFLIG. (20): 1, 3, spl, cup, Jones, a magnificent yellow, not one of the largest, but a gem for shape, colour, and feather; 2, vhc, Taylor, another yellow, larger and bolder, grand shape and style, hardly so tight; 4, Mills, very nice feathered buff of good shape and colour; hc, Meades; c, Patterson. HEN (16): 1, Mrs. Woods, magnificent variegated yellow, wonderful quality and colour, very short and chubby; 2, Ellis, four-pointed buff, very stout, short, and cobby, rare feather and style; 3, vhc, Patterson, yellow, of lovely quality and colour, shows herself well; 4, Meades, the best in the class for shape and style, but in soft moult, a lovely hen; hc, Hedges; c, Taylor. CREST OR C.B. BRED, 1908 (4): 2, 3, 4, Taylor, just a nice little team of Crests; vhc, Darby. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 4, Gibbs, a beauty, stands well up to his work and shows well, grand shape and feather; 2, 3, Austen, hardly the length, but grand shape and carriage; 3rd, capital shape and style, bit open at thigh; vhc, Reeve; hc, Lockett; c, Brooks. BUFF (4): 2, 4, Gibbs, nice smart, shapely bird of most excellent feather and carriage; 4th, grand feather and style, not so slim; 3, Gales, very neat, capital feather and carriage. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Gibbs, neck and wing ticked, and a neck ticked, two stylish, showy birds of nice shape and quality; 2, Reeve, heavily-marked, of wonderful shape and style, nice feather; 4, Rudman, very smart thigh ticked, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Johnson; hc, Lockett; c, Brooks. BUFF (5): 2, Sales, very nice four-pointed, capital shape and quality of feather; 3, 4, Gibbs, two more shapely ticked birds, hardly so close in feather, but plenty of style; vhc, Johnson. HEN, CL (9): 1, Lockett, lovely buff, rare shape and style, grandly feathered, handles well; 2, Sales, fine slim yellow, very showy, nice wings and tail; 3, Austen, long and shapely, nice feathered yellow; 4, c, Gibbs, good stamp of buff, not in such nice feattle; vhc, Johnston; hc, Brooks. TKD. (8): 1, Reeve, very neat wing ticked, fine head, grand wings and tail, very stylish and close feathered; 2, 4, Gibbs, beautiful slim, racy, eye ticked buff, of lovely quality, and a nice cinnamon-marked yellow, which was not in such good form; vhc, Brooks; hc, Abbott; c, Green. BRED 1908 (5): 1, 2, Gibbs, neck and wing-marked yellow and a clear yellow, two finely-drawn racy birds of capital style and feather, leader has the best legs; 3, Reeve, good shape and feather, shows well; 4, Lockett, good-shaped bird, not so tight in feather; vhc, c, Lewis and Co.; hc, Abbott. BORD. (4): 2, 3, 4, Bowes, very pretty little team, in grand feather. BRED 1908 (4): 2, 3, 4, Bowes, again a very typical, well-feathered trio; hc, Richards. LIZ., BRED 1908 (6): 1, 4, spl, Wood, grandly spangled Gold, of good shape and feather; 3, vhc, Fisher, very smart Gold, nice shape, looks like a hen, if so a good one; hc, Austen; c, Gardner. PAIRS (6): 1, hc, c, spl, Gibbs, very handsome Norwich, rare shape and quality; 2, Baker, shapely, stylish Belgians; 4, Lockett, nice stamp of Yorkshires; vhc, Patterson. SELL. PAIRS (25/-) (11): 1, Jones; 2, hc, Gibbs; 3, McCreath; 5, Bonney; vhc, Patterson; hc, Kew, Hood; c, Bowes. SINGLE (20/-) (10): 1, Jones; 2, vhc, Gibbs; 3, Castle; 4, Attwood; vhc, Taylor; hc, Kew, Lewis and Co. (15/-) (18): 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, c, Gibbs; 3, Attwood; 4, Cook; vhc, Reeve; hc, Miller, Richards, Castle, Stewart. (10/-) (10): 1, Castle; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Patterson; 4, Reeve; vhc, Sales; hc, Gibbs. MULE, LIGHT (4): 2, Lamb, very handsome six-pointed yellow, a gem; 3, vhc, spl, Taylor, big, good-shaped, nice feathered four-pointed yellow; 4, Gunnell, four-pointed yellow, smaller, but lovely quality. DARK (11): 1, Lamb, magnificent Linnet-Bullie, rare depth of colour, lovely feather and shape; 2, 4, Taylor, very fine Siskin Greenfinch, lovely feather and shape, and a charming dark Jonque Goldie, a gem; 3, Gunnell, rich-coloured, well-marked Goldie-Bullie; vhc, White; hc, Williams; c, Hobden. BRIT GOLD, ETC. (13): 1, May, nice rich-coloured, well-marked Goldie; 2, Kenward, equally good Bullie, a toss up as to which should win; 3, Hodges, beautifully marked Goldie, hardly so rich in colour; 4, Popworth, a gem of a Goldie, but small; vhc, Goulden; hc, c, Hood. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Wickham, well marked, rich coloured, nice shape Linnet, and a large well-feathered Greenie, with grand wings and tail; 3, hc, Hobden, magnificent little Redpoll, lovely colour and feather; 4, Pankhurst, another good nutty-brown Linnet, well marked; vhc, Hodges; c, May. A.O.S. (7): 1, Bret, well-known Great Grey Shrike, in grand condition; 2, Miss Hopwood, lovely little Blackcap, grand colour and feather; 3, Wickham, nicely marked, rich-coloured Chaffinch; 4, Kenward, large, nicely-marked Hawfinch; vhc, Miss Unstead; wrong class, 1,164, Kenward, a Twite. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, vhc, Brett; 2, 4, Patterson; hc, Taylor; c, May.

HUTHWAITE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held November 28th at the "Workpeople's Inn." Mr. W Twins judged. The secretary, Mr. W. Taylor, had the arrangements nicely in hand, and a fine lot of birds were shown.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Marshall and Vaughan, good type, quality, and colour, very nice; 2, 3, Vardy, 2nd chubby, grand quality, 3rd good type, quality, and colour; vhc, Hatton; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, 1st best in colour and quality, 2nd large, extra good stock bird; 3, hc, Adnitt and Driver, 3rd lovely type and quality; vhc, Beardall and Walker, another good one; c, Naylor. HEN, YELL.: 1, Admitt and Driver; 2, Marshall, very nice hens, leader best in type and quality. BUFF: 1, Marshall and Vaughan, very good and large; 2, Beardall and Walker, nice type, quality, and colour; 3, Adnitt and Driver, another good hen, close up; vhc, Naylor. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Admitt and Driver, three good birds, 1st best in type and quality, 2nd nice quality and colour. BUFF: 1, 3, Vardy, 1st best in quality, very nice type and colour; 2, Beardall and Walker, heavily variegated, nice type, quality, and colour; vhc, hc, Admitt and Driver. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Admitt and Driver, nice type, grand quality; 2, vhc, Vardy, 2nd large variegated yell., good type and quality; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, also good; hc, Wilson; c, Smith. DARK CREST CK.: 1, Cowpertwaite, good crest, nice size and quality. HEN: 1, Cowpertwaite, very nice D.C., good size and droop. C.B. CK.: 1, Cowpertwaite, well cushioned head, broad, and good quality feather. HEN: 1, Cowpertwaite, good hen, extra good in head feather. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilson, 1st good length, best of quality, well up on leg, wins, 2nd good quality; 3, Smedley, another nice bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Wilson, both close together, very nice length and quality; 2, Smedley, good, close up. MULE: 1, Vardy, dark Linnet-Mule, well known. STOCK PAIRS (for Norwich breeding): 1, Marshall & Vaughan, yell., head mkd. ck. and cl. buff hen; 2, Vardy, variegated buff ck and cl. yell. hen; 3, Beardall and Walker, yell. tkd. ck. and eye-mkd. buff hen; vhc, Admitt and Driver. SELL. NOR. (10s.): 1, Admitt and Driver. CREST OR C.B. (20s.): 1, Cowpertwaite; 2, Smedley. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Wood, both grand song Thrushes. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Wilson, 1st good Bullfinch, nice colour and cap, very steady, 3rd grand Bramblefinch; 2, Connah, another fine Bramble. NOVICE.—NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Smedley, both very good; 3, Wright Bros., close up. BUFF: 1, 2, Smedley, 1st very nice cl. unflig. 2nd tkd on wing, extra good for a novice; 3, Connah, another nice Nor., close up; vhs, Wright Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, Hawksley. HEN: 1, 2, Smedley, both extra good, 1st best in size and colour, 2nd yell., eye mkd., nice type and quality; 3, Wright Bros., close up; vhc, Connah; hc, Hawksley; c, Taylor. GIFT: 1, 2, Beardall and Walker; 3, vhc, Admitt and Driver; hc, c, Marshall and Vaughan.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at the "Forester," Burleigh Street, December 2nd, when we had an exhibition of British birds, confined to members. Six classes were provided, and in all some 60 birds were placed upon the new staging provided by Mr. W. Fuller. A special for best hen was given by Mr. Lambert, and went to Mr. Helmer with a good specimen of the Ortolan Bunting. Messrs. Doggett and Mr. Linsey judged.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Banyard; 2, Kinson; 3, King. BULLFINCH: 1, King; 2, Manning; 3, Lambert. GREENFINCH: 1, McQuattie; 2, King; 3, Williams. LINNET: 1, Williams; 2, Helmer; 3, King. A.O.S.: 1, Bainbridge; 2, Lambert; 3, Ridgwell. BRIT. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Helmer; 2, Jeeves. AMATEUR JUDGING COMPETITION: 1, Williams; 2 King; 3, Bye and McQuarrie (tie).—T. S. Moore

WEST AUCKL N .

First annual show held December 5th, in the Club Room, Talbot Hotel, when Mr. J. Wilkcock judged to everyone's satisfaction. It was highly successful throughout, and was opened by the president, Mr. M. H. Kellett, supported by the officials and committee. The "gate" amounted to about £4. The secretary, Mr. Jas. Gill, is deserving of great praise for his excellent management; he certainly knows how a show should be conducted.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Hill and Stewart; 2, Cleminson; 3, Henvisido and Walker. BUFF (7): 1, J. Cuthbertson; 2, Winn; 3, Slack. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl, Slack; 2, J. Cuthbertsou; 3, Cleminson. CREST (6): 1, spl, 3, Taylor and Smart; 2, Webb and Orton. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Taylor and Smart; 2, Dixon. YORKS. (10): 1, 2 spls, J. Cuthbertson; 2, Messenger; 3, G. W. Cuthbertson. BUFF (7): 1, Atkinson; 2, Elliott; 3, Mountain. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. (10): 1, Mountain; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson; 3, J. Cuthbertsou. SELL 30s. (11): 1, 2, Dixon; 3, Taylor and Smart 15s. (11): 1, Taylor and Smart; 2, Elliott; 3, Dixon. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (14): 1, spl, 3, Davidson and Boyd; 2, Milburu and Hughes. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Dixon; 2, Parnaby; 3, Watts. MULE (7): 1, spl, 2, Hutchinson; 3, Brown. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Foster; 3, Walters Bros. LARGE (16): 1, spl, Davidson und Boyd; 2, Carter; 3, R. Foster. MEMBERS' NOR. (8): 1, spl, Heavlside and Walker; 2, Parkin; 3, Lnx. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, Elliott; 3, Moses. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2 spls, 2, Wheatley; 3, Gornell.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

Annual members' show held at the Railway Inn, Dec. 5th. The secretary, Mr. J. Smith, had the arrangements well in hand, and everything went off well. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR., YELL. CL.: 1, Butler, grand size, good type and quality; 2, Smith, lovely type, full of quality; 3, Naylor. BUFF: 1, Butler, extra good bird, very nice type and colour; 2, Clayton, another nice one; 3, Turner. YELL. MKD.: 1, Butler, very nice variog., grand type, quality and colour; 2, Marsh; 3, Poole, nice substance. BUFF: 1, Butler, variog., best type and quality, good head; 2, Bingley, another good bird; 3, Parnell; vhc, Smith. NOR. HEN: 1, Bingley, large variog., grand stock hen, lovely type, with best of heads; 2, Parnell, nice hen, fine quality; 3, Butler, another nice hen; vhc, Clayton. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, Butler, cl. yell., very nice type and quality, lovely colour, very taking; 2, Bingley, cl. yell., another of nice type and quality; 3, Brown; vhc, he, Smith. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Butler, yell. ck., good substance and head, with cobby buff hen, marked; 2, Bingley, yell. ck. and very nice buff hen; 3, Parnell; vhc, Thompson. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, 2, Clayton, leader wonderful crest of nice size, good quality of feather, 2nd another nice crest; 3, Brown; vhc, Smith. LIGHT, ETC.: 1, Norwood, grand shape and quality all over; 2, Clayton, neat crest, nice quality; 3, Smith; vhc, Butler. HEN, 1, Riley Bros., D.C., nice size, extra good quality and droop; 2, Norwood, another D.C., good size; 3, Shaw, good grey Crest, nice size; 3, Thompson; vhc, Brown. YELL. C.B.: 1, Norwood, fine cushioned headed bird of nice size, grand quality feather; 2, Clayton; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Poole, extra good in head, any amount of feather of the best quality; 2, Riley Bros., nice bird, fine quality feather; 3, Shaw, another good variog.; vhc, Clayton; he, Brown; c, Taylor. CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, Clayton, nice variog. D.C. hen of good size and quality, with green C.B. ck., nice pair; 2, Riley Bros., green Crest of fine size and quality, with good cl. hen; 3, Taylor; vhc, Thompson; c, Naylor.

LANARK.

Upper Ward, Lanarkshire, Ornithological Association held their annual show and competition in Shand's Hall on Dec. 5th. There was a really fine turnout of Scotch Fancies, Border, and Norwich Canaries, also of British and Foreign, there being 28 classes in all, with a grand total of entries of 262, in point of numbers the same as last year. Quality was strong all over. Office-bearers: President, Mr. James Selkirk; vice, Mr. D. Watson; secretary, Mr. John Clark; treasurer, Mr. James Black; committee, Messrs. McFadyen, McQuarrie, Reilly, Watson, Swanson, Park, Dickson, Boswell, Burrett, Water, Waye, Johnstone, Somerville, McLean, Reid, Lawson, J. Brownlie, Jackson. The judge for Scot. Fcy., Nor., Brit. and For. birds was Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), for Bord. Mr. Golan Hislop (Stirling). This association has had a long and prosperous reign, bordering on 50 years, and some of the old strain of fanciers and breeders were present to-day. Secretary Clark is a host of himself, and a thorough master of his duties. The hall is second to none for show purposes, being well lighted from the roof and entirely free from draught. The weather conditions were bad, there being a continuous downpour of rain all day long, which told against the number of visitors; but for all that the show was well patronised. The judges got through their task in good time, their awards being fairly well received. Mr. J. Burnside won special for most points in the Scot. Fcy. section by the narrow majority of one, having a total of 27, Mr. Geo. Reid being the runner-up and also winner of spl for best young bird. Mr. Jas. Chalmers was the winner of spl in the Scot. Fcy. section. The B.F.C.C. medal winner was Mr. Geo. Somerville. In the Norwich section for best Crest and C.B. Mr. A. McFayden won three specials and was also winner of special for most points. Special for best British was won by Mr. A. Shankly.

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. OR FOUL CK.: 1, T. Jackson, nice size, decided drive and droop; 2, L. Jackson, fine size, grand top end, nice back and wing, choice for 1st; 3, Kelly, fine droop and size; 4, Paton, nice shoulder, back and wing. YELL. OR GREEN: 1, Reid, nice size and depth, plenty of nerve, good droop; 2, 3, Lawson, sound, plenty of nerve and substance, 3rd fine reach, neat droop and size; 4, Burnside, nice drive, fine action; 5, 6, Kelly. BUFF OR FOUL: 1, spl, Chalmers, nice shoulder and length of wing, rare substance; 2, spl, Burnside, nice size and droop, neat wings and tail, well in to spar; 3, Reid, nice stamp, droop and top end; 4, L. Jackson, fine drive and top end; 5, Paton; 6, Shearer. BUFF OR GREEN: 1, Chalmers, plenty of substance, good shoulder and wings, fine condition; 2, T. Jackson, nice size, fine droop, very nervy, good pose; 3, spl, L. Jackson, good type, nicely staged; 4, spl, Watson, nice type; 5, spl, Lawson; 6, Burnside. YELL. OR FOUL HEN: 1, spl, Reid, nice reach and droop, plenty of nerve, fine pose; 2, T. Jackson, grand size and substance, nice top end and wing; 3, spl, Lawson, very neat, fine droop, nice length of side; 4, Burnside; 5, 6, L. Jackson. YELL. OR GREEN: 1, 2, Burnside, 1st nice type, good top end and substance, good drive and reach and drive, nice length of wing; 3, G. Reid, good type, fine reach and shoulders; 4, 6, T. Reid, 4th good stamp; 5, Paton. BUFF OR FOUL: 1, G. Reid, grand size, plenty of style, good droop and substance, well staged; 2, spl, Lawson, fine thickness; 3, Dickson, plenty of nerve and go; 4, spl, Chalmers; 5, Burnside; 6, L. Jackson. BUFF OR GREEN: 1, Watson, grand style and quality, nice and deep through, fine droop and entrance; 2, Aitchison, another good type, fine action and droop, nice stamp; 3, Chalmers; 4, A. Lawson; 5, spl, Burnside. BORD. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Brownlie, neat shape, quality and style, nice feather, very jaunty carriage, capital condition; 2, Sandilands, feather like wax, nice tight wings, smart finish and carriage, presses on 1st; 3, Watson, rare quality and feather, smart and jaunty; 4, Walker, rich colour, good style; 5, Dickson; 6, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, spl, Somerville, winner B.F.C. medal winner, model, grand quality, neat shape, nice feather and carriage; 2, Sandilands, nice shape, wings and tail in lovely feather, very jaunty carriage, fine bird; 3, Watson, nice style and quality, smart, excellent feather; 4, spl, Waye, neat head and back; 5, Walker; 6, Brownlie. EVEN MKD.: 1, Aitken, best even mkd., very typical, nice jaunty carriage, not a loose feather, wins; 2, Aitchison, C.K., nice even markings, in lovely feather and condition, good 2nd; 3, Walker, very typical and neat feather; 4, Smith, very jaunty; 5, spl, Brownlie; 6, Kerr. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Walker, neat model, grand quality and style, very jaunty, in lovely feather; 2, Somerville, true type of Border, staged in the pink of condition; 3, Brownlie, fine type and feather, very neat; 4, Swanson, very neat; 5, Kerr; 6, Hay. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Walker, 1st and 2nd nice models, plenty of quality and style, 3nd fine Bord., very jaunty; 4, Watson, fine type, rare feather; 5, Hunter; 6, Dickson. FOUL YELL. (one or two marks): 1, spl, Walker, ck., nice model, very neat exhibit, plenty of style, nice colour, wins; 2, Waye, ck., nice model, grand carriage, very jaunty, well finished; 3, Brownlie, very neat Bord., nice jaunty carriage, feather like wax; 4, Watson, very typical Bord., nicely staged; 5, Park; 6, Somerville. BUFF: 1, spl, 5, spl, Walker, ck., nicely moulded, well tapered, shown in rare condition; 2, spl, Watson, ck., very neat Bord., feather like wax, full of style, presses here; 3, Somerville, nice type and feather, very jaunty; 4, spl, Waye, neat, nicely moulded; 6, Lawson. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Brownlie, green, very level in colour, nice quality of feather, fine type, full of style; 2, Dickson, very steady, jaunty carriage, in lovely feather and condition; 3, spl, Watson, beauty, fine tone of colour, in grand feather; 4, Walker, green ck., nicely staged; 5, Smith; 6, Walker. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Walker, 1st grand type, in lovely feather, very jaunty carriage, 2nd very narrow margin between 1st and 2nd; 3, Sandilands, grand type of Bord., in excellent feather; 4, Waye, very nice type, well staged; 5, Brownlie; 6, Ritchie. BUFF: 1, spl, Waye, runner-up for silver medal, very jaunty, in lovely feather, value for its place; 2, spl, 3, spl, 4, spl, Walker, nice model lot, all in excellent feather, well placed, 2nd and 3rd very nicely moulded; 5, Watson; 6, Lawson. SELL., CK. (5/-), HEN (6/-): 1, Sandilands; 2, 4, Walker; 3, Waye; 5, Watson; 6, Lawson. NOR., YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Johnstone, 1st hen, nice colour, fine style and feather, well staged, 3rd ck., rich colour, neat shape; 2, 5, McFayden, 2nd rare shape and style, in grand condition; 4, Somerville, nice back, well set up, in grand condition of feather; 6, Reilly. BUFF: 1, spl, Dickson, grand feather, nice wing and tail, neat shape; 2, Shearer, grand size, shapely, very neat, fine position; 3, Reilly, very neat, nicely moulded, in grand feather; 4, Johnston, staged in lovely condition; 5, McFayden; 6, Reid. C.B.: 1, spl, 2, McFayden, 1st nice skull, dense long head feather, 2nd head feather dense and of good length; 3, Wilson, nice skull; 4, Reid, nice head; 5, Brownlie; 6, Wilson. CREST: 1, spl, 3, 4, 5, McFayden, 1st good size, large even dense crest, 3rd and 4th good all round birds; 2, Wilson, nice crest. BULLIE, ETC.: 1, Lawson, Goldfinch, a gem, nice blaze and body colour, neat buttons, splendid feather; 2, Johnstone, Bullfinch, smart Bullie, good size, fine cap; 3, Somerville, Goldfinch, nice square blaze, rare tan on chest, steady, nice bird; 4, Forrest, Bullfinch, nice stamp and colour; 5, Stroud; 6, Selkirk. GREY LINNET: 1, Reilly, rare size, smart and shapely, rich in colour, well laced; 2, Telfer, nice colour, good front, well pencilled, fine feather; 3, Forrest, nice colour, and pencilling; 4, Somerville, good size and markings; 5, Lawson; 6, Shearer. BRIT., SMALL: 1, spl, 2, Shankley, 1st Hawfinch, best Brit. bird, splendid colour, grand size and shape, well cut bib, fine specimen, grand condition, 2nd Yellowhammer, well marked, richly coloured, lovely tight feather, rare condition; 3, Telfer, Greenfinch, grand shape, very tight in feather, good wings, neat head, fine chest and colour; 4, Harper, Siskin, gem for size, lovely colour, nicely laced, grand cap and bib, nice exhibit; 5, Selkirk, Bramblefinch; 6, Johnstone, Bramblefinch. DK. MULE: 1, 2, Somerville, 1st Goldie-Can., grand colour, good blaze, in grand condition, 2nd Linnet-Can., in rare condition, showing parentage well; 3, Johnstone, Goldie-Can., not quite the colour of 1st; 4, Forrest, Siskin-Can., good colour and feather; 5, 6, Selkirk. LIGHT: 1, spl 4, 6, Johnstone, 1st Goldfinch-Can., best in class, good size, staged in lovely condition, 4th Goldfinch-Can., nice size and quality; 2, 3, Reilly, Goldfinch-Can., both nicely variog., 3rd barely so rich in colour as 2nd; 5, Swanson. Twite-Can. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 4, 5, Telfer, 1st Siberian Goldfinch, nice square blaze, very steady, nice chest and wings, very attractive, 2nd Paradise Whydah, in lovely feather and condition, 4th Lovebirds, in grand bloom and feather, in pink of condition; 3, McFayden, Ring-neck Parrakeet, shown in grand condition; 6, Selkirk.

RAUNDS.

Third annual show of the Woodbine Working Men's Club held at headquarters, November 28th and 29th, when the caged bird section proved a success. Mr. R. Reynolds, the secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, assisted by a capable committee. Mr. C. Martin judged to everyone's satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, Belcher; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Priestley; he, Palmer; c, Baleman. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, vhc, Martin; 2, 3, Bateman; he, c, Belcher. A.O.V.: 1, spl, vhc, Martin; 2, he, Bosworth; 3, Bateman; c, Head. MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, 2, spl Reynolds; 3, Webb; vhc, c, Haxley; he, Hazeldine. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 3, he Reynolds; 2, Haxley; c, Hazeldine. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 3, Nickerson; 2, he, Atkins; vhc, Webb and Nunley; c, Spencer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Atkins; 2, Miss Eaton; 3, Rugby; vhc, Pollard; he, Ward; c, Arnold. A.O.S. HARD BILL. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, spl: Martin; vhc, Haynes and Downing; he, Chapman; c, Downing. LARGE: 1, spl Belcher; 2, Priestley; 3, Sansome. SOFT BILL: 1, spl, 3, Haynes; 2, Atley; he, Higby. FOR.: 1, spl, Meadows; 2, Higby; 3, Haynes; he, Atkins. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Atkins; vhc, Eaton; he, Nickerson. HARD BILL: 1, spl, vhc, Downing; 2, Reynolds; 3, Nickerson; he, c, Atkins. SOFT BILL: 1, spl, and vhc, Johnson; 2, 3, c, Atkins; he, Hazeldine.

FROME.

First show of the Frome C.B.S. held December 3rd, in the Central Mart, a capital room for a bird show, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. For a first venture the society must be congratulated on the numbers and quality of the exhibits, and we should not be surprised to see this show grow into one of our best fixtures. Certainly if good management and enthusiasm will ensure this end, this result should be attained. The exhibits were well staged and had the very best of attention from a good body of fanciers, which constituted the committee of whom Mr. J. Tottle is the esteemed chairman. Mr. W. Minty makes a first-class hon. sec., and had the work well in hand; he was very courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards. Messrs. Evins Bros., won special for best Canary in show; Mr. J. Tottle that for most points in Canary classes; Mr. J. Houghton that for most points in Norwich; Mr. T. Keegan that for most points in Yorkshires; and Mr. J. Tottle that for best bird exhibited by a member.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Tristem and Taylor, gem for colour and quality, nice shape, good wings and tail, neat head, in grand form; 2, Houghton, shapely, good head, neck and back, nice quality; 3, James, left eye and wing mkd, splendid colour, good back, neat tail; 4, Southcombe, rich colour, nice shape and quality; vhc, Fellows; he, Trigg; c, Watson; No. 5, Brain, absent. BUFF (8): 1, James, grand shape, full head and neck, rich under-colour, well mealed, good back, wings, and tail; 2, Houghton, rare size and shape, nice colour and frosting, good back and chest; 3, Follwell, colour and quality of the best, nice wings and tail; 4, Norman, ticked on head and rump, nice colour and feather; vhc, Young; he, Tottle; No. 3, Brain, absent. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Southcombe, head and wing ticked, magnificent shape, good head, full neck, nice back, wings and tail, good colour and quality; 2, Follwell, ticked yellow, grand colour, good size and shape, nice back and flights; 3, Houghton, clear buff, nice shape, good feather and quality, neat wings; 4, Tristem and Taylor, nice quality of feather; vhc, Watson; he, Carter; No. 4, Brain, absent. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Keegan, neck and cheek marked, beautiful colour and quality, stands well on good legs, plenty of swagger; 2, Garland, lovely quality and well up in style and position, well braced wings and nice pipe tail; 3, Carter, mkd. eyes, breast and wings, plenty of length, nice feather; vhc, Cooper; he, Maisey; c, Palmer. BUFF (6): 1, Keegan, Cinn, mkd. on back, beautiful feather, stands well, nice flights and tail, neat head, full of style; 2, Elsmore, clear, hot colour, nice length and position, not quite so slim built; 3, Keegan, Cinn. mkd. splendid position and close feather, nice wings and tail; 4, he, Maisey, lovely quality and length; he, Walker. BRED 1908 (12): 1, Keegan, neck and wing marked buff, beautiful close feather of good quality, straight as a rush, gets well up; 2, Maisey, yell, beautiful position and style, nice length, good wings and tail; 3, Garland, grizzled on back and wing, buff, lovely feather, good back; 4, Cooper, nice feather, stand and style, close up; vhc, Carter; he, Elsmore; c, Price. CREST OR C.B. (13): 1, Evins Bros, beautiful ben, thick, well formed crest, of good droop, and well radiated from a neat centre, nice veiny feather, takes special for best Canary in show; 2, 3, Greenwood and Burson, grand frontal crest, thick, and comes well to beak end; 3, Crest-bred, good length of feather on skull, nice back and skull; 4, vhc, c, Mrs. Haysom, nice drooping crest; he, Tottle. A.O.V. (10): special best members', 1, 2, c, Tottle, buff Lancs. coppy, good substance of body, feather well wrapped up, nice shaped coppy; 2, good yell. P.H., head good, skull and body; 3, Minty, nice Dutch Frill; 4, vhc, Edwards, nice Lancs. P.H. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Clark, Deeble and Hodge, six-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can, grand quality feather, well marked and in grand condition; 2, Locke, four-pointed yell. nice colour and feather; 3, Mules, four-pointed buff, good size and shape, grand coloured flights; 4, vhc, Fellows; he, Welsh. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Clark, Deeble and Hodge, nice coloured blaze, grand tanning on chest, fine collar, in grand feather; 2, 4, Coggins, nice blaze and wing bars; 3, Fellows, Bullfinch, nice breast colour, good cap and bars; vhc, Southcombe; he, Wheeler; c, Dodge. SELL. (8): 1, Tottle; 2, Pinnell; 3, Norman; 4, Evins Bros.; vhc, Hinds; he, Fellows; c, Clarke. MEMBERS'—NOR. (9): 1, Tottle, cl. Yell. good shape and size, deep, solid colour, good head and neck; 2, spl, Hoddinott, good shaped bull, nice quality, well mealed; 3, 4, Miss Walker, buff, good shape and colour; 4, nice shape, good wings and tail; vhc, Walker; he, c, Baily. YORKS. (8): 1, 3, he, Miss Walker, nice trio, head ticked, yell. leading, good colour, feather and position; 3, head and wing mkd, yell, slim built; 2, Hoddinott, smart, up standing clear buff hen, splendid feather; 4, Baily, marked wings and eyes, yell, good feather; vhc, Pope; c, Palmer. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, Tottle, nice team, green leading, well formed crest, good droop, and radiation; 4, Stock. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 4, Tottle, green leading, nice shaped skull, well feathered; 3, Stock. LANCS. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, c, Minty, nice lot, good buff coppy leading. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (10): 1, 3, vhc, Dodge, grand little buff Bord. hen, as tight as wax, neat wings and tail, nice carriage; 3, smart yell. Border, good feather and shape; 2, Elliott, nice coloured and feathered dark jonque Can. Mule, takes spl, for best mule shown by member; 4, Pickford, nice feathered, dark yellow Greenfinch-Can.; he, Welsh. BRIT. (12): 1, Palmer, Goldfinch in beautiful feather, nice blaze, bars and buttons, good tanning on chest, very steady; 2, vhc, Elliott, good coloured Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, 3, Wheeler, smart Lesser Redpoll, good feather and well laced; 4, Hoddinott, nice feathered Linnet, well pencilled; he, Dodge; c, Pope.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Tenth annual show held in the Trades Hall, November 7th. The president is Mr. D. Graham, and the secretary, Mr. John Henderson. The judges were Messrs. J. Jeans (Falkirk), and M. Craig (Glasgow). The entries were in excess of last year's, some grand birds being staged in the Pinkheads and Borders. The cup and gold medal for best young bird was won by Mr. Andrew Miller for the third year in succession, with a fine clear yellow hen Pinkhead; Mr. A. Walker won the cup for second best young bird with a very nice yellow green Border; gold medal for most points over show (given by the president), was also won by Mr. Miller. The British section was much in advance of former year's, some well known winners at open shows being staged. There was a large turn out of the general public.

YOUNG BIRD SECTION—CREST: 1, spl, Lappin, C.B.: 1, 2, Lappin; 3, Hamilton. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, cup and gold medal, Miller; 2, Henry; 3, Sherriden; 4, Kidd; vhc, he, c, Suttie. BUFF (6): 1, 4, McRobbie; 2, spl, Sanderson; 3, vhc, Miller; he Sherriden; c, Henry. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Miller; 2, Maxwell; 3, Kidd; 4, vhc, Henry; he, Sherriden; c, Suttie. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Miller; 2, Graham; 4, Sanderson; vhc, Henry; he, Sherriden; c, Suttie. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL (9): 1, vhc, Miller; 2, Whitelaw; 3, Cochrane; 4, c, Walker; he, Lappin. BUFF (10): 1, he, Miller; 2, Cochrane; 3, Walker; 4, c, Henderson; vhc, Lappin. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Whitelaw; 2, spl, Henderson; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Miller. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Miller; 2, 4, Henderson; 3, spl, Walker; vhc, he, Whitelaw. YORKS. YELL (4): 1, 2, 3, McRobbie; 4, Webster. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 3, Webster; 2, 4, McRobbie; vhc, Priest. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, cup for second best bird in hall, Walker; 2, 3, 4, Hamilton; vhc, Priest. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, spl, Henderson; 2, spl, McRobbie; 3, 4, Murdoch. OLD BIRDS—CREST. CK. (4): 1, spl, 3, Hamilton; 2, Graham; 4, Lappin. HENS (2): 1, Henry; 2, Graham. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Priest; 2, 3, Henry; 4, Graham. HEN (2): 1, Gow; 2, Graham. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Maxwell; 2, spl, Miller; 3, Sherriden; 4, Kidd; vhc, Gow; he, Graham; c, Henry. BUFF (12): 1, McRobbie; 2, Cochrane; 3, spl, Miller; 4, Graham; vhc, Fairweather; he, Gow; c, Kidd. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Priest; 2, vhc, Kidd; 3, 4, Webster; he, Graham. BUFF (5): 1, Graham; 2, Henry; 3, vhc, Fairweather; 4, he, Suttie; c, Priest. CL. ETC. YELL. BORD. (2): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Walker. BUFF (6): 1, Cochrane; 2, spl, Henderson; 3, Walker; 4, Whitelaw; vhc, Brown; c, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Whitelaw. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Miller; 2, Lappin; 3, 4, Whitelaw; vhc, Walker. YORKS.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, Hardie; 3, Webster; vhc, c, McRobbie; he, Priest. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Brown. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 3, he, Hamilton; 2, spl, Walker; 4, Priest; vhc, Fairweather. SELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Henry; 2, spl, McRobbie; 3, he, Walker; vhc, Sherriden; c, Hamilton. HEN.: 1, Henry; 2, 3, Kidd. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Miller; 2, spl, 3, Murdoch. NOVICE NOR.: 1, spl, 3, Maxwell; 2, spl, 4, Sherredan; vhc, Hardie; he, Priest. BORD.: 1, spl, Brown; 2, spl, 3, Aitkenhead. MULE: 1, Brown. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, spl, Miller; 2, 3, 4, Gow; vhc, McRobbie; he, Cochrane; c, Priest. LINNET (11): 1, Aitkenhead; 2, spl, vhc, A. Cochrane; 3, Fairweather; 4, Gow; he, Miller; c, Graham. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Gow; 2, Cochrane; 3, A. Cochrane. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, Miller; 2, spl, Gow; 3, Cochrane; vhc, Graham; he, Brown; c, Priest. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Webster; 2, spl, Miller; 3, Brown; 4, Cochrane; vhc, A. Cochrane; he, Priest. SMALL BRIT.: 1, spl, Miller; 2, vhc, Gow; 3, Cochrane; 4, A. Cochrane. LARGE: 1, Cochrane FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, McRobbie; 2, spl, 3, Noddings. GIRT (12): 1, spl, Walker; 2, McRobbie; 3, Sherriden; 4, Henderson; 5, Graham; he, Fairweather; c, Hamilton.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

The annual show of the Waltham Abbey and Dist. F.S. was a decided success. It was held in the Town Hall on Dec. 5th, under the most favourable auspices as regards the building and accommodation. The chief drawback was the light, which at one time, owing to the heavy atmosphere, was very bad. Mr. W. D. Ward, the hon. secretary, as an excellent organiser, and well sustained his reputation. The committee are a splendid body of fanciers, and include the following:—Lady G. Colvin, Messrs. Bulgin, Clark, Edwards, Judd, Simpson, Townsend, Aldridge, Archer, Chapman, Fitch, Rogers, Sewell, Williams, Bolton, Booker, Clark, Jackson, Searle, Traylen, and Waspe. Lady Colvin and her family take a lively and practical interest in the society and its shows, and her ladyship was present in the show for a considerable time. The cup was won by a Crest-bred, shown by Mr. H. Bulgin. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. The entry was in excess of last year's.

YORKS., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Bulgin, leader best position and feather; 3, Edwards, neat and nice. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Bulgin, good team for position and quality; res, Edwards. NOR., YELL. (11): 1, spl, Tichmer, bonny shaped variog., beautiful head, short body, flights and tail, said to be a hen, good one at that; 2, 3, vhc, c, Tichmer, a grand team; res, Rogers; he, Bulgin. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Bulgin, leader best type, nice tone of feather, good under colour; 2, 3, res, Tichmer, a nice trio; he, Hodgetts; c, Rogers. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, cup, 2, 3, res, Bulgin, leader a nearly green C.B., good skull, body and head feather. MULE, LIGHT (2): 1, Titchmarsh, variog. Goldie-Can.; 2, Sewell, DARK (3): 1, spl, 2, Mumford, buff Goldie-Can., fine blaze, leading. GOLDIE (3): 1, spl, Titchmarsh, fine face, buttons, good bars, very steady; 2, Shadbolt, nice Finch; 3, Sewell, black on legs yet. BULLIE (1): 1, Titchmarsh. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Lambeth. SMALL (1): 1, Hoare. SELL. (15/-) (5): 1, Hodgetts; 2, Edwards; 3, res, Bulgin. (10/-) (1): 1, Hodgetts.

HAWICK O.S.

Hawick O.S. held their annual show on December 8th. The exhibition, which was confined to a five-mile radius, took place in Burns's Auction Rooms, which were kindly lent to the society free of charge by Mr. Burns. Entries turned up admirably, and quality was well to the fore. Messrs. Arnot and Jameson won the B.F.C.C. medal, with a buff uneven Border, this being its first public appearance. As this society is one of the oldest which our Border towns can boast of, there are hopes of its again being the show of all. The chairman is Mr. J. Arnot; committee: Messrs. Laidlaw, Dodds, Dick, Jamieson, Burns, Heskith, Nichol, etc. The society in Mr. H. Amos possess a courteous and obliging secretary.

SCOT., FCY.: Dodds BORD., CL., ETC., YELL, CK.: 1, 3, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Ford; 4, Maypole; 5, Knox. HEN: 1, Ford; 2, Knox; 3, 4, Arnot and Jamieson; 5, Middlemiss; 6, Amos. BUFF, CK.: 1, 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Richardson; 3, Amos; 4, Miss Sime; 6, Redhead. HEN: 1, Ford; 2, 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Richardson; 4, Storrie; 6, Amos. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, 2, 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, 7, Amos; 4, Ford; 6, Redhead. BUFF: 1, B.F.C.C. medal, 3, 4, 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, Ford; 6, Amos; 7, Redhead. YELL. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Amos; 4, Nichol; 6, Laidlaw. BUFF, GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Arnot and Jamieson; 4, 5, Amos; 6, Laidlaw. SELL 8s.: 1, 6, 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Jamieson; 4, Nichol; 5, Amos. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hesketh; 5, Storrie. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hesketh A.O.V., SELL 10s.: 1, Redhead; 2, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Hesketh; 4, Dodds. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Dick; 2, 4, Arnot and Jamieson; 3, Nichol; 5, 6, Jamieson; 7, Redhead. SINGING CAN.: 1, 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 2, 4, Forrest; 3, Gentle; 6, Elliot; 7, Carruthers. MULE OR HYB., OLD: 1, 3, Bell; 2, 6, Hesketh; 4, Laidlaw; 5, Welsh. BRED 1908: 1, Dryden; 2, Welsh; 3, 5, Nichol; 6, Hesketh; 7, Skead. GOLDFINCH: 1, Welsh; 2, Richardson; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Crosbie; 6, Butler; 6, Hesketh; 7, Lumsden. LINNET: 1, Butler; 2, 3, Hesketh; 4, Storrie; 5, Adamson; 6, Welsh. GREENFINCH: 1, Hesketh; 2, 3, Laidlaw; 4, 6, Robson; 5, Bell; 7 Dryden. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, 5, Laidlaw; 4, Hesketh. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 5, 7, Hesketh; 2, 3, 4, 6, Laidlaw. A.O.S. SOFT BILL: 1, 2, 4, 5, Laidlaw; 3, Longhorn. BRIT. HEN: 1, Hesketh; 2 Lumsden; 3, Storrie. FOR.: 1, Skead; 2, Gillilin; 3, Mrs. D. Davidson; 4, Jamieson.

ULSTER.

Ulster O.A. held their annual show in the Avenue Hall Belfast, on December 4, and 5th. Mr. Robert Trimble, the hon. sec., had the birds well staged, and he was ably assisted by Messrs Carson, Gray, South, Gilmore, Neill, Smyth, M'Connell, Leasy, and Fleuling. The Scotch Fancies were a grand lot, the clear, yellow, and buff hens were two gems, and well deserved the first prize card. Yorkshires turned up well, both in numbers and quality. Norwich also were a grand lot, the unflg. yellow, which won the cup for best young bird being a gem. Mr. Arnott (Sauchie), judged the Scotch and A.O.V. classes, and Mr. Mundell (Bradford), the Yorks. and Norwich.

Mr. Arnott's Classes.

BELG. (9): 1, 3, 4, 8, Neill, 1, full of nerve, good head, grand position; 3, very nervy, good carriage, position; 2, 5, 6, 7, Ronaldson, 2, again full of nerve, grand head, wing carriage, position. SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, Ronaldson, 1, splendid reach and curve, grand position; 3, good head, reach, depth of chest, and position; 2, M'Cann, reach, long flight, very showy; 5, Neill; 6, Moreland; 7, Tedford. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, Hamilton, 1, fine head, long reach, nice depth of chest, long wing and tail; 3, full of nerve, good chest, wing and tail; 2, 5, 9, Ronaldson, 2, good head, long reach, wing and tail, very showy; 6, Moreland; 7, Neill. YELL. PIED. CK. (9): 1, Lavery, neat head, rare chest, good drive, full of action; 2, McCann, drive and reach good, neat head, good depth; 3, 4, Trimble, 3, good drive, neat head, depth of chest; 4, full of go, long reach, neat head, good wings and tail; 5, Neill; 6, Moreland; 7, R. Trimble. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Neill, good drive, long neck, nice wings, and tail, stands firm on perch; 2, lovely drive, full of nerve, neat head; 3, Best, long reach, good chest. GREEN CK. (5): 1, Neill, grand head, long reach, depth of chest; 2, Hamilton, nerve, length of wings and tail, good reach; 3, R. Trimble; 4, Ronaldson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 7, 8, Ronaldson, great length, full of nerve, grand reach, neat head, handles well, good one; 2, Neill, long reach, plenty of substance, grand wings and tail; 3, Clonahley, nice head, depth of chest; 4, W. Trimble; 5, Thompson; 6, Lavery. BUFF (6): 1, Neill, grand length, long reach, depth of chest, good one; 2, 3, Hamilton, two fine birds, neat heads, very showy; 4, Lavery; 5, M'Cann; 6, Ronaldson. YELL. PIED. (4): 1, 3, Neill, good drive, neat head; 3, nice wings and tail, depth of chest, full of nerve; 2, R. Trimble, good head, nice drive and action; 4, Hamilton. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Ronaldson, 1, long reach, neat head, good long flights and tail, handles well; 3, very nervy, neat head, grand depth; 2, W. Trimble, good head, long reach, stands firm; 4, R. Trimble; 5, Lavery; 6, Neill; 7, Caulfield. GREEN HEN (6): 1, Lavery, long reach, plenty of nerve; 2, W. Trimble, good head, depth of chest, long reach; 3, 5, Ronaldson, very nervy, long reach, good wings and tail; 4, 5, Neill. SELL SCOT. CK. (25/-) (6): 1, Hamilton; 2, W. Trimble; 3, Caulfield; 4, Tedford; 5, 6, Clonghley. HEN (25/-) (3): 1, M'Cann; 2, W. Trimble; 3, Lavery. A.O.V. (4): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Osborne; 4, M'Callum. CAN. MULE (9): 1, M'Cann, Goldie-Can. lovely condition; 2, Osborne, Goldie-Can, nice bird; 3, Tate; 4, Owens and Magee; 5, Bannon; 6, Ronaldson; 7, Boyce. MULE DARK (13): 1, Osborne, Siskin-Can. yell. lovely markings, in grand condition; 2, Carson, Greenie-Can., lovely quality; 3, Tate, yell. Goldie-Can. shown in grand condition; 4, M'Caldin; 5, Ross; 6, Smith; 7, Dawson; 8, Barclay. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, Greenie-Bullie, grand condition; 2, 3, Goldie buff, nice quality, very steady and shown in grand condition, fine team; 4, Alexander, Goldie-Bullie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Barclay, good blaze, nice buttons and bars, in fine condition; 2, 3, Lavery, 2, fine blaze, nice quality, buttons and bars; 3, very typical, rich colour, blaze and bars; 4, Ross, fine bird; 5, Greeshaber; 6, M'Cann; 7, Byrne; 8, Tate. LINNET (12): 1, Mrs. O'Neill, lovely markings, rich colour, nice type, well staged; 2, Brownlee, nut brown, nicely pencilled, very steady; 3, Mulligan, rich colour, nicely pencilled, very steady, we liked; 4, Birse, good colour and markings; 5, Mateer; 6, Byrne; 7, M'Burney; 8, Ronaldson. BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 5, Tate, Greenie, nice size and colour; 2, Connolly, Siskin, nicely pencilled, good bib; 3, Owens and Magee, Bullie, rich colour, lovely cap; 4, Harte; 6, Ross; 7, Grieshater; 8, Osborne.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

CREST C.B. (8): 1, 2, Belch, 1, cl. body, grey crest, grand centre, plenty of body feather; 2, good droop, centre and feather, d.c., even wings; 3, 4, Fisher, 3, d.c. even wings, body feather; 4, d.c., good centre, plenty of body feather; res, vhc, Tate; hc, M'Gagherty; c, Wright. HEN (4): 1, 3, Tate, 1, variegd. good centre, plenty of feather and droop; 3, good body feather, neat centre and droop; 2, Belch, grand centre, nice droop, front and sides; 4, Creighton, good droop and centre, body feather. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Tate, real smasher, massive skull, plenty of feather; 2, Fisher, good skull, plenty of feather; 3, Birse. HEN: 1, Fisher, good head, plenty of body fathers; 2, Blech, grand head, very bonny, plenty of feather; 3, Tate. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Steward, rich colour, quality, grand wing carriage; 2, cup for best unflg. 3, Thompson 2, unflg. short and chubby, good head and chest, grand carriage, blaze of colour; 3, good size, rich colour and quality, nice wing carriage; 4, Barclay, full of quality, nice head; res, vhc, Connell; hc, Osborne; c, Carson. TICK. YELL. (7): 1, M'Cagherty, cheek tick, nice colour, soft silky feather, short wings and tail; 2, M'Connell, neck tick, good head and breast, blaze of colour, full of quality, compact wings, short tail; 3, Connell, tbigh tick, pale colour, boxy feather, grand head; 4, Thompson, unflg., cap and wing mkd, blaze of colour, nice quality, good head, short and chubby; res, Gray; vhc, Stewart; hc, Lougridge. BUFF CL. (18): 1, Stewart, good head, and chest, blaze of colour, wonderful quality, grand type, very steady; 2, 4, Thompson, rich colour, excellent quality, good bead; 3, res, Barclay, pale colour, nice head and back; vhc, M'Cann; hc, Osborne; c, M'Cagherty. TKD. BUFF (8): 1, Mulligan, cap rich, colour magnificent, quality, grand type, very steady; 2, Thompson, tick neck, good head, clean on chest, short and chubby; 2, Barclay, cheek mkd. rich colour, grand quality, nice wings and tail, good bead; 4, Carson, typical, full of quality; res, Lougbridge; vhc, Connell; hc, Tate; c, M'Connell. VARIEG. (15): 1, res, Stewart, rich colour, yell, lovely quality, good head and chest, nice wings and tail; 2, Teasy, buff eye mkd. blaze of colour, teeming with quality, short and chubby; 3, M'Cann, yell. uneven, full of quality, good head, nice compact wing; 4, Mulligan, variegd. pale colour, nice substance, quality; vhc, Tate; hc, M'Connell; c, Osborne. HEN YELL. (8): 1, 3, Thompson, good head, clean on chest, nice back, full of quality, grand shape; 3, ticked, rich colour, quality, nice type; 2, Gray, nice type, lovely quality, good head; 4, vhc, Connell; res, Barclay; hc, Stewart; c, Dowing. BUFF (9): 1, Carson, good head, rich colour and feather, short and chubby, good hen; 2, 3, Connell, two good birds, fine quality, nice breed hens; 4, Thompson, colour, boxy feather, grand type; res, Lougbridge; vhc, Gilmore; hc, Milligan; c, Barclay. TICK. BUFF (8): 1, Thompson, grizzled head, rich colour, boxy feather, grand type; 2, Gilmore, cap rich colour, good head boxy feather, short wings and tail; 3, Laughridge, good head, short and chubby, lovely quality; 4, Leasy, feather, type and quality; res, Owens and Magee; vhc, Gray; hc, Tate; c, Mulligan. VARIEG. HEN (8): 1, Barclay, variegd. buff, grand quality, rich colour, good head, clean on chest; 2, 4, Stewart, 2, yell, wing and cheek, blaze of colour, boxy feather, very typical; 4, yell. full of quality, type, nice round head; 3, M'Cagherty, variegd. buff, good head, round chest, full of quality, rich colour; res, M'Connell; vhc, Thompson; hc, Mulligan; c, Osborne. SELL (20/-) CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 4, Fisher; 2, res, Birse; 3, Walker; vhc, Carson; hc, Wright. NOR. (15/-) (13): 1, 2, Barclay; 3, M'Connell; 4, Leasy; res, O'Hara; vhc, Thompson; hc, Tate; c, Reilly. SONG BIRD (12/6) (13): 1, Gray; 2, Thompson; 3, Carson; 4, Harvey; res, vhc, Stewart; hc, Leasy; c, Gilmore. YORKS. CL. YEL. CK. (13): 1, South, lovely type and quality, rich colour, long flights and tail; 2, Huggard, pale colour, lovely quality, neat head, grand position; 3, Sheridan and Fry, grand type and quality; 4, c, Hawkins, 4, unflg. rich colour, quality, good wings and tail; res, M'Quade; vhc, Coyne; hc, Devins. HEN (10): 1, Tighe, grand type, and quality, rich colour, neat head, wings and tail; 2, hc, Sheridan and Fry, 2, rich colour, magnificent quality, good head, nice wing carriage; 2, c, Devins, position, good head, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, res, South, typical long flight and tail; hc, M'Quade. TICK, ETC. CK. (11): 1, Coyne, yell, blaze of colour, lovely quality, typical, slim, full of nerve, well up on leg, good head; 2, Huggard, buff, boxy feather, grand position; good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, vbc, Devins, variegd. yell. long flights and tail, quality rich, colour, position A1; 4, M'Quade, uneven buff, typical, lovely quality, nice wings and tail; res, Tighe; hc, Hawkins; c, Cloke. BUFF CL. (13): 1, O'Reilly, grand position, lovely feather, rich colour, shines grand, wing and tail, wins on condition from 2, Devins, very typical, boxy feather, good wings and tail, we liked; 3, Hawkins, position and feather good, head, wings and tail; 4, Huggard, neat head, well up on leg, long flight and tail; res, Mulligan; vhc, c, Tighe; hc, Sheridan and Fry. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Hawkins, rich colour, full of quality, well up on leg, steady, grand position; 2, Sheridan and Fry, typical, excellent quality, nice wings and tail, close race; 3, Coyne, rich colour, feather, neat head very stylish; 4, Devins, very typical, lovely quality; res, Louth; vhc, Tighe; hc, Cloke; c, Mulligan. VARIEG. HEN (13): 1, 2, Duigenan, 1, long and slim, full of quality, well up on leg and breedy; 2, typical, nice wings, carriage, very showy; 3, res, Cloke, nice type and quality, good head; 4, M'Quade, typical, good bend, wings and tail; vhc, hc, Louth; c, Devins. NOVICE, YORKS. (12): 1, Birse; 2, 3, Fleming; 4, Carroll; res, Keatings; vbc, Farrell; hc, c, Mulligan. HEN (8): 1, Fleming, the noted Dublin winner; 2, Keating; 3, hc, Keatings; 4, Dr. J. P. Lavery; res, Carroll; vhc, c, Birse. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Birse; 2, Fleming; 3, Keating; 4, Farrell; res, Mulligan; vhc, Dr. J. P. Lavery. VARIEG. HEN (7): 1, 2, Fleming, two very nice typical hens, wins; 3, Birse; 4, Dr. J. P. Lavery; res, Mulligan; vhc, Farrell; hc, Colville. YORKS. SELL. (15/-) (7): 1, Louth; 2, Cloke; 3, Devins; 4, O'Hara; res, Coyne; vbc, Dr. J. P. Lavery; hc, Maguire.

WEST HERTS.

The old-established fixture of the West Herts F.A. was held in the Clarendon Hall on Dec. 8th. Entries were not numerous, but the quality was good, especially in the British and Foreign sections. The birds were nicely staged, and their needs were well attended to by the following staff of stewards: Messrs. J. Goodall, Withers, Quantrell, Watts, Buckingham, and Shirley. Mr. Clem Watson, aided by his past experience of years ago, made a most admirable secretary, and he received valued aid from Mr. E. J. Clark, his assistant. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Battison, grand shaped ticked buff, capital colour, beautifully mealed and nice size, 2nd very smart level coloured, good quality yellow, 3rd fine bold cl. buff, hardly so tight; 4, Goodall, sweet neck ticked buff, nice colour and quality; c, Groves. HEN (5): 1, Wright, grand little buff, capital colour, shape and feather, well mealed; 2, 3, 4, Battison, another good team, all buffs, cl. and two ticks, very shapely and nice colour; vhc, Shirley. YORKS. (11): 1, Fryer, very smart, stylish, well shaped yell. of good feather; 2, Alford, rare feathered yell., nice head and back, stands well up; 3, 4, vhc, Buckingham, smart yell. of grand feather, a variegd. buff of capital type and feather, and another good yell.; hc, Sears; c, Rackley. HEN (5): 1, 3, 4, Buckingham, two grandly feathered buffs, stand well up, winner neatest in tail, and a heavily marked cinn. yell.; 2, vhc, Sears, rare smart little buff, grand shape and style, lovely feather. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Goodall, big headed, well lashed, stylish yell. Lancashire. MULE (7): 1, Goodall, grand shaped, 4-pointed buff of capital shape and feather; 2, Gunnell, very smart, sleek feathered, nicely shown variegd. buff; 3, Alford, another beautifully feathered variegd. buff, splendid face; 4, Withers Bros., large, rich coloured, close feathered variegd. Greenfinch; vhc, Dean; hc, Ward; c, Shirley. SELL (21/-) (3): 2, Goodall; 3, Darvill; 4, Parish. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, Harris, rich bright blaze, lovely bar, grand body colour, splendid feather and style; 2, Goodall, lovely colour and feather, grand style, rich in his brown; 3, hc, Quantrell, grand shaped Finch, beautifully feathered, rare bars and buttons, hardly up in blaze; 4, Buckingham, nice bright face, capital cheeks, nice feather; vhc, Gunnell; c, Withers Bros. BULLFINCH (10): 1, 4, Gunnell, lovely rich breast, deep glossy, well cut cap, in magnificent form, 4th hardly so bright, nice feather and style; 2, Withers Bros., splendid cap and back, lovely quality, shows well; 3, Lee, grand shape and feather, large glossy cap, well cut bars; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Brundon; c, Quantrell. BRAMBLEFINCH (5): 1, 4, Quantrell, grand shape and size, rich colour, plenty of spangle and tight in feather; 2, Mrs. Page, lovely shape and colour, well spangled, and as tight as wax; 3, Darvill, very shapely and well spangled, nice colour and feather, rather wild; vhc, Goodall. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, 4, hc, Withers, grand shape and size, beautiful feather, colour and markings; 2, vhc, Goodall, fine bold bird of excellent colour and feather, nicely marked; 3, Dewhurst, nice shapely bird of good colour and marking; c, Quantrell. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 2, 4, c, Quantrell, a rattling good team, plenty of colour, grand wings and tails, all as tight as wax and very steady, winner the brightest; 3, Withers Bros., rare shape and colour, grandly feathered, good wings and tail; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Tucker. LINNET (9): 1, hc, Quantrell, fine big bird of graud shape and feather, beautifully mkd. and nice colour; 2, 4, Fellows, grand shape and size, very nicely mkd. and good feather; 3, Mrs. Page, beautiful colour and feather, very steady; vhc, Harris, lovely little bird, which we liked much; c, Goodall. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, hc, c, Quantrell, grandly marked, rich coloured, well feathered, steady Twite; 2, 4, Goodall, sweet little Redpoll of grand colour, feather and marking, and a splendid Twite of rich colour and neat feather; 3, Buckingham, grandly marked, nice shaped, good coloured, steady Siskin; vhc, Withers Bros. A.O.S. FINCH OR BUNTING (3): 1, Withers Bros., well marked, grand coloured, nicely feathered Hawfinch; 2, Gunnell, shapely, well feathered, nice coloured Yellow Bunting; 3, Quantrell, another very nicely marked Hawfinch. LARK, ETC. (3): 1, 3, epl, Quantrell, very handsome, well marked Pipit, grand colour and feather, and a beautiful Grey Wagtail in perfect condition; 2, Shirley, the Westminster winning Pipit in good form. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, Quantrell, lovely rich coloured Blackbird, rare feather, grand bill and eere; 2, Poole, well marked, nice shaped, good coloured Thrush; 3, Withers Bros., another shapely, well spotted Thrush. A.O.V. (7): 1, Quantrell, very handsome Magpie, most lustrous in colour, grandly cut in marking, and beautiful feather; 2, 4, Dewhurst, well-known Woodpecker and Wren in nice fettle; 3, Shirley, bonny little Whinchat, in grand form; vhc, c, Withers Bros.; hc, Watt. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, c, Withers Bros., Bullie and Blackcap, leading two beautiful birds in grand plumage; 3, Dewhurst, well marked, nicely feathered Woodpecker; vhc, Brandon; hc, Quantrell. SELL. (21/-) (2): 1, Goodall; 2, Darvill. FOR.—WAXBILLS, ETC. (2): 1, Quantrell, very pretty pair of Cambassous; 2, Watts, neat little Bronze Mannikin. A.O.S. S.E., SMALL (3): 1, Watts, well marked, rich coloured Yellow-bellied Bunting, in grand condition; 2, Frost, rich coloured Long-tailed Whydab in capital feather; 3, Sparrow, well marked, shapely Goldfinch. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Watts, well-known Lineolated Parrakeet, and pair of Red-faced Lovebirds, each in grand form. INSECTIV. (5): 1, epl, vhc, Dewhurst, Black-headed Sibia, in beautiful colour and plumage; 2, 3, Watts, well-known Archbishop and Superb Tanagers in splendid fettle; 4, Quantrell, very pretty pair of Pekinese Robins.

FALMOUTH.

The Falmouth and Dist. C.B.S. are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their third annual show, held in the Polytechnic Hall, Dec. 4th. The entries in the open classes showed an increase of about 50 over last year's, and the quality also was in advance. The same applies to the members' classes. The hall is a good one, being lofty and quite free from draughts, and has the advantage of a top light. The exhibits were nicely staged and had the best of attention from a good committee of ardent fanciers under the superintendence of the show manager, Mr. W. J. Medlin, of Belgian Canary fame. One of the features of the schedule was the provision of a special for best in each class. Mr. T. Burton, the hon. secretary, was a host in himself, was well on top of his work, and added courtesy and urbanity to his energy and tact. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Clemence, good shape, beautiful colour and quality, nice head and chest, good wings and tail, 3rd grand feather and quality, neat head, level back; 2, Coad, splendid shape and colour, nice quality; vhc, Trevena; hc, Rickards; c, Ferrill. BUFF (11): 1, Trevena, nice shape and quality, tight as boxwood, flights well braced, neat tail, nice back; 2, Coad, unflighted, grand under colour, nice shape, well cut away he hind, good wings and tail; 3, Gaved, splendid shape, nice quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Rodda; hc, Clemence; c, Spillman. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, hc, Spillman, yell., grizzled on head, gem for shape and quality, deep chest nicely rounded, full neck and head; 2, Pope, yell., marked right eye and wing, magnificent colour and well up in quality, nice shape; 3, Rickard, buff, marked right eye and wing, splendid shape and quality, neat head; vhc, Kemp; c, White. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (12): 1, Fox, straight as a pencil, grand feather, well packed wings, nice pipe tail, stands well; 2, Ellis, ticked right cheek, good length, nice colour and style, good back, well up; 3, Oatey, slim built, good length, long flights and tail; vhc, Wills and Son; hc, Pincombe; c, Thomas. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, splendid style and position, close feather, good quality, beautiful wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Wills and Son, stands well up, grand back, flights and tail; 3, Ellis, good length, beautiful quality of feather, nice pipe tail; vhc, Fox; hc, Oatey; c, Philpot. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Thomas, buff, marked wings, neck and head, stands like a soldier, good flights and tail, close feather, 2nd variegd. yell., good length and position, nice flights and tail; 3, Pincombe, wings and cheek marked yell., lovely colour, neat head; vhc, Rodda; hc, Oatey; c, Miss Field. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Medlin, splendid shape, good size, rattling skull, well up in colour and quality, 3rd splendid colour, nice quality; 2, Pope, nice skull, good size and shape, bright colour, grand wings and tail; vhc, c, Andrew. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Pope, rare skull, grand colour, shape and quality, 2nd nice size and shape, good skull and colour, close up; 3, vhc, Medlin, nice colour and quality, well pencilled; hc, White. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Rabey Bros., clear body, Dark Crest, nice frontal and droop, leafy feather, 3rd Crest, grand frontal crest of good quality and droop; 2, Richards, yell. Scots., good head and neck, nice top end, gets tail well under; vhc, Roberts; c, Stephens. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, Collins, grand team and all in fine form, leader Greenfinch-Bullfinch, 2nd 6-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., 3rd lightly marked Linnet-Can., all well known; vhc, hc, c, Mabbott. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Polkinhorne, rich well cut blaze, nice collar, bars and buttons, well tanned chest, good body colour, put down in faultless condition; 2, White, another good one, good square blaze of good colour, nice bars and buttons; 3, Rowe and Handcock, well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Mabbott; hc, Medlin; c, Cooper. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (11): 1, Collins, grand shaped Blackbird, good body colour and feather, nice shape; 2, Anstiss, Song Thrush, rare size and colour, well spotted, bold head and eye; 3, Mabbott, Song Thrush, nicely spotted, good shape and feather; vhc, Pond; hc, Johnson; c, Webb. SMALL BRIT. (12): 1, Wills, good coloured and well marked Yellow Bunting, in splendid feather; 2, vhc, Mabbott, nice feathered and shapely Bullfinch, good cap and bars; 3, Rowe and Hancock, Siskin, good cap, nice side marks, in good feather; hc, Allen; c, Pellowe. FOR. (9): 1, Cooper, Superb Tanager, in brilliant plumage, good size and feather; 2, vhc, Collins, grand coloured Paradise Whydah, in good order; 3, Robinson, tight feathered and good coloured Grey Parrot; hc, Rabey Bros.; c, Scoble. SELL. (15/-) (16): 1, Coad; 2, Rabey Bros.; 3, Thomas; vhc, Allen; hc, Glanville; c, Ferrill. MEMBERS' NOR., CL. YELL. (3): 1, Medlin, good shape and colour; 2, Burton; 3, Trerise. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Medlin, shapely pair, good colour and quality; 3, Trerise; vhc, Cooper. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 2, Trerise, buff, marked on head, beautiful shape and full of quality, 2nd yell., ticked on head, nice shape and colour; 3, hc, c, Johnson, cl. buff, nice colour and quality; vhc, Medlin. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Medlin, nice shaped clear; 2, Barnicoat; 3, Gosking; vhc, Cooper. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (14): 1, Tiddy and Son, smart yell., straight as a pencil; 2, Dunbar, hot coloured yell., good stand; 3, vhc, hc, Opie, nice style; c, Gosling. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Opie, smart and stylish cl., good position, 3rd good length, nice long flights and tail; 2, Dunman, hot coloured unflighted, nice style; vhc, Webb; vhc, hc, c, Tiddy and Son. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, Dunbar, variegd. buff, of good length, straight and stylish; 2, Opie, wings and cap mkd. yell., nice colour and position; 3, Gosling, yell., long and stylish; vhc, hc, Webb; c, Cox. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, Burton, splendid shape and sound in colour, nice skull; 2, 3, Trerise, nice pair; vhc, Medlin; hc, Cowman. BUFF (6): 1, Burton, good size, shape and skull, nice colour; 2, Trerise, nice shape; 3, vhc, Medlin, close up. HEN (16): 1, 3, Trerise, buff cinn., rattling shape and size, good colour, skull and quality, wins well, 3rd Jonque, nice colour and quality; 2, Barnicoat, smart yell. Norwich, good shape, colour and quality; hc, Cowman; c, Burton. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Richards, nice pair of Scots.; 3, Opie, Crest; vhc, hc, Cox. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Trerise, good feathered and shapely dark buff Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Gosling, Linnet-Can., good colour and well pencilled; 3, Legassick; vhc, Cowman. CUP CLASS (birds bred by members, 1908) (11): 1, 2, vhc, Burton, Jonque cinn., good shape, size and quality, nice skull, wins in a canter, 2nd nice buff cinn.; 3, Legassick, Greenfinch-Can. Mule, nice feather; hc, Tiddy and Son; c, Trerise. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, Cox, grand blaze and cheeks, nice buttons and wing bars; 2, Legassick; 3, Richards. SMALL BRIT. (5): 1, Symons, well pencilled Linnet; 2, vhc, Burton, good coloured Bullfinch; 3, Cox, nicely marked Lesser Redpoll. FOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cox, nice Orange Bishop, 2nd grand feathered and coloured Cordon Bleu, 3rd smart Red-crested Cardinal. SELL. (7/6): 1, 3, vhc, Burton; 2, Johnson.

NEWPORT (Isle of Wight).

The 22nd annual show was held in the Drill Hall, December 2nd and 3rd. The management was ideal in every way, the birds being staged in a good light, and free from draught. The exhibits put down by Messrs. Baker, Lowe and Morris were simply grand. Mr. F. Cooper, the Hon. Sec., carried out his duties in an excellent manner. Mr. W. R. Mines judged, and his awards seem well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Baker, former gem, graud type, rich colour; 2, large, nice bird all over; 3, Lowe, another grand bird, but a wee bit flat on bead; vhc, Caddy and Moorman; hc, Morris. BUFF: 1, spl, for best Canary, Baker, regular little swell, full of quality, rich colour, well cut away behind, wins well; 2, Lowe, stylish, and good all over; 3, Morris, nice exhibit, very short and thick set; vhc, Baker and Morris; hc, Cuddy; c, Bull and Mew. TKD YELL.: 1, 3, Baker, mkd. on rump, nice short, put down in grand form; 3, variegd. large bird; 2, Lowe, variegd, smart bird; vhc, Lowe, Baker; hc, Morris. CFF: 1, Lowe, grand typical specimen, short wings and tail, well shown; 2, Moorman, grand one, inclined to crouch a bit; 3, Baker, good bird, nice wing carriage; vhc, Baker and Bull; c, Morris. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Cooper, grand team, straight as a rush, tight as a Java, wins well; vhc, Morris; hc, Cooper and Morris. MULE, LIGHT: 1, 3, Baker, former nearly even marked Goldie, shown to perfection; 3, similar; 2, Morris, monster variegd. Greenfinch-Can, well-known winner; vbc, Morris, Prentice; hc, Baker; c, Heal. DARK: 1, spl, Baker, monster buff Greenie-Can, wonderful quality; 2, White, yellow Greenie, not the quality of a winner, perhaps, but otherwise a graud exbibit; 3, Prentice, Linnet-Can., rare size, well shown; vhc, Morris; c, Prentice; c, Baker and Heal. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Clark, grand Magpie, well cut, beautiful colour; 2, 3, Jay, nice one; vhc, Bull. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, 2, Chiverton, 1, Blackbird, shown in grand condition, nice, sound colour, good beak and cere; 2, Thrush, beautifully spotted, good size; 3, Reynolds, Thrush, not the size of others, vhc, Harris; c, Mew. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Chivertou, nice Finch, best blaze, well tanned; 2, Jacobs, nice blaze; 3, Milligan; vhc, Cuddy, Smith; hc, Heal; c, Woodford. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, White, two grand house-moulted specimens; 3, Lowe, fine coloured specimen; vhc, Harris; hc, Morris and Smith. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Williamson; 2, Brown; 3, Willford; vhc, Brown. A.O.S.: 1, Dennis; 2, Rugg; 3, Willford; vhc, Willford, Sage; hc, Willford. SMALL: 1, Baker, Peach-faced Lore bird; 2, 3, vhc, Willford, Crimson Crowned Weaver; 3, fine Finch; hc, Morris; c, Smith. SELL (20/-): 1, Morris; 2, Lowe; 3, Moorman. (10/-): 1, Caddy; 2, 3, Morris.

KETTERING.

The 14th annual show was held in the Rifle Band Club Harmonic Room, on November 21st and 22nd. The caged birds proved that the fancy has made great strides. The entry, both in number and quality, was considerably above the average. The show was the best ever held. Mr. A. West made a most obliging secretary, and was assisted by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. Goodwin, A. Martin, W. Fairey, T. Johnson, and H. Ingram. The show was visited by a large number. Mr. A. Brown judged Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe the British and foreign birds, and their awards met with every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL (18): 1, 2, 3, Martin; vbc, Dixon. BUFF (8): 1, 3, vhc, Martin; 2, Sharp; hc, Johnson; c, Goodwin. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Dixon; c, Johnson. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Martin; 3, Sharp. CAN. OR MULE (9): 1, 2, Martin; 3, Walliss; vhc, Johnson; hc, A. Martin. PAIRS (8): 1, hc, Dixon; 2, 3, vhc, F. Martin; c, Goodwin. NON-FED (13): 1, 2, vhc, F. Martin; 3, Johnson; hc, Goodwin; c, Sharp. GOLDIE, ETC. (23): A hot lot. 1, Fairey, grand Bullie, sound colour, cobby type, fine cap; 2, Walliss, nice Goldie, good blaze, nice tannings; 3, A. Martin, another good Bullie, perfect cap, grand type; vhc, Underwood; hc, Fairey; c, Marlow. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Fairey, 1st grand Blackie, nice eye and beak, deep colour, wins; 2nd Thrush, fine markings on chest, nice bird; 3, Underwood, another good Blackie; vhc, A. Martin. BRAMBLE, ETC. (18), 1, vhc, c, F. Martin, 1st good Chaffinch, 2, Fairey, nice Greenie; 3, A. Martin, nice Bramble; hc, Underwood. A.O.S., LARGE (9): 1, A. Martin, one of the best Magpies we have seen, large bird, good condition; 2, Underwood, nice wax wing, hardly fit as yet; 3, Fairey; vhc, Johnson; hc, Garfield. SOFT BILL, SMALL (10): 1, 3, F. Martin, 1st sweet little Jennywren, 3rd grand 'Cate; 2, Fairey, white Wagtail; vhc, c, Underwood; hc, A. Martin. HARD BILL, SMALL (18): 1, F. Martin, Linnet, well pencilled; 2, 3, Fairey, 2nd nice sweet Siskin; vhc, hc, A. Martin; c, Underwood. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, H. Sharp. SMALL (11): 1, F. Martin; 2, 3, vhc, J. Sharp; hc, Kendall; c, Underwood. Special for best Canary in show went to F. Martin; special for novice gaining most points, T. Johnson; special for best British or foreign, A. Martin; member gaining most points with British, W. Fairey; member staging most exhibits, W. Fairey.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT WAS ITS RIGHT CLASS?

Sir,—I entered at the Horticultural Hall Show in class 152, which reads: "All species of Parrakeets, other than Budgerigars, including Kings and Broadtails, Lorikeets and Lories," what I took to be a Red-sided Eclectus Lorie, and was surprised to see that it was "wrong classed." I should esteem it a favour if the judge, Mr. Finn, would name the bird and also what class it should have been entered in?

W. Smith.

RAILWAY DELAYS.

Sir,—My case of birds from Dulwich O.S. Show last week did not leave Paddington Station until the 1 p.m. train the following day (13 hours after the show closed), and reached Plymouth at 6.35, too late for that day's delivery. My case from the Horticultural Hall this week was despatched from Waterloo at 3.30 p.m., and reached Plymouth at 8.35. Now, in both cases, had the birds not been fetched from the station, you can imagine the condition they would have been in by the following day. I consider this a serious question for the exhibitor, and a case about which the C.B.U. might with advantage obtain an explanation from the railway companies.

W. H. Tottle.

FORWARDING EXHIBITS FROM SHOW TO SHOW.

Sir,—After reading Mr. C. E. Brown's letter in your last week's issue, I thought I could not let it pass without tendering him my sympathy, having had a similar experience with my exhibits, which should have been forwarded from Bournemouth Show to Frome. Only mine never got to the show, but were delivered here to me, with the show label reversed. Judge of my surprise when the railway official handed me my case of birds at the time the judging was on at Frome, so too late to forward them on. I should advise all show secretaries to abolish the reversible labels, and adopt the double tear off label, and then exhibits could not go wrong in transit. This explains the reason of my exhibits being absent at Frome, after taking three thirds at Bournemouth. I shall be careful in future of having exhibits forwarded.

J. J. Brain.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

Sir,—I quite endorse the remarks of Mr. Ellwood re "A Family Affair." But there is another side which exhibitors may lose sight of. Judge will be placing cards at some show, and give a friend (not a relative) three or four firsts, and as many seconds and thirds, just to fill his cup of happiness. Friend judging show a week or two after; along comes relative of previous judge. Of course, one good turn deserves another, and he slips his exhibit well up in the money. And so the game of see-saw goes on. Perhaps Mr. Ellwood and I will be classed in the "disappointed" list of exhibitors. Speaking for myself, I am only disappointed when I do not get justice.

G. Meekley.

Sir,—Seeing the letter in your last issue under the heading of "A Family Affair," I quite appreciate the feeling expressed therein. At our recent show a brother of the judge of the fur section, who was doing the penning and staging, told me that if his brother had not been judging he would have made some entries in that section, but he would not do so as it would raise a suspicion of favoritism. If a man exhibits at a show where a relative is judging, it provides some ground for other competitors at the show to be suspicious, even if everything should be above-board. I have been to a number of shows recently, and, like others, have had my "knock-downs," at which I say nothing—I take them in good faith. I am quite aware that exhibits have stood cardless where they should have been high up in the class, and the judge is not always to blame for this, as possibly he has 20 or more in the class which makes it extremely difficult to place the winners, and he has a big task. What does annoy me is that if you point your bird out to some of the judges and ask where it fails, they seem to overlook the fact that the breeder or exhibitor possibly understands something about them, as well as themselves, in finding out faults. I do not know whether others will agree with me, but I am of opinion that societies should engage a different judge as frequently as possible; for if a judge is seeing the same birds week after week through the show season, he must know them well before many shows are over, and this is bad. I should like to see every judge give up breeding and dealing in the variety he professes to judge, for this reason: When he takes up judging he should know everything he requires with regard to standards, etc., and if he owns or sells birds of that particular variety (a case of this kind may occur), a purchaser comes along and buys a bird for £5 from him, and the buyer sends it out under him. The judge must recognise that bird as the one he has sold. Would he, after selling at £5, leave it out, even if it should be much inferior to others in the class? This is a more illustration, which is quite feasible. It would, I suggest, be far better if judges did not purchase or sell. I have a few friends just commencing as exhibitors, and I think you will agree with me that it is the novices we want to encourage and help forward, so that they take a keen interest in the fancy.

A Lover of Justice.

THE HORTICULTURAL HALL SHOW

Sir,—I sent two exhibits to the Horticultural Hall Show last week for the Crest and Crest-bred classes, enclosed in a well-made wooden carrying case, painted black, with a strong, fixed leather strap and a brass handle. Imagine my surprise when, on applying for same on the Saturday night at 10 o'clock, I was offered my exhibits minus the case, and was coolly informed "it can't be found." I wrote to the secretaries explaining the matter, but have had no acknowledgment. The birds are now suffering from colds through having only paper covering on their cold journey home. I will undertake to relieve the possessor who has taken it (I can scarcely believe inadvertently), from unduly distressing himself, by paying carriage myself if it is returned to my address. S. G. Quelch.

152, High Street, Shoreditch.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND SHOW

Sir,—I note last week you had a complaint as to non-receipt of prize money at our late show; also your footnote to our usual promptitude in paying same. The facts are that I paid the whole of it out in the time I guaranteed, and wrote you to notify same, and, if any mistake, asking exhibitors to write me at once. I received a postcard from your correspondent a few days after, asking for card, but not mentioning prize money. This I sent on; as I told him I sent them with prize money but that, as I had apparently overlooked it, I enclosed him another. I then had another letter from him, stating he had not received any prize money. On referring to my book, and seeing it was crossed off as sent, I naturally claimed the right to wait a few days to see if I could trace it. But I got another abusive letter, threatening to write to some of our members, also to the C.B.U. secretary, and to Cage Birds over the matter. But I held his receipt for the 2s. 6d. before his letter was in type. Let this dishearten and sorry novice learn civility in his correspondence. I don't think there is another show which can claim a better record for quick payment of prize money this last nine years than the one with which I am connected.

Chas. Draper, Sec.

JUDGE-BAITING EXTRAORDINARY.

Sir,—As another visitor to the show in question, I should like to point out to "Cede Nullis," who answered "Querist's" letter in your last issue, that fanciers do not take it as a sign of pluck for an exhibitor to offer to bet the judge 20 to 1 on such an occasion, but as ignorance and bombast, and the judge showed his good taste and common sense by treating it with the contempt it deserved. As to having the positions of the birds reversed the following week by a specialist judge, what does "Cede Nullis" consider the judge at the Horticultural Hall, who placed them the same as the judge did at the suburban show in question? As to the judge's reason for placing the birds as he did, I am sure his reasons were most convincing to almost everyone present; should think that "Cede Nullis" and the exhibitor were the only two who were not convinced. I should not have mentioned a word about the eight-guinea cup, if I had been "Cede Nullis," for all the fancy to turn up the report of the "premier and most popular" societies' show, and find out who this bad loser is; and I do not think the exhibitor will thank him for it. It is through such exhibitors as the one in question that the fancy loses such a lot of young blood, as at the show held in connection with a North London society a short time ago. I went there on the Friday evening with two friends, but we were so disgusted with the way this same exhibitor was carrying on that we did not stop long. One of my friends remarked to me that he was surprised at me for thinking of taking up the Fancy as a hobby, this being my intention, and I have been going to as many shows as I can to pick up all the knowledge I can from them. I have not lost heart yet, as I find that where there is one such exhibitor there are scores of fanciers. In conclusion let me say that I am surprised "Cede Nullis" did not show *his* pluck and sign his name; or does he want a leader? If so, let him follow

Frank Table.

THE SEXING OF LESSER REDPOLLS.

Sir,—Possibly I ought to have stated that the red-breasted hen Redpoll was a freak, as the bird had a white head and white feathers about the body. Everyone took it to be a cock until it laid eggs. Novices can safely take Mr. Weston's advice, that every Redpoll with one or more red feathers on the breast, is a sure cock. But some fanciers desire to get eggs from hen Redpolls, and these are what I described in my letter.

J. H. Verrall.

WHEN IS A NOVICE NOT A NOVICE?

Sir,—When does the novice term expire? I am a novice in the fancy and this is my first year of exhibiting. I have noticed in the shows recently that some fanciers have won above three firsts and still go on exhibiting in the novice classes. I know of an exhibitor in the open section who sent his birds to a show not long ago in his wife's name, putting same in the novice classes. Now, what chance have we novices if we have to compete against such men as these? We might just as well keep our birds at home. We cannot get to know how our birds stand, whether they are fit to send out or not. It looks to me a money-losing game as it is at present. We are termed "The backbone of the fancy," but if this is going to be carried on, our backbone will soon be broken if we still continue to compete against the old stagers who term themselves novices. I shall be very pleased if you will publish this.

A Novice.

Leeds.

(The C.B.U. has defined a novice, and most societies also have a rule to the same effect. These cases should be brought to the notice of any society concerned.—Editor.)

THE YORKSHIRE BOWL AT BRISTOL F.A. 1907 SHOW.

Sir,—The letter from Messrs. Shearn and Owen, which you published two weeks ago, was considered at our last meeting, and it was agreed that I should lay the facts before readers. The show was held on December 4th and 5th, 1907. Some unforeseen changes in the conditions of my employment immediately afterwards prevented my doing much show work until after Christmas. This accounts for Messrs. Shearn and Owen's sneer about inability to cope with my business, and they are welcome to any satisfaction they got out of it. On December 28th you published in Cage Birds some letter doubting the qualification of Messrs. Shearn and Owen to compete for our Yorkshire Bowl (the class was open to birds bred by exhibitor), and my attention was called to it by some member of our committee, with a request that the Bowl and prize-money stand over until next meeting of committee. My recollection of the matter is this: The Bowl Class is only open to birds bred by exhibitor, and it was alleged that Messrs. Shearn and Owen's bird, awarded first, was bred by one of those gentlemen, sold by him to the other, and shown by that other in his own name, singly, at many shows, the last time being at Cardiff, only one week before our own show. The inference was that the partnership was created to compete for our Bowl. I did not feel called upon to summon the committee to a special meeting, but brought it before the next meeting, on Jan. 27th, when I was instructed to ask Messrs. Shearn and Owen to submit their partnership agreement for inspection. This I did next day. On Feb. 7th they wrote me a letter containing five quarto sheets, the greater part of which consists of abuse aimed in general at certain unnamed jealous fanciers. It is true they offered some references as to character, but, as I pointed out in my letter in reply on Feb. 11th, no enquiry of that kind could prove that the Rule governing the class had been complied with, and I suggested that the best way to defeat the objects of the "rodents" of whom they spoke, would be to produce the evidence for which we asked. To that letter, written nearly ten months ago, they have never yet sent any reply. Out of consideration to Messrs. Shearn and Owen's passionate desire for strict accuracy, may I amend my previous statement thus?—that all claims against the Bristol Fanciers' Association, in support of which evidence has been produced, have always been met in full.

G. T. H. Maggs.

[From Messrs. Shearn and Owen's letter, dated Feb. 7th, 1908, of which Mr. Maggs speaks, we append an extract. In opening, they say that they intend to act honourably in the matter, and hope to receive the same treatment from the Bristol committee. They express surprise that the said committee should take notice of anonymous letters which appear in the Press. They state that they had not replied because no definite charge was made against them. They then go on:—

"Another reason is that we consider anything that appears in public print, to which the writer or writers are too ignorant or ashamed to attach their own signature, beneath our notice. We consider such as mean contemptible, frogmouthed scandalmongers, who are menacers to the societies to which they may be connected; we think they are a menace to the ornithological world. Such people in our estimation are uneducated, fanatical, spluttering rodents, gnawing at any and everything that is good and useful, and when they discover there is nothing to satisfy their avariciousness they, like hideous gorillas, laugh to think they have been able to do some fellow fancier an injury. We think that it behoves such people to gaze into the mirror of reflection and see what miserable, hideous, mean, contemptible lumps of humanity they consist of, and we further believe that to such a class of people as these may be attributed the spleenish, spiteful, cowardly practice that has been perpetrated in our midst of the poisoning and theft of valuable exhibits. . . . To this scandalous business we vigorously protest. We think that the time has now arrived when an effort should be made to eradicate this foul, low pest from the ornithological world. We are sure it would be a happy release to all societies to be rid of such as the Cardiffian and other gangs of scandalmongers and thieves. Now, Sir, we challenge any person, or persons, to charge us with fraudulent or unfair practices. We have done no one an injustice, either by word or deed other than they deserve. We consider ourselves honourable sportsmen; we do not exhibit our specimens merely for the paltry prize money, as it may be clearly seen we could have won a great deal more if we so desired this season. But we glory in the fact that we have knocked some of them off their high perch, and by falling they have scraped their hair off and deranged their brains, and we understand there are a great many sore heads. . .—Shearn and Owen."

BEWITCHING BIRD BABIES.

Zebra Finches Breeding in Captivity.

Sir,—I know that Zebra Finches are the easiest of all foreign birds to breed in an outside aviary, or in a cage by themselves; but I do not think it is quite such a common thing to get them to nest and rear their young in a cage (only 4ft. long, 2ft. wide, and 3ft. to 4ft. high) with other kinds of birds, including an Indigo Bunting, and a Grenadier Weaver. My little Zebra seemed a bit lonely, so I bought him a mate, just for company. At the beginning of May I found, to my astonishment, that the hen hardly ever left her nest, so I knew something must be going on. I was so afraid of disturbing them that I never once saw the eggs. After a time I heard squeaks, and I was happy; but not till quite three weeks after they were hatched did two fine babies leave the nest. Four more were hatched at the end of June, and four more in August. I have bred many Canaries and Mules, but never any foreignors before, and many things struck me. During incubation, and until the young were old enough to come out, the nest was never left for a single minute. Sometimes the father would peep in and say, "Now then, dear, out you go for a little run and a cup of tea. I'll look after the little ones." More often the mother would stand at the entrance, catch her husband's eye, and ask him to do duty for a few minutes. This was why no other bird dared molest the nest in any way. Not till the babies were fully fledged were they left for a moment, and then only sheer necessity (so she said) made Judy fly to her husband to make him tidy and give him a bit of nagging. "You know how my time is taken up now; you really might keep yourself decent. Now, put your head down, do!" He knew better than to resist, so with eyes shut up tight, head on one side, and an agonised expression on his face, he submitted to a drastic and not over-gentle toilet. It did not take many minutes, but was very successful. This rearing of ten young Zebra Finches (or rather nine, as one died when about six weeks old) was not the least trouble to me, and practically no extra expense. They were fed entirely on cuttlefish, bone, and orange, spray and white millet in the order mentioned. They got through enormous quantities of cuttlefish. I used to break it up into small pieces for them. Not at all nourishing this, I should have thought; but the little birds were in splendid condition. When they were all out of the nest, before I had parted with any, it was charming to see the parents and the nine children crowding to my fingers for a fresh supply of this fascinating food. When the second brood (Jack and Jill, Romeo and Juliet) were still too young to feed themselves entirely, the father and mother went to nest again, and the children often squeaked for their dinner in vain. So Flora, one of the first brood, herself little more than a child, undertook to supply their wants, and proved a devoted little foster-mother. The comical way in which the young ones ask to be fed, their wonderful pluckiness even when still in their grey baby frocks, which prevented any bullying from the other birds, and the fussiness and ridiculous noise in the cage all through the summer, were a constant source of pleasure and amusement to me.

Bluemer.

PRIZE MONEY AT LISKEARD SHOW

SIR,—At Liskeard (Cornwall) Show in October, I was awarded third prize, but have not yet received any prize money, nor heard the reason why it has not been sent. I have written to Secretary, but received no reply. Now, if their show was not a success, I don't consider they are going the right way to make it one.

T. CORNALL.

NEW SOCIETY FOR EARLESTOWN LANCASHIRE.

SIR, —At a meeting of fanciers held in the Co-operative Hall, Earlestown, on Thursday Dec. 3rd, it was decided to form a society, to be called the Earlestown and District Cage Bird Society. All interested fanciers in the district are earnestly invited to join.

W. R. FLETCHER.

214, Crow Lane W.,
Earlestown, Lancashire.

CATCHING LINNETS IN A STUBBLE FIELD.

SIR,—In reply to "Annoyed," the nets he is using are too narrow and too short for Linnet catching. The wild bird seldom drops direct to the brace-bird, but beyond, or flies across the nets. The best way to try and catch a few is to set nets in the middle of a stubble field, on a day when there is a thick, misty fog, so thick that he can scarcely see the nets when at the end of the pull line. At this period of the year it is best for call birds not to be singers—only to call out when birds fly near. One or two pegged down birds are useful. All the stubble under the nets must be pulled up, so that the nets do not stick up and frighten the birds.

J. H. VERRALL.

A CAGE BIRD UNION MATTER.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Union" in last week's paper raises a point which has been dealt with before, viz., as to whether a member of an affiliated society of the Cage Bird Union, as well as of a non-affiliated society, is eligible to exhibit at both shows. The Union does not debar an exhibitor from showing at *any* shows run by a society of which he happens to be a member; so that a person who is a member of a society that is affiliated to the Union, and who is also a member of a non-affiliated society, is entitled to exhibit in the open classes at the non-licensed show.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec. C.B.U.

SIR,—I should like to ask Mr. Lythgoe, the hon. secretary of the Cage Bird Union, a question, and it is in respect to exhibitors that have been suspended by district committees from exhibiting at any of the shows held under Cage Bird Union rules. Can the Cage Bird Union, by their present rules, stop any exhibitor sending his birds to a show under his wife's or his children's names? I think that this ought to be clear. I should like to know what communication show secretaries get concerning the said exhibitor. Is it not to accept any entries from that address? If not, it ought to be. What do we find happens as soon as some exhibitors are suspended? His wife buys his stock, and things go on as well as ever. A splendid way out of it! Are they his birds? Certainly not. Does he take them to the station? Oh, yes, for his wife. He will do anything to help his wife; in fact, he could not see her carrying such a big box. He does no more than that—except, perhaps, laugh!

EQUITY.

VETERAN JUDGES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Ramsden's letter, as Joint Secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., I wish to point out to him, and all our friends, that we have no judges' list existing, but we have a rule which says: "That no application for the club's medals and support will be considered unless the judge is a member of the club"; and therefore we are sorry that Mr. Sam Cook, by his resignation from our club, has placed it beyond our power—much as we appreciate him as a competent judge of British birds—to award our medals for classes which he is judging. The only alternative would have been for him to have rejoined our club. I would also remind Mr. Ramsden of our rule: "That at the annual general meeting held on the Saturday of Crystal Palace February Show, *then and there* the rules shall be revised if necessary."

A. PLUMBRIDGE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I regret to have to announce that my endeavours to bring about an amicable arrangement, under which Mr. S. Cook could judge his usual classes at the above show, under the N.B.B. and M.C. patronage, has ended in a complete failure. I have received the following letter from Mr. Plumbridge:—

December 5th, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 30th November, I am rather surprised at your suggestion that our rules should be waived in order that our old friend, Mr. S. Cook, should judge at the Crystal Palace Show, coming as it does from an old and experienced club man as yourself, who must know that rules made cannot be so lightly set aside. It would be useless to call a special committee meeting, as our rules can only be altered at the annual general meeting, held in February at the Crystal Palace. Therefore, my committee have no power at present to conform to your wish, but the matter shall come before our next meeting at the end of the month.

(Signed) A. PLUMBRIDGE.

I have also received a letter from Mr. Sam Cook, of which the following is an extract:—"I know the rules re judges are as stated, and as the N.B.B. and M.C. members desire to compete for the club's specials in all the classes, which they could not do if I was now appointed, and, further, as I am sensible of the fact that my appointment (if made) would not be unanimous, I shall adhere to my decision of the 16th- ult." (to retire)." As time will not permit of further delay in getting the schedule to Press, I am reluctantly compelled to consider the matter ended.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

[*In view of Mr. Ramsden's letter, we see no object in continuing this correspondence, which is now closed.* — EDITOR.]

HYBRIDS AT ORMSKIRK SHOW.

SIR,—At Ormskirk show, on Nov. 28th, I exhibited a Greenie-Bullie Hybrid in a class which read, "Any Variety Mule." On reaching the show-room on the Saturday night, I was very much surprised to find the Hybrid with a wrong class ticket on him. I asked for the judge (Mr. Houlton), wishing to ascertain his reasons for wrong classing him, but found he had left earlier. Might I ask Mr. Houlton if he has any objection to giving his reasons for wrong classing the Hybrid?

T. JOHNSON.

THE ANTICS OF POLLY.

SIR,—One fine day pretty Polly set the household in commotion. She had made good her escape from the dining room of her owners and had flown high up into a tree. Perhaps she felt she was monarch of all she surveyed; for a time, there was quite a stir in looking for Polly. At last she told them she was "Pretty Polly, pretty dear." She was coaxed and coaxed again to descend. But no; she quietly said she was never so happy in all her life. At last the gardener procured a ladder, and knowing Polly to have a weakness for strawberries, and they being in season, some were held up to tempt the wayward bird. She soon made a move downwards, saying, "Oh, Polly likes strawberries very much." In a short time she was in her cage. There was no end to Polly's mischief. Often during family prayers she would join in the responses —"Amen," more often than not, and quite too soon, as though she wished to hasten her masters. Her mistress would then look at Polly reprovingly and down would go Polly's head, only to be raised when no eye was upon her, repeating again a loud and long "Amen." One could see this state of things could not last. She was now placed in the conservatory. One day 'ere she was removed she caused the company dining no little surprise. A gentleman visitor was being helped once too often for Polly, so she screamed out, "I think you have had quite sufficient."

BIRDLIFE.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—A fortnight ago a paragraph appeared in "Twitterings" concerning an appeal that was being made towards the defence of the poor, unfortunate woman arrested for the Salisbury crime, who is the sister of an East Dulwich British-bird fancier. Perhaps a few particulars may be added: The fancier and his brothers are working men; the sister arrested is a widow, with no father, and she is charged with murdering her 12-year-old cripple son. During the preliminary inquiry and the inquest, not a breath of scandal has been uttered against the woman's character, and everyone has agreed that she was an indulgent and loving mother, who had battled against adversity on behalf of an invalid husband, and since, for her fatherless cripple-boy, Teddy. The brothers, who have all along believed her innocent,, are doing everything possible for the defence of their sister. She has, at their instance, been well defended by a local solicitor, and their desire is that her case may be ably and fairly presented. The inquest lasted eight days, and the magisterial inquiry about the same period; these protracted proceedings have run away with a lot of the resources at hand, and now, as the case is committed to the Assizes, an outside appeal is being made to assist them, by a former Mayor of Salisbury—Councillor Frank Baker, of Sturminster, Victoria-road, Salisbury. Though the brother has not a lengthy connection with the Fancy, he has shown a fairly good knowledge of bird-keeping, and his name is not unknown amongst successful exhibitors round London; he is a member of at least one specialist club, and also a member of the Dulwich and Peckham, Lewisham, and Clapham C.B. Societies. Already several good fanciers have extended a helping hand, including Mr. Maxwell, of Brixton, and when these facts are generally known there may be others who would like to support a genuine appeal, and forward a mite to this end direct to Mr. Baker.

EAST DULWICH.

C.B.U. MEMBERS AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—I have noticed a good deal of writing on the question of exhibitors, members of the C.B.U., exhibiting at non licenced shows. Mr. Lythgoe, Secretary of the C.B.U., asked for names of exhibitors who do exhibit at non-Union shows. He asks for names just for the pleasure of asking, I suppose. Mr. Lythgoe has been given names and addresses, and yet he does not move in the matter. Not only does Mr. Lythgoe know of these exhibitors, but others connected with the C.B.U. have also been informed, but no notice has yet been taken of the matter. I suppose the C.B.U. have two different rules, one for a certain party, and one for an outside party. Let us have one C.B.U. to deal with—all exhibitors alike. Now, Mr. Lythgoe, look up your letters *re* the C.B.U. written you last month, and take the exhibitor reported to you then.

H. M. R.

ALLEGED YELLOWHAMMER-SISKIN HYBRID AT NORWICH.

SIR,—I was the winner of third and fourth prizes in the class where this so-called Hybrid stood second, and in answer to "A Visitor," I beg to say I was at the show in the evening of November 28th, and was greatly surprised at this exhibit, not being "wrong classed." My attention was called to the St. Helena Seedeater in Class 64, and by comparing this bird with the alleged "wonder," I concluded they were both of the same kind. I was not lacking in courage, but was afraid that if I tendered the protest with my arms full of courage, but no fee, the protest would have been a farce. I am only a working man with seven children, so have not many half-sovereigns to speculate with, hence my reason for not protesting. Perhaps Mr. J. F. Hills will kindly give us his opinion now, as after comparing this wonderful bird with the foreigner, he should be able to say if the bird was as catalogued, or not. I hope the winners of the vhe. in this class, and other visitors at the show will let us know their opinions. In your report, your reporter says: "Guess Again." I have been guessing all the week, and have arrived at the following conclusions: It is most discouraging to exhibitors who, like myself, are amateurs, and who launch out into the open class, to be beaten by champion exhibitors with birds which apparently should be wrong- classed.

W. H. N.

SIR,—Respecting the hubbub about the Hybrid which I showed at Norwich, Mr "Visitor" seems to be rather upset, and, of course, I do not know if he is a Hybrid breeder. When I was asked the question at Norwich show, I told the company present that I bought the bird from a gentleman, and on his word (which I took to be the truth). He told me that he bred it from a Yellow-Hammer and Siskin, and I showed the bird for this, as I was informed it was bred. The gentleman that I bought it from is still alive. I am not a Hybrid breeder. As for naming the bird "Canterbury Pilgrim," it seems a funny name to me to call a bird. I once saw Canterbury Pilgrim win the Oaks at Epsom, but I did not know birds took the name of horses. If anyone living can produce a bird like mine I will give £10 to any charity they choose. As to the two birds (the one in the Foreign Class) being compared, my bird has clear orange breast, and the other bird had black spot on the breast. Another thing, I can assure you, it sings from morning till night, and it has part of the Siskin notes.

J. HOWARD.

LLANELLY SHOW AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jones's outpour upon me for penning the letter that appeared in your letter of a few weeks ago, when I wrote that letter I had not the slightest intention to injure the above society. It was the farthest from my mind. If I cannot do good to them, I will not do harm, unless I am called to battle; then I will use my best endeavour to come "up side" with my opponent. Mr. Jones has certainly called me to action; nevertheless, seeing that it is not only Mr. J. that will suffer, but his committee as a whole, I will simply deal with the matter in as few words as possible. But if he is not satisfied, then I shall be prepared to go further. In the first place, his letter is full of fabrications. It was also written with a view of causing Mr. Beard, if possible, to bring an action against me. But I fear that if he is not very careful he will heap coals upon his own head. He states that I sent a wire asking if Mr. Beard was in the show. Readers please note! My wire was worded as follows: "Private, is Beard, Llandrindod, in the show." Now, although his wire was marked "private," and should have been treated as such, Mr. Jones has chosen to make it public through the press. May I ask Mr. J. if it was not a fact that it was known in the show that I had replied, and what the wire contained? At this point let me express my regret to Mr. Beard that his name is brought up in the press; but there is no suspicion cast upon him as far as I am personally concerned. As I expressed in my letter to Mr. Beard at the time, the object of the wire was to know if he was present, seeing that he intimated in a letter to me a few days prior to the show that he intended going. Had the reply come back as quickly as it might have done, I should have wired him personally, Mr. B. being a member of the W.C.B. Club, and travelling on a portion of the line my birds travelled over. But I did not get a reply until nearly 4.30 p.m., when, according to our local time-table, he would have left the show. Since then, I find that Mr. Beard could leave Llanelly after that time, but not for Brecon. I hope the above will satisfy readers that no slur is cast upon Mr. Beard; on the other hand, he is an honest, good fancier. Returning to Mr. Jones's letter, he states that Mr. Longden opened my case. I hold a letter from Mr. Longden, and in that he states that he was present. Your Secretary states that he thought a certain committeeman opened it. Then you state a wire was sent at once. The wire was handed in at Llanelly at 11.58, and arrived at Brecon office 12.23. Does Mr. Jones mean to say that the judge had not commenced before that time? This bird was in Class I. Will Mr. Jones tell us why they were not prepared to back me up when I wrote and told them that the railway company said that the bird was delivered to the show and signed for? I told the committee that I should fight the case if they were prepared to back me up. No reply has come to hand. Will Mr. J. also tell us why he did not reply to Mr. Brown's letter last January, when he wrote to the press, after reading of my loss, in which he referred to his bird being stolen or missing from the same place the year before? What compensation did they give him? Perhaps the same as they did me. After paying carriage and wires respecting a bird that came to me in mistake, I got a letter with prize-money, and saying, "Will forward other expenses later." These have not come to hand as yet. I suppose that this is what Mr. J. considers "doing unto others," etc'. I will leave your readers to judge for themselves who is the injured party.

D. H. TEDSTONE.

SIR,—Having noticed in CAGE BIRDS, Dec 5th, a letter from Mr. Beard, in answer to Mr. D. R. Jones's letter of Nov. 28th, who, Mr. Beard, do you expect to apologise to you, the Llanelly Society or Mr. Tedstone? I should rather feel inclined to say Mr. Tedstone, as he is the gentleman who took the liberty of using your name. The reply I received from Mr. Tedstone, *re* the empty cage received at our show, reads as follows: "If F. Beard, Llandrindod, is in show Tedstone." Having to hand the copy of his reply, I enclose same to the Editor as proof that neither did Mr. Mr. D. R. Jones or the Llanelly Society take the liberty of using Mr. Beard's name.

J. SIMON.

(We print Mr. Simon's letter precisely as sent to us, though reference to the telegram (which he encloses) received by the Llanelly Society from Mr. Tedstone, shows the full text to be: "Private inquire if F. Beard, Llandridod, is in show; Tedstone."—EDITOR.)

SIR,—I cannot see what the telegram had to do with Mr. Beard's character. I will give Mr. Tedstone credit that he did not for a moment connect Mr. Beard with the missing bird; but he did not explain himself sufficiently in the wire. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Beard at the Llanelly Show. Why Mr. Beard talks of placing the matter in other hands I do not understand; also he wants an apology from someone. If I am included, I have only to say that I do not apologise, for the simple reason that there is nothing to apologise for. In reply to Mr. Mills, I always thought that all correspondence was left to the individual judgment of the readers of CAGE BIRDS. I am pleased to hear the good things he has to say of Mr. Tedstone. I am sure no one was more sorry for Mr. Tedstone at the loss of his birds than the Llanelly Society. But that is not the point at issue. We deny that the bird arrived at the show, and having the good name of the society at heart, I resented the matter cropping up now, a few weeks before the holding of our annual show. Wishing to fully explain the circumstances to the readers of CAGE BIRDS was the sole reason of my letter.

D. R. JONES, Chairman, Llanelly C.B.S.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

You have provided fanciers with another real treat this week, your coloured plate, "Extremes in Colour," being a most charming picture. I shall certainly have it framed, as it will make a nice companion plate to the original drawing which I was lucky enough to win in CAGE BIRDS Essay Competition early this year.—J. B. WATERMAN (Dulwich).

COVENTRY.

The 28th annual show of the Coventry O.S. was held on December 5th in the large room of the Sydenham Palace, a really grand room for a bird show, being splendidly lighted, and absolutely free from draught. The management was again A1, the awards being quickly put up, and the exhibits had the best of care and attention from a good body of thorough fanciers, who seemed to revel in their work, as might be expected, when we find amongst the show stewards such as Messrs. Tipping, Tanley, Wilkes, Treadwell, Reasby, Paddock, Calcott, Rowley, Aston, Butler, Lissaman, Swift, W. Lucas, Shaddock and Edwards. Mr. T. Gilbert was president, and Messrs. F. W. Harris and G. Turrell vice-presidents. Other names on the Committee of Management which occur to us were those of the genial George Lawrence, Messrs. Adkins, Corrall, A. J. Lucas, Barratt, Davies, and Chillingsworth. The quality in most of the classes was tip-top, many of the winners being fit to hold their own in any company. It is not often one sees a class of Canary Mules of six entries, and three of these Canary Bullfinches. Mr. George Peters, the hon. sec., of whose geniality and hard work it would be difficult to speak too highly, had everything in smooth working order, and was most courteous to all. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Norwich, Crests, and Yorkshires.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Christian, beautiful colour right through, nice round chest, good head and neck; 2, Cooper, nice shape, good colour and quality, clean skull, neat wings and tail; 3, Silk, lovely feather and quality, well packed flights, and neat tail; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Taylor; c, Symonds and Son. BUFF (7): 1, Cooper, splendid shape, close fitting jacket, good colour and quality, nice head, chest and back; 2, Jones, grand shape, nice colour and quality; 3, Colver, good shape and colour, nice head and neck, grand quality; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Hall; c, Corrall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Walton and Noakes, mkd. right eye, rich level colour, well extended down flights, good quality, nice head and back; 2, Judd, shapely wing ticked, nice bend and neck, good quality; 3, Jones, right thigh ticked, good in shape and quality, nice back and chest; vhc, Rowley; hc, Mrs. Barber; c, Gilbert. BUFF (8): 1, Christian, mkd. eye, neck and wings, teeming with colour and quality, close as a Java for feather, good size and shape, wings well packed; 2, Wheatley, ticked left wing, magnificent shape, grand bend, neck and chest, good undercolour, well mealed, neat tail; 3, Cooper, right wing tick, rattling shape, splendid quality of feather, well cut away, full, short neck topped, good head; vhc, Jones; hc, Sanders; c, Walton and Nonkes. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, 3, Hall, magnificent quality, full of colour, nice shape, flights well packed, neat head, full neck, 3rd heavily mkd., wonderful colour, splendid shape, good head, back and wings; 2, Lucas, close fitting jacket, grand quality, nice shape, neat head, well carried flights, closely folded tail; vhc, Dipple; hc, Hulse; c, Wheatley. BUFF (14): 1, Judd, magnificent shape, rare head and neck, good short wings and tail, grand quality, rich undercolour; 2, Weaver, cl., grand colour and shape, well mealed, nice level back, good head, neck and wings; 3, Walton and Noakes, left wing, mkd., unflig., good shape, nice short wings and tail, nice tight feather, well cut away; vhc, Silk; hc, Roycroft; c, Davis. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, bc, Walton and Noakes, well known winner, looking well, often described; 2, Silk, ticked ou wing and back, nice shape and beautiful quality of feather, good back and wings; 3, Judd, clear, nice shape and full of quality; vhc, Hall; c, Swift. BUFF (18): 1, Midgley, clear, clinking shape, short, well packed wings and tail, rattling colour and quality, good head, short full neck, good one; 2, Judd, lovely feather and quality, grand back, full neck, wide back; 3, Dipple, grand size and shape, good colour and quality; vhc, Swift; hc,, Gilbert; c, Cooper. NAT. COL. (12): 1, Hewitt, eyes and wings marked, good shape and colour, plenty of size; 2, Needham, good shaped eyes and wing marked buff, good feather, nice bead, wings and tail; 3, vhc, c, Herbert, buff, same markings, good quality of feather, nice shaped body; hc, Walton and Noakes. CREST. (6): 1, Smith, rare spreading crest of good density, frontal well to beak end, nice centre; 2, 3, Peters, nice droop and centre, good frontal, 3rd nice droop; vhc, Mrs. Cotton. C.B. (5): 1, vhc, Peters, pied tail green, good entrance, long and wide head, feather of good quality and density, well lashed; 2, Smith, green with pied tail, nice shaped skull, good rise over beak, feather of nice length and width; 3, Taylor, well lashed varieg. CINN. SELF (5): 1, Tyler, grand quality buff, nice colour, rare skull; 2, Howe, good shaped buff, grand colour and skull; 3, Symonds and Son, good coloured yellow; vhc, Riding; No. 1, Riding, had a badly damaged leg, and could not stand. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Harris, thigh ticked, splendid colour and feather, slim built and stands well, good wings and tail, 2nd beautiful quality feather, nice style and stand, close up; 3, Pugh, good length and position, well on leg, pale colour; vhc, Paddock; hc, Burke; c, Broomfield. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Molc, splendid quality feather, slim built, nice length, narrow shoulders and neat head, stands well on good legs; 2, Paddock, straight as a pencil, nice position, well up on leg, good flights and tail; 3, hc, Harris, nice quality, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Pugh; c, Burke. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Harris, slim built, benutiful stand and style, well up on leg, close feather, of good qunlity, nicely folded tail, neat wings, yell; 2, Molo, yell., grand colour, nice length of leg, slim built and good position; 3, hc, Sutton, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and back, slim built, good position, nice wings; vhc, Burke; c, Broomfield. HEN (6): 1, 2, Harris, buff, grizzled on right cheek, lovely quality, beautifully mealed, nice style and position, wings and tail of the best. 2nd cl. buff, nice position, good feather, slim built; 3, Paddock, buff, good stand and feather; vhc, Spann; hc, Broomfield.

The Remaining Classes.

A.O.V. (5): 1, Symonds and Son, four-pointed buff Nor., well mkd., good shape, grand colour and quality; 2, Riding, buff Cinn., slightly pied on back of neck, rare shape and substance, grand stock bird; 3, Tyler, neat feathered, mkd., yell. Border, good shape; No. 5, wrong class, cap and even wing marked buff Norwich. CAN. MULE, LGT. (4): 1, Lawrence, even wing mkd. buff Goldfinch Can., good feather and rich colour on flights; 2, Mules, another buff, marked eyes and wings, nice shape and feather; 3, Chillingsworth, marked eyes, wings and cap, good feather; vhc, Butler and Waring. DARK (6): 1, Lawrence Can-Bullfinch, good size, colour and feather, well defined and expansive DARK (6): 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullfinch, good size, colour and feather, well defined and expansive cap; 2, Gilbert, Can. Bullie, good colour and feather, not quite so bold in head; 3, Chillingsworth, yet another Can. Bullie, tight feather; vhc, Barber; hc, Barratt; c, Harley. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Edwards, Greenfinch Bullfinch, grand size and shape, beautiful feather, good bold head and very stylish and steady; 2, Goldfinch Bullfinch, good blaze, nice shape and feather; 3, Lawrence, good Greenfinch Bullfinch. LIMIT PAIR (for Crest-breeding) (63/-) (7): 1, 2, Gilbert, cheap exhibits; 3, hc, c, Edwards; vhc, Peters. PAIRS P.H. (42/-) 1, Poutler and Waring, good shaped cl. yell., ck., ticked buff hen, good in shape; 2, Dipple, good quality yell. ck. and shapely buff hen; 3, Hall; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Lucas. NOR. SINGLE CL. ETC. YELL. (30/-) (9): 1, Needham; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Lawrence, all nice quality exhibits, well up in colour and shape; vhc, Wiberley; hc, Corrall; c, Herbert. BUFF (15): 1, Herbert, marked left eye and wings, rattling shape, full of quality; 2, Needham, cl., grand colour and quality, nice shape; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Butler and Waring; hc, Gilbert; c, Adams. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. (30/-) (16): 1, Cooper, good cl. buff, rare shape and quality; 2, Needham, hot coloured yell., nice quality feather; 3, Gilbert, nice conditioned yell.; vhc, Hulse; hc, Harris; c, Dipple. SELL. PAIRS P.H. (21/-) (20): 1, Sadler, high quality yell. cock and marked buff hen; 2, Barratt, nice quality yell., ck., and good shaped cl. buff hen; 3, Lucas, shapely cl. yell. cock, good colour, and neat and shapely wing-ticked buff hen; vhc, Butler and Waring; hc, Aston; c, Dipple. SINGLE (10/6) (27): 1, Butler and Waring; 2, Midgley; 3, Barratt; vhc, Silk; hc, Dipple; c, Edwards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Seal, grand coloured blaze, well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons, good back; 2, Edwards, grandly feathered, rich coloured blaze, nice wing bars; 3, Parlett, square cut blaze, splendid buttons; vhc, Mrs. Barber; hc, Jeffrey; c, Lee. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Mole, a smasher for breast colour, grand cap and bars, very dense in black; 2, Lawrence, hen, grand size and shape, nice cap and bars, quite a lady; 3, Tyler, good cap and bars, beaten on breast; vhc, Edwards; hc, Baseby; c, Mrs. Barber. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 3, Gilbert, good coloured and well spangled Bramblefinch, nice shape and feather; 3, Chaffinch, good size and nice whites; 2, Tyler, Chaffinch, splendid feather and colour, good cap and whites; vhc, Barratt. LINNET ETC. (6): 1, 2, Lucas, Siskin, nice cap and feather; 2, Redpoll, good bib and well mkd.; 3, Sanders, nice feathered Siskin; vhc, Seal. INSECTIV. LARK AND SMALLER (4): 1, Shaddock, Blackcap, beautiful feather, good size and well defined cap of great density; 2, Lissaman, Yellow Wagtail, in magnificent feather, pale in colour; 3, Harris, Blackcap, fails size to winner. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, Brotherhood, Waxwing, in perfect plumage, nice wings and very steady; 2, Wembley, Hawfinch, splendid colour and feather, nicely cut bib; 3, Shaddock, Spotted Woodpecker, good colour and condition; vhc, Garratt; hc, Mrs. Cotton; c, Mrs. Eborne. FOR. (7): 1, 3, Shaddock, one of the richest coloured Scarlet Tanagers we have seen for a long time, grand feather; 3rd, nice Orange Bishop; 2, Voigt, good Blue Mountain Lorry, splendid feather and colour; vhc, hc, Peters; c, Mrs. Turner. GIFT (4): 1, Barratt; 2, Chillingsworth; 3, Corrall; vhc, Ashton.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual club show held November 21st, in the Lesser Albert Hall, one of the finest in Scotland for a bird show. The entries showed an increase over the previous year's, and the show was well patronised. The sec., Mr. G. Hislop, and his committee had everything in good order long before the judged appeared. The judge for Scotch Fancies and Norwich was Mr. W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), and the judge for Borders and British was Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate). The special for best British bird was won by an Albino Thrush, and the opinions of the British bird exhibitors were a treat to hear.

SCOT. FCY. CK., YOUNG (5): 1, spl, 2, Strathern; 3, Hamilton; 4, Neil; 5, Christie. HEN (5): 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, spl, Strathern; 4, Neil; 5, Christie. CK., OLD (9): 1, 6, Strathern; 2, spl, 4, 5, Hamilton; 3, 9, Christie; 7, Neil; 8, Jack. HEN (10): 1, 5, Strathern; 2, Jack; 3, 4, spl, 10, Hamilton; 6, 9, Neil; 7, 8, Christie. NOR. YELL. CK., YOUNG (8): 1, M'Naughton; 2, 5, 6, Bishop; 3, Burnett; 4, 7, Robertson; 8, Boocock. BUFF (10): 1, M'Naughton; 2, Robertson; 3, 6, Love; 4, 5, 8, Bishop; 7, Summers; 9, M'Donald; 10, Burnett. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, 5, 6, Bishop; 2, Stevenson; 3, W. C. Smith; 4, M'Naughton. BUFF (9): 1, W. C. Smith; 2, 5, Burnett; 3, M'Naughton; 4, Summers; 6, 9, Love; 7, 8, Bishop. NON-FED NOR. (8): 1, 4, M'Gregor; 2, Burnett; 3, Clapperton; 5, M'Naughton; 6, 8, Mitchell; 7, Bishop. NOR. CK., OLD (11): 1, 3, 5, Bishop; 2, 10, Robertson; 4, Stevenson; 6, Burnett; 7, Mitchell; 8, Love; 9, M'Naughton. HEN (8): 1, spl, 4, Robertson; 2, M'Naughton; 3, Burnett; 5, Kinimouth; 6, Summers; 7, Bishop. CREST, YOUNG (4): 1, spl, Hume; 2, Kinimouth; 3, M'Naughton. C.B. (6): 1, 4, M'Gregor; 2, Love; 3, M'Naughton; 5, 6, Kinimouth. CREST, OLD (7): 1, spl, Duchart; 2, M'Naughton; 3, Mitchell; 4, 7, Hume; 5, M'Gregor; 6, Kinimouth. C.B. (7): 1, M'Naughton; 2, M'Gregor; 3, 5, Kinimouth; 4, Love; 0, 7, Duchart. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., YOUNG (16): 1, Summers; 2, spl, 8, Kinimouth; 3, Campbell; 4, Auld; 5, Hislop; 6, M'Gregor; 7, Boocock. BUFF (13): 1, Mitchell; 2, Kinimouth; 3, Auld; 4, 6, Hyslop; 5, Summers; 7, Burnett; 8, M'Gregor. YELL. HEN (13): 1, M'Gregor; 2, Summers; 3, Kinimouth; 4, Campbell; 5, spl, Mitchell; 6, Hislop; 7, Blair; 8, M'Nab. BUFF (10): 1, 8, Summers; 2, Kinimouth; 3, J. Campbell; 4, M'Gregor; 5, 7, Hislop; 6, Arnott. EVEN MKD. PIED, ETC., CK. (11): 1, 8, spl, Blair; 2, 7, spl, Auld; 3, M'Gregor; 4, Arnott; 5, 6, Mitchell. HEN (7): 1, spl, M'Gregor; 2, W. Campbell; 3, 5, Hislop; 4, J. Campbell; 6, M'Intyre; 7, Arnott. SELL. (7s. 0d.) (9): 1, spl, 2, Hislop; 3, Kinimouth; 4, 7, Clapperton; 5, Auld; 6, M'Gregor; 8, Summers. BORD., OLD (13): 1, 5, Arnott; 2, spl, 8, Hislop; 3, Boocock; 4, 8, Arnott; 0, Auld; 7, Burnett. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, 5, Blair; 2, 6, Hislop. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 2, Bishop; 3, 5, J. M'Gregor; 4, Stevenson; 6, C. M'Gregor. BROWN LINNET (9): 1, Brisbane; 2, Kinimouth; 3, Bishop; 4, spl, Duff; 5, Hislop; 6, spl, C. M'Gregor; 7, Auld; 8, Arnott. GREENFINCH (7): 1, W. C. Smith; 2, spl, Hislop; 3, 4, Stevenson; 5, spl, Duff; 6, Brisbnne; 7, Mitchell. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (14): 1, 7, spl, Hislop; 2, 6, Love; 3, 8, Clapperton; 4, 5, Brisbane. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 4, Brisbane; 2, M'Donald; 3, Bishop; 5, W. C. Smith; 6, Mitchell; 7, Hislop; 8, Arnott. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl, 3, Johnstone; 2, M'Gregor; 4, Duff. BRIT. A.O.S. (4): 1, 3, Hislop; 2, Arnott; 4, Brisbane. FOR. (10): 1, spl, Kinimouth; 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Johnstone; 3, Brisbane.

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WINCHESTER.

A most successful show with a record entry was held in the Corn Exchange, December 3rd. The birds were staged in a nice room, with a good light, and nicely decorated with ferns and palms. The quality of the exhibits throughout was good, many previous winners putting in appearance. With Mr. H. F. Savage as the capable Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. Gamble and Russell as stewards, everything was in order. After the judging a good lunch was provided. Mr. W. R. Miles judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Schneider, former a bouncer, rare size, type and quality, 2nd another grand bird; 3, Mortara, very hot-coloured bird, nice type; vhc, hc, Schneider; vhc, hc, Mortara. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Mortara, regular little beauty, put down in A1 style, 3rd good one, nice style; 2, Schneider, grizzle-marked on chest, large, nice quality; vhc, hc, Schneider; hc, Mortara. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Schneider, grand wing-marked yell., leading; 2, hc, c, Mortara, 2nd splendid bull, good exhibit. YORKS. YELL., all the prizes and spl for best bird, went to Mr. Gamble with a grand team, winner nice ticked, and beautifully-drawn, could hold its own in first-class company, 2nd and 3rd lose in style only. BUFF: again Mr. Gamble had all the prizes with a rattling team, well shown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, spl, Mrs. Maynard; 3, Mrs. Eastou. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Russell, young Goldie, nice blaze, moons and buttons beautifully tanned; 2, 3, Schneider, good house-moulted Bullie, 3rd nice Goldie; hc, Gamble, Mortara; Egerston. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, hc, Gamble, 1st Yellow Bunting, nicely marked, 3rd Greenie; 2, Schneider, Greenfinch; hc, Huntley. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, hc, Huntley, large variey. Goldie Mule; 2, Schneider; 3, Russell; hc, c, Meyer. FOR.: 1, spl, Miss Scott; 2, Motara; 3, Phair. SELL. (20/-): 1, Mortara; 2, 3, Schneider; vhc, hc, Miss Scott.

COCKERMOUTH.

Annual show, held in The Tweed Mill, on December 4th and 5th. The venue is admirably suited for a show, being large and lofty. The society is to be congratulated on its excellent band of officials. In Mr. George Oglethorpe (Chairman) and Mr. J. Simon (Secretary), the society has a pair of officials whose equal it would be hard to find. The Committee all worked like Trojans, and seemed to take the really hard work allotted to them as though they liked it. With a staff such as this it is no wonder everything went smoothly and well. The judges got to work in good time, and assisted by the good light, were able to get done quickly. Catalogues with printed awards were on sale before five o'clock on the Friday; this in itself proved the staff's efficiency. There was a record entry, something like 300 birds, giving the judge a good day's work. The Border Fancies, as was natural for a Cumberland show, were very strong, both in quality and numbers, and would no doubt have been much stronger had it not been for the counter attraction at Altrincham, which kept most of the Lancashire and Cheshire birds away. In the Members' Sections some really good birds were staged. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. CK. BORD. (9): 1, McGuffie, very sweetly-moulded, good wings and tail; 2, Dixon, lovely colour; 3, Wilson; 4, Pearson, both good ones; 5, Poole; 6, Lewthwaite; 7, Hopper Bros. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Wilson, grand shape and style, feathered like wax, not much to choose betwixt them; 3, Henderson, good feather, nicely moulded; 4, Walker, similar; 5, Moore; 6, Dixon; 7, Walker; No. 4 absent. UNEVEN YELL. (8): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal winner, Wilson, nearly even marked, a gem for style, quality and colour; 2, Pennington, another good one; 3, Lewthwaite; 4, Dixon, nice exhibits, not much to choose betwixt them. BUFF (9): 1, Pearson, very shapely, lovely quality, well filled; 2, 7, ——, also shapely; 3, 4, Ellwood, nice birds, fine quality; 5, Hopper Bros.; 6, Walker. TICK., ETC. (6): 1, Poole, dainty specimen, nicely moulded, grand all over; 2, 3, Thompson, not far behind, good one; 4, Dixon, another good one; 5, Hopper Bros.; No. 1 absent. YELL. HEN CL. ETC. (15), very strong class: 1, 3, Wilson, pair of dainty ladies, feathered like Javas; 2, Pennington, another sweet little gem; 4, Plaskett Bros., fine finish; 5, 6, Poole; 7, Moore. BUFF (20), really grand class, quite another set of winners, had to be left out in spite of an extra card being given: 1, 8, Dixon, perfect little gem, light as wax, well moulded, not a corner about it; 2, McGuffie, another good one; 3, Hopper Bros., sweetly moulded, good one; 4, Deacon, not far behind; 6, Poole; 7, Wilson. EVEN MARKED (6): 1, Wilson, nice shape and quality, good markings; 2, Pearson, not far behind, grand one; 3, Miss Forsyth, nice exhibit, fine finish; 4, Dixon, close up; 5, Ellwood; No. 1, A. J. Rea, wrong classed, tick on head, wins B.F.C.C. Novice medal, a really good all-round bird. GREEN-OR CINN. (8), this variety does not make the headway in Cumberland as its beauty warrants: 1, Millington, good colour, grandly exhibited; 2, McGhie, another good, all-round bird; 3, McGuffie, capital all over; 4, McMaster; 5, Long; 6, Walker; 7, Moore. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Stewart, long, reachy, good legs, sound colour, excellent quality; 3, 5, Cuthbertson, fine finish, nice bird; 4, 6, Douglas, 4th grand legs, good bird; No. 5, wrong class (buff). CL. BUFF (10): 1, Broughton, good qual., well up on legs, racy; 2, Stewart, similar, finely drawn; 3, 6, Douglas, both nice exhibits; 4, Cuthbertson; 5, Huntington; 7, Thompson. TICK., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Broughton, well-drawn, good legs; 2, Cuthbertson, well drawn, nice one; 3, 4, Douglas, good finish; 5, Stewart; 6, Ferguson; No. 4, wrong class; No. 5, absent. BUFF (8): 1, Cuthbertson, well-drawn, good legs and wings; 2, 6, Stewart, 2nd not far behind, good one; 3, Broughton, another nice Yorkie, stands well; 4, 7, Douglas, another nice exhibit; 5, Brown. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Stewart, leader grand quality type and position, 2nd well finished, good one; 3, Cuthbertson, nice style; 4, Douglas, similar; 5, Brown; 6, Ferguson; 7, Broughton. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Broughton, leader gem, well-drawn, clean, good legs, very stylish; 2, 3, Stewart, pair of real good ones, only slightly behind leader in finish; 5, 6, Douglas; No. 7, absent, a good class this. SELL. (5): 1, 4, Stewart; 2, Douglas; 3, Brown; 5, Thompson. NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Davies, both good, cobby birds, well moulded; 2, Reid Bros., another nice one; 4, Lowthian, nice one, will improve yet; 5, Chuplow; 6, Millington. HEN (6): 1, 2, Davies; 3, Lowthian; 4, Sumpton Bros. rather small, but very nice and good, otherwise. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Davies; 2, Wilson; 3,5,0, Sumpton Bros.; 4, 7, Chaplow, not much to choose betwixt them, all very good. SCOT. FCY.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Ellwood; 2, 4, Davies. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Ellwood; 2, Rae; 3, Miss Forsyth; 4, Johnstone; 5, Sumpton Bros.; 6, Ellwood; 7, Thompson. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, 2, Davies, good coloured Linnet leading, nice Greenfinch following, both excellent; 3, 4, Dixon, good coloured Goldfinch; 5, Leggett; 6, Nealy. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled. MEMBERS' CK. (6): 1, Rae; 2, Ellwood; 3, Simon; 4, Wilkinson; 5, Thompson; 0, Bates, some very nice exhibits in this class, fit to go in the open, as also in the hen class. HEN (6): 1, Thompson; 2, Rae; 3, Simon; 4, Ellwood; 5, Walker; 6, Litt. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, Deacon, very clean in whites, grand colour and condition, wins; 2, 3, Holmes, pair of nice conditioned Goldies; 4, Patterson; 5, Roberts; 6, Nealy; 7, Wilson. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Thompson, good shape and feather, well staged; 2, Little, good feathered, grand bird; 3, Robinson, wild-caught, in grand colour and condition; 4, Wilson, another wild-caught one, nice bloom. LINNET: 1, 2, Mrs. Wilson, 1st well-marked, rich colour; 2, nice colour and markings; 3, Reid Bros., also nice colour; 4, Litt, similar; Nos. 3 and 6, absent. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson, yell. Siskin in grand condition and feather; 2, Oglethorpe, very neat Redpoll; 3, Wilson; 4, Lewthwaite, both Redpolls, will improve later. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, Mrs. Wilson, leader grand colour and condition, 2nd nice colour; 3, Dixon, large, nice colour; 4, Ellwood, similar; 5, 6, Ellwood; 7, Lewthwaite. CHAFFIE (7): 1, 3, 7, Bell and Fisher, leader Bramble, good colour and condition, 3rd another Bramble, nice colour; 2, 5, Wilson, 2nd Chaffinch, good markings and colour, well staged; 4, 6, Oglethorpe, 4th nice Chaffinch. A.O. SEED-EATERS: Cancelled. HEN SEED-EATERS (4): 1, McGhie; 2, Deacon; 3, Robinson; No. 4, absent. INSECTIV. (4): 1, Lewis, Cornish Chough, in grand condition, wins special for best Cumberland exhibit; 2, Holmes, Grey Wagtail, sound in colour; 3, Fox, good Song Thrush; 4, Penrice, Blackbird. FOR. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Snodden and Thompson; 3, Block; 4, D. and J. Pearson, all Parrots, grand Eclectus leading, Grey 2nd, good one. Amazon 3rd, nicely feathered Alexandrine. SMALL (9): 1, Holmes; 2, Whalley; 3, Ellwood; 4, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson; 5, Snodden and Thompson; 6, Mrs. John Wilson; 7, Walker, a very nice class indeed. GIFT (8): 1, Simon; 2, Deacon; 3, Rae; 4, Oglethorpe; 5, Little; 6, Litt; 7, Ellwood. DOVES (20): 1, c, E. P. Stephenson; 2, Cock; 3, Walters; 4, Johnson; 5, Walsh; 6, Jackson.

BUCKINGHAM.

The eighth annual show held in the Town Hall December 1st. There were a good number of entries, and the judge, Mr. A. De Winton, gave every satisfaction. The birds exhibited were of excellent quality, and amongst them were seen some well-known winners. Mr Simonds makes a capital secretary, and had everything well in hand.

NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, vhc, Mullis; 2, res, Lewin; 3, Eales; 4, Simonds. A.O.V.: 1, 3, res, vhc, Mrs. Mole; 2, Mrs. Fifield; 4, Baker; hc, Lewin; c, Simmons. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Andrews; 3, res, vhc, Lees; 4, Mallows; hc, Simonds; c, Lewin. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 3, Eales; 2, hc, c, Andrews; 4, Simonds; res, Mrs. Simonds; vhc, Soton. LARGE: Cancelled.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held November 28th, when Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl for best in show, W. Jowett; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Fowle; 4, c, Appleyard; vhc, Grundy; hc, S. Jagger. BUFF: 1, vhc, Fowle; 2, Kirkbright; 3, W. Jowett; 4, Smith; bc, H. Jagger. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, S. Jagger; 2, Smith; 3, A. Jowett. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Kirkbright; 2, Smith; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, Fowle. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Waterhouse; 3, Briggs and Jagger. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Kirkbright; 3, H. Jagger; 4, Grundy. BUFF: 1, Grundy; 2, Fowle; 3, Kirkbright; 4, vhc, Hansom. A.O.V.: 1, Briggs and Jagger.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE CAGE BIRDS SOCIETY.

Annual members' show held in the Victoria Street Schoolroom, November 28th, when Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, giving every satisfaction. The entries totalled over 140, and the quality of the exhibits was good. Winners of cups: "Binns's," and "Croucher's," Mr. Bevan; "Welsh's," Mr. J. Crossley; and "Kirkham's," Mr. Boardman.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 4, Binns; 3, Ball; vhc, Crossley; hc, J. R. Crossley; c, Young. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Binns; 3, vhc, J. R. Crossley; 4, McNeill. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, J. R. Crossley; 2, vhc, Binns; 4, G. Young; hc, Ball; c, McNeill. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Young; 2, Ball; 3, vhc, Binns; hc, J. Crossley; c, Pattison. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, J. Crossley; 3, McNeill; 4, Ball; vhc, Binns; hc, Young. BUFF (8): 1, Pattison; 2, c, Binns; 3, Young; 4, McNeill; vhc, J. Crossley; hc, J. R. Crossley. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 4, hc, Bevan; 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Lightbrown. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, Lingard; 4, Morrison; hc, Smithson; c, McNeill. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Lingard; 2, hc, Morrison; 3, Smithson; 4, vhc, Bevan; c, Lightbown. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Lightbown; 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, c, Morrison; hc, McNeill. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Bevan; 2, 3, Lingard. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, 4, Lightbown; hc, McNeill; c, Morrison. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Kirkham; 2, Boardman; 4, Bevan. GOLDIE ETC. (6): 1, Lightbown; 2, 4, Kirkham; 3, Riding; vhc, Bevan; hc, Boardman. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, hc, c, Riding; 2, 3, Kirkham; 4, vhc, Boardman. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Boardman; 3, Riding; 4, vhc, Kirkham. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Bonrdman; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Kirkham; hc, Bevan. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Ball; 2, Boardman; 3, vhc, Lightbown; 4, hc, Kirkham. SELL (£1) (4): 1, Lightbown; 2, 4, Bevan; 3, Binns. (12/6) (7): 1, Binns; 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, Lingard; 4, Young; hc, J. R. Crossley; c, Lightbown.

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JEDBURGH.

Annual exhibition, held in the Home Mission Hall, on Dec. 3rd, and confined to 20 miles radius. Entries on the whole were good in quality but rather few in numbers. The committee were indefatiguble in their efforts to make the show a success, their care for the exhibits being excellent. The secretary, Mr. Storrie, proved himself equal to the occasion. The hall is a very suitable one for a cage bird show. The exhibition was well patronized and we expect to hear that it was a financial success. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged all varieties, and his awards on the whole were well received.

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, spl, 3, 4, vhc, J. and W. Veitch, leader good yell, piebald, showy specimen, good shoulder and reach and nice depth; 3, large yell., rare length of side, plenty substance; 4, nice buff, good quality throughout; 2, McLeny, good buff, foul, fine size, nice depth. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, J. and W. Veitch, leader good buff, best in size, position and length; 2, yell. piebald, stylish; 3, nice buff, piebald, good action; 4, yell. piebald, grand style. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Gilchrist, grand body and shape, fine head and wing carriage; 2, Haig, good stamp, rare position, fine quality throughout; 3, Minto, nice style, shape and head; 4, Robson and Oliver, good shape and style; vhc, Miss Burd. HEN (3): 1, McLeny, easy win, fine type, grand quality feather, stylish, well drawn; 2, Robertson, nice shape, grand head and front; 3, Robson and Oliver, good size and weight. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Gilchrist, grandly rounded, well drawn, fine style; 2, McLeny, good position, well finished, grand feather. HEN (4): 1, Gilchrist, good one, fine position, rare head, well rounded one in rare bloom, nicely staged; 2, McLeny, again, all there for style, good quality feather; 3, Minto, good quality throughout; 4, Patterson, fair all round specimen. EVEN-MARKED (2): 1, 2, Robson and Oliver, leader well balanced yell., and 2nd, nice close-feathered buff, both fine shape, in grand order. UNEVEN (3): 1, McLeny, good yell., well rounded, staged to perfection in A1 order; 2, Gilchrist, nice buff, grand quality feather; 3, Patterson, good all round. SELL ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Ford, Linnet, grand size, well 1. McLeny, very nice Greenfinch, very steady. BRIT. BULLIE ETC. (5): 1 (no name), grand Goldie, fine body and shape, grand size, A1 buttons, well cut on cheeks; 2, Halliday, noted winning Bullie, good cap and breast colour; 3, McDougal, sweet Bullie, rare colour, grand bars; 4, Halliday, dense coloured Goldie, grand face; vhc, Afflick. LINNET (8): 1, vhc, Ford, good Linnet, grand size, well marked, fine breast colour, very steady; 2 (no name), good natural col. Siskin, well up in size, neat bib and bars, fine tone throughout; 3, (no name), Linnet, fine tone of colour, good flights; 4, Easton, good Twite, grand size and colour; vhc, Swanston. CHAFFINCH ETC. (6): 1, McDougal, Greenie, grand colour, deep yell. throughout, in A1 order, topper for finish; 2, Watson, in A1 bloom, tight as wax, good in bars, grand size; 3, Robertson, lengthy shaped bird, neat front and shape, well forward in colour; 4, Halliday, good shape, tight as wax; vhc, hc, Nairn. BRIT. (2): 1, Sinton, well known winning Fieldface, needs no comment; 2, Afflick, large Pied Wagtail, in good order. FOR. (1): 1, Bennett, old champion King Parrot, in wonderfully good order, a gem for his age. GIFT (4): 1, 2, Haig; 3, Afflick; 4, (no name).

HIGHGATE.

The members of the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. are to be congratulated upon the success of their first winter show, which was held at the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, on Nov. 28th. Entries totalled up fairly well, and the quality, especially in the novice section, was very strong. The best bird in the champion section was a very typical yellow Lancashire Plainhead belonging to the veteran Mr. Shakespeare, and the best in the novices, a very handsome wing marked Crest, shown by Mr. Penny, which also secured the special for the best unflig. bird in the section, an honour which in the champions fell to a rare quality, short feathered yellow Norwich, shown by Mr. Reynolds, the late secretary. All the arrangements were well carried out, the hall being tastefully decorated with foliage and plants. The committee, to whom much credit is due for running the show in so effective a manner, is composed of Messrs. G. Gardner (chairman), W. Ward (vice), C. Andrews, J. Street, W. Shakespeare, R. Coventry, W. Knight, W. Cooper, A. Yardley, B. Eastoe, G. T. Pile, J. Hyde, C. Penny, F. C. Barnes, A. Fisher (treasurer), and Messrs. G. H. Neal and W. Rawlinson, the capable and energetic hon. secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CHAMPIONS.—NOR., YELL. (2): 1, Easterling's and best unflig. spls, Reynolds, grand type, rich deep colour, well shown; 2, Bell, nice shape and colour, not tightened up. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Bell, very nice shapely team of good colour; vhc, spl, Reynolds. VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, Bell, very nice coloured, ticked headed; 2, Reynolds. BUFF (4): 1, Reynolds, very neat and showy cap and wing marked; 2, 3, vhc, Bell. HEN (4): 1, 2, spl, best Norwich, Reynolds, very neat typical yellow and a buff; 3, vhc, Bell. In Yorkshires, Crests, Crest-breds, Borders, Lizards, Lancashires, and Mules, Mr. W. Shakespeare was the only exhibitor and took all the class prizes, spl for the section, spl best champion with his yellow Lancashire, spl best Border in show, and spl best 3rd prize bird in show. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Walmsley, very nice clean cut bird of good shape and style; 2, Hyde, very shapely and nice colour, but wild; 3, Knight, very smart in style, nice quality, but just a shade soft; vhc, spl, Neal; hc, spl, Martin; c, Mrs. Wood. BUFF (12): 1, spl, vhc, Neal, very neat and close in feather, short and compact in body, nice colour; 2, Martin, grand bodied bird of good colour; 3, Johnson, beautiful quality of feather, nice type, pale in colour; hc, Hyde; c, Mrs. Wood. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, 3, and 2 spls, Neal, eye, head and wing marked, of grand colour and quality, takes Easterling's spl, 3rd grand quality bird but longer, takes Ramsden's spl; 2, Avery, eye and vent marked, very sweet bird, of lovely quality and grand type; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, spl, Johnson; c, Walmsley. BUFF (11): 1, spl best bird shown by a lady, Mrs. Wood, eye and wing marked, one of the best, if not the best, headed birds in the show, lovely colour, grand quality, but shown a wee bit too fat; 2, Walmsley, grand body and style, very close feather, thigh ticked; 3, Johnson, head ticked, good shape and feather; vhc, Knight; hc, Miss Giddy; c, Pile. HENS: The class of the section, 17, and some rare grand birds, too; 1, spl, best in section, hc, Pile, very short and compact, close-fitting silky feather, and a grand coloured jacket; 2, spl, vhc, Neal, charming buff, lovely type, very close in feather, splendid feather; 3, Mrs. Woods, head marked buff, rare chubby-bodied bird, splendid feather and nicely shown; c, spl, Knight. YORKS. YELL (11): 1, Knight, neat head, slim body, nice style; 2, spl, vhc, spl, Fisher, two well feathered showy birds, neat heads, hardly so slim; 3, Turner, grand shape, colour and feather, but would not stand; hc, spl, Mrs. Giddy; c, spl, Winter. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 3, spl, and spl, best in section, Turner, very long, slim, stylish bird full of nerve, 3rd, grand body properties, not so clever with his wings; 2, Knight, lovely feather and style, splendid colour; vhc, Ward; hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Neal. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Knight, very slim and grand quality; 2, Fisher, nice length and shape; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, spl, Winter; c, Bush. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Knight, eye and wing marked, nice shape and style, neat feather; 2, Winter, nice head and very showy; vhc, Abrams; hc, c, Bush. HENS (17): 1, Bush, very finely made, slim, close feathered buff; 2, Knight, long, slim yellow of grand style, needed tucking; 3, Turner, sweet head and neck, yellow, a lovely little bird, but lost its chance because the soap had been left on; vhc, c, Fidler; hc, Abrams. CRESTS (7): In this class the printer got juggling with the numbers, and as a consequence the whole of the catalogue numbers were out of place; we did our best to ascertain the relative numbers and names, and believe we have them correct; 1, 2, vhc, and five spls, Penny, 1st lovely wing marked, very densely feathered, capital radiation and droop, only needing a master hand to put it down; 2nd, very neat shapely grey; 3rd, Gill, very faintly grizzled, good but horned; hc, spl, Mrs. Woods; c, spl, Ward. C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, Penny, very nice team, well shaped and densely feathered skulls; vhc, Neal; hc, G.H.; c, Ward. BORDERS (2): 1, 2, Pile, two neat yellows. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Dickson, trio of Green Germans. ROLLERS (10): 1, 2, 3, and three spls, Dickson; vhc, Orton. MULES (5): 1, 2, spl, best Mule in show, Mrs. Giddy, very nicely marked, rich coloured, close feathered buff Linnet, and a buff Goldie of rare colour and quality, both darks; 3, vhc, Pile; vhc, spl, Hyde; two birds were shown in this class by Mr. Tomas as Greenfinch-Canarics, we examined them most carefully, but could not distinguish the slightest signs of the cross, they being in our opinion the produce of German Canaries; Mr. Tomas assured us as to the absolute authenticity of their pedigree, and if his version is correct, they are two wonderful birds. BRIT. GOLDIE: (5): 1, 2, and two spls, Pile, two beautiful rich coloured birds of grand shape and feather; 3, Street, nicely marked, good feather; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Hyde. BULLIE (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy, two lovely coloured birds, large well-cut caps, nice back and bars; 3, Knight, capital shape, nice colour, not so steady; vhc, Street. Grecnie (6): 1, vhc, Mrs. Giddy, grand flights and tail, very close in feather, nice size; 2, hc, Pile, neat and compact in feather, nice wings and tail; 3, Neal, good shape, size, and colour, hardly so steady; c, Knight. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Pile, two grand coloured, well marked, nice quality birds; 3, Johnson; hc, Mrs. Giddy. SISKIN, ETC.: (5): 1, Street, very bonny Siskin, grand colour, well marked, nice feather; 2, 3, Pile, rich coloured, neatly marked Twite, and Redpoll; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Knight. A.O.S. FINCH (2): 1, Pile, Hawfinch; 2, Mrs. Giddy, Bramblefinch. BUNTING (1): 1, Pile, well marked yellow. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, spl, best Brit., Pile, grand coloured Blackbird, good bill and cere. HENS (3): 1, 2, Pile, splendid Greenie and Bullie; 2, 3, Knight, another nice Bullie. FOR. FINCH (1): 1, Pile, very pretty pair of Ribbon Finches. A.O.S. (2): 1, spl, Pile, beautifully marked, rare feathered Cordon Bleu; 2, Mrs. Giddy, large, good coloured pair of yellow Budgerigars. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, spl, Fisher; 2, Knight; 3, Street; vhc, Rawlinson; hc, Penny, Martin; c, Johnson. (20/-) (2): 1, Knight; 2, Johnson. PAIRS (35/-) (6): 1, 2, Knight, 3, hc, Penny; vhc, Fisher; c, Martin.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

Members' show held November 28th, at the Bull's Head, Thornton. Mr. W. Mann judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Sixty birds were staged.

CL. ETC. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Holroyd; 2, 3, Mitchel; 4, Bates. BUFF: 1, Ingham; 2, Mitchel; 3, Clayton; 4, Burden. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, E. Ingham; 2, 3, 4, F. Ingham. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, F. Ingham; 3, Holroyd; 4, Burdin. BUFF: 1, Bates; 2, Clayton; 3, Mitchell; 4, Burdin. UNEVEN, ETC. HEN: 1, 2, 3, F. Ingham; 4, E. Ingham.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

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The 7th competition and members' show was held November 28th at headquarters. The entry was a very fair one, over 80 birds being staged; some noted winners were amongst them. Mr. F. Allan (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CLASS I.: 1, Bywater; 2, 3, Bottomley; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Casey; hc, Thompson; c, Hudson. II.: 1, c, Bottomley; 2, Firth; 3, Bleazard; 4, Thompson; vhc, Cowell; hc, Bywater. III.: 1, 4, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, Hudson; vhc, Bleazard; hc, Cowell. IV.: 1, Casey; 2, Cowell; 3, Hudson; 4, Thompson; vhc, Bottomley. V.: 1, Firth; 2, c, Casey; 3, Thompson; 4, vhc, Cowell; hc, Bleazard. VI.: 1, hc, Cowell; 2, 4, Firth; 3, Casey; vhc, Thompson; c, Bleazard. VII.: 1, Bywater. VIII.: 1, Bleazard. NOVICE SECTIONS.—CLASS XI.: 1, vhc, hc, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Gledhill; c, Pacey Bros. XII.: 1, 2, Pacey Bros.; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Palframann; hc, Rawes; c, Gledhill. XIII.: 1, 3, vhc, Clark; 2, Pacey Bros.; 4, Battersby; hc, Mitchell; c, Rawes. XIV.: 1, 3, vhc, Clark; 2, Battersby; 4, Paceys Bros.; vhc, Gledhill; c, Palframan. XV.: 1, Clark; 2, Rawes; 3, Stobarts.—J. E. HUDSON, sec.

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EBBW VALE.

Held December 2nd, in the Market Hall. An average entry faced the judge. Yorks. and Norwich were good classes, and the British were very level in merit. A number of shows (a couple in the district) were held same day; no doubt this accounted for some three or four classes being cancelled. The hall is an ideal show room, there being a grand top light. The secretary, str. R. Anthony, and committee had all things in good order, and cages were up in a very little time. Mr. T. H. Melmith judged.

YORKS. CL. ETC.: 1, Martin, nice level coat, well moulded, fine stand, well staged; 3, Parlitt, stands well; 4, Tippings; res, Bevan; vhc, Cook; hc, Perry. BUFF: 1, spl, Perry, grand bird, true Yorkie, good in head, neck and wings, easy win; 3, c, Parlitt, leader another nice one; 4, Martin, good leather; res, Bevan; vhc, Cook; hc, Tippings. HEN: 1, Cook, nice bull heading, sweet leather and style; 3, Parnitt, yell., grand length; 4, res, Bevan; vhc, hc, Perry. NOR. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, Hill, nice cobby Bullie, good head and neck, grand coat; 3, James, again lovely frosted feather, full chest; res, Griffiths and Baxter; vhc, Newell; hc, Mundy. A.O.V.: 2, vhc, Farrow, Scotch Fancy leading, nice nervy mover, gets head well down, and full top; 3, Perry, green Yorks., useful stock bird; 4, Jones, Scotch; res, Powell. NOVICE: 1, vhc, Brown; 3, Newell; 4, Cronin; hc, Bevan; c, (no name). GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Guy, nice blaze, good level body colour and markings; 3, Tippings, Greypate, lovely lace, deep claret-red, expansive blaze, runs winner close, real little Tatty; 4, Collins, good Finch; res, Wankan; vhc, hc, (no name). BULLFINCH, ETC.: 3, Tippings, nice colour Chaffie; 4, Burnell; vhc (no name), Linnet; 2, Small, nice level colour and pencilling; 3, Grey, not ready, open in feather; 4, Williams. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Tippings, Jonque Goldie-Can., good colour, bright face, large bird; 3, James, Greenie-Bullie, nicely defined markings, seemed thick; 4, vhc, Conbourne, Goldie-Canary; res, Gregory; hc, c, Bull. PARROT: 3, Tippings; 4, James. SELL.: 2, 3, 4, W. Date. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, vhc, W. Date, nice clean finish leading; 3, res, Perry; three birds absent in this class. YORKS. CK.: 1, c, Perry; 2, Sinclair; 3, Jones; 4, Monks; res, vhc, Cook; hc, Tippings. HEN: 1, spl, 4, Perry, grand buff leading; 3, res, Cook; vhc, Tippings; hc, Sinclair. NOR. CK.: 1, Monks; 3, Tippings; 4, Love; res, Mundy; vhc, Sinclair; 6, 7, absent. HEN: 2, vhc, Monks; 3, res, Perry; 4, Powell.

FORRES.

The 22nd show held in the Mechanics' Institute December 5th. The hall is an excellent one, very cosy, with a good top light, the staging—single tier system—was admirably arranged, and a comfortable temperature was maintained throughout. The committee had everything in order in good time, and enabled the judge to start promptly. The secretary, Mr. Cumming, is most obliging, and handled the reins with a masterly hand; he is an excellent official. He was ably assisted by Mr. K. Maclean. Forres are famous for two features above all others—their wonderful display of British birds, and the number of "men in blue" on patrol in the show. The former raised one's enthusiasm; the latter kept it within bounds. There used to be here a splendid exhibition of cinnamons and Scotch Fancies, and we were surprised to find not a single specimen of the former, and but a solitary specimen of the latter. All the Norwich classes contained birds of exceptional merit. Mr. Taylor (Greenock) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

SCOTS. (1): Todd, Inverness winner, looking splendid, grand exhibit, needs no comment. NOR. PAIR, 1908 (2): 1, Petrie, nice Nor., good type and colour, short flights, yell. best of two; 2, Cooney, nice yell. variegated and cl. buff, yell. good type and head. NON-FED CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Garden, nice size and quality, good texture; 2, Macdonald, excels in colour; 3, Mennie, good quality; 4, George; 5, Hutchison; 6, Royan. BUFF (10): 1, Garden, grand-sized one, very chubby, neat wings and tail for such a big one; 2, Miller, real Nor., very short neck and flights; 3, 4, Campbell, former well up in size, well rounded front and filled in back, must have pressed; 5, Mennie; 6, Petrie. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Campbell, good size, nice flights and tail; 2, Cooney, similar, nice wing carriage; 3, Maclean, well feathered, very neat wings and tail; 4, Wattie. BUFF (9): 1, Patterson, model of a Nor., real Bullfinch type, nice sound head, beautifully mealed; 2, Mennie, good size, correct type, short flights, grand head; 3, Melvin, nice size and type; 4, Campbell; 5, Maclennan; 6, Wattie. VARIEG. CK. (12): 1, Patterson, nice size, very good quality; 2, Maclennan, slimly got up; 3, Wattie, good size and colour, neat wings, some preferred the next; 4, Duff, real Bullfinch type, short flights and tail; 5, Maclean; 6, Mrs. Duff. HEN (7): 1, Will, very compact, grand quality, Bullfinch type, well placed; 2, Miller, neat, good head; 3, Duff, Inverness winner, good all over; 4, Todd; 5, Grant; 6, Clark. COL.-FED CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Will, red-hot, medium size, beautiful quality, well put down; 2, Macdonald, good bird, well shown; 3, Maclean, very neat and close in feather; 4, Smith; 5, Stanford. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Hutchesou, former medium size, good type, round head, good colour, closely followed by 2nd, Garden, larger, very full in front, short wings; 3, Marr, nice front, well mealed, good size; 5, Stanford; 6, Maclean. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Maclean, nice type, very close in feather, good head and colour; 2, Laidlaw, well got up, nice flights and tail; 3, Maclennan, similar. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Patterson, former good type and size, well feathered and mealed, latter trifle smaller but similar otherwise; 3, Maclean, about right size, good type and colour; 4, Garden. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Patterson, red-hot, good type and size, bad head and wing carriage; 2, Smith, another good one, very chubby and short in feather; 3, Smith, nice hot colour; 4, Maclean; 5, Macdonald; 6, Maclennan. HEN (6): 1, Will, good colour, medium size, unsteady, wants handling; 2, Patterson, Bullfinch type, short in tail and wings, red-hot in colour; 3, 5, Maclean, good birds both of them; 4, Douglas; 5, Stanford. CINN.: Cancelled. CREST (2): 1, 2, Smith, 1st cl. body grizzle crest, very round headgear from a good centre, Nor. type body, much admired, latter variegated. D.C., smaller, shield-shaped "top-knot." C.B. (2): 1, Smith, well up in size, wide entrance,, well lashed, goes well back; 2, Hendry, nice entrance and type. BORD. (9): 1, 6, Cross, 1st correct type, grand plumage; 2, 5, Connochie, 2nd model for type, feathered like wax, perfect wing carriage, well put down; 3, 4, Ross Bros., former even mkd. cl., in excellent condition, very prettily marked, taking exhibit. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Ross Bros., Yorks., plenty size, well up in leg; 2, Garden, green Nor., good type and colour, well marked; 3, Third, Roller; 4, Maclean. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, Will; 2, Todd; 3, Law and Brown; 4, Macgregor Bros; 5, Angus; 6, Maclean. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Mennie, Inverness, winner looking well; 2, Maclean, good Siskin Mule, nice size and colour. REDPOLL (7): 1, Law and Brown, very neat and distinct in markings, well defined bib; 2, Ross Bros., nice poll and bib, some preferred; 3, Bowie, nice size and body colour; 4, Angus; 5, Cummlug; 6, Campbell. SISKIN (4): 1, Main and Gair, very steady, nicely laced, good cap, very steady; 2, 3, Ross Bros., former good size and colour; 3rd, stormer for size, perfectly marked, very large bib; 4, Maclean. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Bowie, medium-sized Linnet, nice nutty-brown back, well pencilled, in rare bloom, wins; 2, Milne Bros., Twite, good size and colour; 3, 4, Watson, former Linnet, well up in size, good colour and pencilling; 5, Campbell; 6, Law and Brown. BULLFINCH CK. (9): 1, 4, 6, Ross Bros., former Inverness winner, wonderful colour all over, correct type, wins hands down; 2, Law and Brown, well up in size, good head and whites; 3, Bowie, another good one, nice breast colour, cap and whites; 5, Milne Bros. HEN (9): 1, 4, Ross Bros., former nice size, grand cap and whites, very steady; 2, Law and Brown; 3, Angus, nice size and colour, good type; 5, Campbell; 6, George. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Ross, both Greenies, good size and colour, nicely shaped, in good bloom, latter similar; 2, George, Chaffinch, well up in colour, nice blue head, conspicuous whites on wings, good size; 4, Milne Bros.; 5, Younie and Robertson; 6, Robertson. LARGE: 1, 2, Ross Bros., former Fieldfare, beautiful exhibit, marked to perfection, good ground colour, very steady, latter Jay, well marked; 3, 5, Milne Bros, former Magpie, grand size, well cut in front, very long tail and steady, worth its place; 4, Law and Brown, Jay, some preferred, in fine trim. SMALLER (9): 1, Stanford, tip-top Brit. Goldie, nice square blaze, good tannings and buttons; 2, 4, Ross Bros., former Bramble, well up in size, well marked head and spangling, unsteady; 3, Milne Bros., Cirl Bunting, in grand bloom, beautifully marked head, very steady; 5, Henderson; 6, Brands. FOR. LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (3): 1, Todd, Amber-wing Troupial, grand exhibit, in A1 condition, Inverness winner; 2, Third, Budgerigars, good size, well marked, in grand form; 3, Angus, Budgerigars, well staged. AVIARY (4): 1, Macgregor, varied collection of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, in beautiful aviary; 2, Law and Brown, another good collection, close up; 3, Ross Bros., smaller aviary; 4, Henderson. BRIT. SELL. (5/-) (4): 1, Angus, Blackbird; 2, Law and Brown, 3, Younie and Robertson; 4, Ross Bros.

WHITTINGTON MOOR C.B.S.

First show held on Nov. 28. Although the entries came up badly the quality of the exhibits was exceedingly good. The secretary, Mr. A. Atkin, although new to his work, goes about his duties as if he were an experienced hand. The treasurer, Mr. Smith, is a willing man and very courteous, which is a sure way to success. The chairman, Mr. D. Hulley, is to be congratulated upon the success of the show; he is a true fancier, and one always ready to help. The president, Mr. J. T. Roe, also gave a willing hand, and the committee worked hard. The judging was over early.

NOR. CL. ETC. CK.: 1, 2, 4, spl, and Calow Cup, Hulley, 1st, large cl. yell., grand shape, nice head and neck, rare wing carriage, stout front; 2, clear yell., similar to 1st; 4, beautiful cl. buff, round as a ball; 3, Atkin, cl. yell., hot fed, good wing carriage and tail; res., Newman; hc, c, Atkin. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Hulley, fine team, a credit to their owner, 1st marked buff, real gem, good all over feathered like wax; 2nd, similar to 1st; 3, yellow variegated, another fine specimen; 4, ticked buff, very large, well staged; res, c, Newman; hc, Atkin. YORKS. CL. ETC. CK.: 1, 3, spl, Buck, cl. buff, grand type and position, feathered like wax, well drawn, easy win; 3, cl. yell., grand shape and position, sweet head and neck; 2, Gunn, cl. yell., lengthy, well drawn out, good wing carriage, pipe tail; 4, Hinder, cl. yell., fine bird, fine head; res., Burge; hc, Blank; c, Goucher. HEN: 1, c, spl, Gunn, cl. yell., real gem, neat head, very slim nice shape, leggy; 2, 4, Buck, 2, cl. yell., extra good position, grand type, lovely quality; 3, Goucher, cl. yell., slim, well drawn out, leggy; res., Burge; hc, Hill; c, Gunn. MULE: 1, spl, Roe, variegated buff Goldfinch, splendid condition, feathered like wax; 2, Smith, dark buff Goldfinch, beautiful feather, staged well. BRIT.: 1, spl, Blank, Goldfinch, grand blaze and buttons, nice checks and tanning, A1 wing flights; 2, Roe, Greenfinch, in splendid condition, gem for size, grand sound colour, good wing flights, neat shape; 3, Hart, Hawfinch hen, fine large bird, good markings; 4, Randall, Skylark, in beautiful condition, nicely marked; res., Burge; hc, Thompson; c, Martin. FOR.: 1, spl, Marriott, grand pair of Redrump Parrakeets, in good condition, well staged, very clean; 2, Smith, fine pair of Budgerigars, well marked, clean, both fine tails. SELL. (7/6): 1, spl, Hulley; 2, Smith; 3, Burge. GIFT: 1, spl, Hulley; 2, Roe; 3, Parsons; 4, Smith.

WALTHAMSTOW.

Owing to the unsatisfactory state of the finances after the big open event in January last, the Walthamstow F.A. this season decided to promote a members' show only, and this was held in the Public Baths on December 3rd. Entries were not so numerous as the executive expected, but some remarkably grand birds were staged, many of them being noted winners. The arrangements were well carried out by the committee, and Mr. A. B. Forse made a capable and courteous secretary. Mr J. Rohson judged.

YORKS. YELL (3): 1, Canary cup, Jones; 2, 3, B. F. Forse. BUFF (3): 1, Jones; 2, 3, Forse. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, two spls., Jones; 2, 3, spl., A. B. Forse. BUFF (3): 1, Jones; 2, 3, A. B. Forse. HEN (5): 1, Bennett; 2,h c, A. B. Forse; 3, res, B. F. Forse. NOVICE, YELL. (1): 1, Burbridge. BUFF (2): 1, spl., Bennett; 2, Mead. TKD. (6): 1, spl, Bennett; 2, vhc, Burbridge; 3, res, Mead. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Miles; 2, Marley. BUFF (3): 1, Marley; 2, Miles; 3, Carr. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Miles; 2, Carr; 3, Watcham; res, Marley. BUFF (2): 1, Miles; 2, Marley. HEN (4): 1, spl, Marley; 2, Miles; 3, res, Williamson. NOV. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Watcham; 2, Billingsley; 3, Penfold; res, Haudscombe. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Williamson; 2, Penfold; 3, Handscombe; res, Billingsley. VARIEG. (6): 1, Williamson; 2, Penfold; 3, Watcham; res, Handscombe; vhc, hc, Billingsley. CREST (8): 1, 3, c, spl, Farmer; 2, Penney; res, vhc, Miles; hc, Watcham. CREST, BRED (8): 1, 3, res, Farmer; 2, Penney; vhc, Watcham; hc, Miles. BRIT. GOLD. (4): 1, 3, B. F. Forse; 2, Penfold; res, Handscombe. BULL. (3): 1, 3, Burbridge; 2, Handscombe. LINNET (1): 1, British cup, Marley. GREEN. (6): 1, 2, Marley; 3, res, hc, Billens; vhc, Handscombe. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Billens. A.O.V., HARD BILL (3): 1, spl, Miles; 2, Marley; 3, Billens. HEN (1): 1, Handscombe. SOFT BILL (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Puck. FOR. (4): 1, Puck; 2, Handscombe. MULES, LIGHT (2): 1, 2, Mule cup, Mead. DARK (3): 1, 2, Penfold.

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UNITED METROPOLITAN.

The combined show of the South Metropolitan and Civil Service F.A., which was held in the Avondale Hall, Clapham, on December 3rd and 4th, was, we regret to say, far from being a success so far as the number of entries was concerned, and we fear there will be little beyond the honour of winning for the successful exhibitors, as after all the expenses are paid and 10 per cent. is taken by the two Associations promoting the show, the balance (if there is any) is to be divided between the successful exhibitors. The show was well managed, and everything done in good order by the following excellent committee:—Messrs. H. G. Ager, G. J. Bott, H. A. Bluke, G. W. Milledge, J. Russell, G. Smalley, and S. G. Walton, with the indefatigable Mr. A. Watson, of the C.S.F.A., as secretary. Mr. Easterling judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, two spls, Thursby, very nice team of good quality birds of good colour and shape, 1st eye ticked yellow, 2nd neat buff, a little model, which we liked much, 3rd another buff. HEN (2): 1, 2, Thursby, good shapely yellow and buff. YORKS (11): 1, Forster, very neat, stylish, shapely yellow of nice feather; 2, spl, 3, hc, Horsey, heavy marked yellow, very useful stock bird, 3rd neat yellow of good shape and feather; res, vhc, Watson; c, Russell. HEN (9): 1, c, two spls, one best in show, Watson, very nice coloured, stylish yellow hen; 2, 3, Horsey, very smart ticked headed bird, and a clear, which would have looked better had it been tubbed; res, hc, spl, Russell; hc, Forster. A.O.V.: One entry only, Barton, and that absent. MULE (2): 1, 2, Thursby, good, big, shapely, nicely marked dark buff Goldie, and a varieg. buff Goldie. FINCH (4): 1, 3, Thursby, good coloured, well marked Goldie, and a very pretty hen Bullie; 2, Allen, showy, well feathered, smartly marked Chaffinch; res, Pickin. A.O.S. (2): 1, Westbrook, a small pied Linnet; 2, Thursby, really good, well marked, nice coloured Linnet of grand shape and feather. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Pickin, very pretty pair of Cordon Bleus, in grand colour and feather, and a charming little green singing Finch. SELL. (2s. 6d.): 1, Barton.

CUPAR.

The 21st annual exhibition and competition of the Cupar and Dist. O.S. was held in the Corn Exchange, on December 5th. It is to be regretted the cage bird section was a failure; but it would be well for the management to take into consideration the advisability of separating the caged birds from the poultry, etc., sections, as the entry for the latter was a huge success, and took up practically the whole of the floor space. The caged birds were staged on the platform. The management consists of a most able and obliging band of practical fanciers, viz., Messrs. A. Allan (President), T. Gibson and J. Watson (Vice-Presidents). Mr. C. C. Edmond, jun., makes an efficient, courteous and practical secretary and treasurer; he had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything in apple-pie order. The committee consists of Messrs. Robertson, R. Drysdale, Welch, Dalrymple, Speed, J. Drysdale, Martin, Edmond, W. Donaldson, jun., R. Donaldson, Cairns, Ruddiman, Cunningham and Randall. After having issued such an attractive prize list, to have to cancel so many classes must have been very discouraging. The show was held under the patronage of the Scottish B.B. and M.C., and this was the means of bringing out some very outstanding birds. The Scotch and Border Fancy Canary classes were all cancelled. The judges were: For Norwich, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh); and their awards were well received. The show was well patronised by the general public during the day.

Mr. Campbell's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Malloch, striking exhibit, lovely size and colour, fine wings and tail, carries himself well; 2, Brown, rare blaze of colour, nice Nor. type; 3, Wiuter, lovely wiugs and tail, short and sweet, in its right place; 4, Ferguson; 5 Leitch Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Dickson, rare size and quality of feather, lovely head and neck, very good win; 2, Henderson, lovely exhibit, rich colour, good shape, put down in pink of condition; 3, spl, Winter, grand feather, short, well carried wings and tail; 4, Brown; res, Ferguson. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Winter, lovely colour, grand shape; nice back, wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Forrest, rare colour, nice head and neck; 3, Dickson, rare substance, neat head, fine wing-carriage, in right place; 4, Malloch; 5, Davidson; res, Ferguson. BUFF: Cancelled. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. SELL. (10/-) CK. (7): 1, Dandie; 2, Ferguson; 3, Fisher; 4, Barclay; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Ness; res, Brown. HEN: Cancelled. CREST CK. (6): 1 Howie, large Crest, good frontal, nice shape, fine size, body in right place; 2, 4, res, Reid, very neat well-formed Crest, good droop and radiation, close 2nd; 3, Cunnison, nice wide frontal, good back, nicely staged; 5, Davidson. HEN (7): 1, 3, Reid; 1st large, well-formed headpiece, extra good frontal, rare showy bird, 3rd another good one, beautifully formed Crest; 2, Sharp, another rare one, makes close 2nd; 4, Davidson; res, Kinloch. C.B. CK. (11): 1, Arnot, Immense body, good shape, rare skull, wide entrance, well shown; 2, Cochrane, good head, another nice one, makes close 2nd; 3, 4, Reid, two grand ones, nice feather; 5, Cunnison; 6, Taylor; res, Howie. HEN (6): 1, Cochrane, topper, in grand bloom, fine substance throughout, in right place; 2, 4, McCall and Henderson, lovely lashing, nicely shown; 3, Davidson, grand substance, good bird, fine length of feather. SELL. (8): 1, 3, Reid; 2, Arnot; 4, Martin; 5, Taylor; 6, Arthur. MEMBERS' LOCAL SELL. (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, res, Speed; 3, 5, Low. A.O.V.: 1, 3, spl, res, Ruddiman, 1st Bullfinch, 3rd Greenfinch, two good birds, well staged; 2, Ruddiman, sen., Goldfinch, capital cut blaze, of good colour; 4, 5, Low.

Mr. Goodfellow's Classes.

GOLDFINCH BRIT. (11): 1, Henderson, nice size and colour, good moons and buttons, rare blaze, compact; 2, Brown, well up in colour, nice substance and shape, well cut blaze, good colour and size, close 2nd; 3, Arrighi, very shapely, fine substance; 4, McDonald; 5, Wilson; 6, Ness; res, Fiddes. BULLFINCH (8): 1, McQuiston, magnificent all over, rare size and shape, lovely breast colour, capital cap, dense and well polished; 2, Henderson, equally as good except, perhaps, in cap, lovely specimen, well shown; 3, Thomson, another rare bird, capital shape, good cap and breast, close 3rd; 4, Kerr, very neat exhibit, well staged; 5, Colville; 6, Veddes; res, Irvine. LINNET (5): 1, Arrighi, lovely shape, well pencilled, nice size, steady as can be, put down in the pink of condition; 2, McQuiston, grand one, magnificent, nutty-colour, good size and shape nicely marked; 3, Crockatt, lovely colour and shape, neat pencilling; 4, Lister, good in colour and shape, fine bird; res, Henderson. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, McQuiston, nice one all through, well shown, an easy first; 2, Brown, pretty as can be, lovely colour and shape, grandly pencilled, good bill and cap; 3 Malcolm fine substance, beautifully staged; 4, Henderson; 5, Arrighi; 6, Aitken; res, Crockatt. GREENFINCH (8): 1, McQuiston, immense size, grand colour, fine head, shoulders and body, rare feather, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, 4, Aitken, 2nd nice tone of colour, well made bird, grand feather, 3rd another topper, in rare feather, shown in fine style; 5, McDonald; 6, Hamilton; res, Cargill. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (12): 1, McQuiston, clinker, rare quality throughout, shown in best style; 2, Gilmour, Hawfinch, large, well-made, in fine feather, makes good 2nd; 3, Henderson, nicely shown Bunting, in fine feather, steady as a rock, good third; 4, Crockatt, another nice exhibit, well put down, credit to owner; 5, Henderson; 6, Kerr; res, Leith. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (3): 1, spl, Henderson, Wagtail, rare exhibit, in the pink of condition, well staged; 2, Lawson, Crested Tit, another good exhibit, well shown; 3, Crockatt, Wheatear, very rare on the show bench, put down in the pink of condition, nice and steady. LARGE (2): 1, Crockatt, Waxwing, in lovely plumage, well staged; 2, Bartholomew, another good bird, in rare plumage. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, Arrighi, good size and steady, well shown; 2, McQuiston, another good bird, well shown, makes close 2nd; 3, Davidson, nice and steady; 4, Simpson and Penman; 5, Leitch Bros.; 6, McCall and Henderson. LIGHT (5): 1, spl, 2, Arrighi, 1st light Goldie-Mule, in fine feather, steady, shown in pink of condition, 2nd Goldie-Bullie, another good bird; 3, McQuiston, another rare one, trio of lovely exhibits; 4, Irvine; res, Ness. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, McQuiston, lovely bird, in pink of condition, put down in rare style; 2, Macdonald, best of cap and colour, good wing carriage, rare hump of a Bullie; 3, Small, splendid head and blaze, well toned body-colour, nice Goldie; 4, Howie. FOR. SMALL (5): Irvine, Crested Cardinal, rare showy bird, much admired, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Colville and Son, pair Budgerigars, lovely birds, in fine feather, well-known; 3, Lister, Lovebird, in fine feather, lovely exhibit; res, Blackwood.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held on November 28th, when 80 birds were staged in 10 classes. Mr. Widdop judged, and gave great satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, 2, spl for best in show, Dykes; 3, Firth; 4, Taylor; vhc, Atkinson; hc, c, Tidswell. BUFF: 1, hc, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 3, Tidswell; 4, Kershaw; vhc, Shepherd; c, Taylor. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Dykes; 3, c, Taylor; 4, Shepherd; vhc, Kershaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 4, spl for best novice bird in show, spl for best 4th in show, etc., Tidswell; vhc, Cooper; hc, Goodwin. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, Skirron; 2, 3, Dykes; 4, vhc, Taylor; vhc, Cooper. YELL. HEN. 1, 3, Dykes; 2, 4, Taylor; vhc, hc, Goodwin; c, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 4, Atkinson; hc, Shepherd; c, Cooper. HEAVILY VARIEG. HEN: 1, 4, Dykes; 2, Skirron; 3, Hutton; vhc, Shepherd. STOCK BIRD: 1, Firth; SELL (15s.): 1, Hutton.—E. SHEPHERD, hon. sec.

BARNET.

A very nice collection of birds was got together at the show of the Barnet F.S., at the Town Hall, on December 3rd. Last year some amount of discussion took place because a Golden Pheasant was awarded special for the best bird in show. On this occasion the same bird stood cardless, Mr. House, the judge, maintaining that it was not a cage bird. The birds were nicely staged in a room by themselves, and well looked after by the committee. Mr. King (the chairman), Mr. Pendleton (the treasurer), and Mr. Chandler (the secretary) are a trio of most energetic and obliging officials, and they worked hard to further the interests of the show.

CAN. NOR. (6): 1, Brown, very close feathered, nice shaped varieg. buff of nice even colour; 2, 3, Hills, stout clear buff of grand feather, and a neat varieg. yellow; vhc, Webb; hc Pateman. YORKS (12): 1, 2, 3, hc, spl best Canary, green, very nice, slim yellow, capital colour, pattern and style, 2nd very smart buff of good quality, 3rd shapely, slim yellow; vhc, Berryman; c, Beecroft. MULE (5): 1, two spls best cage bird, Chandler, very smart Goldfinch-Siskin, capital shape and feather, nicely marked; 2, Gardener, good bold buff Greenie-Can., capital colour and pattern; 3, Beecroft, rich coloured, nice dark Linnet-Can., grand shape and quality; vhc, Hills; hc, Pingree. BRIT. LINNET (11): 1, Smeeton, capital shape and feather, beautifully marked, rich colour; 2, Laidlaw, well marked, very nice shape and feather, hardly so nutty in colour; 3, Gardener, capital colour and marking, nice shape, not steady; vhc, Finch; hc, Hunt and Bailey; c, Parish. GOLDIE (5): 1, Finch, rich colour, well cut blaze, nice feather; 2, Hills, very showy and nice colour, not so large in blaze; 3, vhc, Laidlaw, good colour and marking, but wild. BULLIE (5): 1, Gardener, rare shape, grand cap and breast, nice rich colour; 2, Finch, a larger bird, very clean cut in his marking, hardly so bright; 3, Hunt and Bailey, good cap and breast, nice shape; vhc, Halsey; hc, Laidlaw. GREENIE (5): 1, Gardener, rare shape, size, and feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Smeeton, hardly so large, but lovely colour, shape, and feather; 3, Hunt and Bailey, good feather and shape; vhc, hc, Chandler. A.O.S. SMALL (5): 1, hc, Smeeton, very nice coloured yellow Wagtail, capital feather, very steady; 2, Bassett, large, well marked, nice coloured Lark; 3, Finch, bonny little Robin, capital colour, good eye; vhc, Parish. LARGE (5): 1, Smeeton, lustrous coloured, well spangled Starling; 2, Halsey, lovely colour, well marked Thrush; 3, Ide, another good coloured, well feathered Thrush; 255, Pearce, Tawny Owl; 257, Ide, Sparrow Hawk, both passed by the judge as not being cage birds. FOR. (5): 1, Slow, nice, smart little pair of Waxbills; 2, Hunt and Bailey, good coloured, well feathered Grey Java; 3, Gillam, another nice Grey Java; vhc, Smeeton; 259, Mrs. Nathan, the Golden Pheasant previously mentioned. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, 2, Hills; 3, hc, Beecroft; vhc, Wilding; c, Hunt and Bailey.

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BURY.

Annual show of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S. held in the Textile Hall on Nov. 27th and 28th. In addition to the usual members' show there was an open Roller contest, both sections being augmented by a flower show. The entries in all classes numbered nearly 250, those in the members' classes constituting a record. The showrooms were tastefully decorated with the plants and flowers entered in the floral section. The opening ceremony was performed by Dr. J. W. Cook, M.D., and the chair was taken by the president, the Rev. R. P. Hudson. The Chairman, who is an ardent enthusiast in the culture of birds, said he noted a decided improvement in the quality of the exhibits, and said that many were worthy of inclusion in the best company. Dr. Cook, in declaring the show open, concurred in all the president had said, and though not a practical fancier himself, was certainly in sympathy with the society's efforts, which, he said, were deserving of much practical support. Mr. Greenwood, the society's chairman, thanked Dr. Cook for his kindness in performing the opening ceremony, and later surprised the doctor by making him the recipient of a handsome bird and cage, as a memento. Dr. Cook expressed his gratification at the pleasant surprise. The chairman then handed to Mr. W. P. Turton (Bispham), late secretary of the society, an enlarged framed photograph of the committee as a small token of the members' esteem and appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the society while secretary. Mr. Turton expressed his gratitude, and, after a vote of thanks to the chairman, the programme was completed. Mr. G. Wareing, a Bury member, was successful in winning the silver cup presented by Mr. F. A. Lester, of London, for best young bird wearing the 1908 ring. We heartily congratulate Mr. Wareing on his achievement. Every satisfaction appears to have been given by the judges, Messrs. W. Bowyer, and J. Netherwood. The show was well patronised on both days, and the officials have every reason to feel gratified at the result.

The Roller Section.

YOUNG BIRDS (wearing 1908 ring): 1, spls, Wareing, a grand young bird, hollow roll 7, bars 2, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 4, total 24; 2, Massey and Ridings, hollow roll 6, bass 1, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 3, total 23; 3, Hesling, hollow roll 6, bass 4, hollow bell 2, Schocket 3, bell roll 2, water Gluck 3, general effect 2, total 22; 4, Massey and Ridings, hollow roll 6, bass 4, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, general effect 2, 1 off sharp whistles, total 20; vhc, Whittaker, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 2, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 3, total 19; hc, Percival, hollow roll 6, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, Gluck 3, total 18; c, Whittaker, hollow roll 6, bass 3, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, sharp whistle 1 off, total 17. OLD BIRDS: 1, noted winner, exhibited by W. Whittaker, Bolton, beautiful toned bird, hollow roll 8, bass 2, hollow bell 4, Schockel 5, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, general effect 3, total 27; 2, Parr, hollow roll 8, bass 4, hollow bell 4, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, general effect 3, total 25; 3, Hesling, hollow roll 6, bars 4, hollow bell 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, Gluck 4, general effect 3, faults 3, total 24; 4 Wareing, hollow roll 8, bass 3, hollow bell 2, Schocket 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 3, total 23; vhc, Percival, hollow roll 8, bass 3, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, general effect 3, faults 1, total 22. YOUNG BIRDS (members' own breeding): 1, spl, G. Wareing, hollow roll 6, bass 1, hollow bell 3, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, general effect 2, total 20; 2, 3, Austin, hollow roll 6, bass 2, Schocket 4, bell roll 2, flutes 2, general effect 2, total 18; 3rd hollow roll 6, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, general effect 2, total 17; vhc, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, total 16; hc, G. Austin, hollow roll 5, Schockel 2, bell roll 2, flutes 2, general effect 1, total 12. OLD BIRDS (Members): 1, spl, J. Burton, hollow roll 6, bass 3, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 3, general effect 2, total 19; 2, Howarth, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 3, total 18; 3, Ramsbottom, hollow roll 6, bass 3, hollow bell 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 1, flute notes 2, general effect 2, high bell 2 off, total 17; vhc, Austin, hollow roll 6, bass 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, total 17; c, Howarth, hollow roll 5, bass 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, faults 2, total 16 c, Howarth, hollow roll 5, bass 2, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, faults 1, total 1 MEMBERS' SELL. (£1): 1, spl, Austin, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 2, Schockel 2, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 2, total 15; 2, Burton, hollow roll 6, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute 2, general effect 2, high bell 1 off, total 14; 3, Warcing, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 2, Schockel 2, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 1, total 13; vhc, Wareing, hollow roll 4, Schockel 2, bell tour 2, flute 2, general effect 1, total 11; hc, Ramsbottom, hollow roll 5, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, total 9; c, Austin, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, total 7.

Members' Classes.

LANCS. P.H. (1): Jameson. CREST (6): 1, 3, Gorton; 2, Armstead; vhc, Jameson; hc, Brough; c, Turton. C.B. (7): 1, Jameson; 2, vhc, hc, Gorton; 3, Armstead; c, Fletcher. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Armstead; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Turton; hc, Fallows; c, Brierley. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Armstead; 2, Fortnam; vhc, Fallows; hc, Turton; c, Holden. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Fletcher; 2, hc, Armstead; vhc, Turton; c, Brough. NOR. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Bentley; 2, hc, Fletcher; 3, Fallows; c, Lord. YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Fortnam; 2, Brennan; 3, Blomley; vhc, Bramley; hc, Pickup; c, Frnser. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Fortnam; 2, Bridge; 3, Bramley; vhc, Garnett; c, Brennan. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Fortnam; 2, Fraser; 3, Bramley; vhc, Bridge; hc, Clarke; c, Pickup. YORKS., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Bramley; 2, vhc, Blomley; 3, Clarke. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Blomley. YORKS., GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Garnett. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Crompton; 2, Bentley; 3, Fallows; vhc, Brooks; hc, Gorton; c, Brierley. A.O.S. HARDBILL (Brit. or For.) (6): 1, Crompton; 2, Fraser; 3, Brooks; vhc, Brierley; hc, Brough; c, Lord. MULE (8): 1, Gorton; 2, Fraser; 3, Brough; vhc, Jameson; hc, Bentley; c, Hall. SELL. (£1) (8): 1, Gorton; 2, hc, Turton; 3, Brierley; vhc, Bentley; c, Clarke. (10/-) (16): 1, 3, Turton; 2, Fortnam; vhc, Fraser, Gorton and Bridge; hc, Armstead, Blomley, and Gorton. GIFT (1): 1, Bridge; 2, Turton; 3, Clarke; vhc, Fortnam.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S.

Second members' show held November 28th, when 50 birds were staged. Mr. N. Cruise placed the cards and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. CK.: 1, spl, hc, Bracewell; 2, Marsh; 3, C. Butler; 4, vhc, J. Butler; c, Forrest. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Bracewell; 2, Marsh; 3, vhc, J. Butler; 4, Ackroyd. YELL. HEN.: 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Holmes; 4, vhc, Marsh; hc, c, Davey. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Bracewell; 3, Marsh; 4, vhc, J. Butler; hc, Davey.

ORMSKIRK.

Held at the Buck i' the Vine Hotel, Nov. 28th. One open class for Linnets included. Nearly 150 birds turned up, and the quality throughout would have done credit to any open show. Each section contained noted winners in open competition up and down the country. Canary Mules were led by a good 6-point Buff Varieg. Gold Can. Britishers were very good indeed, and most of the members had a hand in the winnings, Mr. T. H. Tiffin winning special for best Hard Bill with a really fine cage moulted Bullfinch. A very rare almost pure White Sparrow attracted much attention. This was taken from a Sparrow's nest in the district in the summer, and reared and made a great pet of. It takes the perches perfectly. The birds were well staged in the large assembly room adjoining the hotel, and Mr. T. H. Tiffin, the hon. secretary, and his staff had everything in order and up to date. Prize cards with owners' names written on were promptly placed on the cages, and visitors could at once see who had won. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and we heard no adverse comments.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Tasker, nice type, good colour; 2, Johnson, large, good body, ticked wing. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Tasker, leader line cobby cl, 2nd grand conditiou; 3rd varieg., fine quality above; vhc, Johnson, very thick set type. HEN (6): 1, 3, T. Johnson, pair of fine buffs, first ticked head, rare substance and quality all through; 2, hc, Tasker, nice type yell., short of tail feathers to winner; vhc, Lindsay; c, Hesketh. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Foster; yell., medium size, good type, in best condition; 2, Hesketh, smart varieg. buff, A1 quality and bloom; 3, Johnson; vhc, Foster. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, G. J Johnson, varieg., grand, slim, round, fine drawn, neat bird, well up on leg, neat, all-round contour; 3, cl, finely drawn; 2, C. Foster, long, fine-drawn bird, well up and rare quality and style; vhc, W. Lewis; hc, Wilkinson and Ravensthorne. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, G. J. Johnson, fine trio, cl, varieg., and a tick neck, former excelling in all-round style, quality, and condition; vhc, Lewis; hc, E. A. Walker; c, Foster. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, E. A. Walker, fine length, beautifully drawn, well up in carriage, and tick on left cheek; 2, vhc, G. H. Johnson, very breedy, fine feather, good length, and stylish; hc, Wilkinson and Ravensthorne; c, Williams. BUFF (6): 1, c, G. J. Johnson, varieg., lovely type, grand quality, in fine trim; 2, W. Lewis, ticked cheeks, good carriage; 3, Foster, fine colour and stylish; vhc, J. Field; hc, Wilkinson and Ravensthorne. YELL. GREEN (5): 1, Field, wins special for best green, grand, deep, level colour, good size and type, well up, nice feather; 2, vhc, Leatherharrow, fine type, bright colour; 3, Davenport, also nice colour, neat type; hc, Foster. BUFF (5): 1, 3, hc, Leatherharrow, first, finest, and best colour and type, foul tail; 2, vhc, Davenport, foul thighs, wings, and tail, rare colour, right all over it, nice shape, in good feather. HEN (4): 1, 3, Leatherharrow, yell., grand level colour, neat carriage and condition; 2, Field, buff, fine colour, lovely feather, good shape, A1 condition; vhc, Davenport. BORD. (5): 1, 2, vhc, T. H. Tiffin, first best type, very prim and jnunty, like a wax model; 3, hc, T. Birch and Son, pair of varieg., former best shape and finest feather and condition. A.O.V. (3): 1, Moss, large, thick-set C.B., varieg., thick, long head, feather on nicely-raised skull, short beak; 2, Birch and Son, Nor. Green, foul tail; 3, Tasker, ditto. CAN. MULE (8): 1, 3, hc, J. Lewis, 6-point buff Goldie-Can., and thighs and sides marked; 3, dark buff Goldie Can.; 2nd, Davenport, dark yell. Greenie Can., stout built; vhc, c, W. Lewis. BRIT. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Parr, first upstanding, large, thick-set bird, pale colour, fine markings, grand feather; 2nd grand field moulted bird, rare head and body, moult well with luck, make it a rare good one; 3, Lindsay, fine deep colour, good markings, nice feather; vhc, Moss; hc, Wilkinson and Ravensthorne; c, Williams. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Walker, best all-round to-day, nice tan; 2, vhc, T. Johnson, jun., best bird when up in blaze, fine moons and bars, nice silky body feather; 3, Parr, dark blaze and tan on body, good moons and bars; hc, J. Lewis; c, R. Williamson. BRAMBLEFINCH (6): 1, J. W. Johnson, fine bird, dense spangle, deep body and colour, fine feather and condition; 2, T. Johnson, sen., very large, well built, grand feather; 3, Lindsay, rare colour and markings; vhc, Johnson, sen.; hc, Birch and Son; c, Tiffin. GREENFINCH (3): 1, T. Johnson, sen., grand shape, colour, and feather, medium size; 2, Moss, large, nice form; 3, Birch and Son. BULLFINCH (5): 1, T. H. Tiffin, takes special for best hard bill, capital cage-moulted specimen, wants a lot of stopping; 2, Parr, deep tone colour, fine cap, wings and tail; 3, Maudsley, another nice one; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Walker. BUNTING: 1, J. W. Johnson, perfectly marked Yellow Bunting, in the pink of form; 2, T. Johnson, jun., another yellow, good one; 3, Moss, nice sized Reed Bunting, in fine condition. A.O.S. HARD BILL (4): 1, J. W. Johnson, nice size, rich-coloured Hawfinch, in good, glossy feather; 2, Birch and Son, pretty Lesser Jonque Redpoll, in A1 condition; 3, T. Johnson, jun., Chaffinch. HARD BILL HEN (5): 1, Birch and Son, very nice hen Hawfinch; 2, 3, T. Johnson, jun.), smart, tight-feathered Greenfinch; 3, neat hen Bullfie; vhc, J. W. Johnson, very rare, almost pure white hen Sparrow, very tame, in good feather and condition; hc (we missed the name). LARGE SOFT BILL (4): 1, T. Johnson, jun., smart young Thrush, well spotted, fine condition; 2, Mawdsley; 3, T. Johnson, sen.; vhc, Moss, all three Starlings, very lustrous, well spotted, n cage moult should make them fine exhibits. SMALL (2): 1, spl best Softbill, E. A. Walker, his crack Nightingale in first-rate fettle; 2, Moss, Nightingale, in good order. FOR. (2): 1, Walker, pair of Budgerigars; 2, Lewis. SELL 12s. 6d. (6): 1, Tasker; 2, W. Lewis; 3, T. Johnson; vhc, Birch and Son; hc, Hesketh. GIFT (5): 1, Foster; 2, Tiffin; 3, G. J. Johnson; vhc, J. Lewis; hc, Walker. OPEN LINNET (5): 1, vhc, Maitland, first fine colour, shape, marking, and condition; 2, Searle, very like first, except perhaps in markings; 3, Jos. Lewis, good head, nice markings; hc, J. H. Birch.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Table show of Norwich Canaries held at headquarters December 1st. Only seven birds were staged. Mr. Coulson (Manchester) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

1, c, Thornley, 1st nat. col. buff, good big bouncing ck., fine stock birds; c, unflig.; 2, 4, Robinson, 2nd unflg. yell., will make into a grand show bird, pressed winner hand; 4th, varieg., very nice; 3, vhc, hc, Myers, 3rd 1kd. buff, lovely quality, feather light as a Java's; vhc, nice unflig buff ck.; hc, unflig. buff, good bird. JNO. C. SPILSBURY, Secretary.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

HARROGATE.

The 5th annual function of the Harrogate C.H.S. took place on Dec. 5th. The Central Academy was the venue; it is of good size, capital light, and well ventilated. It commends itself very strongly as most suitable. The show was under the patronage of the Y.C.C., O.N.F.C., Y.C.H.B., and M.C. The schedule boasted was of a most capital description; 22/- per class was offered, besides points' specials, extra specials, etc. Entries "rolled" up excellently, making a grand total of 422, exceeding last year's by over 100. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) was the appointed judge. This being only a one-day's show, and there being a huge entry, the committee acted wisely in appointing Mr. W. A. Cowgill as an assistant judge. Mr. Barnes took the open Yorkshires and Norwich, and Mr. Cowgill the Novices and British classes. The president is H. Fleming, Esq., J.P., and the vice presidents Messrs. W. H. Thorpe, Togden, H. Schunck, and H. J. Mason, a quintette of most liberal supporters. The committee consists of capital and well known officials, who all did their utmost to keep the ball rolling. The following gentlemen also deserve praise for the exertions put forth:—Messrs. Duncan, Hewson, Bennison, Brown, Gregg, Head, Ireland, Walker, and Carline. The stewards were Messrs. D. Duncan, junr., and C. Thornton, who know exactly the working of a show. Staging was executed in good style on trestles at just a convenient height; every bird could be observed with ease. Those responsible for this neat arrangement are to be highly complimented. The hon. secretary and treasurer is Mr. G. H. Barnwell, who makes a very practical official and had every item at his fingers' tips; he is quick and courteous. Yorkshires made a fine display, some toppers being on view. Norwich, too, were a captivating collection, colour, type and quality predominating right through the section. The Mules and British birds were grand. Hyde's special went to Mr. J. H. Walker (Novice), a smart and stylish buff Yorks, doing the needful; Ramsden's medal fell to Mr. J. Mottram; special for best shown by a member in open, was the Goldie owned by Mr. D. Duncan, Junr., the second going to Mr. G. H. Barnwell. The judging was over in good time, and prize cards were displayed promptly. The refreshment stall was an innovation appreciated both by old and young. The show opened well to time. The judges had their work cut out, in separating the birds, but their placings were well received.

The Awards.

YORKS. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Robertshaw, cl., fine long-drawn specimen, capital feather, grand back and flights, well up on leg; 2, Spencer, cl., stands nicely, A1 quality and colour, long-sided, good wings and tail, clever legs; 3, Wood, mkd. right wing, warm colour, straight as a rush, good length, nice back and flights; 4, Barnwell, cheek mkd., very lengthy, good quality, nice position; vhc, Towers; he, Wadsworth; c, Drake and Son. No. 17, Ambler, grand one, put down. BUFF (24): A rare lot; two sets of winners, could easily have been selected; 1, 2, spl, Anders, former magnificently feathered cl., lovely tone of colour, wonderful length, perfect position, stormer; 2, cl., straight as a gun barrel, dengthful stand, rattling back and flights, pipe tail; 3, Ogden Bros., thigh tick, tight as a Java, stands like a guardsman, grand long-sided; 4, Walsh, cl., rich colour, beautiful quality, clinking position; vhc, Wadsworth; he, Barnwell; c, Chittenden. TKD. (18): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, exceptional length, delightful quality and position, lovely back and wing carriage, real beauty; 2, Shaw Bros., buff, mkd. left wing and eyes, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, fine length, clever legs, not far behind; 3, Fawcett, yell., mkd., wings and eyes, capital colour and feather, A1 position, true Yorkie; 4, Hewson, buff, cinn. mkd., wings and head, superior feather, nice colour and length; vhc, Wilcock; he, Wadsworth; c, Wood. YELL. HEN (19): 1, spl, Peel, cl., feathered to perfection, neat and narrow, lengthy, capital position, quite charming; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd. neck, rich quality, one we admired; 3, Chew and Stokoe, cinn. mkd. wings, and eyes, rare colour, teeming with quality, lengthy, well on leg; 4, Walsh, cl., fine length, slim and upstanding, good quality; vhc, Wilcock; he, Brown; c, Wood. BUFF (23): Another rare class; 1, Peel, cl., not a feather misplaced, rich colour, delightful position, slim, capital length, lovely back and wing carriage, most bewitching; 2, Wadesworth, cl., fine quality and length, good stand, well up on leg, charming; 3, Wilcock, cl., very lengthy, slashing feather, well filled back, nicely carried flights, most promising, 1908 bred; 4, vhc, Walsh, both very bouny, marked left wing, splendid colour, good length and stand; he, Farrar; c, 14, No. 16, Robertshaw, w.c., cock. YELL. UNFLIG. (17): 1, spl, Alderson, thigh tick, unbeatable for quality, wonderful length, slim and upstanding, capital colour, most stylish; 2, Blackburn and Mitchell, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely colour and quality, beautiful stand, grand back and flights, Huddersfield winner; 3, Chew and Stokoe, red hot cl., straight as a rush, wedge shaped, tight as a Java; 4, Wadsworth, warm feathered cl., A1 position, nice length, good back and wings; vhc, Spencer; he, Peel; c, Towers. BUFF (24): A choice collection; 1, 2, spl, Amblers, brace of toppers, former cl., smooth as glass, rattling colour and length, best of backs; 2, mkd. neck, almost equal to winner throughout; 3, Peel, cl., feather like polished marble, lovely colour and position; 4, Moorhouse, mkd. wing, neck and breast, wedge shaped, tight as wax, stands finely, very lengthy; vhc, Chittenden; he, Drake and Son; c, Throup and Slater. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, Oakley, cl., capital feather, good colour, very lengthy, A1 wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Robinson, cl., fine position, lengthy and leggy, superior colour, very close on heels of winner; 3, he, Fergusson, cl., full of quality, good length, nice back, flights and tail, worth its place; 4, Chippendale, thigh tick, rare length and quality, stands well; vhc, Bennison; c, Iseland. BUFF (20): 1, Laughty, long drawn cl., rich quality, grand-sided, well filled back, capital wings and tail, well on leg; 2, he, spl, Chippendale, cl., great length, straight as a rush, stands on clever legs, close up; 3, Walker, lovely salmon tinged cl., straight as a pencil, full of nerve; 4, Simeson, cl., very lengthy, good stand; vhc, Smith; he, Head; c, Bennison. YELL. HEN (17): 1, vhc, spl, Fergusson, cl., nicely clothed, bright in colour, neat and narrow, lengthy, good stand, bonny damsel; 2, Hudson and Dawson, stylish cl., good quality, nice length and position; 3, 4, Bennison, former marked wings and eyes, capital feather, nice colour, stands well up; 4, unflg., cl., very neatly moulded, rare feather, A1 wings and tail, promising "baby"; he, Chippendale; c, Pickles. BUFF (16): 1, Simeson, magnificently feathered cl., lengthy and narrow, stands like a rush, beautiful back and wing carriage, pipe tail, 2, vhc, spl, Robinson, cl., full of quality and colour, true position, well on leg; 3, Laughty, grizzled head, nice feather, good position and length, grand sided; 4, Hudson and Dawson, cl., of rich colour and quality, good stand and length; he, Cryer; c, Walker. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 3, spl, Hurst, brace of "right 'uns," winner head marked, rich colour and quality, short and thick set, good substance and carriage, clean cut away; 3, very warm clear, well up in size, slashing quality and colour; 2, Pickering and Wright, bonny cl., all type, A1 colour and quality, good substance; 4, he, Haigh and Son, capital colour and feather, good size and shape; vhc, Mottram; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (17): A grand lot; 1, spl, Clayton and Smith, lovely shaped cl., beautiful feather and colour, neat frosting, rare substance and carriage, a beauty; 2, Moorhouse, marked wing and head, rattling type, grand exhibit, close up; 3, Taylor and Morris, well fed cl., rich mealing, very shapely, good 3rd; 4, Waters, cobby cl., feathered like wax, jaunty in carriage; vhc, c, Wilcock; he, Agar. YELL. UNFLIG. (14): 1, spl, Waters, cl., delightful shape, teeming with quality, rare colour and carriage, another year should make up into a tip-topper; 2, Mottram, mkd. wing, red hot, capital substance and shape, grand head and neck; 3, Bagnall, tight feathered cl., all type, lovely colour, model, good 3rd; 4, Mitchell, thick set cl., well up in colour, possessing rare quality; vhc, Moorhouse; he, Haigh and Son; c, Wilcock. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Mitchell, clinking cl., tight as a Java, soft silky texture of feather, beautiful type, good substance, real gem; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, cl., all type, rare colour, delightfully clothed, lovely carriage; 3, Hirst, cl., very similar all through to 2nd, little separates them; 4, Foxall, mkd. wings and eyes, fine substance and shape, good colour; vhc, Waters; he, Pickering and Wright; c, Mottram. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, charming unflg. cl., shone like satin, delightful shape and carriage, full of colour and quality, bonny maiden; 2, Wilcock, cl., capital shape and colour, good head and neck, clean cut, nice carriage, close up; 3, Taylor and Morris, bouncing cl., silky feather, good type, good one for stock; 4, Humphries, shapely variegated, nice colour, quality and carriage; vhc, Mitchell; he, Pickering and Wright; c, Mottram. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Taylor and Morris, cl., rich tone of colour, silky texture of feather, grand shape and size, clean cut, exceedingly promising, 1908 bred; 2, Clayton and Smith, another very typical unflg., cl., very close on heels of winner; 3, Waters, hot fed cl., well up in substance, grand quality, lovely body shape, well worth her place; 4, Pickering and Wright, shapely cl., full of colour and quality, neat in carriage; vhc, Mottram; he, Hirst; c, Holmes. NOVICE NOR. (18): A grand class; 1, 2, 3, spl., Snowden, capital trio, cl. yell., lovely type, full of colour, teeming with quality, clean cut; 2, buff, mkd. head, grand shape and colour, rich frosting, good size and carriage; 3, cl. yell., fine substance and quality, nice colour; 4, Mason, buff, marked wing and eye, good size and shape, A1 colour and meal; vhc, he, Robinson; c, Johnson. HEN (10): 1, 4, vhc, spl, Ascough, team of bouny damsels, cl. buff, fine substance and shape, rattling exhibit; 4, cl. buff, good size and quality, nice colour and meal, in the pink; 2, 3, Robinson, cl. yell and yell marked respectively, both full of colour, A1 feather, nice type and size; he, Movely and Gregg; c, Mason. SELL. (15/-) (16): 1, spl, Hewson, typical buff Yorkie; 2, Mitchell; 3, Fawcett; 4, Fergueson; vhc, Farrar; he, Iveson; c, Ireland. (10/-) (12): 1, spl, Fawcett, cheap buff Yorkie; 2, Benniston; 3, Morris and Woodhouse; 4, Farrar; vhc, Hewson; he, Lealman; c, Fose. MULE (7): 1, Marwood, well known buff, Goldie-Can., mkd. wings, eyes, and tail, fine size, shape and quality, staged delightfully; 2, vhc, spl, Wilson, neat Goldie-Bullie, very shapely, nice substance, capital colour, shows "mixture" distinctly; 3, Inman, buff Goldie-Can., lightly variegated., shapely, superior quality; 4, Nicholson, Goldie-Bullie, rare shape, colour and quality; he, Duncan Junr. GOLDIE ETC. (16): A rare lot; 1, vhc, he, 8, spls, Duncan Junr., Goldie, fine shape and size, magnificent quality, large well cut blaze, rich colour, beautiful bars and buttons; 2, Boyle, Bullie, good substance, very shapely, dense cap, nicely polished, capital breast colour, shown in fine style; 3, Inman, Goldie, good substance, very shapely, dense cap, nicely polished, capital breast colour, shown in fine style; 3, Inman, Goldie, good shape and size, rich tan, large blaze, nicely cut; 4, Kemp, Bullie, rare shape, good quality, nice cap and breast colour; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. LINNET ETC. (10): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Linnet, well up in size, good shape, A1 colour and markings, steady as a top, looks like Darlington winner; 2, 3, spl, Duncan Junr., Linnet and Redpoll respectively, former very shapely, good size and colour; 3, good size and colour, nicely marked, shown in fine fashion, good 3rd; 4, Nicholson, Linnet, fine size and shape, neatly pencilled, very meritorious; vhc, he, c, Boyle. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): Six or eight worthy of a first here; 1, Johnson, Yell. Bunting, well up in size, grand shape, lovely colour, capital head marks, a gem; 2, he, Duncan Junr., Grecnie, nice shape and colour, rattling quality, put down well; 3, 4, Morely and Gregg, Snowbunting and Hawfinch, former in grand bloom, staged for all it was worth, latter rich colour and quality, grand shape, in the pink; vhc, Pickles; c, Inman. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Freeman, capital shaped Thrush, lovely colour, good size, well mooned, very bonny; 2, 4, spl, Duncan Junr., Wagtail and Wryneck, former fine size and shape, grand bloom, latter full of beautiful work, young bred, should come out alright; 3, c, Bousfield, good coloured Gale, neat in shape, staged in beautiful fashion; vhc, he, Wilson; vhc, pretty Blackcap.

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MUSSELBURGH.

The first show was held in Mcdonald's Hall on Nov. 26th. This hall is very suitable for a cage bird show, being well lighted from the roof and free from draughts. We found the committee had everything well in hand. The president, Mr. Pearson, was present all day, and worked hard to make the exhibits comfortable, being backed up by a hard-working committee. The secretary, Mr. Kay, had everything well in hand, and feels confident he will have double the number of members by this time next year. The entries came up well; 280 for a first show is something to feel proud of, and the quality in the Norwich and Border sections was of a high-class order. In the British bird section a very nice Hawfinch won special, and a real mimic of a Starling, who headed his class, kept the visitors in wonderment. Mr. Patterson (Chirnside) judged Scotch Fancies and Borders, and Mr. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) all others, and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Carruthers, nice size and drive. BRN: 1, Carruthers, cl., good size, square shoulders, fine rib, good action. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, King, 1st pied, good size, hard up, good side, once you get him he is all there, 2nd determined drive, good shoulder, nice action, 3rd nearly green, good size and side. HEN (3): 1, 2, King, 1st cl., great size, good shoulder and drive, nicely turned wing, 2nd pied, good shoulder and drive; 3, Carruthers. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Smeaton, grand size and substance, rare colour, condition, and style, good front, nice head; 2, 3, Pearson, good type and substance, 3rd grand colour and quality; 4, he, Dunn, splendid colour and condition; vhc, Barr; c, Gardiner. HEN (10): 1, spl best Norwich, also best in show, Dunn, beautiful hen, true Nor. shape, fine head, bold front, good colour, condition and quality; 2, Smeaton, very similar in shape, good head, full neck and front; 3, Nisbet, good hen, nice head, well rounded body, good wings; 4, Barr, nice condition; vhc, he, c, Pearson. BUFF CK. (15): 1, 4, Dunn, lovely bloom, well put down, nice size, good shaped head, fine front and wing carriage; 2, Barr, real bouncer all over, takes nice position, good head and front; 3, Pearson, fine colour, condition and quality; 4, excellent colour and condition, nice shape; vhc, he, c, Bolton. HEN (11): 1, 3, 4, Pearson, good model, grand shaped head, bold front, nice wing carriage, 3rd good colour, 4th good shape; 2, Barr, good head, nice back; vhc, Leach; he, Bolton; c, Dunn. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, 4, Barr, good colour and condition, nice front, well filled back; 2, Gardiner, good colour and quality; 3, Bolton, close up, good colour, condition and type; 4, nice one for head and shape; vhc, Pearson. HEN (2): 1, 2, Gardiner, splendid shape body, nice head, fine colour and condition, 2nd very similar, good condition. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, Dunn, two good ones, nice colour, condition and quality; 3, Barr, nice colour and quality; 4, Pearson, fine condition. HEN (4): 1, Pearson, good head, nice full front, lovely colour and condition; 2, 4, Gardiner, grand colour, nice front; 3, Barr, fine shape. NOVICE YELL. (5): 1, Barr; 2, 3, Fleming; 4, Pearson. BUFF (7): 1, Barr; 2, Pearson. CREST: Only three in it, all shown by Mr. Leach. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, spl best Border, Wilson, beautiful shape, nice level colour, in best trim, wings well laid on, nice front and back; 2, he, Lumsden, very similar in shape, good head, nice level colour and quality; 3, 4, Millar, nice bird, good type and carriage, fine colour, 4th same shape, good head, nice back; vhc, Leach, another good one, splendid colour; c, Galloway. HEN (15): 1, Millar, nice head, good back and wings, grand quality feather, well put down; 2, Galloway, fine stamp we liked; 3, c, Wilson, nice stamp, good head, well rounded in front; 4, Lumsden, good fine head, jaunty air; vhc, he, Pearson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, spl, c, Pearson, grand level colour, nice head, back and wing carriage, fine quality feather; 2, 3, Wilson, good level colour, nice condition, good head and back, 3rd ticked on head, grand condition and quality, nice carriage; 4, Millar, good stamp, nice size; vhc, Galloway; he, Carruthers. HEN (17): 1, 3 spl, Millar, foul head, excellent stamp, good action, well rounded body, nice head, back and wing carriage, 3rd good colour and quality; 2, c, Lumsden, shapely, grand colour, well rounded; 4, Wilson, fine hen; vhc, he, Pearson; c, Lumsden. EVEN MARK (1): 1, Carruthers, nice yell., good colour and quality. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Watt and Storie, three-point, good colour, condition and quality, well shown; 2, vhc, Pearson, five-pointed, nice size and shape; 3, Leach, variegated, grizzle back, good colour and shape; 4, Carruthers. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Leach, five-pointed, rare colour, condition and quality; 2, Pearson, nice hen, good shape, fine head; 3, Watt and Storie, good markings; 4, rare quality; vhc, Pearson. GREEN OR CINN.: 1 Pearson, grand grass green shade, nice shaped pencilling, good type, colour and quality; 2, Wilson, shapely, nice style and markings, 4th similar in shape; 3, Carruthers, hen very fine shape, good pencilling; vhc, he, c, Nisbet. NOVICE YELL. (3): 1, Kay; 2, Galloway; 3, Carruthers. BUFF (2): 1, Carruthers; 2, Kay. BREEDING PAIRS (6): 1, Leach, grand buff cock and yell. marked hen; 2, 3, Millar, cl. yell. ck. and foul headed hen, well matched. 3rd cl. buff ck. and yell. mkd. hen; 4, Watt and Storie, cl. yell. ck. and ever buff hen; vhc, Carruthers. NOR., BREEDING PAIRS (8): 1, 2, Gardiner, good balanced pairs, former best in colour and condition; 3, c, Nisbet; 4, he, Bolton. MULE (3): 1, 2, Gardiner, 1st Siskin, nice size, in best condition, fine colour and shape, 2nd large Linnet, shows cross well; 3 Pearsou, Greenfinch, buff, in fine condition. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Leckie, grand one, nice blaze, well forward in colour, good moons; 2, Gardiner, well cut blaze; 3, Wallace, good face and wing markings; 4, vhc, Gardiner. LINNET (10): 1, Leckie, wonderfully well marked, good size, in the pink of condition; 2, Gardiner, fine pencilling; 3, Pearson, good shape, nice ground work, shows whites well; 4, Fleming, nice bird; vhc, Bolton; he, Watt and Storie; c, Kay. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Leach, grand size, splendid colour, condition and quality, well put down; 2, Leckie, runs close race, very similar in shape and markings; 3, he, Gardiner, also good; 4, Bolton, fine size; vhc, Watsou; c, Kay. BULLFINCH CK. (9): 1, Wilson, grand size, lovely condition, good dense black cap; 2, Galloway, another nice one; 3, Fleming, good one, fine colour and markings; 4, he, Watt and Storie; vhc, Gardiner; c, Lees. HEN (7): 1, Leckie, nice one steady, in best possible trim, good cap; 2, Wilson, well finished in head; 3, vhc, he, Gardiner, good colour and condition; c, Wallace. BRIT., LARGE (17): 1, spl, 2, c, Gardiner, 1st Hawfinch, in grand trim, nice size, well cut bib, well marked, 2nd Chaffinch in good order, nice colour and size; 3, he, Pearson, Bramblefinch, we liked for size; 4, Watt and Storie, Yellowhammer, good size and colour; vhc, Leckie. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, he, Pearson, Twite, nice colour and shape; 2, Wallace, good Siskin, fine colour and markings; 3, Leckie, Redpoll, well up in colour, well staged; 4, Galloway, Siskin; c, Kay. SOFTBILL (6): 1, vhc, Pearson, Starling, in grand order, nice spangling, good size, real mimic; 2, 3, 4, Gardiner, nice spangling, 3rd Blue Tit (larger), 4th Hedge Sparrow, good size. FOR. 1, Watt and Storie, grand Goldfinch, good size, well up in blaze, steady; 2, Leach, Avadavat, in good order and well marked; 3, Wallace, Goldfinch.

SANQUHAR.

Annual show held in the Public School December 5th. The entry in the cage bird section was better than for a large number of years, and the quality of the exhibits was excellent, especially in the Border Fancy ticked hens class. The Norwich section was also good. The caged birds were never better suited for light, the room in which they were staged being an ideal one for light. The success of the show is in a great measure due to the energetic and untiring efforts of the joint secretaries, Messrs. Moffat and Carruthers, who left nothing to be desired in the way of arrangements, these being carried out admirably. They were supported by an able and willing committee. Mr. T. McCredie with nine birds carried off five 1st and four 2nd prizes, and also pressed hard for the B.F.C.C. medal. Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk) judged

The Critique.

BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Gill, splendid little cl. yell., lovely quality, well shown, good colour, grand feather, nice jaunty carriage; 2, McCredie, another cl. yell., good quality, must have pressed hard on winner; 3, Findlay, also a cl. yell.; 4, Hastings, cl. yell., also carries itself well; vhc, Thomson; he, Kirkhope; c, Robinson. HEN: 1, 2, McCredie, lovely little cl. buff, champion quality bird, good quality, a clear win; 2, McCredie, beautiful cl., nice bird, good quality; 3, Robinson, good coal buff, nice feather, lovely shape and quality, carries itself well; 4, Robinson, another good cl. buff, must have pressed hard; vhc, Thomson, a good bird; he, Findlay. BUFF CK.: 1, McCredie, lovely little cl. buff, full of quality, nice jaunty carriage, runner-up for B.F.C.C. medal; 2, Wright, foul, head mark, splendid quality, stands well; 3, Hastings, beautiful little cl. buff, carries itself well; 4, L. Wood, nice little cl. buff, well shown, in good condition; vhc, Gill; he, Robinson; c, Thomson. HEN: 1, Findlay, B.F.C.C. medal winner, cl. buff, grand head, grand quality, good all-round bird, in excellent condition, capital win; 2, McCredie, beautiful eye ticked buff, City of Glasgow winner we heard, close up, must have pressed hard; 3, Robinson, splendid cl. buff, nice colour, grand carriage; 4, Thomson, another good buff, best of condition, well shown, close up; vhc, Simpson and Nixon, good hen; he, c, Gill; this was the best class in the show, competition being very keen. EVENLY MKD.: 1, McCredie, nice little four-pointed buff, champion eyes, shape and legs, full of quality, stately carriage, wins; 2, Findlay, also a four-pointed buff, good bird, grand quality; 3, Thomson, nice little yell., stands well; 4, Wright, nice bird. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, McCredie, nicely marked yell. cock leads, full of nerve and style; 2nd, stylish little yell. hen, splendid feather, very little separates the two; 3, Thomson, also nicely-feathered yell. BUFF: 1, McCredie, well-known winner, has won at Glasgow, Sanquhar and Kilmarnock we heard, five-pointed cinn., full of quality, wins easy; 2, Montgomery, shapely five-pointed buff; 3, Simpson and Nixon, broken mkd. buff; 4, Wood, buff, eyes and wing marked, stands well; vhc, W. J. Thomson. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, Thomson, two lovely yell. greens, good colour and markings, grand quality; 3, Elliot, yell. green cinn., hadn't much chance against such winners. NOR. CK.: 1, Thomson, magnificent yell. mkd., best of eyes and wings, well fed, wins; 2, Devoy, grand size, stands well; 3, Andrew, another good-feathered bird. HEN: 1, Andrew, cl. buff, best of quality, fine feather, well staged; 2, Thomson, pretty cl. buff, well shown, must have pressed winner close; 3, Devoy, nice bird. CREST OR C.B. AND COMMON CAN.: Cancelled. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Thomson, Yellowhammer, splendid bird, well marked, good win; 2, Circarie and Sons, lovely Hawfinch, must have pressed hard; 3, Morrison, Crossbill, quite a nice exhibit; 4, Walker, pretty Bullfinch; vhc, Douglas, magnificent Greenfinch; he Loudon, superb little Goldfinch, some thought should have been further up; c, Davidson. SELL. (7/6): 1, Thomson; 2, Morrison; 4, Howat; vhc, Frame. LOCAL CLASSES.—CL ETC. CK.: 1, Wood, cl. buff ck., special quality; 2, Laidlaw, also cl. buff, close up; 3, Waugh, nicely ticked yell.; 4, Elliot, beautiful cl. yell.; vhc, Wilson, nice bird; he, Hamilton, good all-round bird; c, Laidlaw. HEN: 1, Elliot, eye-marked yell., splendid condition, would stand a good chance in an open class; 2, Laidlaw, nice little cl. yell.; 3, France, also a good cl. yell.; 4, Kirkhope, fine clear yell., some preferred; vhc, Hamilton; he, Kirkhope; c, Wood. A.O.V.: 1, Frame, buff variegated ck., full of quality; 2, Hamilton, an eye and wing marked buff; 3rd, nice buff variegated hen; 4th, also buff variegated hen; vhc, Elliott; he, Kirkhope; c, M. Parker—an exceptionally good class.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual show held November 28th, when 87 birds were staged. Messrs. F. W. Nelson (Stockport), and J. Law (Rochdale), placed the cards. The show was the best the society have held, both in the number of entries and of visitors. Mr. J. W. Howarth won the Society's special for best bird, and Mr. R. Schofield, special for most points. Each class received a special.

YORKS. CL. YELL (6): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Pregnall; 4, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Marsden; 4, Mooney. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Ridings; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Howarth. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Howarth; 2, Pragnall; 3, Meadowcroft. TKD. CINN. ETC. (5): 1, Pregnall; 2, Ridings; 3, Taylor; 4, Mooney. CINN. ETC. (4): 1, Ridings; 2, 3, Mooney; 3, Marsden. YORKS. HEN (11): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Meadowcroft; 4, Mooney. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Schofield. HEN (4): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Howarth; 4, Mooney. NOVICE CAN. (8): 1, 2, Marsden; 3, Mooney; 4, Waddington. SELL (8/6) (4): 1, Schofield; 2, 3, McMurdo; 4, Meadowcroft. MULE (5): 1, Schofield; 2, 3, McMurdo; 4, Meadowcroft. BRIT. GOLDIE. (4): 1, 3, McMurdo; 2, Schofield; 4, Perry. LINNET (4): 1, 2, McMurdo; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Perry. A.O.S. HARD (6): 1, 4, McMurdo; 2, 3, Perry. GIFT (5): 1, Schofield; 2, Mooney; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Perry.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Secretary.

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ALTRINCHAM.

The fifth annual one-day show was held December 5th, in the British Schools—a splendid room for light all round; everywhere the birds could easily be seen, with a good light in the cages as they stood. Mr. Tom Harrison handles the secretarial reins with all the business tact necessary, and the rest of the officials and committee attended to their various duties promptly. Close upon 500 entries turned up. Yorkshires in four open classes produced 45 entries. Norwich open had 63 in six classes. By some mischance or other a couple of birds with fed flights appeared in the unlighted yellow class; it must have been a mistake in caging for the show. The Green Club patronage was responsible for the grand total of 54 in the four Yorks. Green classes, and 59 in the four Norwich Greens. Borders were excellent—an entry of 80 in four classes is something to be proud of, and competition was of the keenest. Lucky were those who got into the tickets, many excellent specimens having to stand down. British birds were not very numerous, but some rare and excellent birds turned up. The members' Yorkshires were a good lot, but the Norwich were really capital, and Mr. Unwin put down a grand lot here, and won the Ross challenge cup for the best members' team. A splendid lot of special prizes, in addition to four money prizes, made the show well worth one's while sending entries to. In Yorks. Green Yellow hens the third prize bird began singing for all it was worth, much to the amusement of some of the Liverpool visitors and others who congregated around. It had not the good manners to keep quiet long enough, or it might have gone away with its honours without those present knowing anything of its powers of song. It was evidently rejoicing over its success, and could no longer contain itself. Mr. Battye judged all Yorkshires, Norwich, and members', and Mr. Houlton the Norwich Greens, Borders, Hybrids, British, Foreign, and selling bird classes.

The Critique.

YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, 2, Ambler Bros., well-known pair of cracks, often described, looking in champion form; 3, hc, Shackleton, ticked on neck, lovely style and quality, well posted in all points; 4, vhc, Knowles, tick wing, grand style and position, finely drawn, well up to others in most points; c, Lane. BUFFS (13): 1, 2, Shackleton, cl., fine as a pencil, well up, neat head, wings, sides and tail, both in tip-top condition; 3, Ambler Bros., tick neck, splendid contour, conditioned like a Java; 4, Dalzell, cl., nicely drawn, well up, fine feather, style and condition; vhc, Knowles; hc, c, Lane. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Shackleton, fine pair, a cl. and a variety., 3rd long and slim, first splendid position and general contour; 2, Lane, cl., A1 condition, answers well to get in position, stands well, and carries itself nicely; 4, c, Knowles, slightly cinn. ticked, fine shape and style, breedy, smart contour; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Ambler Bros. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Shackleton, cl., looking bit thick when we saw it, fine shape, etc., when worked up a little, nice feather; 2, 4, Ambler Bros., lovely cl., both in the pink of condition, grand; 3, Lane, very smart cl.; hc, Collinson; c, Knowles. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (17): 1, 2, Rowlands, seen before, and birds which show many excellent points; 3, Clayton, also one of the type and colour wanted; 4, Fielden, good one, on heels of former in most points; vhc, Atherton; hc, Harrison; c, Davie. BUFF (14): 1, c, Metcalfe, beautiful soft bloom, level colour and type, in fine feather; 2, Rowlands, hard to define difference of good points, fine condition; 3, Nimmo, very good, all in fine form; 4, hc, Clayton, good pair, former lovely colour and condition; vhc, Kelly. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Clayton, pair of fine hens, both for colour and type; 3, Fielden, would have been a grand hen, but it gave itself away by singing for all it was worth; 4, Atherton, deep level colour, fine shape, good condition; vhc, Hughes; hc, Rowlands; c, Nimmo. BUFF: 1, Clayton; 2, Rowlands; 3, Atherton; 4, Nimmo; all good, very difficult to divide; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Harrison; c, Fielden CL. ETC. NOR. (6): 1, 2, J. E. Davies, cl. and a varieg., both cobby typical birds, fine heads, good colour and condition; 3, Longworth and Lawson, cl., fine head, good colour, nice feather; 4, hc, Beswick and Gaskell, fine shape and feather, good carriage; vhc, c, Irlam. BUFF (14): 1, Beswick and Gaskell, very chubby, fine colour, beautifully mealed, A1 condition; 2, Ambler Bros., cl., grand form; 3, Davies, variegated, fine shape, feather and condition; 4, Royle, grand shape, feather, and carriage, lovely quality; vhc, Irlam; hc, Raynes; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Davies, tick head and wings, fine colour, quality and condition; 2nd, fine colour, feather and condition; 3, Smith, cl. buff. A1 condition; 4, Beswick and Gaskell, grand condition; vhc, Royle. BUFF (7): 1, Cook, dark tail hen, grand shape, bloom and condition; 2, vhc, Davies, tick wing, fine shape, quality, and condition; 3, Parlett, cl., nice feather; 4, Ambler Bros., dark tail, rich shape and condition; hc, c, Royle. UNFLIG. YEL (11): 1, Cook, large, heavy-feathered, broad-skulled bird, full of colour and condition; 2, 3, Davies, thick, short bird, well set; 3rd, nice ticked neck bird; 4, vhc, Beswick and Gaskell, ticked right wing; hc, Raynes; c, Royle. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Davies, big bird, heavy feathered, fine bloom, thick-set shape, nice condition; 2, late entry (no name in catalogue), cl., nice shape, nice colour and condition; 3, Faulkner, ticked head, grand feather, nice bloom and condition; vhc, hc, Royle; c, Longworth and Lawson. NOR. GREEN YELL. (15): 1, 4, Harrison, foul birds, former finest level colour and type, in grand feather and condition; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Deacon, fine team, former, excellent self, A1 colour, shape and condition; c, Isaac. BUFF (16): 1, 3, c, Walker, self, A1 shape, good head, nice colour and condition; 2, Harrison, grand foul bird, flowing with colour, good shape and feather; 4, hc, Lawson, grand self, A1 colour and shape, nice condition; vhc, Deacon. YELL. HEN (14): 1, vhc, c, Deacon, beautiful colour and type, stout conditioned self; 2, 4, Lawson, foul tail, also flowing with colour, nice shape and feather; 4th, self, nice sound colour, good type, fine condition; 3, Walker, self, level in colour, good feather and type; hc, Harrison. BUFF (14): 1, Lawson, foul, plenty colour and bloom; 2, 4, Harrison, grand foul tailed birds, lovely colour and type, well up in all Nor points; 3, vhc, Deacon, self, fine shape, good colour, runs close up in all points; hc, Isaac; c, Walker. BORD. YELL. (16): Very fine lot; 1, 4, hc, Bayley, variegated, winner best Border, grand jaunty typical bird, quality, carriage, and condition of the best; 2, Cherry, cl., beautiful shape and carriage, smart condition, very perky; 3, Brownlie, variegated, grand in feather and finish; vhc, Blackshaw; c, Hadwin. BUFFS (20): 1, Bayley, most jaunty and stylish cl., typical in all respects, a beauty; 2, 3, Blackshaw, cl., and a ticked headed bird, both of A1 shape, quality, and condition; 4, Parkinson, also good and runs; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Swarbrick; c, Wardleworth. HEN (27): A fine class, a double set of winners could be easily found here; 1, 2, c, Blackshaw, fortunate man to win in such hot company, but all these were in tip-top form and finish, and worth their places; 3, vhc, Bayley, both birds excelling in merit; 4, Hancocks, cl., very smart indeed, equal to any in almost every point; hc, Hadwin; extra 4, Hopper Bros., ticked buff, one of this firm's best. GREEN, ETC. (14): 1, Middleton, grand green in every way, finished; 2, hc, Hancocks, very good cinn., lovely type, feather, etc.; 3, 4, Hadwin, pair of right stamp, well up to leaders in most points; vhc, Brownlie, yell. cinn.; c, Bayley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 4, c, Beaty, Goldie and Bullie respectively leading, former grand blaze, bright and clear, nice moons, bars, and body brown, good shape, silky feather; 2, Chick, grand Bullie, in splendid bloom, etc., rare size; 3, Mort, pretty Goldie; vhc, Morgan, nice Bullie; hc, Fairhurst. BRAMBLE ETC. (8): 1, 3, Beaty, Bramble and Greenfinch respectively, both very nice feather and condition, grand colour and spangle, medium size Bramble first; 2, vhc, Birchley, fine-sized Chaffinch, nice feather, hot colour Greenfinch, good condition; 4, Chick, very large Bramble, good bird, a moult required to make it a stormer; hc, Roberts; c, Morgan. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Parlett, grand Linnet for size, shape and colour, fine head, neck, shoulders, back and chest, tightly feathered; 2, Birchley, nice shaped Siskin, fine cap, good feather, medium size; 3, Beaty, small Twite, nice colour, markings and condition; 4, Greig, Mealy Redpoll, very gay and jaunty in action; vhc, Chick; hc, Clarke; c, Morgan. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, vhc, Chick, Hawfinch, monster, Meadow Bunting, very pretty, and a smart Nuthatch, all in prime condition, former Midland chief; 2, Birchley, very nicely-marked Yellow Bunting, good size, colour, and condition; 4, Beaty, Hawfinch, nice size and colour, steady. SOFTBILL (6): 1, vhc, Chick, perfect redstart and Fieldfare, splendid in condition all over; 2, 3, Birchley, pretty Tree Creeper and Black Redstart, both showing signs of over work, latter fine bird when breast and other feathers are all there; 4, Beaty, Pied Wagtail, very fine bird, very steady; hc, Greig, Great Spotted Woodpecker, well shown. HYB. (7): 1, Davies, lovely conditioned Green-Bullie hybrid, A1 colour and feather; 2, vhc, Beaty, large six-pointed buff Gold.-Can., splendid size, colour and bloom; 3, 4, Pritchard, pretty Linnet-Bullie, and a nice four-point Goldie Can., smaller than 2nd; hc, Harrison; c, Alderoft. SMALL FOR. (5): 1, 3, 4, Beaty, fine Chloropsis leading, in grand condition; 2, Mrs. Smith, pair of Blackheaded Gouldians, pins perfect; vhc, Daniels, Java Sparrow. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Beaty, Toucan, Ceram Lory, Pileated Parrakeets, and Magpie Tanager, all in fine form. SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, 3, Brennan; 2, 4, Blackshaw; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Potts; c, Buskey. AMAT. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Lindsay; 2, 4, Critchley; 3, hc, Brennan; vhc, Broome; c, Hickson. BUFF (9): 1, Lindsay; 2, 4, Brennan; 3, vhc, Bayley; hc, Hickson; c, Broome. YELL. HENS (8): 1, 3, hc, Brennan; 2, 4, Bayley; vhc, Hickson; c, Worrall. BUFF (5): 1, Lindsay; 2, 3, Worrall; 4, Broome; vhc, Hickson. NOVICE YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Unwin; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Critchley. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Unwin; 2, Critchley; 4, vhc, Head. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Unwin; vhc, Blackshaw. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Unwin; vhc, Head; hc, Wilkinson. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Unwin; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Blackshaw. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Unwin; 3, Wilkinson. A.O.V.: 1, Head. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Bayley; 3, 4, Buskey; vhc, Lord. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Bayley; 3, 4, Buskey; hc, c, Lord. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, Bayley. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hickson; 2, Mrs. Hills. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Mills. HEN: 1, Mrs. Mills. NOR. YELL.: 1, Field; 2, Douglas. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Douglas. HEN YELL.: 1, Fields; 2, Potts. BUFF: 1, Douglas; 2, 3, Fields. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Douglas; 2, Hickson. BUFF: 1, 2, Douglas; 3, hc, Hickson; 4, vhc, Davies. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Hickson; 2, Birchley; 3, Harrison. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Birchley. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Birchley; 4, Potts. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Birchley. MULE: 1, Birchley. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Potts. GIFT: 1, Buskey; 2, hc, Maine; 3, Bayley; 4, Brennan.

HILLFOOT O.S.

This year the competition in the caged-bird section was open, and the response given in the entries fully justified the new departure. The entries, although practically local, were of a very high standard, and ticket birds were well up on each other. Mr. Gollan Hyslop (Stirling) judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction. Borders were to the fore with a record entry, British being a good second. The foreign birds seemed to take the eyes of the visitors who patronised the show, and local interest in the fancy must be awakening, and good results are expected in future. Selling-class birds were in big demand, and a good few birds changed hands. Mr. H. Wilson won the handsome silver cup for most points. The runner-up was Mr. J. Stewart. Mr. A. Somerville, the energetic secretary, had the knack of keeping cool and collected, and got through his business in a business-like style. The cage bird steward was Mr. Andrew Hunter, who paid full attention to his feathered friends.

Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 3, 4, Leader, cl buff, nice nerve, very free, good length; 3, another buff, fine in reach, good shoulders; 4, nice quality, all very finely staged; 4, Ferguson, buff Piebald. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, Wilson, cl buff, in grand condition, close feather, tight and extra steady in hand; 2, Campbell Bros., A1 quality, nice head, perfect wing carriage, rich yellow; 3, Cox and Allan, fine rich buff, deserves a better cage; 4, Wilson, cl yell.; vhc, Cox and Allan; hc, Carmichael; c, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, Carmichael, good size, grand filled back, body flow, and wing carriage, neat head; 2, Wilson, cl buff, in nice condition, neat head, steady; 3, Campbell Bros., correct type, nice feather, yell., uneven marked, staged well; 4, Anderson; 5, Cox and Allan; 6, Wilson. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Angus, cl body, D.C., popular win, good bird all over; 2, Angus, D.C., green bird, plenty of quality feather; 3, 4, Stewart, variegated buff C.B., nice shape, fine head points; 4, cl body, D.C. NOR: 1, 2, 3, Burnett, takes full honour with a team a credit to so young a fancier; 1, rightly placed C.B. variegated buff; 2, non fed buff; 3, blaze of colour, good head, nice round full body; 4, Frank Love, buff; vhc, Clark; hc, Wilson; c, Clarke. COMMON CAN. (17): A teaser of a class with a good mixture of everything: 1, Mitchell, yell. green; 2, Morrison, variegated, yell.; 3, Brydie, buff green; 4, vhc, Stewart, cl yell. any variegated; hc, Wilson; c, McIntosh. FINCH: 1, spl, Angus, sweet little goldie, clear blaze, nice shade of tan, dislinct buttons; 2, Campbell Bros., Bullfinch, good type, well clean cap, nice bars, in perfect condition; 3, Hunter, another Goldie; 4, Anderson; vhc, Dawson; hc, Smoldon; c, McIntosh. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Allan, good Linnet, dark bird, well pencilled, wants steadying; 2, McCall, Yellow-hammer, rich colour, nicely-marked cheeks; 3, Wilson, Snow Bunting, in good condition, not seen at best in small cage; 4, Campbell Brothers, Linnet; vhc, Anderson; hc, Lamb. FOR.: 1, Connel, Parrot; 2, Small; 3, Angus; 4, 5, Wilson.

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GRIMSBY.

The Grimsby C.B.S., in conjunction with the Poultry Society, held their annual exhibition on December 3rd. The King's Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is of good size, nice light, near to the station, and centrally situated. The function was under the C.B.U. rules, and the schedule issued was of nice classification. The entry was not so good as one would liked to have seen; still, superb quality was on view. Had the society run their show exclusively for cage birds better entries would possibly have resulted. The Norwich were a choice collection, and contained many well-known winning specimens. In the novice section some notable stagers were staged. Yorkshires were few in number, but excellent in quality. Amongst the novice birds one could have selected a few quite capable of running well in the upper circles. The thanks of the society are tendered to Messrs. Harland, Clews, Townsend, H. E. Emerson, and R. Nightingale for their support in the gift class. The Mules and British contained some choice ones. The special for best British was won by Mr. H. Medley, with his noted Redstart; Hyde's went to Messrs. Moore and Son; Ramsden's to Mr. A. Wilson. The president is Councillor Tickler; the vice-presidents are Councillors Tate and C. D. Sykes, a trio of capital supporters. The chairman, Mr. W. Clews, is the right man in the right place, he being a good leader. The vice-chairman is Mr. A. Townsend, who acts as understudy in a capable manner. The committee consist of well-known and enthusiastic fanciers in Messrs. Nightingale, F. Emerson, Clapham, Beels, Burrell, Tune, Clarke, Perkins, and Johnson, all of whom put forth exertions of a praiseworthy order. Mr. H. E. Emerson, the hon. sec., is a genuine official, always ready to help, and courteous in the highest degree. Staging was nicely done, considering it was a mixed show. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) made the awards, which gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Moore and Son, former, lovely shaped cl., well up in substance, close silky feather of rich colour, fine carriage, clean cut away; 2nd, mkd. right wing, ablaze with colour, all type, A1 feather, a beauty; 3, Mennard, massive cl., capital feather and colour, nice head and neck, worth its place; vhc, hc, Harland; c, Emerson. BUFF (7): 1, Harland, mkd. head, bouncer, magnificent feather, grand shape and colour, Hull winner, looking in the pink; 2, Townsend, mkd. left wing, hot in colour, silky texture of feather, fine body shape; 3, H. E. Emerson, warm cl., fine substance, capital quality, good head and neck character; vhc, Clews; hc, c, Moore and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Hyde's, Moore and Son, noted neck ticked, superb colour and feather, cobby, and of nice substance, another year should make a gem; 2, Harland, cl. of lovely tone of colour, very shapely and of superb quality, A1 shape, very close up; 3, H. E. Emerson, bonny variegated, full of colour and quality, nice type and carriage, good 3rd; vbc, hc, c, Clews. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Moore and Son, mkd. right eye, Hull and Leek winner, possessing superior feather, good deep front, fine substance, clean under, very promising; 2, Harland, hot cl., short and thick-set, feathered to perfection, not one of the largest perhaps, but certainly one of the best, close on heels of winner; 3, H. E. Emerson, mkd. right wing, well up in size, warm colour, richly mealed, nice carriage and type, worth its place; vhc, hc, c, Clews. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Mennard, unflig cl., unbeatable for shape, lovely feather and carriage, nice substance, looks like developing into a "right 'un"; 2, Wilson, massively-built cl., feathered delightfully, neat body shape, most bonny damsel; 3, Clews, mkd. head, A1 feather, nice shape and colour, good 3rd; vhc, hc, Townsend; c, Harland. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Moore and Son, both clears, 1st model for shape, tight as a Java, lovely colour and frosting, well put down; 2nd, shade larger, good shape, a beauty; 3, Harland, cl., good substance, silky featber, nice tone of colour, capital head, neck and chest; vhc, H. E. Emerson; hc, F. Emerson; c, Clews. NOVICE YELL. (12): A good lot; 1, Simpson, mkd. right wing, red hot, superior feather, good substance and shape, very bonny; 2, F. Emerson, mkd. right wing, ablaze with colour, rich feather, A1 shape, broken tail feathers or might have won; 3, Ware, mkd. left wing, great substance, nice feather; vhc, Nightingale; hc, Clapham; c, Harding. BUFF (7): 1, Longhorn, cl., well up in size, grand shape and quality, capital colour and frosting, jaunty carriage, very neat; 2, Mason, mkd. right wing and right eye, rich quality and of good substance, A1 colour; 3, Cotterill, cl., 1908 bred, all type, tight as wax, lovely colour and meal; vhc, Morrell; hc, Nightingale; c, Cartwright; No. 5, Johnson, absent. HEN (7): 1, Simpson, variegated, yell., teeming with quality, full of colour, rare shape and size, magnificent specimen, shown in the pink; 2, vhc, Harding, yell., cap mkd., well up in frame, nice quality, pale colour, capital head, neck and chest, longer in wings and tail; 3, c, Cartwright, yell., mkd. left wing and root of tail, very large, nice quality, bit raky in build; hc, Cotterill. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes, cl., red hot, wonderful length, delightful quality, position of the best, a gem; 2, hc, Murrell, lengthy cl., neat and narrow, stands grand, A1 back and wing carriage, not far behind; 3, Hodgson, mkd. left wing, lovely feather and colour, wedge shaped, clever legs; vhc, Drabble, good one, close up; No. 1, Wainwright, absent. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Dykes, brace of real charmers, cl. and mkd. left wing respectively, both full of style, feature each other throughout, might be out of same nest, like two peas; 3, Drabble, cl., slim and upstanding, beautiful feather, rare back and wing carriage; vhc c, Murrell; hc, Hodgson. NOVICE YELL. (6): 1, c, Frith, cl., fine long drawn specimen, rattling quality, tip-top position, well up on leg, gem; 2, hc, Auton Bros., thigh tick, very lengthy, good position and feather, neat back flights and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Walker, cl., stands like a rush, nice quality and length, bonny bird. BUFF (7): 1, Robinson, mkd. wings, lovely salmon-tinged colour, full of quality, wedge shape, nice length, well up on leg; 2, 3, Eltshaw, both neat feather, former mkd. wings, eyes and head, very lengthy, A1 back and wing carriage, latter stylish cl., feathered like wax, stands well; vhc, Skeritt; hc, Grainger; c, Anton Bros. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 3, R. Clarke, both Crests, 1st buff, almost green D.C., well up in substance, very shapely, crest good size, capital droop and centre; 3rd, buff almost green D.C., fine size and quality, crest of nice back and frontal, one we liked; 2, hc, R. M. Clarke, buff, cl body D.C., rich leafy feather, crest nice size and shape, neat in droop, centre well placed; vhc, Niven; c, Bradslock. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, hc, Culyard; 2, Wilson; 3, Ingram; vhc, Moore and Son; c, Oliff. (15/-) (7): 1, Moore and Son; 2, W. P. Barnes; 3, Oliff; vhc, Ingram; hc, Robinson; c, Clapham. GIFT (5): 1, Clews; 2, Harland; 3, Townsend; vhc, Nightingale; hc, H. E. Emerson. MULE (7): 1, Somerfield, yell. Greenle-Can., slashing specimen, massive, shapely, full of colour and quality, Nottingham and Hull winner; 2, Nicholson, Goldie-Bullie, nice shape and size, capital quality and colour, shows parentage distinctly, very bonny; 3, Grainger, Siskin-Can., fine shape, capital colour and markings, nice cap, well put down; vhc, hc, Perkins; c, Towl and Jackson. BRIT. (14): A good class; 1, Somerfield, Goldie, grand shape and size, lovely tan, fine large, well-cut blaze of rich colour, A1 button and bars, stood 2nd Nottingham, we heard, 1st Hull; 2, 3, Foster, Bullie and Bramble, former capital shape and substance, dense cap nicely polished, fine breast colour, Darlington winner; 3rd, magnificent colour, very shapely, fine size, profusely ticked, stood 2nd Darlington, both toppers; vhc, Axe, rattling Goldie, well shown; hc, Boyle; c, Dowle. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Nicholson, Linnet, slashing shape, well up in substance, beautiful colour, delightfully pencilled, one of the very best, and a topper; 2, Axe, Greenie, fine bold bird, grand shape and quality, capital colour, in full bloom, stood 1st Darlington; 3, Boyle, Linnet, good shape and size, lovely colour and carriage, a gem; vhc, Drinkell; hc, Perkins; c, Dowie. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, 3, Medley, rattling team, Redstart, well-known winner, in very best possible trim, an eye-opener; 2nd, capital shaped 'Gale, good colour, steady, and well staged; 3rd, fine Corn Bunting, good colour, size and shape, well mooned, in the pink; vhc, Saddler, nice Snow Bunting; hc, Pask; c, Drinkell.

DENNY AND DUNIPACE.

The 13th annual show was held on Nov. 28th in the Public Hall. Entries, unfortunately, did not come up to expectations. Border Fancies formed the pick of the show. Mr. G. Campbell (Glasgow) judged all classes and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Frances proved a capable and obliging secretary, and had a committee of genuine hard workers. The light was bad, especially where the Britishers were staged. During the day there was a big attendance of visitors.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (1): 1, Smith, grand bird, well staged. HEN (2): 1, McWatt; 2, Smith, both good birds. CREST CK. (2): 1, Moreland, good all round quality, frequent winner, often described; 2, McIntosh, another one of all round good qualities. HEN cancelled. C.B. CK. (1): 1, Moreland, good one, nice feather. HEN (1): 1, McIntosh, fine big bird. NOR. P.H. CK. (3): 1, Arnott, good dark, hot-fed bird, could win in better company; 2, Herd, fine feather; 3, Moffat. HEN (3): 1, Henderson, buff, typical, easy win; 2, Herd, nice bird; 3, McPherson, non-fed yell. BORD. FCY., YELL., CK., CL., ETC. (6): All of high quality, first three being fit for any company; 1, McWatt; 2, Arnott; 3, Wilson; vhc, Craig; hc, Pryde; c, Shields. HEN (5): 1, Cartner and Herd; 2, Craig; 3, Ballantyne; vhc, Peel; hc, McWatt; grand birds, all well staged. YELL. CK., A.O.V. (3): 1, McWatt; 2, McLachlan; 3, Marshall; nice birds these. HEN (3): 1, 2, McWatt; 3, Lomond. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (6): 1, McWatt; 2, McIntosh; 3, Peel; vhc, Ballantyne; hc, McLachlan; c, Marshall; grand exhibits, doing credit to the owners. HEN (8): 1, spl, Parker; 2, 3, McWatt; vhc, Cartner and Herd; hc, Shields; c, McIntosh; another creditable lot. A.O.V. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, McWatt, grand trio, difficult to separate; vhc, Arnott; hc, Parker. HEN (4): 1, vhc, B.F.C. medal, McWatt; 2, Arnott; 3, Cartner and Herd. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Kirkwood, Twite, non-fed, grand size, well marked, nice colour, an easy win; 2, Cooper, Redpoll, nice little exhibit; 3, vhc, Parker, 3rd grand Siskin, might be better defined in bib perhaps, vhc Twite, hot fed, some thought should have won; hc, Wardle. BULLFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Parker, Siberian Goldie, in tip-top order, grand blaze, fine tanning, clean cut wings, an easy win; 2, Henderson, Brit. Goldie, fine, square, deep cut blaze, nice wing bars and buttons; 3, hc, Corbett, 3rd nice Brit. Bullie, large, good cap; vhc, Skinner; c, Herd. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Parker, buff, grand head and carriage, some thought should have changed places with 2nd; 2, Taylor, Perth winner, yell., feather like wax. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, Parker, difficult to separate, a trio any owner could be proud of; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, McWatt; c, Scott. A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, Henderson, Chaffinch, hot fed, well polished chest, nice wing markings; 2, Taylor, Meadow Bunting; 3, Kirkwood, Snow Bunting, fine exhibit, in grand order. A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, Colvin, Mavis, good one, frequent winner. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, McPherson, 1st Cutthroat, well shown, 2nd green Budgerigars, 3rd Paradise Whydah. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, McWatt, dark Goldie, fine large bird, grand conditioned; 2, Paterson, Siskin, shows parentage distinctly, finely laced, well up in size; 3, c, Herd, 3rd variegated Goldie, looks like a hen; Lower Mandible was misplaced; vhc, McLachlan; hc, Parker. SELL. (12/6) (4): 1, Smith; 2, Morelaud; 3, Aitken; vhc, Parker.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The 3rd members' show of the season was held at the King's Head Hotel, on November 28th, when 117 birds were staged. The points for society's specials up to date are: T. Slater, 53; Middleton Bros., 44; W. Wright, 38; and W. Birkett, 35. Mr. J. Greaves judged and gave satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Booth; 2, Trevener; 3, Leach and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Slater; 2, Wright; 3, Judson; vhc, Sawley; hc, Wilkinson; c, Addy. TKD. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, hc, Slater; 2, Berry; 3, Smith; vhc, Middleton Bros.; c, Bancroft and Dean. BUFF (13): 1, c, Slater; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, hc, Addy; vhc, Booth. YELL. HEN (24): 1, Slater; 2, Smith; 3, Birkett; vhc, Addy; hc, Leach and Son; c, Procter; BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Addy; 2, 3, Slater; hc, Booth; c, Smith. FOUL MARK (7): 1, Addy; 2, Booth; 3, Wright; vhc, Berry; hc, Middleton Bros.; c, Slater. A.O.V. (3): 1, Wright; 2, Pickles. SELL (12/6) (13): 1, Slater; 2, Addy; 3, Middleton Bros.; vhc, Berry; hc, Bancroft and Dean; c, Foster. NOVICE YORKS. (17): 1, Birkett; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Trevener; vhc, Pickles; hc, Midgley. HEN (6): 1, 2, Birkett; 3, vhc, Pickles; vhc, Trevener; c, Jeffrey.—WM. WRIGHT, Sec.

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On December 1st Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax) gave a washing exhibition in the Baptist School. There was a good turn-up of fanciers, who were all delighted with the way in which Mr. Helliwell put the birds through the tub, and also with his novel drying cage, which is quite original, and a very neat affair. A vote of thanks, after a few hints on the selection of a breeding stock, brought the meeting to a close.—WILTON JAGGER, Secretary.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall recently for the purpose of electing office-bearers. Result:—President, Mr. Robert Dickson; treasurer, Mr. Robert Rennie; secretary, Mr. William Clubb, 34, Cockburn street; committee, Messrs. Hugh Moreland, William Walker, John Moreland, Thomas Wallace, William Scaife, Joseph Binnie, Alexander Eadie, Robert Herd, James Marshall, Harry Taylor, John Millar, and Robert Hamilton; auditors, Messrs. J. Marshall and R. Hamilton. The society is now open for the enrolment of new members. All communication should be sent to me at 14, Cockburn-street.—W. CLUBB, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held at Littleborough on November 28th, when a large number of members were present. Mr. J. Naden took the chair. A little general business was got over in nice time, so as to allow us to have a look round at the birds again. Our next meeting is fixed for Rochdale on December 12th, when we hope to see a record number of members, as it is also the date of the Rochdale O.C. Back-end Show. We shall then see some of our favourites on exhibition. I am given to understand there will be a good number of birds present. Points gained at Littleborough:—Champion Section: Adams, 19; Garner, 16; and Lowe, 9. Novice Section: Fish, 14; Crossley, 9; and Brooke, 6.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our recent show much help was rendered by Miss Waknrow, Mrs. Giddy, Mrs. Wood, and also from Messrs. Knight, Fisher, Pile, Street, Hyde, Andrews, Rawlinson and Johnson. Mrs. Giddy came out on top with most points for the £5 5s. cup, Mr. J. T. Pile second, and Mr. W. Knight third. Mr. W. Reynolds took the teapot for best unflighted bird in the champion section, with a nice yellow. Mr. Shakespear took the special for best bird in champion section, with a grand Lancashire, Mr. Penny, with a grand young Crest, taking five specials, teapot for best unflighted in novice section, and four others—2 for best birds in Novice section, and one for best Crest in Show, and one for best Crest in Novice section. Visitors came up in good numbers. The floral decorations were kindly undertaken by Mr. A. Knight.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A well-attended meeting was held at Littleborough on November 28th, in connection with the bird show. Members were present from Oldham, Middleton, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Denton, Glossop, Rawtenstall, etc. A large amount of business was gone through, one item being the deciding of the winner of special for best Lizard at Nottingham, same to be a member of the association. Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham) turned out to be the winner by unanimous assent. A hearty vote of thanks to our esteemed chairman, Mr. J. Garner, brought the meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at Glossop, the place of meeting to be announced later in Fancy Press. Result of cup and medal competition for members at Littleborough Show, November 28th:—Lancashires, Champion: J. Garner, 16 points; Novice: J. J. Brookes, 6 points. Lizards, Champion: J. Dewsnap, 26 points: J. Rukin, 19; J. Hampshire, 18; and W. P. Barnes, 14: Lizards, Novice: J. Dickinson, 10 points.—J. RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

ENGLISH AND WELSH B.F.C.C.

Annual general meeting held at Liverpool Show, Nov. 7th, Mr. J. S. Clinch (Liverpool) in the chair. The resignation of Mr. D. Jenkins (Swansea) was accepted. The question of the suspension of members was left over until the final decision of the C.B.U. International Contest, 1909: An application was read from the Swansea Society, asking to have the International Contest held there next year. It was decided to ask, through the Fancy Press, for applications for next year's contest. Applications must come from the southern division only. The applications are to be in the hands of the Secretary by the end of February, 1909. Two judges and 16 classes will be required, and it is expected that the Show Committee will treat these classes generously in the way of specials. The Manchester district asked to be transferred to the southern division next year, under the title of the Cheshire district. The members of this district are to be consulted before a final decision is come to. The "Ticked Question" was discussed, but on the Secretary pointing out that our classes mostly read clear or lightly ticked, the question was found not to affect us. The motion that we do not give our patronage to shows having the patronage of the B.F.C.C. was well gone into. Several members argued for and against the proposal. The Secretary pointed out that he always advised show committees to apply for the patronage of both Border Societies, as by this means the classes were better filled. Finally it was decided: "That at our patronage shows only judges resident in England or Wales shall be appointed." Uniform cages: A motion was brought forward to ask the B.F.C.C. to join us in adopting a uniform show cage. This was lost. The motion that plain canary seed only be used on bottoms of show cages was carried. This notice is to be put on specials' cards for next year. The Secretary reported that about £4 had been promised towards the season's specials, and hoped that all members who had not promised anything would do so at once, so that the finances of the Society could be put straight this year. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary closed a most interesting meeting.—S. HADWIN, Secretary.

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How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize*. Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

REMEMBER: The Show this week is Gateshead, Dec. 11 and 12.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

In addition to the shows given underneath, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

Here is the list of shows referred to above:—
December 11 and 12.—Gateshead.
December 31st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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**Going Halves.

On one occasion when visiting the Zoological Gardens I observed a little incident which may be worth mentioning. A large white Cockatoo, and much smaller Green Parrot inhabited the same cage. When I gave them a nut, the Parrot took it, but instead of endeavouring to crack it, immediately handed it over to the Cockatoo, whose more powerful mandibles at once mastered it, and the contents were fairly divided between the two.—Sent by Elliott Lilley (age 11), 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near, Halesowen.

*The Pretty Starling.

The Starling is a very pretty and interesting bird. With great patience he may be taught to talk and whistle tunes quite correctly, if you get a young bird out of the nest and rear it. Last spring I found a nest of four young ones in an old building, so I took one home with me; I think it was about a fortnight old. It turned out to be a cock bird and a very nice one, too. It used to fly about the house, perch on our heads, and follow us about. It used to delight in having a bath in a basin of water, which was given every morning.—Sent by J. Shepherd (age 14), 11, Buckley Brook Street, Rochdale.

*A Cheerful Canary.

I have a pretty little bird;
Its colour is like lemon curd.
It has a pretty little cage,
And it is just two years of age.
I go each morning to feed it,
And this seems the time it needs it.
Every week when it gets its bath,
It flaps its wings and seems to laugh.
This little bird so very cheery
Is just a dear wee Canary.—Sent by Jessie Cornwall (age 11), 38, Princess Street, North Shields.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A judging competition was held on Nov. 17th, there being ten competitors. They tried to place the birds in the same position as Mr. W. A. Cowgill had done. The result ended in a tie for first place between Mr. J. Northrop and Mr. J. Farrar, who divided the first and second prizes between them, the third prize being won by Mr. G. R. Rushworth. In the Gift Class, which contained eight birds, the awards were as follows: 1st, Stables; 2nd, Wilkinson Bros.; 3rd, Warner; 4th, Stobart; vhc, Walker; hc, Rushworth; c, Gelder. All the birds in the Gift Class were put up for sale by Mr. J. Northrop, and realised a nice round sum for the Rose Bowl, which will be competed for at the annual show on January 30th. A pair class was also arranged, and thirteen pairs of Yorkshires were staged, the awards being as follows: 1st, Briggs; 2nd, White; 3rd, Farrar; 4th, Laycock; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Stables; c, Hill. This was a splendid class, some good pairs being exhibited. The two special prizes were won by Messrs. Briggs and White. There was a splendid turn-up of members and friends, the room being well filled.—H. HILL, Hon. Sec.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE whist drive and dance, promoted by the C.M.Y.C.C. in aid of their prize fund, was fairly successful, that is, in regard to numbers. The affair itself was splendid, and passed off without a hitch, all those present enjoying themselves immensely. By eight o'clock the whist drive started and kept merrily on until close upon 11 o'clock, twenty-four games being played during that time. The "booby" prize winner was presented with a rolling pin and a pair of socks. The winning lady made a nice, neat speech, wishing success to the club. The winning gent was Mr. H. H. Towers. After distribution of the prizes, the evening was given over to dancing, and the management are to be congratulated upon their success. Fanciers present, however, missed the genial face of the secretary of the club, whose business has taken him away from home for some considerable time, his place being temporarily filled by Mr. H. H. Towers.

MANNINGHAM and Harrogate Societies each held their open shows on Saturday last, December 5th, and each had provided the same number of classes, viz., twenty-six, the first-named receiving 373 entries and the latter 404. At Manningham the novice section filled very well, and some real good birds were to be seen. The services of Mr. T. Tetley were secured to assist Mr. R. Carr in the placing of the cards. At Harrogate, Mr. J. C. Barnes was engaged as judge, and had as his assistant Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the former taking all open classes, and the latter novice and selling. All birds were homeward bound in good time, and ought to have reached home easily on Saturday night.

ON December 1st, Mr. J. Hartley gave a splendid washing exhibition before the members and friends of the Bradford East O.S., and to say that he staggered the novices would be putting it mildly. James put four birds through in the short space of fourteen minutes, and delighted the audience with his free and easy style of handling them during the process. He used three bowls of water, one for washing, and two for rinsing purposes, and white Windsor soap. After washing he dried them with cotton cloths, then rolled them up and laid them before the fire for about twenty minutes. Then they were put in a cage with perches cleaned and paper in cage bottom, and were not long before they looked as spruce as possible, ready to be put down on the show bench. Mr. W. Laycock proposed and Mr. G. R. Rushworth seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hartley for his services.

BETWEEN now and the end of December a lot of societies will be holding members' shows, and in most cases will close their competitions for the year's prizes. By what I hear, cup shows are not to be in it for interest. The Gt. Horton Good Intent hold their closing show to-day (Saturday), and have Mr. H. Sutcliffe (the junior partner in the firm of Sutcliffe and Son), as judge, and he is expected to have a stiff task. Bradford East have Mr. J. Bailey to judge their last show of the season on December 15th, and hope to have a large entry. The Wakefield Society has had some splendid members' shows this year, and the enthusiasm has gone up by leaps and bounds. Their year's competitions close for the various cups and medals on December 26th, at which show Mr. W. A. Cowgill will officiate, and as no less than six competitors are well in the running for first place, a bumping entry is expected.

THE debate at the Bradford City O.S. headquarters, which was opened by Mr. Chittenden on Saturday evening last on the subject of shortening the time taken up by the shows held under the Yorkshire Union, was not so well attended, considering the seriousness of the subject. Mr. Chittenden laid the scheme before those assembled and invited criticism. The scheme is briefly this: that two societies hold shows on the same day, but the classification is such that no class is provided for at both shows held on any date, but so arranged that one show, say, provides clear yellows, ticked buffs, uneven marked yellows, buffs hens, etc., then the other will provide clear buffs, ticked yellows, uneven marked buffs, yellow hens; and so on throughout the classification. The discussion was of a very interesting character, and could have gone on for an indefinite period, but the president, Mr. Fortman, had to closure it on account of time. It is hoped that another chance will come for thrashing out the subject.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Increase of Goldfinches.

These beautiful birds, which were once so near extinction in this country, are increasing rapidly in certain districts. No doubt the Wild Birds' Protection Act is the chief cause. In the West of England one hears of them everywhere, and if only they are allowed to nest in security, they will soon become as common as other Finches. When they are at liberty we have no more beautiful birds than the Goldfinches, and to see a flock of them among the thistle heads upon a bright day in September is a sight to be remembered; it fixes the attention of anyone fond of wild life, and of beautiful birds in a state of freedom.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

December Notes—Bird Tracks.

All the leaves have fallen now and we have quite a thick carpet of them in the woods and along the footpaths bordered by hedgerows. Although winter is with us we have had very little real wintry weather, so food for the wild birds is still fairly plentiful, and many of the tuneful ones have time to spare, to cheer us with snatches of song, as they perch in groups upon the higher branches of the elms. The Thrushes and Starlings are the chief performers, but we have a few occasional notes from some precocious Blackbird. The music is very different to that of the spring. It consists of a series of chattering, twittering notes with very little attempt at solo performance—so unlike the wild, passionate melody of the early Summer months, when the spirit of rivalry swells the throat of each feathered champion. When one considers that we are now in the month of December, it is most delightful to hear bird music of any kind. Where one lives in a spot which one might rightly call a bird tract or bird highway, it is most interesting to watch the flocks of various sizes flying over in the early morning to the feeding grounds and back again at dusk. The morning flocks pass over in quite a short space of time, following each other in quick succession, almost as one company, commencing before it is actually daylight. But in the evening it is different; the first group will pass quite early in the afternoon and continue at irregular intervals until almost dark, a few belated Rooks generally bringing up the rear. These bird tracts are quite common; more so than one would imagine. If birds fly from one wood to another across open country, it is generally in one direction regardless of the wind. They gather in woods, cross the highways to the corners of the orchard, and from thence down the hedgerow. Not only do small birds travel along these recognised tracts, but Pigeons, Rooks, Fieldfares, etc., can be noted to do exactly the same day after day, while wildfowl are as regular as clockwork, and the observant sportsman can tell to a few yards where the ducks will pass at flighting time.

One for the Gull.

It is said that the Blackheaded Gull is one of the most beneficial of birds to agriculture, as where these congregate and feed on the land, roots and crops are sure to be benefited, and are never an entire failure through the ravages of insects.

Differences in Hawks.

As a rule in a pair of Hawks, the female is considerably larger than the male, which is contrary to the usual form of birds. This difference is no doubt a provision of nature to supply the young with food, as the larger and stronger bird would do most of the foraging.

The Robin's Local Names.

Most of our common birds have local names quite different to the accepted one, and of all names none appear to fit the Robin better than that of "redbreast." Another local name is "ruddock." The former name, although so appropriate, is, after all, only a common name for our familiar Robin.

The Depredatory Cuckoo.

Some careful calculations have recently been made, said Mr. W. Bickerton, F.Z.S., in a lecture before the Royal Photographic Society with regard to the nest-stealing propensities of the Cuckoo. The nest this bird most favours is that of the Hedge Sparrow. Out of some three hundred nests in which a Cuckoo's egg was found, 74 belonged to the Hedge Sparrow, 65 to the Robin, 62 to the Reed Warbler, 49 to the Meadow Pipit, and 47 to the Garden Warbler.

Tree Sparrows in Winter.

Our Sparrow population is increased by the migration from the Continent of his congener the Tree Sparrow. These journey across the sea from the northern parts of Europe, and during hard winters small flocks of them may be seen in the South East counties, consorting with the House Sparrows frequenting the farms and outbuildings. They are distinguishable by a smarter, more alert appearance, a chestnut coloured head, and triangular patch on the cheeks. During some seasons a few stay and breed here. Although a certain number are no doubt resident, the fact of a small colony establishing themselves for a single season in a district where before they were only known as winter visitors, is proof of this assertion.

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EXCHANGE pair red cheek Homers, rung, flown Marlborough with Cape Hill H.'s, for cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, clap nets, or Canaries.—Wildman, 24, Reynolds-st., Smethwick, Staffordshire.

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SCOTTISH Terrier pups, 10 weeks, champion pedigree, black brindle, three dogs, two bitches; exchange for exhibition birds; birds to be sent first; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Campbell Bros., Soroba-rd., Oban.

HEATING stove (oil), almost new, suitable for office or bird-room; exchange for Canaries (mostly hens, Germans preferred), or accept 12/6, worth double; offers.—Burrus, 23, Rathbone-st., Canning Town, London.

GENTS' cycle, 1908 pattern, good Coventry make, free wheel, two inverted lever brakes, bell, pump, mudguards, in excellent condition, sell £2 10s.; exchange good Edison phonograph and records.—King, 80, Spout Lane, Walsall.

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FOR sale, cheap, a large drawing-room aviary, strongly made of polished mahogany, 48 inches long, 22 inches wide, 30 inches high, price 25/-; or exchange for good Yorkshire Canaries, 1908 birds.—Smith, 48, Kent-street, Birmingham.

MULING Linnet and cage, 5/-; large double breeder, or flight, loose fronts, partitions, 6/6; grand pair opera glasses in case, 7/6; exchange good Irish terrier dog pup, or useful exchange.—Brooks, 127, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, London.

XMAS presents, four-bottled dinner cruets, teapots, fruit baskets, jam dishes, fish eaters, case of carvers, table cutlery and joiners' tools; in exchange for good Canaries, cages, British birds, etc.; stamp.—Cutlery Company, 24, Carnarvon-st, Sheffield.

GREAT bargain, pair Linnet nets, 12 yds. each side, 6 ft. deep, warranted new, not yet been dyed, new staffs, ropes, etc., etc.; also six Linnets, singing mad, lot 20/-; cheap at 60/-; part exchange, chance seldom met.—Parr, 36, Grainger-st., Meadow Lane Nottingham.

DECLINING Fancy, pair Norwich, 6/-; Linnet 4/-, muler, Linnet Mule 5/-, pair clapnets, 12 ft.; everything complete 10/-; sparrow nets, equal new, 8/-, three breeding, three show cages, 8/-, lot 26/-; or exchange gent's suit or gun.—Palmer, 37, Sunningwell-rd., Oxford.

WANTED good pairs Crests, or clear Norwich in exchange for trio white Orpingtons, cockerel, two pullets, out of two-guinea sitting; also Wright's "Fruit Growers' Guide," in six vols., as new, cost three guineas; approval both ways.—Housslow, Hambleton House, Moortown, Leeds.

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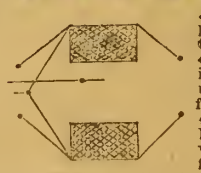
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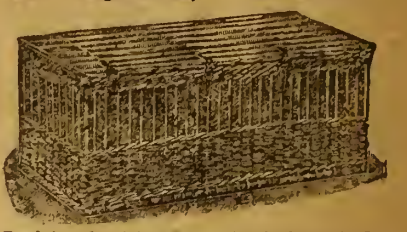
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HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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"BREEDER'S CARD.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

CRESTS, 9 classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

CRESTED cocks and hens, 10/- up; also pairs.—Sorrie, Belmont-st., Aberdeen.

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MASSIVE clear Crestbred cock, grand lashing, 17/6 cash or deposit.—Todd, Murray Place, Inverness.

LARGE Crest-bred hen, bundle of feathers; third prize at Pembroke; 12/6.—Wm. Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

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GREEN Crested hen (Roberts), 7/6; buff green Crested, good feeder, 4/-; smaller Crested ditto, 3/-.—Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

FIRST-CLASS birds wanted, cheap for cash, Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CRESTS, Crestbreds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/- each; from winners; approval; stamp.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

A few good Crests and Crestbreds to part with from 10/- each; prize bred; on approval; deposit.—H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-street, Nottingham.

CREST cock, two C.B. hens, 1908, 40/-; bargain; one pair Norwich Plainheads, 10/-; fine Norwich songsters, 6/- and 8/-.—Esson, Broad-street, Denny.

LARGE wing-marked buff Crested cock, 1st at Castle-Douglas, last Saturday, see report, 25/-; approval for cash only.—Davey, George-st., Stranraer.

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COMPELLED to reduce my Crests and C.B.s, bred from the best in the Fancy, bred from winners, stamp reply £1 upwards; approval.—Taylor and Smart, Robson-st., Shildon.

GIVING up—Yellow crested cock, 12/6; crested hen, 7/6; Crestbred cock, 9/-; Plainheads, 6/-; guaranteed all Norwich; stamp reply.—Bell, Woolleywood, Wincobank, Sheffield.

CHAMPION Crest, during last two months, won 108 special prizes, etc., largest shows; some grand stock birds, bred same way, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

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TRIO of Dutch Frills, 30/-; two matched pairs of young Norwich, 7/6 pair; four hens, 6/-.—E. Browne, 30, Somerset-rd., Ashford.

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GREENS, 8 classes, numerous specials, Scottish National Show.

GREEN Yorkshires, from 12/6 per pair.—Samuel Dean, see Yorkshires and Food columns

YORKSHIRE Greens, breeders, cheap; also Linnet Mules.—8, Gosford-st., Dingle, Liverpool.

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I have some grand Yorkshires for exhibition or stock, Sells or Foul cocks, 20/-; hens, 10/- upwards; approval, on deposit.—Hayden, 64, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

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HIGH-CLASS Lizards, from 3/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires and Lizards, price reasonable, from my noted strain.—C. E. Fisher, 30, Surrey-st., Glossop.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, from 7/6; list free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, for show or stock; pairs from 25/-; approval; stamp reply.—A. West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

J. MILLS, 36 years' breeder and exhibitor of Lancashires, has a few grand young birds cheap; approval, stamp; inspection invited.—81, Smithybridge, Rochdale.

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Norwich.

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PRIZE BRED Norwich cocks from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

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A FEW good young Norwich to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

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NORWICH Canaries, Sandiford's strain, cocks, 7/6, 10/6 pair; approval.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

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LARGE Norwich, splendid singers, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/-; cages.—Bagenholt, Northland's, Southampton.

NOTICE. Grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

THREE pairs good Norwich, 7/6 pair, £1 lot; approval, deposit.—Costello, 51, Newington-st., Leicester.

CLEAR yellow cock, grand stock bird, hc, Kirkcaldy, 20/-; approval.—Adamson, Montgomery-st., Kirkcaldy.

TYPICAL Plainheads, grand stock birds, unflighted; stamp; approval.—Hutchison, 326, Crown-st., Glasgow.

SEVERAL good cocks and hens, yellow and buff, from 12/6.—Burgess, 216, Stewart's-rd., Clapham, London, S.W.

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YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, can win at local shows, 15/-; approval.—Callear, The Shrubbery, Dawley, Shropshire.

NOTICE. Grand lot high-classed Norwich; prices low; easy payments taken.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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EXHIBITION stock, cheap to clear, from 10/-; chance for Novices (see reports).—Fuller, 22, Roxbori-road, Harrow.

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T. CRAIGHILL, 20, Yates-st., Rhodes, has several good norwich cocks, 8/- to 15/-, winners included, see show report, Middleton.

THE trade supplied with healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests; dealers write for prices.—Geo. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich Canaries; few grand pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6 pair; approval.—J. Blackshaw, 70a, Butts, Coventry.

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NORWICH cock Canaries, in full song, large Bullfinch type, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-.—Fred. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

GRAND colour-fed cock, fit to win, 30/-; buff ditto, natural colour, 30/-; approval.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, all guaranteed my own breeding; state wants; approval; stamp reply.—Counsell, 14, Pollard-st., Blackburn.

NORWICH Canaries, four variegated cocks, 1908 bred, 7/6; two hens, yellow and buff, 1907 bred, 3/6.—Apply, Green, Manar, Inverurie.

A. WARD, St. Paul's, Norwich, a few pairs of Norwich from 10/6 per pair; yellow hens, 5/-; buff hens, 4/-; Crest-bred cocks from 15/-.

YELLOW hens, 6/-, 8/-, 12/6, 15/-; stout buff, 10/-; sound, healthy hens; approval, stamp.—A. Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

GRAND Norwich Canaries for sale, own breeding; cocks, 5/- and 4/-; hens, 2/6; week's approval.—E. Walker, Bargate, Holbrook, nr. Derby.

FIFTEEN pairs Norwich Canaries, in one lot, £4 10s.; single pair, 8/-; all healthy and good birds.—O. Booth, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

YELLOW ticked Norwich cock, 4th and spl Maidstone, 3rd, Malling, Jenner's 25/-, cards sent.—Williams, Medical Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

BUFF variegated Norwich cock, 1908, 1st Barnet, 20/-; six hens, 3/- each; healthy, see last week's report.—Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 8/- and 10/-; will exchange for yellow Norwich and Yorkshire hens, good size and shape.—103, Russell-street, Loughborough.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 8/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

J. FOWLER has a few good typical Norwich for disposal, clears and heavy; variegated hens from 7/6; cocks, 10/-; approval.—60, Queen-st., Leek.

THISTLE seed, 4/- lb.; dandelion, 3/- lb.; plantain, 1/- lb.; shepherd's purse, 6d. oz.; charlock, 1/3 stone.—Walton and Son, Crowle, Doncaster.

CHAMPION Norwich, inspection cordially invited; approval, deposit, from 15/- pair; stamp reply.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs 15/- upwards; guaranteed over breeding; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivey-rd., Nortmampton.

UNFLIGHTED Variegated yellow Norwich cock, 15/-; or exchange for large cobby, 1908, clear buff hen; approval.—Wright, 49, Loates-lane, Watford, Herts.

PRIZE-Bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

A few Norwich songsters for sale, 1908 bred, splendid health and condition, 5/6 each.—Hanson and Lancaster, 14, Robert-street, Grangetown, Yorkshire.

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CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks from 6/6; hens from 4/-; matched pairs, for breeding, from 9/6.—Roberts, 21, Brook Terrace, Llangollen.

FORTY high class Norwich for sale, from 10/- upwards; the best of type and quality, bred from winners; approval.—J. T. W. Lowthian, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, Cumberland.

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CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

1907 YELLOW cock, 3rd and vhc, Newport, 25/-; unflighted yellow cock and buff hen, 15/-; buff cock yellow hen, 20/-, Mr. Baker's strain; approval.—Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

I CAN spare unflighted Yellow cock, 2nd Clapham (open), also unflighted Buff cock, 1st Bermondsey; also good pairs reasonable; stamp.—Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

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FOR Sale, winners Highbridge, December 9th, 1st prize Norwich, 20/-; Crest-bred cock, 3rd, 20/-; Crested hen, vhc, 12/6; or offers; approval, deposit.—Richards, 15, Mary-st., Taunton.

GOOD 1908 Norwich, cold-room bred, kept, natural colour; cocks, singing, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; week's approval; cash or deposit; all colours.—Dines, The Mount, Hanworth, Middlesex.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich yellow and buff, matched for breeding, good heads, neck, chest, wings and tail, like a Bullfinch, 12/6, 15/6, 25/-, 30/- the pair.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-street, Nottingham.

ABOUT two dozen Canaries for sale, yellow and buff, Norwich, bred in 1908, a few in 1907, price 3/- each, for anyone taking the lot, the best offer accepted; must be sold.—Strickland, Windsor.

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TYPICAL unflighted Norwich cocks; clear Buff, hc Luton, 12/6; clear Yellow and marked Buff, winners first feather, 10/6 each; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit.—Horwood, 88, Chapel-st., Luton.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, size, quality, from noted strains, yellows and buffs, 1908 birds, from 12/- upwards; approval; deposit; stamp reply.—William Fernie, Blythswood Terrace, Sandy-road, Renfrew.

SPECIAL!! Special!! Healthy, typical, Plainheads at prices to suit all; matched breeding pairs from 7/6; odd cocks and hens; enquiries invited; all cold-room bred.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

NORWICH, big yellow cocks, 10/- to 15/-; hens, yellows and buffs, 10/-, cheap to clear; see Inverleithen show report, December 12th; stamp reply.—J. S. Keddie, Beattie's-buildings, Walkerburn, Scotland.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, grand type and quality, colour fed to perfection, like balls of fire; cocks from 7/6; Buff hens from 5/-; approval or deposit.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

C. ROBERTS' champion Blackpool Norwich, I must sell cheap to make room; 15 matched pairs at 15/6, and six pairs at 20/6 each pair; show birds from 30/- each; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

HIGHEST class Norwich, show or stock, cheap; two grand colour-fed show cocks, Yellow and Buff, 10/6 each; other cocks, rare singers, 4/6; hens from 2/- each; week's approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

GIVING up Norwich, two yellow, two buff cocks and three yellow, two buff hens, good birds, strains, Fox, Roberts's, Trengove; will sell cheap to clear; cash or deposit.—E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O., North Wales.

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MR. ECKERSLEY can spare some really high-class, grandly-bred cocks and hens; a few fine yellows, year-old and unflighted, including winners at Birmingham Show, December 3rd; see reports.—51, Francis-st., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NORWICH Plainheads, unfed Yellow cock, 3rd Haddington, 25/-; unflighted Yellow Cinnamon cock, commended Kirkcaldy, 30/-; few Buffs and Yellows, 1908 bred, price moderate; common cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-.—Buist, 30, Crighton-place, Edinburgh.

TRISTEM and TAYLER'S Norwich is undoubtedly some of the very best on the show bench this season, see reports; rare stock pairs, and large single cocks, cheap; approval; stamp.—Elstem House; Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

REDUCING stock, show and stock birds from 12/6 upwards, related to my winners Manchester, Preston, Sheffield, Altrincham, Middleton, Halifax, Liverpool, Glossop, Rochdale, etc.—Wm. Wrigley, Church-st., Godley, Hyde. Approval, stamp.

CHAMPION large typical Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes, second to none; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval; deposit.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

THE whole stocks of two Norwich exhibitors for disposal, including some fine stock and exhibition birds; cocks, 10/- to 25/-; hens, 5/- to 15/-; I can also supply cocks from 4/6 to 9/-; hens, 2/3 to 4/6; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

NOTICE. Clearing sale; giving up the Fancy; whole lot of exhibition Norwich winners and stock birds cheap; also large stock cage, 4 by 5½ feet, double breeders, single breeders, show cages, seed mills, nest moulds, etc.; state wants.—For fuller particulars apply Whyte, Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

NOTICE.—If you want good prize-bred birds send to me, I have some grand Norwich cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; beautiful green cocks, 10/-, 12/6 each; Crested cock, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

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Breeder and exhibitor, has a few for sale, guaranteed own breeding; stamp reply.—7, Turkey-st., Accrington, Lancs.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.
THOMAS SEED
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Prize-bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6 upwards; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- upwards; pairs carefully matched, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; foul green cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; Crested cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 6/6; Crest-bred cock, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6; approval, deposit, travelling cages 3d.—Miles and Sons, St. Andrews, Norwich.

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large unflighted Buff Norwich hen, extra good one, essential points, deep broad chest, thick neck, perfect wings, close feather; objectionable points, frilly or open chest, narrow head, feathery underneath; moderate price; cash, or part cash and Norwich cocks, after one day's approval.—J. N. Jeffery, Secretary Torbay Ornithologocial Society, Sartor House, Paignton.

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Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk, and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; Buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st., green cars pass the door.

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Cage bird judge. The man that breeds the right 'uns. Those short, stout cobby ones with head and neck in proportion; you know those kind that catch the judge's eye at first sight. Have supplied a lot of winners this season. A number of unsolicited testimonials to hand; inspection invited; all fanciers welcome; prices reasonable; approval; stamp reply.—The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Notts.

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Owing to my team of birds being stolen at Long Eaton Show, I have decided to show but very little more this season, and can now offer the following well-known winners for sale, Norwich clear yellow, unflighted cock, 1st Northampton, only time shown, see report, good type, etc., a bit wild, 40/-; another clear yellow, unflighted, 3rd Coventry, 20/-; clear buff cock, fit to win, 35/-; ticked yellow ditto, 35/-; several other grand yellows and buffs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; Crests, no better blood in the Fancy, green Crest-bred cock, fit to win, 1st in £3 pair class, Coventry, 30/-, with hen, 40/-; green Crest cock, 2nd same class, 25/-, with hen, 35/-; several grand Crests and Crest-breds, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; British Bramblefineh, 2nd class of 16, Watford, 1st Coventry, 2nd Northampton, etc., see reports, rich in colour, grand feather and markings, 25/-; Chaffinch, winner, 15/-; Yellow Bunting, grand plumage, winner, 15/-; Meadow Bunting, lovely markings, winner, 17/6; little Bunting, splendid feather and markings, 7/6; Nuthatch, in fine condition, 12/6; two Blackcaps, one a winner only time shown, 12/6 each; Blackbird and Thrush, two big winners, with show cages and case, £5 the lot; several splendid Goldfinches, selected for exhibition, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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WILL WIN FOR EVER.
Read this startling Testimony;
See Preston Show reports of Mr. Blackhurst; all these supplied by me from birds which won last season: 40 firsts, 36 seconds, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Crystal Palace; see last week's advt. for testimonials; beautiful matched pairs to breed winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; odd yellow cocks, winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; buff, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, yellows or buffs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/, any on approval, and all from the best blood in England; breeder 25 years. Also Mr. Blackhurst won, with birds I sold him, 1st, 3rd, 4th, etc., at Accrington, N.P.C. Cup show, Crystal Palace, 1908, he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th; also 1sts, 2nds, 3rds at Bolton, Morecambe, Wolverhampton, all birds I sold him. Mr. R. E. Williams, Porth, writes:—"March, 1908.—Sir,—Just a line to thank you for the tick buff cock. He won three 1sts, one 2nd, only times shown." "Mr. Jarvie, Glasgow.—Sir,—Send good exhibition Goldfinch. Mr. Young won medal for best hen at City Show. The mother he got from you." "Mr. Ward, Charing.—Sir,—I did well round here with birds bred from your's, winning few firsts, etc." "Mr. Fisher, Jamphlars, Fife.—Sir,—I took 1st, spl, and 2nd at Cowdenheath with birds I got from you." "Mr. McIver, Port Glasgow.—The Norwich cock I had from you won 1st and spl class of 11 at Greenock." "Messrs. Pudner Bros., Kidwelly.—Sir,—The Norwich we purchased from you won two 1sts, two 2nds, four spls. Breeder, 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

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1908 ST. ANDREASBERG Rollers, singing, 3/-.—Howard Jukes, Watling-st., Bridgtown, Staffs.

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"15, Hill Row, Pentwyn, Foehriw, December 10th.—Sir,—Roller safely to hand on Wednesday. It started singing splendidly, and at time of writing is in splendid form. You may pick up your money, as I am perfectly satisfied, and shall shortly send for another Bandmaster.—Yours, W. Gwynne." "18, Montague-st., London, December 11th.—Sir,—Bandmaster you sent is most satisfactory. The lady is very pleased with it, as besides being a good singer it is a strong and healthy bird.—Yours (Miss) H. Misley." "270, Victoria Buildings, Hillstown, Bolsover, December 11th.—Sir,—Received special Bandmaster, and am very pleased with him.—Yours, J. King." "Mount-st., Mullingar, Ireland, December 11th.—Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller, and am proud to say he is a living musical box. It's a pleasure to come into contact with such an honourable man, who does not mislead fanciers concerning birds he has for disposal.—Yours, J. Fluggard." 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IDEAL Yorkshires, clears or marked, grand birds, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens from 5/6; satisfaction guaranteed.—Mrs. Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

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YORKSHIRES, six cocks, seven hens for disposal, all bred from or related to my winners, Cardiff, 1st and 3rd, Bournemouth 2 1sts, hc, Frome 2nd and 3rd, with seven entries; approval, deposit C.B.—Mrs. Garland, East View, Soundwell-rd., Staple Hill.

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I have just purchased more consignments of **YORKSHIRES** from private exhibitors, including amongst others:—Yellow Cock, 1st and Special Cambridge, 1st and Special Hinckley, ditto 1st Coventry; Buff 1st Cambridge, Yellow 2nd Cambridge, Buff 3rd Cambridge. Hen: Buff 1st Coventry, ditto 3rd Worcester, etc., etc. see Reports, Editor of "Cage Birds" holds proof. Send for further particulars and see few prices below. **COCKS, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. HENS, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** upwards, Cages 3d. extra. See other advt. on this page.

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First come first eerved. I have several champion buff and yellow cocks left, all one price, to clear, 7/6 each; see last week's advertisement, everyone highly satisfied with birds purchased from me. I want to alter bird room, hence given away prices.—Williams, 30, Lister-st., West Hartlepool.

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WANTED, good Norwich Cinnamons; exchange new cowhide Gladstone bag, brass mounts, cost 28/-.—Smith, 115, Steville-rd., Southville, Bristol.

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WANTED, Bullfinches; exchange for Accordeon, value 8/-.—Blackett, 10, Philip-st., Kingsland.

HOUSE-MOULTED Chaffinch, grand colour, 6/-; exchange.—Gardner, 38, Derby-st. West, Ormskirk.

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EXCHANGE good Crest hen for good pair Yorkshires, or sell, 25/-.—Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

FOR sale, Canaries, as bred; cocks, 4/6; hens, 2/3; matched pairs from 6/6.—Woods, 5, Wharf-terrace, Stamford.

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EIGHT-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks 7/6; hens, 4/-; pairs from 9/- to 15/-, or useful exchange.—Robinson, Naturalist, Liversedge.

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WILL give good, clean-moulted cock Goldfinch for 1908 singing cock Canary; Canary first.—Hawkins, The Emporium, Hitchin.

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TWO clear Norwich cocks, Yellow and Buff; exchange Norwich hens or good Schoolmaster.—Wm. Waines, Ryegate, Helmsley, Yorks.

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CLEAR Buff Norwich cock, winner 2nd, 3rd, 4th, grand feather, will accept 30/-, or exchange for marked Norwich Buff hen, 1908, to value; mutual approval; stamp particulars.—Parke, 30, Essex-rd., Lowestoft.

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TWO pairs Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, 15/- pair; exchange bird room, stove, or single breeders.—Taylor, 61, Heushaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

TWO grand Roller Canaries; exchange dark overcoat, fit 5ft. man, or pair of boots, size 8.—Williams, 19, Richford-st., Shepherd's Bush, London.

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BUFF variegated Yorkshire cock; exchange for two good hens; five cocks, ten hens, house-moulted twice hen Chaffinch, cock Redpoll; exchange offers; whole or separate.—Alcorn, 14, Fox-st., Blackburn.

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ZITHER-HARP, valuable one; will exchange for Canaries; what offers, or cash 30/-.—Cornish, Grayshott, Hants.

WHAT offers in exchange birds for lady's silver watch and silver albert.—Miss Hatton, 5, Nelson-st., Brighton.

WANTED anything in exchange for four pure Himalaya rabbits, or sell 8/-.—A. Fraser, Park View, Aberdeensbire.

MAGIC lantern, 25/-; wanted good large yellow Norwich cock.—Palmer, 63, Cromwell-road, Montpelier, Bristol.

WILL exchange CAGE BIRDS from 1906 to the present date for Hardhills.—Duckworth, Hanmerton-yard, Burnley.

NICE Toy bitch, white-lemon spots, demon on vermin; exchange Canaries.—D. Rodger, 4, Bay-st., Port Glasgow.

GOOD old violin, £1; exchange for good air-gun to value, or offers.—Simpson, Ferns, Stourbridge-rd., Bromsgrove.

A GOOD Zither Banjo and case; exchange Fowls, Canaries, or Parrot; or offer.—Morley, 89, Holland-rd., Brixten.

EXCHANGE 12 long journey Homers, 2/- pair, for Canaries, anything.—F. T., 14, Middle-st., Sumner-rd., Peckham, S.E.

WILL sell or exhange 105 CAGE BIRDS for anything useful.—Butland, Summer-grove, Summer-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

GUITAR (Salvador Ibanez) cost 14/6, sell 7/-, or exchange 4 hen Canaries.—Smith, 171, Trundley's-road, Deptford Park.

HARMSWORTH Encyclopædia, complete, unbound, clean; exchange Canaries.—Bromley, 3, Tyldesley-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

OFFERS wanted in Goldfinch and Linnets, house-moulted, for good ferret.—Culshaw, Damfield-lane, Maghull, near Liverpool.

FIFTY phonograph records, 22/6; exchange 12 for Canary in song, or pair Budgerigars.—Houttan, 31, Union-road, Macclesfield.

THREE four-compartment cages, 5/- each; exchange two dozen Larks or Linnets, cocks.—Shaw, 9, Mill-st., Oswaldtwistle.

WANTED, good left-off or misfits, boots, full value given; cash by return.—Talbot Brothers, Pokesdown, Bournemouth.

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CLUB REPORTS.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Rooms, 142, High Street. The following officers were elected:—Hon. vice-president, Mr. L. J. Arrighi; president, Mr. R. Craig; vice-president, Mr. W. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Holton, 30, Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh; committee, Messrs. R. Martin, S. Buglass, and A. Watson.—W. HOLTON, Hon. Sec.

HYDE AND DISTICT C.B.S.

A sucessful meeting was held December 11th, at the St. George's Schools. We made four new members. We had a very nice table show of British birds. Mr. T. Cambridge came out winner with a splendid Goldie, Mr. R. Hargreaves being 2nd and 3rd with a Field Bunting and a Linnet respectively. Our next meeting will be held at St. George's Schools on January 8th at 8, when we bope to have even a better attendance.—H. BARRACLOUGH, Sec.

CARLISLE C.B.S.

Open meeting held December 3rd, before a good number of members and local fanciers in Viaduct Hotel. Mr. Brunskill, of Darlington, gave us an insight into the working of table shows, and showed how these helped a society during the close season, providing each could curb any jealous spirit that might arise in connection with same. He also advised having short addresses and washing exhibitions by the old fanciers. At the close it was proposed by Mr. McGuffie, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the thanks of the meeting be given Mr. Brunskill.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE CENTRE.

The final show at which competition took place for the above society's cup was held at Stockport on December 3rd and 4th. The team selected by the home society secured 40 points, Hazel Grove 36, Ashton 31, Oldham 28, bringing the total points to Stockport 143, Hazel Grove 143, Ashton 129, Oldham 128. There is therefore a tie for possession, and at the meeting held on December 3rd it was decided to call a general meeting to be held at Ashton on January 9th, when this subject will be dealt with, and also the classification.—A. ACKROYD, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

About 70 members met at headquarters on December 7th for the distribution of the cups, prizes, and specials won at the annual show held November 14th. Mr. F. Williamson occupied the chair. The chairman called upon Mr. J. S. Clarke to distribute the prizes. Mr. Clarke said he was afraid the members would be saying they were having too much J. S. C. (cries of "No," and "We do not see enough of you"); but, all the same, he was always glad to be of any help in any shape or form to the association. In distributing the cups, etc., Mr. Clarke had a few appropriate and encouraging words for each one, especially the novices. Mr. Farmer won the champion cup, Mr. Marley the amateur, Mr. Ovenden the novice, Mr. S. Griffen the British bird, and Mr. South the Mule cups. After all the prizes, etc., had been presented, Mr. Clarke said it would be interesting if the cup winners and others would give the history of their winning birds, and proposed that Mr. Griffen start by telling us all about his lovely Starling. This he did, and several members followed, including Messrs. Cooper, Ovenden, Farmer, Carr, and B. F. Forse, and a most interesting, instructive, and enjoyable evening was spent.—J. A. BARTLETT.

LEITH JUBILEE O.S

Monthly meeting held Dec. 7th, Mr. McEachern presiding over a fairly good attendance. Mr. Petrie moved that the annual membership fee be raised from 6s. to 8s., and also that instead of having no meeting in New Year's week, as is usual, the society should meet on Monday, Jan. 4th, for the purpose of discussing more fully the said advance and enrolling new members. All old members are requested to attend and bring a new member with them.—JAS. SINCLAIR, Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting took place recently, when there was a very good muster of members. The following officials were elected:—Mr. A. Bradshaw (president); Mr. T. Hemmings (vice-president); Mr. W. Oxley (treasurer); Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, 202, King James Street (secretaries); Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Thorpe (auditors); with the following committee: Messrs. W. H. Spencer, J. Memmott, T. Tow, G. Binge, W. H. Champion, J. Crookes, P. Walsh, B. Thorpe, T. Bishop, J. T. Furness, J. Rodgers, and W. Booth. Several important alterations in the rules were made, the most important being in regard to the radius limit for membership; this was increased from 10 to 20 miles, this being done to bring in several important centres, including Worksop, Chesterfield, Staveley, and several other places. Another alteration was that at any members' show any member taking more than one prize in a class shall be allowed to take all prize money won by him. A suggestion was also placed before the meeting to make the members' shows more attractive and to draw in a larger number of members than before, which when carried into effect will make this society one of the most successful in the country. The secretaries will be pleased to forward a programme containing the rules of the society and all particulars re members' shows, etc., on receipt of postcard.—LINDSAY AND BINGHAM, Hon. Secs.

HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., Dec. 10th. Mr. G. Gardner, who took the chair, read a letter from our late secretary, Mr. W. Reynold, which brought forth loud applause. Names were again handed in for nomination for membership. The secretary said that it had come to his knowledge that a member had violated Rule 9 and had exhibited birds other than his own personal property, and therefore moved that the prize money and special won by him at annual show be held back until same had been investigated by the committee at a special meeting called for the purpose. This was carried, after which the many specials and prize monies won were distributed. The secretary expressed his regret that there were one or two unpleasant incidents during the show, such as the dropping of a number in catalogue and the late arrival of two exhibits from Mr. C. G. Martin. For the satisfaction of Mr. Martin and those present, he might say he had talked it over with those of the committee that were in the show before the departure of Mr. House, the judge, and it was decided to ask Mr. House to judge these two classes and give the extra prize in those classes that the birds were entitled to, which accounted for the extra highly commended card in class 65. He advised the earlier closing of date for receiving entries, as four days were not enough. The chairman proposed that this meeting tender its best thanks to, and heartily approves of the way in which the secretaries and committee had worked to make the show the success it was. Mr. C. J. Martin seconded, and the motion was given with musical honours.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIST. C.B.S.

Washing competition held at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich, on December 8th. Mr. Geo. Key, chairman, acted as judge. Mr. Collier was the first competitor with a Yorkshire, and it only took him four minutes to go through the ordeal, of which it appeared that he had had some experience. Mr. Cooper was next with a Norwich, and he went through very satisfactorily, he also only taking four minutes. Mr. Key asked for the next for a wash, and there did not seem to be any response. We do not know whether they were shy, or whether they were afraid to perform in company, as there was a very good muster of fanciers and friends, some of whom are intending members. Mr. Key was asked if he would show us his style of washing. He then took one of Mr. Green's birds (of which he had brought several for the novices to practice on), and said: Take the bird in the left hand, then with the sponge or brush (whichever you prefer), quickly dress the bird down the way of the feathers with water a few times until he gets used to it. Then place the wing out over the hall of the thumb, when you can see that it gets properly washed. Turn the bird over, and do likewise underneath the wing, a place where some of the fanciers never think of washing. Then, with the bird in the same position, wash the tail; it being placed down your wrist, you can easily sponge it without any fear of damaging the feathers. Then you come, he said, to one of the most important parts of the bird where the dirt shows more prominently, and that is the neck. Be sure you do not hold the bird too tight, but tight enough to prevent it from getting out of your hands. A very particular point about this, as with others, was that one should be careful not to brush or sponge the bird any other way but the way of the feathers. Mr. Key said: Be sure you are well prepared with drying cloths; get them well aired and warm, and you will have no fear of the birds having the shivers. Put them into cold cloths. After the bird was put into the cloth, he was only 3½ minutes. Mr. Key then took the second bird, and so made a few more remarks. When you have gone through the process of the first bowl pass on to the second likewise, and go over the bird again to get all the soap out of the feathers, and then the third. Our chairman was only three minutes over this bird, and said the quicker you get them washed the quicker they get over it. Mr. Key persuaded some of the members present to try their hands at a wash. Mr. Beck took a bird of Mr. Green's which was very dirty. It took him 5½ minutes. Mr. Viles was next; it took four minutes for him to get through. Mr. Norris was somewhat awkward in the handling, as it was his first attempt, but he got through in 3½ minutes. While the last of the birds were getting dry we transacted a little business, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Green, and another to Mr. Key, were then carried. Mr. Collier won a close race with Mr. Cooper, both taking four minutes, he only winning in the way of handling; both birds looked in pink of condition. Mr. Norris was placed third, and was commended upon its being his first attempt. Mr. Viles was 4th, and Mr. Beck 5th. Mr. Collier then kindly announced his intention of presenting the fancy cage, which he won on this occasion as a special to the member exhibiting the best Norwich hen in open competition at the next open show. The meeting broke up after a very interesting evening.—DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, Hon. Secs.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual show held on Dec. 11th and 12th, in conjunction with the Gateshead Society. There were some wonderful birds staged. The "King of Kings" won the Northern Crest Club cup and gold medal for best young Crest bred and exhibited by a member. "The Duchess" won the N.C.C. cup and gold medal for best young Crest-bred bred and exhibited by a member. I wish their respective owners, Messrs. Armstrong and Bewick, good luck with their champions. The following members were winners of medals, viz.:—Gold medal in Crest and Crest-bred section, Messrs. Dobson and Son with their "Stargate Stars"; silver medal, Messrs. T. Taylor, T. Almond, Armstrong, Dobson and Son, J. G. Hutchinson, W. Mole; and Mr. T. N. Heslop won Mr. Goulden's medal in Novice section with a very nice grey Crest. Points' specials winners: 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Robt. Armstrong; 3, J. G. Hutchinson; 4, R. S. Bewick.—J. G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful smoking concert was held at headquarters, the Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, on Dec. 1st. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. S. Lugg (chairman). Mr. T. Kinnear, one of the society's vice-presidents, took the chair. The programme was contributed to by Miss Freeman and by Messrs. Wood, Terry, Butler, James Faux, Putner and Putner, Junr., who kept the audience well amused with their songs and recitations. Mr. Terry accompanied. During the interval the secretary gave a brief account of the society's progress and its present position, and the chairman then presented the special prizes to the lucky winners. Mr. Botting won 10s. given by Major Coates (president), 4s. presented by the society, 2 British show cages by Mr. Austin, breeding cage by Mr. Lugg, 2s. 6d. by Mr. Stead, and 2s. 6d. by Mr. Jordan. Messrs. Pilcher and Faux won 2s. 6d. given by the secretary, 4s. by the society, and 2 packets seed and 1st. Hartz Mountain bread given by Messrs. Hyde. Mr. Scott won the bound volume given by the Amalgamated Press, 4s. given by the society, Yorkshire show cage by Mr. Lugg, packet seed and 1st. H.M. bread by Messrs. Hyde. Mr. Jordan won 2s. 6d. given by Mr. Phillips, 4s. by the society, 5s. by Mr. White, special by W. T. Kinnear, Esq., penknife by Messrs. Pearson. Mr. White won 4s. given by the society and 2s. 6d. by Mr. Bellinger, packet H.M. bread by Messrs. Hyde. Mr. Fisher won half peck canary seed given by Mr. C. Sier. Mr. Lugg won 3lb. dog and 3lb. puppy cakes given by Messrs. Hyde. Mr. Phillips won penknife given by Messrs. Pearson. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the evening.—H. THOS. LUCAS, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

The members held their annual dinner at the Bush Hotel on December 10th, when there was a large number of members and friends present, the financial result being also good. The chairman was Mr. W. H. Mugford, and amongst those present were Mr., Mrs., and Miss Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Lack, Mr. and Mrs. Lethbridge, Messrs. Angear, Jonas, Lewis, W. J. and H. H. Gibbons, W. A. Shepherd and friends, Podd, Godfrey, Stokes, and Crust. After an excellent repast, served by Mr. Luckling, the chairman proposed the customary toasts, which were heartily received. In proposing that of "The West London Fanciers' Association," Mr. Turner mentioned that the society had been in existence for upwards of three years, and was the oldest in West London. Mr. Warren responded, and endorsed Mr. Turner's statements, adding that he was one of the founders; all other societies looked upon the W.L.F.A. as the mother society. Mr. Shepherd proposed the toast of "The Kindred Societies," and stated that he was pleased to see so many different cage bird societies in different parts, and that they were well attended, as it kept the members from visiting other places that would be of no good to them. Mr. Lack suitably responded. A very good entertainment was provided by the committee. Mr. G. Rathbone's singing was much appreciated, and his rendering of "At a Covent Garden Ball" was very laughable. Miss Baker sang some sweet ballads. Mr. Reed obliged with several Irish songs, and was heartily applauded. The special item was "Mystic," the well-known London illusionist, who "mystified" the members with conjuring tricks and sleights of hand. "Mystic" was ably assisted by Miss Audrey Norton. The whole of the arrangements were supervised by the committee, Messrs. T. Crust, A. J. Lack, and H. H. Gibbons.—J. DEWHURST, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN C.A.

Annual meeting held December 7th in the lesser anti-room of the Grand National Halls, Gorbals. In the absence of the president (Mr. Bullions), Mr. R. Jolliffe occupied the chair. The secretary (Mr. Fleming) having read his report as treasurer, which was of a very satisfactory nature, it was seen that after all expenses there remained a balance in bank to carry on the business of the association for the ensuing year. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P., was re-elected hon. president; Andrew Motherwell, Esq., J.P., vice-president; president, Mr. McLellan; vice president, Mr. John Renwick; secretary and treasurer, Mr. James Fleming; auditors, Messrs. Turnbull and John Orr; committee, Messrs. McLaren and Brooke. This being all the business for the past year, Mr. Jolliffe vacated the chair, which was occupied by Mr. McLellan, who thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him in electing him as their chairman, and while in the chair he would discharge his duties to the best of his ability and in the interests of the association. The secretary, Mr. Fleming, having read over the rules of the association, a motion was tabled by Mr. McQuillan, "That amateurs or novices, being members of the association, be allowed to compete in novice classes in any outside show; and that in doing so they would in no wise be infringing the rules of association, and that the rules be so altered so as to meet any case of the kind in future." An amendment was proposed, "That the rules be allowed to remain as they were." Only three supported the amendment, the motion being carried by a large majority. The secretary stated that the show this year had proved a big success in every way. The sales of birds reached the handsome sum of £53, and the quality of the exhibits were much in advance of last year's. On the motion of Mr. Jolliffe, it was agreed "that the secretary write the hon. president, Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P., congratulating him on his convalescence after his recent severe illness, wishing him a complete and early recovery." The secretary having thanked the members for their confidence in again reelecting him as their secretary and treasurer, a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—SCOTCH FANCY.

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THE SHOWS.

FLECKNEY.

Tenth annual show held December 12th in the large club room of the "Old Crown Inn." The secretaries, Messrs. Deacon and Mattock, had the arrangements nicely carried out, and the exhibits in the caged bird section were especially well looked after. There were only two classes here, but the quality therein was tip-top. Mr. W. H. Sylvester judged.

CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, spl, vhc, Seal; 2, Freer; 3, Garner; res, hc, Smalley. BRIT. (0): 1, res, vhc, Freer; 2, 3, Smalley; hc, Seal.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second old bird show, held December 5th. There was a good attendance of the public, and about fifty birds were staged. Mr. R. Garnett (Sheffield) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Class I.: 1, 2, Spence; 3, Crossley. II.: 1, 2, Spence; 3, vhc, Dean. III.: 1, 2, Spence; 3, Dean. IV.: 1, Pyrah; 2, Spence. V.: 1, 2, Fawcett; 3, Spence; vhc, Dean. VI.: 1, 2, Fawcett; 3, Dean; vhc, Pyrah; hc, Spence. VII.: 1, Spence; 2, 3, Pyrah; vhc, Fawcett; hc, c, Pyrah. VIII.: 1, Fawcett; 2, 3, hc, c, Pyrah; vhc, Turner. IX.: 1, Spence; 2, Fawcett; 3, vhc, hc, c, Pyrah. X.: 1, Ghedhill; 2, Carter. XI.: 1, Pyrah. XII.: 1, Crossley; 2, 3, Fishers; vhc, bc, Mills; c, Turner.—ROBERT H. TURNER, Secretary.

RUTHIN.

An interesting show was held on December 10th at the Market Hall. The caged bird section was a most successful feature, and the classes filled well. The secretary, Mr. J. M. Williams, had the arrangements admirably in hand. The general manager of our section was Mr. W. Pierce Williams, "the life and soul of the whole thing," to whom is due much of the credit for the success of the exhibition. Mr. H. Tams judged.

TKD. ETC. YORKS. CAN.: 1, spl, vhc, G. Jones; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, Williams and Owen; vhc, G. Evans, T. W. Williams, and Elcock. CL.: 1, hc, J. Williams; 2, hc, Thomas; 3, J. W. Williams; vhc, W. H. Williams. NOR.: 1, spl, G. Jones; 2, 3, Parry; vhc, spl, E. J. Jones; hc, J. Williams. CAN. NON-FED: 1, spl, E. T. Jones; 2, Evans; 3, Hughes; vbc, Davies. LIGHT OR VARIEG. MULE: 1, spl, J. Williams; 2, J. H. Davies; 3, D. E. Williams; vhc, Williams and Owen and R. Jones. DARK: 1, spl, Butler; 2, McRoberts; 3, Roberts; vhc, R. Jones. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, vhc, J. Williams; 2, E. Williams; 3, D. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, 1908: 1, spl, Salisbury; 2, W. Jones; 3, Morgan; hc, D. E. Williams and J. McRoberts. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Salisbury; 2, Hughes; 3, D. Williams. SELL.: 1, spl, Salisbury; 2, 3, Butler. BEST PET BIRD: 1, J. Williams; 2, Pennington; 3, J. Roberts; vbc, Miss A. Hughes and Miss H. M. Williams.

STANDBURN.

The Standburn O.S. held their second annual show in the Public Hall, December 12th. The entries were exactly double the number of last year's, numbering altogether 158 (in cage-bird classes). Standburn is rather an out-of-the-way place, being at least one mile from any railway station, and in the face of this the society is to be congratulated on their success. The hall is not a large one, but is just a nice size for a show of the kind, and had a cosy appearance when the birds were all staged. The cage birds were judged by Mr. M'Watt (Bonnybridge), and he seemed to please everybody. Mr. Stevenson makes a splendid secretary, and although this is his first year of office, he went about his duties like an old hand. The committee consisted of Messrs. Hynds, W. Stevenson, Aitchison, Taylor, Shields, Wright, Gentleman, M'Lean, along with Mr. J. Aitchison (president), Mr. A. Gardner (vice-president), and Mr. R. M'Andrews (treasurer). All contributed to the success of the show.

Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (2): 1, spl, 2, Cunningham, leader grand head and shoulders, splendid droop, stands well up, fine size, 2nd good sweep and style, plenty of nerve. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Kirkwood, bot-fed cock, good type, size, grand quality of feather, splendid head and neck, nicely put down, wins well; 2, c, Gentleman, splendid Bullie type, splendid wing carriage, and tail, close to 1st; 3, Munnoch, very sweet exhibit, lovely head, good quality throughout, well shown; vhc, Reid, fine size and colour, nice round head, perfect style; bc, Kilpatrick. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Gentleman, nice type, good feather, very taking bead; 2, Liddle, grand type and quality throughout, some preferred; 3, Munnoch, nice head and neck, grand style, stands well up; vbc, Reid, nice quality; bc, c, Kilpatrick, good types. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, Gentleman, 1st splendid type, good quality feather, 3rd good shape, nice bead, perfect carriage, some preferred; 2, Munnoch, good size and colour; vbc, Gardner, splendid style. CREST (3): 1, Moreland, D.C., variegbody, grand frontal, nice even crest of round formation, wins easily; 2, Paterson, yell.-green ck.; 3, Dunsmore, clear body D.C., plenty of body feather. C.B. (4): 1, spl, Moreland, variegck. plenty of feather throughout, stands well out here, nicely browed, good entrance; 2, Marshall, same as first, grand skull, nicely browed; 3, Paterson, clear buff cock, taking exhibit; 4, Hendry, good head feather. BORD. CL. YELL. CK (11): 1, spl, Wilson Bros., little gem, lovely moulded, perfect carriage, moves freely, wins here; 2, Cartner and Heard, another sweet one, grand bead, neck, and back; 3, Arnot, good head, well put down; 4, Shields, another free mover; bc, Shields; c, Gentleman. YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Cartner and Heard, very neat, good size, put down like wax, admired by all; 2, Arnot, ticked, grand quality, splendid head, and perfect carriage; 3, Shields, lovely shape and feather, first-class condition; vbc, Shields, cl. grand quality; hc, Ballantine; c (no name). CK. BUFF. (11): 1, spl, Dunsmore, lovely model in tip-top condition, outstanding in this class, perfect head, body and wings; 2, hc, c, Shields, leader little gem, nicely made, good round bead, carriage perfect; 3, Arnot, lovely bead, fine quality feather in first-class condition; vhc, Ballantine, good size and colour. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, 2, Gentleman, 1, much admired, perfect feather and condition, like wax; 2, free mover, nice square tail, good body, sweet head; 3, Parker, sweet one, beaten here, good round head, wings, and tail; vhc, hc, c, Shields. A.O.V. CK (7): 1, spl, 8, Shields, 1, a perfect gem, just like wax, well drawn, grand round bead, quality perfect; 3, also grand one, good quality; 2, Arnot, good head and carriage, stands well up, goes well, good position; vhc, Peel, variegyell. head and wing marks; hc, (no name); c, (no name). HEN (7): 1, spl, Wilson Bros., even marked yell. best of style, nicely tapered, carriage perfect, good head, neck and body; 2, hc, Shields, 2, yell. green, sweet style, fine feather; 3, Gentleman, yell. green good feather, nice shape; vhc, Dunsmore, another as third, well moulded; c, Cartner and Heard. SELL (7/6) (11): 1, Dunsmore, cl. buff, good quality, and type, very cheap; 2, hc, Shields, leader, grizzle cap buff, very sweet; hc, cl. yell. grand head, lovely carriage of wings and tail; 3, Cartner and Heard, variegg. yell. green; vhc, Gentleman; c, Parker. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Parker, Goldie grand face, splendid colour, nice moons, well shown; 2, Bishop, grand coloured Bullfinch, good size, well polished, in first-class trim; 3, Arnot, sweet Goldie, sure Britisher, good rich blaze; vhc, Brownlee, another Goldie, we liked much; hc, c, Gentleman. SISKIN ETC. (12): 1, spl, Kirkwood, good sized Twite, grand colour, well staged; 2, hc, c, Gentleman, leader grand fed Siskin, good black cap, some preferred; hc, non-fed Siskin; c, Twite; 3, Bishop, non-fed Siskin, nice size and colour; vhc, Wilson Bros., Twite, good colour. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, Brownlee, foreign Goldfinch, good blaze, nice size, well buttoned, in good form; 2, hc, Gentleman, one of the largest Hawfinches we have seen this year; 3, Peel, splendid coloured Greenfinch, well polished, bot fed; vhc, Smith, Hawfinch, good bib and size. A.O.S HARDBILL (3): 1, spl, Kirkwood, Corn Bunting, good size, very steady, nicely shown, wins well, in superb condition; 2, Gentleman, good Yellowhammer, nice v on head, good colour; 3, Hynds, Yellowhammer. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Wands, grand Song Thrush, in good condition; 2, Hendry, Yellow Wagtail, nice feather and condition; 3, Kirkwood, Shorelark, some preferred, but was a bit unsteady. MULE (10): 1, spl, Ratcliffe, dark, Goldfinch, grand rich colour, good type; 2, Hendry, Goldfinch, nice yell. colour, good head; 3, c, Gentleman, 3, Buff, variegg. Goldfinch, nice size and colour; vhc, M'Andrew; bc, Taylor. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Parker, 1, lovely colour, good round bead, splendid size, shows nice whites on wings to advantage; 3, grand nutty brown colour, splendid broad chest; 2, c, Gentleman, leader, good size and colour, very steady, shows well; vbc, Baird, good head, stands well up; hc, Cunningham, No. 5, we made the best, but would not show itself. MEMBERS' (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Shields, 1, C.B. variegg Buff, plenty of body feather; 2, nice Crest hen, good centre, nice even crest, well over bill; 3, Nor. cl. yell. ck, very hot-fed, grand round head, nice carriage and style; vbc, Gardner, very neat and sweet Brit. Goldfinch, some thought might have been up a hit; bc, Hynds; c, Wright. SELL. (5/6) (6): 1, Parker; 2, (no name); 3, Paterson; vbc, Smith; bc, Gentleman; c, Kirkwood.

GLOUCESTER SOUTHEND F.C.

First annual show was held at the Robinhood Hotel, on December 12th. There were seven classes provided for cage birds. The entries came up well, and the quality was of the best, many well-known winners being on view. Mr. W. Kilminster, the hon. secretary, assisted by Mr. S. Lindsey, had everything in order, and beautifully arranged. The Canaries were provided with the best part of the room, free from draught, and a good light. Messrs. Bond Bros. (Bristol) captured the gold medal for best bird in show (given by Mr. J. Long) with a lovely Cornish Chough, looking in the pink of condition. Mr. G. Gwilliam placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC. (11): 1, Howe, variegyell., nice colour, grand shape, lovely head and neck, short flights and tail, bonny bird; 2, Houghton, cl. yell., lovely colour, grand head and neck, beautiful quality, pressed winner very hard; 3, Brown, variegbuff, well-known "Cberry Blossom," lovely quality of feather, neat head and neck, closely packed flights and tail; 4, Brown, thigh tkd. yell., grand colour and quality; vhc, Hougbton; hc, Stephenson; c, Hiam. UNFLIG.: 1, Howe, mkd. buff, lovely colour, very typical, short in body, flights and tail, round as a ball; 2, 3, Brown, leader cl. yell., splendid quality feather, lovely colour, well over percb; latter buff, bouncing bird, grand bead, neck and chest, feather of the best; 4, Houghton, buff, lovely quality feather and colour, good shape, close up; vhc, Hiam; bc, Stephenson; c, Townsend. HEN. (6): 1, Stepbenson, mkd. wing, yell., lovely quality and colour, short tail and flights, well-known winner, needs no comment; 3, Hiam, variegyell., grand body, nice deep chest, full of quality, good one; 4, Brown, buff, fine body, head and neck, hardly so tight in feather, perhaps; vhc, Howe; hc, Houghton; c, Turner. HEN, UNFLIG. (8): 1, hc, Brown, cl. yell., short and level colour, well-packed flights and tail, good bead and neck; 3, Houghton, cl. buff, rare type and quality, short and thick-set, a little lady all over; 4, Brown, buff, good head and neck, hardly the quality of winners, perhaps; vhc, Stephenson; c, Walkley. NAT. COL.: 1, Stephenson, grand sbort, thick-set buff, lovely quality of feather, good head and neck, nice back, short flights and tail; 2, Brown, another bonny bird, lovely colour and quality, hard lines meeting winner to-day; 3, Evans, another short, thick-set bird, grand quality of feather, short flights and tail; 4, vhc, Bennett, rare size, good quality; hc, c, Taylor. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Stephenson, Goldfinch, clean-cut blaze, nice buttons and moons, rich tanning, good one; 3, Watts, Bullfinch, nice shapely bird, fine cap; 4, Duggan, very shapely Goldfinch, nice tanning, buttons, and moons; vhc, Hiam; hc, c, Tarrant. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Bond Bros., Cornish Chough, well-known winner, needs no comment; 3, 4, Evans, leader nice yell. Border, beautiful colour, nice shape, in fine trim, closely followed by a buff Border in same order; vhc, Howe; bc, Watts; c, Tarrant.

BARNSTAPLE AND DISTRICT F.S.

Barnstable and Dist. F.S. held their 27th enlarged show of cage birds, in the Corn Market, on December 12th, when there was a good entry. The quality was excellent throughout. Mr. Geo. Dix judged.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 3, Lane, 1st marked wing Buff D.C., very good quality, nice size and formation; 3rd, C.B., nice bird; 2, 4, Davey, 2nd variegCrest, large bird; 4th Green Crest. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, 4, West, 1st wing marked winning buff hen, often described; 3rd, yell., nice bird; 2, Lemon, another nice yell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl (2), spl for best cage bird in show, Collins, 1st his noted Linnet Bully, shown in faultless condition, often described; 2nd and 3rd two noted Goldfinch Redpolls, two splendid exhibits of this cross. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (Cage Moulted): 1, spl, 2, spl, 4, Collins, good team leader beauty, Wivelscombe winner; 2nd and 4th close up; 3, Hughes, very good bird; vhc, Wellington; bc, Priscott. A.O.S., BRIT., SMALL: 1, 3, Collins, 1st Buff Greenie, clinker for shape and colour, tight as wax, put down in grand condition; 3rd Yellowhammer, another nice exhibit; 2, hc, Perkins, 2nd Bramblefinch, fine exhibit, very steady; 4, Halls, nice Chaffinch, but unsteady, which told against him. NOVICE: 1, Dart, Scotch Fancy hen, nice position, very good top, only fault on small side; 2, Halls, buff dark Goldfinch Canary mule, nice bird, very large blaze, shown in fine condition; 3, Jones, Variegy. Nor.; hc, H. Knott. SELL.: 1, Jones; 2, Lemon; 3, Davey.

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EDINBURGH (OPEN) O.S.

Fifty-fifth annual exhibition under the auspices of the Edinburgh O. (open) S., was held in the Artillery Hall, Grindlay Street, on December 10th and 12th. The entries numbered 340, an average of 13 per class. The quality too was in advance of that at the preceding shows of the season. The cream of the Fancy, old and young, joined in the contest, and the competition was exceptionally keen. The cup for the cocks was won by Mr. Thornton, and that for hens was secured by Mr. Brown. Judges for the Scotch Fancies were Messrs. P. Wright (Greenock), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), J. Carson (Dalkeith) and J. Arnot (Sauchie), and their awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Kean (Edinburgh), handled the Belgians, and made the best of the material at his disposal. The management was in most capable hands, namely, president, Mr. McLeman; and secretary, Mr. Wm. Thornton, junior, son of the popular judge; the latter gentleman's conduct of the business was highly appreciated; and the success achieved was in a large measure due to his tact and efforts.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, King, extra size, well set, displaying grand shoulders and chest, rare droop, fine head and neck; 2, McClure, old champion, rare droop and neck, nicely posed, showing beautiful shoulder; 3, Thornton, cup winner, great length and reach, well set, fine drive, good shoulders; 4, McLeman, well set on legs, nice drive; 5, Gordon; 6, smart and typical; 7, Maxwell; 8, Hope. HEN (14): 1, Forrest, very erect, rare top, determined reach, nice front, long body and tail; 2, McLeman, similar in style, best of quality; 3, Brown, well set, fine reach and drive, good shoulders, chest and body; 4, Findlay, good size; 5, Thornton; 6, McMillan; 7, Curtis; 8, Reil. YELL. PIED. CK. (11): 1, McLenman, bred by Mr. McClure, grand up-standing exhibit, well set back firm shoulders and drive; 2, Forrest, neat, erect, decided drive, good quality and size; 3, Ward, erect, firm top, clean front, nice body and action; 4, Thornton, a really neat and typical Scotch Fancy, full of quality; 5, Dalgleish, good size; 6, Maxwell; 7, Hutchinson; 8, Thoms. HEN (12): 1, McClure, erect, fine style, good top and reach, clean chest, good body and action; 2, Roger, erect, nice pose, clean chest, good body, tail under perch; 3, Melrose, good size, fine reach in grand bloom; 4, Carmyllie, typical exhibit, very neat and proportionate; 5, McLennan, grand size, erect; 6, Wynnes; 7, Hogg; 8, Graham. YELL. FOUL. CK. (8): 1, Strathcarn, neat and typical, close feathered, very smart, shows to advantage; 2, Dalgleish, lovely size, rare stock qualities; 3, Dringle, erect, fine pose, good top, clean front; 4, Wilson and Campbell, nice drive, body and tail; 5, Graham, neat and smart; 6, Dalgleish; 7, Somerville; 8, Tait. HEN (8): 1, Maxwell, erect, finely set, nice top and drive, good body; 2, Ward, neat and typical, good drive and body; 3, Muirhead, fine size, well set, good shoulders and body; 4, McClure, grand all over exhibit, full of fine qualities; 5, McNiven, nice size; 6, Thornton; 7, Dalgleish; 8, Foster. YELL. GREEN CK. (9): 1, Strathcarn, good style, erect, rare reach, nice top and body; 2, Maxwell, nice size, well set, good drive and top; 3, Farrall, nice pose, good drive, nice shoulders and body; 4, Ward, neat, smart exhibit; 5, Porteous, grand frame; 6, Finnie; 7, Thoms; 8, Hastie. HEN (19): 1, Thornton, sweet style, erect, well set on legs, fine reach, good neck, shoulder and body; 2, Maxwell, grand second, grand body, frontal and droop; 3, Pringle, fine size, erect, good drive and shoulders; 4, Petrie, erect, fine reach, good shoulder and body; 5, Drysdale; 6, McVee; 7, Blair; 8, McNiven. BUFF (17): 1, Brown, very well set back, very decided droop, displaying shoulders to full advantage, nice frontal and body; 2, McLennan, nice style, erect, fine reach, grand top and body; 3, Johnston, lovely size and style, wins here; 4, Craig, very great typical exhibit, excellent droop; 5, Curtis, smart and quick; 6, Dalgleish; 7, McLennan; 8, McClure. HEN (15): 1, McLennan, wonderful size and shoulders, erect, fine, nice stamp; 2, Burgess, grand size, erect, good drive, shoulders and body; 3, Graham, grand position, erect, rare drive, good top, chest and body; 4, Melrose, reachy and fine length, close in feather; 5, Paterson, grandly built; 6, McLennan; 7, Petrie; 8, Dalgleish. BUFF PIED. CK. (11): 1, McMillan, large, erect decided drive, grand top and body, well set; 2, Hope, similar in size and style; 3, Petrie, nice size, fine depth of chest; 4, Muir, grand size and style, well set, very good body; 5, McMillan, fine type; 6, Beattie; 7, Patterson; 8, King. HEN (14): 1, 3, McLennan, 1st, well known, great size, very erect, shaggy front, heavy top, rare long body; 3rd, good size, erect head, forward, grand top; 2, Melrose, neat, typical, erect, fine reach, top and body; 4, Burgess, very neat, good type, close in feather, grand quality; 5, Dalgleish, fine size; 6, Brown; 7, Melrose; 8, McMillan. FOUL CK. (7): 1, Pringle, erect, fine reach, solid top, fine front and body; 2, McClure, well known winner, rare quality and size; 3, Brown, smart, erect, good drive, nice head and top; 4, Findlay, well known winner; 5, Muirhead, nice size; 6, Smitb; 7, Stewart. HEN (11): 1, Brown, rare quality, well set, grand droop, showing fine top and front, solid top, good body, wins easily; 2, McClure, large good reach, top, and front, rare body; 3, Pringle, sweet compact type, solid shoulders and body; 4, Dalgleish, nice size and style; 5, Muirhead, nice quality; 6, Hope; 7, Jardine; 8, Strathcarn. GREEN BUFF CK. (13): 1, Maxwell, grand type, erect, rare drive, solid back, good body; 2, Beattie, capital follower, erect, fine reach, nice top, quick; 3, McMillan, wonderful size, well set, solid in top, good body; 4, Porteous, very erect and decided in drive, fine round solid back; 5, Strathcarn, erect, fine reach; 6, Hardie; 7, Farrall; 8, Noble. HEN (5): 1, Strathcarn, grand size, decided drive, nice shoulder and body; 2, Carmyllie, sweet, nicely proportionate exhibit, rare style; 3, Craig, nice hen, and wins here; 4, Strathcarn, well known, often described; 5, Simpson, good size. SELL., BUFF CK. (16): 1, Fisher; 2, Burgess; 3, Hamilton; 4, Buchan; 5, Gorrie; 6, Hardie; 7, Simpson; 8, Robertson. HEN (11): 1, Miller; 2, Jardine; 3, Pearson; 4, Carson; 5, Beattie; 6, Mathieson; 7, Hutchison; 8, Hamilton. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Somerville; 2, McEachern; 3, Miller; 4, Jardine; 5, Whitefield; 6, Somerville; 7, Dearness; 8, Blair. HEN (12): 1, Carson; 2, Smith; 3, Carmyllie; 4, Miller; 5, McEachern; 6, Gordon; 7, Allan; 8, Fisher. UBREEDING PAIRS (15): 1, McLennan, grand pair, yell. foul ck. and buff hen, full of quality; 2, Dalgleish, buff cock and yell. hen, well matched; 3, Thornton, yell. ck. and buff hen, rare quality, size and shape; 4, King, yell. ck. and buff hen, nice type; 5, Hope, yell. ck. and buff hen; 6, McClure; 7, McLennan; 8, Kirk. BELG. FCY. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Carson, neat and typical, good top; 2, Greig, neat and smart, fine head and reach; 3, Maxwell, nice size and type; 4, Hope, very compact, close in feather; 5, Black, typical; 6, Fairley; 7, Black; 8, Jardine. HEN (9): 1, Fairley, typical, close in feather; 2, Munro, nice style, good reach, tight feather; 3, Greig, neat and compact, close; 4, McMillan, nice size and quality; 5, Maxwell, typical; 6, Black; 7, Gladstone; 8, Thornton. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Burgess, erect, head forward, solid top and body; 2, Hope, nice model, good drive, fine top and body; 3, Horrill, very nice type, close upon 2nd; 4, Thomson, good all over type; 5, Fairley; 6, Gladstone; 7, Black; 8, Smith. HEN (9): 1, Jardine, very nice all over hen, good top and body; 2, Black, erect, good drive, bonny shoulder, fine body; 3, McMillan, nice model, ideal shoulders; 4, Horrill, free in action; 5, Smitb, good quality; 6, Thornton; 7, 8, Fairley. BELG., BRED 1908 (26): 1, Hope, erect, good top and reach, fine body; 2, Black, compact and very proportionate; 3, Greig, cross style, neat; 4, McMillan, nice style; 5, Strathcarn, good type; 6, Petrie; 7, Greig; 8, Horrill.

ST. ALBANS.

The St. Albans F.S. held its show in the Drill Hall on December 16th. Considering that the first prize was only 6s. a very good entry was obtained. A dense fog enveloped the district during the morning which delayed the delivery of a number of the exhibits, and also added to the difficulties of judging, it being absolutely impossible to distinguish between colours part of the time. Messrs. Moody and Sparrow, the hon. secs., had all the arrangements well in band, and very capable and courteous officials they proved themselves, and their efforts were most ably seconded by the committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Kilby, grand shape, rich level colour, splendid feather; 2, Webb, very stout, chubby bird, not great depth of colour, but lovely feather; 3, Walmsley, another splendidly shaped bird, good colour, not so tight; vhc, Punchard; hc, Brown; c, Webb; absent, Pinnock. BUFF (6): 1, Kilby, nice close-feathered buff, rich colour and well mealed, very nice type; 2, Punchard, good shape and feather, nice level colour; 3, Webb, fine bold bird, good shape, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Johnson; absent, Pinnock. TKD. (8): 1, Lees, well-known saddle-backed yellow, in grand form; 2, Walmsley, thigh buff, capital shape, nice colour and feather; 3, bc, Webb, another nicely-feathered buff of good colour; vhc, Punchard; c, Brown; absent, Pinnock. HEN (7): 1, hc, Johnson, neck ticked yellow, of grand shape, beautiful quality of feather, nice even colour; 2, 3, Punchard, two stout, well-shaped yellows, capital heads, and nice feather; vhc, Walmsley; c, Berry; absent, Pinnock. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown, nice team of wing-marked birds, very shapely, and nice quality; absent, Pinnock. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Mrs. Ballard, nice shape and style, beautiful colour, very tight in feather; 2, Hole, rare feather and nerve, neat head, good shape and carriage; 3, Fryer, capital shape and stylish, bardly so tight in front; vhc, Fisher; hc, Cobley; c, Mahbutt. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Brown, very racy stylish bird, well drawn out, capital feather, nice colour; 3rd, ticked neck, very nice colour and feather; 2, Hole, neat head, grand shapely, well-carried body, hardly so clever with his wings; vhc, hc, Mrs. Ballard; absent, Pinnock. MULES (8): 1, vhc, Lees, well-known wing-marked yellow, and the Bullie-Linnet bybrid, in nice form; 2, Andrews, Goldie-Bullie, capital colour and marking, lovely feather; 3, Gardner, fine, big, close-feathered Greenfinch-Canary, a grand bird; hc, Beetroft; c, Goodall. BRIT. GOLDIE (16): 1, Jupe, fine big rich-coloured blaze, grand cheeks and breast, lovely back and bars, in grand feather, bad lost two toe nails; 2, Laviner, very deep-coloured, well-cut blaze, nice breast and bars, good back; 3, Andrews, splendid blaze, large and rich-coloured, nice feather and style; vhc, Laynard; hc, Buckingham; c, Morris; absent, Harris and Pinnock. BULLIE (13): 1, Taylor, a gem, rare depth and width of chest, with short wings and tail, grand cut cap, rich sound breast; 2, bc, Jupe, hardly so deep in chest, but beautifully rich in colour, and grand feather; 3, Andrews, large and shapely, grand feather, capital cap; vbc, Gardner; c, Finch. LINNET (10): 1, Smeeton, large, good deep chest, beautiful colour, and nicely marked; 2, Taylor, very sleek in feather, rich nutty colour, very nicely marked; 3, Darvill, very smart and stylish, good colour, and well marked, breaks at throat; vbc, Welch; hc, Laviner, and Beecroft; absent, Harris and Pinnock. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Sayward, lovely little Redpoll, capital markings and feather, nice colour; 2, vhc, Goodall, very smart Twite, rich colour, capital markings, in good form; 3, Buckingham, shapely, well-marked Siskin, nice colour and feather; bc, Darvill; absent, Smeeton. SOFTBILL (3): 1, withheld; 2, Smeeton, nice Grey Wagtail, in good feather; 3, Finch, bonny little Robin; absent, Smeeton. FOR. (5): 1, Cooper, very handsome King Parrakeet, gorgeous colour and grand feather; 2, Walker, very nice Blue-fronted Amazon; wrong class, Lady Mitchell, a trio of very handsome ornamental Pheasants. CAN. A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. A.O.S. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Beecroft, very nicely marked, rich-coloured Chaffinch; 3, Darvill, well spangled, nicely feathered Bramble; wrong class, Pinnock, a variegated Mule. SELL. (7/6) (7): 1, Monk; 2, Pinnock; 3, vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Miss Arnold.

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Our Artist among the Winners at some of this Season's Shows.

ABOVE: The young yellow Scotch Fancy Hen, winner of the Paterson Cup for Mr. Wallace (Edinburgh) at the City of Glasgow Show. British Bullfinch, First Prize for Mr. F. Vincent (London) at the City and Suburban A.C.B. Show.
BELOW: British Goldfinch, Second Prize for Mr. G. G. Henderson (Milngavie) at the City of Glasgow. Yellow Border Fancy, First Prize for Mr. J. S. Wilson, at Leeds Show. Siskin-Canary Hybrid, Second Prize for Mr. Taylor, at Gateshead Show.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held December 5tb, in tbe St. Matthew's Parocbial Hall, this being an ideal hall for the purpose. There were no fewer than 140 classes, and very few were cancelled. Tbe Yorkshires were a grand lot, and worth going a long way to see. There were some grand specimens put down by Messrs. Lobb, McNulty, and Worrall. Tbe same migbt be said of the Cinnamon Marks and Yorks. Greens; of the latter especially. The bird sbown by Mr. Rohinson was of grand type, colour, and condition. The Norwich were poor in numbers, but quality was good. Tbe British we thought rather disappointing. There were some grand birds in tbe novice classes that could bave held tbeir own in the champion classes. The winners of tbe points specials in champion classes were:—1, S. McNulty; 2, J. Lobb; 3, A. Home; 4, J. H. Worrall; 5, T. Larkin; 6, H. Wilkinson; 7, J. Latbam; 8, McLean; 9, H. Wilkinson; 10, Wm. Roscoe; 11, S. Blaza; 12, C. McDermitt. Novice points specials:—1, Lockley; 2, G. Bell; 3, T. Canderland; 4, Smith; 5, Plunkett; 6, Robinson; 7, Button; 8, Harding; 9, Holden. Mr. Lobb won special for most points classes 1 to 8; Mr. Robinson for best Green fed on a certain seed. Mr. Bell won the special for best Cl. Yell. on novice bench. Mr. S. McNulty won the Gunter Challenge Cup for most points, tbis being the second time of asking; it was a close shave, Mr. Lobb just losing by a head. The chairman, Mr. J. Lobb, and committee were a bard-working lot of officials. The secretary, Mr. J. Foster, worked well, having tickets up promptly and everything in apple-pie order. Judging was in the hands of Messrs. W. G. Bull (Bristol) and Alf. Wellings (Prescot), whose awards seemed well received.

The Awards.

YORKS, CL. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Lobb; 2, Grimshaw; vhc, Larkin; hc, McLean; c, Foster. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Larkin; 2, Hunt; 3, Williamson; vhc, McDermitt; bc, Alges; c, Potter. BUFF (10): 1, McNulty; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, Lobb; hc, Knowles; c, Bracken. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, Lobb; 3, vhc, Foster; hc, Worrall; c, Alges. TKD., ETC., YELL (6): 1, McDermitt; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Roscoe; vhc, Larkin; hc, McLean; c, Blaza. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Williamson; 2, Potter; 3, Larkin; vhc, hc, McNulty; c, Worrall. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, Roscoe; 2, Lobb; 3, McNulty; vhc, Worrall; hc, McDermitt; c, Canderland. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Hunt; 2, 3, Larkin; vhc, Potter; hc, Knowles; c, Lobb. HEN, CL. YELL. (5): 1, Larkin; 2, Lobb; 3, McDermitt; vbc, McNulty; hc, Foster. UNFLIG.: 1, Larkin; 2, Bracken; 3, Alges; vhc, McNulty; bc, Grimshaw; c, Blaza. BUFF, HEN (5): 1, McNulty; 2, Nickson; 3, McLean; vhc, McDermitt; bc, Foster. UNFLIG.: 1, McLean; 2, Bracken; 3, Nickson; vbc, Williamson; bc, Blaza. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Calderbanks; 2, Roscoe; 3, c, Worrall; vbc, Smith; bc, Regan. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Larkin; 2, Worrall; 3, McLean. BUFF (2): 1, Roscoe; 2, Williamson. UNFLIG. (3): 1, McLean; 2, Alges; 3, McNulty. HEAVILY VARIEG., BUFF CK., UNFLIG. (4): 1, Roscoe; 2, Lobb; 3, Blaza; vbc, Knowles. CL., ETC., YELL CK., NON-FED (2): 1, Fox; 2, Canderland. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Blaza. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Bullock. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Brown; 2, Williamson; 3, Grayson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Bracken; 3, McLean; vbc, Bullock; bc, Grimshaw. BUFF (4): 1, Grimshaw; 2, Blaza; 3, Grayson. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Roscoe; 3, Canderland. CINN., TKD., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Brown; 2, Lockley. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Blaza. YELL. CK., FED. (3): 1, Lobb; 2, McNulty; 3, Blaza. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Lobb; 2, Bell; 3, Wilkinson; vbc, Worrall. BUFF (2): 1, Plunkett; 2, Worrall. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Plunkett; 2, Lobb; 3, Roscoe; vbc, Worrall; hc, McDermitt. HEN, FED (5): 1, Lobb; 2, McNulty; 3, hc, Bell; vbc, McDermitt. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Larkin; 2, Worrall; 3, McLean. BUFF (3): 1, Lobb; 2, Bracken; 3, McDermitt. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Roscoe; 2, 3, Worrall. YORKS., GREEN YELL. SELF CK., NON-FED (4): 1, 3, Latham; No. 2, 2nd; vhc, Canderland. UNFLIG. (8): 1, McNulty; 2, 3, Latham; vhc, Regan; hc, Nickson; c, Huges. BUFF (5): McNulty; 2, Latham; 3, vhc, Grayson; hc, Williamson. UNFLIG. (5): McDermitt; 2, 3, Latham; vhc, Bracken; hc, Nickson. YELL. FOUL, CK., NON-FED (5): 1, McNulty; 2, Grogan; 3, Grayson; vhc, Calderbanks; hc, Wilkinson. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lobb; 2, Larkin; 3, Grayson; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Blaza. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Canderland; 3, Larkin; vhc, McNulty; hc, Blaza. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Fox; 2, Bracken. YELL. HEN, SELF (3): 1, Latham; 2, McNulty; 3, Calderbanks. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lobb; 2, Alges; 3, Latham; vhc, Brown. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Grogan; 2, Calderbanks. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Latham; 2, Calderhanks; 3, Alges. YELL. HEN. FOUL., NON-FED (4): 1, McLean; 2, Bracken; 3, Canderland; vhc, Latham. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Alges; 2, Potter; 3, Latham. BUFF, UNFLIG. (2): 1, McNulty; 2, Alges. NOR. CL. BUFF., CK. (2): 1, Worrall; 2, Williamson. TKD., ETC., BUFF (2): 1, Williamson; 2, Worrall. HEN, CL. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Williamson; 2, Worrall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Worrall; 3, Williamson. BUFF (3): 1, Horne; 2, 3, Worrall. PAIR OF YKS. (Matched for Breeding): (4): 1, McNulty; 2, McLean; 3, Canderland; vhc, Dermitt. YORKS., GREEN (2): 1, McNulty; 2, McDermitt. SELL. YORKS. (Matched for Breeding, £1 (6): 1, McNulty; 2, McLean; 3, hc, Foster; vhc, 4a. SELL. 15s. (5): 1, McLean; 2, Larkin; 3, Horne; vhc, hc, Williamson. MULE, DARK (8): 1, Horne; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Larkin; vhc, Roscoe; hc, A1, c, Blaza. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Blaza; 2, Bond; 3, hc, Horne; vhc, Brown. LINNET (9): 1, c, Bond; 2, Lidgett; 3, Ryan; vbc, Horne. BRIT. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 3, Horne; 2, Brown. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 2, Horne; 3, Grimshaw; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Potter; c, Lidgett. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Horne; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Grimshaw. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Bond; 3, Lidgett. BRIT., A.O.S. HARDBILL (3): 1, 2, Horne; 3, Bond. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Lidgett; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Bond; vhc, Horne. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, Blaza; 2, Foster. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL. (2): 1, Bell; 2, Canderland. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Button; 2, 3, Lockley. BUFF, UNFLIG (7): 1, 2, Lockley; 3, Holden; vhc, Holden hc, No. 3; c, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL., UNFLIG. (4): 1, Button; 2, Plunkett; 3, Huges. BUFF (3): 1, Smith; 2, Plunkett; 3, Bell. CL. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG. (3): 1, Bell; 2, Lockley. BUFF (4): 1, Lockley; 2, Button; 3, Bell; vhc, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bell; 2, Lockley; 3, Holden. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., UNFLIG., NON-FED (2): 1, Robinson. BUFF (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Canderland. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Smith; 2, Canderland. BUFF (2): 1, Rohinson; 2, Canderland. YORKS., GREEN, BUFF, SELF (2): 1, Harding; 2, Canderland. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Harding. BUFF, UNFLIG. (2): 1, Plunkett; 2, Harding. HEN, GREEN (3): 1, Lockley; 2, Canderland; 3, Robinson.

I did not receive a schedule for Gateshead Show, writes Mr. Robert Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), and I considered my name had been long enough in the books without my sending for one. So my Scotch Fancies did not compete there.—(We expect this would be an inadvertent oversight on the part of the Gateshead officials.—EDITOR.)

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held on Dec. 12th, when 69 birds were staged. Mr. F. Benn awarded the prizes and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Lister; 2, Self; 4, Young; vhc, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, vhc, Mann; 3, 4, Messrs. Hartley; bc, Lister; c, Young. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Self; 3, Young; 4, Waterworth; vhc, Mann. BUFF: 1, Waterworth; 2, 3, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Lister. YELL. HEN: 1, Waterworth; 2, 3, Self; 4, vhc, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Mann. BUFF: 1, Mann; 2, 4, Lister; 3, Waterwortb; vbc, hc, Messrs. Hartley. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Gudgeon; 2, Crabtree; 3, 4, Gibson; vhc, hc, Simonett; c, Whitaker. BUFF: 1, vhc, Simonett; 2, Whitaker; 3, Crabtree; 4, Gudgeon; hc, Gibson. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Gibson. BUFF: 1, Kitchen. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Gudgeon; 2, 4, Oliver; 3, Kellett; hc, Whitaker; c, Simonett. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Whitaker; 3, c, Oliver; vhc, Simonett; hc, Kellett.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

DOVE HOLES F.S.

Second annual show, held in the Schoolrooms, on December 12th, and, assisted by fine weather, tbe many visitors paid marked attention to the cage bird section. There was a good classification, and the birds were excellently staged and well looked after, which makes it the more regrettable that, seeing the attractive prize money and specials offered, there was not a larger entry. However, the courteous and energetic secretary, Mr. W. Millner, and a strong committee of real fanciers, had every reason to be pleased with the quality of the exbibits, and to anticipate still better things next year. Tbe awards were made by Mr. W. M. Marsden.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Flint; 2, vhc, Millward. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Flint; 2, vhc, Millward. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, spl for best cage bird, Lomas; 2, Flint; 3, vhc, Vernon. BUFF: 1, Vernon; 2, 3, Flint. MULE: 1, spl, Miss J. Newlands; 2, Critchlow; 3, Fowler. BRIT.: 1, spl, J. Newlands; 2, Fowler; 3, J. and W. Spencer; vhc, Swarbrick; bc, W. Newlands, jun.; c, Miss S. Newlands. FOR: 1, Mrs. Taylor; 2, Perks. MEMBERS: 1, spl, vhc, Vernon; 2, Newlands; 3, Millner and Waring; hc, Bennett; c, Foulds. GIFT: 1, Vernon; 2, Flint; 3, Fowler; vhc, hc, Miss I. Newlands; c, J. and W. Spencer.

ST. HELENS.

The St. Helens O.S. held its fourth annual exhibition on Dec. 10, 11, and 12. This year the society launched out on new lines, and these unfortunately do not seem to have met with success. The entries showed a sad drop in numbers from last year (which constituted the record). The birds which did put in an appearance, however, were of very high quality, a fact which will be readily understood on glancing at the names of the prize-winners. The Town Hall, in which the exhibition was held, is an exceptionally fine place, very suitable in every way. The committee and officials did their level best for the exhibits, under the circumstances, which were well calculated to depress them. The secretary, Mr. A. Goodall, by all accounts seems to have acted in at least one matter with a lack of discretion, and exhibitions of personal feeling are not calculated to benefit a society. The other officials were: Chairman, Mr. J. Hesketh; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Lomax; Hon. Treas., Mr. Geo. Scott. Committee: Messrs. J. T. Mills, J. Bonney, J. Fillingham, J. F. Lea, A. Grice, R. Parry, A. H. Rogers, R. Gibbie, A. Sherlock, W. H. Dickenson, T. Barrow, S. Dillaway, T. Barton, S. Chestworth, T. Vose, J. Gaskell, T. Lloyd, G. Myers, E. Glover, W. Jackson, and R. Mustard. Alderman Dixon-Nuttall, who was accompanied by Dr. F. J. Knowles and Mr. Goodall, hon. secretary, said he had great pleasure in being present to open the exhibition. In referring particularly to British birds, he appealed to people to save their scraps and feed the little visitors in the winter time, remarking that they would be well repaid for their trouble, and the country would be all the brighter and happier for such little acts of kindness. Dr. Knowles proposed a vote of thanks to Alderman Dixon-Nuttall, and on behalf of the society presented him with a beautiful Norwich Canary and cage. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Canaries) and J. F. Hills (Brit. and For.), and their awards on the whole were very well received.

The Critique.

BELG. (6): 1, 2, Horrill, nice size and substance, good reach, grand bird; 2, excellent position, good in shoulders; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Walmsley, fine quartet, leader very fine youngster indeed, looks like making up into a real top sawyer, all well posted, full of nerve. Who of the old brigade doesn't know old John, of Ormskirk? SCOT. FOY. (2): cancelled. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Cook, tick left wing, fine cobby bird, well known, in rare form; 2, 3, Godley, cl. nice size, rare colour, fine bird, in grand feather; 3, ticked neck, nice colour, carriage and condition. 4, Leeming Bros., cl. yell. fine bold bird, bit slack in back only to-day; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Marsh; c, Tweddle. BUFF (8): 1, Leeming Bros., pretty variegated, nice size, cobby, very fine bloom and finish; 2, Godley, grand cobby cl. fine feather and finish; 3, vhc, Barker and Abbott, another good one; 4, Tweddle, fine type, quality and condition all over; hc, Silk; c, Leach. YELL HEN: cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Marsh, variegated. A1 quality, lovely bloom and good carriage; 2, Leeming Bros, nice shapely cl., not quite as strong in head as some, but fine quality; 3, Silk, cl. grand shape and quality all over it; 4, hc, Barker and Abbott, larger, grand substance, good quality feather; vhc, Godley; c, Cook. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, down to No. 8 in catalogue, Cook. No. 9 in the class was ticketed 1st, but No. 9 is omitted from catalogue; fine big cl. yell, grand bird throughout; 2, 3, Silk, 2, nice condition; 3, ticked saddle, bad damaged tail feathers, grand type and quality; 4, Leeming Bros, cl. good bird all over; vhc, Issott; hc, Godley; c, Cook, No. 8, according to cards, and judge's book of awards on Thursday. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Tweddle, cl. grand quality and condition, two excellent birds; 2, Vart, variegated, fine shape, pretty bloom and quality, good size and colour; 3, Bixter, cl. slightly beaten in wings and tail, quality and bloom, shows well; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Gibbie; c, Godley. Classes 10 and 11 amalgamated with eight birds: Catalogue shows 1, 2, to No. 1, Davies; 3, No. 3, Barker and Abbott; 4, c, No. 2, Davies; no vhc, or hc, shown in catalogue. The following are from the cards and labels on cages and from the judge's award book: Class 10 No. 1, 1st; 11, No. 2, 2nd; 10, No. 3, 3rd; 11, No. 4, 4th; 10, No. 4, vhc; 11, No. 3, hc; 10, No. 2, c. CREST (7): 1, 3, Whittle, very fine young bird leading, nearly green, buff d.c., immense size for a baby, wonderful centre, formation and droop, very veiny, well clothed to end of beak, compact body, credit to it's owner, who, we beard, bred it; 3, father of above, graud bird, with flowing Crest, well centred, full and well formed. 2, 4, vhc, Hesketh, big, long, raking bird, variegated, d.c., grand centre crest, real daisy droop, very long body feather; hc, c, Barton. C.B. (7): 1, Godley, variegated, feather flowing over eyes, fine frontal and entrance, great weight of body, feather, etc.; 2, 3, Whittle, former green, capital cushion head, short beak, full wealth of head feather, rare frontal and entrance; 4, vhc, hc, Hesketh; c, Barton. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Knowles, stylish, well built, breedy, eye ticked bird, tight, well up in position and condition; 2, Ambler, bouncing cl, fine and typical, rare length wings and tail, well up, full of nerve; 3, Gregson, racy, variegated, bird, stylish and shapely, fine, firm position and carriage; 4, vhc, Burton, long breedy cl., just shows bit frilly to-day, but clean and neat in all other points; hc, Fisher; c, Dalzell, No. 8, in catalogue, but we got No. 9, C, from cages in class, and the judges hook. No. 9 does not appear in catalogue. BUFF (9): No.'s 8 and 9 are not in catalogue, but appear to be 3rd and vhc, respectively, 3rd is a Cinn, tick eyes and wings, good bird; 1, Gregson, grand stylish cl., beautifully drawn out, fine and firm in stand, position and condition; 2, Dalzell, cl., fine bird all over; 4, Ambler, tick nape, grand well-known winner, looking fine all through; hc, c, Burton. YELL HEN (7): 1, 4, Burton, 1, Cinn, tick cheek, and 4, cl, latter beaten in condition only, former very smart; 2, Knowles, ticked neck and wings, very fine quality, position and carriage; 3, Lee, cl. grand bird, rather more robust than 2nd; vhc, hc, Dickenson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Burton, good trio, in fine form; 4, Fisher, very nicely drawn, in A1 condition; vhc, Knowles; hc, Dickenson. GREENS SELF OR FOUL (2): cancelled. LANCS.: cancelled. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Bayley, grand pair, both tight as wax, latter on small side; 2, 3, Wilson, pair of jaunty, smart, tight, prinly carried birds all over them, eye and wing mark, and a cl. respectively; vhc, Harrison; hc, Treadwell; c, Hadwin. BUFF (11): 1, Hadwin, cl. gay, full of colour, nice level condition, grand quality; 2, 3, Wilson, smaller, very tight, jaunty bird; 3, eye and wing mark, lovely feather and condition; 4, vhc, Bayley, eye and wing marked, grand finish, tight in condition; hc, Hesketh. GREEN, ETC.: cancelled. CINN.: cancelled. SELF (12/6) (14): 1, Hesketh; 2, Bentley; 3, Bixter; 4, Godley; vhc, Sherlock; hc, Atkinson; c, Procter. MULES, ETC. (Classes 30 and 32 amalgamated) (5): Catalogue shows 1st Beaty, with his well known six point Buff Gold Can., very big one, often described, this award appears correct; 2, 3, in catalogue, Lawls, both awards to No. 3, but this cannot be correct; 4, Coffey, variegated, Gold-Can. appears correct. From cage labels, prize cards, etc., awards seemed class 30, No. 1, 1st; 32, No. 3, 2nd; 30, No. 3, 3rd; 32, No. 2, 4th, but they are not like this in the catalogue. DARK CAN. (8) 1, 2, vhc, Leigh, grand Greenfinch Can., winning rather easily from his 2, yell, Siskin-Can.; 3, hc, Fulbrook, good sized buff Linnet Can., in nice feather and condition; hc, Jackson; hc, Marsh. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 4, McMurdo, pair of fine Finches, well polished, deep colours all through, in silky feather; 2, vhc, Hurst, 2, Pride of Liverpool, found a host of admirers for premier honours; vhc, was somewhat soft to-day; 3, Kearton, smart, deep coloured bird, lovely blaze, moons, etc., well polished; vhc, Lover, Marsh, Carlyle. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Chick, well known, in grand form; 2, Coffey, good cap, solid in feather and condition; 3, vhc, Hurst, grand colour, nice size and shape, in fine feather; 4, Hunter, pretty colours, well finished in nice condition; vhc, Vart, Woods; hc, Tiffin and Moss, Beaty, Mercer. LINNET (8): 1, Kearton, romps home, clinker, Clentor Moor, etc., prize winner, grand; 2, Hilton, fine head, graudly marked, tight as wax in condition; 3, Hurst, larger, very fine shape, good colour; 4, Birch and Son, not one of the largest, but grand colour, markings and condition; vhc, Tiffin and Moss, Chick, McMurdo GREENFINCH (12): 1, Howe, big bird, good head, colour, and body, apart from the baggy crop; 2, Hurst, grand size, very level in feather, shape, and condition all over; 3, Beaty, good size, hardly so tight and silky to-day as we have seen it; 4, Coffey, very fine condition, nice size and shape; vhc, McMurdo, Hurst, Fullbrook; hc, Hunter, Smith; c, Berry. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Coffey, nice Twite, smart in shape, feather, colour and markings; 2, Howe, pretty little Siskin, good colour, cap, and bib, nice feather and condition; 3, Sherlock, Lesser Redpoll, good silky condition; 4, Hurst, pretty Twite, shade smaller than first perhaps; vhc, Perry, Watts; hc, Carlyle. BRAMBLE-ETC. (11): 1, Coffey, nice colour, dark spangled Bramble, glossy, fine size; 2, Howe, short cobby, medium-sized Chaffinch, good colour; 3, Beaty, Bramble, fine colour and markings, etc.; 4, vhc. (2), Hurst, very large massive Chaffinch in every respect, found many admirers; vhc, Chick, Bell and Fisher; hc, Hunter, Grice, Bell and Fisher. A.O.S. SEED EATERS, ETC. (6): 1, Chick, "Midland Chief," Hawfinch, now well known, in grand order; 2, vhc, Birch and Son; big Snow Bunting and hen Hawfinch; 3, Hunter, smart Corn Bunting; 4, Wellings, good colour Yellow Bunting. SOFT BILL LARGE (6): 1, Howe, splendid Great Grey Shrike, in perfect condition; 2, Chick, very fine Magpie, in lovely form; 3, Howe, very good Blackbird; 4, vhc, Goodall, nice Starling and a Thrush respectively; vbc, Grice, good Blackbird. SMALL (6): 1, Marsden, good 'Gale, steady; 2, 3, Howe, Tree Creeper and Wagtail, botb in nice condition, well shown; 4, vhc, Goodall, good Skylark and a nice Robin. FOR. (7): 1, Beaty, famous Toucan in grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, (2), Sherlock, nice pair of Rosella's; fine slender-billed Cockatoo; and Barnard Parrakeet; 4, Curson, two cock Rosellas; hc, Conqueror. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Chesworth; 3, Jackson; 4, Grice; vhc, Sherlock. BUFF: 1, Gibbie; 2, vhc, Grice; 3, 4, Jackson; 4, Chesworth; hc, Sherlock; c, Scott. HEN: 1, Scott: 2, Grice; 3, Gibbie; 4, vbc, hc, c, Jackson. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Grice: 3, 4, Scott; vhc, Sherlock; hc, Dickinson. NON-FED: 1, Gibbie; 2, Myers; 3, Grice. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Grice; 2, Dickinson. BUFF: 1, Grice; 2, Dickinson. HEN: 1, Grice; 2, Dickinson; 3, Myers. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Hesketh. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Hesketh. A.O.V.: 1, Hesketh; 2, Grice; 3, Scott. MULE: 1, Berry; 2, Grice. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Grice; 2, vhc, Berry; 3, Goodall. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Goodall; 4, Grice. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Sherlock.

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

This newly formed society held their first members' show at Monks' Cafe on Dec. 2nd, when a very nice entry turned up. Mr. W. P. Barnes kindly placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. Some very nice birds were staged in the Novice section, which speaks well for the future of the society.

NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Ratcliff. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Ratcliff. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Allen. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 4, Bond; 2, Colley; 3, Parsons. YORKS.: 2, Mann. BRIT.: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Lowther; 4, Kirkby; hc, Eldred.—W. RATCLIFF, Committeeman.

CHESHUNT.

Held Dec. 16th, in Trinity Hall, Theobald's Grove. The few classes provided were very well staged and attended to. The Yorkshires and British were the best classes. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Bulguin, winner nice feathered C-B, good skull, second, cl. d.c., nice droop. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Bulguin, winner, long slim, close feather yell., stands well; 3, Edwards, nice quality feather, good length. BUFF, TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, res., Bulguin, very nice team first and second, grand length, straight, and good carriage; vhc, hc, Edwards. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Pamphlion, winner lovely shape and quality, very level in colour, stands well across perch; third same type; 2, Hodgett, bonny bird, good head, chest and style, runs winner very close; res., Bulguin, nice tight-feathered one; vhc, Norris. BUFF: 1, Hodgett, nicely mealed, in A1 condition, capital bird; 2, Pamphlion, nice quality and style; 3, Bulguin, not quite so level in colour, perhaps, but a good one. MULE: 1, Mascall, yell. variegated, Goldfinch Can., in grand form; 2, Titchmarsh, another nice one. BRIT. 1 and spl., Jay, grand blaze, nice collar, good moons and bars, dapper Goldfinch; 2, Sewell, another clinking good Goldfinch, beautiful blaze, nice chest and wings; 3, Mascall, Goldfinch, nice blaze and collar, good moons and bars; res., Titchmarsh, very fine Bullfic, well shown; vhc, Mocock; hc, Jay.

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This show was held on December 16th in the Drill Hall. Owing to a big entry in the other sections the caged birds had to be staged at a great height; otherwise they made a very nice display. Quality was well to the fore in the majority of the classes. Mr. Frank Jeffrey makes an ideal secretary in every way, and had everything well in hand. We must not forget to mention the name of Mr. Rose, the vice-chairman, who worked like a' Trojan, putting up extra staging on the morning of the show. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, his decisions giving entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Dipple, cl. buff, rare substance and shape, beautiful quality, rich colour, full neck, nice level back; 2, Lucas, yell., beautiful quality, nice colour, good head, neck and back; 3, Portman, yell., rare size, well-shaped body, fine head; hc, Guest; c, Raybould. HEN (7): 1, 2, Dipple, yell., grand shape, nice short flights and tail, good colour and quality; 2nd, yell., lovely quality and rich colour, grand chest; 2, Lucas, good shape, close feather of good quality, neat wings and tail, close up; vhc, hc, Tams and Son; c, Guest. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Harris, nice length, grand quality and colour, good position; 2nd, straight as a dart, stands well, neat wings and tail; 3, Pugh, excellent position, well up on leg, nice back, wings and tail; vhc, Portman; hc, Raybould. BUFF (7): 1, Pugh, good quality feather, slim built, grand stand and style, well braced wings; 2, vhc, Harris, right cheek ticked, hen, Coventry winner, beautiful quality, good stand, well frosted; 3, hc, Mole, nice feather, neat tail and wings, fine position; c, Portman. BRIT. SMALL. (10): 1, Chick, Redstart, magnificent feather, grand frosting, steady as a rock; 2, Hingley, Nightingale, good size, feather and colour, bold eye, steady as possible; 3, (no name), Golden-crested Wren, in good feather; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Skinner; c, Portman. LARGE (7): 1, 2, Chick, Hawfinch, rare size, grand feather and colour, well defined bib; 2nd, Corn Bunting, good colour and graudly marked, nice feather; 3, Hingley, Fieldfare, in superb feather, rich colour, good one all over; vhc, Mrs. Cotton; hc, Giles; c, Portman. MULE (9): 1, 3, Lawrence, Can. Bullfinch, good colour, rare head and cap, lovely shape; 3rd, even wing-marked buff Goldfinch Can., nice feather, good shape and colour; 2, c, Chillingworth, Can. Bullie, splendid feather, should make good one another year; vhc, Locke; hc, Portman; c, Cowell. FOR. (10): 1, 2, Millsum, purple-capped Lory, in superb condition, grand colour and markings; 3 hc, Rose, Superb Tanager, real good one, magnificent colour, in grand fettle; vhc, hc, Shaddock; c, Jewes. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, 3, Jeffrey; 2, vhc, Dipple; hc, Mann; c, Huxley. MEMBERS' BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, c, Jeffrey, Bullfinch, nice shape and colour, lovely cap; 2, Hawfinch, good feather and bib; 3 vhc, Guest, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good bars and buttons, fine tanning; hc, Godsall. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, vhc, Jeffrey, Tree Creeper, pure-coloured breast, well-marked head and back; 3, Magpie, nice colour and cut, good feather; 2, Miss Saywell, Bearded Tit, splendid condition, close feather, well marked. CAN. OR MULE (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Guest, buff Nor., splendid quality good shape, nice wings and tail, well mealed; 2nd, good-shaped yell., nice colour and feather; 3, Miss Saywell, buff Goldfinch Can. Mule, nice feather, marked eyes and wings; c, Mrs. Brooks. FOR. (8): 1, 2, c, Rose, Pintailed Nonpareil, splendid feather and colour; 2nd, grand Crimson Bishop, good colour and condition; 3, hc, c, Guest, excellently-coloured Weaver; hc, Mrs. Brooks, Halfpenny.

LEEDS ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

The third annual show was held on Dec. 11th and 12th in the Temperance Society's Rooms, 16, New York Street. These rooms are the best the society have had, and are splendid for a show. Entries came up rather poorly, numbering only 77, and there was a lot of comment on some of the leading exhibitors in the south not sending any birds. Some alteration will have to be made in the way medals and cup are won; if these shows are to continue, it should be on the same principle as the competition was last season.

Leeds club members are at sea as to why they have not had the pleasure of hearing the London birds. Can shows like Leeds be carried on successfully if the entries are not forthcoming? Some members say it was too soon after the B.R.C.C. Club Show, and that this was the cause of the entry being so small. Be that as it may, something must be done in the future. This can be done by giving cups and medals and special prizes on the points system, to count up at the end of the contest season, thus encouraging all fanciers to exhibit at all contests, and not, as now, the last contest of the season to suffer through lack of entries. There may be other suggestions which will come from other clubs. It is to be hoped that the best suggestions will prevail, and that next year's contests will be held on different lines. Perhaps the B.R.C.C. could reserve a portion of their specials for the end of the season. Was the point system of last year a failure or not? This is not a "wail," but an appeal for a better system. Visitors turned up from Blackburn, Bolton, Bury, and other parts of Lancashire, others from Worksop, Grimsby, York, Middlesbrough, Bridlington, etc., not forgetting an "exodus" from Wakefield. Judges, T. W. Walton (Armley), young birds and open classes, and F. Oldroyd (Wakefield), Amateur and Novice classes.

Mr. Oldroyd's Classes.

AMATEUR (17): 1, medal, White, winner in the amateur at the B.R.C.C. Show, nice bird, went nicely through his song, hollow roll 6, bass 3, hollow bell 4, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, Gluck 4, general effect 2, 2 off whistle, 22 points; 2, Shann, nice deep-toned hollow, does not ho'd it long enough for full points, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 5, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, flute notes 2, general effect 2, 20 points; 3, Craig, nice bird, would have been higher if he had been deeper as he goes nicely through his song, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, flutes 2, general effect 2, 19 points; vhc, Groves, 18 points; hc, Swift, 17 points; c, White, 15 points. NOVICE (29): This class was very bad starters, and the birds would not sing all they knew; most of them seemed as if the journey had upset them, as they went lazily over their song: 1, Peel, hollow roll 6, bass 3, hollow bell 4, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, general effect 2, sharp whistle 2 off, 19 points; 2, Barnett, hollow roll 5, bass 2, hollow bell 3, Schockel 4, water roll 2, general effect 2, 18 points; 3, Barnett, best hollow roll in class 8, hollow bell 4, bell roll 2, general effect 3, 17 points; vhc, Harper, 17 points; hc, Ives, 17 points; c, Lord, 16 points; No. 21, 22, 23, 24.

Mr. Walton's Classes.

YOUNG BIRDS 1908 (26): 1 and cup (kindly presented by Mr. F. A. Lester, of London), J. Lyons (Blackburn). This fancier successfully carried off the silver cup a year ago (not under the same judge). The bird had a fine range of tours: Hollow Roll 7, Bass 3, Schockel 5, Bell tour 1, Bell Roll 1, Flutes 3, Glucke 4, General Effect 6, total 30 points; 2nd and spl, 3rd and spl, A. Percival (Smithy Bridge), birds with good variety of song: Hollow Roll 7, Bass Roll 4, Hollow Bell 4, Bell tour 1, Flutes 2, Glucke 5, General Effect 5, total 28 points; 3rd and spl.: had same range of tours as 2nd, excellent Glucke birds, total 27 points; 4, spl., Hurst (Blackburn), Hollow Roll 6, Bass 4, Schockel 4, Bell tour 2, Flutes 3, General Effect 4, total 23; 5, spl., Wareing, Hollow Roll 8, Bass 1, Hollow Bell 4, Schockel 3, Flutes 2, General Effect 3, total 21 points; 6th and spl, Broadhead (cheap bird, quickly claimed), Hollow Roll 5, Bass 2, Schockel 3, Bell tour 2, Glucke 3, General Effect 3, total 20 points; vhc, Harper; hc, Foulds, c, Lyons OPEN: 1st and spl, Hesling (Wakefield), had some excellent tours; total 30 points; 2nd and spl, Cole: Hollow Roll 6, Bass 2, Hollow Bell 2, Flute Notes 4, Glucke 5, General Effect 4, 1 point off for Aufzug and 1 off for high flutes), total 24 points; 3rd and 4th, two spls., Foulds (Manchester).

HYSON GREEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

A members' show was held on Dec. 12. The secretary, Mr. A. E. Garton, had the arrangements well in hand. The following are the results:—Class 1 (3): 1, Sharpe; 2, Hill, 3, Alton. 2 (7): 1, Alton; 2, Banks; 3, Birch. 3 (3): 1, Birch; 2, Hill; 3, Sharpe. 4 (6): 1, Birch; 2, Hill; 3, Barnes. 5 (4): 1, Sharpe; 2, Alton; 3, Hill. 6 (7): 1, Bertie; 2, 3, Hill. 7 (7): 1, Davahill; 2, Barnes; 3, Sharpe. 8 (6): 1, 3, Hill; 2, Birch. 9 (6): 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Birch. 10 (6): 1, Hill; 2, Birch; 3, Davahill. 11 (8): 1, Bertie; 2, Cottingham; 3, Birch. 12 (2): 1, Wolfe; 2, Holmes. 13 (3): 1, Wolfe; 2, Burrows; 3, Alton. 14 (2): 1, Brown; 2, Burrows. 15 (3): 1, Holmes; 2, 3, Burrows. 16 (2): 1, Brown; 2, Burrows. 17 (5): 1, Cottingham; 2, Brown; 3, Burrows. 18 (1): 1, Wolfe. 19 (2): 1, Burrows; 2, Alton. 20 (3): 1, Brown; 2, Cottingham; 3, Renshaw. 21 (3): 1, Burrows; 2, Wolfe; 3, Holmes. 22 (4): 1, Wolfe; 2, Holmes; 3, Burrows. 23 (4): 1, 2, 3, Bertie. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Caunt; 3, Garton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Caunt. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, Garton. LARGE: 1, Caunt; 2, Garton. BUDGERIGARS: 1, 2, Garton; 3, Alton. PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Garton; 2, Caunt; 3, Alton.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Cage birds had only a small classification at this fixture on December 15th, and as the C.B.U. rules were not in force the entry was not a large one; still a few very nice birds turned up, and there was close competition, especially in the Norwich and British. All the arrangements were well carried out by the committee, and Messrs. A. and W. Page made a couple of most praiseworthy secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (8): 1, 2, Kilby, two grand shaped birds, a yellow and a buff, full of colour, grand quality, and well shown; 3, vhc, Wilmot, good stout bodied yellow, capital feather and style; hc, Pedder; c, Rayner and Carter. HEN (3): 2, Wilmot, beautiful little yellow, lovely shape and feather; vhc, Pedder; hc, Pruden. CREST, ETC. (3): 2, vhc, Bull, nicely drooped, well centred green crest, grandly feathered; hc, Worker. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Mole, long stylish yellow of splendid feather, good head and wings; 2nd, very neat stylish buff, lovely feather; 3rd, another stylish yellow, not so tight; vhc, hc, c, Mabbutt. BRIT. (10): 1, Wilmot, very handsome Goldie, rare shape, colour, and feather, lovely face; 2, Harris, rich nutty-brown Linnet, grandly marked, rare shape and feather; 3, Darvill, beautifully spangled Bramble, rare colour and feather; vhc, Sergeant; hc, Owen. SELL. (10/6) (4): 2, Carwell and Cooke; 3, Pruden; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Birchell. LOCAL NOR. (9): 1, spl. best members, and best local bird, Bishop, splendidly shaped buff, lovely feather and well shown; 2, Worker, very neat green crest, nice droop and radiation; 3, Short, well feathered ticked buff C.B.; vhc, Heley; hc, Owen; c, Tirrell Bros. YORKS. (4): 2, Collyer, very neat, smart yellow, nice style; 3, hc, Mabbutt, shapely and stylish yellow. SELL. (5/-) (5): 3, hc, Gill; vhc, Short, no other awards.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when 20 birds competed. Result:—1, Lambert; 2, 5, Gurden; 3, Oldroyd; 4, Kirby. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE, N.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, some first-class Chaffinch singing was heard. There was a large gathering of the fancy. Messrs. Meacock, Shamos, and Pony Moore proved the winners. A 6-nights' singing contest has been arranged. For particulars see CAGE BIRDS.—W. MORRISON, Timekeeper

LEEDS.

Grand contest held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Dec. 7th, when there was a good muster of birds, Judges, Messrs. Summers, Chadwick, and Cooper. 1, Bastow; 2, Wood; 3, Rowe. Also on Dec. 12th, when 19 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Harold and Clegg. 1, 3, Stead; 2, Robinson. Also on Dec. 13th, when 24 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Molin. 1, Hardenstle; 2, Cooper; 3, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held on Dec. 5th, when 18 birds sang. 1, Wood; 2, Stead; 3, Madden. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. Usual week end contest held Dec. 6th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Wood; 2, Hayes; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. On Dec. 12th 16 birds sang. 1, 2, Stead, 3, Atkinson. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Week end contest, Dec. 13th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Soloman; 2, Stead; 3, Simons. Judges, Messrs. Jackson, Towers and Jennings. Roller contest, Dec. 8th, at the Fisherman's Hut, Elderly Lane, Leeds, when 20 best Canaries in Leeds sang. 1, Wood; 2, Clegg; 3, Lister. Judges, Messrs. Nutter, Jackson and Jennings.—W. DEAN, Sec.

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The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union. Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not appearing in this list, which will be published monthly, or at any Show which has not the Union's Show Rules appearing in the Schedule.

Dec. 26.—Derwent Valley; Truro; Eastfieldside (License); Over Winsford.

1909.

Jan. 1.—Millom; Guisborough.
5.—Llanelly.
6.—Western Fanciers.
6/7.—King's Heath.
7/8.—Plumstead.
9.—Eaglescliffe.
12.—Diss.
12/13.—Hampshire House Club (License). Folkestone (License).
13/14.—Gloucester F.S. (License).
15/16.—Barrow.
20/21.—Dudley (Worcestershire).
21.—Spalding (License); Tredegar (License).
27.—Maesteg.
Feb. 5/9.—Crystal Palace.

Licenses can be granted to approved Shows on application being made to the Secretary, giving date of Show, one month prior to the holding of the Show.

Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester. Secretary.

LITTLEBOROUGH CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

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Some gratifying success has lately attended the efforts of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union to discourage people with guns from testing their prowess on rare wild birds; and one man who shot a white Swallow and another who shot a Buzzard have been made to understand—by the magistrates—that this form of stupidity may be expensive. A white Swallow is of sufficient rarity to be of great use in affording information to those who observe bird migration.

A correspondent sends us the following cutting from the Isle of Wight County Press:—An elm tree, felled in Borthwood Copse, was being sawn asunder in Messrs. Sharp's yard the other day, and while the operation was in progress an old knot-hole was cleaned for the purpose of removing foreign matter. After a lot of dirt had been removed the workmen came to what seemed like a bird's nest. It proved to be the nest of a Tomtit, and contained four eggs. The nest was absolutely complete, and two of the eggs were intact; the other two were probably broken during the operation of removing them. It is thought that the tree was quite 150 years old. The nest had evidently been built in this old knot-hole, which had subsequently been grown over.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held at 6, The Broadway, on December 7th. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there were between 40 and 50 members present, including a good number of ladies. Before the ordinary business commenced, the chairman said he had an extremely pleasant announcement to make, that was that Mr. H. Smith, their secretary, had greatly added to the reputation of the society by winning the Yorkshire Canary Champion Cup at the show held at the Horticultural Hall; whilst Mr. Randall, another of their members, had won, for the second year in succession, the cup for Roller Canaries. He thought it a very great distinction for the society that two of their members should have won such coveted trophies. Mr. Smith returned thanks, and then gave a report with reference to the cage bird show recently held by the society at Queen's Hall, and said that, after studying the figures, he thought they would agree with him that it was the most successful show ever held in Wimbledon. They had not had a single letter of complaint, but, on the contrary, many letters of thanks. As compared with the previous show, they had 120 exhibitors, against 93, 525 entries against 468, which latter figures included 80 birds entered for the purpose of being sold by auction. As to the finances, he estimated a balance on the right side of £1 3s. 8d. The chairman said it was a luxury almost unknown in the history of such shows held in the town, to have a balance on the right side. Mr. Smith, with his usual modesty, had mentioned almost everybody as assisting towards the sucess achieved, but had never mentioned that he (Mr. Smith) was the person chiefly responsible for that success. Seven names were given in for membership, and then a very interesting bird-washing exhibition was given by Mr. J. Burton. Following this there was a judging competition of Yorkshires, points being gained as follows:—Mrs. Allen 9, Messrs. Dyke, Taylor and Wright 6, Mr. Brown 5, Messrs. Jordan and Adams 4, Mr. Lupton 3, Mr. Hare 2, and Mr. Baker 1. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Burton for giving the bird-washing exhibition.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. C. Pickup writes that his new address is 22, Daisy Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

I won 3rd and h.c. in the Softbill class at Sale Show, writes Mr. H. Fairclough (Blackburn).

Mr. C. A. Honso will judge the caged bird section of the Lingfield Show, which is to be held on January 20th.

I have sold my noted winning Linnet Mule the Scottish "Redskin" to Mr. J. D. Leigh, of Warrington, writes Mr. Wm. Hamilton (Hamilton).

Kindly thank all exhibitors who gave us such generous support, writes Mr. W. Pierce Williams, the hon. general manager of the Ruthin Show.

Owing to our next meeting date falling on the Christmas holidays, there will be no meeting held this month.—S. Hadwin, secretary, Green Canary Association.

By a printer's error the advertisement of Mr. T. Craighill (Yates Street, Rhodes), was last week inadvertently published under the heading of "Norwich" instead of Yorkshires.

Report of Perth Show, local colour-fed class, credits me with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, though I had no entries in that class. Mr. Wilkins (Tony Pandy), was first.—J. Parkinson (Tony-Pandy).

All prize money won at the recent St. Helen's Show, writes Mr. A. Goodall, the hon. secretary, will be paid out from judge's slip, as there are several printer's errors in catalogue.

I was very pleased with Messrs. Spratts' calendar, with its beautiful illustrations. I like this one better than any I've had before, which is saying a good deal.—C. J. Dauncey (Nailsworth).

Kindly note my change of address from Gorton, writes Mr. Henry Smith (of Smith and Dickinson), to 88, Arkwright Town, Calow, Chesterfield. I should be glad to meet any fanciers in the district.

At Gateshead Show I was surprised to see my bird standing with 1st prize card on it in Border Fancy Novice Class, writes Mr. M. Fuller (Newsham), but catalogue gives first to R. Wilson instead of to me.

We have taken over the hon. secretaryship of the Halesowen F. and F.S., write Messrs. Chapman and Budge. We have decided to hold our 7th open show on January 21st next, when we are giving 14 classes for cage birds.

The Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., writes a local correspondent, have this year as their secretary a good worker in the Fancy, and one who should be well backed up by his committee and exhibitors generally for the forthcoming show, on January 5th.

Kindly thank all who wrote in answer to my advertisement in Cage Birds, writes Mr. G. Rosser (Brixham). I could only reply to those who enclosed a stamp. I had no less than 56 replies in all, which speaks well for your journal. My thanks to Cage Birds.

Report of Coventry O.S. credited Mr. Hall with winning 1st and 3rd prizes in the yellow hen class, writes Mr. Wm. Hale (Leicester). It should read Hale, as I took those awards. The same error occurred at Hinckley Show, where I also took 1st prize.

We regret to hear that Mr. H. K. Picard, of Hampstead, a member of the L. and P.O.S. committee and an exhibitor of Yorkshires, has recently sustained a severe loss by the death of his father, and he will have the sympathy of fanciers in his trouble.

We have received an advertisement, with nine-pence enclosed, but neither the name nor address of sender is given. It relates to an exchange of a pair of Norwich for a Siberian Goldfinch; also to Mules. Will the sender please communicate with us?

Kindly notify, writes Mr. F. Wyse, my change of address to 9, Grantham Place, Park Lane, London, W. You will be interested to know that as a result of the recent notice of my electric drying cage in "Twitterings" I received over fifty letters concerning the same.

The stock of Yorkshires belonging to that well-known and successful Midland exhibitor, Mr. A. Harris (Rugby), has just been purchased by that enterprising Norwich bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd. The birds have been doing a lot of winning at the shows this season.

I was rather surprised on opening Cage Birds last Friday to see the report of Canterbury Show in that issue, as it was held only on the previous Wednesday; a smart bit of work. In the any variety natural colour class, I won first with a Belgian Canary.—R. J. Baker (Chichester).

A very neat and convenient folding-card price-list reaches us from Mr. E. E. Pass, of Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard. It comprises all manner of cages, travelling cases, and appliances generally, at very reasonable prices. A copy will be sent to any reader, post-free, on application.

I must congratulate you on the coloured plate in Cage Birds. The journal is the best paper for advertising in, as I have had an order from abroad for 100 birds through your valuable paper with continued results. I wish Cage Birds every success, as I think it a grand paper.—Wm. Lloyn (Pendlebury).

I have to acknowledge receipt of the framed plate of Yorkshires, Cage Birds special prize, which I won at our late show. I am very pleased indeed with it. How happy I should be with a brace of birds like those in the picture! I think the artist, Mr. Norman, the best delineator of the feathered tribe we have.—H. E. Parrott (Weybridge).

I had a lot of answers to my advertisement in Cage Birds, re my Mules, but only two sent stamps for reply, writes Mr. R. Law (Southport). I sold all the Mules, thanks to Cage Birds.

What a wonderful circulation Cage Birds has! During the last month I have sold 40 birds (sent several to Scotland, and to all parts of England and Wales). This speaks splendidly for Cage Birds as an advertising medium.—C. E. Brown (Kingsweston).

It is with great delight I notice the advance of that beautiful bird, the Yorkshire Canary, in the Midlands, writes "Rughyito." Some few years since you could scarcely find any other variety but the Norwich. But now the tide has turned, and the Yorkshire (or should I say the King of the Fancy?) is going to have its share of honours on the show bench in this part of the country.

Everything went off satisfactorily in connection with our show. I am pleased to say, writes Mr. A. Wilkins, hon. secretary of the Leeds C.B.S., all birds being cleared out by 8.15 p.m. on the Saturday. Several letters have come to hand thanking us for prompt return, and the splendid condition of birds when received, after being on the rails nearly 24 hours they looking none the worse for their long journeys.

As I am retiring from the Fancy this season for private reasons, writes Mr. H. Thos. Lucas, hon. secretary of the Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S., I am severing my connection with the society after annual general meeting, to be held on January 5th next. At the same time I wish Lewisham Society every success, and trust its members will give my successor their full support and assistance in his duties. I take this opportunity of thanking them for all help rendered by them to me.

An error has crept into our prize list, writes Mr. Jas. Winter, hon. secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S. Will you kindly correct same. Class 92 is for Greenfinch and Canary Mules (dark), yellow or buff, not for Goldfinch as in prize list. Intending exhibitors in the Belgian section will please note that a class for young birds (Belgians) has been added since the publication of prize lists; entries for this class to be made under No. 50a, and that the Belgian section is under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A.

The Budgerigars I advertised in Cage Birds last week have been disposed of, the replies being too numerous for me to answer individually.—Chas. Marsh (Cambridge).

"British Birds" (shilling monthly magazine) for December contains several valuable and interesting articles. Mr. P. H. Bahr, M.A. F.Z.S., etc., writes on "The Nesting of the Scaup-duck in Scotland," the value of the text being augmented by some good illustrations. "On the Song of the Wood-Warbler" is the title given to Mr. H. W. Mapleton's subject, while Mr. R. M. Barrington's notes and the illustration on the Pallas's Grasshopper-Warbler in Ireland should prove valuable. Other good features make the issue very readable.

We have received from Messrs. S. James and Co., 189, Sirdar Road, Wood Green, London, N., a copy of a very useful and well-thought-out pocket diary for 1909, called "The Fanciers' Diary." This is a publication especially adapted for the use of fanciers, containing an engagements' diary, cash columns, and a quantity of leaves for temporary notes, also a daily wants' dictionary (copyright). It is beautifully bound in leather, gilt edges, round corners, with pencil at back and makes a very suitable present to give a brother fancier. The price is 1s.; superior edition in French morocco, with card and stamp pockets, price 2s. 6d. Readers of Cage Birds are given the opportunity of securing a copy for 7d.

At the first meeting of the session of the British Ornithologists' Union, some noteworthy additions were made to the list of our British birds, which Mr. J. L. Bonhote brought to the notice of members. The most interesting was perhaps Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (Locustella certhiola), sent by Mr. R. H. Barrington. This bird, an immature example, was picked up dead at the Rockabill Lighthouse, County Dublin, on September 28th. It is an Eastern Asiatic species and appears to have occurred only once previously in Europe, when a specimen was procured by the late Herr Gathe in Heligoland on August 13th, 1858. Dr. C. B. Ticehurst exhibited a specimen of the Northern Willow Warbler (Phylloscopus trochilus Eversmanni), obtained from one of the South Coast lighthouses. This little bird is scarcely distinguishable from the common Willow Warbler, but appears to be a bird of passage with us hitherto unsuspected.

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY NOTICE.

ADVERTISERS, SECRETARIES and CONTRIBUTORS generally should bear in mind that ALL MATTER intended to appear in NEXT WEEK'S NUMBER OF "CAGE BIRDS," must reach our offices not later than MONDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 21st. Owing to the date the Xmas holidays fall on this year, it is imperative that this be STRICTLY ADHERED TO. Matter arriving after Monday's post cannot possibly be dealt with that week. "CAGE BIRDS" will be on sale Thursday morning, December 24th.—EDITOR.

I have resigned from the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. N. A. Meredith (Peckham). Please accept my thanks for coloured plate of Yorkshire Canaries in last Double Number.

The eagle at Dirnanean, says a daily contemporary, is dead. This noble bird has been in its cage for the last 37 years. As an eaglet it was taken from its nest at Caen Lochan, Glenisla, and since had been a prisoner, well fed and well taken care of.

Under the Wild Birds Protection Act(made applicable to the county of London), all persons are prohibited from killing or taking wild birds on Sundays, during certain months, in Soho, Bermondsey, Wapping, and Whitechapel. Only on Sundays, mind you. On Mondays you may stalk the Whitethroat, the Kingfisher, and the Little Grebe among the vales and down the brooks of Soho. On Thursdays you are free to pursue the strong-winged Grouse on the Wapping Moors. On Saturdays you may lie in wait for Wild Duck on the meres of Whitechapel.

We have been successful in securing the Park Chapel Sunday Schools in which to hold our open show on January 30th, when Mr. A. Hirst will judge, writes Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Bradford East O.S. The room is an ideal one for a show, being loftly, well lighted, and free from draughts; in fact, it is one of the finest rooms in Bradford and district. It is also very near the various railways that run into Bradford, and is within a minute's walk of the trams. Having received the Y.C.C. and Y.C.M.C. patronage, and seeing a host of specials are promised, along with the silver rose bowl for the Unflighted classes, we are encouraged to look forward to a most successful show. The committee are determined to leave no stone unturned in their efforts, and have already gone to the expense of providing new trestles and staging of a suitable height, so that the exhibits can be seen by all without the necessity of handling. Special attention will be paid to all exhibits coming by rail, and the arrangements for same will take somewhat of a novel form, the ante-rooms in the school being so arranged that they can be got away to meet the early trains without disturbing the other exhibits. We hope exhibitors from far and near will help us in our efforts, not only to make the show a success financially, but to try and establish a precedent for other societies as well as our own to work to in the future.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Those Printers!

In grappling with the names of strange birds, printers frequently come to the ground, but it is not often we meet such amusing instances as occur in the catalogue of a recent show. "Golden-fronted Chloropsis" is safely negotiated; but then come "Ruebens" Finch, "Spicers," "Gordon Blews," and Indian "Flames" (the latter being in reality Shama).

A Big Bag.

At a meeting of Mendlesham (Suffolk) Sparrow Club, it was stated that during this year 4,918 old birds, 2,807 young birds, and 3,914 eggs had been destroyed, a total of 11,639. The local farmers pay a voluntary rate, based on acreage, from which payments are made for birds and eggs destroyed. The year's operations left the club with a small balance in hand.

Sorrow in "Club Row."

The Bethnal Green Borough Council has issued a notice prohibiting street-trading on Sundays after 11.30 a.m. This prohibition includes "Club Row" (Sclater St.), probably the largest market for singing birds in the Kingdom. Street-traders in this particular district complain that their trade does not commence till about midday. Few of their patrons arrive on the scene before then, and brisk trading goes on until about 4 p.m. To protest against the action of the Borough Council a meeting has been convened at the Town Hall, Bethnal Green.

A Diamond Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bentley (sen.), of Nottingham Road, Alfreton recently attained the Diamond Jubilee of their wedding. We offer them hearty congratulations upon having spent together 60 happy years—sentiments which will be re-echoed by all fanciers. Mr. Bentley was born at Basford, near Nottingham, on November 25th, 1824. Mrs. Bentley is by one year the senior of her husband. They were married at Ashover on November 27th, 1848, where Mr. Bentley's father and mother were married. They have had five children, nineteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, of whom all the latter and five of the former are living. Though they have reached such a great age both Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are in possession of all their faculties, while Mrs. Bentley performs the bulk of her household duties. The old gentleman has all the enthusiasm of a younger fancier, and in his old age derives much pleasure from his birds, which are his favourite hobby. He is an enthusiastic reader of Cage Birds. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley have many friends.

TWO CHRISTMAS . . COMPETITIONS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Chance for Birdie Artists.

Our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a prize of half-a-guinea (10/6) for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Monday, January 4th next. The medium to be employed is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, wherever possible.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

For all to Answer.

Half-a-crown will be paid to the reader who sends us the best answer on a post-card to any of the appended questions (that is four half-crowns in all).

We ask competitors to adhere strictly to the following simple rules:—

1.—Answers must be written clearly on post cards only with name and address at bottom and number of query at top.

2.—Each answer must be written on a separate post card.

3.—Answers must be written on one side of the post card only.

4.—All answers must be received by Monday's post, December 28th.

We should like competitors to understand that length of answer of itself will not count; nor will mere brevity. The point and pithiness of the answer and its general helpfulness to novices are the main things to be considered.

The Questions.

1. Which is the best breed of Canary for the beginner—and why?

2. Should legitimate "preparation for show" include the renewal of a few objectionable feathers?

3. Is it desirable that exhibition British birds should be colour-fed?

4. Which is best, an outdoor or an indoor birdroom—and why?

In both competitions entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

L.P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

The members and friends of the L. and P.O.S. are to meet together for dinner and harmony during the first week in the New Year, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham. Full particulars will be announced later.

Young Starlings (?) in December.

The other day, the younger son of Mr. Bowcock, of Pinchbeck, near Spalding, fancied he heard some young birds chirping in a tree in Mr. Steven's garden. He procured a ladder, mounted the tree, and there discovered in a nest several young Starlings ready to fly. (Pity the "nest" was not fully described.—Editor.)

Sparrows Rescued by a Dog.

In Fountain Court, Temple, London, the last season, a Sparrow's nest is said to have fallen from one of the trees overhanging the pond. As the nest floated in the water it was noticed that it contained two nearly fledged Sparrows, who continued to chirrup and open their mouths for food. Several people attempted to reach the nest with sticks but failed, and a young man with a fox terrier dog appeared and directed the animal to fetch the nest. The order was obeyed, and the nest was brought safely to the edge of the pond, where the dog surrendered his booty. The nest was placed in the tree again, the young birds being apparently little the worse for their adventure.

Another Chance.

We were utterly unable to cope with the phenomenal demand for last week's issue of Cage Birds. It was "out of print" the day after publication, despite the large increase we made in the printing order. It is a matter of regret to us that so many would-be purchasers could not obtain copies, but those who desire to possess the lovely 12-page almanac in colours which we were enabled to issue with it by arrangement with Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., have the chance of obtaining it by purchasing the Christmas number of "The Poultry World," on sale at all newsagents to-day, price one penny. It is an exceptionally attractive special issue, and Messrs. Spratts have kindly extended the same privilege to its readers as they did last week to the readers of our own journal. Their fine calendar will this week be found in the pages of what has come to be recognised as the most readable progressive, and up-to-date journal for poultry keepers in the world. Prove this for yourself by buying the Christmas number to-day, price one penny. Ask for the "Poultry World."

The Memoirs of Molly.

By B. J. POUNSETT.

Being the eventful history of a Heron—a most uncommon pet—related in an interesting way by its appreciative owner.

I am prompted to endeavour to convey to the multitude of CAGE BIRDS readers an idea of some of the memories I have of an old bird friend of my boyhood days. At the time to which I refer, my father had an extensive garden, and was in the "first flight" as a fancier and exhibitor of several varieties of pigeons. If ever the true fancier-spirit was in any man it was—and is now—in my respected father, and that same spirit and a love of all animals and birds has fixed itself on his sons (and "we are seven"). From our earliest days we were always encouraged in our "fancy" leanings. Whether it was a humble dormouse which one of us brought home, a bird in a cage, or "bunnies" in their hutches, we were sent on the right road as to the care of our pets.

How We Came by "Molly."

Brought up as I was in the midst of "Fancy" surroundings, some of my earliest recollections are connected with the pets which at one time or the other came under my notice at home. Of all these, however, there was nothing in the bird line to equal the doings, or take the place of, a Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*).

"What an uncommon bird for a pet!" I can fancy some one saying. So it was; and it was all the more interesting to watch the gradual taming of this handsome bird. My father became possessed of "Molly"—a name we gave her after the bird's common name of "mollhern"—in a peculiar manner. It was during a very severe winter, and Herons were not then as common on the Upper Thames as at the present time, and numbers were driven to the river for food, as the water around their more frequent visiting places was frozen over for weeks.

The bird was knocked down and injured by a barge tow-line in the darkness of a December night, and was captured by some of the "bargees" and conveyed into the town in a sack. The bird was exceedingly vicious, and those who know the formidable nature of a Heron's beak and the force with which it can strike, will readily understand that one would not find the examination of a wounded Heron an easy matter. The bird was brought to my father, who, naturally, hardly wanted such a "pet"; but rather than hand it over to the mercies of the gentry who were then in possession, he bought the Heron for a "consideration" of beer, and intended to liberate it when it had recovered from its injuries, the worst of which was a broken wing, which my father set.

The Bird at Home.

"Molly" was relegated to an outhouse and for some time we hardly dared go near her. As she sat in the corner, with bayonet-like bill ready to attack all and sundry, she naturally made one pause before getting close to her.

Feeding was not a difficult matter at first, as it was the open season for Thames fish, and plenty of local anglers handed over some of their smaller catches to fill "Molly's" larder. The bird refused to feed whilst under observation for the first few days, but as the supplies of small roach and dace placed for her each day disappeared, we knew that she was attending to her wants alright in our absence. The fractured wing mended capitally, and at length her stand-off demeanour became less marked, and she would take her fish whilst many eyes were on her. This feeding time gained for "Molly" quite a local notoriety. Many a boy, aye, and man too, used to bring in fish for her, but all expected to be allowed to see the old bird take the meal. This was but a short-lived pleasure, however, for in an incredibly short time half-a-dozen good-sized fish could be polished off.

No Need for Cage or Aviary.

One day "Molly" got out and was seen shambling about the garden, to the great discomfiture of a couple of dogs and sundry cats. We expected every minute to have to say a forced "good-bye" to our Heron, but she failed to use her wings and the sight of a fisherman's bait-can brought her back to her house.

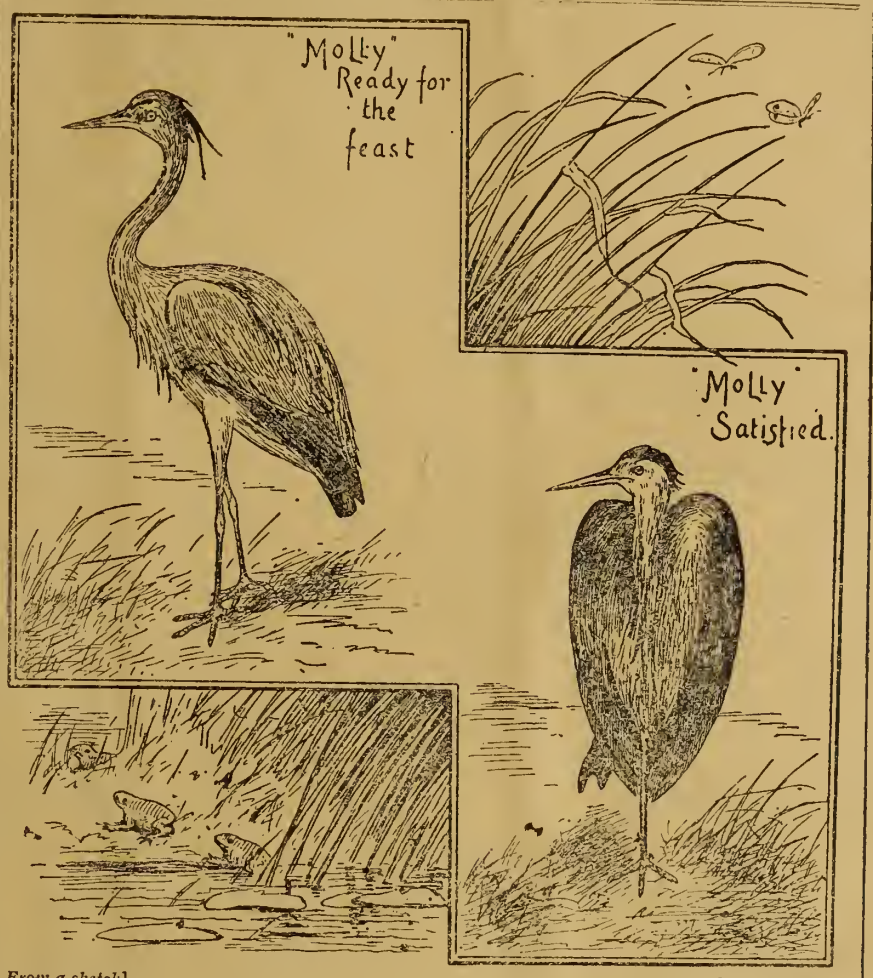
After this the bird was given her liberty in the yard and garden, her primary flights having been slightly clipped; and from that time she became more and more docile. She gradually adopted a more friendly spirit towards our dogs and cats, and the canine and feline gentry seemed ever ready to make friends with the bird. She became so extraordinarily tame that many people came to see her, and she had a great admirer in a famous Royal Academician. "Molly" was very pleased to be allowed in the kitchen, and it was a sight to see her in front of the fire with a heavy Clumber spaniel on one side and two "dare-devil" terriers on the other, as well as the cat. Her every movement was of interest, and she became one of the quaintest pets I have ever seen.

"Molly" lived on for several years, and seemed perfectly happy with her lot. She got rather feeble towards the end of her days, however, and died, singularly to say, as the result of an injury to her already damaged wing.

A Feeding Problem Solved.

During the "close season" for Thames fish, feeding the Heron was at first a troublesome matter. We had to rely on offal from the fishmonger, which she did not readily take to after plump roach, dace and gudgeon. The trouble was got over, however, in a rather peculiar way. One morning one of my brothers was cutting up a raw sheep's paunch for the dogs and tossed a piece for fun to the old bird, who was standing near on one leg, as much as to say, "Where do I come in?" She seized the meat and swallowed it, and from that day the difficulty of replenishing "Molly's" larder until fishing time came round was solved.

After its first month or so in captivity the bird kept in beautiful feather, and her presence in the garden, and, above all, her tameness and indeed her artfulness, were a source of pleasurable surprise to a great many people. She presented a noble picture of bird-life, standing stately on her willow stump on the rockery, and her somewhat harsh cry of "crank, crank" on recognising those she knew (especially if there was a fish-can in the picture) was well-known. In fact, "Molly" was quite a local celebrity.



From a sketch] [by the author.

Characteristics of the Heron.

The long and slender legs, and the long, straight, sub-conical beak are distinguishing features of this handsome species. Other marked features are the crest of lengthy blackish feathers depending from the back of the head, the white forehead and cheeks, the soft grey hue of the plumage of the upper-parts, tail and wings, the black primaries, and the long white feathers covering the chest, above which the front of the neck is white, marked with elongated bluish-grey spots, the under parts being greyish-white with black streaks. The total length of the Heron measured about three feet.

Frequenters of quiet reaches of rivers and smaller streams may see this "master fisher" in its wild state, standing alone and silent, knee-deep in the water, watching patiently for a passing fish, or frog (for these are equally relished with fish), with head drawn back, and ready to strike with unerring and well directed aim at a moment's notice. In the days of falconry the Heron was strictly preserved in Britain, but to-day the bird in most parts is left to look after itself, although there are several Heronries still in England, where the birds are more or less protected.

In recent years many are the Herons I have seen passing over the meadows with their seemingly laboured flight, and my thoughts have always reverted to the old home and "Molly" on her stump adding an unusual charm to a generally attractive rockery.

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ALWAYS ODDS ON THE BULLIE!

The Amusing Experience of a Hybrid Breeder.

In a certain small town in Lancashire there lives a very enthusiastic fancier who aspires to Clear Mules and Goldie-Bullie Hybrids, and who has tried for a number of years, but with no result. So he determined that 1908 would be a huge success, or give up disgusted. Now it so happened that he had a very nice Goldie and a Bullie hen, which had been put together all the winter. Breeding time arrived. Now to do or die, quoth John. So, in a nice corner of the bird room, nicely netted off, he puts Mr. Goldie and Mrs. Bullie together, and in due course Bullie builds a lovely nest. The hopes of John run high; he can see a Palace winner in the near future. Noticing one night that Lady Bullie was "heapy," he told his wife that his ambition was almost realised. John had to go to work in the early morning, so, calling his wife (who took no interest in birds), he gave her the following instructions:—"Tomorrow morning I want thee to be up early in the bird room. Keep thy eye on Bullie, for she's going to lay, and I want thee to get possession of that egg as soon as possible. When thou gets it, put it in this saucer, with sawdust, and place it in middle and cover it up, and be sure to put it carefully away under lock and key until I come fra' work." Morning came; John goes to his work, and Mrs. J. to keep guard on Mrs. Bullie. After watching for two hours, not daring to move hand or foot, Mrs. J. gets terribly excited, for sure enough Bullie is getting very uneasy, and eventually leaves the nest. With eyes sparkling and heart beating Mrs. J. rushes in to get that precious egg. Bullie rushes about the place, wondering what the deuce is the matter. Mrs. J. does not stop to tell her, but takes the "golden egg" from its beautiful nest and does with it as her lord and master has directed. She followed John's instructions to the letter, and that beautiful and long-sought egg has come at last, and is safely under lock and key. Mrs. J. goes about her work all day with a light heart; she pictures the happy smile on her husband's face when he learns the joyful news. The long day comes to a close, and John is seen coming across the field. Out rushes Mrs. J. to tell him the wonderful news. John's face is wreathed in smiles. All the fanciers heard that night about John's luck. Said John to his wife: "Thou's a clever lass to get that egg as thou's done, seeing as thou doesn't understand birds. But I shall pay thee well for it. Now then, lass, fetch t' egg, and let me gaze on it." Mrs. J. very carefully goes for the saucer, and walks slowly back fearing she will trip and break it. At last the precious thing is place on the table. John's eyes fairly water when he sees the covering of sawdust over that priceless egg. He loses no time; in a moment it is between his finger and thumb. Mrs. J. busies herself taking tea things from the table. But what is this? John's face is turning deadly white. His limbs shake and his voice, usually so calm, roars like a foghorn. Mrs. J., in alarm, drops the teapot, to the obvious annoyance of the cat, who gets a hot bath, and makes a fearful cry about it. "What is the matter, John," the wife gasps out; "is the egg broke?" "Broke be blowed," shouts John. "A steel hammer wouldn't break it. What joke is this? I want to see Bullie's egg." "That's it," shouts Mrs. J., in reply. "Thou's got wrang egg; this is pot egg," fairly yells the distracted John. Then upstairs he rushes, knocking table over in his flight, and taking stairs four at a time. Once in the bird room, he looks into Bullie's nest, and discovers the shell of the precious egg, sticking in bits all over the nest. John sits down and wipes the cold sweat from his brow. His hopes, like that egg, are shattered and broken. Mrs. J. tries to comfort him, saying: "I shall look well after her to-morrow." But to-morrow comes, and other days follow, but Bullie seems disinclined to lay again. Possibly she thinks they made too much fuss of her first. Now you have only to mention to John that you have a good Bullie hen for sale, and he will unloose the dog on you. That night when John lay in uneasy sleep Mrs. J. tells that her husband was maundering on about an egg in the hand being worth 50 in the nest, and saying it was always

ODDS ON BULLIE.

The Yorkshire Canary: Its Faults & Their Remedies.

By SAMUEL DEAN.

In this paper, which was read during the past season to the members and friends of the Manchester and Northern Counties Society, the Secretary of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. deals in a lucid and interesting manner with faults found in the Yorkshire Canary, and methods of remedying them.

Upon your worthy secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, asking me to come over and give you a paper on the now very popular variety of Canary, the Yorkshire, I gladly consented to do so, but as the time drew near I began to wonder why I did. It is a very easy matter to make such a promise, but quite another to fulfil the engagement before the members of a Society with such a reputation as the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.; but having made the promise, I had perforce to come, and having come must do my best to give as much information as possible on the subject upon which you wish me to address you.

Yorkshires Outside the West Riding.

About twelve months ago I had the pleasure of spending a week-end amongst the birdy men of Manchester, during which time I visited about a dozen rooms and in several of them was very much struck by the high-class Yorkshires. They were much better than what I had expected, having always been given to understand that good Yorkshires in any quantity were not to be found outside the West Riding of Yorkshire.

So much has been written in the Fancy Press during the last few years upon the various subjects in connection with our hobby, that it is now a difficult matter to get up any subject to prove interesting enough to the average fancier, and as the methods of keeping, breeding, etc., have been pretty well played out, I must needs turn my attention into another channel, and the one I have chosen will, to my mind, prove as interesting and instructive as anything I can think of, viz., "The Yorkshire Canary: Its faults and their remedies." In doing this, it is my intention to work to the standards as laid down by the Yorkshire Canary Club and the Yorkshire Union, by taking each item contained therein separately, present to you the faults usually found in connection with such item, give my opinion upon the ways and means of eradicating them, and express to you my opinion upon the origin of such faults, so as to assist you in bringing about their removal.

Not an Original Breed.

In the first place, the Yorkshire is not an original breed of Canary, but simply a mongrel (a very elegant one, certainly), and can be produced in a few years from a Belgian, a Lancashire, and a Norwich. It is from the happy union between three such different types as these that we are able to secure a bird of such grace and beauty as the Yorkshire, and such a favourite as it has proved to be.

Of course, it is not now necessary for a breeder to go back to the very beginning, as so many good birds "ready-made" can be procured, and at much less cost than if he went so far back as I have mentioned. It is only for the sake of showing where the points, good and bad, find their origin that I refer to it.

To return to the standard; this is divided into six different headings: shape, size, position, feather, colour, and condition.

Flat, Snakey, and Browed Heads.

The section for shape is subdivided into seven parts, and it is upon these I intend to proceed. "Head, small and round, skull narrow." The principal faults of the head are the flat, the snaky, and the browed. The flat head is a difficult one to improve, and is generally to be found on a square-built bird. The way to improve the head is to secure as a mate a Yorkshire having what I may term the old-fashioned Norwich type of head, one that is nice and round and as high as possible in the skull; such heads are usually found on the full-chested cobby type of birds, and if care is taken in the selection, good results may accrue in a very short time.

The snaky head is not a very bad one to deal with, but is at times accompanied by a far worse fault—a circular-shaped body—and is, in fact, more like the head of a Scotch fancy Canary, from which it is probably descended. The bird to be used in pairing up with one that has this fault should have as high a forehead as it is possible to get, and such should not by any means be paired up to birds whose heads run horizontally from the beak.

The browed bird is probably descended from the Lancashire Canary, which was imported into Yorkshire at the time that the craze for size held full sway. Browed heads are always broad, and have a slight inclination to be flat, the feather being a trifle long; in fact, it is very rare that browing is seen on a bird that is short in feather, thus proving the presence of Lancashire blood. This defect requires treating in much the same way as the flat head, but in addition here, care has to be taken that the bird used is not too strong in body, but has just a suspicion of the snaky type, in both head and body this being preferable.

Another fault in connection with the head is that usually called "horned," this meaning that the ear feathers are too long, so as to jut out at the back of the head, as though they had been brushed back; which, of course, greatly spoils the symmetrical outline of the head and neck. This fault is found in connection with browing, and requires pretty much the same treatment.

Neck and Shoulder Faults.

Next, in the standard, we read: "Neck, moderately long, straight." Here we have not much room for fault. The principal one is the hollow or thin neck, and is generally found in the bird which possesses a bit of "breed," and which, therefore, does not fulfil the standard requirements—"straight"—as such birds are apt to hold their heads in a slightly forward position, which is consequent upon the amount of Belgian blood coursing through their veins. Such birds require for their mates those of the bull-necked style, i.e., with necks as thick as their shoulders.

Proceeding, the standard states: "Shoulders: narrow, rounded, well filled." The narrow shoulders proceed from the Belgian, and the rounded and well-filled shoulders from the Norwich. Here we have plenty of scope for work; if we try and get the shoulders narrow, we are apt to get too much of the breed, and our birds begin to get "spouty." On the other hand, we try to get round and well-filled shoulders, with the result that we err in quite the opposite direction, and get them too broad, and more like the Norwich type.

The Back and its Faults.

Next, we read: "Back, long, straight, well filled, wings long and evenly carried." Here we have a lot of faults to contend against—cracked or gutter backs, flat backs, short back, circled back, bad wing carriage, short flights, and other minor faults.

The cracked or gutter back is somewhat similar to the fault of spouty shoulders, and many times both are to be found on the same bird. It is probably the result of a bad-backed Belgian having been used at some time or other in trying for good position. The crack is in the soft feathers exactly above the centre of the wings; this fault is greatly accentuated when a bird gets into good condition and is continually flapping its wings. The flat-backed bird requires the same style of mate, one that is very round in back and shoulders. Care must be taken, however, that too much thickness is not brought into the strain.

The back should be long, tapering away from the shoulders gradually, and not, as some are, nearly all of one thickness down to root of tail, dropping suddenly narrow to tail, reminding one of a wooden ball with feathers stuck in horizontally.

Bad to Deal With.

Circled backs are bad to deal with. This fault denotes the presence of a drop of "Scotch" blood (not whisky), and is accompanied, as a rule, by the snaky head and drooping tail (but the birds are generally very well filled in at back). A bird possessing this fault should be paired to one that stands perfectly stiff. If one can be secured with an inclination to imitate Jenny Wren, by lifting its tail up between its wings, so much the better, as this will often save a year or two's disappointment. Care must be taken for some time after this fault had apparently been bred out, as it comes up unexpectedly, even years after any signs of it have been seen.

Bad carriage of wings is one of the worst faults a Yorkshire bird can have, and I am pleased to say is not by a long way so prevalent as it was some five or six years ago. It is usually to be seen at its worst in a bird that has very long flights; and this for the simple reason that the longer the flights, the more chance they have of getting over each other. What is required here to improve wing carriage is a bird in which you can see the soft body feathers between the wings all the way down. Many of these are to be found, particularly in hens, and are much to be preferred to the crossed-winged specimen.

Short flights completely spoil the appearance of Yorkshires, especially in the case of those where the flight feathers finish with a rounded end, giving them the look of having completed their growth. What is wanted is that shooty, "still growing" appearance.

A Failing Not Easily Remedied.

"Breast, round and smooth, the body long and tapering to a neat waist," is what we read next; and oh! what a great amount of trouble, and what heartaches, have those first four words caused! Breast, round and smooth; how many times have we thought we had a winner, long, slim, narrow-bodied, when lo! as soon as it has got through the moult we find to our sorrow that it is a tassler round the breast, and is promptly relegated to the ordinary stock.

How to get the nice, round breast on to a long, slim, wedge-shaped body is one of the toughest jobs a breeder has to work upon. Nice breasts are to be found in plenty, but usually upon the birds that are a bit on the strong side, and one's only plan is to pair together the best one can get, and trust to being able some time to produce a winner.

"Body long and tapering to a neat waist." Length of body is greatly to be desired, tapering nicely away to the waist, and tail. A short, chubby, broad-waisted body is not a Yorkshire type. What you want is a bird with a body which, whether it be looked at from the back, the side, or from underneath, always presents to the eye a gradual tapering away from the shoulders—not as some are, which, when looked at from underneath, are broader across the body at the thighs than across the shoulders; and others, it will be found, from the thighs to the root of tail chop off very suddenly, spoiling completely the outline of the bird.

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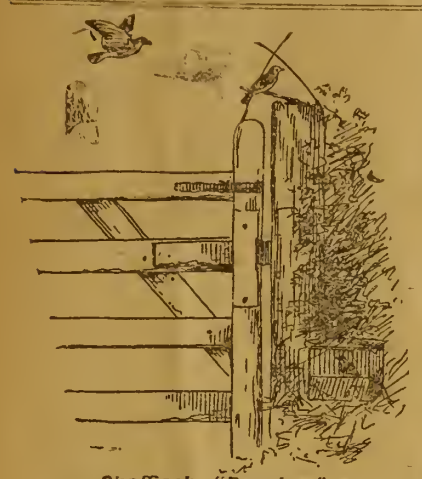
Bird Catching for Amateurs.

By H. J. HAWES.

Being the concluding instalment of a Paper read before the members and friends of the L. & P.O.S., and dealing with some methods of bird-catching adapted to the use of amateurs.

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Now, having completed our outfit, say we take train (or cycle or walk as the case may be) to our intended hunting-ground. The time of year is, we will say, April; we imagine ourselves sixteen miles out of London. As we go down this road we pass the village green, and then come to a cottage, which stands by a five-barred gate opening into an avenue of elm trees. Hark! There is one—"Toll, loll, loll, chickweedo." Your bird, which is tied up under cover, may then answer him, "Toll, loll, loll, kiss me dear," and away they go.



Chaffinch "Pegging."

The Chaffinch is seen about to strike at the "dummy" set under the limed twigs, the decoy bird being on the ground beside the gate post. In actual use the cage containing the latter bird would be covered over with a dark cloth.

During this preliminary battle you must whip out your lime twig, fix the bird you desire in a favourable position, and then fix your dummy so as to catch his eyes.

Now stick your twig or twigs over your dummy, so that when your sport strikes at it he will not fail to hit your twig. You now put your call or decoy bird somewhere in a secluded spot, if possible, but not necessarily so; and the battle royal begins. "Toll, loll, loll, loll, chickweedo,"



Limed Twigs amongst Thistles, Dock, etc.

A call bird is set close by the limed twigs, and in the drawing bait is seen strewn on the ground.

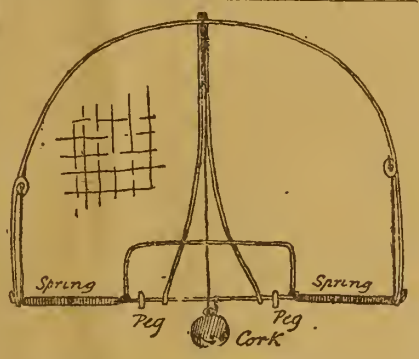
says the one in the tree. "Toll, loll, loll, loll, kiss me dear," answers your bird. The one in the tree may lay in song in another way; your bird may also lay the same way. The one in the tree now with his hen has his green jealous blood up, for he thinks that the intruder is after his wife, and at this moment he spots the dummy bird stuck under your lime twig, and so on the spur of the moment (when most stupid acts are committed) seeks to avenge himself on the intruder. He swoops down in the attack—bang, as though he would knock his little self to bits.

Does he stick at the dummy? No, alas! Before he can reach that object your twigs are over his wings, and he is a captive. Now is the time for you to "hop the twig," for you must run like a horse, or you will surely lose your prize; as it is, you may only just touch his wing with your lime twig.

There is another method whereby a braced bird is pegged to the ground and surrounded by limed bristles from a broom; on the birds coming to attack the captive Chaffinch, they also get the benefit of their own jealousy. (What a moral for some of us!)

Now I leave the Chaffinch, and will deal with the Bullfinch and Goldfinch. These birds fall victims to bird-lime in a very different way, as it is their stomach which brings about their downfall. To get the Bullfinch, the best way is to watch for their run, which is usually near a ditch or where nettles and dock seed abound; also black and other berries.

You may here find a good bushy clump of dock, so you must strip the bottom growth off, and then have some little bristles with a needle fastened at one end, so that you can stick them into the stem of the dock. You then set you call bird near, or under the baited bristles. The Bullfinch will hear the call of the decoy bird, and drop down when he sees her feed. This proves to be his downfall, for as soon as he alights he is bound to fall foul of one or the other of your limed twigs, and you do the rest—the rest standing for a good deal.



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For the sake of clearness, the netting is not shown. The spring in action resembles the familiar "break-back" mouse-trap. The bait is attached to the cork, and the pull given it by the bird releases the net, which flies over and makes it a prisoner.

We all know this, to our sorrow, when we have got a gem, as we think, and try to save him for the next year's Palace show how surprised we are on going one morning to find him "on the other shore." Although I must confess I have been a victim to this disappointment, I am clearly convinced that it has a great deal to do with the first treatment dealt out to the Bullfinch.

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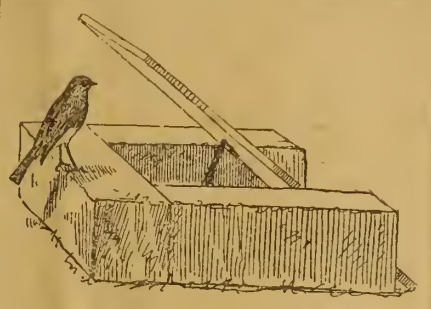
Parrots for Pleasure & Profit.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

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The Hon. and Rev. F. G. Dutton says: "I have come to the conclusion that as a pet for a cage bird, for my experience is confined to cages, as I have no aviary, the best Parrot is a Jardine's Parrot, the next, a Double-fronted Amazon, and the third, a Grey." For such an authority to place the Double-fronted before the Grey, must certainly count a great deal in its favour. But I simply state facts, and that is, I have spent a great deal of time and trouble with Double-fronts, and never got one to learn a word.



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Festive and Yellow-fronted Amazons.

The former is a large handsome bird, with a frontlet or red over the bill, and a blue stripe over the eye. It may be distinguished by its bright red back between the wings. It measures about 15 inches in length, is noisy, and seldom learns to talk.

These birds are not so frequently imported, and are rather scarce in this country. Probably, if one could get a young specimen hand-reared from the nest, it would make a good talker; but I daresay they are wild-caught birds that we get sent over, and consequently too old to learn very readily.

The Yellow-Fronted Amazon is another Parrot that we seldom see. It is similar to the Blue-fronted, but has a yellow forehead, instead of a blue one. I once bought one said to be a talker, but although I kept it for over six months, its talking never got beyond calling out "Murder!" so loud that it could be heard all over the neighbourhood. The food and treatment for this are the same as for the other Amazons.

The Mealy Amazon.

The Mealy Amazon is a very large bird, much larger, in fact, than the Blue-fronted, and measures nearly 20 inches in length. Its colour is green, being darker on the back than on the under parts.

The name "mealy" is given to it on account of the mealy or frosted look of its feathers. It becomes very tame, and is a fairly good talker. But it shrieks dreadfully, and is altogether too noisy for most people.

The birds are scarce in England, although the Zoological Society had one as far back as 1863.

The Yellow-naped Amazon.

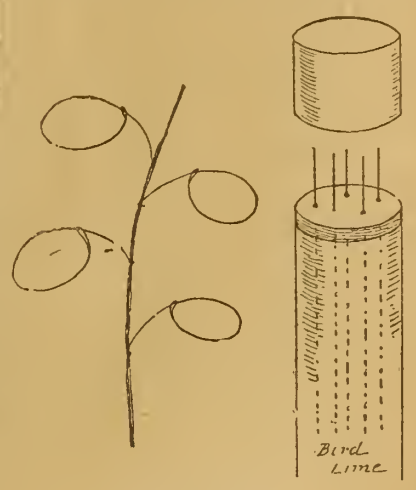
These birds resemble the Blue-front, except on the head, where they are green, the nape alone being yellow. It is not nearly so noisy as the Mealy Amazon, or many of the Blue-fronts, and is, besides, a really desirable bird, becoming very tame, and making an excellent talker.

Unfortunately, however, it is very seldom obtainable. Any dealer who had one would ask from two to three pounds for it as soon as it was imported. Dr. Greene says: "Yellow-naped Amazons differ from each other very considerably in appearance." I have never had an opportunity of comparing several together, so cannot give an opinion. If they do, they are in no way different from most of the Amazons. If you were to take half-a-dozen Blue-fronted Amazons, there would be no two among them alike. Some Yellow-naped Amazons have a great deal of yellow on the face, reaching some distance down the throat, and some have scarcely any yellow at all. Some of them have a large patch of brilliant blue on the forehead, and a large patch of not less brilliant yellow between that and the green at the back of the head, others again having scarcely any yellow on the crown, the blue forehead in their cases merging into the green.

Amazons sometimes suffer with sickness caused by indigestion. The bird works its head about, leans down and vomits undigested seed, accompanied by a watery liquid. When this occurs the best remedy is a little carbonate of soda dissolved in the drinking water. Parrots will often, when trying to show great affection for a person, bring up their seed from the crop into their bill, their idea being to feed the loved one. This must not be mistaken for sickness; it is only an excess of affection. My blue and yellow Macaw, when on my shoulder, wants watching, for if he saw an opportunity he would pop some partly digested sunflower seed into my mouth—a favour he cannot understand my reason for declining.

There are many more species of Amazons, all scarce in the English bird market and not likely to get into the hands of amateurs. But should anyone get hold of one, I should advise him to treat it exactly as I have recommended for Greys, viz., scalded, or rather, boiled maize at first, gradually weaning it on to hemp and Canary seed; a little small grey sunflower seed and a piece of ripe banana daily; also a bit of dry biscuit.

There are some smaller species, two of which I have kept, and I have found them most delightfully tame pets. They are the Red-vented Parrot and the Cuban Amazon.



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I have often wondered why the use of the outdoor aviary is not more frequently advocated in the Fancy Press. For the man with small leisure, and for the man with limited indoor accommodation for his birds, it will be found of great advantage, and will afford a maximum amount of pleasure with a minimum amount of trouble.

Although I do not claim that birds fit for exhibition can be bred in it, I see no reason why a good class of bird should not be so bred (quite equal, in fact, to many which are advertised and sold as "prize-bred") if due care be taken in the selection of stock birds. This is important, and unless sound judgment is brought to bear on it little, if any, progress will be made. I will endeavour in this article to show how the above can be accomplished by anyone who is determined to succeed.

The Construction of the Aviary.

First to be considered is the construction of the aviary. The position of this must, necessarily, in most cases, be governed by circumstances within the fancier's control, but as sheltered a position as possible should be chosen, preference being given to one which would enable the aviary to be built facing the south.

It is mainly a matter of individual taste what style of aviary should be built, but I have endeavoured to show in the accompanying sketches a lean-to one built against a wall.

Sketch No. 1 gives a general view of the front and east end of the aviary. It will be observed that about two-thirds of the front are covered with small mesh wire netting to within one foot of the bottom, which, together with the remainder of the front, is boarded. The east end is also boarded, except that a window is placed therein (shown more clearly in sketch No. 3). A window is necessary to admit of plenty of light, and if the aviary faces the south the full benefit of the early morning sun will be obtained.

Sketch No. 2 shows the west end in which is placed the door. It will be noticed that, except for a pane of glass in the door, the whole of this end is boarded also. The reason why it is better to have glass in the door is to permit of the birds being seen, and thus minimise the risk of any flying out when entering. If desired, the door could be in front, in which case it should be of wire netting on a framework of wood. In this event the whole of the west end could be boarded.

The roof should be made thoroughly water-tight. Cheap match-boarding under corrugated iron would answer very well, but it does not matter so much what the materials are so long as the wet is kept out.

Fitting Up An Aviary.

It should have a floor, and this should be either of concrete or boards. Over the glass in the door and the window should be tacked small mesh wire netting, to prevent the escape of any birds in the event of the glass for any reason becoming broken. The whole should be painted outside, and whitewashed inside, and would then present a smart business-like appearance. In extremely cold or wet weather some further protection should be afforded by covering the wire-netting portion of the front with sacks, or, better still, wooden shutters.

Next to consider is the fitting up of the aviary ready for the reception of its inmates. A good plan is to fasten some boughs (which have first been stripped of their leaves) to the back of the aviary. This, besides providing plenty of perching accommodation, gives a pleasing effect, and has a more natural look than if straight perches only were used. Of course, a few of the latter here and there could be used with advantage.

In addition, one or two good-sized seed hoppers must be provided, and, of course, proper drinking vessels must also be supplied. Both these and the seed hoppers can be bought very reasonably in a variety of patterns. The floor should be covered with sand or coarse saw-dust, but if the latter is used, grit must be supplied in a separate vessel. A large piece of cuttle fish should also be hung up in the aviary.

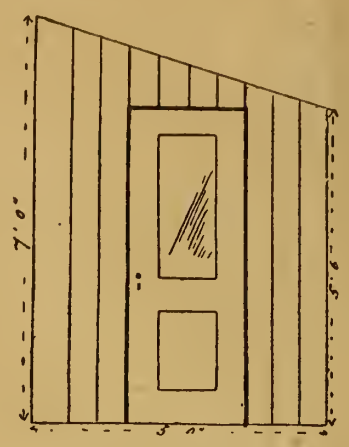


Fig. 2: The West end, in which is placed the door.

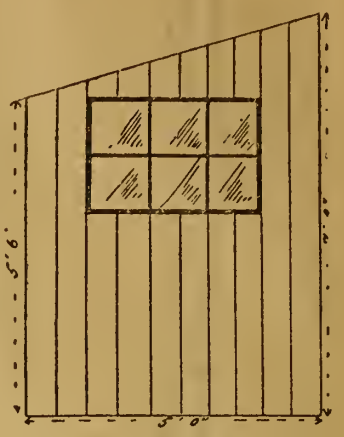


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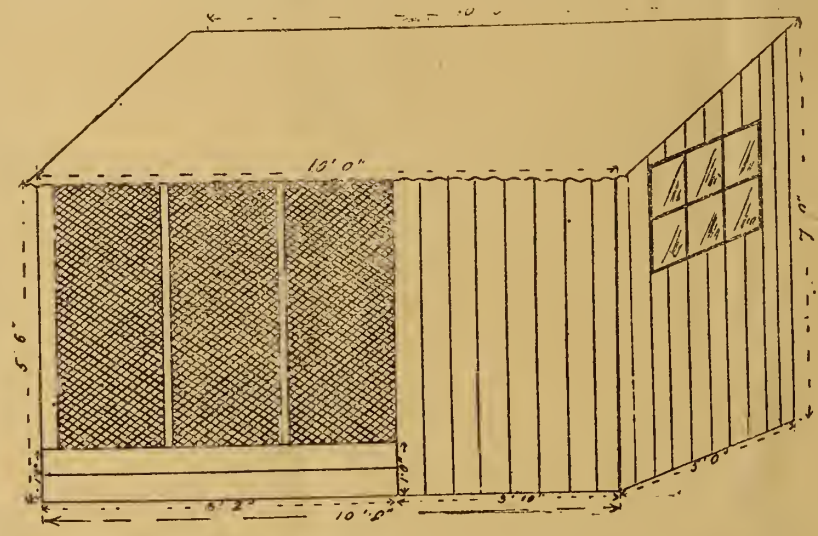


Fig. 1: General View of the Front and East End of the Aviary.

The Selection of Birds.

Having completed our aviary, it is now necessary to procure suitable birds to inhabit it. If it is desired simply to breed a few brds in, without regard to any particular type or colour, all that one requiries are smart, healthy birds.

But why be satisfied with "common Canaries"? Why not breed one of the popular, present-day varieties—whichever the fancier has a particlar liking for—as it costs no more to keep these than it does the common nondescript birds? The initial outlay on stock may be a little greater if good birds are bought, but more satisfaction will be given, and it will be easier to find a suitable market for the surplus stock. Norwich, Yorkshires, Border, Fancies, Cinnamons, and all types of Greens are good, hardy varieties, and would do well if properly cared for.

We will assume that one or other of the above varieties is decided upon. In breeding in our aviary there should be about three hens to each cock. If too many cocks are used, they will spend most of their time in fighting instead of in attending to their domestic duties.

For such an aviary as I have described, I would suggest commencing with two cocks and six hens. (Of course, if desired, a larger number could be kept, say, three cocks and eight or nine hens, but nothing is gained by having too many.) It would be advisable to purchase these from different sources, say, the cocks from one source, three hens from another, and the remaining three hens from a third source. The object of this is to prevent the birds from becoming too closely related after a season or two's breeding. Of course, both the cocks must be of the same colour, and all the hens of the opposite colour to the cocks, so that if the cocks are yellow, the hens must all be buffs, and vice versa.

It would be well if a third cock were purchased at the commencement, to be kept in reserve, in case either of the others does not behave as he ought. It need hardly be said that all the birds should be perfectly sound and healthy, and preference should be given to those which are unflighted.

When to Purchase Stock.

If suitable birds can be procured which have been bred and reared in an outdoor aviary, they should be purchased about the end of October, when they will probably have finished their moult, and could be at once turned into the aviary; but if cage-bred birds are bought, it is better to wait until the latter part of February or the beginning of March before buying. The hens (if from a cold room) might then be turned into the aviary, but it would be well not to turn the cocks in until it is desired to commence breeding. If the weather is mild this could safely be begun the first week in April, but if not, a little later start should be made.

Previously to turning the cocks in, about nine or ten nest pairs or boxes should be hung up in the aviary, and a plentiful supply of building material supplied. It is well to place the nest boxes in as secluded a position as possible.

Birdie Thieves and Cannibals.

The feeding and general treatment of the birds all the year through should be the same as for those kept in cages, as far as possible, but as this subject has been so frequently written upon, it does not seem necessary to repeat it here. There are, however, a few things to which it would be well to draw attention.

It not infrequently happens that two hens insist upon building in the same nest box. When this is the case it is as well to place another immediately beside it, when very often one of the hens will take to the fresh one. But if this does not answer the purpose, things should be allowed to take their course until after the hens have laid, when one of them must be allowed to sit on the nest and some of the eggs, and the other one taken away for a week or ten days and then returned, when probably she will not further molest the other. If practicable, the remaining eggs should be distributed among any other hens that may be sitting.

Another difficulty to contend with is that occasionally a cock bird will develop a cannibalistic taste, and amuse himself by pulling the youngsters out of the nests, or pecking off their claws and beaks.

The result of this, is that some of the youngsters die, while those which survive such treatment are permanently disfigured. This does not often happen, but if it should, the offending bird must be removed at once, and, if possible, be replaced by another. It is in a case like this that the advantages of having a cock in reserve are appreciated. If a hen should misbehave herself she must be removed.

Concerning Young Birds.

As soon as the young ones leave the nest they should be put into a flight cage (of which the fancier should always possess a few) hung inside the aviary, and supplied with soft food. The parent birds will feed them through the bars until they manage to pick for themselves.

When they can properly feed themselves and crack hard seed, they may be allowed to fly in the aviary, and the exercise thus afforded will be very beneficial to them. If kept in the flight cage too long they will very likely acquire the most objectionable habit of plucking one another, and when once this has started it is most difficult to stop.

If the aviary is so constructed that a portion can be partitioned off for the youngsters, so much the better, but they will not come to much harm if allowed to fly with the old birds.

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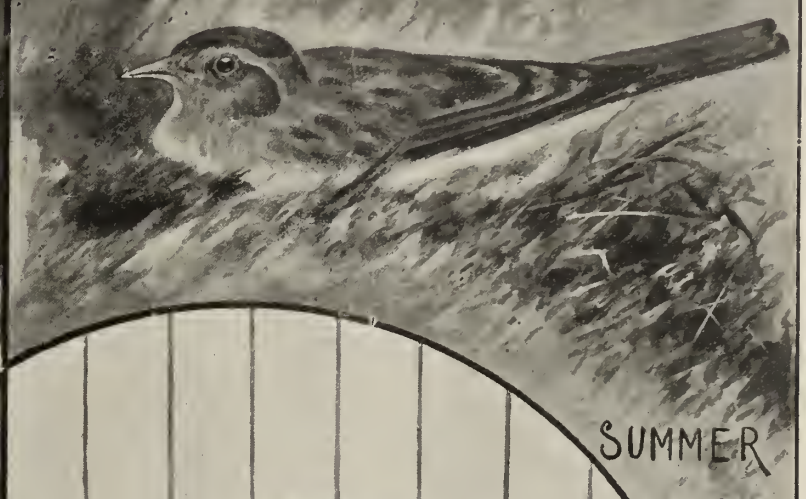
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RING OUSELS: BIRDS OF THE MOORS AND FELLS.

"The bush of gorse
"New budded, is his perch; there the grey dawn
"He hails; and there, with parting light, concludes
"His melody."

The advantage of partitioning a portion of the aviary off for the youngsters will be appreciated as soon as they break into moult, if it is intended to colour-feed them, as if they are flying with the parent birds it would be necessary to supply colour food before the later nests are reared, and the result might be that those youngsters which were moulting would not get so much colour food as they ought, owing to the old birds taking it to feed the very young ones with.

The breeding season over, all nest boxes and building material should be removed, and, if colour feeding has been started, a sufficient supply should be given until all the birds are clean moulted.

After the Moult.

As soon as the earliest youngsters have nearly finished moulting, they should be put into the flight cages, and allowed to remain there a few weeks, when they should be released, and another batch put in in their place. This will help to steady them.

If it is desired to dispose of the surplus birds on the completion of the moult, care must be taken not to part with the very best of the season's breeding, as these, or some of them at any rate, will be wanted for the next year's breeding. These which are retained may be allowed to remain in the aviary all the winter. If given a rather liberal fare, and afforded a little extra protection by means of sacks or shutters (spoken of before) during the most severe weather, they will keep quite healthy, and will suffer no ill effects from the exposure.

About the beginning of February the final selection of stock birds for the second year's breeding should be made, and any not required should be sold as speedily as possible, so as to permit of the aviary being thoroughly cleaned before again commencing breeding. This operation must be carried out according as circumstances permit, and if the whole of the birds can be removed it could be thoroughly done, and a fresh coat of whitewash inside be given. Here again the flight cages would come in useful.

For the second year's breeding it would be advisable to discard, say, two or three of the hens used in the first year, and retain in their place the same number of young ones: and one of the most promising young cocks should be selected, and either used in place of one of the old ones, or kept in reserve. He would be in his prime for the following year's breeding.

Introducing Fresh Blood.

Each subsequent year there should be a further discarding of old stock birds, and the addition of fresh ones from the previous year's breeding, always bearing in mind to retain the very best, varying the process occasionally by the introduction of fresh blood from a reliable source, for it is obvious that after a few seasons there must be some relationship among birds bred this way. But if sound judgment has been used in the selection of stock birds no harm will result; but, on the contrary, it will be beneficial in fixing the type.

In introducing fresh blood care must be taken that the birds so introduced do not possess the same faults as your own, but, on the contrary, excel where they fail. If possible, they should be superior in all respects to your own.

If the above system of breeding is followed out for several years (provided the original stock birds were good specimens) a good class of bird is sure to be bred, and although not good enough, perhaps, to win prizes, they ought to find a ready market at a price which would repay the breeder for his outlay, and probably yield him a small profit.

The Robin's Hotel.

Recently, when spending a week-end at the Castle Hotel, Bervie, in Kincardineshire, Mr. A. B. Wyllie, writes in the "Scotsman," the proprietress drew my attention one evening to what seemed a ball of feathers perched on a branch of a tall aralia growing in a corner of the well-lighted entrance-hall of the hotel. She informed me that this was a Robin which had roosted there from July last year to April this year, flying in when gloaming came on and going out when the door was opened in the morning. From April to July this year the bird was absent, but about the middle of July it came back again and took up its former quarters.

Ring Ousels: Birds of the Moors and Fells.

By CHARLES BURROWS.

The handsome members of the Thrush family depicted on the Coloured Plate given away with this issue, are the subject of this practical, and at the same time bright and entertaining, contribution.

We in the Midlands can hardly claim to be as conversant with the wild habits of the Ring Ousel as are our more northern friends; in fact, I only know of two instances of its being seen about here within the last ten years, and one of these was as recently as October last.

Making an Acquaintance.

When cycling to Grimscote, a village some six miles from my home, I saw a fine cock bird perched on a tall privet hedge; and clinging to a large oak tree growing close to where the Ousel sat was a green Woodpecker. This particular place is a perfect paradise for Britishers. It is the track of an old tramway long since left to decay, and there is a deep cutting. Trees and bushes have grown on the banks each side until they have met at the top and formed a complete avenue for a considerable distance. This is the home of the Nightingales and all summer visitors. This bird (the Ring Ousel) reminded me of my old showbird, one I won many prizes with. This same bird is still alive, and in the hands of a very successful exhibitor living in the same town as myself.

The other instance to which I referred was of a young hen caught by batfowlers some six years back, and brought to me with some Blackbirds and Thrushes. When looking over these birds next morning I noticed this one was somewhat different to the others, but very much like the hen Blackbirds, except for the very faintest tinge of white showing through the breast feathers, and this not in the shape of a crescent. There was little or nothing else to distinguish it from a hen Blackbird.

I asked a friend of mine who was well up in a knowledge of British birds to call at my place and look at it. He did so, and advised me to let it go, as it was a hen Blackbird, and every time he called afterwards he said the same. I decided, however, to keep it and moult it out, as I felt certain it was a Ring Ousel. I believe I had a bet on it, so was careful to have my friend call during the bird's moult. The result was that the white mark became a crescent, although a poor one, with the feathers slightly tinged with grey; this last fact made it a hen Ousel, and I was able to sell it for 5s., the purchaser remarking it might be a cock after another moult.



A BUFF NORWICH PLAINHEAD HEN.

This Dainty lady was awarded second prize at the recent Nottingham Show, where she was exhibited by Mr. Robert Hall (Rudyard, Staffs.).

Easily Kept.

I have always obtained my Ring Ousels from Keighley, Yorks, and when fresh-caught they are very wild for a time. I should say it would be almost impossible to show one of these birds in field plumage on this account; but this is no drawback, for if they are properly fed, and given enough room, they moult out splendidly, and each moult improves them.

By proper food, I mean live food, beetles, gentles, and small snails (these they crack like a Thrush). The food left by small Softbills, such as Nightingales, Blackcaps, etc., just moistened up again, does well for Ousels, and saves having to waste it. I consider them strong birds. They will live on a rough diet, such as barley meal and boiled potato, scraps from the table, etc.; but if the bird is wanted for show purposes the live food is indispensable to keep it tight in feather and well up in condition.

Not Exactly a Songster.

No one would keep this bird for the sake of its song, for in my opinion it knocks the Missel Thrush right out for noise. I have kept both species for exhibition purposes, and in each case have found it necessary to remove them from my residence during the spring and summer months to a brickyard, simply because of their shouts. Personally, I should not care if they had sung night and day, but there were the neighbours to consider. One old lady, for instance, strongly objected to the Ousel singing, and requested me to move him away; but it so happened that she kept pigs, and they very seldom had a change of bedding, so at times they did not smell very nice. I said to her when she requested me to move my Ousel that I would be pleased to do so on condition that she removed her pigs. She failed to do this, so my Ousel stopped where he was longer than he would have done if she had moved her bacon. But there were other neighbours, so off to the brickyard he had to go, there to stop until he began to moult.

On the Show Bench.

During the four months he was "brick-making" he lived solely on gentles and beetles, the result being that he moulted out a splendid bird, and was quick about it. He was ready for the Oxford show, and started his show career by winning first in the large British bird class and special for best British in the show. I was well pleased with this and his after-doings.

With Ring Ousels it is no trouble to distinguish the cocks from the hens, the cock bird having the crescent across the breast; it can hardly be called pure white, for with the very best of birds it is inclined to be a dirty white. If the crescent were snow white, set in the dark feathers, the contrast would be more marked.

The breast and throat feathers are edged with grey, which makes them appear to be like scales. This characteristic, like the crescent, is more prominent in some birds than in others. The beak is black with a variable amount of yellow at the base and inside. The legs and feet are black. The general colour of the bird is black, but not a dense black, like a cock Blackbird. The hen is lighter coloured, and instead of having a crescent, the breast is speckled with white.

Their Likes and Dislikes.

We know that Ring Ousels in a wild state consume a lot of berries, such as mountain ash, ivy berries, etc., but if you offer these to caged Ousels which have been used to good food, they will hardly touch them. The same thing applies to Blackcaps and Nightingales. The only fruit my Ring Ousels cared to eat was grapes, and I believe when these birds leave our shores in the early autumn they make a call of two or three weeks' duration in the South of France, and feed largely on the grapes grown there.

The wilder the country the more numerous are the Ousels. They do not frequent cultivated districts except on very rare occasions, and then only in very small numbers.

On the pillar of a large public weighing machine here is painted a Ring Ousel, a copy of my bird, and this is seen by hundreds of wagoners and farm workers from all parts of the country, and it is very rare any of these men have seen similar birds in a wild state.

A Hint on Framing.

I have been favoured by the Editor with an advance plate of a pair of Ring Ousels which accompanies this issue of CAGE BIRDS. I am sure all lovers of British birds will be delighted with it, and I trust it will be the means of enlisting many others in the Fancy. The artist, Mr. Rankin, can rest assured that his efforts on our behalf will be greatly appreciated. There is that about the cock bird which appeals very much to me as being most natural. I predict that a great percentage of the plates will find their way into frames, and perhaps I may suggest to amateurs who frame them for themselves or who have a suitable frame by them to paste the plates on a cardboard mount before framing them. This will prevent them from creasing, which will surely follow if this is not done.

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LLAND OF ACHEMISTS.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the REV. C. D. FARRAR.

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Chapter XXIII.—My Brown's Parrakeets.

The beautiful Lady Foley used to say—there might be better looking women than herself, but she had not seen them. That exactly describes my opinion of Brown's Parrakeets. The name, I grant you, is not pretty; nay, some folk would call it commonplace, but the bird itself is lovely—though in a quiet way.

I realise as I grow older how little I really know, and how little I have seen of the avicultural world; so that like the hero of Newman's hymn—

"I do not ask to see
The distant scene—one step enough for me."

One day, some years ago, I was fortunate enough to become the happy owner of a cock Brown's Parrakeet. I saw him in a friend's aviary, and I determined that he should be mine by fair means, if possible—otherwise—but why give myself away? I talked "with a sweet mouth," as they say on the Gold Coast. I pointed out the folly of keeping an odd bird; the glaring improbability that a hen would ever come over, and so had my way, and carried the cock home. I was, however, just as far from my goal as ever. I had no more idea than the man in the moon where to get a hen; still, I thought that if anyone could get one, that person was myself! I knew it was no good going out to meet trouble; no use to be like the husband and wife, for example, who are said to have quarrelled and separated at the church door on the day of their wedding because one insisted that their second son should become a Knight of Malta and the other would not agree.

I know that everything is possible in the avicultural world, and that it is generally the unexpected that happens. It was so in my case. I went to London for my holiday about September, and, of course, as in duty bound, spent a 'appy day at the Zoo. I even went and endured the agony of the Parrot House, that veritable aviary "Chamber of Horrors," and I am right glad that I did. Looking idly round the cages ranged along the walls, I presently came to two pairs of Brown's Parrakeets, and listlessly reading the labels above them, I read that they were deposited by the Honourable Walter Rothschild.

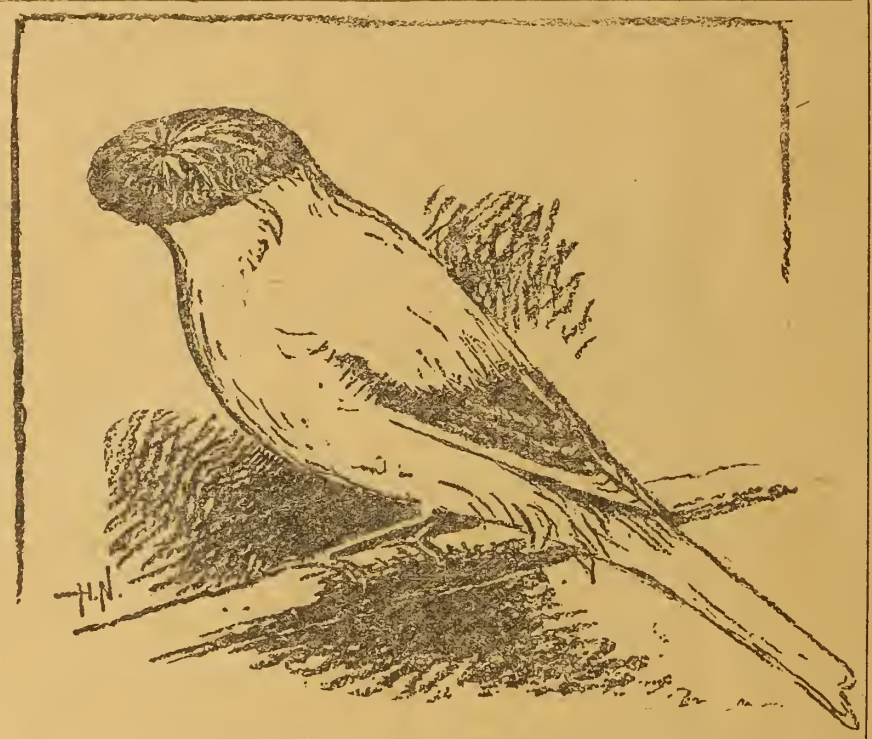
How longingly I looked at them! They had only been over about six weeks if I remember right. They looked fairly well and lively, and after a careful survey I felt sure that one cage contained two hens and the other two cocks. Of course, this was all wrong, but, then, we can't always be sure that things are what they seem at the Zoo.

Of course, I knew by experience that it was no good to say anything. Think what you like, but remain silent I have found to be a golden rule. What troubled me more than anything else was how to gain possession of one of those hens. I tried plan No. 1. I wrote to the secretary and asked if it would be possible to buy one. I was told "Certainly not." It was only what I expected; but there was no harm in trying. What was to be done next? I could not, of course, steal one, because—well, as Dan Leno said of something else, "Well, as a matter of fact, the police wouldn't let me."

There was but one other way open. I thought it a forlorn hope, but I would try. Nothing venture nothing have, I argued. I would write to Mr. Rothschild. I knew his reputation for generosity, and see if he would lend me a hen for the season. It was like my confounded impudence; but I was so desperate. I wrote as nice a letter as I could, explaining my difficulties, and asking if he would trust me with a hen. By return of post (although I was a perfect stranger) came back the most courteous letter, saying that I might have a hen as long as I liked, wishing me all possible success, and enclosing a letter to the superintendent asking him to send me the Brown's Parrakeets to choose from.

Who has ever heard of a like bit of generosity—and that to a complete stranger? I can only suppose that Mr. Rothschild had read my avieultural experiences, and thought, maybe, that the hen Brown would be as safe at Micklefield as at the Zoo. I know I shall never forget his kindness. I accepted his offer by telegram, as the Duke of Montpensier did when the Duchess of Galiere offered him a valuable estate in Italy.

A few days later the Browns came to hand, and I rejoiced to see that I had a hen and a young cock. I made doubly sure by introducing them one by one to my bird. The moment the Zoo cock was introduced my bird made him ready to battle, and there would shortly have been a "lovely corpse" on hand. The moment the hen entered his dwelling the cock showed every demonstration of extreme joy, bowing and scraping and warbling in the most agreeable manner.



WING-MARKED DARK CREST.

A Bird successfully Exhibited by Mr. A. Wigginton (Nottingham).

I sent the cock back to the Zoo, and left the happy pair together. It was late autumn, and I had them in a covered-in outdoor aviary all to themselves. Of course, I took care that there should be no nesting that year, as although it was the Australian summer, it was shortly to be our winter, and I meant to run no risks. In this aviary they passed the winter in the very best of health and spirits.

When summer was well advanced I put in a suitable nest-box, specially home-made for Parrakeets, and varying in size according to the birds for which they are intended. The hen was not long before she went on a tour of inspection, warbling and inviting the cock to join her. In these Parrakeet nesting-boxes it is *most* important to fix a strong, very *hard* wood bough just under the hole where they enter. I cut out a circular hole from the bottom of the box, and insert and glue in a small wood cash bowl, such as you can buy at any ironmongers, and this forms a perfect receptacle for the eggs. After a week or so, I often found the hen inside the box, and could hear a mysterious gnawing sound going on within. I wondered what was up. Many would say, "Why didn't you look," and I answer, "Because I have a little bit of sense left."

I found out at a later period. You always can find out things in the avicultural world if you only have patience to wait.

The hen had been gnawing the sides of the box into fine shavings to line the bowl. I put a big bit of cuttlefish loose near one of the branches most frequented by the Browns, and was gratified to see the hen constantly gnawing it with keen relish. This, I knew, augured well for eggs.

As time went on, she spent more and more time in the nest; until at last she stayed in all day long. When this happened, I felt, like David did concerning the green pastures and the waters of comfort. It seemed to remind me of the "solid joys and lasting treasures" that the hymn says, "None but Zion's children know."

How eagerly I used to watch the cock. From time to time he would pay stealthy visits, as he thought, to the nest-box, and after a preliminary call the hen would gradually draw herself up by the beak to the nest hole, and then with a contented gurgle allow the cock to feed her. Then there would be a few murmured endearments; "Good-night, dear," and back would pop the hen to her sweet treasures. For three weeks I possessed my soul in more or less patience; and then by anxious listening I could hear a tiny squeak inside the box, and I knew that I was the happy possessor of the first little Brown that, as the Ancient Mariner said:

Had ever burst into that silent sea.

For a few days I heard little squeaking and scuffling, and then there came an ominous silence. I could hear nothing, though I tried to think I could. Then one morning I found Mrs. Brown sitting outside on a bough, and I knew that there was failure. And yet was it failure? It must be remembered that a failure in a deliberate experiment in life is often more fruitful than a continued success. People as a rule are so cautious, and it is, of course, highly disagreeable to run a risk and to pay the penalty; but I always think of these words:

'Tis better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all!"

and I consoled myself with the thought that I had done what nobody else had succeeded in doing; I had bred a hen Brown's Parrakeet.

True, its life had been short; still, it had lived; and I remembered how Jowett, the high priest of worldly wisdom, had laid down as a maxim: "Never resign." I never felt less like resigning than when I picked that little bird's discoloured body out of the box. There was only one baby and two clear eggs, which were about the size of a dove's, and very rounded at the ends.

For a week or ten days nothing happened. There was much warbling on the part of the cock, and he can warble very sweetly, and much begging for food on the part of the hen. Then once more she entered the box, and the old process was repeated. Weeks passed wearily by, and once more I heard the little voices within. Day after day they grew stronger and stronger, and the visits of the parents became more and more constant. Then when about sixteen days had passed I was horrified to see the parents neglecting the box. And again there was that ominous silence. My feelings were what are termed indiscribable. I wanted to look, but dared not; although I almost knew that disaster had once more overtaken me. At last my nose told me what my eyes could not see. My poor little friends were manifestly "decomposing," and I noticed an anxious blue bottle fly settling at the entrance.

This determined me. I took down the box, opened the lid, and looked inside. Piteous to tell, there were three of the finest young Parrakeets I ever saw for this age, about three weeks old, and beginning to feather nicely. I could even tell that there were two cocks and a hen by their varying size; but alas! they were as dead as doornails, though quite fat. Evidently the parents, for some reason best known to themselves, had ceased to feed. It was no good crying over spilt milk. All the tears in the world would not bring these babies back to life; but I own I could have cried. I was told that I looked as miserable as if I had lost one of my dearest relations! That alas! was the end of my breeding operations. I had done what nobody else had ever done. I had reared Brown's Parrakeets to three weeks old.

A few weeks later I noticed the cock a little bit thick. I thought it only a passing ailment, but alas! a morning or two later I found him lying dead on the ground, though plump and in lovely feather. I think it must have had a fit.

I wrote and told Mr. Rothschild of my sad loss, and informed him that I was sending the hen back to the Zoo. I saw her the next year that I was up, and I think she recognised me. Now, alas! she has gone, and there are no longer any Brown's at Regent's Park.

Brown's are very expensive birds. I gave about £8 for my odd cock, and I don't know what Mr. Rothschild will have given for his two pairs. They are very easy birds to provide for. All they want is Canary-seed, cuttlefish bone, and a constant supply of green food and a small grass lawn.

I will briefly describe Brown's Parrakeets. The cock is a glorious fellow, with a beautiful, black velvety crown and cheeks, soft brown eyes, and a snow white bib. His breast is a very pale saffron, perfectly laced with grey on every feather, a dash of red on the upper part of the breast, and a crimson rump, tail lovely, Oxford blue, back black, each feather evenly laced with pale primrose, flights a fine Oxford blue, feet greyish, beak white.

The hen has a small round effeminate head, with a velvet black crown, but her chin is not so pure as her mate's; her breast is primrose, but very faintly laced; wings not so deep blue, rump pinkish, and the lacing on the back much more pale and open in marking. It is good to tell the sexes if you have a true pair, and the voice is another infallible guide. The cock has a soft, melodious warble, and a call that sounds something like "kinky kink, kinky kink" in crescendo. The young, so far as I could judge, are marked like the old birds, only the black was rather rusty in colour. They are perfectly hardy. Mine never had any heat, and were out of doors in all weathers.

I should not like to trust the cock with any other male Parrakeet, but then he is no exception to the rule. All cock Parrakeets are untrustworthy. Their habits remind me of an Australian horse dealer, who, speaking of the fighting qualities of certain fox terriers, said: "They fly at each other's throats, and then they hold on quite quietly—just like a prayer meeting!" The cock Brown's is rather like a fierce Radical "seeking whom he may devour."

And now I will draw to a close, lest I weary you, for Boswell is careful to tell that it was a "dull county magistrate" who irritated the Doctor by a long and tedious account of four convicts he had sent to transportation, and drew down upon himself the dreadful response, "I heartily wish, sir, that I were a fifth!"

The Feeding and Moulting of Goldfinches in Captivity.

By F. G. JOHNSON.

Amongst the many popular members of the Finch family, the fascinating, sprightly Goldfinch unquestionably stands first in the estimation of bird-lovers. In this article a practical fancier details the methods he has found successful in keeping the Goldfinch in Captivity.

A sweet song, charming manners, and elegant dress have combined to make the Goldfinch the most popular British cage bird. Each year sees a number of recruits added to the already large army of lovers of this sprightly bird, with the consequence that the species has suffered a serious declension in numbers, and has only been saved from extinction in these islands by the prohibition of bird-catching in certain districts. More is needed in this direction, however, and the "close season" might with advantage be extended to the end of September, thus allowing the Greypates (i.e., young Goldfinches) to get stronger. But a diatribe is not my object in this essay, my purpose being rather to deal with the management of Goldfinches in captivity.

Some Points.

Presuming a winner in embryo is the bird wanted, the blaze is the first point to "take the eye." This should be large, square-cut, and of a deep crimson colour. The sides and chest should also be nicely tanned, and the "whites" not too dark.

Other things being equal, the stout bird is generally preferred to the slim one, therefore a good chest is a desideratum. Fanciers should also see that the wings do not cross, and that they are nicely buttoned on the tips. Many new-caught birds lack these markings, especially if caught late in the year. This is, no doubt, caused through the tips of the feathers breaking off, and birds with apparently poor buttons before the moult may be all that can be desired in this respect after the moult.

Having picked your Goldfinch, if he is not already on hard seed, let him have a diet of crushed hemp and inga seed. This should be given in an egg-pot, which fits under the door of the cage. Continue giving this for two or three days, and if the bird does not go puffy the hemp seed should be merely cracked for another day or two, and the quantity of inga seed lessened. A seed-box containing one part of Canary seed, one part of teazel seed, and two parts of hemp seed may also be introduced, with just a sprinkling of inga seed on the top to induce the bird to eat. When the bird is found to be cracking hemp seed, a liberal supply must be allowed and the inga seed dropped.

Found Successful.

This treatment I have found very successful, and the percentage of birds lost since adopting this method has been exceedingly small.

During the winter as a tit-bit, a mixture of inga, dandelion, and maw seeds may be given in finger-tins once or twice a week. This tends to steady birds quickly, as they are very fond of the mixture, and soon get to know the tin it is kept in. Watercress must also be given, but care must be taken to see that it is fresh.

This treatment may be continued until April or May, which will be the time to gather dandelion. The heads of dandelion should be gathered when the faded yellow petals have dropped, leaving a white down not yet opened to be scattered before the wind. Three or four heads may be given twice daily between the wires of the cage. Dandelion can be gathered in plenty until July, when the question arises, "How shall I moult my Goldfinches?" Colour-feeding, I think, spoils the Goldfinch, and the best way is to moult it in an outside aviary.

A Modest Place.

My aviary may not be considered an elaborate affair; it is certainly not a costly one, though it is eminently satisfactory. It is about 8ft. by 3ft. by 7ft.—large enough for about a dozen birds. In the second week in July I turn the birds into the aviary, having previously gathered a goodly supply of grass and other like seeds. These I tie in bundles, and hang about the aviary. At this time, also, a very useful seed is the "goat's-beard," or "go-to-bed-at-noon" flower. This may be found on railway embankments, and is easily recognised by its long, tapering hoads.

To Combat Bullying.

When the birds are first turned into the aviary, a great deal of bullying takes place, and one or two of them seemingly suffer from rough treatment. Such birds should be caught up again, and kept in a cage for two or three days. By this time the other birds will have settled down somewhat, and will have chosen companions for themselves, when the other birds may be turned into the aviary again. They will then get on much better.

About half-a-dozen seed vessels may be placed in position for ordinary seed, and under this treatment the birds will do well for two or three weeks, when a few seeding head of thistles may be gathered. The best variety of thistle for the Goldfinch is the Spear Plume, or Scotch Thistle. As the season advances the heads of these varieties become very plentiful. The best method to adopt is to get a sack and fill with the heads, cutting them off the plants with about six inches of stalk. These should first be spread out on sheets of paper, and then placed in the sun to dry, being afterwards stored for future use.

Giving Wild Seeds.

In the aviary I place a number of wood travelling cages and interlace the thistle stalks. Knapweed is also plentiful at this time, and should be cut so that they may be placed about the aviary in jars. With a good supply of thistles and knapweed placed about the aviary, what a splendid sight it is to see, say, half-a-dozen Goldfinches and two or three Linnets feasting upon this their natural food in an almost natural way. It is at once a recompense for the birds (as they are to be kept in captivity) and a pleasure to the beholder.

Two or three shallow dishes may be utilised for bathing purposes, and should be placed on an elevated platform, as the thistledown soon covers them if they are placed on the floor. Facilities for bathing should be given on each fine day.

A Good Moult.

Under this treatment, then, the birds soon begin to cast their feathers, and by the end of September the birds will be ready to catch up again, and only a very small percentage will be found to suffer in any way from the moult. Providing the birds were steady when turned into the aviary, they soon recover confidence when caged again.

The difference between birds thus moulted and cage-moulted ones is very noticeable. They retain more of their sprightliness, and are much tighter in feather. Of course, I do not say that bad-coloured Goldfinches are made into winners through this method, but seeing it is the most natural way, surely, it is, therefore, the best. Colour and quality are essential for a high-class Goldfinch.

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By Mrs. E. WARREN VERNON.

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Some Tractable and Amusing Pets.

Of the larger and more expensive foreign cage birds (for although an aviary or bird room is a desideratum, one's pet birds are a greater source of pleasure in cages), perhaps the Shama and the Dayal birds are the most tractable.

I have at present two of the latter. In colouring they are very like the Magpie and about the size of a Thrush. They are the most amusing pets, flying on to my hand, and pecking and fighting it just in pure fun.

Their food is simple and easily procurable, and should consist of a good make of soft food, worms, gentles, mealworms, ants, ants' eggs, flies, beetles (especially blackbeetles), and, in fact any insects one can get.

They require a good roomy cage and a large bath as they are energetic bathers. I have all my cages made 2ft. 6in. long, 18in. high, and 12in. broad, with wires top and front ½in. apart, and wood two sides and back. The perches, three in number, should be a little thicker than an ordinary pencil and not quite round. Two glass or galvanised tin feeders complete the cage outfit. The excrement of these soft-billed large birds being more offensive than that of the seed eaters, a deep layer of sawdust or sand should be spread on the sand tray. This must be especially attended to if much insect food is given.

Dayal Birds and Indian Shamas.

The Dayal bird becomes exceedingly tame, and can be let out in the room for a fly round, and can easily be got back into his cage by showing him a mealworm, and then throwing it into his cage. When excited or cross these birds make a curious noise, not unlike a Jay's call, only on a smaller scale. This is often the prelude to their sweet song.

Their cost is on an average about twenty-five shillings.

A more expensive, and at the same time more attractive foreigner, is the Indian Shama. This bird costs about £2. The breast is a rich chocolate red; it has a blue-black head, with white rump and black and white tail. The song, which is continually varied, is made up of short stanzas of most beautifully liquid notes.

An Intelligent Bird.

The one I have shows rare intelligence. It was my custom to have him in my room, always leaving the door of his cage open at night; at daybreak he used to come on to my bed and sing quite softly, varying it with his somewhat pleading call note, until I woke and gave him a mealworm. Although the room was quite dark, and I had to fumble about for the mealworms, he was on my hand directly I secured one.

At the time of writing he is hanging in a conservatory moulting, and I make it a rule that no one shall give him a mealworm until he has sung for it. This he quite understands, and as soon as you approach the tub where the delicacies repose, he begins, and, what is more, goes on until he has had what he wants. His food should be much the same as that recommended for the Dayal. I can thoroughly recommend him as one of the most charming of bird pets.

Words of Advice.

I could, of course, instance hundreds of other desirable cage birds, but those already enumerated should give a beginner an insight into the charming ways of foreigners.

My parting word of advice is: Buy your birds from a reputable dealer, and, if possible, choose your specimens personally. "Out of colour" is no detriment so long as the birds are bright and tight in feather. Don't risk a mopy bird, it may be only moulting, as you will be assured; but it may be the dreaded foe, Septicæmia.

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The Novices Notebook.

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Cages for Fresh-caught Birds.

Supposing one is dealing with fresh-caught birds, the same general rules as to caging and attention should be followed, with this important difference—that one should not keep the birds in very large cages until they have grown fairly steady, and will allow one to inspect them and move the cage about without trying to bash their brains out against the top or back of it.

A cage rather on the small side is far the best for a wild, nervous bird, and very often the only possible means of getting it steady. Once it is nice and steady, treat as any other as regards putting it in the show cage and training, and do not from this stage keep it in a cage with a very deep bottom or with easy hiding nooks. If this is done, there is a great risk of the bird acquiring the habit of dodging into the cage bottom or any other secret nook as soon as one goes to look at it. When this happens to occur, one may safely dispose of any hopes of winning with that bird until the habit is cured—a thing which is much easier said than done.

Always hang the cages low enough to enable you to have a full and complete view all over the cage floor when passing near it, and remove every hiding place to which the bird could retire at will, and in the case of Wrens and such birds as require boxes for sleeping in, always make a point of reserving some especial dainty from their ordinary diet, and supply it as a tit-bit every now and again as you pass the cage or go near it to have a look at the bird. With this class of bird it is indeed almost impossible to get them too tame, for the simple reason that unless they are nearly quite tame, and sociable enough to be always on the look-out for some tit-bit when anyone is near the cage, the chances are that as soon as a strange person approaches they will scurry away into the sleeping-box and obstinately refuse to come out as long as they hear anyone near the cage.

A very similar disadvantage is apt to occur with such birds as Nuthatches, Woodpeckers, etc., which usually have their show cages lined with virgin cork. Absolute tameness in these birds is a key-note of success, but this should also be assisted as far as possible by making the rustic lining of the cages as free from deep crevices as may be without sacrificing too much of its rusticity, which is so well adapted to the fitness of things in the keeping and exhibition of these birds.

Of course, they must have a proper place to retire to, both for the purpose of rest and to escape from too constant and unwelcome attention at shows. It, therefore, resolves itself into a question of relying upon tameness in the birds to insure their being properly judged when shown, as no sane person could expect a judge to do justice to a bird if he merely caught a glimpse of its tail as it disappeared from view into its sanctuary.

The Alien Immigrant.

Coming to the foreign birds, these might also be regarded as a class which stand quite alone from an exhibitor's point of view. Theoretically, they should be subject to the same conditions as our native species, the biggest, brightest coloured, and most distinctly marked specimen of any given species winning with the usual proviso that it is fairly tame and steady.

To a great extent the latter point is too intimately interwoven with all the rest to be separated from it, for unless a bird is tolerably steady it either batters itself about until it has forfeited every claim to good condition and perfect plumage, or darts into the darkest corner of its cage the moment anyone approaches it, refusing to budge an inch or allow itself to be looked at, when the owner is only too well aware that it is perfectly futile to exhibit it.

In practice, however, birds of such a species usually *compete together*, so that it would often be quite impossible to give rarity due recognition without making the usual rules plastic enough to allow rarity to compensate in some degree for lack of steadiness. But good condition and perfect plumage are of too much importance in a show bird for any rebate to be allowed for these points. Consequently, in preparing them for show the first consideration should be to get them perfectly tame and steady by the same means as given for British birds, and then turn attention to bringing them into the best possible condition and plumage.

It is the best plan to put the taming process first, and to procure the birds a few months before they moult, so that by the time the moult takes place the birds are quite steady, and will not be liable to damage their plumage after it is renewed. The moult will also be ready to follow immediately the taming process is finished, and much valuable time will be saved in getting the birds in good all round show trim, and one will not then have the mortification of seeing a bird that has been moulted and got into splendid condition absolutely ruin its chances for another year whilst being made tame and steady.

Mistaken Kindnesses.

Just now when we hear so much about fresh caught birds and their proper treatment—which, judging by the many varying methods of different fanciers, is by no means a topic about which there is a universal agreement—it may not be out of place to devote some space to the consideration of a few mistaken ideas. The very zeal of certain kindly disposed bird-lovers for the humane treatment of their captives is the cause of their unwittingly submitting their pets to conditions which are nothing short of cruelty.

How Often!

How often in the ordinary walks of life one gets convinced even in dealing with our fellow beings that there is ample justification for the plea that in certain circumstances it is advisable and sometimes absolutely necessary "to be cruel in order to be kind"; but to reverse the order of things and "be kind in order to be cruel," as it were, or to put it in plainer words, "to be cruel whilst intending to be kind," must cause a bitter irony to enter the very soul of the humane but misguided one when the real nature of the kindly meant efforts first becomes apparent. I could write much on the topic, but that the matter would be out of place here.

The First Consideration.

To come to the point: the very first consideration when the birds are caught and conveyed home is the cage in which they are to be placed. Here, too, is where the humanitarian is apt to fail most signally in his efforts to get the birds caged off with the least possible amount of suffering or ill-humour for the birds.

The birds are probably turned loose in a good, large flight cage, with or without some steady old stagers, which are supposed to play the rôle of Mr. Tulkinghorn and give the birdy lookers-on a lesson in deportment, teaching them how to behave in their new sphere. Of course it is done out of pure kindness of heart under the impression that the birds will not miss their liberty so much, and will get more quickly accustomed to caged life. But in the vast majority of cases quite the reverse takes place. In such circumstances the birds are considerably longer in steadying down, and comparatively few become reasonably steady in the first year of confinement, whilst the proportion of specimens which absolutely refuse to "moat off," and either die in the "sulks," or dash themselves to death in the cage if not released, is comparatively high. Probably few which are in the hands of the class of people referred to are compelled to shuffle off the mortal coil. Release probably comes to them after they have battered themselves about and made a distressing exhibition which the owner can stand no longer, but forthwith set them free, and is more convinced than ever of the cruelty of bird-keeping; whereas the greatest cruelty has been in his or her own misguided actions.

No Place Like a Prison!

The much maligned tiny back-cage or singing cage, which in some circumstances well deserves the strictures laid upon it, and the term of "a prison," is without a doubt the best cage for the vast majority of fresh-caught birds.

Now and again one will meet with specimens of birds which are in a sense almost steady from the first, and which will settle down to caged life almost as a matter of course from the very first hour. These, however, are the exceptions which only go to prove the rule, and may likewise be treated exceptionally, and placed in fair-sized cages at once. But for the average specimen one of these little singing cages is really hard to beat for the purpose of seeding off the birds separately and getting them broken in to cage life.

At first they may be kept in a quiet undisturbed spot until they are well on seed and water, which may be a couple of hours or two or three times as many days. But when they are on seed freely, the cages, being so portable, may be placed in dozens of different positions where the birds will have to see folks passing to and fro and moving about frequently

(*To be continued.*)



Drawn from a Painting by] [*Mrs. E. Tarratt, Stonehouse, Devon.*

THE SHAMA, A BEAUTIFUL AND SWEET-VOICED INDIAN BIRD.

Notes on this attractive pet will be found in Mrs. Warren Vernon's article on page 551.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edluburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G , A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.
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*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place) J.R., & E.A.L.
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport), T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).
*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S , and W.V.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford. Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 552.)

Letters of Complaint.

We have decided that from this date all the fees received under Rule 8, "Questions and Answers" (relating to the writing of letters of complaint to advertisers), shall be handed over to that deserving Metropolitan charity, the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund.

Border Fancy C.C.

The annual general meeting of B.F.C.C. will be held in Corn Exchange Halls, Edinburgh, on Friday, January 1st, 1908, at 11.30 a.m. Business: Minutes of previous meetings; balance sheet, 1908; election of president, committee, and secretary, and treasurer. Good attendance of members requested.—M. Jamieson, hon. secretary.

The Swift-winged Snipe.

This is the season of Snipe-shooting, when the ardent sportsman will sally forth with gun and dog, and return hungry and weary, but quite contented and satisfied, if his bag consists of a brace or two of these elusive birds. The birds are expert at dodging, darting, twisting in the air, nipping round corners, or skimming over a sea wall. One often leaps into the air and darts off on the breeze, being out of sight before the novice can realise that the bird is before him. The birds are not over plentiful, but are well able to take care of themselves.

Feeding the Birds.

Once again the time has arrived for bird lovers to do something to ease the sufferings of the wild creatures which flock round our homesteads at the approach of hard weather. Our gardens and shrubberies are more sheltered than the fields and hedgerows, and somehow, when in distress the wild ones court the haunts of men. Let us do something to warrant their trust. A few crumbs from the table, a handful of meal made into a crumbled mass for the Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, etc., and a piece of coarse fat suspended in the nearest tree will entice all the species of Tits to give a gymnastic display within a few hours.

The Pushful Sparrow.

The Sparrow is undoubtedly the most persevering bird we have, and no bird more quickly sums up the situation and takes advantage of any little forgetfulness on the part of the owner of a garden or strip of land. They wait patiently in the morning until the fowls or pigs are fed, going down for their share almost before the attendant has left the spot. Occasionally they make mistakes, as when the other morning one found his way into an aviary. He knew there was good sound seed in there, and determined to have his share, but unfortunately forgot the way out.

King Edward's Pet.

The intimate acquaintance Yankee reporters have with details of the lives of royal and other notable personages is well illustrated by this clipping from a journal published the other side of the "herring pond":—King Edward of England has a Canary of which he is very fond, and he has taught it to rest on his hand. When with his friends, or even with official persons whom he knows familiarly, the King likes to have his Canary with him. Recently he received a visit from the French Ambassador, and took him to his private room. While there a member of the British Government arrived and desired to see the King. Lord Knollys, the ever discreet secretary of His Majesty, took a peep into the room. He then said to the Cabinet Minister: "Don't disturb the King just yet. He is greatly occupied; he has an Ambassador on his right hand and his Canary on his left."

"CAGE BIRDS" CALENDAR FOR 1909.

A few Notes on the Seasonable Pictures.

We venture to think that the pleasing and artistic calendar for the coming year which Mr. Norman has designed and executed, and which is given away with this Christmas number, will find an abiding place on the walls of many a fancier's home. The idea underlying the design seems to us singularly appropriate.

The Seasons.

Spring typifies the hope of the fancier for a successful breeding season, so important to us all, and so vital a point to the exhibitor who has not a "long pocket," and has to depend on his stud to produce his winners. When the proper season arrives, may all our readers have their cock birds singing lustily and their hens in vigorous condition, essentials which presage fertile eggs, a good hatch, and a plentiful crop of youngsters.

Summer introduces us to the sombre-garbed Skylark, faithfully incubating her eggs in the depression in the soil which serves her for a nest, seemingly a rude and comfortless lodging. But this is not so in reality, for the Mother Earth has a warm bosom, and the situation, too, is admirably adapted to the needs of the young.

One of the familiar sights of autumn is the Bullfinch feeding upon its favourite blackberries. Our chubby-bodied, red-breasted little friend is undoubtedly a great eater of fruits and berries, and no doubt devours quantities of buds in season. The beak of the Bullie is of the swollen type associated with so many fruit-eating species. There can be but little question that the autumn feast of black, privet, etc., berries, helps to perfect the charming colour of the bird's breast.

The Java Sparrow is one of the birds which come to us from foreign climes able to stand the rigors of an English winter—snow and ice leave him unaffected, as lively and perky as ever. A bird more uniformly cheerful would be hard to find. If he were not plentiful and so cheap, how much more prized he would be than at present, great favourite though he is.

Breeding this season has ended fairly well, writes Mr. David Bruce, secretary of the Montreal Cage Bird Association. Scotch Fancies have increased by 100 amongst the various members; Yorkshires and Norwich and other varieties by about 200. Quite a number of Mules have been bred also, but they are all dark ones. I must say that readers of Cage Birds here and myself thoroughly enjoyed the articles on the Scotch Fancy Canary, by Mr. Thomas Smith. I see he greatly approves of the dandelion. It is many years since I gave it up, using apple instead. I reared 25 Scotch Fancy Canaries by the middle of June with 5 pairs. Then I rested them, and 7 pairs of Germans gave me about 60, making 85 in all, which means a lot of work.

A Favourite Spot.

Of all the places frequented by wild birds, the orchard must stand first as the favourite. There are always a few to be seen. In the spring the Tits and Bullfinches flit among the pink blossoms, and during summer the beautiful home of the Chaffinch may be found against the lichen-covered branch of some old tree. When autumn ripens the fruit the Starlings and Blackbirds select the best,

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The Northern Yorkshire C.C. Challenge Trophy.

The above photograph depicts the challenge cup of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club, for the best bird bred by a member during the current year. It has to be won twice in succession, or three times in all. At Wallsend Show, where it was competed for last year, it was won by Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, of Heighington.

FINAL BREEDING RESULTS OF THE SEASON.

Kent County C.B.A.

So far as Dover is concerned the net results have generally been very fair indeed, particularly in Yorkshires; and anyone thinking of taking up this variety need not send to the County of Broad Acres for stock, there being plenty here to suit the most critical and fastidious—birds good in quality, and no doubt to be had at a moderate price. Norwich do not appear to have taken on here, but I hear that two or three of our members in the county have met with fair success. Mr. Jones (Margate), has bred about 60, 40 of which he has on colour food. Mr. H. W. Thompson (Deal), has something over 30. Messrs. Gibbs Taylor, and Patterson (Canterbury), between them have a big lot, but I have no details from either of these gentlemen. Mr. Broad has done remarkably well in Crests and Crestbreds, better, in fact, than ever, and his rooms are a treat to see, he informs me. Well, he deserves it, and it "serves him right, too." The following list of the Dover members' results indicates very keen competition in Yorkshires, and I predict some "prize packets," which will justify my remark as to the purchase of stock. Mr. Abbott has over 20 Yorkies and Borders; Mr. Austen, 36 Yorkshires; Mr. Company about 40, consisting of Yorkies, Norwich, Crests, and Lizards; Mr. Eade, 32 Norwich and a few Mules, including a lightly-marked Buff Linnet-Canary; Mr. Hendry, 36 Yorkies and a few Scotch Fancies; Mr. Heritage, 30 Lizards and a few Mules, including a Goldfinch-Greenfinch, and a Siskin Canary; Mr. Johnson, over 50 Yorkies and 4 Mules, including a lightly variegated Goldfinch-Canary (a Yellow); Mr. Leaver, 45 Yorkies; Mr. Lockett, over 30 Yorkies and 15 Border Fancies; Mr. E. C. Rayner, 41 Yorkies, 4 Mules, and a few Norwich; and last, but not least, Mr. Ward, 25 Mules. 16 Lizards and Sib.-breds.—Geo. Sanderson, hon. secretary, Kent County C.B.A.

Forfar and District C.B.I.S.

The following are the final results of the season's breeding operations. Mr. W. Brown has had a good season with over 30 young and a few nice ones among them. I noticed a promising Yellow hen and a variegated Yellow cock. Mr. J. Cable has finished up with over 40 for the season, and has some very promising ones, including his Clear Yellow hen, 1st and special at our recent young bird show, 2 Yellow cocks, and a Buff cock. Mr. J. Grewar has not done very well this season, having only 13 young ones. Mr. P. Taylor has had a very good season with about 30, some very good youngsters being among them. Mr. J. Bowman has also had a good season, with somewhere about 40; he has a very promising clear Buff and a Yellow variegated. Mr. J. Fraser has got a good few likely birds. I have finished up fairly well myself, having 30 after a very bad start. All the foregoing are as regards Norwich. In Borders, Mr. P. Falconer leads the way, having over 60; he has, I believe, some very promising birds. Mr. D. Lawson has over 40, and has 4 or 5 good ones; Mr. J. Stevenson has over 30, some of which promise to do very well. Mr. J. Stirling has not been so fortunate, having only 20 odd, which, however, includes a very good Yellow variegated hen. Mr. W. Irvine has had a very good season, and Mr. J. Campbell has for his first season over 20, all looking well. Mr. C. Kennedy has a good few, and Mr. W. Doggrel a few Norwich and Mules, some of which are looking well. Mr. J. Laird bred a few Goldie and Canary Mules, and Mr. J. Mathers 2 Linnet-Bullie Hybrids, which promise well.—W. Grewar, hon. secretary of the Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.

A White Plover.

Mr. John Pack, of Little London, the defendant in the Plover-catching case heard at the Spalding Sessions last week two days afterwards captured a white Plover between Pinchbeck and Surfleet. The most experienced of the fen Plover catchers have no recollection of a white one being decoyed to their nets before.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers for 1909.—E. Carlisle.
Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 22, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Allotting specials for open show. Arranging schedule. Final arrangements for annual tea and concert.—H. Hill.
Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 19, Burton Hotel, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, etc. — J. C. Heaton.
City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 19, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. All subscriptions must be paid before Dec. 31.—F. Rose.
Dulwich O.S.—Dec. 22, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, 8. Concert and presentation of special prizes to members. Councillor G. Scott in the chair; friends invited.—Rogers and Mazzoni.
Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Jan. 7, 142, High Street, 8. Monthly meeting; new members invited. —W. Holton.
Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.
Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Dec. 22, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Specials, open and members' show and returns of tickets, etc.—R. A. Brown.
Halifax O.S.—Dec. 19, Talbot Hotel. Monthly show; birds to be staged at 8. Classes: Yorks., Hvly. Mkd.; Cl. Tkd. or Un. Mkd.; Unflig.; Green Self or Foul; Hvly. Mkd. Novice; Cl. Tkd. or Un. Mkd. Unflig. Novice; Green Self or Foul Novice; Hvly. Mkd.; Cl. Tkd. or Un Mkd. Unflig.; Green Self or Foul; Hly. Mkd. Novice; Cl. Tkd. or Un. Mkd. Unflig. Novice; Green Self or Foul Novice.—J. F. Thackray.
Hyson Green and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 1, usual place 7.30. Annual general meeting.—A. E. Garton.
Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. Members' judging competition. Silver medals in each section being given; members, bring some birds and your friends. —J. H. Neal.
Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Show matters.—D. John.
Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Dec. 26, King's Head Hotel, Grangetown, 3. Members' show; 14 classes; friends invited, free; also final meeting of the year.—A. Wake.
Musselburgh O.S.—Dec. 26, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Annual meeting, election of office-bearers, settling up of show, etc.—D. Kay.
Middleton O.S.—Dec. 21, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance sheet for late show.—H. Thomas.
Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Sycamore Hotel, 8.—R. H. Turner.
Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Dec. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. January members' show business, officers, etc.—E. Jones.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Headquarters 8 Show business.—J. Davey.
Pudsey, Stanningley and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 26, Oddfellows' Hall, Stanningley. Members' show; Judge, Mr. M. Broadley (Shipley). Birds to be staged by 2. Last show for cup and medals; visitors invited.—J. Butler.
Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Dec. 19, Danix, Hannah Street, 7.30. Business of great importance.—R. G. Challenger.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Temperance Club, 2.45. Linnet Competition, and table show of Hard and Softbills; birds to be staged not later than 3.—S. M. Clayton.
Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 21, Club, 8. Special meeting re Christmas Party.—J. Butterworth.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Members' Boxing Day Show; will members please note, all entries close Monday night, Dec. 21.—R. Bennett.
Sale Open O.S.—Dec. 21, Technical School, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. S. W. Birchley; bird lovers earnestly invited to attend.—J. Irlam.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Headquarters, 8. Close of entries; subscriptions due.—J. C. Spilsbury.
Shipley O.S.—Dec. 22, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7. Pie Supper and Washing Exhibition, by Mr. S. Dean; fanciers invited.—H. Dobson.
Tong and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 19, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. Members' show; judge Mr. S. Dean (Bradford). Meeting during judging.—J. Smith.
West of Scotland.—Dec. 19, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Pay over prizes, etc.; those not attending will get theirs forwarded.—G. Smart.
Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Horse and Groom Inn, 6. Judging Competition; also to allot specials.—E. W. Johnson.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 19—Derwent Valley—J. Brown, 12, Hunter Street, Chopwell, Ebchester.
" **19—Over, Winsford**—G. Baker, 92, Woodford Lane, Over, Cheshire.
" **19—Westhouses and Blackwell** — T. Tucker, Westhouses, near Alfreton.
" **19—High Wycombe**—S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road.
" **19—Douglas**—W. G. Gubbon, 22, Athol St.
" **21—Aberdeen**—J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road.
" **21—Scottish National**—J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.
" **21—Doncaster**—Bescoby & Hague, 26, Duke Street.
" **22—Eastfield Side** (Sutton-in-Ashfield)—J. Carlin, Belghton Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.
" **23**—(1st post) **Llandovery**—R. W. Price.
" **25—Dalbeattie**—G. C. Robertson.
" **26—Millom**—F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone Road Millom.
" **26—Dumfermline**—J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Losing Feathers Again.

W.M.D.—The Norwich has probably been exposed to some draught, or extreme variations of temperature. See that these points are remedied; keep the bird in a fairly equal, hut not necessarily high temperature, and give in addition to its usual seed diet a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. In its drinking water during the same time give it four drops of tincture of steel every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. Give the steel on the days when you are not giving sponge cake, and if the feathers have ceased dropping out you may discontinue it altogether after the first week, hut continue giving the chemical food for a fortnight in any case.

Result of a Fall.

Boyce.—It is quite likely the shock and injury occasioned hy the fall of the cage was the immediate cause of the hird's ceasing to sing, and then the moult probahly commenced to prevent it re-commencing. But as it now seems hright and healthy there is no reason why it should uot recommence its song at the approach of spring. Feed it on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately in addition half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, a few grains of hemp on two other days, and again on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which, for the next two or three weeks, well mix three drops of sherry. Give all these extras on separate days, and alternately, so that a different one is given each day. Every second or third day give a small spray of green-food as long as it can he procured free from frost. I think it may very probably begin to sing in a few weeks on this treatment alone, without any further medical treatment. If it does not, you may try the effect of twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine in its water for a week or fortnight.

Various.

R.H.—It depends upon several points whether the practice of putting a fire in a cold bedroom twice a week at night will be harmful to Canaries in the room. If the fire is only put in on exceptionally cold evenings, and the room is not made very hot, and the birds are not in a position where they will feel the full effect of the fire, it may not do any serious harm, but if the reverse of these conditions is the case, the effect will probably he to throw the birds into a partial moult from time to time all through the winter and spring months. As a rule, occasionally fires of this nature are only harmful, and it would be better to have none at all, or to have them regularly. If you cannot avoid having fires occasionally, your best plan will be to keep the birds at the farthest end of the room away from the fire whilst it is in, taking all necessary precautions, of course, to avoid placing them in a draught. 2. The effect of the mating you describe will, in ordinary circumstances, be the production of a big majority of heavily variegated birds, a small proportion of ticked or lightly variegated, and an occasional green probably. A clear with plenty of dark flue may turn up as a very exceptional rarity, and would be valuable as a stock bird to keep up the colour of clears. This produce will naturally vary somewhat according to the way the parents have been bred, and the direction in which they may be disposed to influence colour from such breeding. Very glad to hear you have been so successful by following advice given in CAGE BIRDS.

A Feather Eater.

"Dickey Bird."—If you are quite satisfied there are no insects in the cage (red mites, you must remember, are nocturnal in their habits, and only to be found in the daytime by probing their hiding places), your diet must include something of an overheating nature. In addition to the Canary as a staple, give half a teaspoouful, not more, of summer rape twice a week, and on two other days a small piece of bread soaked in milk and a few grains of inga sprinkled over it. Give a spray of watercress, or chickweed, if obtainable, and free from frost, every second or third day. A mealworm, if you have them, each day when you do not give gren food, would be very serviceable. Restrict diet solely to these items for a few weeks. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and twice a week for another fortnight afterwards.

Ceased Singing.

Interested.—The change from the spare room to the kitchen has evidently upset the Norwich, and the natural deduction is that the kitchen is either subject to great variations of heat, or the bird has been placed in a position where it gets a draught. The hoarseness is evidence in favour of the latter suggestion. You must see it is placed quite out of reach of any draught, and in a position where it will not get the full benefit of the fire by day, and he correspondingly cold at night. Also see its cage does not hang in a position where it will receive the fumes from a lighted lamp or gas jet. Give a pinch of summer rape twice a week, and a few grains only of hemp on two other days, and three times a week for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with three drops of sherry mixed in it. If you can get watercress free from frost, give a spray of this every second or third day instead of apple, and give a small cube of fat boiled bacon or pork between the wires for it to peck at. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge every second day, until the hoarseness is removed. Shake the latter until lozenge is dissolved.

Breathes Heavily.

Beginner.—I should scarcely call a hird in the best of health which breathed so heavily and showed distress towards evening. It is just possihle she may be too fat. As a preliminary treatment try the effect of limiting the diet to plain Canary seed only, with a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice, for a week, and give a little green food every second day. During the same time give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, ten drops of glycerine, and twenty of whisky, every second day. If the hird seems hetter at the end of the week, continue the same treatment for another week, and afterwards alternate it with weeks of the usual food and treatment for a month. But in case the hird is not perceptibly better generally at the end of the first week, then continue hy feeding as advised to "Interested" in this issue for a month, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a week. After that substitute twenty drops of Chemical Food every other day for another fortnight. Keep the bird in a comfortahle and even temperature, but do not overheat it, and see that all draughts are religiously avoided.

Blighted Affections.

Another Beginner.—I do not suspect the loss of the bird's mate had anything to do with the cessation of its song. It is far more likely that there is something wrong with your treatment. Try the following treatment for a month. As a staple diet give plain Canary seed only, and twice a week give separately a small pinch of rape seed, and every second day half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, whichever you use regularly, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days hetween giving this give a small spray of watercress, hut see that it is quite free from frost. In the drinking water for the first three days give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn, and after that continue hy giving twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills, and tincture of lobella, every second day for a week, or a little longer if necessary. On the intervening days give twenty drops of Chemical Food. See that the bird is not exposed to draughts; that the cage is quite free from mite; and that it is kept clean and nicely strewn with gritty sand. If not quite well in a month write again and refer to this reply.

Killed By Enamel.

R. F. J.—You do not say how long a time you allowed the cage to stand after enamelling it before you returned the hird to it which pecked off the enamel with fatal results, hut I expect the time was too short for the enamel to get quite hard and firm. After enamelling the cage should stand in a warm room, or in a current of warm dry air for some days—a week, at the very least, I consider necessary, though, personally, I am not much in favour of enamels at all inside cages. I do not expect the Roller would take any harm by being put in the cage now, as it should be thoroughly dry and hard, and the bird being new to the cage will not have acquired any habit of pecking at the side. Still you will do well to he aware of its behaviour for a few days when it is first introduced, and if it appears to he forming the hahit of pecking at the enamel place a cube of lump sugar or fat boiled bacon in the wire to divert its attention. Nibhling at the sugar or fat will not hurt it in any way.

Talent and Comedy.

"Scotia."—Certainly there is a decided risk in keeping your trained Roller in a room occupied by singing Norwich. You doubtless know the old adage about evil communications corrupting good manners, and bad habits are more quickly learned than good ones. This is especially true of the Roller placed in such circumstances as yours. The harsh, loud song of the Norwich, being in reality the most natural one, is very apt to incite the Roller to imitate it in preference to its own sweet, low melody which, after all, is an artificial one. Much, of course, depends upon the individual. Some birds will retain their acquired melody much longer than others under similar conditions. As regards your other questions, a good staple mixture is two parts Canary to one of summer rape, giving in addition the little extras frequently advised in this column. I do not think much practical good would accrue from removing the bird's seed for an hour or two each day, because it appears to be always eating. Unless it is getting fat and sluggish, I do not expect it eats too much; but if you doubt it, give it a fair-sized spray of green-food daily, or, failing that, add a pinch of Epsom salts to its water twice a week.

Aviary Breeding.

W. Moffatt.—Your aviary would accommodate 50 birds at its full capacity. Therefore, it should be capable of running two cocks and six hens quite easily, and I think this number should he able to run together in it without the least danger of trouble from quarrels, and the young might also he allowed to remain with the parents until the moult, or after the moult if required. If you wished to remove the first round of youngsters at say eight or ten weeks old, you might put in three cocks and nine or ten hens as a breeding stock. If you adhere to the determination to put only one cock, three or at most four hens would still be sufficient to put with him.

Open Beak.

W. Coates.—Keep the hen in a comfortable and even temperature, and avoid all draughts, and do not give cold baths until she is recovered. A tepid hath once or twice a week on mild sunny days may be given. In addition to the diet of Canary and rape give a few grains of hemp two or three times a week, and every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry mixed in it. Every second or third day give a scrap of green food, but see that it is quite free from frost. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for the first week, and every second day for another week afterwards. Give pure water only on the intervening days. A cube of fat hoiled bacon or pork stuck between the wires would also prove beneficial.

Unhealthy Fumes.

"Gaudy."—The product of combustion whether it be of gas, oil, or any other material are undoubtedly most harmful if the birds have to hreathe air vitiated with them, or if they are compelled to live in an atmosphere heated hy the flame for a few hours each evening, and then for the rest of the night and day endure a correspondingly cold air. But in your case I cannot see that the gas stove would have any harmful effect if the fanlight which you say is immediately over the stove is capahle of being opened and is kept open a little way when the stove is burning, to allow the heated and foul air to escape. The other fanlight between the stove and the hirds should also be opened a little to take off any fumes that may disperse beyond the current going through the one over the stove. Altogether your stove seems to he exceptionally well placed to avoid injury to the birds. What you need to be most careful of is that the heat does not create a draught to which the hirds are exposed, and any draught to extinguish the flame and thus cause a serious leakage. Do you really mean that you were using the stove through the hreeding season? If so I should imagine this was quite unnecessary.

Prolonged Moulting.

T. S. Novice.—It is the extremely protracted moult that keeps your hirds from singing. They will not hegin to sing again until the moult is quite finished, probably now not until the weather begins to get mild in spring. You have most likely got them where they are exposed to extremes of temperature, or to some draught. Keep them in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily very high, hut quite free from draughts and equable. Feed them on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it each time. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for the first two days, and after that give four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, and twenty drops of Chemical Food on the alternate days. Keep the cages nicely strewn with clean, gritty sand, and give a small spray of watercress every second or third day. A fortnight or month of this treatment should make a wonderful improvement in the hirds.

Wants To Know.

W. Stenton.—You are quite right in wishing to huy your seeds separately. The sorts you require for Canaries for regular, or staple use all the year round, are, in the order of quantities required, Canary, summer rape, hemp. For occasional use in small quantities, or at certain seasons, maw, niger, linseed and gold of pleasure. Of the last four a pound, or a quart, whichever system you use for buying, each should suffice for a small stock of hirds for a year. As regards mixing them, see detailed reply to "C. O. S." in last week's issue. If you have a number of hirds to cater for you will find it more economical to give the seeds separately. Give only plain Canary seed in the hoppers for a staple, and give half a teaspoonful of rape per hird separately about twice a week, and a few grains of hemp about as often. Egg food, sponge cake, hread and milk, crushed oats, and many other things which you may see recommended, are useful mainly as tit-bits or luxuries for occasional use, and are not really essential as chief or regular items of diet. The above-named seeds, with a small teaspoonful of egg food once or twice a week, and a spray of green food every second or third day, with an occasional hath and due care to avoid draughts, a clean cage and gritty sand, is sufficient to keep either varieties of Canaries in health and song. With the Roller, however, as you will see in the reply to which you referred, a staple of a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape may he given.

Pecks Feathers at Night.

No Name.—There can only he one rational cause of your birds acting as you say, and that is having the cages infested with red-mite. Examine cages minutely in all corners, joints of doors, ends of perches, etc., and scrape out any cracks or holes with a pin on to a sheet of white paper. The result will probably be a revelation to you. Thoroughly overhaul the cages, and the position where they stand or hang, including the wall or staging, and give them a good dressing with any of the usual insecticides you favour. For me whilst the birds occupy the cages I prefer the solution of camphor in spirits as frequently prescribed here, and in addition you should add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water for a time. The 1908 bird may only be suffering a little more acutely than the others from the attacks of the mites. Keep it fairly warm, free from draughts, and in addition to giving each cage the same attention as the others to free it of mites, treat it as follows for a fortnight or so. For one day only give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in its drinking water, and after that half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it each second day, and in the drinking water four drops of tincture of steel every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food.

A Moult Wanted.

W. H. S.—No, I cannot give you a tonic for putting the birds in moult. When a bird fails to moult at the proper time, and keeps in apparently perfect health, even going so far as laying a clutch of eggs in winter, I should just let matters slide so far as forcing a moult was concerned, and trust to the natural course of events for a remedy. It is just possible these birds may have moulted slowly, so that you did not notice its progress. If you really want to enforce a moult, which I do not advise, placing the birds in a warm position near a fire and keeping the cage covered over, and adding half a teaspoonful of maw seed to the dietary every second day, and a few shreds of saffron to the water on the alternate days during the first week, will succeed in all save the most exceptional cases. But, again, I repeat, I do not advise you to do this. In addition to your staple of plain Canary seed you should give a small pinch of rape separately, twice a week, and once a week a small teaspoonful of egg food. Give green food as you are now doing, and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water once or twice a week will help to prevent a recurrence of the egg laying.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Muling Matters.

H.H.S.E.—(1) It is like this. Generally the hen Canary is ready to go to nest for the first time before the Goldfinch is "up" in full breeding condition, as Goldies are by nature late hreeders. Hence it follows that the best plan is to keep the hen back as long as necessary (or possible), to give the Goldfinch time. And usually the presence of a male hird serves to set a hen going sooner than she would were she in the cage alone. If the Finch is not ready, only clear (unfertile) eggs can result. This is why most hreeders think it well to separate the couples about the end of January until towards the end of March. If prepared to take the chance of clear eggs first round, then this procedure need not he followed, but the couple can he left together to make a start whenever it pleases her ladyship to do so. She won't fret, however. It is often well into April before a Goldie becomes "rank"; it depends a lot upon circumstances, and also on the hird itself, whether it has hred in captivity before, etc. This answers your question No. 2 as well.

Caging & Feeding Linnet Mule.

Miss W.—Yes; I always recommend the Finch stock cage as the hest type of house-cage, for seed-eaters that I know. Still, I do not mean to say there are not other good patterns. If you desire to hang your Linnet Mule in a window, there is no reason why you should not do so, providing you hang him helow the centre, for more or less draught usually finds its way through there. Get a waggon-shaped cage, as hig as you possibly can (some window cages are far too small), made of plain, tinned wire. If with glass round and enamelled prettily at the bottom, such a cage looks very nice. Your stock mixture would he as follows: Canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape, charlock, and hemp half a pint each, linseed a quarter pint. Give a little maw, wild seed mixture, sunflower, green food (especially shepherd's purse), as tit-bits frequently. Cuttlefish is very good stuff to have always in the cage; far better than sugar.

Cutting Nails of Thrush.

P.B.W.—If you are not used to handling birds, then you would do well to get someone with experience to shorten your Thrush's nails—you don't want to shorten its life as well, of course. There is really no danger if properly done. Anyway, the necessity for sometimes cutting the nails of a hird is not one, I am afraid, that can be avoided. It is quite a simple operation, and need alarm no one who has an average amount of nerve. Simply hold your hird firmly, yet gently, and with a pair of sharp strong scissors (or nail clippers) cut off the superfluous growth. It causes not the slightest pain to a hird, providing you do not cut too close up to the toes, and this you should have no difficulty in determining, in fact you only need remove the curved-in portion that is inconvenieneing the hird (leave say half-an-inch on middle and hack claws, and slightly less on the side claws). The chief point is to keep the hirds from having free play with their wings (hold same close to the body) or they will struggle, and this is likely to lead to a hroken (snapped) wing.

Treatment of Greenfinch.

Yellow Boy.—You must have got hold of a rare good coloured Greenie if he is "more yellow than green." I hope it is not yellow that will "come off in the wash." Of course, there are individual Greenies which do excel in colour, and appear quite a yellowish green tone of colour; they are not common, and are generally rather small hirds. You won't find your Greenies very difficult to cater for, or hard to keep in health; they are robust fellows as a rule. For food the most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each; hemp, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, and also the other seeds in common use, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden) full of seed, thistle and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse should be freely given as in season.

The Making of Birdlime.

Novice, A.E.—I have several times given in my column this recipe for making hird-lime. It is not my own—I only tried making it once, and created such a dreadful stench that in the interests of the neighbours I "turned it in"—but was sent some time back by one of our correspondents—still, like him, I prefer netting hirds to liming them. Take one pint of hest raw linseed oil, put into an old quart saucepan, put on the fire and simmer gently for three or four hours. On no account let it hoil; stir every few minutes. No change will he noticed until after the second hour, then it will show froth on top, this being a sign of thickening. It must be given every attention or it will hoil over. When it gets about as thick as treacle take it off the fire and pour into a pan of cold water; stand till cool, then work it up with the hands till it shows no signs of having water in it. This will he found to work on twigs quite easily. It can he taken off when not in use, and used over and over again. If too stiff, mix with it a little of the so-called "treacle." Boiling will thicken it if needed. Made properly this will hold anything from a Wren to a Blackbird. An outhouse is more suitable for the boiling purpose than the kitchen, as the preparation has a very sickly odour.

Showing a Yellowhammer.

Peter McKenzie.—The Yellowhammer you thought was a good colour, may be a good colour after all, for the birds that beat it in this respect possibly had been colour-fed. A 'Hammer is not at its best in colour until it is three years old. The chief colour points of a show Yellowhammer are rich yellow (golden) top of head, cheeks, throat, and breast, especially the two latter, though the breast is usually more or less shaded over (across) with a beautiful warm brown. The back should be a rich deep brown, showing the dark markings (pencilling) distinctly and evenly, also the wing markings. Very important markings are the V-shaped black streaks running along each side of the crown, meeting at the beak, and the somewhat horseshoe-shaped cheek markings. These should both be dense black, thick, and well-defined (clear-cut). The centre of the head-mark should be as clear and bright a yellow as possible (free from black ticking), and round about the cheek-marks should be the same. I may say that the head and throat of the Yellowhammer "clear up," as fanciers say, towards the spring—that is, lose the dark edging to the feathers and so become a purer, brighter yellow. This "clearing-up" process is also hastened by rich feeding (plenty of live ants' eggs, mealworms, and other live insects; also good insectivorous food frequently).

Bird Fever.

Hard Hit.—Well, you may have "bird fever"; the sad series of losses certainly seems to point to it. Still, there is another very serious and destructive complaint, termed avian cholera, which can assume epidemic form, and which I believe can easily be confused with bird fever. It is, I understand, not so difficult to get rid of as the latter; also is peculiarly liable to take a virulent form during the continuance of damp, muggy weather. Whichever it is, I am truly sorry for you. Your only chance lies in very thorough disinfection. You could wash over the place thoroughly (walls as well) with a very strong carbolic disinfectant, going into every crack and crevice, then dig a good dressing of chloride of lime well into the top surface of the soil. After a fortnight or so's interval, dig out the soil, throw it away, and replace with fresh; also then do the place out thoroughly with sanitary washable distemper. Perches, fittings and utensils I should replace with new. The place would probably be safe to use then. If possible to do so, you could also burn sulphur candles in the place. I can't say for sure, for fortunately I have never been troubled with epidemics of any kind—I should proceed on the above lines, I think, if I ever had the misfortune to be.

Blackcap Ailing.

W.E.H.—I think the food is unsuitable for regular use; a Lark mixture is too "stodgy" to suit Blackcap Warblers. You must give one of the mixtures designed specially for use with the smaller, delicate insectivorous birds. Blackcaps also eat (and need) a considerable quantity of ripe fruit daily. Those I have now, devour (in conjunction with my other small Softbills) a quite surprising amount, principally ripe banana, but also "sleepy" (very ripe) sweet pear and apple, figs, dates, peeled grapes, etc. Baked apple (cold, of course) is also esteemed, when well sweetened. Feed how you will, however, I find it is impossible to prevent the average Softbill laying on unnecessary fat, while unsuitable food (containing too much meal) sooner or later results in an internal upset. Constipation (generally severe) is usually a first symptom. The safest and most valuable remedy long experience has taught me to be saline medicine—either Epsom salts, sulphate of soda (Glauber's salts), or fluid magnesia or citrate of magnesia; I have used all with success. I always give a mild dose all round periodically—say, once a week—and I can honestly say that my losses are very few and far between. The dose is as much of the salts or soda as will just cover a shilling dissolved in two good tablespoonfuls of drinking water; or a small teaspoonful in a pint of water; of the magnesia, a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. Give your ailing bird two or three doses (until bowels well opened), and change its food.

Brevities.

Hen Goldfinch (H. A. M.).—You have only to feed your hen Goldfinch on the lines advised last week, and they will come into breeding condition (if healthy, of course) at the proper season.

What Bird? (W. H. S.).—So far as your description goes, I should think the bird must certainly be a cock Reed Bunting. If it eats only canary seed, this will serve to confirm my "think."

Cage Making (Dicky Bird).—Sorry, but cage-making is much too lengthy a matter to deal with in the query columns. We have printed several good articles on the subject, and it is dealt with in "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," published from CAGE BIRDS Office. The most useful all-round type of breeding cage is, in my opinion, the two-compartment one.

Blackcap (G. Wood).—Sorry your query seems to have been overlooked. The reply to "W. E H." this week exactly fits your own case. The "panting" is generally systematic of stomach troubles. Neither German paste nor pea-meal is fit to use for any bird less hardy (or smaller) than a Thrush or Skylark.

Use of Sawdust (E. J. Brook).—The danger with sawdust lies in when it gets mixed amongst the bird's food—generally because the food-pans are placed too near the bottom of the cage. In the ordinary way, sawdust is quite a safe covering for the cage floors of Softbills, and is, in fact, very widely used for that purpose. The point is, of course, to keep it from getting mixed with the food which is in the food vessels.

"Jacobin Sparrows" (D. F., Midlothian).—Your query was taken for a foreign one. The description you give is undoubtedly that of the Reed Bunting, and you seem to have a true pair. "Jacobin Sparrow" is just a local name for the species (though I never heard it before), the same as is Reed Sparrow.

Goldfinches Ailing (J. W. Saywell).—Feeling a bit "liverish," I should say. Prompt use of dandalion juice (taraxacum) from the chemist would be the likeliest remedy. Give a small teaspoonful in two good tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, until bowels are being thoroughly well acted upon. Most captive birds eat too much, unfortunately.

Identity of Bird (G. A.).—I certainly think you have been correctly inlormed, and that the bird is a Ring Ousel, probably a hen (note our coloured plate and article this week). Don't, anyway, continue wondering whether it is a "Blackbird-Thrush Hybrid."

A Sex Problem (W. L. Waterman).—The white does not want to run "up into" the quills, but right back up to the quill. If the Linnet is in good condition and has never attempted to sing, then this is good evidence of its being a hen; if grey rather than brown on the back, and with a heavily-streaked appearance on the breast, the evidence is overwhelming.

The Chaffinch's Head (Bappo).—"How to keep the blue hood on a Chaffinch" is a puzzler of a question. As this blue is assumed only in the Spring (when the bird comes into full nuptial dress), the only answer seems to be: Don't let it moult. Your bird, if in good health, will get blue on the head later on—some captive birds already begin to show it. I prefer to say nothing as to your chances of breeding with the bird and a hen canary. Try, by all means, but it is doubtful whether any young have yet been reared from this mating.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot?

"Anon."—I should say you have some species of Amazon; that is if its tail is a short one. If in good condition it should be worth exhibiting. By good condition I mean tight and silken in plumage as well as being bright-eyed and in general good condition. I prefer the following mixture in about equal parts:—Canary seed, maize, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds. Well mix these and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, crust of stale household bread, nuts, greenfood, grit, cuttlefish and water. I should not soak its crusts or biscuits; the bird will do that for itself. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee or milk slops or any kind of animal food. If the bird has a long tail it is one of the Indian Parrakeets, probably the Plum-head, and the dietary, etc., as given above will suit this species also, with this exception that Canary seeds and oats should be three parts each and the other kinds one part each.

Description of Cockatiel.

"Young Beginner."—This is a pretty and easily kept species, an inhabitant of Australia, and so hardy and indifferent to the inclemencies of our English winter, that it may be kept out of doors in any aviary that would accommodate Pigeons or Doves, always providing the netting is of a small mesh. The upper surface is dark ashy-grey, much paler in the under surface; a belt of white runs from the shoulders across the wings; the face and crest are primrose yellow; and the ear-coverts brick-red. The female lacks the yellow face and crest of the male, these being grey, and only slightly tinged with yellow; the under side of her tail is mottled black, white and yellow, the under-side of the tail of the male being black. Canary and millet seed and a few oats, with green food, grit, cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing, will suffice to keep this bird in a healthy and vigorous condition.

What Birds, etc.?

Ignoramus.—You have some species of Tyrant, very probably the Sulphuring Tyrant; but your description is barely complete enough for me to be quite sure. Do not feed it entirely upon meat; crush and soak some puppy biscuits, and scald some game meal and give vegetables from your table, while scraps of cooked meat and fat may also be given. Also give any fruit it will take, and as many insects as you can procure. A dozen mealworms a day can very well be given, supplemented with such cockroaches, beetles, smooth caterpillars, grasshoppers, etc., as you can capture according to the season; small frogs, lizards, newts, tadpoles, and such like would all help out the bill of fare. If it sulks at the soft biscuit and game meal mix a little minced meat among it, and the difficulty will soon disappear. The habit of hanging its food against perch or branch is quite common to this genus and all the Kingfisher tribe.

Parrot Pulling its Feathers.

T. Richards.—I incline to the opinion that your bird is troubled with parasites. Bathe it two or three times a week with quassia solution for, say a month, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water—repeating the dose after an interval of three days; in between (and continue for a couple of months), make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrisb's Chemical Food. Diet as follows:—Seed mixture, Canary seed, hemp, oats, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, crusts of household bread, cuttlefish and grit. The above should enable you to give it a varied dietary without any need for going outside same. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal lood. See it is kept out of draught and in a room in which the temperature is not too variable.

Treatment of Bishops.

"Coedgrwnd."—(1) Canary and white millet seeds, also spray millet, green food, grit and water for drinking and bathing *ad lib.* Give a couple of mealworms daily; in the summer you can give it spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars and such like, as you are able to capture. They will exist in good condition for a long period on seed alone, but they are the better for a few insects, and more contented; and I am convinced the live food helps them at the critical period of changing colour and tends to increase the richness and silkiness of their resplendent plumage. (2) Bishops are Weavers, the latter being the more correct term. (3) Ribbon, Zebra, Diamond and Serin Finches; Gold-breasted, Grey, St. Helena and Orange-cheek Waxbills; Grey and White Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Spice Birds; Bronze, Black-headed and Tricolour Mannikins; Bengalese, Common and Green Avadavats; Saffron, Grey and Green Singing Finches; Napoleon, Orange, Grendier, and Madagascar Weavers. Diet for all as above. My book on "Foreign Birds for Beginners," would help you, 1/1 post free from CAGE BIRDS Office.

Breeding Budgerigars & Zebras.

B. F. A.—(1) You could not breed Budgerigars and Zebras in one cage; the Zebra Finches would sooner or later get maimed and killed off, though in a garden aviary mishaps would probably be few and far between providing they were not crowded. Give the Zebra Finches an ordinary Canary breeding cage, and sooner or later they will bring you off some young. As regards the Budgerigars, get a box cage of some kind about 2ft. by 1½t. by 1½t. high, having a cocoa-nut husk at each end near the top of cage, put in a couple of branches for them to climb about on, and in due course these too should breed. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free from CAGE BIRDS Office, very helpful. (2) Zebra Finches—Canary and white millet seeds, spray millet, green food, water and grit. When they are feeding young a little of some good soft food mixture should be given (see advert. columns). Budgerigars—Canary, white and spray millet, a few oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish and water. This species cannot have too much grass in the ear (grass in flower) when it can be procured free from frost. The Zebra Finches are also very fond of it.

What Birds are They?

"Unknown."—(1) Yes, your birds are Black-headed Mannikins or Nuns. (2) This species seldom breeds either in cage or aviary, and I fear there is little prospect of your breeding them in a cage. However, the case is never hopeless; keep them in what is known as "a double-breeder." Remove the central partition, hang a husk at one end, and a deep box at the other (both to be hung up against top of cage). The box must have a round hole (1½ inch) cut out for entrance. Supply hay and grass for nesting material. (3) If any young should be hatched, supply a little of some good soft food mixture (see advert. columns) in addition to the regular diet of seed, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing.

Amazon With Sharp Claws.

M. E. G.—The claws are evidently overgrown or they would not bleed when you merely took off the points. As the bird is so tame I suggest rubbing them with a piece of stone; it should be but little trouble to remove the extreme sharpness—a bird's toes must not be cut back far enough to make them bleed. When such happens apply a little Friar's Balsam to check the bleeding. A smooth file would perhaps be better than the stone, hold the nail firmly and just draw the file across it two or three times; this should suffice to take away the needle point of the claws. Thanks for your appreciative remarks, glad to note you find CAGE BIRDS useful.

About a Grey Parrot.

W. T. Jenkins.—I should give neither the rice nor milk sop; as it has been used to soft food for a time give it a little boiled maize, but once it is taking sufficient of the seed mixture wean it from this. Many species of Parrots stretch their necks and shake their heads and bring up into their mouth the partly digested food from the crop; then they re-swallow it; this is quite natural, though it is sometimes mistaken for sickness. I cannot really say if this is the case with your bird, but if there is no actual vomit, I should be inclined to think so. However, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) for one day; repeat the dose after an interval of three days, and then as required to keep the bowels freely moving; but not sufficiently often to cause the voidings to be watery. While giving the boiled maize, put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food over same, and boil till it is soft enough to allow the grain to be mashed between the fingers; but give it to the bird with the grain whole. Drain off all water and add the Chemical Food. Note.—The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel should be thoroughly cleaned for each occasion. Try it with the following seed mixture using equal parts of each: Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds. The following are all wholesome—ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit, and a dry crust of stale household bread; a little plain unspiced cake may also be given and regular supplies of cuttlefish, grit and water.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Mandarin Ducks (H. Lewis).—Since your mated pair of Mandarins bully the other duck so much, you had certainly better get rid of her, as of course a trio must agree fairly well to be of any use for breeding. Getting another drake might remedy matters; I have known of three pairs living together, but even then one duck would not have anything to do with the drake she ought to have mated with, but was always after one of the mated ones. She did not, however, get bullied; and as your mated pair seem so spiteful, I think you had best try another pair of a different species, Carolinas, for instance, as you suggest—they are almost the only ducks which do not look shabby alongside of Mandarins. I was interested to hear of your success in showing the Mandarins—a 1st and special, a 2nd, three 3rds, and a vhc since the end of October is not so bad for birds which have so little show chances as fancy waterfowl; and I am sorry to bear you have only just cleared expenses. Your exploit is very creditable, as the birds were wild and ragged when bought, as wild-caught Mandarins usually are. I am always saying that there ought to be a show about May for British and foreign cage birds, fancy Waterfowl, Pheasants, and, in fact, all birds which are often kept, except poultry, Pigeons, and Canaries. Many birds which the public hardly ever see except in Zoos and public parks would then be brought before their notice, to the great benefit of the fancy.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (D. Pearson).—Well established case of "bird fever." The place and cages of any birds that remain in your possession must be disinfected with burning sulphur.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Cuttings (W. R. Murrell).—Many thanks.

A Letter (W.R.B.).—We can only accept matter subject to editorial discretion as to what part of same shall or shall not be published.

Heating Apparatus (W. S. Negus).—We are trying to trace this, but up to the present have been unable to do so. Your query re squirrels we have sent to our Mr. Finn, who will be pleased to answer same in the query columns next week.

An Advertisement (Signalman).—We can only refer you to the reply given to "G. Edwards" last week. We are much obliged to you for drawing our attention to the matter, and will certainly make enquiries.

Bird lime and bird braces (A Reader).—If cruelty can be proved against you in the use of either bird braces or bird lime, then, of course, you can be prosecuted. The using of these things, however, is not in itself illegal.

Northern Crest Club (J. G. Hutchinson).—We are afraid we cannot accept criticism of, or comments on, the awards at an open show as matter legitimately coming within the scope of a club notice. It might be subject to abuse, we are afraid, if permitted.

Our Advertising Scheme (F. King, and others).—We very much appreciate your kindly remarks, and thank you for taking the trouble to write to us.

Where the Stock Birds came from (M. Fleming, Junr.).—We are very pleased to hear of your success with birds bought from the firm you name, but we could not publish in "Twitterings" such a notice as the one you send unless paid for as an advertisement. Or why not send the firm a testimonial, so that they may use it in our advertisement columns?

A Paper (M. Jamieson).—Thanks very much. We shall be glad to publish the paper as space permits.

A Yorkshire Cock (Dundalk).—It is contrary to our rules to recommend any particular advertiser or advertisers. It would obviously be unfair for us to do so. If you adopt the deposit system, you ought to get satisfaction.

Catching Linnets (C. F. Bailey).—We have no knowledge of the entire prohibition of Linnet catching in Devonshire. As we have frequently to explain, however, the local authorities have power to make by-laws dealing with these matters in their own districts. A request for same, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, will bring you a copy of the Act from the Plymouth town clerk or head police officer, and in it the names of all the protected birds in Devonshire will be found, together with the months over which the protection extends.

A Seed Cleaning Machine (F. Whiting).—You put us in a difficult position, for we do not know anything as to your financial resources, and it always involves more or less outlay to push along a patent. If you have confidence in your machine, then you should certainly take steps to protect your idea. You can obtain full particulars of the procedure from the Patent Office, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London. As to whether you manufacture yourself, or try to get some firm to bring out the machine (paying you, of course, a proportion of the profit), this you must decide for yourself, according to your position at the moment.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dalbeattie.—Jan. 1st, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Lannay (Confined to Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, and Wigtown). 18 classes—Scots. 2, Bord. 2, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fees, 1/6 and 1/3. Entries close Dec. 25th, to G. C. ROBERTSON, Dalbeattie.

Eastfield Side (C.B.U.).—Dec. 26th, Mason's Arms.—Judge, Mr. G. M. Huthwaite. 14 open classes—Nor. 6, Crests 1, C.B. 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, For. 1, and 14 members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 3s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 22nd, to J. CARLIN, Beighton Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Millom (C.B.U.).—Jan. 1st and 2nd, Central Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 28 open classes—Yorks. 7, Nor. 12, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Novice 6, Sell. 1, and 3 members'. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 20th, to F. W. BRADLEY, 18, Lapstone Road, Millom.

Northallerton.—Jan. 1st, Town Hall. —Judge, Mr. T. Hill. 12 open classes—Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 5, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 28th, to Hodgson and Walker, Northallerton.

Paisley (Y.C.C. of Scot.).—Jan. 1st and 2nd, New Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. R. Wright, J. Park, A. Livingstone, D. Brown, J. Arnot, and T. Thomson, for Scot. Fcy.; J. M'Lay for Nor.; W. M'Millan for Bord. and Yorks.; and P. M'Quiston for Mules, Brit. and For. 61 open classes—Scot. 16, Pairs 1, Belg. 2, Sell. 6, Crest 4, Nor. 8, Yorks. 2 (confined to Scot.), Bord. 7, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 2. Prizes 15s, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and spls. Fee 2s.—Entries close Dec. 28th, to A. M. BAIRD, 23, Neilston Road.

Folkestone (C.B.U., K.C.B.C.A.).—Jan. 12th and 13th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 30 open classes—Nor. 7, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, Sell. 2, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 12s. 6d., 7s., 3s. Fee, 2s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 1st, to J. WILLIAM GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton Road.

Western Fanciers (Plymouth) (C.B.U.).—Jan. 6th, in the Plymouth Market.—Judge, Mr. Thos. Pope. 30 open classes—Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, Crest 4, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. (8 entries and under on sliding scale) and specials. Fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 30th to W. CHAPPLE, Robin Cottages, York Street, Plymouth.

Dunfermline (Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.M.B. and F.B.C.).—Jan. 1st and 2nd, in the Drill Hall, Bruce Street.—Judges, Messrs. D. Black, D. Low, H. Moreland and P. Pettigrew. 39 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 2, Crest 5, Bord. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Common Can. 1, Turtle Dove 1, Gift 1, Sell. 6. Prizes 12s., 8s., 4s. and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 26th, to J. TEMPLEMAN, 61, Maitland Street.

Douglas.—Dec. 26th, Derby Castle.—Judge, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood. 28 open classes—Crest 2, Nor. 6, Yorks. 9, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 3, Sell 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. (first entry, rest 1s.). Entries close Dec. 19th, to W. G. GUBBON, 22, Athol Street, Douglas.

Scottish National (Scot. N.P.C., Scot. C.C., L. and P.O.S., C.C.C., U.K.B.C.A., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., G.C.A., N.B.B. and M.C., Scot. B.B. and M.C., Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.).—Dec. 31st and Jan 1st., in Corn Exchange, Grassmarket Street, Edinburgh.—Judges, Messrs. J. Trengove (Norwich and Greens); J. M'Lay (Nor.); J. Young (Crests); A. Patterson (Scot. and Belg.); J. Watson (Scot.); R. Wright (Scot. and Belg.); J. Pringle (Scot.); J. Wilson (Borders, etc.); T. Arnot and A. Gilchrist (Borders); A. Hirst (Cinn., Yorks., Greens, and Lizards); A. Cochrane (Mules and Brit.); H. J. Fulljames (Brit. and Foreign); and F. A. Watt (Foreign). 127 open classes—Nor. 14, Nor Limit 4, S.N.P.C. Nor. 6, Crest 6, Crest Limit 3, Scot. 12, Scot Limit 2, Belg. 2, Bord. 16, Bord Limit 1. Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Greens 8, Liz. 2, Limit 1, Mule 8, Mule Limit 1, Pairs 1, Brit. 22, For. 6, Extra Stock 1, Gift 1, Hyde's 2, Pairs 1, Prizes, 15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and a long list of valuable specials. Winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes have option of gold, silver and bronze medals, or of cash. Fee, 2s. Entries close Dec. 21st, to JAS. WINTER, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.

Llandovery (Confined).—Dec. 23rd, King's Head Hotel.—6 open—Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 2s. 6d., 1s., 9d. Fee, 6d. Entries close Dec. 23rd (first post), to R. W. PRICE.

Having taken CAGE BIRDS since it was first published, writes Mr. Richard Hunter (Ormskirk), and being an old fancier and judge for over thirty years, who has taken all the leading papers published on birdy matters during that time, I am satisfied that CAGE BIRDS (as I have proved by experience) is the best paper of them all. I am sure that all young fanciers about to embark into the cage bird hobby will find in CAGE BIRDS everything to instruct them to become successful breeders and exhibitors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR HEBDEN BRIDGE.

SIR,—It has been decided by a few fanciers in this district to form a new Cage Bird Club. A meeting will be held at the "Nutclough Tavern," Hebden Bridge, on Wednesday, December 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., when a good attendance is earnestly desired.

A. PICKLES.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

SIR,—Our society, the Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock Ornithological Society, has been disbanded now for some time, through the dull state of trade, but a few of the fanciers recently met in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, for the purpose of reinstating the society. As we have now no funds left, there is nothing for us to start with, so I hope all old members will rally round and give us their support. Any new members wishing to join us might send his name and address to me, or make himself acquainted with any of the members. Annual subscription two shillings and sixpence.

JOHN FORRESTER, Sec.

Clune Brae Head, Port Glasgow.

A SUCCESSFUL REMEDY.

SIR,—I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for the past three months, and am pleased to say it has been the means of saving one of my birds, a Goldfinch. One morning about nine o'clock I found it sitting moping, with its head under its wing, on the lower perch, breathing as hard as ever it could do. I really thought that by 12 o'clock it would have been dead. I opened CAGE BIRDS to see if I could get any advice, and there I saw that one of your readers had, with Linnets, been very successful with following: Tincture of rhubarb 1oz., tincture of gentian 1oz., one dose, half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. I tried the same for my Goldfinch, with the result that instead of finding it dead, as expected, it was soon breathing much more freely, and hopping about its cage. I shall always put it down that this remedy saved the bird. I may say that just previously I had lost two Canaries, simply through ignorance, but have not lost one since. Please publish this, so that it may be of use to others.

F. PRATLEY.

SOME TROUBLES OF A BIRD FANCIER IN THE U.S.A.

SIR,—Leaving England for Los Angelos, California, U.S.A., with my pet birds, consisting of a pair each of Yorkshires and Hartz Mountain Rollers, five Goldfinches, a pair each of Chaffinches, Java Sparrows, and Cutthroats, and an English Linnet, was quite an undertaking. We sailed from Southampton by the s.s. Kaiser Wilhelm II., on October 28th, for New York. After a great deal of trouble, and throwing a few "sops" about, I had permission to keep my birds in my cabin. From the first day out until the day before arrival, we had very bad weather, yet my bird friends enjoyed it very much, not forgetting to scatter their seed over the cabin floor. But the steward being a bird lover, quite enjoyed the predicament. My travelling cage was 3ft. long by 1ft. square, divided into three compartments, one each for the Canaries, Finches, and the foreigners. I had a special bag which I kept for seed, sand, and feeding utensils, etc. I had no trouble whatsover with the customs officials, at New York, but on the streets and at the hotels people would stare at the cage on account of its peculiar shape, and a policeman in Chicago asked me if I was carrying a casket with me. At New York I had to get special permission to carry my birds on the train, as it is against the rules of the N.Y. Central R.R. to allow birds or other live stock on the train, and as it is a matter of days in the train, and not hours, as in this country, I was afraid I would never see my birds alive again. I am enclosing a copy of the permit to carry my birds on the same train as I was travelling by. It is as follows:—

New York,
November 4th, 1903.

To Mr. Wood,
(Baggage) New York Central and
Hudson R.R.,
Grand Central Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir,—This letter will introduce to you Mr. James A. Douglas, to whom privilege has been allowed to take a cage of Canaries on the baggage car, on train No. 19, at 5.30 to-night. These instructions come from Mr. Story.

Very truly yours,
Thos. Cook and Sons, Ticket Agents.

When we arrived at the station, Mr. Wood met me, and took the birds to be placed on the baggage car. I did not like the idea of parting from them, but as soon as the train started I went to make the acquaintance of the baggage man, Mr. Roberts, who informed me that at New York they threw the cage in as if it were luggage. I went at once to examine the cage, and found the water bottles and feeders "all over the shop," and the birds very much frightened; but, as luck would have it, no damage had been done. The baggage man did all he could to make matters straight, and allowed me to use his hand-basin to wash up in. It was not very long before the birds were at home again. During the night, when we stopped at a station, I went to my birds to see that they were all right, as the baggage man changes with every section. Each crew had to be told all about the hobby in the old land, and how the working people of Europe make such a fancy of birds. They seemed very pleased with the information, and "guessed" and "calculated" that my birds spoke for themselves. We stayed a couple of days in Chicago, and then left for Los Angelos. At the station I passed my birds as scientific instruments, and having a drawing-room on the train it was very easy to hush the coloured porter. Before the train started I tied my birds securely, as I thought, on a shelf; alas and alack! when the train commenced to make speed we rounded a curve, and down came my cage, birds and all. The Linnet was drowned in one of the water tanks, and one of the Goldfinches killed outright. This is my twentieth journey across to this country, and every time I have brought birds with me, but this is my first accident. I shall never attempt to carry so many birds again.

J. A. DOUGLAS.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR STAVELEY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Kindly spare space in your valuable CAGE BIRDS, calling up the fanciers of Staveley and District with a view to forming a Cage Bird Society for the district. Along with a few others, I would like to meet all fanciers at any central place in Staveley. I hope this will meet with hearty support, as I think a good society could be got together.

HENRY SMITH.

88, Arkwright Town, Calow, Chesterfield.

HYBRIDS AT ORMSKIRK SHOW.

SIR,—I must say that I was very much astonished to notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. T. Johnson's letter *re* the above, in which he asks Mr. Houlton (judge at the above show) his reasons for wrongly classing his (Mr. J.'s) exhibit. If Mr. Johnson had had the courtesy to write to the Secretary instead of rushing into print (a great failing with some people), he would have been informed that it was not necessary for Mr. Houlton to give any explanation, as that gentleman acted entirely upon instructions from the committee. There is no blame attached to anyone but Mr. J. himself, which I will endeavour to explain. At our previous show we had a class for "Any Variety Mule," and one for "Any Variety Hybrid," the former being Canary cross, the later any other cross. The latter class did not secure an entry. Previous to our drawing up the schedule for the show on November 28th last, Mr. Johnson sent word that if there were no other Hybrids going to be exhibited we need not make a class for them, as he could send his to Southport show the same day as ours. Only the Mule class (which was distinctly understood to be Canary cross) was put in the schedule. Previous to judging Mr. Houlton pointed out one or two wrongly classed birds, and, to save any disagreeableness among the members, he asked if they could be put into some other classes. Mr. H. was informed that there was no class for Hybrids, other than Canary, so Mr. Johnson's bird had to share the same fate as some other members' exhibits in being "wrong classed." I trust, Sir, I have clearly proved that no blame whatever is attached to Mr. Houlton, whom, I may finally state, the Ormskirk C.B.S. have found to be a gentleman well worth his hire.

T. H. TIFFEN,
Hon. Sec. Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.

P.S.—Mr. Houlton did not leave Ormskirk till the 5 p.m. train for St. Helens.

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By Claude St. John.

A practical, up-to-date guide to the cult of Canary breeding, designed specially for the use of the beginner in the hobby. It contains many helpful illustrations, and deals very fully, and in an easily-understandable manner, with the choice, sexing and mating of the birds, feeding for condition, the cages and their fittings, the bird room, egg-food, nest-building, rearing and moulting the young, colour feeding, training for show, and all the details and difficulties likely to confront the breeder.

CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR PENDLEBURY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me, through you valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to notify bird fanciers around Pendlebury, Swinton, Irlams, Height, and Walkden, that we wish to form a bird club in Pendlebury. We shall be very pleased to hear of anyone wishing to join. Particulars may be had from Mr. A. Donally, 46, Swinton Hall Road, Swinton, or from myself,

W. LLOYD,

4, Pott Street, Pendlebury.

FROM THE MIDLANDS TO THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

SIR,—Whilst visiting Tamworth Show on Saturday last, one of the members of that society remarked how enjoyable it would be if the fanciers in the Midlands would join together in a trip to the Crystal Palace Show in February next, and engage a saloon (or more if necessary). I should like to suggest that the Secretaries of the different Cage Bird Societies in the Midlands bring up this matter at their next meetings, so that, if favourably received, arrangements can be made in good time with the railway companies.

J. H. DE MAILLET,
Hon. Sec. City of Birmingham C.B.S.

WHAT WAS ITS RIGHT CLASS?

The Classification of Foreign Birds.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. Smith's letter in your issue of December 12th, I would point out that I wrong-classed his Eclectus because an Eclectus is not a Lory it should have gone into the next class, 153, for all Parrots not mentioned above," *i.e.*, other than Parrakeets, Lories, Budgerigars, Love-birds, and Hanging Parrakeets. Had it been entered there I should have given it a prize. I am sorry for Mr. Smith, as I believe in some books the Eclecti are called Lories; but they certainly are not so, the brush-tipped tongue, jumping gait, and honey-sucking habit of the Lories marking them off as very distinct, and no modern book treats the Eclecti as Lories. In my opinion, foreign birds should be classed as Britishers are for show purposes, by size and by the nature of the food, with special classes for a few very common cheap species. Only in this way can a judge give, and an exhibitor obtain, full satisfaction.

FRANK FINN.

A VISIT TO THE AVIARIES OF MR. J. M. WHYTE (ABERDEEN).

SIR,—Having had a welcome invitation to visit the aviaries of Mr. J. M. Whyte (Woodside, Aberdeen), for some time past, I was able the other day to avail myself of his hospitality. Arriving at about 10 a.m., I found him busily attending to the wants of his feathered family. After the usual hearty exchanges, Mr. Whyte started to show me over his premises. Before going into details I will give you an idea of the extent and erection of the main aviary. In length it measures from 85 to 90 feet, the width being 8½ feet and the height some 8 feet in front, rising to 9½ feet at the back. It is divided into separate compartments to suit the different species. Doors are provided in each so that access can be had from end to end without coming to the outside. Running the whole length in front is an all-wire aviary measuring 12 feet from back to front by 8 feet high, and it is divided into compartments by ¾ inch mesh netting in the same way as the inside aviary. By means of sliding windows the inmates can be let in and out at will. In the case of British birds they always have access to the outside, but the foreign Finches Mr. Whyte keeps in at his discretion. Beyond the main aviary are two smaller ones, each about 14 ft. by 7 ft. by 7 ft. Both are half wood and half wired. So much for the aviary; let me now speak of the occupants. In the first of the small buildings my host had a beautiful cock Golden Pheasant and two hens of the same species, all in fine trim. Mr. Whyte tells me he has had over thirty eggs from them this season, but up to this date none had proved fertile. In No. 2 he had two pairs of Quails, lovely little creatures, and very tame. No 1 compartment of the main building is the British bird aviary, about 20 ft. long. The occupants were 16 Siberian Goldies, 8 Greenfinch hens, 3 Bully hens, 2 Linnets, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Yellowhammers and 1 Bramblefinch hen. This compartment is fitted up for hybridising purposes. One or two Greenie hens were on eggs. One Bully hen had died eggbound the day previous to my visit. No. 2 compartment contains the small foreigners; it is about 14 ft long, and is full of nesting places of all kinds. As to the inmates, I should say they numbered about 200. Many were on nests, and I noticed a good many young of different species. I distinguished the following: Blackhead, Black-faced, Bronzewing and Goldbreasted Munikins. Blue and White Javas, Zebra-finch, Zebra Waxbill, Bengalese, Ribbon-finch, Cutthroat, Whitethroated Finch, Scarlet Weavers, Boss Weavers, also the Red and Orange-cheek Whydahs, and others. It was a sight to see them all in the outside aviary, which is nicely got up to suit these delicate creatures. In the centre is a spray fountain playing continuously (in the trough of which many were enjoying a bath), surrounded by shrubs of different kinds; creepers are also growing on the wires and the Weavers were busy at work. Some six or eight Weavers' nests had been built but no eggs had been laid. It was a treat to watch these at work. No. 3 is the Budgerigar compartment. It is 12 feet long, and contained eight pairs of yellow Budgerigars, one green cock mated to a yellow hen, a pair of Cockatiels, the hen sitting on four fertile eggs, about a dozen young yellows fully fledged, and a few hens on eggs. Mr. Whyte put a sheaf of grass in the outside aviary, and it was a treat to observe how the birds ransacked it, and what a row they could make, too. No. 4 compartment, 7 feet long, contained a fine young King Parrot; he seemed to me very lonely-like. No. 5 is the finest compartment of the whole lot. It is 35 feet long, and the occupants are very numerous; no less than 45 pairs of Canaries—43 pairs Plainheads and 2 pairs for crest breeding. The cages were arranged in one long row along the back, three tiers deep, and a nicer lot it would be hard to find. Many youngsters were on the sticks and some of all ages were in the nests. About twenty hens were sitting on eggs. Two pairs only were up for muling, both paired to Goldies; one hen was set on four eggs. A small space wired off at the end of this room contained a lovely pair of Pope Cardinals. No. 6—which is the last—is about 6 ft. long, and contained three very curious specimens—namely, a pair of African Barn Owls, the hen being perched on a pedestal and rocking herself to and fro as if she wanted to send herself to sleep, and a Mynah Owl, very tame. This bird perched on to the hand of Mr. Whyte on being invited to do so. Thinking I had now seen the whole of his stock I proceeded to thank him for his kindness in showing me over his premises, but to my surprise I was told to come up to his dwelling-house, as he had still a few to show me. On entering the large porch he has had erected at the back of his house, I found still another display of cages with some of his finest stock, notably his two Scottish National and Palace winning Longtailed Whydahs, both looming well in colour and looking very fit. Also a pair of very fine Magpie Mannikins and three Saffron Finches. He also had a rare bird here, namely, a Yellow-rumped Bullfinch (which ought to make its presence felt this next show season if its owner is fortunate in moulting it), two foreign Bullies, one Crested Cardinal, two Greenfinches, one Redpoll and one Treesparrow. In addition to these small birds he had the following large ones: One Rock Parrot, one Amazon Parrot (which treated me to a measure of "Up in the morning, early"), one Congo Parrot, one Black Parrot, and tremendous-sized red and blue Macaw, which looks over three feet long. He saluted me with "Hello Bob." After seeing these I was shown still another room in which were eight pairs of Belgians. Mr. Whyte has been unfortunate with this lot in that he has not had any young from them. This finished the live stock, but I was shown a marvellous collection of about 500 bird skins, a few thousands of moths and butterflies and a large collection of eggs of all kinds. It took us close on four hours to go over and inspect his stock which I must say is a marvellous one (and it must be remembered that not one of all the above is for sale), and well worth any fancier's having a look over. Mr. Whyte is a very enthusiastic and congenial fancier, and assures me that nothing gives him more pleasure than to show anyone over his premises. Any fellow fancier who may happen to visit the city will have a welcome on going to inspect the stock of my friend. I will conclude by wishing Mr. Whyte a very successful show season.

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THE MAKING OF NETTING.

SIR,—Could any reader kindly let me know through the columns of your valuable paper, how I could make my own netting? I have got some thread that would do very well for it J. PHILLIPS.

THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—We feel that an apology is due to those who sent for marked catalogues of our show last week, as the index was missing. This was due to our Printer being temporarily short-handed, and, owing to the very large number of late entries, being unable to complete the index. As it was, I think he did wonders; we had the marked catalogues on sale within three-quarters of an hour of the completion of the judging. We should also like to thank, through your columns, the very many oxhibitors who have written expressing their satisfaction with the prompt and satisfactory manner we dealt with their return exhibits. We did out utmost to satisfy all, and it is gratifying to hear that we succeeded.

R. J. TRUSCOTT, Sec.

CRESTS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL SHOW.

SIR,—In your report of tbe Horticultural Hall Show last week, you remark on my wining Crest (bred 1908): "We hear was bought with others at a surprisingly low figure." I am pleased to be able to say you have made a mistake abont this bird, like many others did at the show. I can satisfy everybody with proofs that I bred the bird I was first with, from a hen I claimed out of the 30s. limit class at the Palace last year, which belonged then to Mr. Wallace, of Aberdeen. The cock hird was bred by Mr. Grant, of London. I will be much obliged if you will put this correct.

F. JOHNSON.

(We have pleasure in giving this correction. The statement Mr. Johnson traverses was made by a fancier to several well-known fancers, and in our presence, the exact words used being that the said fancier had sold the birds indicated while in an unfinished state (owing to moult) for about 50s. each. We expressed our deep regret that we should have been out of such an excellent deal; we dry our tears, however.—EDITOR.)

A VISIT TO THE FENS IN SEARCH OF EGGS.

SIR,—During a recent holiday, a young London naturalist spent his holidays in this district egg and moth collecting. As the latter does not come within the radius of CAGE BIRDS, I will leave it out of my notes and relate simply some of his adventures with the birds and eggs. As he had a permit to go to several choice preserves, he was able to see many a nest which had escaped the boys, and take snapshots of several noted nests; I believe he is going to publish these photographs at some time in book-form. He was particularly anxious to find a nest with a young Cuckoo in, hut after several days' search he had to give that project up as a bad joh. He found plenty of Hedge Accentors' nests, but they all contained young, and no eggs were to he found in these, as it was too late for them. He asked me if they bred twice in a year, but that I could not say; I don't think they do, as I have never found the eggs later in the year. They are generally one of our earliest hirds to build. Several nests of Robins were found, but only one having eggs in it; the others all had young in them. Three nests of young Nightingales were found, one of them with 1 egg and four young in it, the young being nearly ready to fly. The other two nests had five young ones in each, of ahout the same age as the other four. One of these nests of young is now heing hand-reared, and four very nice birds they are. Next to be found were two nests of the Whitethroat with young ones in them of about 14 days old, and three Redstarts' nests, which also had young in them. These five nests were left; I only wish he had brought them for me to hand-rear, but he was too far from here to do so. A nest containing young Butcher Birds was found and a photograph taken. Two nests of the Summer Snipe were also found near the river; these had young ones in them. Any amount of Jackdaws' and Starlings' nests were found, and also Blackbirds' and Thrushes' Only one of these latter had eggs in it. Several nests of hoth eggs and young of the Missel Thrush were found. I believe that this season there has been a large number of such nests about here. All the Rooks' nests were over, and only one nest of the Carrion Crow with young was located. I think the boys have had all these, for I never remember so many eggs taken before. A friend of mine has brought up a nest of these hirds; they are now fine handsome hirds, and he is quite proud of them and is never tired of showing them to his friends. Any quantity of the Kestrel Hawks' nests were found, hut most of these had young ones in them, only a few having eggs, and these were hard sat upon. Several nests of Jays were found containing both eggs and young. Two nests of tho Blackcap were found with young in them about seven days old. He made notes of all the nests he had found, of what they contained, and it was quite interesting reading. I am not giving you them all; only a rough list of them. Near the ponds and pools he found a lot of nests of the Moor Hen, hut only one which had eggs in it. I can quite understand that, as I know that the boys have had, near the town, over a dozen nests. Two Wild Ducks' nests containing eggs were found, and one Partridge's nest, with over 20 eggs in it; no doubt two birds had laid in this nest. A Ring Ouzle's nest was found with young in it nearly ready to fly. A good snapshot of these birds was taken, which I doubt not will prove very interesting. As this is a larger subject than I thought for, I must leave it here. T. H. KINCH.

A LOSS IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—Through my advertisement in your paper I had occasion to send one of my winning young Buff Yorkshires to Crewe, taking same myself to Willesden Junction on Saturday, fully 46 minutes before the mail train (the 5.46 for Crewe) left. I inquired at the time of booking when it would arrive, and the clerk in charge looking up the time-table, stated 9.30, ahout three hours later. In the meantime I wired to the gentleman in Crewe to meet that train, which he did, and, to his surprise and disappointment, the bird did not arrive. He waited all trains till midnight, and returned Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and waited till 12 o'clock mid-day. Then at last he found the parcel office open, and there the bird was. On examining it before the clerk in charge, he found it more dead than alive; it died the following morning. I have now been twice personally making enquiries at Willesden Junction, and can get no satisfaction; only a statement that they will write and let me know. This is two weeks since. It seems awful to think we cannot send a hird, perfectly packed, a journey of three hours, only to have such a result. I have all the Crewe gentleman's correspondence in hand. I should feel obliged if any of your readers can give me advice in the matter, so as to get a little satisfaction from the railway company.

J. A. SIMPSON.

(Our correspondent should lodge a claim with the Railway Company at their head office for full value of the dead bird. If no notice is taken of this, after allowing ample time for them to make inquiries into the matter, he should write stating he intends to sue them in the County Court, through which, failing settlement otherwise, his remedy lies.—EDITOR.)

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND SHOW

SIR,—I note last week the Secretary stated that he paid all prize money out in the time guaranteed; also that he wrote me concerning same, which he did not. I did not receive my prize money till after the committee had been informed that I had not had it. As regards the postcard I wrote him, I thought it would remind him of the prize money, when I sent for the prize card. I can say with truth that I had not heard from him up to that time, a week after the show. Below is a copy of the letter in answer to my postcard:—

"Dear Sir,—Sorry I omitted to send you prize card. I thought I enclosed it with prize money. Have I overlooked you? Mr. C——, Nottingham, would buy your hen Linnet if for sale.—C. DRAPER, Secretary."

I think it would have looked better if he had replied to my other letters, which would have stopped all paper controversy. It was a matter of fifteen days between the letter and the time I received my prize, which, I think, was ample time for him to trace it. As to "abuse" and "civility" in my correspondence, I think the next time he answers it will be better if be states the true facts. Again, I think I am not far wrong in asking for what are only my rights, which I think any fancier would do; also I wish to say that my letter had reached your office before I received the money (which was last post December 1st), I think a letter to the committee was the means of my receiving it. Copy of other letter:—

December 1.

"Dear Sir,—I enclose you P.O. value 2s 6d., and regret mistake was made. I have it crossed off in the book, and it has been sent to someone, but I accept your word that you have not had it. But surely I am allowed to wait a day or two, to see if I hear anything of it, without your abusive letter. I was away for the week-end, and intended to write you when I came back, but on finding a letter from you and threats as to what you would do, well, I have simply given you the opportunity. It will be no news to Mr. N., as I laid your letter before the committee last Friday. I am writing Mr. B. as well.—Yours, etc., C. DRAPER, Secretary.

I know for a fact he did not write Mr. B.

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CHASING THE CHORTLING CHOUGH.

Mealworms to the Rescue.

SIR,—On the day before judging at the Horticultural Hall, I was helping Mr. C. T. Maxwell get his hirds ready for the show. On entering the aviary to get the Chough out to put into its show cage, the door not being quite closed, the Chough escaped into the open. The owner's face at once became a study. But instant action was necessary to recapture the bird. The first thing it did was to settle down in the garden, but on our approach it quickly flew away. Over the high fence I scrambled, but not a trace of the bird could be seen. A small boy in an adjoining garden had seen a large hlack hird flying about, he said, and pointed out the direction it had taken. Over ahout six garden walls I went, looking in all the leafless trees, but no Chough could be seen. After a while, and traversing the length of a dozen gardens further on, I could plainly hear the cawing of a Chough. I have caught a good many wild birds in my time, but have never yet tried my hand at catching Choughs. On reaching the garden in which I could see the bird picking about on a lawn, and before getting over the wall, another man came in sight. I invited him to join in the chase, knowing full well that the owner of the bird would freely compensate anyone for the recovery of such a valuable hird, so he took up a position on the top of a high wall where he could get a good view of the direction the bird took if it flew away, as fly it did, and not to my surprise, knowing how the bird had always lived in a very large aviary, and how strong it was on the wing. It soared in the air, then took the direction of the Brixton Road, and I thought it was "all up" against our ever seeing the Chough again. To my great surprise, however, I saw it flying round. It made a complete circle, as one seems a homing pigeon take before starting for home. I thought its "first stop" would be Clapham Common or Tooting, but to my surprise it returned to the garden where it went first, dropping on a very high stone balcony, which was approached by a flight of iron stairs. Not having a net, or anything in the way of food to entice it down, I thought of the well-known dainty for birds called mealworms. I dispatched a hoy to Mr. Maxwell's house for a tin of mealworms, anxiously awaiting his return, thinking over the best way to tackle the hird in the meanwhile. While the hoy was gone there was a good deal of excitement at the surrounding windows and gardens, and I nearly lost my chance of ever getting near the bird hy a person appearing at the door on the balcony offering to get, or try to get hold of it for me. I commenced throwing a few mealworms to the bird, at the same time ascending the steps very cautiously, so as not to startle it in any way, and gradually getting nearer until within about a yard of him. Knowing I should only have one chance to make a grab at him, and fully realising the result if I missed my hold, I decided to make a dash at the legs; strangely enough I came off trumps, at the expense of only a few scratches and pecks from the bird's strong beak. And so ended my chase. Amid the excitement of many onlookers, I bore back my prize in triumph, and put it in its show cage without its suffering the loss of a single feather. Imagine Mr. Maxwell's surprise when he found the bird safe in its show cage, none the worse for its fly round, and, as a great many people now know who visited the Horticultural Hall Show on Friday and Saturday, this very bird won 1st, and special for the best British bird in tbe show, and was greatly admired.

CHASE ME CHARLIE.

C.B.U. MATTERS.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "Equity," the C.B.U. has no rule to prevent any relative of an exhibitor from showing hirds. In the case of a suspended exhibitor, whose wife or other relative is exhibiting, the secretaries of shows can exercise their judgment, and, if in any doubt, refuse these entries. In any event, the person exhibiting the birds declares them to be his or her hona fide property, and runs the risk of having to prove this statement. Referring to the letter of "H.M.R.," I do not remember to have received any letters on the subject he mentions which have not been answered (unless, perhaps, anonymous ones). I have had a cursory look through my correspondence, and cannot trace one; hut to go through each letter would not he the light task "H.R.M." may imagine, considering they average from 40 to 50 a week.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

CORRESPONDENCE, continued on next page.

HYBRIDS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL SHOW.

SIR,—We much regret having occasion to contradict a statement appearing in your report of the Horticultural Hall Show in your last issue, to the effect that the committee upset the judge's decision in one of the Hybrid classes. This is absolutely a pure invention, published without knowing the true facts of the case. The committee have never met yet to discuss any point arising out of the show, neither have any of them, either collectively or individually, been approached respecting the matter. The fact is that the judge misread the heading, owing doubtless to being so rushed for his slips to enable us to get catalogues with awards as quickly as possible. The judge himself came to the office, and requested a new set of prize-cards to be put up, which was immediately done, and we would thank you to kindly give this equal publicity to the misleading report.

TYSON AND MUGFORD.

(As Mr. Tyson is good enough to accuse us of "pure invention" we have no option but to at once state that our information came direct (though, of course, unofficially) from the president of the society, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Mr. Crisp was discussing the matter with us (and in the presence of others), and said that the judge, Mr. Robson, at first contended that the bird was entitled to compete in the class in which he had awarded it a prize. In answer to a question as to how the situation had been dealt with, he replied to the effect that: We have had it wrong-classed; we had no option, it is in its wrong class and is not entitled to compete therein. We say, further, that this impression was the one commonly prevailing at the show—we several times heard the matter being discussed. We have no desire to mis-state facts, or to mislead readers; and in this case the responsibility (if any) is not ours. Taking "the facts" as given by Mr. Tyson, they are sufficiently astonishing. We had always thought that once a judge's slip was handed in to the secretary, no material alteration could be made on it. Here a class is officiated on and the prize-cards put upon the cages, yet a "new set of cards" is put up at the request of the judge—after, of course his mistake had been pointed out to him by some third party. This, then, merely amounts to some official giving the judge permission to upset his own decisions. That official sanction to the changing of the awards must have been given seems to us self-evident; Mr. Tyson's own letter proves it. It may well be—we do not dispute it—that the judge was, as may be inferred from Mr. Tyson's letter, given so many classes to officiate upon that he could not even find time to properly read the headings in the schedule governing the said classes. That is a matter which solely concerns the management and the exhibitors. —EDITOR.)

SOME POINTS ABOUT SALES AND EXCHANGES.

SIR,—I am delighted to think that you are opening your columns to those who are desirous of warning the unwary against professional bird-sharpers. After over thirty years' experience in dealing with honest and dishonest men, I have formulated a few rules for my own guidance. Your readers may take these for what they consider them worth. The typical examples which I shall quote are only a few of many others for which I can give chapter and verse. To begin with, I never answer a long, high-sounding, puffing advertisement with a low price attached to the article, as I have learnt from experience that a fair price is asked for a genuine article, and strangers are not likely to make presents to strangers, *e.g.*, "Joey, finger-tame cock Goldfinch, blood-red blaze, fine bars, buttons and moons, a gem, sings by gaslight as well as by day. Too noisy to keep. Sacrifice for 2s. 6d., &c." It will be observed that this advertisement must have cost nearly half the price asked for the bird, and the inference should be plain. My lad, however, was attracted by the word "Joey" and "too noisy to keep," and parted with 2s. 6d. The bird was received, and turned out to be a small, half-coloured hen finch, probably one out of a dozen others that had been bought from a dealer by the advertiser concerning whom the chief constable of the town informed me he had received several letters of complaint. I was determined to take legal proceedings, even if I spent a few pounds in so doing. Before I did so, however, I received back the P.O. Take another example to support this rule: "Hand-reared, beautiful cock Goldfinch, incessant songster, one out nest of 4 birds, lovely plumage, in pink of condition, etc., 2s. 6d." Then follows a long and high sounding address, probably beginning with "Mr." Out of curiosity I enquired about this bird. A well-written answer came, saying the price was too low to bother with approval arrangements, and as would be seen from the enclosed letter, which the seller had received "after" mine (probably a letter written by an accomplice as there was no envelope showing a postmark), another person was anxious to purchase the bird unconditionally, and the other person's offer would have been accepted, were it not for the fact that the writer made it a point of honour (?) to take the offers in the order of their receipt. With eyes open, I sent the P.O. for 2s. 6d., and received a wild, freshly-caught, but mealy-coloured hen. I called in two brother fanciers to examine this hen with me and to assist me to place upon it a private mark before I returned it to the owner, with a short note saying that unless my money was sent back by return of post, the matter would be placed in the hands of the police. The sequel was the most abusive and indignant letter I have ever received. It even threatened me with exposure to the C.B.U.! But the P.O. was enclosed! I replied: "All right, I advise you to abandon your game. I am prepared to meet you; please proceed with the matter." It is needless to add that I never heard any more from this person. It does not, however, necessarily follow that a high price spells genuineness, and I have found not a few slippery, plausible people, who show no hesitation in asking the very highest price for an inferior article. The semi-genuine article is often advertised on approval, but when you get into communication with the seller he writes back a lengthy letter expressing unqualified praise of the bird, and adding that by "approval" he means that unless you are perfectly satisfied he will return your money. He adds that, if you want a thundering good bird, you should write per return enclosing money, and a "gem," a "champion," the "best you have ever heard," will be sent you. You argue with yourself, and conclude that this will be a chance lost unless you comply. Away goes the money, and back comes the bird, far and away below the standard described. You write expressing disappointment, and asking the seller to return money, or money, less 2s. for his trouble, in case the transaction means 10s. 6d. or more, to which he replies expressing regret that you "are so hard to please," and apologising that he has, under pressure of circumstances, spent the money! He promises to save up and send the money on soon! This is about the last one hears. One should be chary of placing reliance on the words of strangers, who describe their birds as prize winners, Mule-breeders, safe with eggs, etc. I have found the genuine working man as honest and reliable as anyone. His replies are brief and to the point, and the bird is generally up to the quality he claims for it. He hates letter-writing and post-office transactions, so that he often refuses to adopt the deposit system on this account. I sometimes buy genuine stuff from working men without safeguarding myself by the deposit system. Well-known people, with a character to preserve, and big firms, are the only other people I deal with in this way. I have no doubt but that one occasionally loses a good thing by insisting on the deposit system, but, generally speaking, it is the only safe method of protection. The experiences given by those who exchange goods, are most interesting, and I would willingly contribute towards a fund for defraying the legal expenses incurred by sufferers in bringing swindlers in these cases to justice. The game of sending or selling a slightly-sick bird instead of a healthy one is very difficult for an amateur to detect. If the seller stands near the bird it will pull itself together nicely, and if he takes the additional precaution of running his fingers across the cage wires, the feathers will be tightened, and the bird will hop from perch to perch as if it were one of the gayest creatures living. Stand well back from a bird you contemplate buying, and look well at the eye and carriage of the bird from a fair distance. One ignorant lady called me in to show me how large and fat her bird was growing. "It will soon be the size of a Thrush," she said. Yet in reality this yellow Canary was very emaciated, but with feathers well puffed out. It died two days afterwards. One more example to conclude. A seller insisted on my sending him a post-dated P.O. It was to be payable in six days. At 7 p.m. on the fifth day the bird had not arrived, so I wired to the post-office to stop payment. I was only just in time, for, next morning, the most miserable wretch I had ever seen arrived. I have omitted samples of heaps of deceptions which have been practised on me through the want of sufficient precaution on my part. I have only quoted those typical tricks which I have been made conversant with after having learnt prudence and caution. I hope their reading may prove useful to some inexperienced buyers. To sum up, my advice is, deal with well-known firms, or well-known private people of good standing, and offer a fair price for your bird. In all other transactions, insist on the deposit system, unless you sometimes have a deal with a real working man or a real cricket: neither is at all a bad sort.

WELSHMAN.

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An Appeal.

SIR,—I herewith send you list of donations received from friends in the Fancy, outside our membership, to help wipe out the deficit, and hope you will publish same in your next issue. John Hoctor, Esq. (Aberdeen), £5; John J. Manson, Esq., L.D.S., 21s.; Matthew Henderson, £1 5s. 6d.; A Friend, 20s.; Jas Smeaton, 20s.; John Baird, 22s.; Alex. Cochrane, 15s.; Dr. Galloway, 12s. 6d.; Messrs. McConnachie, A. G. Cameron, Wm. Aitchison, And. Jardine, W. Buchanan, John MacQueen, H. M'Quiston, 10s. each; Mr. Chas. Campbell, 10s. 6d.; Messrs. Duncan and Logan, Wm. Howat, and Gavin Alston, 5s. each; Mr. John Young, 3s.; "A Friend," Messrs. J. Lawrie, George Scaife, A. Maxwell, G. Mackie, and G. F. Adamson, 2s. 6d. each. Almost every one of the donors express their repugnance at the dastardly act that made our appeal necessary, and we in our turn now offer these gentlemen our sincere thanks for their spontaneous assistance. I shall take the liberty of acquainting you when we have quite cleared away the debt.

R. A. BROWN, Sec.

LLANELLY SHOW AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR,—I had no intention of writing again as, having stated the facts about Mr. Tedstone's bird, I had intended (as Mr. Mills put it) leaving it to the individual judgment of readers. But Mr. Tedstone has asked me a few questions, so I feel called upon out of courtesy to reply. Mr. Tedstone states that my letter was full of fabrications; why not call them falsehoods at once? It is all very well to make such a sweeping charge, Mr. Tedstone, but why not point out where the lie is? About your statement that I wrote to try and make Mr. Beard bring an action against you, that is all imagination, as I attach no importance to the telegram. I only mentioned it to show that the secretary had wired you, and also got the reply. You state that you did not get the wire until nearly 4.30 p.m., and that it reached the Brecon office at 12.23. I hope that you do not blame us for that also. In regard to the telegram being marked "Private," this is the first time I became aware of it; but, at the same time, any communication marked private I consider worse than an open letter, as it ties the hands of the receiver, and does not alter its contents. In regard to the late arrival of Mr. Tedstone's case, I would like to ask Mr. Beard, as a gentleman who attended the show, and who would be an independent witness, if he can throw any light on the matter; also to give his opinion on the management of the show? In regard to Mr. Longdon, who was the representative and an official of the W.C.B. Club, I invite him to give his version of the unpacking of Mr. Tedstone's birds to your readers. Mr. Tedstone wants to know why I did not reply to Mr. Brown's letter last January. Well, for the simple reason that what Mr. Brown wrote was true, and I do not object to the truth, but only to misleading statements being made. You want to know what compensation we gave Mr. Brown, but I do not see why I should satisfy your curiosity. I invite Mr. C. E. Brown, however, if he would like to do so, to give readers his opinion of myself and the Llanelly Society. As far as I am concerned, I do not intend continuing this correspondence, as it is drifting away from the loss of the bird, and no good can be achieved by doing so. I am prepared to abide by what the above independent gentlemen have to say on the subject.

D. R. JONES,
Chairman, Llanelly C.B.S.

JUDGE-BAITING EXTRAORDINARY.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Cede Nullis," displays a remarkable ignorance of the facts of the case about which he writes in your issue of a fortnight ago, under the above heading. He apparently has heard a very distorted account of the happenings at the show concerned, and, if I may, I should advise him to hear the whole of the facts before expressing any further opinion on what he terms a "frivolous matter," which, seemingly, is not in his opinion so very "frivolous" after all, seeing that he, instead of "treating it with the contemptible disgust is deserves," deigns to answer it. Had "Cede Nullis" been at the show when the regrettable incidents occurred, he would, I think, have been quite as disgusted at the conduct of the discontented exhibitor as were 99 per cent. of those who were there. The judge (as straight and as conscientious a gentleman, and as competent a judge as can be found in the Fancy), did his work honestly, and in a satisfactory manner, as proved by the entire absence (with just the one exception) of grumbling at his awards. I can recall several previous occasions on which this particular exhibitor has made himself very unpleasant—and others uncomfortable—in the presence of visitors to the shows, and this has done the Association concerned no good. It cannot be said that I am a "disappointed exhibitor," or that I am "mourning a deficit," or even "celebrating any particular Government measure;" neither can it be said that my birds were beaten in any one class by the exhibitor, whose cause "Cede Nullis" is championing. Neither does it seem quite so certain that the exhibitor will continue to make his presence felt at the shows of this particular Association, as he said, in my presence, that he would never again show under this unfortunate judge! So, what will happen if this gentleman is asked—and consents—to judge the next show? How will the exhibitor make his presence felt? I do not know, and really I do not think that the Association would suffer any enormous loss if it were never again honoured by his patronage. And beware, ye "premier and most popular society in London," how you select your judges in future, lest your "handsomest cup" should never again be won by the present holder. What an awful thing this would be! Since "Cede Nullis" hides his identity under a nom de plume, I also avail myself of a similar privilege.

VERA PRO GRATIUS.

SIR,—Since the letter signed "Querist" appeared in your columns, I have had several exhibitors ask if I were the writer. Therefore, may I ask you, Sir, to kindly state in your next issue that no letter, except the present, has been received from me on this subject? It is a pity both "Querist" and "Cede Nullis" did not sign their names, and so avoid others being suspected and annoyed. Much to my disgust I received an unstamped letter this morning (paying the usual fee of twopence), enclosing a cutting from the last issue, signed "Frank Table." This was attached to a half-sheet of notepaper, upon which was written: "Brave fellow. The person that wrote this as'nt the pluck of a worm" (note spelling). In my mind I am quite convinced that only one person could have sent this (which, by the way, is a terribly plucky action!), and I am disgusted with such a contemptible effort to draw me into this controversy. I need hardly mention that I do not know either "Querist," "Cede Nullis," or "Frank Table." This is my first and last letter on the subject.

R. P. HARPER.

[We have received no communication from Mr. Harper other than the above.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—I felt highly amused, and had a good laugh, at Mr. Table supporting "Querist" last week. To sum his letter up, he is no intending fancier, but one of this exhibitor's so-called friends. In the first place, how is it this exhibitor and the judge concerned are the least interested in this correspondence, and, I believe, on the very best of terms, as could be seen at the Horticultural Hall Show. Secondly, the two Finches were not shown together in one class at this show; the best Finch was competing in the A.O.V. Members class, against Hawfinches, Buntings, etc. This exhibitor's best Finch, which stood down third at the suburban show, has scored two firsts in open competition, and special second best bird in show. I am sorry that Mr. Table should bring another suburban show into the mire, as no doubt its officials will not thank him for this either, especially when (I believe) this exhibitor intends to bring this serious matter before the annual general meeting, where things may develop to a sensational character. Regarding this exhibitor thanking me for exposing him, I say, all the better, for it tends to show what a lot of petty jealousy exists in these minor societies when a man is winning. Last, but not least, if I was Mr. Table, as a beginner and stranger, I should keep under the table, and let other societies' business alone; they have their remedy, and can manage their own affairs without assistance from him. In conclusion, although I am the honourable "Cede Nullis," I feel it my duty not to expose my name, so I seek the same shelter Mr. Frank Table has done, by adopting this one—

FRANK CHAIR.

[The above letters we have been compelled to condense, owing to severe pressure on space.—EDITOR.]

LIFE EXPERIENCED JUDGES.

SIR,—It has often occurred to us when looking down the list of judges, what "life experience" means? I know for a fact that certain judges have not been in the Fancy more than five or six years; surely that cannot be a life experience? Yet they have the audacity to advertise it as such. We consider a thing like this should be put a stop to.

BARRY BROS.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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WHITBURN.

Whitburn and District C.B.S. held its third annual show, in the Town Hall, on December 12th. Here we found a nice little hall, with the birds on tiers all round, and a double tier in the body of hall, making things look nice and compact. The society possess a capable lot of officers, ever ready to oblige, and just the sort to carry a show through successfully. We learn there will be a nice balance on the right side. There was a grand attendance when we left early in the afternoon. Entries were in excess of last year's, especially in the Border classes, they being well filled. Unfortunately, however, some of the entries were "eleventh hour" ones, making it impossible for us to trace the names. It would be of great assistance to secretaries, and would ensure the insertion of their names in catalogues, if exhibitors would only send on early. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) judged the Norwich section. The Border Fancy judge, Mr. Patterson, unfortunately, through illness, was unable to fulfil his engagement, but the society telegraphed Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) at the last moment, and fortunately secured his services as a substitute. Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow) judged the Mules, British and Foreign birds. Some lively discussion took place amongst the three anent the allocation of spl for best bird in show, Mr. Chalmers taking a lovely Norwich in Mr. Buglass' buff, Mr. Hay Mr. Bennet's buff Border cock bird, and Mr. Pettigrew the winning light Mule belonging to Mr. Jamieson. They ultimately agreed to spin a coin—which may be more a matter of luck than merit. Anyhow, the coin favoured the Mule, which got the coveted spl. It was well on in the afternoon 'ere the judges got the last spls judged for. The secretary, Mr. J. Forrest, is to be complimented on his efficient management.

The Critique.

CREST (6): 1, Patterson, grand Crest, shapely body, wins well; 2, Kirkwood, varieg. D.C., nice frontal; 3, vhc, Martin, 3rd similar to 2nd, not quite so shapely in body, vhc another of the same; hc, Lambie; c, Allan. C.B. (7): 1, Clark, shapely C.B., grand entrance, wins; 2, vhc, Patterson, not quite so well lasbed perhaps as winner perhaps, but a grand one; 3, Kirkwood, good one all over; hc, Calder; c, Bell. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Malcolmson, nice size, lovely colour, grand head; 2, Simpson, another nice one, good colour; 3, Connelly, close up; vhc, T. and W. Nisbet; hc, King. BUFF (8): 1, Buglass, grand buff, lovely head, hot colour, best of wings and chest, wins easily; 2, Simpson, nice bead and body; 3, Malcolmson, shapely exhibit, well staged; vhc, hc, T. Nisbet. C. Finnie. A.O.C. (10): 1, King, grand head and chest, nice wing carriage, wins; 2, Robb, not the substance of winner perhaps, but a good one; 3, hc, Connelly, grand bird, well put down; vhc, Cruickshanks; c, No name. NON.-FED CK. (7): 1, Malcolmson, grand size and condition; 2, Robb, close up on winner, a good one; 3, Purves, nice exhibit all over; vhc, Reid; hc, Flood; c, Livingstone. HEN (7): 1, Lambie, beautifully moulded, grand head, wins with plenty in hand; 2, hc, Gordon, another nice-bodied hen; 3, c, Reid; vhc, Purves. SELL. CK. (12/6) (7): 1, Balcanquel; 2, Flood; 3, Robb; vhc, Clark; hc, King; c, Gordon. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, No name, lovely cl., best of head and chest, like wax, wins easiy; 2, Taylor, grand wings and tail, nice condition; 3, Bennet, another fine yell., lovely head and body; vhc, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, Wilson; c, McWatt; No. 7, Cormack, grand yell, might have won, but for being short of tail feathers which kept it back, hard lines; cultivate a full tail Mr. C., and he will take some stopping. HEN (12): 1, Brown, lovely lady, grand condition, best of heads, well staged; 2, Boag, beautiful chest and wings, fine pipe tail; 3, Duncan, another nice one, presses 2nd hard; vhc, spl, Bennet; hc, Lambie; c, Wilson; No. 4, Cockburn, W.C., a buff; No. 6, Peel, grand exhibit, but feathers broken in tail, or might have been in money. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Bennet, model, like wax, faultless, deharred from B.F.C.C. medal; 2, B.F.C.C. medal, McKenzie, another of the first water, not much hetween them; 3rd Peel, natty little Border, well staged; vhc, Craig, close up; c, Cormack; c, Forrest—a grand class, hard to separate. HEN (12) Another remarkably fine class; 1, Bennet, another of his champions, needs no comment; 2, spl for best Border in Burgh, Lambie, like wax, hard lines to meet winner, little to choose between them; 3, Craig, nice condition; vhc, spl, Forrest; hc, c, McWatt; W.C., No. 4, Alexander, some preferred for 3rd, but ticked on both eyes, making it ineligible, hard lines. EVEN MARK (10): 1, Alexander, Buff, nice eye and wing marks, grand type, well staged; 2, McWatt, buff, good markings; 3, McKenzie, another nice exhibit, buff, grand markings, wants a left claw; vhc, Chrichton; hc, Lambie; c, Forrest. GREEN and CINN. YELL. (9): 1, spl, A. J. Thomson, grand yell. green, handsome pencilling, fine exbibit, well staged; 2, Buglass, nice type and pencilling; 3, Brown; grandly marked, taking exhibit; vhc, McWatt; hc, Lambie; c, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, A. and J. Thomson, same model as previous winner, grand feather, nicely pencilled; 2, Forrest, stylish, good one; 3, Hyslop, well staged Cinn.; vhc, Arnott and Jamieson; hc, W. Lambie; c, R. Lambie. FOUL (14): 1, Wilson, nice green, foul tail, grandly pencilled, wins; 2, c, T. Duncan, another well staged foul; 3, Buglass, well staged, nice model; vhc, W. Duncan; hc, R. Lambie. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (10): 1, spl, Glass, grand varieg. yell., in the pink of condition, wins well; 2, spl, Lambie, fine head and wings, in excellent condition, well staged; 3, Forrest, good bird; vhc, McWatt; hc, Brown; c, No name HEN (13): 1, Brown, sweet hen, lovely bloom, nice wings and tail; 2, Young, fine, round head, grand chest, presses winner hard; 3, A. and J. Thomson, close up; vhc, Lambie; hc, Murray; c, McWatt. SELL. CK. (7/6) (11): 1, Glass; 2, Lambie; 3, McWatt; vhc, Forrest; hc, Russell; c, spl, No name. HEN (5/6) (11): 1, Cormack; 2, Boag; 3, Bennet; vhc, spl, Brown; hc, Forrest; c, Johnstone. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, McWatt; 2, Ross; 3, Wilson; vhc, Simpson. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Dunsmore, grand size, dense in colour, splendid cap; 2, Thompson, similar, lovely colour; 3, Simpson: vhc, Wilson; hc, c, No name. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Brown, grand size and shape, nicely tanned chest, conspicuous whites, well staged; 2, Colbran, neat Goldie, good, deep tone of colour throughout; 3, Robertson, grand face, fine size, well mooned; vhc, Taylor; hc, Calder; c, Strachan. BULLFINCH HEN (15) A grand class: 1, Dunsmore, in wonderful order, very densely coloured, fine wing bars; 2, vhc, Nicol, splendid cap, nice size, well staged; 3, Arnott, good size and polish; hc, McGavin; c, Taylor; LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (11): 1, Watson, wonderful size, nicely pencilled; 2, Calder, grand nut-colour, beautifully marked; 3, No name, good one, might be a little steadier, perhaps; vhc, Colbran; hc, Bell and McInnes; c, Dunsmore. FIELD-MOULTED (9): 1, Watson, another grand one, to be newly-caught, fine colour, wonderful size, wins; 2, Robertson, more wild, grandly pencilled; 3, Calder, grand flights, well put down; vhc, No name; hc, Nicol; c, No name. GREENFINCH, FED (8): 1, 2, Bald, two nice ones for size, 1st lovely-colour, and well fed, little to choose between them, well staged; 3, c, Aitken, 3rd nice sheen; vhc, Martin; hc, No name. NON-FED (17): 1, Bald, another wonder, rare colour, well put down; 2, Nicol, grand Greenie for size and colour, presses winner hard; 3, Finnie, rich colour; vhc, Calder; hc, Thomson; c, Duncan. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, vhc, A. and W. Allan, leading with a hot one, nice bib, colour a fine tone, throughout; 2, McGavin, lovely cap and wings, nice size; 3, Martin, fine markings; hc, Malcolmson, we liked; c, Gentleman, nice little gentleman, too, worth its place. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Robertson, fine size, nicely mealed, good markings; 2, Calder, nice bib, close on winner, 3, Marlin, fine tone all over; vhc, No name; hc, Storrie; c, McGavin. SISKIN (4): 1, vhc, Calder, leading with a fine capped fellow, nice bib, in grand order; 2, McGavin, stylish; 3, Brown. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Sharp; 2, Aitken; 3, Arnott; vhc, Calder; hc, Ward; c, Hyslop. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Marlin; 2, Ward; 3, Calder; vhc, Bald; hc, Workman; c, Arnott. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Bald; 2, Reid; 3, Strachan; vhc, Calder; hc, Duncan; c, Hamilton. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, No name; 2, Ward; 3, Easton. BRIT. SELL. (5/6) (10): 1, Workmau; 2, Smith; 3, Duncan; vhc, Nicol; hc, No name; c, Calder. DARK MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, McWatt; 2, Patterson; 3, Duncan; vhc, Jamieson; hc, King; c, Reid. LIGHT (7): 1, 3, vhc, Jamieson, nice light Mule leading, marked wings and eyes, well put down, takes spl for best in show; 2, Doyle; hc, Doyle; c, Bell. MULE SELL. (7/6) (2): 1, Nicol; 2, Balcanquel. FOR. (3): 1, Arnott; 2, Bell and McInnes; 3, Cockburn.

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT F.A.

Annual show of the Mansfield and Dis. F.A., held December 11th and 12th in the Victoria Hall, when Mr. W. Vardy judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. W. N. Sarll, had the arrangements well in hand, and managed the show nicely

YELL. OR MKD. NOR. CK.: 1, vhc, Smith, I, large, good type, quality and colour; 2, Hare, very typical, nice quality; 3, hc, Barwise; 3, another nice cl; c, Hinchliff. HEN: 1, Brailsford, very nice cl. extra good type and colour, well put down; 2, Barwise, nice varieg. good size and type; 3, Smith, fine cl.; vhc, Hare; hc, Hinchliff; c, Truman. BUFF CK.: 1, Truman, extra nice cl. grand type and quality, good colour; 2, 3, Barwise, both excellent clears, lovely type and quality, close up; vhc, hc, Hinchliff; c, Hare. HEN: 1, 2, Hinchliff, two grand hens, extra fine birds, lovely quality, both varieg.; 3, Hare, nice cl.; vhc, hc, Barwise; c, Brailsford. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Seagrave and Miller, grand team, all dark crests of best quality, 1, the largest in crest, good quality feather, the others very close together. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Seagrave and Miller, 1, takes spl for best in show, one of the very best; 2, lovely green. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Shilling, wonderful length, capital quality and colour, ticked on neck; 2, 3, Truman, 2, varieg. best quality nice length, good wing carriage; 3, excellent cl.; vhc, hc, Hymas; c, Hare. BUFF: 1, 2, Truman, two good clears nice length, very steady best quality and colour; 3, Hymas, another nice quality cl.; vhc, Millett; hc, Shilling; c, Hare. STOCK PAIRS (for Plainhead Breeding): 1, Barwise, buff ck. yell. green hen, well matched pair well up in substance; 2, Brailsford, buff cock, very large well mated to a small mark. yell. hen; 3, vhc, Smith, 3, large varieg. yell. ck. rather small buff ticked hen; hc, c, Hinchliff. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, he, Barwise, 1st, extra good dark Goldfinch and Can., well known; 2, nice Goldfinch-Greenfinch cross; 3, Hare, varieg. Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, Shilling; c, Millott. BRIT. SMALL.: 1. Roslyn. splendid Shore Lark in good feather, nice and steady; 2, Truman, grand Wheatear; 3, vhc, hc, Sparks, leader very nice Chaffinch; c, Hinchliff. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Shilling, extra good blaze, very steady, fine Finch; 2, Millott, another very nice Finch, grand quality; 3, Hinchliff, larger, but not quite so good in colour. LARGE: 1, Barwise, very good Magpie, beautifully steady; 2, 3, vhc, Roslyn; 2, Starling, in grand form; 3, Song Thrush, good one; vhc, Blackbird; hc, Baggaley; c, Poultney. SELL (10/-): 1, Truman; 2, hc, Hinchliff; 3, Brailsford; vhc, King; c, Smith. FOR. SMALL: 1, Barwise, good Cardinal; 2, hc, c, Roslyn; 2, lovely Yellow Grass Parrakeet; 3, vhc, Turner. LARGE: 1, 3, vhc, Roslyn, 1, extra fine Indian Mynah; 3, Glossy Starling, in good feather; 2, Parrot.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held December 5th, Mr. Luther Ogden (Long Street), placed the cards and gave general satisfaction. Some 80 birds were staged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bastow; 2, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, Swailes; vhc, D. Sutcliffe; hc, R. Adcock; c, S. Shaw. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Swailes; 4, Mann; vhc, C. Crowther; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, M. Humphries. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Mann; 3, hc, Taylor Bros; 4, Crowther; vhc, Shaw; c, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Shaw; 4, Mann; vhc, Wilman; hc, Crowther; c, Swailes. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Wilman; 2, Ellerton; 3, Johnson; 4, Taylor Bros; vhc, Mann; hc, Wright. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, 4, Crowther; vhc, Hudson; hc, c, Bastow. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Hardaker; 4, Swailes; vhc, Bastow; hc, Taylor Bros.; c, Sutcliffe. UNEVEN, ETC. HEN: 1, Hudson; 2, Thornton; 3, Hinchliffe; 4, Wilman; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Ellerton. STOCK: 1, Thornton; 2, Shaw; 3, Hardaker; 4, Crowther; vhc, Mann. —E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

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JERSEY.

The 21st annual show of the Jersey P. and O.S. was held in the Vegetable Market, Dec. 9th and 10th. The caged birds were judged by Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton. There was a very good turnout of Yorkshires, many high class specimens being staged. The challenge cup for the best team of three was won by a grand trio of Yorkshires, shown by Mr. J. L. Le Rossignol. The silver medal for the second best team was won by Mr. J. L. Lowen's Crests, also of good type. Considerable interest was shown in this attractive section.

YORKS., COL. FED TKD., BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Le Rossignol, fine smart lot, the team winners; res, Bartlett, nice shape; vhc, hc, Gellender. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Gellender; 2, Bartlett, all very typical birds. HEN (10): 1, 2, hc, Bartlett, nice quality, shown in grand form; 3, res, vhc, Le Rossignol, also of fine quality; vhc, Gellender. CL. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bartlett, nice shape and quality, good length and carriage; 2, res, vhc, Gellender, smart and shapely; 3, vhc, Rossignol, grand birds again. YELL. (7): 1, 2, R. Bartlett, nice tight feather, long and good quality; 3, Journeaux; vhc, hc, Gellender. CK. NON-FED (12): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Harding, 1st very nice length, quality and shape; 2, Lawrence, capital bird all over; 4, Hodgetts; res, Flemming; vhc, Elliott. HEN (8): 1, 2, res, C. Harding, grand exhibits; 3, vhc, hc, Hunt; vhc, Hodgetts. CREST (5): 1, 2, res, vhc, Lowen, nice shaped Crests, well covered; 3, Elliott. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Lowen, nice feather and shape. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Le Rossignol, wonderful type and carriage; 2, 3, Veron. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Veron; 2, res, Le Rossignol, all very good. MULE, DARK (3): 1, spl, Benast, nice quality; 2, Bartlett; 3, Rive. LIGHT (4): 1, Gellender, an extra good one; 2, res, Benast; 3, Leslie. FINCH (7): 1, Le Rossignol, nice Goldfinch; 2, Gellender; 3, Flemming; res, Jostevin; vhc, Benast; hc, Rive, Roberts. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Melville, grand Song Thrush; 2, Mellish, smart Starling, not quite ready yet; 3, Gauvin, Thrush. PARROT (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Shambrook; 3, Diamond. FOR. GROUPS (2): 1, spl, 2, Benast, couple of very nice exhibits, groups of small birds. SELL. (15/-): 1, Le Rossignol. GIFT: 1, Lane.

MIDDLETON O.S.

This society held its ninth annual exhibition on December 5th, in the Assembly Room (an excellent place) at the "Old Boar's Head," Middleton. There was a good entry of birds, and the quality was first-rate, while a gratifying number of fanciers put in an appearance to look over the exhibits. There was a keen struggle for the special for best members' bird. The choice lay between Mr. Wagstaffe's clear yellow and Mr. Bescoby's clear buff, the judge giving his decision in favour of the latter's exhibits. The points' specials in the open classes fell to Messrs. Sellars and Smith (2), Yorks., Yell., and Buff; Lane, Yorks., Yell. or Buff unflighted; Hirst, Nor. Yell.; Lees, do. Buff; Law, British; and Harrison, Selling. A noticeable feature of the members' classes was the fine display of Yorkshires. The secretarial duties were well attended to by the ever-courteous Mr. Harvey Thomas. Messrs. Bescoby (chairman), Wagstaffe, Oldham, Adams, etc., were attending to all and everything to supply comfort for both the exhibits and the spectators. A feature which is to be recommended is the paying of prize-money during the evening. Mr Alex. Donnely judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Smith and Sellars, good round head, lengthy, position all that could be desired, very nice colour; 2, hc, Wilcock, well shown, neat properties throughout, runs winner close; 3, Lane, another tip-topper, good feather, etc.; 4, Baxter, extra good in length, neat head and carriage; vhc, Dooley; c, Pickup. BUFF (5): 1, Smith and Sellars, sweet head expression, well-filled neck, silky feather, A1 carriage, neat flights and tail; 2, Parker, tkd. eye and thigh, good shape; 3, Wilcock, colour up to the mark, position everything that is wanted, just a wee bit short on leg; 4, Lane, stands well, nice colour; vhc, Dooley. UNFLIG. (12): 1, vhc, Lane, 1st yell., tip-topper, well shown, seems to express his gladness for his position, good carriage, neat tail and flights, well drawn; 2, Wilcock, buff, head well defined, very upright position, straight as a rush, good colour, easy second; 3, Garnett, rather short and rough, perhaps spoiled in wash; 4, Dooley, tkd. head and flights, good colour and condition, typical; hc, Parker; c, Hirst. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Hirst, good entrance, very chubby, short neck, Bullfinch type, wins well; 2, Smith and Sellars, quality all there, even colour throughout, nicely cut under, extra good carriage; 3, Wilcock, varieg., plenty of colour, not quite so tight in feather perhaps; 4, Turner, big exhibit, good stock bird; vhc, Lees. BUFF (5): 1, Lees, grand head, neck, and chest, low on legs, clean cut, very taking; 2, Smith and Sellars, nice all-rouud bird, will improve yet; 3, Wilcock, good bead qualities, stands well aeross perch; 4, Lees, varieg., big bird, neat head and shape; vhc, Turner. BRIT. (6): 1, Chick, Cornish Chough, again shown in fine fettle; 2, vhc, Law, Grey Wagtail, put down in perfect order, very tame; 3, Fish, Goldfinch, nice specimen, fairly distinct in buttons; 4, hc, Johnson, Bramblefinch and Hawfinch, Bramble not so large, hut in fine order, plenty of good distinct markings. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, 2, Harrison, Crest and Crest-bred; 3, Smith and Sellars, Yorks.; 4, Lees, buff Nor.; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Hirst. MEMBERS' CLASSES: LANCS. COPPY (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Adams, very fine quartette, 1st and 2nd being birds that have won in open; vhc, c, Williamson; hc, Oldham. NOR. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Taylor, yell., "bit down" to-day, but won easily enough; 2, hc, Oldham, buff, plenty of length, good head and stand; 3, 4, Adams, 3rd well lashed, runs 2nd good race, 4th, plenty of length. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Wagstaffe, 1st very racy bird, in fine feather, carriage and position, superb; 2nd, similar exhibit; 3, 4, Thomas, 3rd good deep colour; 4th, rich colour. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Bescoby, 1st lovely feather, shines like silk, teeming with quality, nice shape and head, stands well; 2nd, splendid colour and feather, well shown; 4th, nicely proportioned head and neck, sum, good wedge-shape; 3, Wagstaffe, plenty of length, good specimen; vhc, hc, Thomas. YELL. TKD. ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, Wagstaffe, 1st good colour, position and shape, nicely shaped head and neck; 2nd, tkd. on right flight, full of quality; 3, 4, vhc, Bescoby, 3rd tkd. head and wing, pretty shape and head, plenty of quality; 4th, erect position, leggy, good carriage. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Bescoby, 1st lovely head, lengthy, feather like wax, wings and flights nicely proportioned; 2nd, rougher in feather, sweet head, nice shape; 3, 4, Thomas, 3rd big bouncing bird, neat head and neck; 4th, nice shape. YORKS. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Ashton. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Craighill, 1st nice shape and feather; 2nd, big bird; 3, Hilton, good shape; 4, Wagstaffe, very typical. BUFF (4): 1, spl, 2, 4, Craighill, 1st plenty of size, pale colour; 2nd, nice quality, neat head; 3, Hilton, good entrance to skull, fine feather, cobby. YELL. TKD. ETC. (2): 1, 2, Craighill, 1st very nice shape and feather; 2nd, similar. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Craighill, nice couple. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, 2, Wagstaffe, 1st almost six-pointed, very well shown Goldfinch-Can. hen; 2nd, dark Greenfinch-Can.; 3, Williamson. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Wagstaffe, 1st and 2nd, couple of Crests, good type, plenty of feather; 3rd, cinn. Yorks., nice shape and length; 4, Hilton, Border. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, spl, 3, Wagstaffe, 1st Chaffinch, very nice, distinct markings, lacks "bloom"; 3rd, very good Bullfinch, nice colour, steady as a rock; 2, vhc, Craighill, 2nd Linnet, nicely pencilled throughout, good one; 4, Hilton, Redpoll; hc, Williamson, Chaffinch; c, Thomas, Bullfinch. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, 3, Williamson, 1st Lark, very steady, in first-class condition; 3rd, Nightingale, good colour; 2, Wagstaffe, Song Thrush, in excellent feather, nice distinct markings.

TAMWORTH.

The annual show took place in the Town Hall on December 12th, and for a first venture must be counted a success. The Norwich classes, although not strong numerically, were certainly not lacking in quality, some very typical specimens being on view. The three classes of Yorkshires contained some gems. The British, although limited to two classes only—and those Hardbills (Softbills being excluded from the show)—contained several very fine birds, the winning Goldie being a topper. The A.O.S. Hardbill was a strong one both for numbers and quality, three chinking Hawfinches doing battle. The show was opened by the Rev. J. H. Courtney Clarke, vicar of Tamworth, who, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such beautiful birds. Mr. Spencer made a very capable and courteous secretary, and was backed up by his committee, who gave the exhibits every attention. Mr. G. Russell judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Jells, leader cl., splendid type, grand head, short flights, well carried, fine quality; 3rd, nice substance, very good head, grand feather; 2, Broadhurst, uneven marked, nice type and colour, broad full head; 4, J. H. de Maillet, very nice cl.; vhc, Hathaway, fine uneven marked, well-known winner; hc, Wells; c, Allsopp. BUFF (5): 1, Freestone, very fine cl., nicely moulded, good colour and frosting, nice head and quality; 2, Broadhurst, cl., nice bird, good quality; 3, Hatton, uneven marked, nice colour and quality; 4, Colloby; vhc, Spencer. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Yates, ticked buff, nice type, best of quality, rare head, wings well packed, in fine form; 2, Broadhurst, ticked yell., grand type, colour and quality; 3, Colloby, cl. yell., nice feather, some thought might have given way to next; 4, J. H. de Maillet, rare quality, cl., grand head and type; vhc, Jells; hc, Bellamy; c, Hatton. HEN (7): 1, spl, 2, Broadhurst, leader eye ticked yell., magnificent type, well cut away, grand head and quality, nice short tail, takes spl for best Nor.; 2nd, very good cl. yell., nice type; 3, c, Colloby, cl. buff, coboy in build, nice feather; 4, Hatton, cl. yell.; vhc, Clempson; hc, de Maillet. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Paddock, cl., grand length, colour and quality, nice shape and position, very breedy exhibit; 2, Wall, grand quality, cl., nice length; 3, Wells, ticked wings, well braced, good length, very stylish; 4, Brotherton, nice cl., pressed bard; vhc, Dykes; hc, Clempson; c, Kidner. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 3, Paddock, splendid cl., great length, fine quality, well filled in back, very stylish, light as boxwood, takes spl best Yorks; 3rd, cap marked, well drawn, nice type and feather, close up; 2, 4, Wells, shapely clear, good length and style; 4th, shade stouter in build; vhc, Oakes; hc, Wall; c, Kidner. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Dykes, thigh ticked yell., grand length and quality, good wing carriage, some thought rather too flat in skull; 2, Paddock, well drawn cl. yell., nice shape and quality; 3, Hawkesford, cinn. marked yell.; 4, hc, Stevenson, uneven marked yell., nice shape, length and quality; vhc, Brotherton, we could not quite follow the awards in this class, several grand birds which should have been well up were left out of the tickets. BORD. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Tyler, leader nice compact cl. yell., nice shape, quality, and condition; 2nd, cl. buff, good shape and style, nice jaunty gait; 3, 4, hc, Barber, cl. buff and eye ticked yell.; c, Bingham Bros. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, 2, 3, Wells, leader buff Goldie Can., medium size, nice flush, in good feather; 2nd, Linnet-Can., good size and shape; 3rd, yell. Gold-Can., good flush and wings, in nice bloom, several birds in wrong class, having light plumage. A.O.V. MULE: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Harris, very expansive blaze of grand colour and well burnished, well cut collar, best of wing bars and tanning, in rare condition; 2, Osborne, nice wide face, rich blaze on wing bars, good depth of tanning, steady; 3, Kidner, very good size, nice flush and wing bars; 4, Clempson, blaze of nice depth; vhc, c, Tomlinson; hc, Hatton. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): 1, Osborne, Hawfinch, nice size and colour, good bib and wings, in splendid order, had a few feathers knocked out at base of bill, winner in perfect feather; 2, c, Clempson, very fine Bullfie, very dense; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Hakes, Yell. Bunting leading, in good condition; 4th, very steady Chaffinch; vhc, nice Hawfinch. SELL. (£2) (7): 1, Wilkins; 2, Dipple; 3, Oakes; 4, Hathaway; vhc, Riley; hc, Edwards, Broadhurst. (£1) (16): 1, Bellamy; 2, Hawkesford; 3, Broadhurst; 4, Willetts; vhc, Wilkins; hc, J. de Maillet; c, Hatton. (10/-) (16): 1, Freestone; 2, vhc, Dipple; 3, Stevenson; 4, Jeffs; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Bellamy, Hatton; c, Clempson, Edwards. MEMBERS' NOR. (11): 1, 4, Hatton; 2, Clempson; 3, c, Colloby; vhc, Allsopp; hc, Hatton. YORKS. (8): 1, Wells; 2, Hatton; 3, vhc, Spencer; 4, Clempson; hc, c, Dale.

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THORNTON.

The little village of Thornton was all excitement on Dec. 12, the occasion being the local show. The function was held in the Public Hall, a place in every way adapted for such a purpose, but the cage birds were relegated to a side room, with the exception of the British birds, which were ranged alongside the poultry, not at all commendable, as the dust created gets into the drinkers and soils the plumage of the cage-bird exhibits. Otherwise the show was in every way a great success. The society having extended the Border Fancy classification had the satisfaction of seeing an increase of over 100 entries more than last year in the cage bird section, which speaks for itself. The Scotch Fancies, upon which Mr. Alex. Paterson (Edinburgh) adjudicated, had a nice entry, the most successful exhibitor being Mr. Wm. Allan, who secured five 1sts and a 2nd with his six entries. But Mr. James Cook secured the special for best in section with a grand yellow piebald cock, a real beauty. Mr. J. Adams (Dundee) had a heavy task in getting through his 25 classes of Norwich and Borders, as every class was fairly well filled, and the exhibits were of more than average merit. Mr. Howie won cup for most points in cage bird section (presented by Mr. W. Paton). The British and Mules were handled in a masterly way by Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith). The society's affairs are looked after by a hard-working set of officials, headed by Mr. Alex. Leslie (president). In Mr. James Moyes the society possess an ideal secretary, who gets through his work in a very able and efficient manner. The show was well patronised by the public, and we hope to hear that it was a financial success. The judges' awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Allan, grand size, good top end, fine drive; 2, McIville, square shoulders, tail well under, nice reach and drive; 3, Leslie, typical all over, good one for size; 4, spl, Leslie; 5, Thomson. BUFF (3): 1, Peters, good size and substance, excellent shoulders, rare drive; 2, Gibson, massive bird, nice style, good reach; 3, Watson, plenty of style, fine top end. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (5): 1, spl, Cook, grand one and no mistake, gets into position quickly, fine free style; 2, Grieve, nice drive, neat head and shoulders, good bird; 3, Dow, green, nice drive and body; 4, spl, Melville; 5, Leslie. BUFF (4): 1, Allan, grand head and neck, good depth through chest, fine pose; 2, spl, Leslie, lovely drive, quick in action, very nervy; 3, Caldwell, good head, fine top and reach; 4, spl, Simpson and Fenton. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Allan, grand size and substance, full of life, grand pose; 2, Gilmour, nice size, fine markings, head full of nerve, stylish; 3, Cook, plenty of reach and substance, good wings and tail; 4, spl, Watson; 5, spl, Hunter; 6, spl, Cook. BUFF (7): 1, Allan, good shoulders, erect drive, grand substance; 2, Leslie, nice wings and tail, long reach, neat head; 3, Gillies, good size and substance, fine drive; 4, spl, 6, Danskin; 5, spl, Thomson. YELL. PIED ETC. (3): 1, Cook, good head and reach, fine chest, grand style; 2, Allan, nice drive, fine top, gets tail well under, showy; 3, Thomson, good head, nice drive, rare action. BUFF (9): 1, Allan, splendid reach and size, fine pose, good length of wing; 2, Thomson, green, nice depth of chest, and reach, close up; 3, spl, Gibson, full of nerve, plenty reach, takes nice position; 4, 6, 2 spl, Leslie; 5, spl, Macgregor and Balfour. SELL. CK. (4): 1, Moyes; 2, Gibson; 3, Beattie; 4, Gilmour. HEN (4): 1, Gibson; 2, Macgregor and Balfour; 3, Gillies; 4, Peters. CREST CK. (6): 1, 4, Reid, varieg. Dk. Cr., nice radiations, good droop; 2, Lindsay, well formed crest, good formation, comes well to beak end; 3, Summers, nearly green, nice crest, good leafy feather; 5, M'Donald; 6, M'Lean. HEN (8): 1, Lindsay, wing mkd. D.C., nicely radiated from a neat centre; 2, spl, 5, Reid, grand headpiece, good droop, dense feather, not well staged; 3, Sharp, varieg. D.C., good formation, good body feather; 4, Watt; 6, Brown. C.B. CK. (10): 1, spl, Arnot, almost green, grand lashing and substance; 2, 5, Douglas, varieg., good size and entranee, nice quality; 3, Sharp, capital exhibit, grand body substance, nicely staged; 4, Watt; 6, Brown. HEN (6): 1, Brown, varieg., wide entrance, grandly lashed, fine quality feather; 2, M'Donald, good body, nice lash, wide skull, presses winner; 3, Veitch, capital shape, good head, rare bloom; 4, Watt; 5, 6, M'Lean. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Malloch, grand cl., fine head and neck, good substance, nice level colour; 2, 5, Howie, clean cut body, rare wing and tail carriage, fine stamp; 3, Wilson, foul on head, grand front and back, nice quality feather; 4, Kerr; 6, Steele. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Howie, brace of clears, first, bouncer for size, grand head and neck, grandly mealed; 3rd, fine substance, good quality; 2, Dempster, mkd. on head, grand front, nice wings and tail, well put down; 4, Dickson; 5, Wilson. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Dempster, grand shape, lovely feather, nice carriage; 2, 3, Howie, nearly equal in merit, nice level tone of colour. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Howie, two toppers for shape and quality, grandly mealed, staged in fine style; 3, Adamson, shade smaller, but fine level colour and quality; No. 2 wrong classed. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Howie, rare lot, 1st head and wing mkd. yell.; 2nd, buff mkd. on wings; 3rd, varieg. yell., all put down with a master hand. HEN (4): 1, 2, Howie, 1st varieg. buff, grand head and neck, fine substance, good quality; 2nd, varieg. yell., fine texture of feather, good wing and tail carriage; 3, Wylie, lovely buff varieg., nice shape and colour; 4, Brown. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, 4, Howie, 1st cl. buff, good substance, nice short wings, good head and neck; 2, Brown, cl. yell., good one, nice shape, quality and colour; 3, Dickson, cl. buff, nice clear entrance, finely mealed; 5, Adamson; 6, Malloch. HEN (6): 1, 3, Howie, both yell. varieg., good shape and quality, in clinking condition; 2, Burt, cl. buff, grand substance, nice front, wing and tail carriage; 4, Reidis; 5, Laverock; 6, Forrest. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, sp, 5, Howie, cl buff, grand head and neck, nice quality feather, nice laid on wings; 2, Lawrie, clinking cl. yell., good type and quality; 3, Steele, cl. buff, good one for shape, nice position; 4, 6, Barclay. NON-FED HEN (11): 1, Laverock, cl., yell., fine shape and quality of feather, in rattling condition; 2, Lumsden, buff cl., nice type, rare texture of feather, good wing and tail carriage; 3, Veitch, green, longer bird, nice quality and condition. SELL. CK. (8): 1, Kerr; 2, Reid; 3, Fenwick; 4, Steele; 5, Lumsden; 6, Foster. HEN (5): 1, Reid; 2, Kerr; 3, Fenwick; 4, Wylie; 5, Hunter. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, 3, Bennet, 1st grand front and back, good shape, nice wings and tail; 3rd, similar in shape, good level colour and quality; 2, Lumsden, good type, well filled in back, nice pipe tail; 4, Lutch; 5, Baird; 6, Harper. HEN (6): 1, Craig, rare head, lovely quality feather, nice free jaunty carriage; 2, Bennet, fine stamp, grand front, finely rounded back, good colour; 3, Duff, neat head, nicely rounded in front; 4, Harper; 5, Spence; 6, Rowe. CL. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Robertson, grand level colour, neat head, back and wing carriage; 2, Bennet, an old warrior, seen more winters than this one, but all there for type and quality, in rare bloom; 3, Lumsden, grand condition and quality, nice carriage; 4, Anderson; 5, Craig; 6, Arnott. HEN (9): 1, Baird, lovely shaped lady, rare back, wing and tail carriage, well put down; 2, Robertson, good stamp, nice rounded front, good colour and quality; 3, Bennet, nice tone of colour, faulty tail; 4, Barrie; 5, Coventry; 6, Craig. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Robertson, nearly even, grand style and carriage, in rare order; 2, Coventry, nice type and quality, neat head, grand jaunty carriage; 3, Wilson, mkd. both eyes, good front, well filled in back, nice taper; 4, King; 5, Spence; 6, Arnott. TKD. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Barrie, 1st Clun., mkd. head and wings, nice colour and conditions, good stamp; 3rd, wing mkd., excellent shape, neat head, wing and tail carriage; 2, Craig, grand colour and quality, nice shape, well staged; 4, Baird; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, Spence. BUFF (7): 1, Lumsden, three-pointed, good colour and quality, free action; 2, Duff, foul on neck, well rounded body, good wing and tail, rare bloom; 3, Cargill, varieg., neat head, fails simply in condition; 4, Hutchison; 5, Peters; 6, Harper. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Hutchison, head mark, lovely shape and quality, nice free action, nice pipe tail; 2, Craig, eye and wing mk., nicely rounded front, well filled in back, in nice order; 3, Spence, varieg., nice type and quality; 4, Peters. SELL. (4): 1, Peters; 2, Lutch; 3, Lumsden; 4, Baird. BRIT. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Henderson, good substance, dense cap, lovely breast colour; 2, spl, Law, grand shape, nice crimson breast, nicely polished; 3, Kerr, not so large as winners, perhaps, but rare one for shape, good breast colour; 4, Mackie; 5, Anderson; 6, Oswald. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Adamson, big square blaze, grandly tanned, nice even moons and buttons; 2, Henderson, looks like the Cupar winner, good size and shape, nice moons and buttons; 3, Mackie, richly tanned, large blaze, fine polish; 4, M'Donald; 5, Brown; 6, Ness. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Anderson, good one for shape and colour; 2, Henderson, good size and colour, narrower in head; 3, Cargill, good tone of colour, nice flights; 4, Mackie; 5, Millar; 6, M'Donald. LINNET (8): 1, Brisbane, shapely bird, good tone of colour, nice markings; 2, Erskine, fine size and shape, good colour and markings; 3, M'Gorum, nice nutty brown, grand markings; 4, Chalmers; 5, Murray; 6, Husband. SISKIN (10): 1, Bowie, fine big Siskin, grand cap and wing bars, nicely pencilled; 2, Malcolm, Redpoll, grand colour and markings, well put down; 3, Law, Twite, fine shape and size; 4, Mitchelson; 5, Wilson; 6, Law. SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Erskine, lovely Redstart, in wonderful conditon, popular win; 2, Mitchell, grand coloured Yellowhammer, good markings; 3, Paton, nice coloured Robin, very taking; 4, Henderson; 5, Kerr; 6, Erskine. LARGE (6): 1, Linton, noted Fieldfare, in rare bloom; 2, Lietch, grand coloured Hawfinch, fine bib; 3, Bartholomew, nice Thrush, in fair order; 4, Paton; 5, Gray; 6, Ritchie. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, Kerr, six-pointed buff Goldie, nice colour and condition; 2, Murray, yell. varieg. Goldie, fair size; 3, Ness, varieg. Goldie, nicet one. DARK (7): 1, Davidson, good sized Goldie Mule, in nice order; 2, M'Gorum, Greenie Mule, lightly made up, good condition; 3, 6, Simpson and Penman, good big Linnett Mule, nice colour and condition; 4, Brawn; 5, Bogie. HYB. (3): 1, Brown, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice size, shows cross well; 2, Beattie, good big Goldfinch-Greenie, in nice condition; 3, Dunn, Goldie-Bully, big one, fine size. FOR. (3): 1, Lawrie and Walsh, famous Long-tailed Whydah leading; 2, Colville and Son, pair of lovely Budgerigars, grand condition; 3, Laverock, Parrot, in fine order. COMMON CAN. (11): 1, 3, Murray; 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 4, Arnott; 5, Kerr; 6, Thomson. Novice (3): 1, Leslie; 2, Paton; 3, Hunter.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Last members' show for the season, held Dec. 12th. About 60 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill), and there were some real good ones amongst them. Buff hens were a hot lot, and were a credit to the members. Messrs. Holden and Whiteley were winners of the two extra specials and the winners of points specials were: A. Holden, H. Schofield, A. Firth, T. L. Whiteley, D. Bartle, and H. Chubb.

Cl. YELL.: 1, vhc, Whiteley; 2, hc, Firth; 3, Schofield; 4, Holden. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, Whiteley; 3, Bartle; 4, Sharp; vhc, Chubb. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Holden; 3, Bartle; 4, Pinder; vhc, Chubb; hc, Birbeck; c, Firth. BUFF: 1, 4, Firth; 2, Holden; 3, Birbeck; vhc, Hanson; hc, Walton; c, Schofield. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Firth. YELL. HEN: 1, Whiteley; 2, Schofield; 3, Bartle; 4, hc, Firth; vhc, Holden; c, Birbeck. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, 4, Holden; 3, Chubb; vhc, Firth; hc, Whiteley; c, Hanson. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Firth. BUFF: 1, 2, Firth. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Schofield; 2, Holden; 3, Whiteley; 4, Hanson.—HARRY SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

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CARMARTHEN.

The cage bird section of this show, which took place on Dec. 15, was held in the Corn Market, a well lighted and comfortable hall, most suitable for the purpose. The weather was not conducive to a large attendance, but the bird-room was evidently the centre of attraction all day. We met many of the best known birdy men in the district, and the ease with which the exhibits were handled reflects great credit on them. Notable among the exhibitors were Messrs. Crabbe, Lohr, Evans, and Isaac. The Canaries were good, some grand Norwich and Yorks being staged, far in advance of what we generally see at Welsh shows. The British birds are generally strong, particularly the two classes of Goldies, and the two variegs. classes. The quality in this section was up to the usual standard and good specimens were exhibited by Messrs. Lewis and Dymond, Bancroft, Prosser, Edwards, and Ford. The A.O.S. classes in the British bird section were good, Mr. Brotherhood's Waxwing being the centre of attention. There is one thing the executive of Carmarthen can be complimented on, that is, the dispatch of the long-distance birds before 4 o'clock on the evening of the show. The wild-caught "Hybrid, by the way, proved to be a cock Grey-necked Berin Finch. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Canary Classe

CREST ETC. (16): 1, J. T. King, clinking good-bodied Crest, fine density of leafy feather, good droop, nicely defined centre; 2, Lewis and Dymond, good buff variog., fine big well formed crest, rare size and type; 3, hc, G. Edwards, splashing big green, C.B., lengthy feather; vhc, Evans; c, Beaven and Edwards. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Kirby, cl., fine positioned specimen, rare size antd type, cobby body, put down in rare order; 3rd, very nice model, fine silky feather, shown very fit; 2, F. Turner, very hot, fine head properties, lovely short-sided one, rare substance; vhc, Hitchings, topper correct and shapely; hc, F. Turner; c, Stock. BUFF (11): 1, hc, HM, cl., slashing big one, fine type, good carriage, neat wings and tail, correct angle across perch; 2, Stock, big one, right stamp, fine bead properties, neatly staged; 3, Hitchings, extra sweet quality and style, fine cobby type; vhc, Kirby, we liked; c, F. Turner. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Morris, cl., good length and position, nicely drawn, neatest of wings and tails; 2, hc, Smith, erect position, clever shower, finished off with sound jacket and neat pipe tail; 3, T. Williams, cl., very racy, correct type, good length, well shown; hc, Dykes; c, spl, Lohr. BUFF (10): 1, Morris, tkd., fine gentlemanly style and carriage, neatly drawn, marvel for quality of feather, lovely wings and tail; 2, hc, Smith, cl., fine lengthy one, nicely filled at neck and shoulder, well braced wings; 3, Dykes, very typical, feathered very prettily; vhc, A. Taylor, racy, correct position; hc, T. Williams; c, Wilcox. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Negus, cl., yell., grand youngster, rare length, beautifully moulded on a pair of clear legs, neat wings and tail; 2, Dykes, high-class one, neat position, and carriage, fine glossy jacket; 3, H. C. Smith, smart one, good proportions, neat racy type; vhc, D. J. Davies, very pretty, well shown; hc, Rees; c, A. Taylor. A.O.V. YORKS. (4): 1, Negus, varieg. yell., topping style and carriage, fine erect position, fine colour and polish; 2, 3, Morris, 2nd, tkd. yell., grand shapely bird, full of go and style, lovely feather; 3rd, buff, grandly conditioned, right shape and length; hc, E. A. Taylor. BORD. (12): 1, c, A. J. L. Taylor, buff, grandly feathered little model, gay carriage, lovely closely fittiug jacket, best of wings and tails; 2, hc, Richards, fine position, and carriage, nicely braced wiugs; 3, Jenkins, yell. green, neat and jaunty in movement, good round head, neatly filled shoulders; vhc, Donnell and Saunders. SCOT. FCY. (3): 1, 3, J. H. Jones, 1st, well known, fine sided one, good top, very reachy, works with freedom to-day; 3rd, big substantial bird, great position, gets tail well under; 2, B. Davies, well shown buff, nice head depression, in grand form, well feathered. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, King, lovely cinn. crest, nicely rounded, good droop and centre, well furnished body; 2, Hudgen, fine yell Belgian, great size and substance, good straight back and tail, extra fine shoulders; 3, Hocking, evenly mkd. Border, very stylish, in lovely trim; vhc, T. Williams; hc, Rees.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, R. W. Jones, fine Greenie-Bullie, great size and colour, shows well defined cap and good breast colour, wins well; 2, 3, G. Edwards, good Goldie Bullie, and evenly mkd. buff Goldie Can., both well known, in rattling form; vhc, Lewis and Dymond, good lightly mkd. yell. Goldie Can., fine size and colour; hc, J. Edwards, Bramble Chaffie, in nice feather; c, Smallridge. DK. CAN. MULE (12): 1, vhc, Leigh, rattling big Greenie Can., fine shaped one, wonderfully bright level colour; 2, R. W. Jones, noted dk. yell. Linnet Mule, in fine form and colour, runs close; 3, Lewis and Dymond, clinking big yell. Goldie Mule, fine face and body colour; hc, G. Edwards; c, Hancroft. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, G. Edwards, Cardiff winner, fine large blaze, neat colour on chest, fine substantial body, polished in fine style; 2, Guy, nicely tanned one, fine coloured face, good polish; 3, spl, Griffiths and Evans, neatly got up, rare expanse of face, nicely cut; vhc, D. Lewes, very sweet quality, grand proportions; hc, Kemp; c, Davies. BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, 3, Lewis and Dymond, grandly coloured cock leading, fine cobby type, well cut cap and bars; 3rd, sweet hen, neat finish, well polished cap, very distinct bars; 2, Ford and Son, clinking typical Bullie, extra large, rare colour on chest; vhc, E. W. Thomas; hc, Rogers; c, G. Edwards. GREYPATE (19): 1, Griffiths and Evans, very smart and stylish, fine expanse of face, beautifully cut, neat bars and buttons; 2, G. Edwards, well known, fine big square blaze, rare shape of body; 3, Ford, Cardiff winner, face extra big and bright, good bars and buttons; vhc, hc, B. Jenkins, real nice one, good colour face; c, Beven and Howells. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, grand size and shape, good level colour, in the pink of condition; 2, Bancroft, well known, large well coloured bird, in rare feather, proper cage full, presses hard; 3, Longden, pure and level in colour, good flights; vhc, S. Price; hc, Leigh; c, F. J. Jones. LINNET, ETC. (15): 1, 3, Prosser, grand shaped nutty coloured Linnet, very level across chest, shaped like a peg top, very smart, 3rd very smart Lesser Redpoll, well laced at sides, good bib; 2, Bancroft, well-known Twite, slasher for size, laced profusely on chest and back, close for premier honours; vhc, Longden; hc, W. P. Jones, good Twite; c, Lewis and Dymond. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): 1, C. Price, slashing big Thrush, marked in fine style, sleek and sprightly; 2, Ford, well-known Blackbird, lovely shape, good density of plumage, nicely coloured cereo and bill; 3, Gwyther, really good Song Thrush, very distinct mooning; vhc, Morgan; hc, Lohr; c, T. Thomas. A.O.S. SMALL, ETC.: 1, c, S. Price, 1st Bramblefinch, good sound breast colour; 2, F. D. Jones, clinking Whinchat, fine size, well spangled, not a feather out of place; 3, Prosser, large Tree Creeper, in excellent form, some thought might have won; vhc, Longden, grand Corn Bunting, good marking, sound colour; hc, Lohr; 1,254, clinking good Bramble. LARGE (7): 1, Brotherhood, clinking good Waxwing, in rare condition, as if carved out of wax, fine bib, crest, and wing and tail appendages, wins spl for best exhibit; 2, 3, Hughes, 2nd well-known Redwing, in very good fettle, beautiful colour and markings, 3rd Hawfinch, not a large one, but grand quality and colour; vhc, Morgan; hc, Brown; c, Crabb. FOR. (5): 1, Davies and Wilkings, grand white crested Jay Thrush, massive crest, smartly shown; 2, 3, Thorne, Superb and Scarlet Tanager, both shown with lovely taste; vhc, M. Davies; hc, J. H. Jones; c, Howe. SELL. (7/6) (6): 2, Prosser; 3, Longden; vhc, Lohr; hc, G. Edwards; c, John. LOCAL CAN. (16): 1, 2, vhc, Lohr, good yell. Yorkie leading, fine length, colour and position, 2nd grand cobby buff Nor., fit to win in open; 3, Tew, sweet quality buff Yorkie, well shown; hc, c, Beaven and Howells.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held December 12th at the Railway Hotel. Mr. J. Hartley judged and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Swaine; 2, Padgett; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Parker; 3, Coates. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bracewell; 2, Padgett; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Coates. YELL. HEN: 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Casey; 3, Bottomley. NOVICE—CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hiles. BUFF: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Broadbent. TKD. YELL.: 1, Mortou; 2, 3, Hiles BUFF: 1, Shoesmith. YELL. HEN :1, Hiles; 2, Broadbent; 3, Shoesmith. BUFF: 1, Hiles; 2, Shoesmitb; 3, Broadbent.—A. BOTTOMLEY.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual show held in the Hall, on December 12th. There were 44 classes for caged birds. Some of the classes were a little poor in entries, but the total entries were about 50 in advance of last year's Officers: President, Wm. Moffat, Esq., M.A., vice-president, J. J. Manson, Esq., L. D. S. and T. A. Boyd, Esq.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Frank Wilson; committee, Messrs. Lappin, Hutchinson, McAulay, and Livingstone. Mr. Wilson had all his arrangements well carried out, assisted by an able band of workers, the show being a complete success. Mr. Millar (Annisland), judged, and his awards proved very satisfactory. Mr. Lappin won the silver medal for most points and the B.F.C.C. medal. The show was well patronised. The club is in a flourishing condition, and making steady progress. Most points in Young Crests: 1, Lappin, 16; runner-up Joel, 15; most points in Young Bord., medal, 1, Brownlie, 35; Lappin, 33; most points in Plainheads, medal, 1, McAulay; most points in Brit.: cup, 1, Manson; most points in For.: 1, Manson.

YOUNG BIRDS—CREST CK. (3): 1, Joel; 2, Lappin; 3, Boyd HEN (1): 1, Joel. C.B. CK. (4): 1, 3, Lappin; 2, 4, Joel. HEN (6): 1, 2, Lappin; 3, 4, 5, 6, Joel. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, McAulay; 2, McNair; 3, 4, Grey. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, McAulay; 4, McNair; 5, Grey. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, McNair; 2, 3, 4, McAulay; 5, Rennie. BUFF (5): 1, McNair; 2, Grey; 3, 4, 5, McAulay. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, McAulay. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Lappin; 3, 4, Brownlie; 5, McAulay; 6, Hutchinson; 7, Rennie. HEN (10): 1, 4, Brownlie; 2, McAulay; 3, Hutchinson; 5, 7, Rennie; 6, Lappin. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Brownlie; 2, 5, Lappin; 4, Rennie; 6, Hutchinson. HEN (6): 1, McAulay; 2, 6, Lappin; 3, 5, Brownlie; 4, Joel. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, 7, Lappin; 2, 5, Brownlie; 3, 6, Rennie; 4, McAulay. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Brownlie; 2, 6, Lappin; 4, Rennie; 5, Hutchinson. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Joel; 2, Lappiu. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, Joel; 2, Brownlie; 3, 4, Hutchinson; 5, 6, Lappin. BUFF (4): 1, Hutchinson; 2, 3, Lappin. BUFF GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Lappin; 2, 3, 6, Hutchinsou; 4, Rennie; 5, 7, Brownlie. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 5, Hutchinson; 3, 6, Brownlie; 4, Lappin. OLD BIRDS CREST CK. (5): 1, 2, Joel; 3, Noddings; 4, 5, Lappin. HEN CK. (5): 1, 2, Joel; 3, Livingstone. C.B. (7): 1, 3, 4, (3): 1, 2, Joel; 3, Livingstone. C.B. (7): 1, 3, 4, Joel; 2, 6, Lappin; 5, McAulay; 7, Noddings. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL (6): 1, 4, Grey; 2, 3, McAulay; 5, McNair. BUFF (4): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, McNair; 4, Grey. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, 4, Livingstone. BUFF (7): 1, 3, McAulay; 2, 5, McNair; 4, Livingstone; 6, Noddings; 7, Rennie. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, McAulay; 2, 3, 6, Livingstone; 7, Rennie. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Lappin; 2, McAulay; 3, Brownlie. BUFF (7): 1, Lappin; 2, Rennie; 3, 4, Hutchinson. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Joel; 2, Lappin; 3, McAulay. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Lappin; 2, Brownlie; 4, Rennie. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Wilson; 3, 5, Brownlie; 4, Johnson; 7, Lappin. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Lappin; 2, McAulay. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Livingstone; 2, Noddings; 3, Manson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Manson; 2, Brownlie; 3, Hutchison. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Rennie; 2, 7, Noddings; 3, 4, Brownlie; 5, Johnson; 6, Manson. LINNET (3): 1, Brownlie; 2, Manson; 3, McAulay. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Brownlie; 2, Noddings; 3, 6, Manson; 5, 7, Rennie. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Manson; 2, Brownlie; 3, Johnson. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Manson. SMALL FOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Manson; 6, Hunter; 7, Wilson. LARGE (6): 1, 4, 5, 6, Manson; 2, Frayer; 3, Watson.

PENDLETON & SALFORD.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. held their 16th Annual Exhibition on Dec. 11 and 12, in the Caxton Hall, Blackfriars, Salford, a grand room for the purpose, being well lighted, lofty and nicely heated. Entries totalled 480, and the quality right through the show was of the very highest standard. We were rather surprised to see four out of the six Yorkshire classes cancelled, as Yorkshires have always been well catered for at Pendleton, both as regards classification and judges. The three open novice Yorkshire classes were, however, well filled, and competition was very keen. Norwich, both Champion and Novice, came up well, and many noted winners were amongst them. The four Border Fancy classes made a good show, and some smart little exhibits were on view. British and Foreign birds were a fine section. The liquor stand, presented by the President, Councillor Hampson, was won by Mr. S. W. Birchley; Hyde's special and Sandiford's medal, by Mr. W. Turner; and the Society's Championship Gold Medal by Mr. T. Atkinson. Other specials were won by Messrs. Brennan (2), Harding, McCann, Linsey, Epsley (2), Savage (2), Durnford, Atkinson (2), Kirk, Fish, Jackson, Whittle and Downs. Of the management we cannot speak too highly, everything being in first-class order. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Jackson, is well up in the art of show managing, and did everything in a thoroughly businesslike manner. He was ably supported by the chairman, the well-known Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, and an energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Ashton, Aspinall, Clayton, Cleaver, Fish, Holland, McCann, Stocker, Turner, Cook, Raynes, and Stringer. Messrs. A. Wellings (Prescot), and W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged.

The Open Canary Section.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Saul, grand length, superb quality and style, splendid colour and position; 2, Lane, hotter colour, beautiful length and quality, well up on leg; 3, Foden, grand colour, very slim and stylish, nice silky feather; 4, Dooley, good length, well drawn, fine quality; vhc, Hirst. BUFF, TKD. YELL. and TKD. BUFF cancelled. YELL. HEN (7): 1, vhc, spl, Dooley, leader cl., shines like satin, splendid type, good length, rare position, grand hen; 2, Lane, slight tick ou wing, very slim and leggy, the correct shape, good position; 3, Herd, Cinn., head and wing marked, grand size, splendid quality, nice back, wings and tail, good 3rd; 4, hc, Clowe, cl., hot colour, superior shape and quality. BUFF cancelled. NOVICE YELL. (17): 1, spl, Chippendale, cl., wonderful length, straight as a pencil, best of carriage, splendid quality; 2, Humphries, long well drawn cl., well up on leg, lovely shape and quality; 3, Longworth and Lawson, clear, nice narrow shoulders, good length, all there for quality and shape; 4, Parkinson, cl., nice length, good type; vhc, McKail; bc, Jones; c, Leach. BUFF (18): 1, 4, spl, Elshaw, leader marked head and wings, fine length and colour, stands well up, splendid quality and type 4th clear, beautiful colour and quality, grand type and carriage; 2, hc, Chippendale, slashing clear, grand length and position, lovely back, wings and tail, worth its place; 3, Crossley, clear, extra quality, wonderful shape and position, we liked; vhc, Parkinson; c, Jones. HEN (20): 1, Chippendale, grand clear, buff, splendid length, tight as wax, fine shape, rare position and style; 2, Humphries, another charming clear buff, nice length, teeming with quality, magnificent shape; 3, 4, Stirrup, two splendid exhibits, both grand length and feathered to perfection; vhc, Musgrave, grand hen; hc, Broome, nice length and quality; c, Jones, good natural colour hen. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (9): 1, 2, spl, Riley, 1st, grand colour and length, nice back and shoulders, fine type and quality; 2, fine length and grass green colour, nice quality and type; 3, Garnett, very slim, nice narrow shoulders, grand wing carriage, rich colour, good 3rd; 4, bc, Butterworth, superior bird for type, rare length and position, splendid colour; vhc, Drinkwater; c, Turner. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Bevan, red-hot colour, grand substance and quality, good head, neck, and chest; 2, Trengove, large, rare colour and shape, good quality; 3, Hirst, splendid shape, good bold front, rich colour and quality; 4, Clemanson and Taylor, fine size, good head, neck and chest; vbc, T. Seed; hc, Turner; c, R. Seed. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Seed, the noted "Little King II.," grand dumbby body, exceptional bot colour, well known, often described; 2, Watson, grand shape and quality, rare hot colour, Leeds winner; 3, Trengove, another gem, splendid quality and colour, Accrington, etc., winner; 4, Raynes, "Little Prince," grand type and quality, rare head, neck and chest, good colour, worth its place; vhc, Bevan; hc, Cadman; c, Saul. TKD. ETC. YELL cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, spl, T. Seed, grizzle tail, grand colour and shape, good broad deep chest, fine quality; 2, Bevan, marked head, neck and wings, good substance and colour, grand quality, correct shape; 3, Clemanson and Taylor, marked head and wing, capital size and shape, fine quality and colour; 4, Turner, wing marked, splendid substance and colour, excellent quality, all front, good; 4, vhc, Raynes; hc, Saluter; c, Bowyer. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Trengove, slight tick over eye, nice size and colour, wonderful substance and quality, good big run; 2, T. Seed, variegd. unflg., splendid young hen, Preston winner; 3, Clemanson and Taylor, cl., unflg., another real bonny hen; 4, Bowyer, clear, rare shape and substance, grand head, neck and chest, splendid quality; vhc, Worthington Bros.; hc, c, Fields. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Bowycr, a gem of a clear, magnificent shape, smooth as glass, fine carriage, one of the very best; 2, Trengove, eye marked, splendid quality and shape, well known winner; 3, Smith, bouncing variegd., rare shape and substance, fine quality, Preston winner; 4, Clemanson and Taylor, clear, good size and shape, nice quality; vhc, Cadman; hc, Lighthown; c, Cook. UNFLIG. (16): 1, spl, Clemanson and Taylor, marked head, neck, wings and tail, rare colour and substance, superior shape and quality, grand youngster; 2, Cadman, eye and wing marked buff, grand Norwich, all through rattling substance and shape, good quality; 3, Seed, marked tail, buff red hot colour, rattling size, good bold front, splendid exhibit, Liverpool, etc., winner; 4, Bevan, clear yellow, splendid quality, rare colour, and shape, grand bloom and condition; vhc, Cook, clear yellow, Bolton, Manchester, etc., winner, fine hird; hc, Robinson; c, Sainter. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (9): 1, spl, Smith, clear, wonderful quality, good substance, and shape, extra colour; 2, Anderton, variegd., extra shape and substance, rattling colour, hardly so smooth; 3, Barnes, clear, superior quality and shape, good head and carriage; 4, Cundiff, ticked back of head, good size and substance, grand feather and style; vhc, Proctor; hc, Longworth and Lawson; c, Oliver. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Oliver, eye, neck and wing marked, grand Nor., capital size, fine shape, good head and chest; 2, Cundiff, clear, superior shape, good broad deep chest, splendid quality; 3, Barnes, clear, again grand shape, good head, colour, and size, we liked; 4, hc, Walters, clear, capital Norwich, grand short thick-set bird; vhc, Longworth, grand clear, some thought might have been higher; c, McKail. NOVICE UNFLIG. (21) 1, spl, Caure, cl. yell., fine youngster, best of shape and quality, beautiful colour, good size, wins; 2, Woods, another cl. yell., A1 type and quality, grand colour; 3, Barnes, head and wing marked yellow, splendid quality, clinking type, good 3rd; 4, Almond, clear yellow, the right stamp, grand feather and nice colour; vhc, Leighton, good cap marked yellow; hc, Kelsall, very nice cap marked buff; c, Cundiff. BORD. FCY. YELL. (10): 1, Buskery, charming cl., splendid quality and colour, takes perches nicely, wins well; 2, Drinkwater, another very similar clear, bonny shape, nice jaunty carriage, tight as wax; 3, vhc, Bayley, ticked on head, splendid type, neat head, fair colour and quality; 4, Naylor, nice clear, beautiful carriage and quality, hardly type; hc, Smart; c, Voy. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Thompson, eyes and wings marked, grand type, magnificent carriage, moves well, little gem; 2, Buskey, clear, extra quality and nice colour; 3, Naylor, head and wing marked, teems with quality, correct type and carriage; 4, hc, Blackshaw, grand clear, we liked; vhc, Smart; c, Drinkwater. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 4, Middleton, leader grand self yellow green, a little stormer, full of colour, and beautiful shape; 4, nice foul cinn., good type and quality; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Drinkwater; 2nd, yellow green, foul tail, splendid little exhibit, worth its place; 3rd, good buff, green, grand type and carriage. HEN (16): 1, 3, spl, Crossley, 1st, buff marked eyes, neck and wing, rare type and quality, very smooth and compact, good one; 3, buff, marked head and wing lovely feather and finish, rare type, charming exhibit; 2, vhc, Bayley, 2nd, clear yellow, extra shape, grand action, superior quality; vhc, very nice ticked-headed buff; 4, Thompson, marked head and wing, tight as wax, bonny hen; bc, Buskey; c, Foy. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, Proctor, fine bold buff, cinn.; 2 (no name), very nice Scot. Fcy., fine reach and circle; 3, Hart, wings marked, dark crest, nice neat crest, good substance of body; 4, Kelsey, Scotch Fancy; vhc, hc, Bruce. SELL. (12/6) (18): 1, Barnes; 2, Linsey; 3, Clowe; 4, Elshaw; vhc, Raynes; hc, Smart; c, Riley. (20/-): 1, vhc, Linsey; 2, Hales; 3, Dooley; 4, Trengove; hc, Walters; c, Watson. EXTRA STOCK (15): 1, c, Ridley; 2, vhc, Sherwood; 3, 4, Brennan; hc, Ridley. COTTAGE (8): 1, Slater; 2, Parlett; 3, Eyres; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Twigge; hc, Gregory; c, Bowden. GIFT (3): 1, Harding; 2, Lythgoe; 3, Jackson.

The Remaining Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, Beatty, good size, wonderful blaze, nice body colour, grand bars and buttons; 2, Holt, extra rich body colour, good moons and buttons, splendid condition, we liked; 3, Perry, grand size, fine square blaze, very steady, well shown; 4, Kirkham, well up in size, nice blaze and condition; vhc, Crompton; bc, Moston; c, Mort. BROWN LINNET (20): 1, c, Parrot, capital size, good colour, very steady; 2, F. and J. J Kearton, splendid colour and shape; 3, Morgan, splendidly laced, nice colour, very steady; 4, Birchley, grand size, splendid condition and feather, nice colour; vhc, Pitchford; bc, Kirkham. SISKIN ETC. (8): 1, 2, spl, Birchley, couple of Siskins, leader grand cap and condition, nice colour, 2nd better condition, lovely feather, well known winner; 3, Morgan, beautiful Redpoll, fine size and bib, rare colour and condition; 4, Parlett, very rich coloured Twite, splendid feather and markings; vhc, Trengove; hc, Smith; c, Middleton. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, spl, Hirst, noted Yellow Bunting, Shamrock, in prime condition; 2, Birchley, clinking Hawfinch, grand colour, good bib, fine size, good 2nd; 3, Crompton, splendid Bullfinch, extra breast colour and cap; 4, hc, Johnson; 4th, Yellowhammer, grand size and colour; vhc, Beatty, Hawfinch; hc, Johnson, Hawfinch; c, Hulme. SOFTBILL LARGE cancelled. SMALL (7): 1, vhc, spl, Walsh, nicely colour fed Yellow Wagtail, good size and nice condition; 2, Fairclough, Grey Wagtail, pale colour, nice condition 3, Birchley, Tree Creeper, good size and colour, very clear on breast, splendid condition, we liked; 4, J. M. Walsh, Grey Wagtail, we think a hen, nice condition, smaller than 2nd; hc, Kirkham; c, Mackwell. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (5): 1, spl, Mrs. Houghton, wing marked, buff Goldfinch Can., splendid feather and size, put down in grand form, wins; 2, Pitchford, eyes and wing marked Goldfinch Can., good size and nice shape; 3, Robinson, head and wings marked Goldfinch Can., lovely colour, grand condition and quality, worth its place; 4, Wilcock, Goldfinch Can. DARK (5): 1, spl, Mrs. Boughton, Greenfiuch Can., splendid colour, shape and size, rare quality, wins well; 2, Ridley, dark Goldfinch Can., shows parentage distinctly, rather smaller; 4, Lightbowu, Linnet-Can., good shapely bird, well marked, rich colour, well shown; vhc, Robinson. FOR. HARDBILLS (6): 1, Mrs. Smith, Gouldian Finches, wonderful quality and colour, nicely staged; 2, Walsh, Spice Birds, fine condition, grand spangling on breast, good colour; 3, 4 Creasey, 3rd, Cordon Bleu, wonderful colour and condition; 4th, fine pair of green Singing Finches; vhc, Jones. LARGE INSECTIV. (5): 1, Mrs. Smith, Chloropsis, very fine specimen, wonderful shape and quality, 1st, Palace, we believe; 2, Walsh, Strama, lovely feather and condition, well staged, gem; 3, Beatty, Magpie Tanager, well marked, good size, grand feather, in fine order; 4, vhc, Creasey; 4, Superb Tanager, nice exhibit; vhc, Scarlet Tanager. AMATEUR MEMBERS' YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Linsey, cl., grand length, style and feather; 2, McCann, cap marked, plenty of size, very straight, nice colour; 3, 4, Brennan; 3rd, clear, nice narrow shoulders, good length and quality; 4th, another good cl. BUFF (3): 1 3, Brennan,, leader long raking clear, splendid quality; 3rd, cl., grand length and quality; 2, McCaun, another cl., superior feather and style. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Brennan, leader slight grizzle on back; 2nd, Cinn., head and wing marked; 3rd, marked head and wing, 3 very fine upstanding Yorks. BUFF (1): 1, McCann, clinking cl. NOR. YELL. (1): 1, Harding, good shaped wing marked yellow. BUFF (1): 1, Harding, rattling cl. buff. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Harding, nice cl. yell. BUFF (1): 1, Harding, fine shaped cl., good colour and quality. NOVICE MEMBERS' YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Holland, good length, nice back and wings; 2, Fish, nice length and stand; 3, Savoys, fine quality and type. BUFF (7): 1, Atkinson, grand length and quality; 2, 3, Hamford; 2nd, fine length, nice type and colour; 3, good long bird; 4, c, Fish; vhc, Welsh; hc, Jackson. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Durnford, neck marked, long stylish slim exhibit; 2, Wilson, wing marked, red hot colour and nice length; 3, Jackson, wing marked, nice length and quality, good shape and position; 4, Welsh, thigh ticked, nice length; vhc, Gowenlock; hc, Whittle; c, Preston. BUFF (7): 1, c, Atkinson, thigh tick, nice colour, length and stand; 2, 4, Savory, 2nd ticked back of head, rare long bird; 4th, well drawn, grand quality; 3, Durnford, thigh ticked, good length and quality; vhc, Clayton; hc, Fish. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Holland, cl. buff, real good one, could hold his own in open; 2, Jackson, wing ticked yell., long, slim and stylish; 3, Fish, nice cl. yell., grand quality; 4, Gowenlock, foul buff cinn.; vhc, Downes; hc, c, Savage. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Atkinson, leader long cl. yell., well drawn, nice hen; 3rd, cl., grand type and quality; 2, Preston. cinn., head and wings marked, very slim, and stylish; 4, c, Savage, nice clear; vhc, Holland; hc, Welsh. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Welsh, grand cl., very straight, lovely quality; 4, slight grizzle on wings, fine quality and position; 2, c, Jackson, cl., very close in feather nice type and length; 3, Preston, clear, grand back, wings and tail, good 3rd; vhc, bc, Durnford. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Whalley, two grand clears, both very useful Norwich; 3, 4, Kirk, 3rd, clear, hot colour, and good shape; 4th, lovely quality and colour. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Epsley, both clears, good shape and quality; 2, vhc, Whalley, cl., lovely shape and carriage; 3, hc, Kirk, good head and substance. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Morgan, slashing clear; 2, Epsley, clear. BUFF (3): 1, Epsley, head and wing marked, grand shape and quality; 2, Savage, cl., nice ben; 3, Whalley, clear, grand quality, fine shape. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Kirk, 1st, wing marked, grand colour and shape; 3rd, cap marked; 2, 4, Epsley, 2nd varieg., full of Nor properties; 4th, variegated, nice quality; vhc, Clearer; hc, Carnotta; c, Whalley. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Fish, foul green yellow Yorks.; 2, T. Atkinson, foul cinn. buff Yorks.; 3, A. Atkinson, another foul cinn. buff Yorks.; 4, Clayton, foul green Yorks. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Whittle, lovely blaze, nice tan and buttons; 2, Fish, bonny little Finch, good blaze; 3, Savage, another nice Finch; 4, Whalley. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, Downs, clinking Greenfinch; 2, Morgan, grand Bullfinch; 3, Fish, very nice Greenfinch; 4, McCann, another good Bullfinch. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Clayton, rattling Thrush. DARK MULE (3): 1, 2, Whalley; 3, Savage.



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A Group taken at the Recent Successful Cardiff Show.

Names: Upper Row, Standing (Left to Right).—F. J, Dallimore, E. J. Banks (Treas.). F. P. Dymond, T. H. Melhuish, G. Sampson, A. Ball, J. Shearn, F. S. Howard, B. Davies (W. C. B. C. Repr.), and H. C. Smith.

Lower Row, Sitting (Left to Right).—A. Maggs, D. A. S. Longden (C. B. U. Repr.), F. D. Jones (Chairman), J. H. Roe (Judge), W. Sampson (Show Sec.), J. H. Payne (Judge), E. Thorne, S. F. Whetton, and W. S. Negus (Gen. Sec.)

STAVELEY.

Staveley and Dist. F.S. Show took place on Dec. 9. The Markham Hall provided cover for the exhibitors. Dr. J. Court, J.P., is president, and the committee consist of a most willing band of fanciers, who all endeavour to help things along in the way they should go. They are to be complimented. The hon. treasurer is Mr. B. Pattison; the hon. secs. are Messrs. T. Griffiths and W. Farmer, a couple of capital workers. Courteous in the highest degree, they are also always on the go. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged. Specials for best cock and best hen both went to Mr. P. Hay.

YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, Harris, former yell. mkd. left wing and head, good length, slim, straight as a rush, capital feather; 3, cl., very lengthy, neat and narrow, A1 position, well up on leg, in the pink; 2, spl, Hay, yell., mkd. neck and back, very warm, rich feather, good stand; vhc, bc, no name; c, Bramball. HEN (5): 1, Buck, cl. yell., rattling colour and quality, straight as a pencil, grand back and wing carriage, very bonny; 2, Trueman, cl. buff, beautifully feathered, nice colour and meal, A1 position, good length; 3, Harris, variegd. yell., long slim drawn specimen, well up in position, nice feather, good legs; vhc, spl, Hay; bc, Lancaster. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Fox, cl. yell., tight as a Java, hot colour, magnificent feather, very shapely, fine wings and tail; 2, c, Greaves, cl. yell., good size and shape, capital colour, jaunty carriage, very close up; 3, Smith, marked wing, well up in substance, A1 colour, nice type; vhc, Trueman; hc, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., smooth as glass, lovely type and quality, nice colour and carriage, clean cut; 2, Trueman, yell, marked wing and eye, fine shape and size, nice tone of colour; 3, Smith, buff, ticked breast, short and thick set, good colour and frosting; vhc, Oxbrough; hc, Harris; c, no name.

HIGHBRIDGE.

The 5th annual show was held December 9th. The caged birds were nicely staged at the far end of the hall, and were quite free from draughts. The management was good. Mr. Buttle makes an ideal secretary, and is well backed by a strong committee of fanciers, with Mr. A. G. F. Pitts as chairman Mr. S. R. Leech judged.

NOR. NAT. COL. (9): 1, spl, Young, green, in fine condition, good wing carriage and tail; 2, res, hc, Brain, buff, grand bird, fine head and neck; 3, Burges and Son, Crest, in good fettle; 4, Eves; vhc, Richards, Chivers; hc, Southcombe. YORKS. OR LANCS. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Paully, Yorks., nice feather and length, grand style, easy winners; 3, Gilling, Yorks. buff, good head and tail; 4, Bolwell. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, Richards, C.B., good body and wings; 3, Eves, Goldfinch Mule, very steady, well marked; 4, Paully; res, Davis; 620, Burgess and Son, good Nor. unnoticed. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, spl, Barry Bros., nice bird, grand head and wings, easy winner; 2, Giles, Goldfinch, nicely marked bars, wel defined moons; 3, Southcombe, Bullfinch, grand colour, splendid cap, good feather; 4, Slocombe; vhc, Long, Escott, Bobbett. LARGE (6): 2, Long, Magpie, in splendid plumage, well shown; 3, Young, Jackdaw, grand head and neck, must have run winner close; 4, Barry Bros. FOR. (5): 1, Wilcombe, Cockatoo, good condition, fine feather; 3, 4, Morrish, two nice Parrakeets; 4, Long; vhc, Southcombe. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, Bobbett; 2, 4, Reid; 3, Richards; res, Paully. MEMBERS' CAN. (7): 1, Baker, Crest well shown, nice tail and head, grand wings; 2, Bolwell, buff Yorks, nice length and feather, stands well; 3, Long, Crest, fine condition; 4, Coombs; res, Stower. FOR. OR BRIT. (6): 1, 4, Coombs; res, Stower. FOR. OR BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Gore, Cockatoo, nice wing and tails; 2, Long, grand Bullfinch, splendid cap and wings; 3, Cook and Son, Goldfinch, nice specimen, good cariage; 4, Baker; res, Toogood.

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Gateshead Gets a Bumper.

Another record display of high quality birds on the Tyne-side.

This pioneer society of the Tyne-side held its ninth annual show on December 11th and 12th, and it proved a record, drawing together over 1,200 of the cream of the fancy. Norwich Plainheads were first on the programme, and although in this section we have seen larger classes, in quality the exhibits were superb. All the classes were keenly contested, and honours evenly distributed. Mr. Irons, however, secured three 1sts, while Mr. Dobinson claimed two 1sts. The unflighted classes held some real gems, while the natural colour class was very interesting. The class of the section, however, was that for Novices, and as we overheard an old fancier exclaim: "Some of them are old-fashioned, or else have been swallowing CAGE BIRDS." The winner was a fine variegated buff, staged to perfection, by Mr. Snell, who should feel proud at heading the strongest contested class in the show, with an entry of 46. The judge carefully selected the birds, and owing to the keen competition, found it necessary to add a few extra prizes to the list. Cinnamons on the whole, were an excellent collection, but here Messrs. Godley and Dormer secured the plums. The novice class was a representative one; Mr. Beck captured 1st, 2nd, and 4th. Crests and Crest-breds were forward in force; and the Tynesiders can hold their own in any place with this variety. To-day they had a regular "scoop." Taking these classes throughout, I think such a collection of gems has rarely been seen at any show. It looked more like a competition between North and South, and North just managed to hold the balance in the awards. The bowl for best in show was secured by that marvellous Crest belonging to Mr R. Armstrong, and rightly named "The King of Kings." Words can hardly describe this specimen. It has a regular "Soutar Johnnie Kilmarnock Bonnet," which fits to perfection—a marvel, and no mistake. It also won the silver challenge bowl for best young Crest, and assisted its owner to secure most points for the Roberts's £25 challenge cup. Another well-known Northern breeder, Mr. Bewick, who unfortunately has not been blessed with good luck during the breeding season, secured the challenge bowl for best young Crest-bred, with a gem of a hen, well-named "The Duchess." She is the sole survivor of a nest of five. What might not the other four have been worth? The novice classes were keenly contested, and contained some very promising specimens.

The Long and the Short of it.

Borders followed, and here were found the cream of the "Wee Gems." All the well-known firms had forwarded good teams, especially from Tweedside. The yellow cock class was headed by that gem of Mr. Gilchrist's, the Glasgow winner, which for position, style and feather can scarcely be surpassed; in fact it must have run very closely for the B.F.C.C. medal. Mr. McKenzie accounted for both yell. and buff hen classes with two of his toppers. The clear buff cock class was won by a gem for quality, lovely position and type, exceedingly well staged, which secured the coveted B.F.C.C. medal for best in show, for Mr. J. S. Wilson, the well-known Cumberland exhibitor. Mr. J. Patterson headed the even marked class with his champion buff, but was hotly pursued by Mr. Wright's well-known winning yellow. Messrs. Duncan and Logan accounted for no less than three of the remaining classes, with gems of the first water. Unfortunately their buff uneven had lost some feathers from its back, probably through fighting after judging. Greens and Cinnamons were good, and here the veteran firm of Arnot and Jamieson won. Their old champion yellow is the winner of about forty 1sts and specials. The novice class was a teaser, and here Mr. Fuller managed to secure the coveted first place with a sweet Border. The Border classes, on the whole, were extra good. Many birds had to be content with a card that have done a lot of winning this season. The Yorkshires were strong classes throughout, some of the leading Yorkshire exhibitors sending teams to do battle. Among the prominent prize-winners were Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Greaves and Crabtree, Shackleton and Cuthbertson. Often only condition just turned the scale in favour of the winners. The novice class was a good one, and Mr. Kent landed home with a smart exhibit, splendidly put down. Scotch Fancies were a nice collection, the quality being better than we have seen here for some time. The veteran Mr. Little won in the yellow class, Mr. Cobb the buff class, and Messrs. Thompson Bros. the hen class, all with high-class specimens.

The Mules and Hybrids were highly attractive. Messrs. Colton and Dawn won with a gem of a Redpoll-Bullie, in fine bloom, and Mr. Bruce with a topping variegated Linnet-Can, an Irish-bred specimen, we heard, and well-named "The Irishman." Mr. Frazer, all the way from Fort William, scored in the dark class with his clinking buff Siskin-Can., a well-known Scotch face. The Britishers, taken on the whole, were grand, some gems being staged. The three Linnet classes were very hot, while in Softbills some beauties were to be seen. The Blackbird, Thrush or Starling Class was one of the best. Owing to the word "Thrush" being inserted this year, the judge "wrong classed" a Missel Thrush and a Fieldfare in the Any Other Species class, which led to some comment from the visitors and exhibitors. The Foreigners were a gorgeous collection, and greatly admired by the visitors. The members' classes were keenly fought out, and the quality was very high.

As Keen as Mustard.

A crowd of eager fanciers pushed and jostled to get a sight of the one thousand two hundred odd birds on view. Here and there could be heard strong arguments in the broad diffect of the North, for the Tynesider is at all times ready to uphold his opinion, and many a little "scene" was enacted round some choice specimen to which the judge had been over kind, or unduly severe, according to the point of view. Exhibiting birds would lose half its fascination if their merits could be weighed mathematically. There is now an element of sport in it, just enough to appeal to the Northern fanciers, and so they gathered in strong force to re-judge the birds after the official judge had placed his awards.

There was no special centre of attraction, for at all times the looker-on could see many excited groups. While a few keen Crest men were pointing out to the younger members the differences between Armstrong's "King of Kings" and Taylor's "Pride of the North," an equally interested gathering was to be observed round the chubby Norwich, or arguing over the points of the huge beaked Hawfinches.

The little Brown Linnet is always a favourite with the men in the North, and two splendid classes of house and field-moulted birds, with another for Novices, kept up the reputation of the district. The Goldfinch class was rather disappointing.

When it came to the awarding of the prize for the best bird in the show, Mr. Heath's selection, "King of Kings," was a good first, the runner-up being a beautiful Crested cock, shown by Mr. T. Taylor. The Yorkies were good, but Mr. Battye thought "discretion the better part of valour," and quietly put his champion back on the shelf. So once again the coveted cup and honour was secured by a Tynesider against all comers.

One of the great successes of the show was the staging of some grand Yorkshires by Dr. C. D. O'Neal, his beautiful yellow hen winning the bowl over that section. His success is just an object-lesson to the budding fancier, as he has only been breeding for three or four years. He started with the best material he could possibly secure—some of it (tell it not in Gath) came from the South—and by careful pairing and studying the variety he has built up a strain of really good ones. He beat to-day such champions as Messrs. Shackleton, Bailey and Swanger, Cuthbertson, Wilcock, Radley, etc.

Good Fanciers; Good Workers.

Mr. Thos. Taylor and his co-workers must feel proud of the grand display they managed to get together, for "quality" was the word throughout. There were individual instances of Crests and Crest-breds having to stand down that had won high honours elsewhere.

It would be impossible to find a better secretary and show manager than Mr. Thos. Taylor. He is one of those rare individuals who are always looking forward and anticipating what will be required next. But we must not forget to mention his able assistant, Mrs. Taylor, for it is well known she helps Thomas greatly with the scribbling, and fanciers who have at some time or other held the reins, will know the value of such assistance. In Messrs. Mather, Grieve, Johnson, Buck, Longstaff Hodgson, and Moore, he has helpers of the right stamp; men who are good fanciers and keenly alive to the necessity of doing the thing well.

The show was held in the Burt Street Drill Hall, a very suitable place indeed, though inclined to be just a shade on the cold side. The staging is excellent, and was admirably fitted, and we could only suggest that nearest the doors should come the Norwich or British sections, with back (not all wire) cages. The management was all that could be desired under the capable guidance of the deservedly popular secretary, Mr. T. Taylor, who is truly a host in himself. He was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who worked wholeheartedly, and carried the show through to a successful finish. The hall was very heavily patronised by visitors, and what with the record entry and the good gate, we expect to hear of the Gateshead coming out well on the right side, which the society well deserve to do. The following gentlemen officiated as judges, and their awards were well received: Mr. J. Trengove (Norwich), Mr. T. Heath (Crests and Foreigners), Mr. H. Bennet (Borders and Scotch), Mr. Battye (Yorks), and Mr. Parker Robinson (Mules and British).

Norwich, Crests and Crest-breds.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Dobinson, really grand all over, round as possible, rare front, good head and neck, A1 wing carriage, staged to perfection; 2, Cowling, good fronted bird, fine and full, well rounded, nice quality throughout; 3, Stanger and Herdman, good body and shape, well filled up on neck, grand head, showy bird; 4, Mrs. Gaze, capital size, good quality feather, neat front and taper; vhc; Irons; hc, Taylor; c, Cameron. BUFF (11): 1, Dobinson, romping home, regular Bullie shape, grand head and front, lovely feather, very showy, exceedingly well staged; 2, Taylor, good front, well drawn, plenty of size, good quality feather, well placed; 3, Lawson, hot-fed, good style, fine position; 4, Grey, plenty of size, good quality and condition; vhc, Mr. Gaze; hc, Scott; c, Agar. TICK., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Irons, grand size, dense, warm, level colour, A1 shape, staged to perfection, wins; 2, Cowling, grand body, lovely feather, staged A1; 3, Grey, large and shapely, good quality feather; 4, Younghusband, good body and feather, neat front. BUFF (8): 1, Irons, good one, lovely shape, fine, full rounded front, A1 head, grand all over, shown to perfection; 2, Camerou, hot-coloured one, grand front and wing carriage, lovely feather; 3, Stanger and Herdman, nice one, grand body, full fronted, well drawn; 4, Mrs. Gaze, grand size, A1 feather; vhc, Cowling; hc, Younghusband; c, Grey. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Cameron, best-bodied bird, grandly rounded and drawn, free got up, nice wing carriage, A1 back, good tone of colour; 2, Stanger and Herdman, again all there, good head; 3, Younghusband, grand form, A1 feather, shape and style; excellent fronted bird; 4, Seely Bros., nice size and quality of feather; vhc, Lawson; hc, Holden and Todd; c, Cranhall. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Grey, leader wins, grand all over, rare size, combined with shape, fine front, well drawn, neat head, beautifully filled on neck, grand wing carriage, staged in rare bloom, 4th large one, good top end and neck; 2, Watson, good style, nicely finished off; 3, Mrs. Gaze, grand front, lovely quality feather, sweet shape and style; vhc, hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Cameron. CL., ETC., YELL., UNFLIG. (13): 1, Irons, cl., win, rare size, noble front, well drawn, A1 wing carriage, exquisite head grand, solid colour, staged to perfection, hot one, and no mistake; 2, Dobinson, hot coloured one, grand shade, nice shape and quality of feather; 3, Shorney, good-headed one, fine neck and shape; 4, French, plenty of size, good in colour, nice shape and finish to winners; vhc, Grey; hc, c, Cowling. BUFF (13): 1, Hall, real hot one, nice shape and feather, grand body, full and free from coarseness, well drawn, good neck and head, splendid order, wins; 2, Dobinson, grand position, neat head and front, good wing carriage, rare bloom; 3, Midgeley, plenty of size, demon for quality, slightly open in front; 4, Pickering and Waight, shade smaller, nice feather; vhc, Holden and Todd; hc, Grey; c, Dormer. HEN. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Midgeley, wins, round as possible, real good one, fine head and neck, A1 wing carriage, grand front, beautifully tapered off; 2, Grey, good all-round Nor., finely drawn, neat head, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Dobinson, nice size, good quality feather, beaten in shape and taper by winner; 4, Pickering and Wright, shade smaller, but nice shape, good front and head; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Grey; c, Cameron. NAT. COL. (15): 1, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell. good front, nice head, good substance throughout, all-round Nor.; 2, Crass, buff, fine front, good quality feather, lovely back, and wing carriage; 3, Irons, buff foul, massive front, grand head, well tapered behind, grand substance and size; 4, Dormer, heavy varieg., good head, well staged; vhc, Grey; hc, Hunt; c, Taylor. NOR. NOVICE (46): 1, Snell, varieg buff, beautifully fed, perfect gem for feather, grand size, full, noble front, grandly drawn, A1 wing carriage, well packed on neck; 2, Buck, good yell., grand quality, neat head and front, nicely drawn; 3, Scott, shapely, neat head and wing carriage; 4, Crass, buff, neat size, good in feather; ex 3, Buck, good tick buff, fine shape, grand quality feather, rare front and back; ex 4, Hodgson, another rattling buff for size, well up in shape, well drawn; vhc, Piper; cx vhc, Chaplow; hc, Woolett; c, Beck, really grand class. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 2, c, Godley, leader dense colour throughout, lovely ground colour, deep, clear markings, grand size and shape; 2, good back lacing, well up in size and shape, good flanks and head; 3, 4, Dormer, good one, lovely shade throughout, A1 bloom, 4th splendidly marked, good tone of colour, all very warm in colour; vhc, Mrs. Gaze; hc, Seely Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Godley, rare size, grandly finished, tight as wax, good markings, finely moulded, good one, wins easily, 3rd grandly laced on sides; 2, Dormer, good one, neat size, grand, deep tone of colour, splendid front lacing, very even on back, must have pressed winner; 4, c, Bentley, nice tone of colour throughout, good shape and finish; vhc, Godley; hc, Richardson. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Dormer, leader nice Jonque, good shape and size, well marked, lovely-headed bird, 2nd romping buff, good, distinct lacing, full of work, well staged exhibit; 3, Hermiston, buff, plenty size, grand, deep colour throughout, good back; 4, Coutts, Jonque, grand shape, well placed; vhc Richardson; hc, Thompson. CINN., NOVICE (17): 1, 2, 4, Beck, grand trio, leader romping buff, plenty size, good solid colour and well mkd., 2nd Jonque, nice quality feather, neatly laced, 4th also a Jonque, rare bloom, grand markings; 3, Fairburn, buff, good colour, well laced on back and side, well put down; vhc, Coutts; hc, Fenwick; c, Piper. CREST YELL or YELL.-MKD. (9): 1, Mrs. Gaze, leader almost green, real good top-piece, well centred, splendid length of feather, leafy side and back, fine body and shape; 2, Mrs. Crow, yell., nice frontal and back, well centred, lengthy; 3, Gaze, good one, dense, good back, slightly horny on one side, well staged; 4, Collidge, good Crest, plenty of it; vhc, Ley; hc, Taylor; c, Dobson and Son. CL. BODY, GREY OR DARK CREST (9): 1, Gaze, grizzle crest, dense head gear, grand back and side, good frontal, splendidly centred, in rare bloom; 2, Tyson, splendid top-piece, rare fronted bird, immense feather throughout; 3, Collidge, grizzle, splendid radiation, grand all over, nice centre and length; 4, Mrs. Galloway, clear, dense fronted bird, slightly broken on side, good all-round exhibit; vhc, Johnston; hc, Taylor; c, Hands. CREST, BUFF CK. (8): 1, 4, Taylor, leader wins hands down, regular topper for size, immense head gear, grandly laid on, not a feather out of place, nice length, 4th Green, good head-gear, very nicely finished; 2, Tyson, lengthy Crest, well groomed; 3, Currah and Son, lengthy feather, taking exhibit; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Broad; c, Ley. CREST HEN (12): 1, Tyson, hot one for a lady, great length of feather, enormous frontal, good centre, wins with something in hand; 2, Almond, grandly groomed, splendid length, good on side and back, fails in density of feather only; 3, hc, Gaze, grand side and back, well placed; 4, Johnston, sweet exhibit, well worth its place, grand length, rare frontal, good centre and side, very taking; vhc, Swan; c, Armstrong. UNFLIG. CREST (22): 1, 2 cups, spl, 3, Armstrong, the sensational "King of Kings," perfect model Crest, gem for head-gear, great frontal, splendid side, lovely centre, popular win, 3rd grizzle, good centre and top-piece, grandly laid on; 2, Currah and Son, sweet one, very lengthy fronted bird, plenty of feather, good back and centre, well placed; 4, Broad, good shape and feather, grand side and back; vhc, Dobson and Son; hc, Tyson; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. C.-B. (18): 1, cup, Bewick, well-known "Duchess," another hot one for a lady, great entrance, enormous lash, grand head and skull, plenty of size; 2, Taylor and Armstrong, varieg., grand lashing, rare entrance, lovely head, wide skull; 3, Collidge, good body and size, grand back skull; 4, Dobson and Son, grandly lasbed, great length of feather, shade narrow at front, well worth its place; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Hutchinson; c, Tyson. C.-B. CK. (14): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st broken green, good entrance, splendid lashing, fine, broad skull, rare substance, grandly shown, 2nd another hot one, ticked on wing, wide entrance, well forward in lashing, good frontal, in extra good form, pair of hot ones; 3, Gaze, lengthy feather, shade narrow at entrance, good back skull, well groomed; 4, vhc, Ley, yell. variegated, good one, fine entrance, lovely head; hc, Gray; c, Piper. HEN (10): 1, Piper, cushion-headed, fine quality throughout, grand length of feather, forward in entrance, good all-round lady; 2, Taylor, plenty of feather, lovely back, good side and front feather; 3, Hands, good entrance, full and free, nice sided bird; 4, Tyson, grand lash, very lengthy, shade narrow at entrance; vhc, Swan; hc, Ley; c, Bewick. PAIR (for Crest Breeding) (11): 1, Taylor, pair of gems, and no mistake, the noted "King Edward" Crest, which can win in any company, rare headpiece to a grand C.-B., fine length of feather, grand entrance, rattling good pair, but did not seem to be too good in friendship; 2, Armstrong, well-balanced pair, tip-top C.-B., and a good all-round Crest; 3, vhc, Dobson and Son. C.-B., and a good green Crest, grand front; 4, Bewick, grand Crest, very lengthy, and a C.-B., good entrance; vhc, Taylor and Smart; c, Hutchinson. CREST, NOVICE (11): 1, 2, Dixon, wins hands down, grand one, round as possible, very well laid on, real gem, fine front and centre, 2nd good-feathered one, fine frontal, good centre and side, well staged, lovely pair; 3, Longstaff, good length of feather, nice sided bird; 4, Peel, very shapely, but a shade thin, good body and size; vhc, hc, Waugh; c, Wilson. C.-B. (11): 1, Longstaff, good one, fine, wide entrance, well forward in lashing, plenty size and substance, wins comfortably; 2, Dixon, grandly lashed; 3, Charlton, good shape, plenty of size, nicely lashed, fails in entrance, lacks skull of winner; 4, Mather, neat in entrance; vhc, Peel; hc, Waugh; c, Heslop.

The Yorkshires.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Bailey and Swanger, exceedingly well drawn, straight as a gun barrel, slim and free from roughness, well put down, fine length and pose, grand colour; 2, Radley, lovely position, fine head and wing carriage, well tapered; 3, 4, Shackleton, a trifle smaller, but rare shape, good head and wing carriage, in A1 bloom; 4, lengthy, rare length of side, and splendid pose, lovely shape, good one; vhc, Stewart; hc, Tweedie; c, Wilcock. BUFF (10): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, good one, grand length, fine position, A1 size, grand wing carriage, well drawn, in marvellous bloom; 2, 3, Shackleton, similar to winner, very close up, good shape, drawn to perfection, rare head and wings, grand side, in fine order; 3rd, good all round, rare body, fine head and neck, well up on leg, grand feather; 4, Bailey and Swanger, hot one, grand feather, free from roughness, rare length; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Wilcock; c, Tweedie. TICK. ETC. (16): 1, vhc, Shackleton, grand buff tick, rare size and length, well moulded, fine side and wing carriage, tip top bloom, nat. col.; 2, Ogden Bros., hot fed varieg. yell., grand shade of colour, lovely size, teeming with quality, sweet exhibit; 3, c, Bailey and Swanger, yell., grand bloom, tight as a drum in feather; 4, Radley, buff, good one, fine pose and quality of feather; hc, Cuthberson. HEN (12): 1, 3, 4, Shackleton, marvellous trio, leader, grand nat. col. buff, fine length and shape; 3, good varieg. buff, lovely shape, grand feather; 4, nice yell.; 2, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, neat yell., grandly drawn, well staged; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Stewart. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Cuthbertson, wins, grand one, rare length and style, slim, free from roughness, warm colour, lovely position, real gem, closely followed 2, Crawhall, another taking bird, put down in marvellous bloom, grand shape, extra good in carriage, sweet exhibit; 3, Bailey and Swanger, good varieg., nice feather, grand length and position; 4, Stewart, nice yell., slim and lengthy; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Cockburn; c, Fawcett. BUFF (20): 1, Dr. O'Neal, raking buff for length, grand feather, good position, lovely wing carriage, grandly drawn in front, put down in lovely bloom; 2, Bailey and Swanger, shmly got up, a gem for quality, grand carriage, well up on leg; 3, 4, Shackleton, good varieg., warm colour, extra good in feather and finish, again beaten in length; 4, wing tick, lovely bloom, showy, nice shape and position; vhc, Stewart; hc, c, Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. A.O.C. (16): 1, Greaves and Crabtree, lengthy, well shaped yell., grand style, great length, very good in front and taper, well moulded; 2, 3, Dr. O'Neal, buff, good one, fine quality feather, plenty of length; 3, good yell., slim got up, grand level colour; 4, vhc, Shackleton, very slim got up yell. well moulded; hc, Radley; c Fawcett. YORKS. NOVICE (18): 1, Davison, a gem for quality, grandly drawn, free from roughness, splendid all round Yorkie; 2, Cockburn, great length, very warm in colour, nice position; 3, Davison, another nice one, grand stamp, fine length, showing slight frill in front; 4, Grieve, buff, good shape, well drawn; vhc, King; hc, Hutler; c, Jerdan. PAIRS (for breeding, other than Crests) (11): 1, Seely Bros., tip top pair of Cinnamons, buff cock and Jonque hen, well up in size, grandly laced, staged in fine bloom, extra good pair; 2, Cuthbertson, lengthy pair of Yorks., yell. mkd. ck., and slim buff hen, well balanced, rare quality of feather, grandly mated; 3, Gray, pair of Nor. nice yell. ck., and a good buff hen, graud front and wing carriage, nicely paired; 4, Grey Yell., Nor. and heavy varieg. buff yell., nice size, buff, good one, grand shape; vhc, Dormer; hc, Grey; c, Woolett.

The Borders and Scotch Fancies.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Gilchrist, his Glasgow winner, as fresh as paint, very sweet head, finely drawn body, neat tail, well placed; 2, Duncan, another marvel for roundness, beautifully moulded, sound deep colour, not much behind winner; 3, Wilson, very typical, finely rounded, hardly so deep in colour, perhaps; 4, McKenzie, another fine one, well rounded, sound level colour, washing when being judged, which spoilt his chance; 5, Hutchinson; 6, French; 7, McGuffie. YELL. HEN (11): Very fine class; 1, McKenzie, real smart one, extra neat head, chest and wings, grand sound colour; 2, Patterson, grand type and level colour, fine to handle; 3, Wilson, very sweetly drawn, clear colour, very close on others; 4, Robinson, close feather, sweetly rounded body; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Hawkins; 7, Jobson. CL. BUFF CK. (19): Another grand class; but quite a number had to stand down owing to their being soft; I, 2 medals, 5, Wilson, 2 real beauties, former one of the finest out this season, very alert in action, feather well up in bloom, sweetly drawn body; 2, Tait, another gem, sweet round head, finely drawn body, extra good pipe tail, close up; 3, Duncan and Logan, grandly feathered, best type; 4, Bruce, sweetly moulded head, neck and body, requires time to mature to make a good one; 6, Patterson; 7, McKenzie. HEN (16): 1, McKenzie, sweetly shaped body, well laid on wings, close tail; 2, Tait, similar type, sweet head and body; 3, Patterson, well shaped body, feather shining with bloom, fine warm colour; 4, Wilson, neatly drawn; 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 6, Simpson; 7, Robinson. EVEN MARK (12): 1, Patterson, noted winner, buff, in usual grand bloom, eyes and wings of splendid shape and balance, finely tapered body; 2, Wright, grandly balanced yell., close feather, good type; 3, Alexander, finely shaped body and wings, fine exhibit; 4, Gilchrist, well marked buff, eyes nicely tapered; 5, Wilson; 6, Duncan and Logan; 7, Whittaker. UNEVEN ETC. (14): 1, Duncan and Logan, eyes, wings and head mark yell., feather of extra close substance, very typical; 2, Gilchrist, Glasgow winner, 3 pointed yell., in lovely bloom, finely tapered body; 3, Tait, Dundee winner, finely drawn 3 point buff, grand shapely body feather; 4, McKenzie, similar type and markings; 5, Patterson; 6, Brockie; 7, Whittaker. HEN (13): 1, Duncan and Logan, well known 5 point cinn. yell. mark, very neat and stylish, feathered like a Java; 2, Wilson, similar type, also well known winner, feathered like wax; 3, Cubley, very fine cinn. varieg., well formed body, and head; 4, Smith, neatly shaped 5 pointed, close feather; 5, Alexander; 6, Chapman; 7, Patterson. FOUL ETC. (17): 1, Duncan and Logan, again to the fore with a fine yell. tick, fine upright substance, sweetly drawn body, lovely feather; 2, Tait, buff, cheek mark, very typical in body, finely drawn; 3, Hutcheson, yell. wing tick, finely tapered body, in grand bloom; 4, Whittaker, grandly feathered eye tick yell., shining like gold; 5, Robinson; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Patterson. GREEN OR CINN. SELF ETC. CK. (8): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, old marvel of many battles, in grand bloom, finely pencilled back, sound grass body; 2, McMillan, similar style and colour; 3, Cubley, another sound pencilled one, excelling in body pencillings; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, very typical buff green, well balanced body, pencillings; 5, Patterson; 6, Baikney; 7, Johnson. HEN (7): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, very fine cinn. buff, sound colour and pencillings, good typical body; 2, 3, Johnson, grandly pencilled, grass green, very typical; 3rd, similar type; 4, Baikney, typical buff green, sound level colour, well pencilled; 5, McMillan; 6, Whittaker; 7th no name. NOVICE BORD. (32): Grand class, great tribute to our novice bands; 1, Wilson, finely balanced yell. even; 2, Young, typical buff; 3, 4, Nixon, neat yell. varieg.; 4th, good cl. yell; extra 4, Snell; 5, Houghton; extra 5, Johson, very neat and typical, but unsteady, else might have taken higher place; 6, Young; 7, Jerdan. SCOT. FCY. YELL. ETC. (7): 1, Liddle, very peachy bird, grand top end, fine long side and tail, good position; 2, Harvey, cl., massive top and body, fails in neck reach; 3, Little, grizzle marked, finely set square shoulders, good free neck; 4, 6, Chapman, head tick, finely rounded shoulders, and wing, good depth of body and rib; 5, Cobb; No. 4, grand buff pied, in wrong class. BUFF ETC. (5): 1, 4, spl, Cobb, 1st, cl.

of A1 style and symmetry, massive top, fine free head and neck, very nicely turned rib and tail, rare worker; 2, 3, Little, long body reach; 3, strongly made, good length; 4th, well formed body, square set top and; 5, Thompson Bros. HEN (12): 1, Thompson Bros., Yell. pied, of great depth through frame, neat head and neck; 2, 7, Chapman, buff pied, massive shoulders, well rounded, strong made body, shorter in tail; 3, 4, Cobb, cl. yell., finely drawn body, sweet head and neck; 4, cl. buff, grand top, well rounded side, good body substance; 5, 6, Bell. BREEDING PAIRS (except Crests) (11): 1, Scely Bros.; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Gray; 4, 6, A. Grey; 5, Dormer; 7, Woollet. PAIRS (30/-) (13): 1, Almond; 2, Hermiston; 3, Taylor; 4, Dormer; 5, Hands; 6, Moore; 7, Hargreaves. (20/-): SINGLE (15): 1, Armstrong; 2, Taylor; 3, Hermiston; 4, Hargreaves; 5, Woodhouse; 6, Fawcett; 7, Bentley. (15/-) (18): 1, 6, Brown; 2, Agar; 3, Fawcett; 4, Arnot and Jamieson; 5, Taylor; 7, Marshall. (10/-) (17): Holden and Tod; 2, Mather; 3, Marshall; 4, Taylor; 5, Hargreaves; 6, Midgley; 7, Tait. (7/6) (15): 1, 5, Taylor; 7, Richardson. (10/-) BRIT. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, Taylor; 3, Montague; 4, Kinneil and Brown; 5, Williams; 6, Taylor; 7, Williams.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE or HYB. (9): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, 1st grand Redpoll-Bullie, fine size, grand rose breast, good cap and bib, well cut, fine lacing on back, in tip-top form, extra well staged, 2nd good Greenie-Bullie, fine breast colour, very solid throughout, neat cap and fine wing nights, well fed, in grand bloom; 3, 4, Jackson and Bond, 3rd lightly variegated. Siskin-Can., almost cl., nice size, broken slightly in colour, seemed to have been soiled in wash, 4th slashing Jonque Can.-Bullie, rare size, grand cap and markings, beautiful lacing; vhc, he, e, Taylor. UNEVENLY MKD, ETC. (6): 1, Bruce, lightly variegated. Linnet-Can., "The Irishman," grand size, very lightly marked, in fine bloom; 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, 2nd large Jonque-Goldie, dense colour, very lightly variegated, staged to perfection, 3rd variegated buff Greenie, nice size, grand condition, good colour throughout, neat exhibit; 4, Meadows, heavy mkd. Greenie-Can., nice size and position; vhc, he, Taylor. DARK MULE (Except Bullfinch) (14): 1, Taylor, slashing buff Siskin-Can., great size, grandly fed, good cap, splendid lacing, staged to perfection, well-known Scotch winner; 2, Jackson and Bond, romping buff Greenie Mule, well mkd., very forward in colour, nice head, in A1 order; 3, vhc, Dixon, 3rd buff Linnet Mule, grand size, well mkd., good back and breast, a topping Jonque Linnet, for markings, colour and condition hard to find fault with; 4, Todd and Son, another hot-fed buff Grecnie, level colour, neatly staged; he, Shorney; c, Taylor. NOVICE MULE (19): 1, Currah, good variegated buff Goldie Mule, nice flush, grand size, extra good condition, fine quality throughout, neat colour; 2, 4, vhc, Johnston, 2nd bouncing buff variegated Goldie, again A1 in size, good in colour, 4th Jonque Siskin, warm colour, good cap and lacing, nice quality throughout; 3, Hutchinson, good, large variegated Linnet Mule, A1 shape, well put down; he, Gardner; c, Burge. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (17): 1, Axe, good one, grand square-cut blaze, dense and solid in colour, free from ticks, well carried back, nice cheeks and tannings, correct size, well up in buttons, A1 quality feather; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good blazed one, expansive and well carried, nicely cut on cheeks, splendid buttons, in fine order; 3, Bertram and Strong, good, large face, shade behind in bloom yet, but solid, nice frost and cut; 4, Crosby, good faced bird, nice front, grandly cut, sweet size, A1 in wing, bars and buttons; vhc, McDougal; he, Holmes; c, Dobinson. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Forster, easy winner, grand size, dense colours throughout, fine cap, good, distinct wing bars, lovely solid breast colour, grand feather and condition, steady as a rock; 2, Boyle, topping moulted bird, grand cap, dense and large, fails slightly in breast, still a good one, well placed; 3, Axe, large capped bird, rare shape, bold front, extra good carriage, nicely staged; 4, Mills, bouncing Finch for size, good shape, steady; vhc, Watson; he, Halliday; c, Wagg. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Goodfellow, large, warm-fed Finch, grand wing bars, bold bead and eye, grand feather and condition, wins on size of body; 2, Dixon, lovely cl. Green, dense, solid colour throughout, rare wing flights, well carried up, firm flights; 3, Axe, some made best in class, gem of the first water, rare front and size, tip-top style and wing carriage, extra good flights; 4, McVay, bouncing Finch for size, grand showy bird, extra good feather and condition; vhc, Goodfellow; he, Parkinson; c, Bruce. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, McVay, tip-top moulted Chaffinch, fine cap, well up in breast colour, good bars, well-cut flights, grand size and shape, very steady, well put down; 2, 3, Bertram and Storey, 2nd large Chaffie, neat wing bars, very steady, in grand bloom, 3rd good all-round Bramble, nice breast colour, well cut, well spangled on head and back, nice size, and steady; 4, Goodfellow, neat, Chaffinch, shade smaller than winner, but clear in colour, good cap; vhc, King; he, Dowson; c, Taylor. BROWN OR GREY LINNET (House-moulted) (27): 1, 3, Dunn, leader plenty of size, good ground colour, grandly pencilled on front, well filled up on breast, nice tone throughout, 3rd showy bird, grand bloom, well spangled on breast, good one; 2, 4, amp, grand lacing, tip-top size, beauty for markings, taking exhibit; 4, McVay, neat, best-flighted bird in class, grand colour; vhc, Fox and Thomas; he, Rowell; c, Boyle. FIELD-MOULTED (19): 1, Watson, nice spangled bird, very steady, good front, fine ground colour; 2, Bertram and Storey, good one, grand markings, very clear in colours; 3, vhc, Maddison, topper, grand shape, rare ground colour, tip-top front, lovely markings, plenty of size, well worth its place; 4, Stanger and Herdman, good shape, slightly broken in front, but a gem for colour, splendid flights, well put down; he, Boyle; c, Wake. LINNET, NOVICE (16): 1, Wilson, good one, grand size and colour, nice markings, very soft when we were taking notes; 2, Adams, grand flights, neatly spangled in front, good colour throughout, in A1 bloom; 3, Wake, nice size, good feather, steady; 4, Haikney, plenty of size, good colour, neatly mkd. in front, beaten in flights only, well put down; vhc, Greenwell; he, Holland; c, Parkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, McDougal, Siskin, clear, wins, grand size, lovely cap, good bib, well laced on side, neat bars and A1 yell. tone of colour throughout, looked well after his journey from the North; 2, Bertram and Storey, neat Twite, well up in size, good in colour, well laced on breast; 3, Waters, hot-fed Siskin, grand cap, rare bib for a fed bird, in rattling good order; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice Mealy Redpoll, well mkd., good bib and lacing, fine bloom; vhc, Simpson; he, Todd and Son; c, Riseborough. A.O.S. SEED-EATING, BRIT. (8): 1, Wilcock, Hawfiuch, "Welsh Lad," gem for colour, grand body colour, lovely bars, rare size, steady, in marvellous bloom; 2, Simpson, noted winner, looking well, all there for colour; 3, 4, Cbick, Corn Bunting, nice size, grandly mkd., 4th clinking Hawfinch, best-headed bird in class, grand bib, of great size; vhc, Bruce; he, Waters; c, Wilson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (13): 1, Bruce, noted Song Thrush. "Border Queen," gem for size and markings, grand colour, steady, well staged, looking very fit yet; 2, Freeman, Redwing, nice size, good cap markings, fine flights, in rare feather; 3, Thompson, grandly-laced Starling, laced from Bill to vent, clear and distinct, gem and no mistake, a beauty; 4, vhe, Mr. Williams, good, large Blackbird, nice size, dense colour, well staged, in fine bloom; he, Bates; c, Bbore. LARGE (5): 1, Davidson and Boyd, large, good-conditioned Jay, fine size, dense wings, grand body colour, A1 for quality of feather; 2, 3, Woodhouse, 2nd, Great Grey Shrike, interesting exhibit, but in rather poor condition to-day, 3rd Hoopoe, nice size, unfortunately died shortly after judging. WRONG CLASSED: Miss Wakefield's Missel Thrush, and Mr. Williams's Fieldfare. SMALL (3): 1, Hackworth, Champion Blue-throated Warbler, looking as well as ever, real gem, and no mistake; 2, Chick, good Redstart, fine size and colour, showing signs of age; 3, Holmes, good Wheatear, fine size, good colour and markings. SKYLARK (8): 1, Alloway, good one, grandly laced, on a fine, bold, noble front, rare head and back, grand size, fine tone of colour throughout; 2, Bage, shade smaller, good markings, nice front and back; 3, e, Watson, again a good one, fine size and shape; 4, Potts, shade smaller and rather unsteady, but grandly marked, all staged to perfection; vhc, McVay; he, Johnston. FINCH, ETC., NOVICE (13): 1, Vart, good Bullfinch, fine size and quality, grand cap and breast, staged to perfection, in rare bloom; 2, Haikney, clinking Greenfinch, rare size, steady, in tip-top colour, grand wing bars; 3, Brown, nice Goldfinch, well up in colour and size, steady, in rare bloom; 4, Locker, good Bramblefinch, good colour and size, steady, neatly staged; vhc, Irving; he, e, Miss Marshall.

FOR.—PARROT (9): 1, Porteous, very fine King, wonderful size, breast colour nice and even throughout, perfect condition, both wings and tail; 2, Ledger, beautiful Australian King, rare size, and colour, in most perfect condition; 3, 4, McKenzie, two beautiful Parrakeets, of lovely colour. AVADAVATS, ETC.: (9): 1, 2, Howe, lovely pair of St. Helena's leading, capital size and beautiful condition; 2, superb Green Avadavat, grand colour and condition; beautifully marked; 3, Atkinson, lovely chestnut-eared, rare size, beautifully mkd. in lovely feather; 4, vhc, Another pair of same, must have pressed hard; he, c, Petterson. FINCH (11), we unfortunately lost our notes of this class, so are only able to give the winners: 1, c, Porteous; 2, Mackenzie; 3, Mrs. Galloway; 4, McGurk; vhc, Howe; he, Holmes. A.O.S. (6): 1, Mrs. Galloway, lovely Blue Sugar bird, in as perfect condition as it is possible to get it, beautiful contour; 2, 4, Taylor, 2, superb Violet Tanager, very shapely, teeming with colour and quality; 4, lovely superb Tanager, good size and colour, plenty of polish, an old stager; 3, Brown, fine bold, Mynah, superb condition, polished like a mirror; vhc, Montague.

Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Dobinson, second in open; 2, Smith, good bold bird, capital size, and colour, lovely quality; 3, Moore, typical bird, splendid head, lovely condition; 4, Wacher, bold bird, good quality; vhc, he, Taylor. BUFF (18): 1, Dobinson, second in open; 2, Jonasson, grand headed bird, nice Nor. stamp; 3, Hodgson, typical bird, nice, short body; 4, Moore, rare headed bird, lovely quality; vhc, c, Smith; he, Robson. HEN (13): 1, Dobinson, third in open; 2, Jonasson, very neat bird, good stamp, grand head; 3, Robson, big bird, lovely quality, good head and neck; 4, Hodgson, another good one, very typical; vhc, Lenwick; he, Stanger and Herdman; c, Robson. NOVICE NOR. (15): 1, Johnsson, beautifully moulded, rare colour and quality; 2, c, Hodgson, lovely head, good wings and tail, beautiful quality; 3, Moore, third in yell. class; vhc, Robson; he, Jonasson. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Lenwick, fine big bird, good sound colour, plenty of substance; 2, another typical specimen, hot col.; 3, Kirkpatrick, bonny bird, rare size and colour; 4, vhc, Watson, another good one. BUFF (7): 1, Lenwick, good sound col. bird rare quality, beautiful stamp; 2, Kirkpatrick, very close up, plenty of substance, rare cinn. colour; 3, Winter, typical specimen; 4, vbc, he, Taylor, very rich col. bird. CREST CK. (6): 1, Taylor, gem, capital size and contour, good big bead piece; Swan, another good one, bold crest, very dense; 3, Longstaff, shapely, wing marked, very neat; vhc, Almond; he, c, Smith. HEN (12): 1, Swan, very fine green hen, good quality, plenty of feather; 2, Longstaff, variegated big crest, nice formation. C.B. CK. (4): 1, 2, 4, Longstaff, really grand team, plenty of feather, good broad skulls, wide entrances; 3, Swan, big bird, lovely quality of feather. HEN (6): 1, Beswick, first in open; 2, Taylor, lovely green, rare size, nice dome-shaped bead; 3, Winter, cl. bird, rare size, and quality; 4, Almond, variegated capital size, good skull. CREST NOVICE (4): 1, Longstaff, third in class 85; 2, Hodgson, cl. body d.c. lovely quality, good crest; 3, vhc, Smith, 3 another good one. C.B. (5): 1, Hodgson, fine big, bold bird, lovely shaped head, appears very thick and well lashed; 2, 4, vhc, Longstaff, second in class 87; 4, good bird, lovely quality, another good one; 3, Robson, good variegated bird, plenty of feather. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Little, good team of pure birds, plenty of nerve; 4, vhc, Taylor, good size, very deep. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Dr. O'Neal, two capital birds, rare type, and feather, grand wings; 2, Jordan, fine long-sided bird; 4, vhc, Mather, rare length and quality; he, Robinson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Dr. O'Neal, winners in open; 3, Mather, big, lengthy, bird, lovely quality; vhc, Jordan; he, Grieve; c, Fenwick. HEN (12): 1, 2, Dr. O'Neal, winners in open; 3, Grieve, rare long sided bird, beautiful shape; 4, Mather, shapely bird, lovely quality. BORD. YELL. (7): 1, Dobinson, typical bird, lovely quality, nice head, back, and wings; 2, Rule, another good one, very shapely and jaunty; 3, Reid, sweet head, nice front and wings. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Jordan, two very smart and typical birds, lovely quality; 3, Dobinson, good one, nice free sweep, capital wings; 4, bc, Rule, rare type, jaunty and free; vhc, Reid. LIGHT MULE: 1, Maddison, clinking good Mule, very shapely, capital size. DARK (4): 1, 2, Johnson, first in open; 2, fine bold Linnet, exceptional colour, very shapely; 3, 4, Robson, two really good Goldies. LINNET (13): 1, Berwick, good, bold, upstanding bird, very shapely, capital col. and condition; 2, hc, Maddison, third in open; 3, Johnson, first in Novice; 4, Robson, good big bird, lovely colour, splendid ticking; vhc, Stanger and Co.; c, Moore. FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Dobinson, capital Goldie, good blaze and tanning, beautifully buttoned; 2, Robson, another Goldie, rare size, very fine blaze and bars; 3, Johnson, good bold Greenie, very shapely; 4, vhc, Riseborough; he, Stanger and Co.; c, Moore. FOR. (8): 1, c, Taylor; 2, 3, vbc, hc, Petterson. A.O.S. NOVICE: 1, 2, Johnson, winners elsewhere; 3, Weatherstone, good variegated Goldfinch Mule, capital size. YORK. NOVICE (14): 1, bc, Jordan, second in class 93; 2, vhc, Mather, good size and length; 3, J. Grieve, good long bird of quality; c, Robinson. BRIT. NOVICE (4): 1, 2, Johnson, winners elsewhere; 3, Buck, neat little Goldie, good blaze and colour; 4, Campbell, bold Bramble, nicely spangled.

STONEHOUSE.

Stonehouse C.B.S. held their first open show in the Public Hall on Dec. 12th. Office bearers: President, Mr. John Whitelaw; vice-president, Mr. G. McAlpine; treasurer, Mr. John Cuthbertson; assistant secretary, Mr. Wm. Melvin; secretary, Mr. John Govan; judges, Messrs. Scaife, Walker, and Adam. For a first open show the efforts of the promoters were very successful. There were 43 classes, with a total of about 257 entries, quite a satisfactory beginning. Secretaries Govan and Melvin had all their arrangements for a successful start made to the best advantage, everything being in the best of order. The staging and care of the exhibits and the general comfort of the visitors were well looked after by them, and they were assisted by a hard-working committee. The Public Hall is well adapted for show purposes, there being ample room for the exhibits and abundance of light. In the Border and Norwich section there were some good birds staged, a few of them being well-known winners this season. The British and Foreign bird sections were also a good turnout. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by G. Sommerville, the runner-up being A. Allardice. The judges' awards appeared to give general satisfaction. There was a large turnout of visitors, the hall being packed during the afternoon.

The Critique.

CL., TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Shearer, head tkd., nice shape, good size, fine rich even colour, grand quality; 2, Bishop, cl., similar size, shape and quality, rich colour; 3, Owens, head and back tkd., good size, nice colour and quality, fine condition; 4, Adams, cl., very neat; 5, McKenna. HEN (6): 1, Adams, cl., grand colour and feather, neat wings, fine front, sweet shape, grand quality; 2, Bairwood, variegated, lovely colour and quality, good chest and head, short wings, presses on winner; 3, Bishop, cl., nice close feather of a silky texture, neat shape, good colour; 4, Owens, cl., nice chest and head, lovely wings and tail, grand bird; 5, Johnstone; 6, Mair. CL., ETC., BUFF (13): 1, spl, Donaldson, cl., fine quality, neat smart shape, good wings and tail, fine front, wins; 2, Adams, head and wing marks, nice style, grand feather, barely so good in chest as winner perhaps; 3, Cuthbertson, cl., good shape and quality; 4, Johnstone, variegated, lovely shape, nice feather and back; 5, Nesbit; 6, McNeill. HEN (4): 1, Bishop, nice cl., grand quality, fine shape and wings, wings nicely carried, grand feather; 2, Adams, cl., grand size and colour, good feather; 3, Rundell, cl., lovely quality, nicely cut away behind, neat shape, some thought would make a good 2nd; 4, Braidwood, tkd. on wing, neat shape and quality of feather, plenty of substance. A.O.V. NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, Haney, C.B., 1st at Blackwood, nice shaped skull, well feathered, good entrance and quality; 2, 4, Roy, variegated. Dark Crest, nice crest, good radiation, excellent quality; 3, T. Thomson, variegated. D.C., good size, nice leafy feather, fine centre, well radiated; 5, Rundell; 6, Arnott. HEN (3): 1, 2, Arnott, 1st and 2nd very similar, 1st shade better in feather, grand condition; 3, Galloway, nice colour and quality of feather. NOR. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, spl, Adams, grand size head and neck, good wings and tail, nice substance; 2, Shearer, fine size and quality, grand colour, good wing carriage; 3, 4, Johnstone, 3rd nice size and shape, good wings and tail, 4th grand shape and substance; 5, McAlpine; 6, Stewart. HEN (7): 1, Shearer, nice shape wings and tail, grand head and neck, lovely feather; 2, Bishop, grand size, good type, neat wings and tail, rare compact feather; 3, Wilson, nice size wing and chest, plenty of substance, well staged; 4, McAlpine, in good condition; 5, Wenney; 6, Cameron; 7, Johnstone. NOR. SELL. (12/6) (14): 1, Wilson; 2, Jack; 3, Smith; 4, Martin; 5, Cuthbertson; 6, Adam; 7, Irvan. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Johnstone, cl. yell., sweetly moulded, grand shape and feather, neat mover, fine carriage; 2, Clarke, cl., another gem, full of style and quality, fine front; 3, McAulay, cl., good shape and quality, in the pink of condition; 4, spl, Craig, tick on head, very neat, nicely moulded; 5, Buchanan; 6, Allardice. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Craig, cl., was in the run for medal, nice and jaunty, lovely colour and feather, a gem for shape; 2, 5, Johnstone, tick on wing, another nice model, neat shape, jaunty carriage, in lovely condition; 3, Clarke, cl. yell., magnificent quality, feather like wax, very jaunty; 4, Ainlie, nice shape and carriage. CL., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, spl, Somerville, winner of B.F.C.C. medal, real gem, grand shape, lovely carriage and feather like wax, wins; 2, Allardice, tick on head, neat and jaunty carriage, in splendid feather; 3, Craig, cl., very neat type, nice feather and carriage, presses on 2nd; 4, Henderson, cl., trifle small, but neat wing and tail, compact in feather; 5, Buchanan; 6, Rodger. HEN (7): 1, Henderson, ol. buff, grand quality and substance, fine front, very jaunty, good model; 2, 5, Johnstone, very compact, plenty of style and go, good bird; 3, Craig, neat wings and tail, nice carriage, very jaunty; 4, McAulay, grand size and feather, good colour; 6, Rodger; 7, Buchanan. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (10): 1, spl, Allardice, runner-up for cup, neat shape, rare quality, grand wings, back and front, very stylish; 2, Somerville, presses hard on winner, smart shape, neat tail, nicely carried wings, good quality feather and carriage; 3, Clarke, shade full in chest, nice back and carriage, grand style and feather; 4, Buchanan, shade thick, good feather; 5, 7, King. SELL. (10/6) (7): 1, Henderson; 2, 4, Johnstone; 3, Ainlie; 5, Rodger; 6, Clarke; 7, Murray. SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, 5, Chalmers, 1st noted winner this season, in rare condition to-day, 5th another noted winner; 2, Reid, shade thin on top, fine reach, good droop; 3, Murdoch, some preferred for 2nd, fine droop and pose, nice stamp and size; 4, Henderson, fine bird. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Murray, fine size, grand blaze and buttons, nice tan, good bars and qud shape; 2, Grierson, excellent bars and shape, nice face and colour; 3, Malcomson, grand size and blaze, nice buttons and tan; 4, Sinclair, good body colour and back, neat wings; 5, Whiteford; 6, Jack; 7, Johnstone. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, Melvin, grand breast colour, nice clean cut cap, good shape and bars, lovely polish; 2, Young, fine breast colour, barely so good in shape perhaps; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, nice polish; 4, Johnstone, lovely colour cap, bars, and polish; 5, Nesbitt; 6, Jack; 7, Collart. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: 1, Malcomson, grand size and shape, gem for blaze, good buttons and chest well tanned; 2, Martin, grand colour, nice face and wings, good size; 3, Smith, fine size, good face, grand body colour and condition; 4, Johnstone, well up in colour, rich face, nice tanning; 5, Donaldson; 6, Mcikle. LINNET (house-moulted) (5): 1, Malcomson, grand shape and colour, good front, well pencilled; 2, Williams, fine colour and size, very bright, nice condition; 3, Paterson, was soft in judge's hands, but was looking well farther on, noted winner; 4, spl, Whitelaw, nice size, colour and pencilling; 5, Kirk. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, 3, Whiteford, 1st grand size, nice bloom and pencilling, 3rd good size, just a shade dull in colour; 2, Fulton, almost on a level with 1st, full of go; 4, Johnstone, plenty of size and colour, well defined pencilling; 5, 6, Smith; 7, McGregor. SISKIN (6): 1, Bishop, well up in size, nice cap, good bold bib, neat wing; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, grand condition, large and in grand form; 3, spl, Gray, nice size, well laced, neat shape; 4, Jack, lovely feather, neat wings; 5, N. and G. Alexander; 6, Smith. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Malcomson, rich colour, good size and bloom, nice cap; 2, 4, Jack, another very similar to 1st, but barely the bloom; 3, Cooper, neat and good colour, fine size; 5, Wanney; 6, Henderson; 7, Sorbie. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Martin, nice Mealy 'Poll in rare condition, good size and cap; 2, Williams, Twite, grand tone of colour on breast, good lacing, in perfect feather; 3, Whitelaw, Redpoll, good size, shape, and colour, nice lacing; 4, 5, Wilson, 4th another Redpoll, falls only in shape and colour; 6, Henderson. GREENFINCH CK. (6): 1, Cowan, rare size, rich colour and shape, in splendid feather; 2, Williams, similar in size and shape, in grand feather, nice even tone; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, another good size, equally nice for colour and condition; 4, McAlpine, fine Greenfinch, not quite so shapely as those in front perhaps; 5, Kirk. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Livingstone and Sharp, 1st Bramblefinch, good size, rich breast colour, grand wing markings, 2nd Chaffinch, fine size and shape, nice breast colour, large bold whites, in splendid feather and condition; 3, Dick, Chaffinch, another of the same stamp, splendid breast and body colour; 4, Williams, Chaffinch, nice feather and condition; 5, Henderson. BUNTING (3): 1, Martin, in lovely feather and condition, well staged; 2, Johnstone, rare condition, looking well, put down in fine form. BULLFINCH HEN (6): 1, 2, Livingstone, nice size and shape, in splendid condition and colour, 2nd another nice Bullie hen; 3, Craig, lovely colour and condition; 4, Murray, in nice feather, good shape; 5, Whiteford; 6, Kirk. A.O.S. BRIT., LARGE (4): 1, 2, Fulton, lovely Missel Thrush, both for size, shape and evenness of breast markings, rich colour, hard to beat, 2nd Magpie, in splendid condition, grand lustre of feather; 3, Morrison, lovely Hawfinch, very fine Finch, good size, excellent colour, perfect wing bars and bib; 4, Paterson (we could not find the 4th in its place). A.O.S. HEN FINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Martin, Greenfinch hen, nice shape, in grand condition; 2, Sinclair, Siskin, nice colour and shape, in perfect feather and condition; 3, Irvan, Greenfinch, nice even tone of colour, well staged; 4, Cunningham, another Greenfinch, in good condition; 5, Livingstone and Sharp; 6, Morrison; 7, Sorbie. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, Morrison, Paradise Whydah, fine bird, in perfect feather and condition; 2, Irvan, Crested Cardinal, magnificent exhibit for colour and markings, in lovely feather and condition, almost on a level with winner; 3, Whitelaw, Saffron Finch, lovely colour and bloom; 4, spl, McAlpine, white Java, in the pink of condition, another very fine exhibit. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Malcomson, Can.-Goldie, grand size and shape, nice feather, well put down; 2, 3, Johnstone, 2nd Greenfinch-Bullie, good chest and shape, in A1 condition, 3rd Can.-Goldie, grand size and feather; 4, T. Thomson, Bullie-Linnet, nice size and feather, excellent colour; 5, 7, Douglas (Lochfyne); 6, Whiteford. DARK GOLDIE, ETC., MULE (7): 1, spl, Hamilton, Linnet Mule, splendid size and colour; 2, Martin, another Linnet Mule, good colour and size; 3, T. Thomson, well up in size and colour; 4, Whitelaw, nice colour and size; 5, Jack. MULE: I, N. and G. Alexander, Greenie, grand size and colour, excellent quality; 2, 4, Martin, Siskin Mule, magnificent size and colour, 4th Greenie Mule, nice size, good Mule; 3, T. Thomson, Twite Mule, very neat, nice colour, perfect condition. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—COM. CAN. (8): 1, 4, Johnstone; 2, Alston; 3, 5, Cunningham; 6, G. Thomson; 7, Buchanan. CAN., A.O.V. (7): 1, Whitelaw, Plainhead, nice head, wing and tail, full of life; 2, McAlpine, Plainhead, another good stamp, grand mould, presses on 1st; 3, G. Thomson, D.C., nice radiation and centre, plenty of feather; 4, Cuthbertson, fed Nor., grand colour, in excellent condition; 5, Wendock; 6, Johnstone. BRIT. (8): 1, McAlpine, Goldfinch, 1st at Blackwood, in grand condition, splendid face and markings; 2, Melvin, Bullfinch, lovely size and colour, well defined cap; 3, Sorbie, Pied Wagtail, 1st at Lesmahagow, 2nd at Blackwood, in lovely condition, presses on winner, some preferred for 1st place; 4, Johnstone, Bramblefinch, in perfect condition and feather; 5, Whitelaw; 6, Cuthbertson; 7, Clark.

LLANELLY.

Held at Market Hall, December 8th. The weather was against the success of the show, rain falling in a regular deluge all day. Towards the evening the people began to come in larger numbers, and there is every prospect of the show proving a financial success. Mr. D. Griffiths, the indefatigable secretary, is still at his post, and the arrangements went along without hitch of any kind. Caged birds made a strong section, and well-known winners were staged. Mr. Silvester (Sheffield) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (6): 1, spl, 3, B. Thomas, 1st really nice and typical one, fine size and substance, good quality feather, 3rd very nice type, silky texture of feather; 2, Pudner Bros., grand type, splendid cobby appearance, good wings and tail, nicely staged; 4, Bennett, sweet and typical, fine shape and finish; vhc, Holder; he, H. J. Davies. YORKS. (13): 1, Hopkins, good wing-mkd. yell., fine length; 2, 4, D. J. Evans, 2nd grand stamp of bird, finely drawn, good length and position; 3, vhc, R. Jenkins, very neat pair, good position, well carried wings and tail; vhc, D. P. Bennet; he, John and Bennett. BORD. (7): 1, 3, Royle, good carriage and feather, shown in splendid condition; 2, vhc, 4, Harry, couple of very neat ones, good, jaunty carriage, well feathered, 4th not quite so good in head and wings; he, G. Thomas. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, Bennett, neat face and tans, lovely polish, good bars and buttons; 2, Thomas and Jones, very typical Welshman, good expansive face, of square shape, ruddy tans, in lovely condition; 3, R. T. Thomas, good colour of face, nice and steady, richly tanned body; 4, Gregory; vhc, J. S. Jones, D. Ray, B. Thomas; he, c, D. Ray, D. Davies. LINNET (8): W. Jones, good brown bird, very level colour, neatly pencilled; 2, J. Protheroe, similar stamp, good ground colour, in fine order; 3, Roberts, one of the best mkd. in class, fine, cobby bird, correct nutty colour; vhc, Sullivan, Ray; he, Thomas and Jones. A.O.S. BRIT. (15): 1, Werle, nicely spangled, good colour on chest, fine size, sprightly carriage; 2, 3, Hughes, good grey Wagtail, shown in great trim, 3rd Hawfinch, lovely quality and colour; 4, res. Rogers and Davies, nice, shapely, well-coloured Bullfinch; vhc, Roberts and O. Lewis, and Ray; bc, Sullivan; c, Morgan and Morgan. FOR.: 1, spl, P. Williams, Rock Parrakeet, in good feather; 2, Hughes, good coloured scarlet Tanager; 3, vbc, Rhys, Hopkins, Budgerigar, in nice feather; res, vhc, Harry; 4, Williams. MEMBERS' A.V. (16): 1, spl, B. Thomas; 2, vhc, Thomas and Son; 3, vhc, W. Griffiths; 4, Edwards; he, W. Rees; c, D. Thomas

ECCLESHILL.

The Eccleshill B.F.A. held their 14th annual exhibition on Dec. 11th and 12th in the Mechanics' Institute, which is an ideal venue for such an occasion. Grandly lighted on three sides, very spacious, lofty, well ventilated, and nicely warmed and absolutely free from draughts, it is one of the best rooms in Yorkshire. What a grand entry was obtained in response to the capital schedule issued—448, over 200 more than last year! We were extremely pleased to see such a magnificent array. Our Eccleshill friends are a band of most enthusiastic fanciers, and in years gone by have not had the best of luck, so we were told; but this triumph no doubt will be the means of straightening matters up somewhat as regards finance. They deserve success. Besides quantity, quality was much in evidence throughout. Yorkshires held pride of place, as was to be expected. Under the Y.U. rules and having the Y.C.C. patronage, it is no wonder so many grand specimens were on view. Amongst the Cinnamon marks one saw regular "knock-outs," and in the Novice section were birds equal to the majority in the upper circle. Norwich Plainheads proved a rattling collection, both as regards numbers and merit, brought about possibly through the Open Norwich F.U. Club patronage being granted. This section was one of the best ever seen at any Bradford and Dist. fixture. The Novice Norwich, too, were of a nice order. The president is Mr. C. Stebbings, and the treasurer Mr. C. Mortimer, both enthusiastic officials. The committee of management consists of all the members who work in real earnest for the welfare of the society. The staging was of an excellent description, being neatly arranged, so that one could see every bird with comfort and at a first glance, and the following members are to be highly complimented upon their hard work in the fixing of same on the night previous to the show day: Messrs. Stebbings, Mortimer, Wilcock (Junr. and Senr.), Slater, Airton, F. Clarke, Hargreaves, and Nettleton. The stewards were Messrs. Slater and Airton, who officiated in a most practical and praiseworthy manner, affixing prize cards promptly. The secretary is Mr. T. Elsegood. Although quite new to this office, his organising abilities were evident; hard working and courteous, he managed the show in fine style. In him Eccleshill have a genuine fancier and a capable holder of the reins. Mr. J. Robson adjudicated, assisted by a fine light.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, spl, Amblers, well known, possessing wonderful quality, length and symmetry, bordering on the ideal; 2, Wadsworth, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, feathered to perfection; 3, Bailey and Swanger, unflig., very warm, capital position and quality, rare back and flights, well up on leg, good 3rd; 4, Townend, very lengthy, A1 position, good back and sides; vhc, Walsh; hc, Cruise; c, Spencer. BUFF (16): 1, Amblers, sweetly moulded, great length, lovely salmon tinged colour, perfect back and flights, stands on clever legs; 2, hc, spl, Wadsworth, slashing quality, capital stand, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Robertshaw, superior feather, lengthy, well up on leg, rare back and wings; 4, Ogden Bros., teeming with quality, very stylish, true Yorkie; vhc, Hirst; c, Stebbings. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Wood, mkd. wing and thigh, not a feather misplaced, shone like polished marble, standing like a guardsman, charming; 2, Lodge, thigh tick, wonder for length, beautiful position, grand sided, perfect wings and tail; 3, Watmough, thigh tick, tight as a Java, magnificent feather, stands well; 4, Towers, mkd. wing and thigh, lengthy, well up, superior colour; vhc, Priestley; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Stebbings. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, mkd. wing, superb feather and colour, richly frosted, delightful length and position, one of the most rare; 2, Wilcock, mkd. wing and thigh, another "right sort," very close on heels of winner, a gem without doubt; 3, Watmough, mkd. wing and neck, 1908 bred, smooth as wax, stands finely, lovely back and flights; 4, Amblers, mkd. neck, good length and stand, neat back and wings, good 4th; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Cooper; c, Drake and Son. YELL. 1908 (23): A rare lot: 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, cl., as though chisled out of marble, unbeatable for position, magnificent character, should make a name for itself; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and neck, straight as a pencil, capital back and wing carriage; 3, Amblers, thigh tick, lengthy, delightful position, grand sided, feathered to perfection; 4, Shaw Bros., cl., full of colour and quality, rattling stand, well filled back; vhc, Wood; hc, Rhodes; c, Peel. BUFF (16): 1, 2, spl, Amblers, brace of topping creatures, former cl., of superb feather and colour, richly mealed, fine length and position, 2nd mkd. neck, wonderfully clothed, tight fitting, rich in colour, covered over with neat frosting, very close up indeed; 3, Peel, cl., straight as a rush, smooth as glass, full of true characteristics; 4, Harley, mkd. wing and eye, rattling colour and feather, slim and upstanding, very lengthy; vhc, Townend; hc, Armstrong; c, Lee. YELL. HEN (24): Grand class: 1, spl, Wilcock, charming cl., shone like satin, long and of beautiful outline, rich colour, perfect back, wings and tail; 2, Long, cl., neat and narrow, beautiful position, lengthy, superb feather; 3, Stebbings, smart cl., good length and stand, well filled back, clever legs, very taking; 4, hc, Wilson, slim and lengthy cl., slashing back, wings and tail, neat front; vhc, Amblers; c, Lodge. BUFF (19): 1, 2, spl, Walsh, former mkd. wing, latter cl. 1908 bred, equal to each other throughout, either could have won and no harm done; 3, Shackleton, bonny cl., true stand, good in feather, well up on leg; 4, Bailey and Swanger, noted neck mkd., looking as well as ever; vhc, Amblers; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Ogden. CINN. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, head and neck, ablaze with colour, fine length and stand, capitally feathered, A1 back and wing carriage; 2, 3, hc, spl, Cooper, grand trio, both mkd. wings and eyes, almost equal to winner; 4, Chittenden, mkd. head and breast, good length and position, richly clothed, worth its place; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Wood. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Fawcett, mkd. wings, breast and neck, tight as a Java, exceptional length, capital position and colour, in the pink; 2, Chittenden, mkd. wings, eyes and tail, fine long drawn specimen, stands nicely, rattling feather and colour; 3, Shackleton, mkd. wings, head and eyes, fine tone of colour, delightfully frosted; 4, Cooper, mkd. wings, smooth as wax, rich colour and mealy, full of style; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Hartley; c, Langford. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Towers, mkd. wings and head, lengthy and slim, smooth as a bottle, rattling colour, feather of the best, charming lassie; 2, 4, spl, Wilcock, mkd. wings and neck, capital length and position, superior colour, grand back and flights, 4th mkd. wings and head, full of colour and quality, nice stand and length; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, lovely feather, good colour and type; vhc, Gelder; hc, Price. BUFF (10): 1, 4, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, former mkd. wing and eye, wedge shaped, beautifully feathered, of rich colour, covered over with delightful frosting, 4th mkd. wings and eyes, rare feather, capital meal, very lengthy; 2, Jowett, mkd. wings and head, full of style, rattling stand and length, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Fawcett, mkd. wing eyes and neck, very lengthy, tight as a drum, racy; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Priestley; c, Wilcock. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Hirst, cl., red hot, capital type, lovely feather, grand substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, very warm fed cl., well up in size, silky feather, rare head, neck and chest; 3, vhc, Haigh and Son, shapely cl., nice substance and colour, jaunty carriage, good 3rd; 4, Mottram, massive cl., good shape and feather, fine head and neck, deep chest; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (17): Good class: 1, Clayton and Smith, magnificent cl., fine substance and shape, feathered to perfection, Harrogate winner, looking well; 2, spl, Waters, cl., short and thick set, rich colour, quality and meal, capital wing carriage, close up; 3, Wilcock, massive cl., good in type, well across perch, little behind in quality and colour; 4, Wilcock, mkd. wing and neck, full of quality, rare colour and shape; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Foxall; c, Moorhouse. YELL. HEN (7): 1, c, Wilcock, stylish cl., A1 shape, rich silky texture of feather, nice size and carriage, bonny; 2, 4, spl, Haigh and Son, former cl., almost equal to 1st, 4th variety., red hot, all type, teeming with quality, grand lassie; 3, Hirst, mkd. neck, very cobby, rattling feather and colour, clean cut; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Mottram, cl., model for shape, delightful feather, nice tone of colour, good size, very charming; 2, Lindley, cl., fine quality and colour, wee bit longer in barrel, still close up; 3, Pickering and Wright, mkd. head, round as a ball, sweet shape, tight as a Java; 4, Waters, thigh tick, smooth as a bottle, rare colour and shape, one of the best; vhc, Clayton and Smith; hc, Hirst; c, Foxall. UNFLIG. (19): Rare lot: 1, spl, Clayton and Smith, cl. yell., ablaze with colour, grand shape and feather, capital size and well cut up behind; 2, Hirst, cl. buff, shape of the best, feather and colour grand, beautifully frosted, most promising; 3, Wilcock, cl. yell., quality all there, good shape, nice head and neck; 4, Moorhouse, cl. yell., A1 colour and feather, shapely, nice substance; vhc, Mottram; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Lindley. HEN (14): 1, spl, Haigh and Son, cl. yell., real model for shape, lovely tone of colour, rich mealing, quite charming; 2, Mottram, yell., mkd. wings and head, correct type, feathered beautifully, grand colour and carriage, gem; 3, Hirst, yell., lightly variegated, very shapely, nice substance and colour; 4, Lindley, cl. buff, warm colour, smooth as glass, nice mealing, capital type; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Waters. A.O.V. (11): 1, 3, hc, spl, H. Radley, buff, almost green C.B., massive in build, abundance of rich veiny feather, fine width and rise of skull, nicely browed, 3rd buff, almost green, pied tail D.C., wealth of capital feather, good substance, crest leafy and of nice radiation, fine droop and centre; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, buff, 4-pointed Nor. P.H., very shapely, grand colour and quality, neat in markings, well put down; 4, Hodgson, cl. yell. Belgian, fine size and quality, good shoulders, full of nerve; vhc, Simpson; c, Briggs. SELL. (15/-) (24): 1, Gelder, red hot yell. Yorks., cheap; 2, Lane; 3, 4, spl, Mallinson and Son; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Kaye; c, Mortimer. SELL. (12/6) (15): 1, spl, Exley, lengthy yell. Yorkie, very cheap bird; 2, Jowett; 3, Lindley; 4, Ferguson; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Hirst; c, Lee. NOVICE YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl, Livesey, cl., very lengthy, capital quality, slim and upstanding, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Lumb, cl., neat and narrow, beautiful feather, good stand and length, well up on leg; 3, White, cl., silky feather, A1 colour, nice position, good length; 4, Wilson, red hot cl., wedge shaped, rare feather, little shorter; vhc, Varley; hc, Radley; c, Laycock. BUFF (17): 1, spl, White, cl., wonderful length, delightful position, lovely feather and meal, fine back and flights, real gem; 2, Livesey, mkd. wing, slim and of capital stand, richly clothed, A1 back and flights; 3, Snowden, stylish cl., nice length, good colour and position; 4, Wilson, cl., fine tone of colour, straight as a rush, real frosting; vhc, Clark; hc, Lumb; c, Jobson. YELL. HEN (15): 1, spl, Lane, charming cl., long and of grand position, well filled back, A1 wings and tail, full of style; 2, Ferguson, cl., feathered like wax, stands nicely, good colour; 3, Beaumont, cl., good stand and length, nice back, sides and flights; 4, White, stylish and full of action, nice quality and length; vhc, Lumb; hc, Hall; c, Horsfield. BUFF (21): 1, spl, Lumb, cinn. mkd. wing, lovely salmon tinged colour, straight as a gun barrel, tight as a Java, very lengthy; 2, Burdekin, cinn. mkd. wings, hotter in colour, straight up, feathered to perfection; 3, Tetley, mkd. wing, slim and of rare position, good back and wing carriage, capital feather; 4, Laycock, cl., neat and narrow, lengthy and stylish, good in feather and colour; vhc, Gill; hc, Dunn; c, Lane. YELL. UNFLIG. (24): Rare lot: 1, 3, spl, Lane, cl., red hot, stands like a guardsman, tight as a drum, sweetly drawn, capital length, very promising, 3rd mkd. cheek, warm fed, stands beautifully, rattling feather and colour; 2, Livesey, smart cl., finely feathered, good colour and stand, very lengthy, close up; 4, Elsegood, mkd. wing, capital colour and feather, good length, nice back and wings; vhc, White; hc, c, Hellewell. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Sowden, mkd. neck, straight as a pencil, lengthy, grand feather, A1 back and wing carriage, well up on leg; 2, Elsegood, mkd. neck, very close up indeed, had this won no one could have grumbled, a beauty; 3, Beaumont, ticked eye, slim and well up, rattling colour and quality; 4, Firth, thigh tick, stands nicely, well feathered, nice length; vhc, Hall; hc, Oill; c, Wilson. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Hammond, cl. buff, short and thick set, good substance, colour and quality, neat in carriage, good specimen; 2, c, Sykes, hot cl. yell., very cobby, good size and quality, clean under; 3, vhc, Fortnam, cl. buff, bonny shape, A1 colour and meal, well feathered, jaunty carriage; 4, Markwell, cl. buff, good feather, colour and substance, nice head, neck and chest; hc, Greenwood. HEN (14): 1, Fortnam, cl. yell., model for shape, tight as a Java, teeming with colour and quality, charming damsel; 2, vhc, spl, Hammond, cl. buff, typical, capital quality, nice substance, good wing carriage; 3, Sykes, cl. yell., neat feather and shape, good head and neck, nice colour; 4, Greenwood, cl. buff, rich quality, nice colour and meal; c, Markwell.

ROMFORD.

Three classes were provided for cage birds at the show of the Romford F.S., which was held at the White Hart Hotel on December 10th. Entries were not numerous, but some very nice birds were shown Messrs. Talbot, the treasurer, and secretary looked well after the arrangements, and the show was well patronised, and looked like being a success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (8): 1, 2, spl, Patience; 3, vhc, Ourney; hc, Stores. MULES (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Talbot. FINCH (3): 1, Sapsford; 2, King; 3, Patience.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES B.C.

Annual show of the Glasgow and Western Counties N.C.M.B. and F.B.C. was held in Good Templar's Hall, Ingram-st., Glasgow, on December 5th, and was a success both as regards numbers and quality. The management was in good hands. Mr. Martin makes a capable president. Mr. Adams is secretary. The hall accommodation was taxed to its utmost. A street "warbler," who is a powerful imitator, was employed to advertise the show. The judges did their work admirably. The Norwich, Crests, Yorkshire, and Cinnamons were judged by Mr. Scaife (Fauldhouse), the Border Fancies by Mr. Laurie (Govan), and the Mules, British, and Foreign birds by Mr. Strachan (Bathgate).

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, McFarlane, nice size, fine shape and colour; 2, 3, Connelly, good body, fine size; 4, Roulstone, excellent size and shape; 5, Murray; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Edwards. HEN (9): 1, McFarlane, grand shape, good size, and substance; 2, Roddie, chubby shape, fine pair of wings; 3, 4, Jeffrey, very nice pair, good shape and wings; size; 5, 6, Connelly; 7, Knox. BUFF (14): 1, McFarlaue, a beauty, grand shape, colour and size; 5, 6, Connelly; 7, Knox. BUFF (14): shape; 3, Roulstone, another good stamp; 4, Donaldson, very typical; 6, Connelly. HEN (9): 1, McInnes, graud shape and substance; 2, Connelly, fine size and model; 3, Knox, good quality; 4, Roulstone, fine all through; 5, Malcolmson; 6, McFarlane; 7, Roulstone. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 4, Roulstone, 1st grand hedy and wing carriage, 4th nice type; 2, Geutle, nice hody and carriage; 3, Malcolmson, fine size and shape; 5, Thomson; 6, Knox; 7, Cant. HEN (9): 1, D. Thomson, well marked, good size and shape; 2, Peters, fine size and quality; 3, 7, G. N. Tbomson, 3rd nice type; 4, Murray, good style; 5, Roulstone, 6, McFarlane. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Connelly, smart, good body shape and nice bead; 2, 4, McFarlane, 2nd well shaped and good quality; 4th nice style; 3, Edwards, good body and shape, nice bead; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Murray; 7, Roulstone. HEN (8): 1, Connelly, again nice shape, good body carlage; 2, Malcolmson, sweet bead, good sbape, plenty of substance; 3, Murray, good type; 4, 6, Edwards; 5, Knox; 7, Martin. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Oordon, grand trio, good quality; 4, Martin, nice type; 5, Knox. HEN (5): 1, Edwards fine shape, good substanee; 2, 3, 4, Gordon, good types; 5, Martin. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Small, very neat and compact, nice carriage, rare quality; 2, Johnstone, smart, rare carriage, neat and showy; 3, Brannigan, , nice shape, good carriage; 4, King, worth its place; 5, Renfrew. HEN (5): 1, 4, Brannigan, 1st lovely quality like wax, 4th good shape and carriage; 2, Small, nice head, wings and tail; 3, Hamilton, smart, good cariage, value for position; 5, Thomson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Brannigan; 1st neat shape, grand bead, wings and tail; 2nd rare quality and style; 3rd small, nice quality. HEN (2): 1, Johnstone, gem, fine shape and quality, good carriage; 2, Brannigan, smart, good body and carriage. VARIEG., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Small, very neat and typical, wins easily. HEN (2): 1, Brannigan, little gem, lovely feather and carriage; 2, Hamilton, good style, neat, and quick. BUFF (1): 1, Small, smart, fine body and carriage. HEN (2): 1, King, capital type, good size; 2, Brannigan, neat and very compact, splendid carriage. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Hamilton, 1st smart, good shape, type, and colour; 2nd very shapely, good wing carriage; 3, 4, both smart and typical. CREST. (3): 1, Park, large Crest, dense feather, of exoellent quality; 2, Thomson, very fine Hen, crest rare size, body lovely shape; 3, Donaldson, fine shaped head, good quality. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Oardiner, rare head, well clothed, nice featber; 3, Park, capital shaped skull, well clothed, good lash; 4, Donaldson, good quality. YORK. (1): 1, Drysdale, rare length, lovely quality, straight as a rush, grand wings, CINN. (2): 1, 2, Brannigan, pair of beauties, well staged. A.O.V.: 1, Thomson, good quality. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Johnstone; 2, Martin; 3, 4, Whitelaw. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (5): 1, Roddie; 2, Martin; 3, Whitelaw; 4, Fulton. DARK MULES: 1, Martin; 2, McFarlane. OLD BIRDS, NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Edwards, fine size and colour, capital sbape and size; 2, Malcolmson, rich in colour, goo dsize and shape; 3, McFarlane, known winner, good size, nice quality; 5, McFarlane; 6, Thomson; 7, Chalmers. HEN (8): 1, 2, McFarlane, gems, good shape, well up in colour and shape; 3, Jeffrey, capital type, good size; 4, Thomson, good quality; 5, Roulstone; 6, Cant; 7,, McFarlane. BUFF (10): 1, McFarlane, good colour, quality, shape, and substance nice head and neck; 2, Malcolmson, well up in size and colour, good shnpe; 3, McFarlane, rare quality, fine size and quality; 4, Roulstone, good type; 5, Thomson; 6, Gentle; 7, Martin. HEN (11): 1, 2, McFarlane, both grand quality, nice wings, good bead; 3, Knox, nice size, good type and quality; 4, Jeffrey, very typical; 5, Martin; 6, Peters; 7, Edwards. VARIEO., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Shearer, good colour, quality, shape and substance; 2, McFarlane, well marked, good colour and shape; 3, Roddie, good quality, nice shape; 4, McFarlane, very typical; 5, Donaldson; 6, Edwards; 7, Roulstone. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane, lovely quality, rich in colour and shape; 4, Edwards, good type. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Roulstone, well up in colour, good size and shape; 2, McFarlane, rare quality, nice shape and colour; 3, Drysdalo, good typo; 4, Peters. HEN (7): 1, Connelly, good colour, quality, shape, and substance; 2, McFarlane, nice size, capital type, neat body and wings; 3, Thomson, fine feather, rare size and substance; 4, Roulstone, good type; 5, Knox; 6, Gentle; 7, Roulstone. NON-FED YELL. CK. (2): 1, Renfrew, grand size and quality; 2, Weir, rare quality. HEN (9): 1, Shearer, nice size, capital type, good quality of feather; 2, Knox, capital shape, splendid feather and carriage; 3, Gordon, real good type; 4, Thomson, nice stylo; 5, Renfrew; 6, Weir; 7, Mnlcolmson. BUFF CK. (0): 1, Roulstone, grand size and shape, nice wings, good head; 2, 4, Weir, both good quality; 3, 6, Oordon, 3rd nice type; 5, Edwards; 7, Connelly. HEN (7): 1, Connelly, fine size and substance; 2, Gordon, fine all-round exhibit; 4, Roulstone, good type; 5, Chalmers; 6, Renfrew; 7, Weir. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Hamilton, beauty, nice body and ear.; 2, Brannigan, neat all through. HEN (1): 1, Brannigan, neat shape, nice carriage. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (4): 1, Hamilton, smart, neat, good carriage, well staged; 2, Brannigan, very nice all through; 3, Small, good quality all through; 4, King, fine type. HEN (1): 1, Brannigan, neat shape, good carriage. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Brannigan, nicely marked, good shape and carriage. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Brannigan, very neat and tidy. HEN (2): 1, Hamilton, neat and typical; 2, Small, good type. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hamilton, neat and typical, all of rare quality; 5, Small. CREST (5): 1, Thomson, grand dark green, nice size, neat crest, good leafy feather; 2, 4, Gardner, 2nd very nice green, rare size, lovely crest, 4th good type; 3, Donaldson, fine crest, good quality; 5, Gordon. C.B. (6): 1, 5, Thomson, 1st grand size, nice shapely head, feather dense, excellent length, well lashed; 2, Park, shapely body, good head, fine carriage; 3, 4, Gardner, grand pair. YORKS. CK.: 1, Thomson, charming shape, lengtb, quality, and style; 2, 3, Knox, really good pair. HEN (1): 1, Thomson, nice shape and lengtb, good quality. A.O.V. (1): 1, Brannigan, beauty, well put down. MULE, LIGHT (10): 1, Malcolmson, in rare bloom, won easily; 2, 4, 5, 6, McFarlane, 2nd and 4th well known, in pink of condition; 3, Duncan, lovely feather; 7, Pettigrew. HYB. (6): 1, Johnstone, grand Greculinch-Bullfinch, good size, could do with deeper colour; 2, Thomson, nice Linnet-Bullfinch; 3, Brannigan, good feather and condition; 4, Henderson, value for place. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE: 1, Livingstone and Sharp, good quality, perfect condition, wins easily; 2, Thomson, grand dark Goldfinch Canary; 3, 4, 7, Pettigrew, good quality; 5, Duncan; 6, Lawson. DARK MULES, A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, Martin; 2, McFarlane; 3, Duncan; 5, Renfrew; 6, Thomson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, HOUSE MOULTED (5): Roddie, good blaze, nice tanning, good moons and buttons; 2, Small, nice blaze, fine tanning, moons, and buttons; 3, Pettigrew, fine blaze, tanning, and moons; 4, Thomson. FIELD MOULTED (9): 1, Malcolmson, rare quality, nice blaze, good tanning, moons, and buttons; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, good quality, fine blaze, and tanning; 3, Martin, nice quality will come; 4, Kerins, good all over; 5, Ramsay; 6, Connelly; 7, Renfrew. LINNET (House Moulted) (15): 1, Malcolmson, nice shape, good colour, well pencilled; 2, Ramsay, good colour and pencilling; 3, Pettigrew, grand exhibit, nice shape and colour; 4, Small, good type; 5, McInnes; 6, Hamilton; 7, Drysdale. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Martin, real charmer, geed colour, well pencilled; 2, 5, Renfrew, 2nd very good colour, nicely pencilled; 3, Thomson, splendid markings, lovely colour; 4, Kerins, good quality; 6, Ramsay; 7, Hamilton. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (17): 1, Roddie, rare size, grand shape, lovely cap, and nice wing bars; 2, 6, Livingstone and Sharp, nice quality, good cap and wing bars; 3, Roulstone, grand shape, well staged; 4, Donaldson, good quality; 5, McFarlane; 7, Martin. SISKIN (8): 1, Renfrew, good colour, niee cap and bib; 2, 4, Pettigrew, really good pair, nice markings; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, fine cap and markings; 5, Connelly; 6, Lawson; 7, Martin. REDPOLL LESSER (20): 1, McFarlane, gem, good colour, nicely laced; 2, 3, Roddie, grand couple, nicely mkd. and laced; 4, Small, good quality; 5, Henderson; 6, Livingstone and Sharp; 7, Hamilton. TWITE (8): 1, 6, Pettigrew, 1st grand all over; 2, Drysdale, splendid condition and colour; 3, Brown, nice exhibit; 4, Connelly, worth place; 5, Lawson; 7, Martin. GREENFINCH (Colour Fed) (6): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, monster, rich colour, fine sbeen, wins easily; 2, Bald, another splendid exhibit, fine colour and shape; 3, Edwards, not equal to others in colour; 4, Small; 5, Drysdale. NON-FED (15): 1, Livingstone and Sbarp, grand size and sbape, in rare condition; 2, 3, Bald, good size, shape, and condition; 4, Peters; 5, Martin; 6, Small; 7, Renfrew. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, Living- and Sbarp, lovely markings, nice quality of feather, wins easily; 2, Small, nicely marked, beauty; 3, 6, Pettigrew, 3rd good markings, in the pink of condition; 4, Drysdale, good specimen; 5, Kerins; 7, Roulstone. BRAMBLEFINCH (11): 1, 2, 3, Livingstone and Sharp, very fine, richly coloured, beauties; 4, Foulton, well marked; 5, Roddie; 6, 7, Pettigrew. YELLOW BUNTING (5): 1, 3, Lawson, lovely feather, well staged; 2, Bald, grand quality; 4, Martin; 5, Pettigrew. BUNTINO, A.O.S. (4): 1, Martin, charmer, in A1 condition; 2, 4, Pettigrew, good shape, well marked; 3, Duncan, good quality. BULLFINCH, HEN (14): 1, Martin, beauty, grand body, colour, jet black cap, nice bars; 2, 3, Livingstone and Sharp, nice body colour good cap and bars; 4, Connelly, good quality; 5, Kerins; 6, Thomson; 7, Duncan. HEN, FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Livingstone and Sharp; 2 Martin; 3 (no name); 4, Roddie; 5, Kerins; 6, Bald. SMALL BRIT. SOFT BILL SMALL.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Pettigrew; 4, Lawson; 7, Kerins. LARGE: 1, 4, Fulton, lovely Mavis, well staged; 2, 3, 5, Pettigrew, 2nd Cornish Chough, in staged; 3, 5, Pettigrew, 2nd grand Mavis; 6, Lawson; 7, perfect order, 3rd grand Mavis; 6, Lawson; 7, Kevins. MEALY REDPOLL (4): 1, Connelly, grand size and colour, well marked; 2, Martin, pressed size and colour, well marked; 3, Whitelaw, good quality; 4, Fulton. FOR OOLDFINCH (House Mtd.): 1, Smith, grand blaze, richly tanned, bright moons and bars; 2, McInnics, nicely blazed; 3, 5, Pettigrew; 3, beauty, good blaze, finely tanned, nice moons and buttons; 4, Brown; 6, Donaldson; 7, Roddie. FIELD MOULTED (2): 1, Gentle, charmer, Roddie. FIELD MOULTED (2): 1, Gentle, charmer, rare blaze, good tanning, moons, and buttons; 2, Renfrew, good quality. FOR. SMALL: 1, Lawson; Renfrew, good quality. FOR. SMALL: 1, Lawson; 2, Renfrew. A.O.S.: 1, Connelly, rare Amazon Par-rot: 2, Pettigrew, nice African Parrot. SELL., NOR.: 1, Peters; 2, 3, 4, Roulstone; 5, Small; 6, Cant. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Brannigan. MULE OR BRIT. (15): 1, Roddie; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Kerins. GIFT (9): 1, Cant; 2, 5, 7, Kerins; 3, McFarlane; 6, Martin.

SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show held November 28th. Mr. E. Sutton won special for best Norwich with a clear buff hen, Mr. J. Linaker that for best Yorkshire with a variegated yellow cock, and Messrs. Kay and Linaker tied for cup with 10 points each. Mr. P. Waring (Preston) judged.

YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Williams. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Halsall; 3, Williams; vhc, Dr. Martin; hc, Williams; c, Sutton. HEN NOR. (7): 1, 3, hc, Sutton; 2, vhc, Johnson; c, Millburn. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, vhc, Dr. Martin. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, hc, Linaker; 2, Kay; vhc, c, Bullough. BUFF (6): 1 Kay; 2, 3, Bullough; vhc, hc, Linaker; c, Bullough. HEN (10): 1, 3, Linaker; 2, Kay; vhc, hc, Bullough; c, Halsall. NAT. COL (3): 1, Linaker; 3, Wright; 3, Bullough. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Dr. Martin; 2, c, Millburn; 3, Halsall; hc, Johnson. HYB.: 1, Kay; 2, 3, Bullough GRERNIE, LINNET, ETC.: 1, Bullough; 2, Halsall; 3, Sutton. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bullough. SELL. (10/6): 1, Williams; 2, 3, Bullough; vhc, Halsall; hc, Kay; c, Sutton.—T. JOHNSON, Sec.

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WELSH NATIONAL (Swansea.)

A Splendid Welsh Success.

This association held its second annual show at the Albert Hall on December 10th and 11th. The weather was "simply awful," but did not in any way interfere with the general working of the exhibition. The show proved a record one, both in numbers and quality, and the manner in which the exhibits were attended to should be an object lesson for Welsh show promoters. As a spectacle the exhibition was a treat—rows of four tiers of Yorkshires one side the full length of the hall, with the same arrangement on the other side with Nor. and Nor. Greens. The total of entries was 820, easily the largest collection ever brought together in Wales. The secretary, Mr. R. J. Truscott—by the way, quite a "youngster" in the Fancy—deserves a full mead of praise for the able manner in which things were carried out, and in him the association have a man of tact and ability. May he long retain the position. Mr. D. A. S. Longden, the capable show manager, looked after the arrangements in his usual style, and everything worked in as smooth a manner as possible under his advice and his keen scrutiny. He was ably assisted by Messrs. H. Creber (vice-chairman) and F. Serine (who by the way, are responsible for the fine staging and set-out of the show), as well as by some notable fanciers, such as Messrs. R. F. Browne (chairman), S. J. Nicholas, W. J. Bancroft, B. Prosser, M. Slade, A. E. Wright, F. Jones, and W. A. Truscott (treasurer), who constitute the committee. The birds were carefully handled by them. The hall was practically lined with red baize, giving a warm and cheerful appearance, as well as protecting the birds from draughts which are frequent in a large hall. We regret to state that Messrs. Jackson and Bond's, R. J. Howe's, and F. Hingley's birds arrived too late for judging. There is not the slightest doubt that the awards in most of the classes in which these were due to appear would have been altered entirely had they competed. The Norwich were very strong in some classes, no fewer than 19 being staged, with not a poor one in the lot. Some beauties were staged by Messrs. Harber, Sheldon, Coventry, and Tedstone—birds that could hold their own in any company. Crests and Crest-breds made clinking good classes. The struggle for places was particularly keen, the prize eventually going to Messrs. Evins' clear body dark crest. In the Crest-breds the winner proved to be Mr. W. Radley's champion, which also won spl for best Canary in show. The Yorkshires were quite a show of themselves, and every exhibit could be plainly seen without the necessity of handling. There was ample satisfaction here for lovers of the "straight 'un." Notable winners in this section were staged by Messrs. Elsmore, Negus, Whittaker, Rennie, J. Howes, J. Jones, Date, and T. Morris. The Green Canary section, both in Norwich and Yorkshires, made a brave show. The likes of these have never before been seen in the Principality, nearly 100 birds being staged in the eight classes provided. The cash winners in all these classes were perhaps the best living of their respective varieties. Grand teams were seen representing Messrs. Clayton, Hughes, Atherton, Fielden, Deacon, Walker, Lawson, and Harrison. The cinnamons, Lizards and Lancashires were very good, but the numbers did not come up to general expectations. Good birds were staged by Messrs. Barnes, Ind, and Yates, all winning their colours in fine style. Borders, as is the general order here, were very warm, some classes containing no fewer than 21 exhibits, and all real typical models. Mr. D. O'Connell's tkd. buff stood out in prominence, winning most of the spls for best Border, etc. Messrs. Hocking, Richards, Hammacott and Card, D. Williams, and Jones also put down very smart teams. The Borders are no doubt making rapid strides. The Scotch Fancies were not so good as we have seen them at this fixture, but the winner, Mr. B. Davies', is all that can be desired in a typical Scots of modern build. Mules and Hybrids were worth going many miles to see, every class containing gems of the first water. A Chaffinch-Bramblefinch was disqualified by the judge in the hybrid between two British birds class. We also noted that the decision was upheld by the other judge, and by well-known exhibitors present. Messrs. Lewis and Dymond, Jones, Browning, Longden, and Lamb staged some toppers. The cinnamon Siskin-Canary was generally admired. British and Foreign birds were a magnificent lot, and very large classes in most cases. Rows of Goldies faced a row of Bullies, and Greenfinches went to make a very pleasing show in their gaily-painted light green cages. Some of the best known champions were seen here looking their best. Such a galaxy of quality has never been brought together in Wales. Messrs. Bancroft, Longden, Lewis and Dymond, Nicholas, Jones, Howe, Birchley, and Coffey figured in the prize list, most of them being big winners. Messrs. J. Robson and J. B. Evans were the judges, the former doing the Canaries, whilst the latter did the Mules, British, Foreign, and selling.

The Norwich and Crests.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): Clinking good lot, a number of birds stood cardless here which we have noticed in the winning at the best of other shows; 1, 4, Harber, couple of real gems, winner slashing shape and size, wonderful colour, greatly improved of late; 4th, very typical, lovely colour and finish; 2, Palmer, real topper, neat cobby body, good short wings and tail, lovely colour, correct type; 3, Sheldon, neatly feathered, rare size and type, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Coventry; hc, Kirby; c, Tristem and Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Coventry, fine size and shape, best possible quality of feather, shows frosting to a marked degree, wins nicely; latter also grand stamp; 2, Wooton, beautifully sweet exhibit, fine size, correct shape, neatest of wing and tail carriage; 3, Prichard, also fine typical specimen, rare quality and finish, staged in grand trim; 4, Richardson; hc, Kirby; c, Hitchings. TKD. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Pope, blaze of colour, fine typical specimen, grand size, neat carriage, correct angle across perch; 2, Winter, fine big one, correct type, fine head properties, well filled body, neat head; 3, 4, C. E. Brown, couple of grand shapely ones, finely feathered, good short wings and tail; vhc, A. E. Brown; hc, G. T. Jones; c, E. Evans. BUFF (14): 1, Tedstone, variegated, fine Nor. properties, neat head and rare feather, wins well; 2, Stock, real nice one, rare shape and substance, nice short wings, staged with taste; 3, Sheldon, another topper, correct in all particulars, silkiest of feather; 4, Winter, large compact Nor.; vhc, James; hc, C. E. Brown; c, G. T. Jones. UNFLIG. (19): Really grand class for both quality and numbers, some of the cardless ones possessing exceptional merit; 1, Sheldon, bouncer for size, real good quality feather, grand head and neck, best of wings and tail; 2, Whitaker, real gem, fine short cobby one, extra good quality, neatly feathered; 3, Richardson, another slasher for size, fine position, good headed one; 4, Fowell, also very good; vhc, Pritchard, a topper; hc, Winter; c, Hosken. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, hc, Harber, former bonny Nor. hen, nice size, beautiful outline, tight jacket, neat wings and tail carriage; 2, Sheldon, topper for shape, quality and size, staged in well-known style; 3, Tottle, one of the best, rare colour and size, finely finished off; 4, vhc, Hitchings, couple of gems, lovely type, well feathered; c, Palmer. BUFF (10): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well known, rare type and size, best of wings and tail beautifully full and round in chest; 2, Folwell, very sweet hen, correctly built, fine colour and feather; 3, Pritchard, real gem, some preferred, grand size and type, extra good head properties; 4, Sheldon, usual stamp, plenty of size, full of good Nor. properties; vhc, G. T. Jones; hc, Williams; c, A. E. Brown. NON-FLD (11): 1, c, Aitchison, grand yell., fine size and type, and marvel for quality, shines like satin; 2, George, very neatly feathered buff, good size, correct type, nicely shown; 3, C. E. Brown, very fine, neat stamp, cobby build, well clothed; 4, hc, Winter, couple of toppers; hc, fine yell. cap mkd. ck.; vhc, Sheldon. CREST (9): 1, vhc, Evins Bros., fine cl. body D.c., lovely length of feather, fine radiation, no suspicion of a split, in grand form, latter also very good, fine size and substance; 2, 3, King, couple of gems, good leafy well feathered crest, nicely defined centres; 4, hc, Radley, also grand massive pair, splendid radiation, good quality of feather; c, Lewis and Dymond. C.B. (7): 1, spl, Radley, marvellous variegation, fine entrance, beautifully cushioned, broad skull, any amount of feather, wonderful size and substance throughout, takes spl for best Canary; 2, 3, hc, Pool, clinking good team, fine size, all with wealth of feather; 4, vhc, J. T. King, couple of substantial ones, fine head properties; c, G. Edwards.

The Yorkshires.

YORKS. YELL. (15): A splendid class, containing not an indifferent bird in the lot; 1, Elsmore, right good one, rare length, position, and carriage, wonderful colour; 2, Pattrick, also an exceptional one, rare position, straight as a gun-barrel, beautifully fitting wings, very close; 3, Negus, fine lengthy gentleman, full of style and character, excellent carriage and position, neatly and tightly feathered; 4, Walsh, exceptionally good, fit to win anywhere; vhc, Webb; hc, Cook; c, Card. BUFF (20): Big class, containing many a well-known winner, all in the very best of trim; 1, Whitaker, an eye-opener for quality and general finish, finely filled up at neck and shoulders, good win; 2, Morris, nice length and position, superb wing and tail carriage, grandly feathered; 2, Hawes, full of style and quality, moves prettily; 4, Pattrick, lovely position, fine length; vhc, Knight; hc, Smith; c, Taylor. MKD. (16): 1, vhc, Rennie, fine pair, leader nicely drawn, nice length and carriage, very essence of a good Yorks., latter very neat, rare quality feather; 2, Hawes, another beauty, wonderful depth of colour, neatest of heads, rare length, best of wing and tail carriage; 3, Negus, very close to leaders, beautiful model, feathered like boxwood, neat wings and tail; 4, Morris, well known, in rare form; hc, Griffiths Bros.; c, Elsmore. UNFLIG. (30): No doubt the best young bird class we have had the pleasure of seeing for years; many this-year winners stood cardless; 1, Negus, real topper for shape and quality, fine length, good wings and tail, and like a new pin for condition; 2, 3, Walsh, couple of real gems, good length, carriage and position, in fact hard to find a fault with; 4, W. Jones, really fine Yorkie, rare carriage and position; vhc, Hawes; hc, Whitaker; c, H. Williams. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Hawes, wonderful hen, fine position and carriage, neat wings and tail, feather like a bottle, in rare order; 2, Morris, well known, rare stamp and colour, nicely drawn, good length, fine pipe tail, very close up; 3, Webb, another clinker, well packed, fine length and position; 4, Knight, rare typical bird, neat wings and tail; vhc, c, Rennie; hc, Pattrick. BUFF (18): 1, Walsh, very slim, smart, and upstanding, rare length, beautifully feathered; 2, Rennie, very smart and shapely exhibit, fine length and carriage; 3, Morris, well shown, very sleek and shapely, finely braced wings; 4, A. E. Pattrick, topper, possessing all the points that go to make a winner; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Cook; c, Elsmore. NOVICE YELL. (8): 1, G. B. Lewis, fine shapely one, good length, rare wings and tail, feathered very neatly; 2, Challenger, fine carriage and position, full of style, well put down; 3, Neal, very erect position, fine length, neatly feathered; 4, Jeffreys, very smart, true type, fine length and position; vhc, Rogers; hc, Dale; c, Thomson. BUFF (5): 1, J. Jones, fine upstanding bird, rare type and finish, close fitting wings, correct tail carriage; 2, G. Lewis, neat and typical, good bloom on feather, very close to leader; 3, Thomson, fine slim exhibit, correct type and carriage, nice quality feather; 4, Rogers; vhc, Isaacs. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Neal, good carriage and position, neatly feathered, sound colour, well staged; 2, Thomson, very typical, smart and well behaved, in fine trim; 3, Harding, nice specimen, ample proportions, finely fitting wings, full of style; w.c., Osborne. YORKS. CK., NOVICE (11): 1, Date, fine upstanding bird, rare length and symmetry, very tightly feathered, good wing and tail carriage; 2, G. Lewis, very smart and typical, erect, in fine feather; 3, Thomson, beauty for type and finish, god length and position; 4, Rees, we liked; vhc, Neal; hc, Mock and Son; c, Rees. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Challenger, fine stamp, good style and carriage, neat and close wings; 2, 4, J. Jones, we liked, very typical, neat rounded head, fine style, carriage, and position; 4th, also typical; 3, Rogers, good one, rare length, good carriage, neat wings; vhc, Merritt. BUFF HEN (11): 1, J. Jones, nicely clothed buff, fine position and carriage, good wings and tail, neatly feathered; 2, 3, c, Neal, capital trio, former good useful one, fine length and quality, very erect position; 3rd, grand gay carriage, fine wing carriage; 4, Challenger, very classy bird, rare quality; vhc, G. B. Lewis; hc, Jeffries. NON-FED (6): 1, Taylor, very smart one, well-known winner, fine position and carriage, in rare trim; 2, Guppy, rare type and quality, shown to best advantage, fine wing and tail carriage; 3, Morris, good length and style, feathered like satin; 4, Castree, real good one; vhc, Williams; hc, Stamp.

Greens and Cinnamons.

YORKS. GREENS, YELLOW SELF (19): A real clinking good class, all grand birds; 1, 2, hc, Clayton, grand team, leader fine grassy colour, very level, good type and quality, wins nicely; 2nd, similar type, fine colour, position, and quality; hc, also good; 3, vhc, Minns, couple of gems again, rare deep level colour, nice length and position; 4, J. Davies; c, Atherton. BUFF (17): 1, Hughes, beautiful shaped and lengthy, fine erect position, good level colour, neat wings and tail; 2, Minns, very fine, rare racy stamp, nice wings and tail; 3, Benson, fine typical specimen, rare feather and colour, nice wing carriage; 4, Rowlands, we liked, lovely position and carriage; vhc, hc, Atherton; c, Kelly. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, Atherton, fine hird, ample proportions, nice colour, well clothed, good erect position and carriage; 2, Rowlands, correct shade of colour, rare length, finished off with grand polish; 3, Fielden, very good specimen, lovely colour, type and length; 4, Clayton, also very smart, sound colour; vhc, Hughes; hc, Rowlands; c, Benson. BUFF (9): 1, Fielden, fine upstanding one, grand shade of colour, very nice type and position, well shown; 2, Minns, very smart and stylish, good colour, position, and feather; 3, Benson, extra smart, good position, finely feathered, in rare fettle; 4, Rowlands, we much admired, topping wings; vhc, c, J. Davies; hc, Clayton. NOR. GREEN YELL. (12): 1, 4, vhc, Deacon, leader stormer for type, colour, and size, rare quality feather, very good win; 2, 3, Walker, couple of high-class birds, fine bright colour, lovely size and type, staged with taste; hc, Harrison; c, Lawson. BUFF (12): 1, 3, vhc, Walker, lovely trio, former fine size, grand type, excels in head and chest properties; 3rd, very large, grand quality bird, fine shade of colour; 2, Isaacs, very typical, correct colour, good short wings and tail, well put down; 4, c, Deacon, we liked, fine and shapely, nice sound colour; hc, Lawson. FOUL YELL. (14): 1, Lawson, typical, rare colour and size, excellent head and chest, wins nicely; 2, Harrison, good close-feathered specimen, nice size and colour; 3, Isaacs, grand colour and type, plenty of size, neatly feathered; 4, Drinkwater, very good one; vhc, Deacon; hc, Winter; c, Jenkins. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Harrison, fine substantial couple, good size and colour, in the pink of condition, former wins good race; 2, Isaacs, neat cobby and compact specimen, rich colour, teeming with quality; 4, vhc, Walker, fine grassy colour, good type and size; hc, c, Deacon. CINN. (4): 1, Yates, fine big yell., massive body, good colour, well clothed, in rare form; 2, Pope, buff, perhaps larger but not quite so tight in feather as leader, good colour; 3, T. J. King, very compact one, nice proportions, rare body and head, well staged.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

LANCASHIRE COPPY (4): 1, 2, Ind, pair of very high-class birds, fine crests, rare size and quality of feather; Collinge and Price absent. P.H. (4): 1, 2, Ind, again grand pair of Plainheads, fine size and length, staged in grand fashion; absent, Price. LIZ. GOLD (4): 1, 2, Barnes, pair of broken caps, lovely distinct rows of spangle, fine flights, in splendid bloom; absent, W. Jones. SILVER (4): 1, 2, Barnes, fine couple, neatly finished, rare rowing on back and thighs, in lovely condition; 3, 4, absent, Price. BORD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, O'Connell, gem for colour, condition, and carriage, rare model, topping wings and tail; 2, Donnell and Saunders, bonny specimen, correct size and type, gay carriage, shown in nice form; 3, 4, Brownlie, both gems, neat models, feather like boxwood, neat and free movers, correct position; vhc, Hammacott and Card, very neat and showy; hc, Stevens; c, E. Roberts. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Brownlie, clinking good Border, neat wing and tail carriage, nicely moulded throughout, staged like a new pin; 2, 3, hc, Donnell and Saunders, trio of toppers, rare jaunty carriage, fine shape of heads, perfect wings and tail, nicely benched; 4, A. J. L. Taylor, very smart specimen, good quality and position; vhc, Jenkins; c, Hammacott and Card. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Richards, very neat model, beautifully tight in feather, well filled at neck and shoulders, good win; 2, R. H. Jones, very neat Border, much merit, good wings and tail, moves with the essential jaunty air; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, another typical bird, neatly moulded, fine position on perches, good wings and tail; 4, Brownlie, we liked, good model; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Hammacott and Card; c, W. J. Jenkins. HEN (12): 1, spl, O'Connell, perfect little Border, rare quality feather, neatly moulded body, finished off with perfect wings and tail, romps home; 2, D. Williams, very sound, lovely type and quality, put down in faultless style; 3, (no name), fine type and style, grand wings and neatly carried pipe tail; 4, A. J. L. Taylor, bonny, good condition and quality; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, R. H. Jones; c, Stevens. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 3, Seiranac, both perfectly mkd., rare models, fine quality feather, staged in well-known fashion; 2, Wardleworth, very compact bodied, good round head, in nice condition; 4, Brownlie, real topper, fit to win in any company, fine model, good wings and tail. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. (17): 1, Hamnacott and Card, real little gem, fine model, good quality feather, neat carriage, good wings; 2, hc, Seiranac, neat couple, former close to leader, scores heavily in head properties, neatest of wing and tail carriage; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, marvel for quality and finish, moulded on correct Border lines; 4, Brownlie, very nice, well put down; vhc, Stevens; c, Mugford. GREEN OR CINN. (21): Very interesting class, containing some real top sawyers; 1, vhc, c, Hocking, finely-coloured yell. green leading, beautiful tone and depth of colour, built on ideal Border lines, wins well; vhc, very nice stamp; 2, 4, Richards, pair of clinking good greens, fine grassy colour, perfect shape, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, Brownlie, top quality cinn., nice shade of colour, good model; hc, Hammacott and Card. SCOTS FCY. (4): 1, B. Davies, well-known huff, looking his best, fine substance on top, gets to work well; 2, Summerhill, nice long-sided Scots, good top end, tail under perch; 3, 4, J. H. Jones, both well known, very typical, in rare form to-day. MATCHED PAIRS (£3) (10): 1, c, Evans Bros.; 2, Fielden; 3, hc, Pool; 4, J. Davies; vhc, Tristem and Taylor. SELL. (30/-): 1, Evans Bros.; 2, Bancroft; 3, Longden; 4, J. Jenkins; vhc, Yates; hc, J. Davies; c, Arnold. (20/-) (18): 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Serine; 3, Hammacott and Card; 4, Rowles; vhc, Edwards; hc, P. Jenkins; c, J. Williams. (10/-) (18): 1, J. H. Jones; 2, Howe; 3, Prosser; 4, J. P. Davies.

The Mules and Hybrids.

CL. ETC. CAN. HYB. (5): 2, Browning, very nice tkd. yell., good colour and size, well defined face and bars, in rare condition; 3, Hitchings, even mkd. huff, rare size and quality, shown in good order. GOLDFINCH CAN. (9): 1, Lewis and Dymond, good-sized yell., head and wing mkd., good colour; 2, vhc, Edwards, rare big bird, fine expanse of face, good distinct bars, both put down very fit; 3, Arnold, very typical show specimen, lightly mkd., shown in rare feather; 4, Browning; 3, 4, Jackson and Bond, absent; G. T. Jones, wrong classed, a Canary. LINNET, ETC. CAN., LIGHT (6): 1, 2, Lees, noted light Linnet Mules, both in very good feather, grand specimens; 3, Longden, rather heavier mkd., but fine colour and size; 4, Edwards; Nos. 4 and 5, Jackson and Bond, absent. DK. GOLDIE YELL. (11): 1, Browning, fine sized hird, perfect blaze of colour, good expansive face, grand back, wins well; 2, Lewis and Dymond, well known, slasher for size, good colour throughout; 3, Coffey, another blazer, very intense colour, fine face and wing bars, in extra good feather; 4, Longden, nice size and colour; vhc, hc, c, R. H. Jones, well-known winners, down a few tickets to-day. DK. BUFF GOLDIE (10): 1, G. Thomas, topping sized huff, fine bright face, good bars and well frosted, wins well; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Longden, clinking good team, all grand sized and well coloured; 2nd excels in face and finish generally; hc, c, R. W. Jones, two youngsters, should be heard of later. DK. GREENFINCH CAN. (12): 1, 4, Longden, 1st well known cinn., nice exhibit, pure in colour, shows to best advantage; 4th, good yell., exceptional proportions, shown in grand trim; 2, Browning, clinking large and grand coloured yell. feathered like silk, shown in grand form, very close; 3, Somerfield, very big Greenie-Mule, good qual. and col.; vhc, R. W. Jones; hc, M. Thomas; c, Lamb. DK. LINNET CAN. (11): 1, R. W. Jones, noted yell. Linnet Mule, perfect blaze of colour, best of shape, size and quality; 2, Jackson, fine big bird of colour, not quite the polish and finish of leader perhaps; 3, Browning, real nice one, fine size, rich colour, shows Linnet plainly; 4 Edwards; vhc, Roach; hc, Jenkins; c, George. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Lamb, former very interesting exhibit, chin. Siskin Mule, very neatly staged, shows beautiful soft colour to perfection, popular win; 3rd, large Twite Can., fine colour and marks, 2 Serines, clinking yell Siskin Can., fine size and colour, level as possible, good eye marks and cap; 4, Longden; absent, Hingley; vhc, Browning. HYB (11): 1, c, R. W. Jones, clinking large Greenie Bullie, fine shapely one, great colour and size, shows parentage to a mkd. degree; 2, M. Thomas, Goldie Bullie, neatly feathered and mkd.; 3, Longden, Greenie Bullie, fine size and colour, perfection for marks; 4, Edwards, slashing big Goldie Bullie, fine size, and expanse of face; vhc, Browning; hc, Yonks.

British and Foreign Birds.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Somerfield, fine face, correctly cut, shows profusion of tans, proper Jonque; 2, vhc, Hallam, very sweet pair, nice-sized faces, rare depth of colour, good body colour, lustrous plumage; 3, Jackson, neat clean Finch, good cl. face, neat cap, plenty of warm tanning; 4, Lewis and Dymond, fine big square face; hc, E. J. Davies, grand bright blaze, nice expanse; c, Edwards, topper, neat face, good tans. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (15): 1, Ford, we believe the Cardiff winner, fine big-bodied one, grand expanse and cut of face, rich bright colour, neatly tanned; 2, Morgan, size smaller, fine deep colour on face and chest, in wonderful feather; 3, Tippings, correct colour and cut of face, very expansive, extra good in tans, bars, and back colour; 4, J. Taylor, nicely contrasted colours, good feather; vhc, c, Edwards; hc, Arnold. BULLFINCH CK. (8): 1, R. H. Jones, fine size and type, good breast colour, extra well defined cap, distinct wing bars, in nice form; 2, Jones, much brighter breast colour, grand polish, beautiful exhibit; 3, 4, vhc, Lewis and Dymond, trio of beauties, plenty of size and colour, neatly cut caps; hc, H. Davies, fine big one, short and cobby; c, E. J. Davies. HEN (9): 1, Lewis and Dymond, little gem, feathered like wax, grand frontal, cap, and bars, in rare trim; 2, Trehorne, clinking good one, fine cut colours, extra wide cap; 3, Jeffries, grand big cobby one, good cap and bars; 4, F. Jenkins, neat carriage, well feathered, very sweet one; vhc, S. Price; hc, Bennett; c, Browne; absent from judging, R. J. Howe, no doubt the best in class. LINNET (10): 1, Bancroft, well known winner, in splendid win to-day, fine size, colour and quality; 2, Nicholas, lovely nutty brown, correct distinct marks, in fine form to-day; 3, Longden, very sweet Linnet, nicely laced, good solid breast colour, in excellent form; 4, Birchley, champion for colour and marking; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Prosser; c, F. Jones. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, Longden, well-known, fine quality and polish, good whites on wing butts, blue head and nape; 2, H. Jenkins, very neatly feathered, nice one; 3, Cocks, slashing big bird, fine colour and polish; 4, L. Brown; vhc, Jeffries; hc, W. Birchley; c, Tippings; No. 6, too late for judging, one of the best birds in class. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Coffey, finely laced, rare colour and size, good distinct bib, shown in grand trim; 2, Prosser, another smart 'Poll, good thigh marks, neat bib, fine quality feather; 3, Nicholas, rare-coloured, fine size and quality of feather; 4, Lewis and Dymond, topper, grand size, well laced, in clinking condition; vhc, Prosser; hc, Barnes; c, H. Jenkins. SISKIN (5): 1, 2, Bancroft, neat colour, beautifully feathered, rare colour, good eye and side marking; 2nd, larger bird, fine colour, neatly laced cap, well defined bib; 3, Prosser, nice cobby one, fine level colour, neatest of marking, in rare form; 4, Lewis and Dymond, not in form when we noticed him; vhc, Longden; c, Messer. TWITE (4): 1, Bancroft, fine size and shape, laced, in rare fashion, grand level colour, in excellent bloom; 2, Longden, very neat in shape, good colour; absent, Howe and Serine. MEALY REDPOLL (5): 1, Howe, lovely silvery shade, fine breast marking, wonderful quality for a Mealy; 2, 4, Tonks, 2nd very special one; 4th, great size; 3, Prosser, fine colour, well marked; vhc, H. Jones. BRAMBLEFINCH (6): 1, Longden, champion, clear win, fine breast colour, coming well down to the vent, in rare feather; 2, P. Jenkins, very classy bird, excels in size and spangle, pure bright colour, nicely shown; 3, Lewis and Dymond, fine shaped good frontal, neatly spangled, well mkd. at thighs; 4, Prosser, beautiful polish and colour; vhc, S. Price. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Bancroft, fine size, good level colour, best quality feather, shown in expert trim; 2, Lewis and Dymond, very neatly shaped rare intensity of colour, plenty of size, fine exhibit; 3, Longden, very pure in colour, nicely feathered, shown with good taste; 4, Coffey, fine large well coloured one; vhc, Birchley; hc, Nicholas; c, S. Price; too late, two from R. J. Howe, both toppers. YELLOWHAMMER (6): 1, Nicholas, well known 'Hammer, fine colour, good head, cheek, and neck marks, rare size and condition, wins well; 2, Willis, very nice coloured, good distinct V marks on head, well laced at sides, plenty of size; 3, P. Jenkins has the characteristic markings; 4, Birchley; vhc, H. Davies; hc, Serine. A.O.S. BUNTING (5): 1, Nicholas, very good Cirl, very steady, neat eye and cheek marks, very distinct bib; 2, Longden, fine Corn Bunting, tremendous size, distinctly marked with beautiful polish; 3, Nicholas, nice Snow Bunting; 4, H. Davies, Cirl, good colour and marking, wants steadying; absent, Hughes. HEN BRIT. (10): 1, Bancroft, clinking hen Yellowhammer, fine colour and marking, in rare feather; 2, Coffey, fine Bramble, rare colour and size, faultless condition; 3, hc, A. Thomas, former, grand Hawfinch, neat bib, in nice feather; 4, Rowles, another Hawfinch, steady, well shown; vhc, Fordham; c, Prosser. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, spl, A. D. Hughes, fine Redwing, nicely marked, fine solid colour, staged with taste, wins spl for best British; 2, Ford, lovely Blackie, fine dense lustrous plumage, nicely-coloured beak and ceres; 3, Reed, clinking good Song Thrush, fine markings, good ground colour; 4, Loader; vhc, Fordham. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, Hingley, grand Wryneck, fine size, beautifully marked, very interesting exhibit, wins well; 2, F. D. Jones, clinking good Whinchat, fine markings and spangle, not a feather out of place, very fine; 3, Nicholas, good Blackcap, nice size, good cap; 4, Birchley, Black Redstart, looking bit show-worn, otherwise grand; vhc, A. D. Hughes; absent, Prosser. SELL. BRIT. (20/-) (10): 1, Cocks, good big Hawfinch, quickly clawed; 2, W. J. Williams, decent Goldie, good face and tan; 3, Serine, Linuet of much merit; 4 Prosser; vhc, Bancroft; hc, S. Price; c, White. FOR. BULLIE OR GOLDIE (4): 2, Serine, big bird, very dark in blaze, good tans and pure in whites; 3, Bennett, not quite so large, fine bright blaze however, and good bars and tans; absent, No. 3 and 4, Hyatt. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, Thorne, fine Yellow and Black Tanager, in faultless condition and feather, good win; 2, 3, Curzon, pair of rare Parrakeets, fine plumage and condition; 4, J. Price, a Rock, in nice trim; vhc, L. Williams; hc, c, King. SMALL (7): 1, Howe, lovely Tricoloured Tanager, fine size, shows his colours and sheen in rare style; 2, 3, Thorne, Superb and Scarlet Tanagers, well known, shown in grand feather; 4, J. H. Jones, pair of Grassfinches, feather like wax; vhc, M. Thomas; hc, c, Harris.

COLCHESTER.

Second annual members' show, held at the Stanwell Hall, on December 3rd. Some very nice birds were staged, including a grand team of Crests and Crest-breds, by Mr. J. Broad. The Plainhead Norwich, Hybrids and British birds, shown by Mrs. James Barber, are also worthy of special mention. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. Stanley and R. Moger, are evidently born organisers, and received ready and willing assistance from their committee. The cage bird section was judged by Mr. J. S. Clarke.

NOR. BUFF CL. ETC. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, spl, 3, hc, Marter; vhc, Sgt. Stone, R.F.A.; c, Mrs. J. Barber. YELL. COL. FED.: 1, 2, Mrs. Barber, 1, big, varieg. yell. good colour; 2, cl.; 3, vhc, hc, A. Mattock; c, Mason. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mattock, useful lot, nice type and quality; hc, Mrs. Barber; c, Chapman. CREST: 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Broad, grand lot, 1, glorious youngster, green with pied tail, large dense crest of right quality and texture; 2, wing marked dark crest, dense round crest; 3, same type. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Broad, 1, veteran, large size, good in entrance, dense, long leafy head feather; 2, cl. buff, youngster, large; 3, varieg. also on large side, nice rise, will improve a lot. A.O.V. MULE: 1, Mrs. J. Barber, Siskin-Can., nice one, well shown, catalogued at 20/-, it probably found a new owner; 2, spl, vhc, Marter, varieg. Goldfinch Mule; 3, spl, Hammond, Cark Goldfinch Mule; hc, Harden; c, Hunwicke. BRIT. SMALL: 1, 3, Witton, 1, nice coloured Bramblefinch, good size and steady; 3, Bullfinch, fine size, shape and colour; 2, vhc, Marter, Siskin, bright in colour; 2, vhc's, hc, Mrs. J. Barber; hc, Miller; c, Hammond. SELL.: 1, hc, Mrs. Barber, 1, pair of Budgerigars, priced at 7/6 only; 2, Broad, pair of Crests (it is to be hoped some novice secured these); 3, hc, Marter; 2, Border Canary; vhc, Gilbert; c, Mason. GIFT: This class contained one or two nice birds, the 1st prize Yellow Norwich of Mrs. Barber's finding many admirers.

STAMFORD.

The Stamford and Dist. F.A. held their first open exhibition on December 10th, in the Frederick Temple Memorial Hall, which is a very suitable place for the purpose. The total number of entries was 160, although several classes were amalgamated. The committee decided to pay full prize money on eight entries, the number of classes being 16 in all. Mr. A. W. Ludlow, the secretary, that most enthusiastic fancier determined to do his best toward making the show a success, with his able band of workers such as Messrs. B. Grimes, Clitherow, E. Harrison, C. Harrison, Locke, Scholes and Woods, who soon had the birds in order. The judging commenced quite early, and the prize cards were all up by the opening of the show. The special for best Norwich was secured by Mr. H. Poppie; Mr. L. Dykes took special for best Yorkshire; Mr. F. Rose won special for best Crest or C.B., also special for best Can. in show. Special for best Mule or Hybrid went to Mr. Andrew; for best British seed eater, Dr. Belcher. Mr. S. H. Mays took the British softbill special, and Mr. J. Shaddock that for best foreign bird. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Popple, cl. yell. rare type and quality, good one, had slightly damaged tail; 2, Woods, tkd. yell. on left eye, good type and quality, nice colour and condition; 3, Broom, cl. yell. grand colour, nice type and quality; res, Bexson, cl. yell. nice colour; vhc, Curry; hc, Grimes; c, Woods. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Popple, former varieg. lovely type and quality of feather, grand shape, good head and neck, broad chest and back; latter cl. another Nor. all over for shape and type, grand colour and meal; 3, Croxall, cl. Buff, nice type and colour, good shape; res, Pedder, beautiful type and colour, shown in good condition; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, c, Curry. CL. ETC. HEN (8): 1, Pedder, cl. buff, good one, lovely type and quality, plenty of substance, in excellent condition; 2, Ratcliffe, cl. yell. extra type and shape, grand colour and quality, full chest and back; 3, Croxall, cl. yell, nice type and quality; res, Grimes, varieg. Buff; vhc, Popple; hc, Grimes; c, Spriggs. YORKS. CL. ETC YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, Dykes, cl. yell. excellent type and quality, grand shape, colour and carriage, stands like a guardsman, latter also cl., plenty of length and swagger, nice position and feather; 2, Mountain, cl. yell. lovely type and quality of feather, good shape, grand length and carriage; res, Hedworth, fine type and quality; vhc, Auton; hc, c, Harrison. BUFF (12): 1, Blades, cl. buff, full of nerve, steady and firm as a rock, grand type and quality, rare stand, excellent position and shape, greatly admired; 2, Mountain, varieg. buff, lovely type, quality and colour, nice position and shape, very steady; 3, Dykes, rather playful, some time before you can get in position, nice colour and feather; res, Auton, cl. very typical in shape, good position, quality and colour; vhc, Mountain; hc, Dykes; c, Linsey. CL ETC. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Dykes, cl. yell, grand type and quality, nice colour and shape, full of nerve, wins easily; 2, Mountain, cl. yell. rare length, type, and quality of feather, moderate colour and stand, in good condition; 3, Bailey, nat. col. grand type and colour, good shape and feather; res, Allen, good shape and quality, fine colour; vhc, Auton; c, Harrison. CINN. TICK. ETC. (5): 1, Clitherow, varieg. yell. nice type and quality, good position and shape, neat carriage; 2, Linsey, varieg. buff, nice type, shape, colour and feather, good position; 3, Harrison, varieg. yell. nice position and shape, good colour and feather; res, Harrison, good type and colour; vhc, Ludlow. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Linsey, Borders, 1, Buff mkd. on nape, neat bird, extra type and quality, lovely colour, neat carriage, very jaunty; 3, yell. nice type, when steady, lovely colour and quality; 2, Westley, Buff Cinn. moderate colour, shape and feather; res, vhc, G. Grimes, b.c. silver Lizard, nice size, plenty of work in good condition. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, Rose, varieg. Buff C.B., grand shape, lovely shaped head, good entrance, nice short beak, excellent turnover, would do with more substance in body to make a champion; 2, Wiggington, varieg. d.c., grand leafy feathered head, rare formation, well filled in centre, good radiation; 3, vhc, Rose, grizzle crest, nice type, quality and colour; res, Wigginton, varieg. buff C.B., nice size and substance; hc, Scottice, Smith. SELL (15/) (12): 1, Popple; 2, Wiggington; 3, Hedworth; res, Bexson; vhc, Curry; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Scott. MULE or HYB. (11): 1, Andrews, Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, excellent size and shape, lovely colour and quality, shown to perfection; 2, Hedworth, Goldfinch and Canary, varieg. yell. extra colour and quality, striking exhibit; 3, Cocks, Linnet-Bullfinch, rare shape and size, good quality feather; res, Westley, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good shape and feather; vhc, Needham; hc, Swanson; c, Grimes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14), an excellent class, some very choice specimens here: 1, Belcher, nice size, grand face, good back hara and buttons, very steady, in the pink; 2, Parlett, true British, not quite so steady as yet, beautiful face, extra fine markings, rare quality feather; 3, hc, Mays, one of the right stamp, grand face, back and bars; res, Andrews, fine size, good markings and quality; vhc, Kemp; c, Mountain. BRIT. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Kemp, beautiful bird, excellent colour and quality, grand broad head, well defined cap, good back and bars, soon claimed after judging at catalogue price, will be heard of again; 2, Mays, big Finch, lovely quality and colour, plenty of substance, good colour breast; 3, Belcher, nice exhibit, rare quality and shape; res, Andrews, very steady, nice cap, beak and breast; vhc, Rouse; hc, Nichols; c, Brown. GREENFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Cocks, Bramblefinch, plenty of size, good quality and markings, grand breast colour in good condition; 2, Rouse, Sheffield and Peterborough winner, well known; 3, Smith, Lesser Redpoll, good colour and feather, clear cut bib and lacing on thighs; res, Allen, Greenfinch, grand size; vhc, Bloy; hc, Curry; c, Harrison. A.O.S. SOFT BILL (8): 1, 2, 3, res, Mays, very difficult to separate, all four choice specimens, worthy of first at any show, the winner being the noted Wheatear, steady as a rock, and in excellent form; 2, Hen Song Thrush, one of the best, extra good quality and colour, in grand condition; 3, Tree Creeper, full of action, lively as a cricket, in perfect feather; res, Blackbird, winner of many prizes, coat like boxwood, excellent colour, grand yellow cere and bill; vhc, Mackwell, Grey Wagtail; hc, Lindsey, Lapland Bunting; c, Belcher. FOR. (10): 1, 3, Shaddock, Scarlet Tanager, in excellent condition, lovely colour and feather; 3, Orange Bishop, seems to feel the cold; 2, Cocks, Shaft-tailed Whydah, wonderful bloom, grand tail; res, Laughton, Ring-neck Parrakeet; vhc, Woods, Zebra Finch; hc, c, Ludlow. MEMBERS' CAN (5): 1, 3, Spriggs; 2, Ludlow; res, Scholes. FIELD-MOULTED BRIT. (4): 1, Harrison, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Harrison and Locke, Goldfinch and Linnet.

CLITHEROE.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S. held their first annual show in the National Schools on December 5th. About 140 birds were staged in the 17 classes, and were judged by Mr. E. Walsh, whose awards gave general satisfaction. The show was opened by the Mayor (Alderman J. T. Whipp), who is president of the society. At the conclusion of the opening ceremony the chairman of the society (Mr. F. Turner) presented the Mayor with a bird and cage, on behalf of the members. The quality of the exhibits throughout was excellent, and the arrangements under the supervision of Messrs. Lambert (secretary) and J. Winckley (show manager) were capital.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Turner; 2, Barnes; 3, Grainger; 4, Winckley; vhc, Lambert, jun.; hc, Hartley; c, Snape. BUFF (12): 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Winckley; vhc, Snape; hc, Lambert; c, Pinder. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Demsin and Briggs; 2, Turner; 3, Bell; 4, Winckley. BUFF (5): 1, Turner; 2, Grainger; 3, Demain and Briggs; 4, Bell; vhc, Snape. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Barnes; 2, Winckley; 3, Grainger; 4, Demain and Briggs; vhc, hc, Turner; c, James. BUFF (17): 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Hartley; vbc, c, Demain and Briggs; hc, Crainger. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Turner; 2, hc, Pinder; 3, Barnes; 4, Winckley; vbc, Snape; c, Bell. BUFF (11): 1, Lambert, jun.; 2, 4, Grainger; 3, Turner; vhc, Pinder; hc, Demain and Briggs; c, Winckley. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, Bell; 4, Winckley. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, 3, 4, c, Wilkinson; 2, Bell; vbc, hc, Hibble. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Watson; 3, vhc, Winckley; 4, Hibble; hc, Bell. NOR. NAT. COL. (13): 1, Grainger; 2, hc, Winckley; 3, c, Nicholls; 4, vhc, hc, Winckley. SELL. (8): 1, Grainger; 2, Turner; 3, Barnes; 4, Demsin and Briggs; vhc, c, Winckley; hc, Lambert, jun. MULE (5): 1, Hibble; 2, 4, Grainger; 3, vhc, Turner. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, Grainger; 2, hc, Winckley; 3, Hartley; 4, Bell; vhc, Hibble. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Grainger; 2, Demain and Briggs; 3, Lambert, jun.; 4, Hartley; vbc, Hibble. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Winckley; 2, Watson; 3, Bell.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Backend show held in the Assembly Rooms, Chestergate, on November 28th. Mrs. Rhodes opened the exhibition, which proved a great success. The quality of the exhibits was A1 in all respects, and the judge, Mr. S. R. Compston, had no easy task in separating the winners. The arrangements were ably carried out by the secretary, Mr. F. Broadhurst.

YELL. COPPY, TKD., ETC.: 1, two spls, 3, vhc, Lee; 2, Riseley. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, hc, Lee; 3, Broadhurst; vbc, Broadhead. YELL. PH., TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Lee; 3, Riseley. BUFF: 1, 3, Lee; 2, Broadhead; vbc, hc, Riseley; c, Cross. COPPY HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lee; vbc, Broadhurst. YELL. NOR., TKD., ETC.: 1, Barber; 2, hc, Lee; 3, vbc, Shore; c, spl for hottest fcd; c, Broadhead. BUFF: 1, spl, Barber; 2, Lee; 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Hall; hc, Broadhead; c, Shore. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Barber; 2, c, Snape; 3, vhc, Shore; hc, Broadhead. BUFF: 1, Freeman; 2, Shore; 3, vhc, Braccgirdle; vhc, Cross; bc, Sbore; c, Hall. PLAINHEAD HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lee; wc, Bracegirdle. GOLD LIZ., CL., ETC., CAP: 1, spl, 2, Holland; 3, Hall. SILVER: 1, spl, 2, 3, Holland. COLD HEN: 1, Holland; 2, 3, Hall. SILVER: 1, spl, 3, Hall. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Shore; 2, Hall. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Lee; 2, F. Broadhurst; vhc, Barber; hc, Cross; c, Freeman. YELL., CL., UNFLIG.: 1, c, Riscley; 2, Sbore; 3, Lee; vhc, Freeman; hc, F. Broadhurst; c, Hall. BUFF. 1, spl, Barber; 2, F. Broadhurst; 3, hc, Riseley; vhc, Lee; hc, Barber; c, Cross; c, Hall. TKD., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Shore; 2, Lee; 3, Hall; vhc, F. Broadhurst; hc, Barber. BUFF: 1, spl, Barber; 2, 3, Lee; vhc, F. Broadhurst; hc, Shore; c (2), Hall. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Freeman; 2, Freeman; 3, c, Shore; vhc, Braccgirdle; vhc, Barber; hc (2), Lee. BUFF: 1, spl, Freeman; 2, Shore; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Barber; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Cross; hc, Shore; hc, Barber; c, Hall. YELL., YORKS.: 1, spl, c, Wright; 2, Snape; 3, vhc, hc, Bradley. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, hc, D. Bradley; 2, c, A. Bradley; vhc, W. Wright. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, D. Bradley; 2, 3, A. Bradley; vhc, Lunt. BUFF: 1, Snape; 2, hc, A. Bradley; 3, D. Bradley; vhc, c, Wright. CREST: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, T. Broadhead. C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, c, T Broadhead. FINCHES, ETC.: 1, 2, spls, bc, Cross; 2, F. Broadhurst; 3, Badham; vhc, Steele. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Cross; vhc, Snape. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cross. MULE, HYB., A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cross; 2, Steen. YELL. COPPY: 1, Postlewaite; 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Wallworth. BUFF. 1, spl, Wallworth; 2, Wallworth; 3, Hall. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, vhc, H. Hall; 2, 3, Postlewaite. LANCS. HEN: 1, Postlewaite; 2, 3, vhc, Hall. YELL. NOR, CL.: 1, Howard; 2, Wallworth. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Collis; 3, Howard; vhc, Wallworth. BUFF, TKD., ETC.: 1, Badham; 2, Wallworth; 3, Collis; vhc, Howard. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Wallworth; 2, Hall; 3, Hunt; vhc, Howard. BUFF: 1, Leighton; 2, vhc (2), Lunt; 3, Collis; hc, Hall; hc, Howard; hc (2), Wallworth; c (2), Hall. YELL. NOR., UNFLIG.: 1, Wallworth; 2, Leighton; vhc, Lunt; vhc, c, Collis; vhc, Wallworth; hc, G. Howard; c, Howard. BUFF, UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Hunt; 2, Howard; 3, Hall

CASTLE DOUGLAS.

Third annual show of the Castle-Douglas C.A. was held in the Town Hall on Dec. 12. The entries numbered close on 700. This shows an increase of 59 on last year's total, and constitutes a record. The association has only been in existence for three years, and its prospects are exceedingly brilliant indeed. The quality was of the finest, the Norwich being the best we have seen this season. There was strong competition in the British bird section, McMinn Bros. (local exhibitors) giving a good account of themselves. In the British Bullfinch class we could have selected four winners, and Greenfinches were better than what is seen at most Scotch shows. Mr. McQuiston's is an almost perfect one, and we could scarcely find a fault with her. In the A.O.S. British class, Mr. G. Lawson carried off 1st and 3rd in a class of 15. There were also some very cheap and good birds in the selling classes. The exhibits were well suited as regards lighting accommodation, and their wants were well attended to by a large staff of diligent stewards. Mr. John Martin (Castle-Douglas) had on view a number of grand cages. Mr. John C. Burnie makes a most energetic secretary, and the success of the show was in a great measure due to his untiring efforts and those of the committee who rendered their assistance so ungrudgingly. Cage birds were judged by Mr. John McLay, and his awards were all well received.

The Canary Section.

SCOT FCY. CK. (4): 1, Hannah, buff, grand size, extra well set, displays shoulders and cheat to advantage, firm feather, tail well under; 2, 3, R. and T. Thomson, couple of magnificent yellows, nice shoulders, grand size, poses well, clean front, 2nd excels in shape and condition; vhc, Heron, nice condition. HEN (4): 1, 2, Hannah, grand little buff, right size, splendid shoulders, tight feather, fine pose, and superb little yell., gem, very little separates them; 3, R. and T. Thomson, nice quality; vhc, Heron. BORD. FCY. CL. CK. (4): 1, Burnie, beautiful little buff, splendid feather, shown in the pink of condition, excels in quality; 2, McCreadie, grand exhibit, looks like Sanquhar winner, beaten only in condition, we liked; 3, Welsh, neat bead, grand feather, jaunty carriage; vhc, Marchbank, nice round head, grand carriage. HEN (5): 1, Burnie, evenly marked buff, correct type, grand head, wings and tail, lovely even markings; 2, McCreadie, grand little yell., neat head points, well staged, some would have placed 1st; 3, Welsh, good little yell.; vhc, Marchbank; hc, Heron. BORD. A.O.V. CK. (5): 1, McCreadie, splendid little even marked buff, best of shape, feather and condition; 2, Marchbauk, grand little yell.; 3, Welsh, nice condition, well put down; vhc, Skilling; bc, Burnie. HEN (4): 1, McCreadie, splendid bird, clear win; 2, Welsh, nice little yell., grand carriage, well shown; 3, McKeand; vhc, Burnie. SELL. (10/-): 1, Rae and Son; 2, Mrs. Burnie; 3, Welsh. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, Paterson, grand, long drawn bird, very level colour, fine legs, well braced, full of quality, in rare bloom; 2, Gibb, grand upstanding bird, good legs; 3, hc, Welsh, exquisite feather, long and well drawn; vhc, Martin; c, Girvan. HEN (4): 1, Paterson, well drawn buff hen, in faultless condition, grand length and style, smart position; 2, Gibb, beautifully moulded yell., grand feather, in good condition; 3, vhc, Welsh, good birds, close up. NOR. CK. (12): 1, hc, R. and T. Thomson, exquisite yell., nice level colour, grand feather, good wing and chest, well formed tail, neat head points, nice carriage, champion, will take some beating; 2, Devoy, magnificent cl. yell., lovely soft silky feather, well proportioned, looks like winner at Clasgow and West of Scotland; 3, Rome, champion little cl. yell., rich colour, nice feather, splendid head and beak; vhc, Andrew, good bird; c, McMinn Bros.; splendid class, first three being very near one another. HEN (6): 1, McMinn Bros., lovely little buff varieg., clear win; 2, McNeilie, beautiful little yell., excels in quality of feather; 3, Devoy, young bird; vhc, R. and T. Thomson. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 2, Devoy, nice bodied hen, neat crest, leafy feather, won at Castle-Douglas three years ago, 2nd also a good crested bird though younger; 3, Johnstone and Son, not so well crested, nice quality feather; vhc, Martin, some preferred; hc, Harper.

The Remaining Sections.

HYB. OR LIGHT MULE (3): 1, 3, McQuiston, champion little Goldie-Bullfinch, excels in colour and markings, 3rd Goldie-Can.; 2, Rome, splendid little Mule, nicely marked wings and eyes, very stylish. DARK (5): 1, McQuiston, nice little Goldie-Can., excels in markings; 2, vhc, Rome, 2nd Goldie-Can., excels in markings; 3, McNeillie, Goldie-Can., lovely little Linnet-Can.; 3, McNeillie, Goldie-Can., nice quality; hc, Gibson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. nice quality; hc, Gibson. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (10): 1, McMinn Bros., well-known winner, won at Ayr, Kilmarnock, City of Glasgow, and Kelso; ex-cels in markings and colour; 2, Coutts, splendid size, clean blaze, beautiful tanning, wonderful bloom; 3, McQuiston, little light in plumage, grand bird; vhc, Burnie; hc, Thomson; c, McNairn; excellent class all over. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (8): 1, McQuiston, well-known winner, topper, clear win; 2, McMinn Bros., another good bird; 3, Heron, nice exhibit all over; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Thomson; c, Rome. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, McQuiston, well shown, splendid markings, grand depth of colour; 2, vhc, Welsh, 2nd good bird, close up; 3, McMinn Bros.; hc, A. Wilson; c, Mason. GREENFINCH (6): 1, McQuiston, shown in A1 condition, grand colour, a topper; 2, McMinn Bros., well-known winner at South of Scotland shows; 3, McKinnel, another good bird; vhc, Burnie; hc, Murray; c, Gibson. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, McQuiston, Linnet, grand nut-brown, splendid markings, good size and shape, very steady; 2, McNeillie, grand nutty-brown also, very similar; 3, Burnie, another Linnet, nice colour. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 3, Lawson, excellent marked Linnet, grand nut-brown, excels in quality, 3rd beautiful Hawfinch, splendid quality; 2, Tweedie, magnificent Yellowhammer, perfect feather, in rare bloom; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Morrison; c, Thomson. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Mason, Superb Tanager, rare blaze of colour, lovely markings, grand shape, correct size, beautiful bird all over, fit to win at bigger shows; 2, 3, vhc, McKinnel, pair of beautiful Parrot Finches and a Crested Cardinal, all in splendid bloom, would have stood a good chance at a bigger show; hc, Murray, nice bird. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, Crearie and Son; 2, R. and T. Thomson; 3, McQuiston; vhc, Martin; hc, Ferguson; c, McMinn Bros. (5/-) (9): 1, McMinn Bros.; 2, R. and T. Thomson; 3, Morrison; vhc, Johnstone and Son; hc, Martin; c, Burgess. GIFT (4): 1, McKeand; 2, R. and T. Thomson; 3, vhc, Martin. SPECIAL PRIZES.—Mr. J. W. Bruce's for best Border or British bird, shown by member, won by McMinn Bros.; special by Miss E. Wallach for best Scotch Fancy, won by Mr. A. Hannah; medal by Mr. James McAdam for best British Goldfinch, won by McMinn Bros.; show cage by Mr. John Martin for best Border Fancy, won by Mr. T. McCreadie; show cage by Mr. John Martin for best Greenfinch, won by Mr. McQuiston; medal by Mr. T. Miller for best exhibit and biscuit barrel by Mrs. Roan, won by Messrs. McMinn Bros. The secretary called our attention to a hen in the Yorkshire class, which carried off 1st at Perth, and as its colour was doubted there, we were asked to give our decision. We did so, and found it to be undoubtedly a yellow. The judge (McLay) afterwards confirmed our decision.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show held at headquarters, Bull Hotel, on December 5th. Entries showed a considerable increase on the previous year's total, and the quality of the birds also showed an improvement. The entries totalled 122 in 18 classes. All the birds were well staged, and ready for the judge, Mr. John Broadley (Windhill). Competition was very keen. The cup winner was a grand yellow Yorkshire, owned by Mr. R. Leonard, who wins the cup for the third time; he also wins special for most points throughout show with a total of 61 points. Special for best novices' bird, also special for most points in class 7, Mr. J. Gregson. Sandiford's medal for hottest-fed bird, Mr. Lingard.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, medal, cup, vhc, Leonard; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Spencer; hc, Lee; c, Gill and Smith. BUFF (14): 1, spl, hc, Hillary; 2, Leonard; 3, c, Anderson; vhc, Spencer. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Spencer; 2, Hartley; 3, Gregson; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Hillary; c, Gill and Smith. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 2, Wilkinson; 3, hc, Spencer; vhc, Leonard; c, Hillary. CINN., TICK, ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, spl, Spencer; 2, Bell. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Greenwood; 3, Hillary. CINN., TICK, ETC., HEN (10): 1, spl, 3, Gregson; 2, hc, Lee; vhc, Greenwood; c, Bell. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (4): 1, spl, Leonard; 2, Lingard; 3, Roberts; vhc, Huggins. BUFF (5): 1, Bell; 2, spl, 3, Roberts; vhc, hc, Leonard. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, Leonard; 3, hc, T. Lingard; vhc, Huggins; c, J. Lingard. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 3, T. Lingard; 2, c, Huggins; vhc, J. Lingard; hc, King. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 2, spl, 3, T. Lingard; 1, Leonard; vhc, J. Lingard. BUFF (4): 2, spl, vhc, T. Lingard; 1, Roberts; 3, Leonard. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, spl, Leonard; 2, Bell. SELL. (12/6) (11): 1, spl, Leonard; 2, J. Leonard; 3, Gregson; vhc, Roberts; hc, Greenwood; c, England. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, 2, hc, c, Holden; 3, vhc, England. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, spl, 2, Holden; 3, vhc, bc, c, England. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, England; hc, c, Holden.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Third annual members' show of the Metropolitan C.B.A. was held at the Crown Hotel, Lavender-hill, Clapham, on December 10th. The room is a good one for a show, and the entries, numbering 100, were nicely staged on one side and at the end. The quality was A1 all through, many of the birds having won in the open during the season. The secretary, Mr. R. Dear, had the arrangements well in hand, and carried out his duties splendidly, receiving great assistance from Messrs. Harwood and Sawyer, also Mrs. McGregar, who kindly took charge of the "gate." Mr. F. J. Martin, the manager of the open show, did most of the winning in the champion Norwich. Mr. H. Norman judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Martin, very typical, good bead, short wings and tail, plenty of size; 2, 3, Matthes, 2nd very hot colour, splendid head; 3rd, typical, good broad head and chest. BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, Martin, 1st grand stamp, perfect headpiece, very typical, wins; 2nd, another beauty, grand head; 3, hc, Mattbes, good head, plenty of substance. HEN (6): 1, 3, vbc, hc, Martin, 1st lovely yell., rare quality, typical Nor., in grand condition; 3rd, grand quality, perfect body, good one; 2, c, Matthes, beautiful typical bird, grand colour and quality. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Simpson, fine racy specimen, very shapely, good head and wings; 2, Harwood, very lengthy, nice clean run, showing plenty of daylight; 3, Mabey, big bold bird, good quality, capital wings and tail; vbc, Best. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, c, Simpson, 1st fine big bird, lovely quality, good round head, nice wings; 2, 3, Harwood, 2nd a beauty for quality and condition, grand wings, close tail, very neat; 3rd, grand cap mkd., very shapely; hc, Mabey. HEN (6): 1, Mabey, lovely, shapely bird, close fitting wings, stands well, grand condition; 2, c, Harwood, very neat and shapely; 3, vhc, hc, Simpson, lovely bird, straight as possible, grand wings. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 3, McGregor, 1st good bold bird, rare colour and quality; 3rd, typical, lovely quality, good bold head; 2, Sawyer, very hot colour, good head. BUFF (7): 1, spl, hc, c, Dear, very shapely, rare quality, plenty of substance; 2, Sawyer, bonny bird, nice quality; 3, vhc, McGregor, little beauty, very typical, capital colour and condition. HEN (5): 1, Sawyer, beautiful, well proportioned bird, rare quality, one of the best; 2, 3, vhc, McGregor, 2nd another good one, close up; 3rd, very typical yell., good head, capital wing carriage; hc, Dear. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Ralph, fine long raking bird, plenty of quality, well up on legs; 2nd, very stylish, good quality; 3, Walker, another good one, spoilt in the washing. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Ralph, wonderfully neat, very shapely, tight as wax, capital wings; 2nd, very close up, beautiful head, plenty of length; 3rd, good marked bird; vbc, Walker. HEN (6): 1, 2, Ralph, lovely quality, good head, back and wings, nice whip tail; 2nd, fine raking yell., good head, grand back; 3, vhc, hc, Walker, mkd. buff, nice quality, capital wings. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Saytch, good typical yell., capital position and style, grand quality; 2nd, capital clun., good sound colour, very shapely; 3rd, another little gem, good head and wings; vhc, Saytch. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Saytch, capital shapely bird, very close wings and tail, nice round head; 2nd, beauty for colour and condition, pressed bard; 3, vbc, Mrs. McGregor, another little gem, rare shape and feather. LIZ. (6): 1, hc, Martin, good sound-coloured Silver, grand bold spangling, plenty of body work; 2, vhc, Box, lovely Gold, grand ground colour, full of work all through; 3, Burgess, B.C. Gold, good spangling, capital colour. BRIT. HARD-BILL (6): 1, 3, Best, good Pea-throated Finch, good tanning, full of polish and quality, capital blaze; 3rd, good Goldie; 2, hc, Sawyer, shapely bird, rich colour, well finished blaze, grand bars and buttons; vhc, Walker. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, Wythe, 1st really grand Blackbird, wonderful size and feather, full of gloss; 3rd, good, rich coloured 'Gale, nice size and shape; 2, Dear, very fine bold Skylark, capital shape, full of work. MULES (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Best, really good team, dark Goldfinch, rare colour and quality leading, followed by a good Greenfinch Can., and another good Goldie. FOR. (8): 1, Wythe, beautiful Cardinal, very rich in colour, rare feather and quality, well shown; 2, 3, vhc, Burgess, 2nd lovely pair yell. Lovebirds, rare size, grand condition; 3rd, fine pair of Budgerigars, good colour, beautifully marked; hc, c, Box.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Annual members' show held November 28th, in the Albion P.S.A. room. There were over 200 birds staged, which is a record for the society. Amongst them were some grand exhibits which have won many honours in the open field. The special for best Novice Norwich was won by Mr. Fairclough; Novice Yorkshire, Mr. W. Brierley; and Novice British, Mr. Masland. The Sandiford's special for hottest fed was won by Mr. H. Foden. Mr. J. Naden (Rochdale) made the awards in the absence of Mr. Barrass.

BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Crowther. NOR. CL. YELL. OK.: 1, Marlor; 2, Marlor Bros.; 3, Grime; 4, Colville and Knight, vhc, Foxall; hc, Oliver; c, Harrison. TKD. YELL.: 1, Marlor; 2, Oliver; 3, 4, Marlor Bros. BUFF CL. CK.: 1, Harrison; 2, Marlor; 3, Foxall; 4, Mellor; vhc, Grime. TKD.: 1, Mellor; 2, Marlor; 3, Foxall; 4, Oliver. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Marlor; 2, 3, Grime; 4, Kelsall; vhc, Rowbotham; hc, Oliver; c, Heap. TKD. YELL.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Heap; 3, Marlor; 4, Harrison; vhc, Baron. BUFF HEN: 1, c, Oliver; 2, 3, Foxall; 4, Kelsall; vhc, Heap; hc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Kelsall; 2, Foden; 3, Foxall; 4, hc, Marlor Bros.; vhc, Mellor; c, Heap. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Heap; 2, Marlor Bros.; 3, Marlor; 4, Mellor; vhc, Harrison; hc, Colville and Knight; c, Oliver. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Kelsall; 3, Foden; 4, Marlor Bros.; vhc, Colville and Knight; hc, Marlor; c, Grime. NON-FED.: 1, Grime; 2, Grayson; 3, Baron; 4, Brierley; vhc, Rowbotham. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Foden; 2, Clayton; 3, Foxall. TICK.: 1, Clayton; 2, 3, Foden. CL. BUFF: 1, Foden; 2, Grayson; 3, Foxall. TICK: 1, 2, Foden; 3, Clayton. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Foxall; 2, Foden; 3, Clayton; 4, Grayson. TICK.: 1, Foden; 2, Clayton; 3, Grayson. BUFF: 1, 3, Foden; 2, Grayson; 4, Foxall. TICK: 1, 2, Foden. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Foden. BUFF: 1, 3, Foden; 2, Clayton. NON-FED: 1, 3, Foden; 2, Jackson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Foxall. GOLDFINCH CAN. MULE: 1, Foxall; 2, Heap; 3, Jackson. CANARY MULE or HYB.: 1, Grime; 2, Rowbotham; 3, Kelsall. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Baron; 3, Kelsall. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Rowbotham; 2, 3, Baron; 4, Grayson; vhc, Mellor. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, Kelsall; 2, 3, Baron. A.O.S BRIT.: 1, Grayson; 2, Baron. SELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, Foden; 3, Foxall, 4, Lockwood. GIFT: 1, S. Marlor; 2, Oliver; 3, Marlor Bros.; 4, Foden; vhc, Foxall; hc, Clayton; c, Brierley. NOVICE: NOR. CK.: 1, 4, Fairclough; 2, 3, J. Mellor; vhc, Marsland; hc, Jackson. HEN: 1, 4, Fairclough; 2, hc, Mellor; 3, c, Marsland; vhc, Whitehead. YORKS. CK.: 1, Brierley; 2, 3, Harley; 4, hc, Lockwood; vhc, Green c, Bentley. HEN: 1, hc, Lockwood; 2, 3, Brierley; 4, Bentley; vhc, c, Green. BRIT.: 1, Marsland; 2, Jackson; 3, Mellor; 4, vhc, Lockwood. FEDERATION CLASSES: LANCS.: 1, 3, Oldham; 2, Hazel Grove. LIZ.: 1, 3, Oldham; 2, Stockport; 4, Hazel Grove; vhc, Ashton. CREST: 1, Hazel Grove; 2, Stockport. NOR.: 1, 4, Ashton; 2, Stockport; 3, Oldham. YORKS.: 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Ashton. A.O.V.: 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Ashton; 4, Oldham. BRIT.: 1, Hazel Grove; 2, Stockport; 3, Ashton.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

BANNOCKBURN.

This show was held in the New Town Hall on Dec. 5th, when there was a large entry and a very successful result all round. Mr. Wm. Wark, the hon. secretary, laboured hard to perfect the arrangements. He was ably seconded by the following committee:—Messrs. Hamilton, Paterson, Duchart, Auld, Bowie, Munnoch, Kennedy, Carson, Dunlop, Miller, Richardson, Wilson, Clarke, and Whitefield. Messrs. J. M'Watt and J. Jeans judged. Messrs. Wilson Bros. won the society's challenge cup for most points in any one section; Messrs. Jaffray and Stevenson took the gold medal for best Border Fancy; Messrs. Clarke and Carson won the silver cruet stand for best Scotch Fancy; and Messrs. Wilson Bros. annexed the silver cup for the two highest awards in each class.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, 5, Clarke and Carson; 2, Hamilton; 3, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 4, Dunlop. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 3, McGregor. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, 4, Whitefield; 2, Clarke and Carson; 3, Hamilton; vhc, McGregor; hc, Kennedy and Fotheringham. HEN (6): 1, Whitefield; 2, 4, vhc, Hamilton; 3, hc, Kennedy and Fotheringham. A.O.V. CK. (11): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Hamilton; 2, Munnoch; 4, hc, Kennedy and Fotheringham; c, Clarke and Carson. HEN (8): 1, Whitefield; 3, Clarke and Carson; 2, 4, Hamilton; vhc, Dunlop; hc, Kennedy and Fotheringham; c, McGregor. CK. BRED 1908 (3): 1, 2, Munnoch; 3, Hamilton. HEN (4): 1, spl, Hamilton; 2, 3, Clarke and Carson; 4, Munnoch. CREST (7): 1, spl, 3, hc, Duchart; 2, Ferguson; 4, Drynan; vhc, Duchart. C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Duchart. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, R. Ritchie; 2, vhc, W. Ritchie; 3, c, Clarke and Carson; 4, Bishop; hc, Kennedy and Fotheringham. HEN (5): 1, spl, Bishop; 2, Munnoch; 4, Jaffray and Stevenson; vhc, hc, Clarke and Carson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 2, vhc, Clarke and Carson; 3, 4, Bishop; c, Jaffray and Stevenson. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Bishop; 2, Munnoch; 3, hc, Clarke and Carson; 4, Welsh; c, Ritchie. BRED 1908 (15): 1, spl, Bishop; 2, Kennedy and Fotheringham; 3, 4, c, Munnoch; vhc, Paterson; hc, Jaffray and Stevenson. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, 4, c, Wilson Bros.; 2, Munnoch; vhc, Jaffray and Stevenson; hc, Auld. HEN (11): 1, spl, Jaffray and Stevenson; 2, hc, Wilson Bros.; 3, Auld; 4, vhc, Munnoch. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl, Wilson Bros.; 2, 3, Auld; 4, Welsh; vhc, Clarke and Carson; hc, Munnoch; c, Jaffray and Stevenson. HEN (12): 1, hc, Jaffray and Stevenson; 2, 3, vhc, c, Jaffray and Stevenson; 4, Auld. A.O.V. CK. (14): 1, Jaffray and Stevenson; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Wilson Bros.; 3, Munnoch; c, Campbell. HEN (15): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Wilson Bros.; 2, Jaffray and Stevenson; 3, Campbell; 4, Auld; c, Munnoch. COM. CAN. (12): 1, spl, Welsh; 2, Auld; 3, vhc, hc, Hamilton; 4, Whitefield. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Bristam; 2, Auld; 3, Bishop; 4, Duchart; hc, Clarke and Carson; c, Welsh. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Bristam; 2, 3, vhc, Bishop; 4, Spalding; hc, Jaffray and Stevenson. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Wilson Bros.; 2, 3, Bishop; 4, McDiarmid; vhc, Spalding; c, Campbell. A.O.S. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, McDiarmid; hc, Campbell; c, Auld. MULES (3): 1, spl, Bishop; 2, Welsh; 3, McDiarmid. SELL. (10/-) (12): 1, spl, c, Dunlop; 2, Welsh; 3, Wilson Bros.; 4, hc, Hamilton; vhc, Jaffray and Stevenson. (5/-) (16): 1, spl, Clarke and Carson; 2, Hamilton; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Wilson Bros.; c, Dunlop.

I visited the Coventry Godiva Show, writes Mr. J. Brown (Wilnecote), in the capacity of delegate to the Cage Bird Union, and found the management and attention paid to all exhibits worthy of the strongest praise. Mr. Vardy being ill, Mr. Poole had to undertake the whole of the judging, which he did with much ability.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

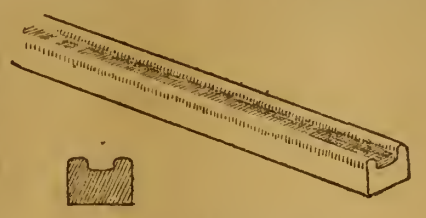
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 266.

A PERCH FOR BIRDS WITH SORE FEET.

Sent by Alex. Purves, 27, Beaverhall Terrace, Edinburgh.

I enclose a sketch of a perch designed for the use of birds with sore feet, or such as a sprained or swollen foot. It will do for all cage birds. Make a ¼in. or ⅜in. square perch,



Perch for swollen Feet.

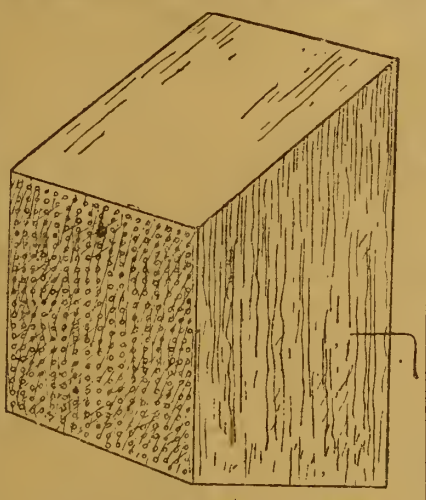
hollow out the face, then round off all square edges. This allows the sprained or swollen part to rest in the hollow of the perch, which gives the feet a proper chance to heal, and prevents much pain. I think the sketch will explain; the upper figure shows the face, and the lower one the end of the perch.—A. PURVES.

No. 267.

COMBINED SEED HOPPER AND SIEVE.

Sent by J. Robinson, 6, Brock Street, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Enclosed is sketch of a combined sieve and seed hopper. I have seen them with gauze on bottom and glass at back. I make them



Combined Seed Hopper and Sifter.

with the gauze at the back, for it answer the same purpose as the glass; you can see the seed, and have but to turn the hopper on its back, give one or two shakes, and your seed is clean. Make the hopper with flanged sides and bottom, the same as for glass, so that you can renew the gauze when necessary.—J. ROBINSON.

IN THE COURTS.

Alleged Cruelty to Decoy Birds.

At Stratford on November 28, Ernest Porter, Barking, was summoned for using decoy birds and nets for the purpose of taking wild birds; and, further, for causing unnecessary suffering to a Chaffinch, a Greenfinch, and three Linnets. P.C. Robbins said he saw defendant on the marshes near Creeksmouth Road, Barking. He had two nets stretched on the ground some distance apart. Between them five birds were fastened to a piece of wire, and defendant occasionally pulled the birds up and down. Witness examined the birds, and found two of them had been cut by the string with which they were braced.—Defendant pleaded that the birds were properly fastened, and there was no cruelty.—He was fined 10s. and costs 4s. for cruelty, and ordered to pay costs 4s. in the other case. The nets and birds were confiscated.

Another Fine.

Arthur Lawrence, Over-the-Gates, Barking, was summoned for using nets and decoy birds for the purpose of taking wild birds, and for causing unnecessary suffering to four birds.—The Bench fined him 10s. and costs 4s. for the cruelty, and ordered him to pay costs 4s. for using nets.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Eccleshill Society's Annual Show was a decided success, the entries in all sections coming up in decent numbers. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the specials, etc., of the Y.C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., and the O.N.P.C., were all here, so the competition was keen throughout. The challenge cup of the Y.C.C. was competed for at Gateshead Show, held on Saturday last. The competition for this trophy, as usual, is very keen, only two points separating the first two contestants, with only two shows to go, the next being Edinburgh on January 1st and 2nd, and the final at the Palace. More than the usual interest is being taken in the competition this season, in consequence of the possibility of the cup being won outright by one of the "combatants." No doubt the result of the next two shows will be eagerly awaited by the majority of Yorkshire fanciers.

FOR Tuesday, December 22nd, the Shipley O.S. have arranged a pie supper at their headquarters, the Prince of Wales Hotel, Saltaire Road, Shipley, to be served at 7 p.m. Afterwards, Mr. S. Dean, of Gt. Horton, will give a washing exhibition before the members and friends assembled. The secretary hopes to have a large attendance for both affairs.

THE Great Horton, Laisterdyke, and Gt. Horton Good Intent Societies each held members' shows on Saturday last, and at all a good entry was obtained, and keen competition resulted.

KIRKSTALL Society, which was formed some months ago, is progressing quite favourably, and had arranged to hold the first members' show on Saturday last, no fewer than 15 classes being provided. Mr. W. Richmond officiated as judge. This society have some good, hardworking officials; may success attend their efforts.

SOWERBY Bridge and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual members' show on Saturday last, admirable arrangements being made in anticipation of a good show. The Fancy has advanced by leaps and bounds in this district since the formation of the society, and great interest is centred in its shows and its working.

NEXT week-end, in consequence of the Christmas holidays, there is no open show under the Yorkshire Union, but a very large number of the societies will hold members' shows on Saturday (Boxing-day). The Gt. Horton Society open the latter part of the season with their show on January 1st and 2nd, and it is expected that a meeting of the delegates of the Yorkshire Union will be called to take place at this fixture.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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*A "Bitter-Sweet" Egg.

My elder brother tried during the summer to breed some Linnet and Canary Mules. He made a nest in the box himself, and day after day he used to look to see if there were any eggs. So my other brothers and I put a white sugared almond in the nest each day until there were four. You can quite imagine my brother's surprise when he took one out and accidentally dropped it and found it never broke but rolled along the floor.—Sent by Lizzie Walters (age 10), 3, Kilburn Lane, Willesden.

* "Locomotive Nests."

As a rule birds build their nests in quiet, out-of-the-way places, where they are not likely to be disturbed. This, however, is not always the case. Recently a Sparrow was discovered sitting on a nest among the coal of a railway engine, which was in regular use. A Thrush's nest containing two eggs was found on the brake-pipe of a carriage on an express train. A Robin's nest containing six eggs was discovered on the axle of a colliery wagon in Nortbumberland. In this instance the wagon had been standing idle for a few days.—An extract sent by Cecil Hobart (aged 12), 22, Paddock Street, Norwich.

**Friendly Nuthatches.

A lady friend of mine amused herself one winter by throwing seeds several times a day on the terrace in order to feed the birds. She also put some hemp seed and cracked nuts on a window sill for her favourites, the Blue Tits. Two Nuthatches came one day to the window and liked it so well that they came every day, and in the spring they settled themselves in a hollow tree close to the house, and as soon as their two young ones could fly they brought them to the window where they were to be fed and soon after the old birds disappeared. But the two young birds stayed by the house all the summer, until one day in autumn they heard the report of a sportsman's gun, and flew away, never to be seen again by the lady. It is probable that fear alone had driven them so far that they could not find their way home again.—Sent by Irene Quant (age 14), 37, Upper Church Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Tits in Winter.

All birds appear to be quick of sight and to be able to detect anything that suspicious, or that is eatable, a long tance off. Pigeons, Rooks, Waders wild fowl of all kinds are wary and suspicious, and their sharp eyes soon notice anything likely to be dangerous in the fields and marshlands they usually frequent. The smaller birds are equally sharp, and in the winter, when food becomes scarce they notice at once anything fresh in the food way which is dropped or thrown out near the houses. We keep a lump of fat or meat of some kind hung in a tree close to the house, for the special benefit of the Tit family generally, and since the autumn it has been visited by nearly every member of that interesting group. Once or twice the supply has run out, and it has perhaps been a day or two before the feast has been renewed; but no sooner is it out than it has been detected. The Greater Tit is master, and generally has to have first meal, while the smaller fry pretend to be interested in something else until he leaves the dainty morsel. Then there is a rush for it; but the first comer generally holds his position, proving the old saying that "possession is nine points of the law."

The Greater Tit is undoubtedly one of the handsomest birds we have. His plumage is made up of rich colouring and strong contrasts. Where can we get a greater contrast than the jet blue black head and throat, surrounding a pure white cheek, and running down the breast with a beautiful sulphur yellow upon either side? He is as active and vivacious as his smaller brethren, and, if anything, a little more greedy for tit-bits. It is very seldom that the Long-tailed birds visit the gardens, although they may be met with along the hedgerows in the district. They are very independent little fellows, and seldom take advantage of anything lying about on the refuse heaps or round habitations. If seen in the former place it is to search for tiny insects found in such positions. They appear to pass the winter wandering along the hedgerows or through the woods, keeping to no one particular place, but always on the move. We often meet with them in these positions, and occasionally among the furze and undergrowth upon the Downs. There are generally six or eight together, and so wandering from place to place, they pass the dull, short days, and when spring arrives they pair off and nest wherever they may be at the time.

Flight of the Jay.

The flight of the Jay much resembles that of the Magpie. It has the same jaunty uncertain style; but the longer tail of the latter bird aids identification.

The Theory of Migration.

Richard Jefferies says: "The original and simple theory that the majority of birds migrate for food or warmth, is not overthrown by modern observations."

Increase of Linnets & Goldfinches.

Both Linnets and Goldfinches are increasing enormously. The former bird has always been fairly common in spite of its popularity as a cage-bird. Year after year every English hedgerow contains Linnets' nests in all stages of preparation, but it is years since the sprightly Goldie was to be seen in anything approaching the numbers visible now in suitable localities. No bird, perhaps, varies so much in plumage according to district.

Among the Furze in Winter.

Linnets and Hedge Sparrows are ever present among the furze on the breezy common. Linnets love the open, and one seldom sees them in a wood. The common Wren may be seen darting in and out the thick undergrowth or searching among the thorn stems upon the bank; he is always alive. The Stonechat will chink to you as you pass, his plumage contrasting well with the dull surroundings, although lacking the glories of the spring, when food is plentiful; and he is flippant and perky with the very joy of living.

Redwing and Fieldfare.

It is somewhat amusing to read descriptions of these winter visitors. Some writers say the Redwing is the prettier bird of the two, while others consider the Fieldfare to be the handsomest of the Thrushes. The fact is, each bird has a beauty of its own. The clean, light eye stripe, regular markings, and red wing of the former bird makes as pretty a picture as one could wish to see; but he is smaller than the Fieldfare, which is a bold bird with a beautifully-marked breast and a rich touch of colour upon it, his colouring throughout being more varied than the Redwing's.

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MISCELLANEOUS—continued.

BANJO and case, 16/6, cost 50?-, part exchange cock cage birds; particulars; stamp.—Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-road, Bristol.

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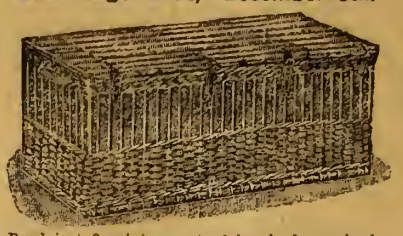


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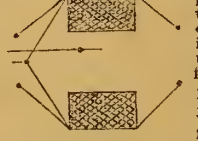
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CRESTS, Crestbreds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/- each; from winners; approval; stamp.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

FOR sale, Yellow Green Crest-bred hen, 25/-; variegated Crest-bred cock, 40/-; Topes' direct strain.—Geo. Langman, North Quay, Plymouth.

CREST cock, two C.B. hens, 1908, 40/-; bargain; one pair Norwich Plainheads, 10/-; fine Norwich songsters, 6/- and 8/-.—Esson, Broad-street, Denny.

GRAND Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens, all colours from 10/- to £10; state wants; approval.—R. Bowie, jun., Botbwell-place, Dunfermline.

NOTICE. Extra grand lot Crests and Crest-bred; many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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GREEN Crested hen, green Crest-bred cock, buff ticked Crest-bred cock, yellow grizzles; Crested cock, 10/- each; two Crested hens, 5/- each; exchange exhibition Norwich; approval, see Yorkshires.—Mustchin, Brookfield, Arundel.

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WING-MARKED dark Crest cock, Green Crest-bred hen, fair size, var. dark Crest cock, var. Crest-bred cock, good birds but rather fine in feather; Tyson and Grant's strain; for big Green Crest cock and Green Crest bred hen; must be extra large, with big heads, well browed, plenty broken feather; the pair first; approval.—James O'Mahoney, 27, Victoria-rd., Dundee.

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V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich greens for sale, for show, or stock; also few variegated buff hens; all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp; can be seen Sundays.

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Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, show or stock; approval.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, for show or stock; pairs from 25/-; approval; stamp reply.—A. West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

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Norwich.

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THE SHOWS.

BRACKLEY.

The exhibits in the caged bird section of this show came up well on December 15th, in the Town Hall. Mr. J. N. Harrison placed the cards.

NOR. (10): 1, hc, Mullis; 2, Dale; 3, vhc, Hall; 4, vhc, Nelson; res, Inch. A.O.V. (12): 1, 3, hc, Hawes; 2, vhc, Fifield; 4, Buswell; res, vhc, Westley; hc, Eborne. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, res, Parsons; 2, Viggars Bros.; 3, 4, Payne; vhc, hc, Eales. A.O.S. (9): 1, Brotherhood; 2, Hopwood; 3, 4, Osborn; res, Hinds; vhc, Makepeace Bros., Davis. SELL. (10/6) (8): 1, Nelson; 2, Dale; 3, res, Mullis; 4, Hinds; vhc, Inch; hc, Clarke.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.S.

Table show of Green Canaries held on December 15th in the Temperance Rooms. Mr. Hadwin judged, and then gave a lecture on Yorkshire and Norwich Greens that proved very interesting.

SELF YELL.: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Hawkes; vhc, c, Corbett; hc, Moss. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, Moss; 3, Corbett; vhc, Hawkes. FOUL YELL.: 1, Dyson; 2, Gardner. BUFF: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Greatrex; vhc, hc, Dyson. YELL. HEN.: 1, Gardner; 2, Richardson; 3, hc, Hawkes; vhc, Moss; c, Dyson. BUFF: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Hawkes; vhc, Moss; hc, Gardner. NOR. SELF AND FOUL: 1, 2, 3, Rock.—J. Richardson, Sec.

BRAMLEY O.S.

Annual members' show held December 12th, at headquarters. The entry turned up very well, 55 birds being staged. Mr. H. Mennard placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, hc, Holdsworth; 2, Wilson; 3, Benson; vhc, Craven. HEN: 1, Craven; 2, Silson; 3, Hargreaves. BUFF CK.: 1, vhc, Craven; 2, 3, Hargreaves. HEN: 1, Craven; 2, Silson; 3, Benson; vhc, Hargreaves. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Craven; 2, Wilson; 3, Maltby; vhc, Johnson. HEN: 1, Johnson; 2, Craven; 3, Hargreaves. BUFF CK.: 1, Holdsworth; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Hargreaves; hc, Wilson. HEN: 1, J. W. Benson; 2, Johnson; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, Craven; hc, Wilson. YORKS. GREEN SELF: 1, J. W. Benson; 2, Holdsworth. FOUL: 1, J. W. Benson; 2, Holdsworth; 3, Maltby. NOR. GREEN FOUL: 1, 3, J. W. Benson; 2, Holdsworth; vhc, A. H. Craven. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Maltby; 2, 3, Wilson; vhc, Benson. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Hanson; vhc, Holdsworth. NOR. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, B. H. Wilson; 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Maltby; c, Craven. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, A. H. Craven; vhc, hc, Baldwinson. BUFF: 1, hc, Maltby; 2, Hanson, 3, vhc, Baldwinson. NOR.: 1, A. H. Craven; 2, 3, Maltby. In respect to competition for society medals the spirit of the members seems to have been stirred up.—E. Craven, Sec.

MELBOURNE.

The Melbourne P. and C.B.C. held their 15th annual open and members' show, on December 4th and 5th, in the Public Hall. This is the first time they have tried a two-days' show, but the venture was not as successful as was anticipated. Entries were fairly good. The secretary, Mr. J. Hicklin, had everything in A1 order, and the birds were got away early. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, cup, Wall; 2, Andrews. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Wall; vhc, Pass. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Novice Cup, Marc. BUFF: 1, vhc, spl, G. Pass; 2, 3, Crathley, H. Mear. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dallman. BRIT.: 1, 2, Dallman; 3, Mear.

KIRCUDBRIGHT.

The annual show of the Kircudbright F.A. was held in the Drill Hall, on Dec. 18. The entries in the caged bird section came up well. The arrangements were ably carried out by Messrs. W. R. Cruickshank, the indefatigable secretary, and Mr. J. Murphy, the assistant secretary, to whom is due much of the credit of the success of the undertaking. Mr. Jas. Smillie (Riccarton), judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

SCOT. FANCY. CK.: 1, 2, R. and T. Thomson; 3, Candlish. HEN: 1, 3, R. and T. Thomson; 2, Heron. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Bennet; 2, Calderwood; 3, Clues. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Thomson; 3, Calderwood. BORD. A.O.V. CK.: 1, spl, Welsh; 2, Rae and Son; 3, Calderwood. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Welsh; 3, Thomson. BORD. FCY. BUFF CK.: 1, Bennet; 2, Thomson; 3, Calderwood. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Hunter; 3, Clues. NOR. CK.: 1, Devoy; 2, 3, R. and T. Thomson. HEN: 1, M'Neillie; 2, M'Minn Bros.; 3, Andrews. YORK. CK.: 1, Paterson; 2, Welsh; 3, Jardine and Penman. HEN: 1, Paterson; 2, 3, members' spl, Jardine and Penman. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, and spl, M'Quiston; 3, Heron. DARK MULE: 1, M'Quiston; 2, M'Neillie; 3, Miss O. Clark. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, M'Quiston; 2, M'Minn Bros.; 3, Coutts, jun. GOLDFINCH. FOR.: 1, M'Quiston; 2, M'Minn Bros.; 3, Heron. BULLFINCH: 1, M'Quiston; 2, 3, Welsh. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, M'Quiston; 2, M'Minn Bros.; 3, Morrison. FOR. BIRD: 1, Murphy; 2, Hannah; 3, M'Kinnell. SELL.: 1, M'Quiston; 2, Benuet; 3, Tweedie SELL.: 1, R. and T. Thomson; 2, M'Quiston; 3, Morrison. GIFT: 1, Clues; 2, R. and T. Thomson; 3, Andrews.

KIRKSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

This recently-formed society held its first members' show on December 12th, at headquarters, Congregational Schoolrooms. There were 15 classes, which brought together an entry of 76 birds, which were very satisfactory considering it was the first attempt, and speaks well for the future. Six splendid specials are given, which are to be competed for at this and another show on January 16th, kindly given by Dr. Lyall (President), H. E. Denton, Esq., Messrs. Oakley, S. Fowler, and Hollingworth. In order to give the members a chance, Mr. Chew (of Messrs. Chew and Stokoe) has kindly consented not to compete for these; and notwithstanding this he turned out a strong team of Yorkies, which were worth going a long way to see. Mr. Yelland led in points for special with 24, followed by Mr. Hutton with 17. Yorkshires were a strong lot, many well-known winners being among them. Norwich were short in numbers, but one or two nice birds were staged by Messrs. Oakley, Parker and Hornby. In the Greens, Mr. Denton took the premier position with a bird of capital qualities. The A.O.V. class was headed by a bonny little Hybrid. The awards were placed by Mr. Richmond in a very satisfactory manner, grumbling being conspicuous by its absence.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Chew; 2, 3, Hutton; vhc, Yelland; hc, Fowler; c, Whitely. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Chew; 3, Yelland; vhc, S. Fowler; hc, Whiteley; c, Denton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Chew; 2, Parker; 3, S. Fowler; vhc, hc, Yelland; c, Greaves. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Yelland; 3, Chew; vhc, Greaves; hc, Parker; c, Fowler. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, Yelland; 3, Hutton; vhc, Chew; hc, Whiteley; c, Fowler. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Chew; 3, Whiteley; vhc, Bracken. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Parker; 2, Shammer; 3, Oakley. BUFF: 1, Hornby; 2, Oakley. UNFLIG: 1, Hornby. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Oakley; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Shammer. GREENS: 1, 3, hc, Denton; 2, Chew; vhc, c, Hutton. A.O.V.: 1, Hornby; 2, A. Chey; 3, Fowler; vhc, Denton. SELL. (12/6): 1, A. Chew; 2, Whiteley; 3, Bracken; vhc, S. Fowler. (10/6) (2): 1, Chew; 2, Parker.—W. Whiteley.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Yarm., Eaglescliffe (C.B.U.).—January 9th, in the Central Hall, Yarm.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 23 open classes—Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 10, and For. 1, and 8 Members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close January 2nd, to Wilkinson and Danby.

Provincial Roller C.C. (B.R.C.C.).—January 15th and 16th, in the Coal Exchange, Market Place, Manchester.—Judges, Messrs. J. Lyons, and A. Foulds and J. Burton, assistant. 5 open classes and 1 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 9th, to W. Whittaker, Rose Street, Moser Gate, near Bolton, Lancs.

Plumstead and Woolwich (C.B.U., London Federation, Y.C.C., and K.C.C.B.A.).—January 7th and 8th, Trinity Schools, Beresford Square, Woolwich.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 47 open classes. Nor. 8, and 3 novice; Yorks. 8 and 3 novice, nat. col. Nor. or Yorks. 1. Crest 2 and novice 1. Bord. 3 and novice 1, Liz. 1. A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 3, and 36 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 4th, to Pawley and Newnham, 13, Elven Road, Plumstead.

Spalding (C.B.U.).—Jan. 21, in the Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 13 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 14, to Elviss and Mouncy, Station House.

King's Heath (C.B.U.).—Jan. 6 and 7, in the Parish Rooms. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 20 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 5, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Novice Linnet 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 1, to Cooper and Patterson, Lindhurst, Alcester Road.

Guisborough (C.B.U.).—Jan. 1, in Cleveland Hall. Judge Mr. Jacob Mackley. 33 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Crest 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 9, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s., and specials. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 26, to Atkinson and Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough.

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J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

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TWITTERINGS.

ONCE again it has been the pleasure of many kind friends to make us the recipients of seasonable messages of goodwill Even as we write, although the Great Festival itself is still some days away, our desk is heavily graced with tasteful cards of greeting, many, as we note with added pleasure, from readers over the seas. We are deeply touched—we should hardly be human were we otherwise—at this evidence of the world-wide host of friends made by our journal, and to one and all we extend the hand of fellowship and the heartfelt wish for

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Auchterarder C.B.A. Show, writes Mr. James Daw, jun., the hon. secretary, will be held on January 23.

Cheshunt Show report reads in the class for British, 2nd Sewell; it should read: 2nd, F. Mascall, as I took second prize in this class. —F. MASCALL (Stansted).

Sunderland Show report gives Messrs. Taylor and Armstrong instead of Taylor and Smart as winners in the Unflighted Crestbred class, write Messrs. Taylor and Smart (Shildon).

In our schedule, special 105 open for Borders reads: "Gold medal with bold centre"; it should read: "Silver medal with gold centre." —A. M. BAIRD, cage-bird secretary of the Paisley A.A.

Mr. John, sec., Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., writes hoping that fanciers will not forget Llanelly Show entries close on December 31, and that cage-bird men will give him a helping hand towards a record entry.

The report of Winchester Show (of which I am a member of the committee), writes Mr. F. H. Huntley (Winchester), omits to state that I won 1st and spl. in the Common Canary class, and v.h.c. in the Goldfinch class.

On Saturday next, December 26th, we shall hold our last members' show of the year, writes Mr. J. Smith, secretary of the Tong and Dis. C.B.S. We shall be pleased if fanciers and friends who intend becoming members for 1909 will note that if they give their names and addresses on or before the first show on January 16th they will be able to compete for the valuable specials at the end of the year. Our next meeting takes place on January 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

Entries close for Dunfermline on December 26th. Fanciers hurry up with your entries to J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street. (ADVT.)

Macclesfield Show report in the Unflighted Yellow class gives v.h.c. Lunt; this should be third, there being no third mentioned.—A. LUNT (Macclesfield).

Our entries close on December 28th, writes Mr. F. Looker, hon. secretary of the Hertford F.A. show, to be held January 13th. We hope fanciers will support our show.

The Marske Show, which is to take place on January 16th, writes Mr. T. Kirby, the hon. secretary, will be held under C.B.U. rules, so that we hope fanciers will support us.

I was first and second in the foul green cock or hen class at the recent Whitburn Show, and not Messrs. Wilson and Duncan, as given in the report.—ALEXANDER FORREST (Whitburn).

Will the exhibitor who received the wrong bird from the Ferryhill and District Cage-bird Show please return it at once to me?—R. BINKS, Secretary, 27, West Street, Ferryhill.

Owing to our next meeting night falling on December 26th, Boxing Day, the meeting has been postponed until further notice, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and District C.B.S.

Entries have been extended, writes Mr. F. W. Bradley, hon. secretary of the Millom C.B.A. show, and will be accepted up to Monday morning, December 28th. We hope exhibitors will rally round us.

I beg to ask all members of the Bristol C.B.S. to make a special effort to attend the next meeting, writes Mr. C. E. Brown (late vice-chairman, and now chairman pro. tem.), as it is important to everyone of them.

I have recently despatched a consignment of Canaries to India, consisting of four pairs of Norwich and two pairs of Crests, which I consider rather an honour for a working-man fancier, writes Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland).

My exhibits and Mr. Oliver's were missing from Widnes Show, writes Mr. Cundiff (Macclesfield). This was through some neglect on the part of the Railway company, the birds arriving back having not been to Widnes at all.

Allow me to tender you my sincere thanks for your kindness in depicting my winning British Goldfinch, writes Mr. George G. Henderson. I may say that since Glasgow he has won four 1sts and 2 specials. You say "Milngavie," but Anniesland, Glasgow, is my address.

We thank all exhibitors who helped us at our show, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, hon. secretary of the Tamworth and District C.B.S. We did fairly well for a first open show, as it works out at a very small loss. All prize money has been paid.

Will members of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. kindly return all unsold tickets in connection with our late show? writes Mr. W. Jackson, the hon. secretary. On behalf of the members of the society, allow me to thank you for the excellent report you gave us of our show held on December 11th and 12th last.

Exhibitors at the Scottish National Show are reminded that our artist, Mr. H. Norman, will be at this fixture prepared to make drawings of any exhibit there, if desired by the owner. Full particulars will be found on the next page. Orders should be placed as early as possible.

At the Welsh National Show, in the Border Fancy Buff Hen Class, "No name" appeared after the third prize winning hen (which was omitted in catalogue). Kindly credit me with same, as my bird won that honour, and, as well, I was hc in same class.—R. H. JONES (Swansea).

Will advertisers kindly note that we have been regretfully compelled to hold over the publication of many announcements until our next issue, owing to non-compliance with our notice of last week requesting their early despatch? Late advertisements could not possibly be dealt with in this issue, but will duly appear in the next.

I was very much surprised as well as gratified to find, on opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday, a reproduction of my young buff cock bird. He is one I bred myself and is ticked on one wing, he has been shown six times this season and has won 1sts at Carlisle, Wallsend, and Ferryhill; and 2nds at Darlington and West Hartlepools under four different judges. My best wishes for a prosperous new year to CAGE BIRDS.—G. W. CUTHBERTSON (Heighington).

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Will you please state in CAGE BIRDS for the benefit of the thirty odd applicants for the Nightingale which I advertised in your issue of December 12, writes Mr. S. L. Cocks (Peterborough), that it is sold. I have not time to answer them all individually.

Will fanciers who have received a schedule of the Plumstead and Woolwich Show, kindly note that I have omitted the definition of novice from same, writes Mr. W. Pawley, the hon. secretary. This should read: "A novice is one who has not won a first prize in open competition or three first prizes in open novice classes. Wins in classes where there are less than three exhibitors do not count."

We are notified that there is an omission from the schedule of the King's Heath, Moseley and Dis. Society's Show, to be held on January 6th and 7th. The definition of a novice should have been included and reads: "one who has not won a first prize in open competition." Class 78 also should read: "British hardbill any other variety," and not "And other variety" as printed.

I was very pleased on opening my CAGE BIRDS to find your artist had sketched my Bullfinch, writes Mr. F. Vincent (London, S.E.). It is the same Bullfinch that won at the Horticultural Hall for its present owner, Mr. Francis. It was claimed at a previous show (Dulwich O.S.) at catalogue price, £2 2s., where it stood first. It is not one of the best as regards type of a Bullfinch, but it carried a splendid colour and sheen, the latter no doubt through being passionately fond of mealworms.

A few errors have crept into our special prize list, writes Mr. Wm. Grewar, secretary of the cage-bird section of the Forfar and District C.B.I.S.. Woud you kindly correct same for me? Special No. 39 ought to be for best in classes 130 and 131, and not 120 and 121 as stated; Special No. 46 should read for best 3rd in Classes 132 to 139; Special No. 49 is presented by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), and not as stated. I have received other three specials, viz., 2s. 6d. for best 3rd in Classes 110 and 117, a special for best 3rd in Classes 118 and 119, and 2s. 6d. for best 3rd in Classes 122 to 129.

Kindly thank the numerous friends who have expressed their sympathy to me regarding the tampering with the drinking water of my birds at Berwick Show, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). As they nearly all state they are writing through seeing it in CAGE BIRDS, no doubt they will be content until I find time to write each individually. I have had to give up the case, as my health gave way under the strain. I could not rest at night (sleep was out of the question), and I had to give in entirely, also to give up my judging engagements for the season. Perhaps if this should catch the eye of the coward who did the deed, it may still further gratify his selfish nature to know that he has hurt me, as I know it was fully intended to do so. But I may also state that our day of reckoning may be close at hand when once I am able to take it up again, as I feel that each day I am steadily improving. Every good wish for the pride of our fancy—CAGE BIRDS.

Real Scotch.

We have regaled ourselves on real Scotch this week, and enjoyed it very much, too. A case of it came to hand, as a seasonable gift, from our good friend, Mr. Kinlayside (Edinburgh). And we were not long in sampling it. Even the office boy agreed there was nothing like it to be found this side of the Border. It was a case of Scotch shortbread—and jolly good shortbread, too.

Because of Christmas.

Next week many extra pages will be added to CAGE BIRDS. Owing to the Christmas holidays, and the necessity for printing early, much interesting matter has perforce had to remain undealt with in this issue. The vagaries of the Christmas post, too, are invariably responsible for many letters, etc., not reaching us until after the paper has gone to press—one or two club notices generally suffer. Should such prove to be the case, we ask our friends to accept this explanation.

Death of a Noted Cinnamon.

I thought it might interest some fanciers, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders (Sutton), to know I have just lost my old Yellow Cinnamon cock. He was well known to a good many exhibitors in and around London, and you kindly put him on the front page of CAGE BIRDS in June, 1905, sketched by your artist, Mr. Norman, when standing first at the Crystal Palace Show. He was seven years old, and has won 37 firsts, 5 seconds, 1 fourth, and about fifty specials. He was only out of the money once, when he was hc at Walthamstow Show in 1903; then he had washed himself just as judging was on, but he beat the winner the following week at the Palace Show. He died in good condition of feather, not having moulted this season, so am having him put in a glass case.

Echoes from Kilsyth.

That the show was a big success; that Secretary Duncan and Treasurer Irvine had a gigantic task to perform; that along with a willing hand of assistants they did their duty well; that the drill halls are a shade too small for the largest one-day show in Scotland, which the natives say it is; that the show was crowded with visitors and fanciers; that the Norwich were a good turn-out, and Borders a notable entry; that Mr. Irvine carried off the B.F.C.C. medal for best young Border; that we all wished good luck to Secretary Duncan, who carried off the "Hardie" cup, also cup for best British or Foreign, popular wins; that such a splendid show was a fitting reward to the management, who left no stone unturned to make it such.—SCOTCH FANCY.

TWO CHRISTMAS . . . . COMPETITIONS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Chance for Birdie Artists.

Our Frontispiece last week was designed to be coloured. We offer a prize of half-a-guinea (10/6) for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Monday, January 4th next. The medium to be employed is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, wherever possible.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

For all to Answer.

Half-a-crown will be paid to the reader who sends us the best answer on a post-card to any of the appended questions (that is four half-crowns in all).

1.—Answers must be written clearly on post cards only with name and address at bottom and number of query at top.

2.—Each answer must be written on a separate post card.

3.—Answers must be written on one side of the post card only.

4.—All answers must be received by Monday's post, December 28th.

We should like competitors to understand that length of answer of itself will not count; nor will mere brevity. The point and pithiness of the answer and its general helpfulness to novices are the main things to be considered.

The Questions:

1. Which is the best breed of Canary for the beginner—and why?

2. Should legitimate "preparation for show" include the removal of a few objectionable feathers?

3. Is it desirable that exhibition British birds should be colour-fed?

4. Which is best, an outdoor or an indoor birdroom—and why?

In both competitions entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

The current month's issue of "Bird Notes" affords much interesting reading, containing as it does articles by Mr. O. Milsum ("Two Indian Babblers"), Mr. Hayward W. Mathias ("Notes on My Aviary and Birds"), Mr. H. Goodchild, M.B.O.U. ("Ornithological Notes during a Midsummer Holiday in the Pennines"), and Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., and Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, who together supply notes on "The Nightjar in Captivity." The remaining contributions are from the pens of Mr. W. T. Page, F.Z.S., Mr. D. Dewar, F.Z.S., I.C.S., Mr. H. Willford, Mr. H. Hetley, Mr. A. Suteliffe, and others. Several excellent plates accompany the articles.

Our Christmas Number.

We have been the recipients of a great number of letters couched in appreciative terms, concerning last week's Christmas Number and its coloured plate and calender, but owing to the limited time at our disposal have been unable to deal with them in this issue. We return our sincere thanks to the writers.

The Paterson Cup.

In our illustration last week of the Scotch Fancy Canary which won the Paterson Cup at the last City of Glasgow Show, the owner of the bird was given as Mr. "Wallace," whereas it should have been Mr. W. Allan (Lauriston Place, Edinburgh), a printer's error which we regret should have slipped past unnoticed.

A Slight Difference.

It is said that a certain baronet, who is notoriously pompous and boastful, was neatly taken down by a well-known comedian at a dinner-party some time ago.

"While I was out hawking yesterday——" commenced the baronet in a loud voice.

'Hawking?" broke in the comedian, with an assumption of great surprise.

"Yes, falconry, you know."

"Oh," said the comedian, "I thought you meant bootlaces and collar-studs!"

L.P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

I am now able to announce that the L. and P.O.S. dinner will take place on January 6th, 1909, at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, at 6.45 for 7 p.m. We are again favoured by having Mr. G. Crabbe to preside, and the menu selected and the artistes engaged should prove particularly attractive. I am anxious to receive any suggestions from members in connection therewith, and confidently hope to achieve a record worthy of the year of the Jubilee Palace Show.—H. E. TRINGHAM.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager

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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh). J.T., J.McL., J.Y., R.W., J.Wtn., W.R., J.Pe., J.S.W., A.G., A.H., Ax.C., F.A.W., and H.J.F.

Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Maitland-st.). D.Bk., D.L. and P.P.

Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.

*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.

Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.

*Jan. 5.—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place) J.R., & E.A.L.

Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport). T.P.

*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W Pawley, 13, Olven-rd., Plumstead).

*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (11, Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11 Josephine Avenue). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Rs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S, and W.V.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.

Oct. 22 and 23.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford. Normand Place, Kelty, N B.

Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.

Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton**—J. Stringer, 27, James St.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan 23, High Street.

For Key to Judges' Initials see No 352.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 25—**Dalbeattie**—G. C. Robertson.
„ **26**—**Dunfermline**—J. Templeman, 61, Maitland Street
„ **26**—**Millom**—F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone Road (accept Mondays post.)
„ **28**—**Northallerton**—Hodgson and Walker.
„ **28**—**Paisley**—A. M. Baird 24, Neilston Road.
„ **28**—**Glossop**—Fred Greig. Hurst Lodge.
„ **29**—**Gt. Horton**—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street.
„ **30**—**Plymouth**—E. Chapple, William Lane.
„ **31**—**Llanelly**—D. John, 8, Pottery Place.
„ **31**—**Banbridge**—R. T. Hamilton.
Jan. 1, 1909—**Kings Heath**—H. Y. Cooper.
„ **1**—**Folkestone**—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road
„ **2**—**Hetton-le-Hole**—Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.
„ **2**—**Sutton Coldfield**—W. Paley, 105, Shortheath Road, Erdington.
„ **2**—**Yarm**—Wilkinson and Danby.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 28—**Scottish National**—J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.
Dec. 28 (1st post)—**Guisborough**—Atkinson and Wilson 80, Westgate.

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REMEMBER: The next and last Provincial Show is the Scottish National, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 next.

Write us at once to sketch your winners there; or, after you know you have won, write or wire Mr. Norman, c/o the show, or interview him in the show hall.

How to Give Your Instructions.

Orders for the sketching of exhibits should be placed at once with our Manager, at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., who will be very pleased to communicate terms, etc. The original drawing will be given to you after it has been reproduced. Exhibitors can place their orders for sketching birds *conditionally upon their winning a prize.* Should they be unsuccessful, the order will be treated as not having been given.

In addition to the show mentioned above, our artist will be attending all London fixtures appearing in our Show Dates Fixed Column, including, of course, the Great National Crystal Palace Show, which we hope to illustrate on just as extensive a scale this year as we have in the past, and, if possible, more fully than ever before.

December 31st and Jan. 1st.—Edinboro' (Scottish National).



At the Recent Pendleton and Salford Show.

The Mayor, Alderman Jenkins, who opened the Exhibition, being shown round by the Chairman, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe (left) and Secretary, Mr. W. J. Jackson (right).

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 268.

TO DO AWAY WITH RATS & MICE.

Sent by W. H. Slater, 18, Sales Row, Carbrook, Sheffield.

I enclose an idea by which any fancier may rid himself of mice or rats. It is a very simple means to construct. Get a small barrel or tub, and on one side fasten a piece of wood by means of a hinge at A. Let one end be well over the centre, and on it glue some seed or grain. Balance the wood by means of a



A Mouse and Rat Trap.

weight B, and let B rest on a ledge or box. I think the sketch will make it plain. Of course, inside there would want to be a bucket half-full of water The trap will be found to work automatically.—W. H. SLATER.

No. 269.

IMPROVED SOFTBILL PERCHES.

Sent by the Misses Amy & Nellie Jebbitt, 18, Meadow Place, South Lambeth Road, London, S.E.

We enclose a sketch of something we find very useful. My sister and I keep a few Softbills for pets—Thrushes, Starlings, Blackbirds, etc.—in cages, 36 by 20 by 20 inches in box form. One perch is fixed at each end,



Perch for Softbills.

but we find the birds all more or less get sore feet, owing to rigid perches. The ordinary penny spring perch is no good in these big cages, so we make and use the following, with excellent results:—First buy a ½d. cane, and jamb it in an empty cotton reel flush, and in the other end of the reel screw in a double pointed screw (I think ironmongers call them dowall screws); then cut the cane one inch longer than the actual depth of cage, so that it rests through the front wires or mesh without any fastening. The perch is then screwed into the back of cage by the double-pointed screw. We bind the perch with long strips of house-flannel or baize "screw-ways." This gives the bird a good grip of perch, and the perch is nice and warm. The fact that the perch is cane, and not held in front, makes it very springy.—AMY AND NELLIE JEBBITT.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE show of the Brighouse and District C.B.S., held December 18th and 19, was quite a decided success, and the officials were greatly pleased with the result obtained, the entries in all classes being very level, and the birds throughout of a very high order of merit. Time was when the Brighouse Society's show always provided classes for foreign birds, and it will be of interest to the Fancy generally to know that classes were provided again at this fixture, and that they were very well patronised, the three classes containing no less than 35 birds, which, considering that this branch has been sadly neglected in Yorkshire, and more particularly in the West Riding, must be considered as very satisfactory. The fact that one of the members of the Society is a very enthusiastic "Foreigner," no doubt had much to do with the revival. The keen interest taken in these and the British Bird classes by the visitors will do a lot towards their inclusion another year.

TONG and Dist. C.B.S. had a nice members' show on Saturday last, sixty odd birds being put down in eight classes, whilst at Bradford East no less than 182 birds were staged on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., which necessitated the employment of an assistant judge to help Mr. J. Bailey, the appointed "card-placer," in his duties. Well done, East!

BAILDON O.S. held their third annual open show on Saturday last, and were rewarded with a very nice entry. Now, having got their show over, they will no doubt be considering an important question for the advancement of their society and members, viz. the joining of the Yorkshire Union. This has been much talked of, and no doubt it will be settled at their next meeting. I hope next season to see them and several other societies who are considering the same subject, in the ranks of the Y.U.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

A Linnet competition was held on Saturday, December 19th. The birds were given by Mr. R. R. Gaskill on November 24th, and were all fresh-caught birds. They were judged more for condition and steadiness. We also had a class for Hardbills. Results:—LINNETS: 1, spl, Lee; 2, Wild; 3, Collinge; 4, H. Lord; vhc, Ben Lord; hc, Lees; c, Rhodes. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Harrison and Rayner; 3, Ben Lord; vhc, Holden; c, Lees.—SAM M. CLAYTON, hon. sec.

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CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. Birds staged at 10. Members' Show, entries close Dec. 26, 10. Judge, Mr. R. Batcliffe. —H. Clegg.

Bradford East O.S. — Dec. 29, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' Diagram Competition. Arrangements for open show and other important business.—H. Hill.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 26, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Members' Show; 8 Yorks., 1 Nor., 1 variety class. Judge, Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster). Birds staged at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions now due.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 28, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Nomination of officers and judges.—V. Wynn.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Royal Hotel, Annual Members' Show. Birds to be staged at 11. Secretary will receive entries at Royal Hotel on Saturday morning.—N. Rayner.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 29, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Final meeting for making up schedule of open show, etc.—J. G. Leech.

Derby C.B.C.—Jan. 2, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7.—W. Stevens.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Dec. 26, Barley Mow Hotel, 10. Last competition show to decide who shall have specials along with the medal winners for 1908. Judge Mr. T. Bennett.—J. C. Hudson.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 26, Members' Show.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—Dec. 26, 3.30. Note change of hour. Specials, winners either bring or forward special prize cards.—J. H. Adam.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Dec. 29, Lello's, 7.30. Fanciers desirous of joining please attend.—W. Simpson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 5, Miners' Hall. 1.30. Show of Norwich and Field-moulted Goldfinches, and Linnets. Judging at 2 o'clock. Mr. W. Clark, judge.—J. Pollock.

Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 28, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7. Business in connection with show, Jan. 27, 1909.—W. Jenkins.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Jan. 2, Danix, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30.—R. G. Challenger.

Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 31, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 8. Cage-making demonstration. —H. W. Cook.

Provincial Roller C.C. — Dec. 26, Swan Hotel, Manchester, 6. Show arrangements and nomination of officers.—W. Whittaker.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 2, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—Reid and Maddison.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Holme Lane Hotel, 10. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. J Greaves (Bradford).—J. Smith.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 26, Blue Bell Hotel. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. P Mason.—E. Broadley.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 10 a.m. Members' Show, 8s. in specials for sell. classes and other specials, also medal for best fed bird (Rainden). Judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Charlestown).—E. W. Johnson.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Dec. 29, Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, 8. Selection of bowl and medals; lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. W. Fortune; intending members specially invited.—F. Bowman.

SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet contest held at the Crown Inn, North-st., when 18 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. Results:—1, Lambert; 2, 3, Gurden; 4, Kirby; 5, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W SMITH, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., December 19th, when 14 birds were hung. Judge, Messrs. Clegg and Melia.—1, Stead; 2, Robinson; 3, Cooper. Also on December 20th, when some good singing was heard, 27 birds competing. Judges Messrs. Summers and Melia:—1, Stead; 2, Hurdcastle; 3, Johnson. Also on December 20th, grand Canary singing contest was held, when 14 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Jackson, Summers, and Towers.—1, Wood; 2, Dean; 3, Bastow.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. sec.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.A.

Meeting held on December 16th in the Corn Market Hall, when it was decided to have five pair classes and two British bird classes; also that prize money be paid on day of show, 32s. 6d. per class. It was also decided that schedules be published in CAGE BIRDS next week. Fanciers intending to exhibit may enter from same.—H. J. BROWN, Hon. Sec., 14, Newsham-rd., Lancaster.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The following is the result of competitions for cups and medals to date:—Lancashires: Champion, J. Garner, 78 points; J. Vickers, 35 points; Jos. Oldham, 31 points. Lancashire: Novice, J. J. Brookes, 31 points. Lizards: Champions, J. Dewsnap, 149 points; J. Rukin, 135 points; J. Hampshire, 94 points; W. P. Barnes, 53 points; W. Lawton, 20 points. Lizard: Novice, J. Dickinson, 23 points.—J. RUKIN, hon. sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

A well-represented meeting was held at the rooms of the Rochdale O.C., Mr. J. Nadin, president, occupied the chair. Mr. Achroyd (Oldham), was appointed scrutineer for the ballot papers in the election of officers for 1909; the papers will be sent out during the week to all members. It was also decided to hold our annual meeting at Oldham on January 16th, when every member who possibly can is asked to attend, as the rules will come up for alterations. Mr. R. Williamson (Middleton) was elected a member. We hope that next season our membership will be doubled. Now we have got from the makers our new standard medal, we have what we think one of the finest that any specialist club gives, medals which are a credit to the makers. Whoever wins one will feel proud of same. Will intending members please send in their names, and help us in our efforts to make the Lancashires come well up again at next year's shows?—WM. ADAMS, hon. secretary.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

For Rules see page 544 in No. 362 of "Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Breeding Queries.

E.B.—There are numbers of individuals, especially in strains bred under what we may call normal conditions, among Scotch Fancies, as there are in practically all varieties, which are good feeders and quite able to rear their own young without any assistance from foster parents, but as one can never tell these good-natured birds on sight, it is not wise to run the risk of breeding with good specimens without having a few common birds breeding at the same time to assist in rearing the better class of birds if their services are required. It is merely a matter of acting on the principle of having two strings to one's bow in order to be the better prepared to meet unforeseen accidents. You must not forget that bad feeders may occur in common varieties as well as in good ones, and try to get your stock of feeders from a strain that is noted for being good feeders. You could, of course, utilise Lizards for feeders, but as it is rather difficult to breed really good specimens, I think you would probably do better by using a fairly good type of Norwich or Cinnamons. With Norwich especially, if nothing fit for show turns up, there is generally a ready sale for surplus stock at better prices than for common birds. If you decide to use Lizards it is quite a matter of personal taste which variety is prettiest. But, anyway, you will have to use both varieties, as Golds and Silvers are mated together just the same as Yellows and Buffs in other breeds. In fact, the terms Gold and Silver are synonymous with Yellow and Buff. The food and general treatment is just the same as for Norwich or any other variety.

Making a Bird-room.

F.E.—I confess I do not very much admire the makeshift method on which you have planned your suggested bird-room. On the face of it the system seems all right, and I have no doubt it could be carried out as you suggest in such a way as to make it quite serviceable for a time, and, perhaps, for a time, maybe one, or only half of one, season it would show very good results. But it would be at best a makeshift and temporary affair. To quote a few of its drawbacks: suppose the compartment occupied by a single pair become infested with red-mites; there is absolutely no means of removing that part to overhaul it thoroughly and prevent the pest spreading, whilst, on the other hand, there are unlimited opportunities for the pest to scatter broadcast all over the surrounding cages. Then if any case of infectious or contagious disease broke out in one compartment the case would be far worse. You could do little or nothing to disinfect and nip the disease in the bud, and the chances are that your stock would be practically annihilated. Again, unless you nailed pieces of board a few inches wide on to the edges of the shelves to prevent the sand and husks being thrown out of the cages, the system would cause a fearful amount of litter and dirt in the room, and if you did put such strips on, you are left with no means of cleaning out the cages save by inserting the hand and scraper inside. A little consideration cannot fail to show you how immeasurably superior it would be to make even the cheapest form of skeleton rack, and separate cages, any one of which can be removed without disturbing any of its neighbours. You could make only the box portion and still utilise wire fronts for wiring. If you still adhere to your proposed plan you should strip all the paper off the walls, give them a couple of coats of whitewash made with slaked lime, and allow a little time for the heat of the lime to pass off before introducing the birds. The bare plastered walls would not be too cold, but if they are at all damp, that would certainly be most harmful. Only one on the spot could say whether they are damp or not. The size of compartments you name, giving a floor space of 15 inches by 2 ft. to 3 ft., would do very nicely for breeding pairs.

Those Mealworms Again.

No Name.—Your queries about this side-light of bird-keeping are at any rate not commonplace, and I must confess I cannot give a definite reply to all your queries, firstly, because I have not my notes on the subject just at hand; and secondly, because I am not quite sure that I have yet solved all the points raised, as although I made a series of experiments on each point some years ago I left them in an unfinished state for the time being, and have not since completed them. To take your queries seriatim: 1. In cleaning out your mealworm box at this season, by which I take it you mean you threw away the dirt and stale food from the bottom and replaced it with fresh food, you have probably thrown away a multitude of eggs. If you also destroyed the woollen rags, etc., with which it was probably partly filled you have most likely destroyed a very large proportion of next year's brood. This work should be done when necessary at the end of summer just before the full-grown worms begin to pupate. The eggs are deposited chiefly, I believe, among the folds of the material in the box, but a good many of them find their way to the bottom and get mixed up with the meal and dirt, and are very difficult for a novice to detect. You want someone to show you on the spot. 2. If you mean how to detect the eggs, see answer to No 1. 3. In confinement, where the conditions are wholly artificial, and forcing a certain number of beetles may breed at any season or all the year round, but the great bulk of eggs are deposited during the autumn months, I believe, in the first few weeks of the beetles' existence. 4. Cannot say definitely how long the eggs are after being laid before hatching takes place. The period is probably variable according to the prevailing temperature. I have had young worms appear in about a month after the beetles were isolated; just how long after the eggs were laid I cannot say. 5. Contrary to the usual opinion I am strongly inclined to think the worms take at least eighteen months to mature. I have had worms not more than half an inch long at twelve months old, and much larger at the same age with identical treatment, but have never yet had any which developed from egg to pupa in the space of twelve months. 6. Beetles live on the food supplied for the worms, and also eat portions of rag, paper, wood, or anything else in the box. In a state of nature they are said to feed also upon the rotten wood of oak and pine trees in which they live. I should certainly add a handful of this material occasionally.

Bare Around Eye.

Nodrub.—Is the part around the eye swollen at all? If not, I should suspect the bird had been tormented with grey lice or something, and rubbed its head on a dirty perch which has caused both the loss of feathers and the unhealthy appearance of the skin. Catch and examine it carefully, and if any grey lice are found give the bird a tepid bath with a few drops of essence of quassia or Jeyes' Fluid in it every second or third day, but see the bird does not get chilled after it. If no insects are found, give the tepid bath, but add sufficient crystals of permanganate of potash to make it a pink colour instead of the above. Also bathe the bare patch for a minute or two every other day with a lukewarm solution of boric acid—a small teaspoonful of acid to a teacupful of warm water. Dry it on a soft rag and lightly smear the bare skin with sulphur ointment, but do not let it get in the eye. Keep the cage and perches perfectly clean, supply gritty sand regularly, give a small spray of watercress three or four times a week, feed as frequently advised here, and for a week or so give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon-juice in the water every second day.

Too Late! Too Late!!

A Novice.—It is quite too late to think of beginning to colour-feed your birds this year. Surely you must have seen this much if you have read your CAGE BIRDS carefully for the past twelve months. It is only whilst the birds are shedding their feathers that colour food is capable of making any material change in the colour of the plumage generally, and to get the best results you must begin to give the colour food before the feathers begin to drop out in order to get the blood well charged with colour before the feathers commence to grow. Somewhere about the middle of August, or from then to the end of August or beginning of September is the proper time to commence, when it is necessary to continue, giving it regularly until the moult is quite finished. You will have to relinquish your desire to colour-feed this year, but next year keep your eye on our columns from the beginning of August onwards, and you will be sure to find all the information you want on the subject.

Many answers to Queries have had to be HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK owing to the early date this issue necessarily had to go to press.—EDITOR.

Why Doesn't He?

"P.W.J."—It is no very easy matter to tell why your bird has never resumed singing since last moult, by which I assume you mean that which would take place two or three months ago, without some information as to how the bird is fed and treated, and whether it appears quite healthy or otherwise. If it appears in good health, feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part rape seed as a staple diet, and give separately in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week for the next month half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it. Every second day give a small spray of green food, but see that it is quite free from frost and wet. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, but not overheated, free from draughts or great fluctuations, and not near a burning lamp or gas jet. Give four drops of tincture of steel in the water three times a week for a fortnight. This should soon bring the bird on song again unless something is radically wrong with it. If it is not singing in, say, a month, write again, and give more particulars.

One in Distress.

M.M.—Am inclined to think the bird is an old one—perhaps a discarded tutor—and that it may have been accustomed to a higher temperature that the other one obtained at the same time. I doubt whether you will be able to do much towards making it strong and healthy again. Anyway, try the following, and let me know result in a month. Continue to keep the bird in box cage, and see it is quite free from draught, and is not near or over a burning lamp or gas jet in the evenings; select a place for it where the temperature is nice and comfortable and does not vary considerably day and night. As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one of summer rape, and in addition a few (say, two dozen) grains of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a small piece of cuttlefish in the wires instead of sugar. Do not give green-food as long as the looseness exists. As a substitute you may give a bit of banana two or three times a week. A mealworm each day would be very beneficial. Continue this regimen for a fortnight, after which you may reduce the supplies of hemp and sponge cake to twice each a week. In the drinking water give ten drops each of glycerine and syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, five of dandelion juice, and as much carbonate of bismuth every second day as will cover a sixpence, until the looseness is stopped; on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food, continuing this for a fortnight. When the looseness is stopped, in place of the first-named mixture give five drops of tincture of steel for a few alternating days. The bareness around the neck is very common with old birds. If the bird gets strong on the above treatment the feathers may be reproduced in the spring, but the probability of a permanent cure for this bareness is not very great.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch Ailing.

W. J. Hales.—Your best chance lies in giving dandelion juice to clear out the system, and help re-establish the appetite, which you should also stimulate by offering as complete a change of diet as you can compass. Get two ounces from a chemist and for three days stir a small teaspoonful in a good two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh daily, of course). This should move the bowels freely, and cause the bird to liven up. If you think it advisable to give another dose or two, do so, but only on alternate days (plain water in between). Give the syrup of hypophosphites afterwards, as a tonic, if you like, but do not permit it to cause the bird to get very costive again. To eat give cracked hemp and sunflower seed (only a little of the latter), with niger, maw and teazle in plenty.

A Muling Matter.

Lancastrian.—This question is one I have often answered in the past (by-the-way, I note it is marked "No. 2," but I do not see any No. 1). There is no set rule; hence the very different advice given you by your friends. It all depends on the birds as to whether it is better to run hen Canaries and muling Finches together during the winter. For instance, if the Linnet (or any other species of Finch, for that matter) is an untried one, then it is invariably the best policy to let him run with his future Canary wife for the greater part of the autumn and winter. The same thing applies with regard to the hen Canary; if never been paired with Britishers, by all means let her become used to them, by enjoying their society for part of the off-season. Once a Finch has been tried as a muler, however, and known to fill his eggs, then it is of no importance whether he is run along with the hen Canaries through the winter or whether he is not. When the proper time comes along, he will be quite ready to accept the wife you offer him, providing, of course, he is in prime breeding condition. The same applies to the tried muling hen Canary; when she has the breeding fever in her veins, any vigorous male Finch will suit her as a husband. Plenty of my own cock Finches never see the hen whose eggs they fill until the dear ladies are beginning to carry the nesting material into the nest-pan. Given fresh birds, whose behaviour is not known to me, then I let the would-be pair inspect one another through the wired centre-slide for some time before actually letting them mate. In this matter, you will see, one's knowledge of the birds must be one's guide.

In a Crystal Palace Aviary.

W. Carlton.—I am very dubious about your chances of success in breeding Mules, in a Crystal Palace pattern aviary, from 5 Norwich hens, 2 Goldfinches, and 3 Linnets. In the first place, this type of cage is not designed for breeding operations, but to have a small collection of pets kept, I suppose, for the pleasure of looking at them. In the second place, each couple, to get the best out of them, needs a separate compartment, and from which they cannot see the other couples. I don't suppose your aviary permits of this arrangement. You see, if all continue flying together, the various cock birds are certain to fight amongst themselves in the spring, and the hens will probably fight, too, and also interfere with each other's nests. You would be certain to meet with more disappointments than successes. Further, it would need to be a very large aviary to hold five breeding pairs. If you are keen on trying to breed in your place, then I should recommend you to reduce the stock to one cock Goldie, one cock Linnet, and four or five hen Canaries (according to space), keeping your eyes open for any that persistently fight and squabble, and (this is important) removing them from the cage; also looking out for any egg-smashers, or birds that pull the nests to ribbons.

Blackbirds and Goldies.

Deer.—1. I don't know who could have told you that Blackbirds do not sing after they have attained the age of three years. It must have been someone with no practical experience of the species. There is absolutely no truth in such a statement. Personally, I do not think a Blackbird is in its prime until it is three years of age; and cases are common where they have attained an age well into the teens of years and sung to the end. There is one recorded case of a Blackie living for close on twenty-one years, and singing more or less all that long time. 2. I think you certainly should keep both Goldies, Bullies, and Linnets in an equable temperature, and as cold indoors affects them nothing at all, then the bedroom might be a better place for them than the kitchen; certainly so if the latter is hot one part of the day and cold another. Note the treatment advised "W. J. Hales" this week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot with Gouty Leg.

H.—In the first place cease giving anything soaked in tea or milk, or any table scraps. Diet as follows: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and of course water. It is really impossible for me to say if it is a case of rheumatics or gout, though it will be necessary to act on that assumption; septic diseases of the legs and feet are by no means uncommon with Parrots, but if there is no swelling, or growths in any of the joints, this latter may be left out of consideration. Remove the grating from cage, and give the bird some soft bedding material, say a piece of soft cloth or rag in one corner of cage tray), using sawdust for the remaining portion, mixing a little grit with its seed mixture, while using the sawdust. Foment the leg with hot solution of camomile flowers, using it as hot as you can bear the hand in; also rub in Elliman's Embrocation after drying the leg on a piece of soft cloth or flannel. Keep the bird as quiet as possible and put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. If sores or small hard lumps develop, repeat query at once, with full particulars. Hope there will soon be an improvement.

To Treat Indian Rock Parrakeet.

J. E. T.—A dry seed mixture should form the staple diet of these birds, supplemented with such ripe fruit as they will eat; plain biscuits, nuts, greenfood, boiled potato (unseasoned), raw carrot, and dry crusts of stale household bread, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. Stock seed mixture; Canary and millet seeds, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, in equal parts. If the bird should definitely reject any of the above seeds, leave them out of the mixture, but do not pamper to its tastes to the extent of letting it have only hemp and sunflower seeds; you will find the above mixture both economical and wholesome. This species does not need any coddling, but must be protected, especially when the room is being aired or swept. Note warning in other replies re table slops, etc.

Amazon in Protracted Moult.

S. I. N. (1).—The first moult of these birds in this country is often very protracted, lasting more or less for months. Keep the bird, for this winter, in the room in which the temperature is most regular. Keep its bowels freely moving, by giving a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (for directions see other replies), but not sufficiently often for the voidings to be watery. For the rest of the winter make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, supply clear water, say, once a week. The seed mixture should be its staple food, supplemented with ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, boiled potato (unseasoned), or raw carrot, with regular supplies of cuttlefish, grit and greenfood. A little boiled maize (boiled long enough to make it soft enough for crushing between the fingers, but it must be given whole); it only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel should be scalded out for each occasion. (2) Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition of odd words and phrases—make a pet of it, and it will ultimately talk and mimic sounds and calls.

Birds for Conservatory Aviary.

"Ambitious."—It all depends as to whether you merely wish for a mixed lot of birds for effect only or for breeding; if the former, it would accommodate fully 50, while in the case of the latter you ought not to put in more than 10 pairs at the outside, and then the young, as soon as they are able to feed themselves, should be removed to another enclosure, or they interfere with future breeding results. You do not tell me what your present stock consists of, so how can I tell you what will agree with them? However, the following will agree with Gold and Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Linnets, and Twites:—Finches: Zebra (4/6), Ribbon (3/6 to 4/6), Diamond (12/-), Long-tailed Grass (10/-), Spice (3/6), and Rufous-tailed Grass (10/-); Waxbills: Golden-breasted (7/6), Grey (4/6), St. Helena (6/- to 7/6), and Orange-cheeked (4/6); Mannikins: Bronze (3/6), and Magpie (7/6), Grey (6/-) and Green Singing Finches (10/-), Grey (2/6) and White Java Sparrows (10/6). The prices quoted are per pair. Some of the above would breed if not too crowded, all are handsome, and none of them really difficult to keep; get my book, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free from "C.B." office. You must put up at least double the number of nest boxes and cocoanut husks that you have pairs of birds, and keep the nesting receptacles as far apart as possible.

What Parrot?

A.W.—Your Parrot is the Roséate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*), a native of Australia, and a hardy species. They do not rank high as talkers in this country, though a similar reply last year called forth several records afterwards of really talented birds of this species, though I fear the majority are as I have described them above. However, in their native country they bear the reputation of being talented talkers, and are so in the hands of the colonists and solitary settlers. I consider no species of Parrot hopeless, even the Cockatiel and Budgerigar have been taught to speak. It is a matter of patience and perseverance of which this species I grant takes a lot, but if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, tame it thoroughly so as you can fondle and play with (they become very chummy, and are accomplished acrobats), it should ultimately respond and speak, at any rate, a few words, and mimic the calls and sounds that it frequently hears.

Showing an Amazon.

Kitty.—The essentials of success with so freely imported a species are tightness and sleekness of plumage, steadiness (that is, permitting itself to be examined without rushing about its cage). Its chances are regulated by what it has to compete against—such as rarer and more showy species. In the large London shows it is not often that an ordinary Amazon gets in the money. Your letter contained no address, so I cannot name a show, but any show having a class for Foreign birds would meet your case; you would have to enter it according to the classification in the schedule, which the secretary of the show in question would send you on application. You may have to send it a little journey by rail—unless your cage is abnormally large I should exhibit it in that, as small cages mean frayed tails, and soon reduce the bird to a dilapidated condition, thus robbing it of any chance of success it originally possessed.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Keeping a Squirrel (W. S. Negus).—Squirrels are quite easy to keep if sensibly treated. Give them as large a cage as possible—at least two feet every way, with a sleeping box in one corner, and bough perches. A run out in the room, if the creature is tame, will be beneficial; or they can be kept outside in a large hutch or wired-in shed. Feed on sunflower seed and other large grain, nuts, fruit, roots and salad, and give often some animal food, such as mealworms, eggs, or young sparrows when obtainable, or, failing these, a bone to pick. Avoid soft food. My book, "Pets and How to Keep Them," (obtainable from CAGE BIRDS' office, at 5s. 3d., post free), deals with Squirrels, among other animals.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Conundrums (W. Troughton).—Evidently you have not read the rules, which clearly state that replies must be written on postcards only.

Maker of Cage (J. Sheard).—We do not know the maker, but will make enquiries and try to get name and address for you.

Cheap Seed Mill (G.B.).—Several of the large advertisers using our columns sell such a seed-crushing machine as you enquire about.

A Partly Completed Deal (J.W. Ward).—As the Chief Constable rules that the matter does not come under criminal business, your only remedy lies in suing for the balance of the money in the County Court. If you care to conform to Rule 8 (under "Questions and Answers") we shall be pleased to write the man on your behalf.

A Parrot (J. H. Laird).—You say you have had the bird twelve months, and we presume this period is considerably in excess of that provided for in the warranty. This being so, then it rests entirely with the vendor as to whether an exchange shall be made or not.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LIZARDS AT THE HORTIOULTURAL HALL SHOW.

SIR,—On perusing the catalogue of the Horticultural Hall Show I find Mr. Hampshire's Lizard "Silver King" claims to have won 1st Crystal Palace, 1906-7. This is not so, as the bird in question was 2nd, my bird getting 1st; in fact I won 1st in every class at the Palace in 1906 and 1907 in Lizards. If not corrected it may cause unpleasantness in the future. I have been waiting to see it corrected, or should have written before.

J. RUBIN.

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO THE C.B.U

SIR,—The Coventry O.S., at their meeting on December 16th, decided to recommend the following for the consideration of the C.B.U. at the annual meeting :—

(1) That affiliated Cage Bird societies (those confined to cage birds only) have first choice of show dates.

(2) That show dates for mixed societies be not granted earlier than four months previous to the show.

(3) That affiliation, or license, be granted to mixed societies only on the condition that the mixed nature of the show be advertised.

(4) That no cages be staged higher than 6ft. from the floor.

(5) That 25 per cent. of the income of the C.B.U. be reserved to form a fund, from which grants may be made to exhibitors losing their birds by theft or negligence, to or from shows.

G. PETERS, Hon. Sec.

FORWARDING BIRDS ON FROM BROMSGROVE SHOW.

SIR,—On Monday, the 14th, I sent three birds to Bromsgrove Show, one of which was in a cancelled class, but I asked Mr. Jeffrey to kindly send them on to Ludlow, for the show on December 17th. On the morning of 17th I had a card to say they were at my station, which is Overton-on-Dee. I wrote to Mr. Jeffrey, asking why he had not sent them to Ludlow, but have had no answer from him. Ought he not to pay me my entries, 4s. 6d., as it was entirely through his neglect that they were not sent to Ludlow? When I heard they were at this station, of course it was much too late to send them to Ludlow then. I hardly think it is fair not getting my entries returned from Mr. Jeffrey, as I sent him all the labels which Mr. Oakes, the Ludlow secretary, had sent me. I felt very much annoyed, as I think I am certain to have got prizes at Ludlow.

H. COTTON.

THE RECENT INVERNESS SHOW.

SIR,—In your issue of December 5th there appears a letter over the signature, "A. Ross," criticising the recent show. As it is presumed in certain quarters that I am the author of the letter, I wish to say most emphatically that I know nothing of the said epistle, and that I have no idea whatever as to the authorship. My mode of procedure has always been to bring any grievance that I may have before the management of a show, and, failing redress at their hands, I would then consider the advisability or otherwise of airing my trouble in public. For my own part, I have always found the secretary of the Inverness Show genial and obliging, and willing to do everything in his power to meet the sometimes very unreasonable demands of exhibitors. This I can testify from personal experience. I thought the judge very painstaking and anxious to do justice to the exhibitors, although I admit he was rushed somewhat in awarding the specials, being pressed for time. If "A. Ross" is not ashamed to own what he has written, he should have the manliness to disclose his identity, now that he knows that his views are being fathered upon another, who denies paternity.

ALICK ROSS.

ABSENT EXHIBITS AT ST. ALBANS SHOW.

SIR,—I sent two birds—a Goldfinch and a Linnet—to St. Albans Show, held on Dec. 16th (both noted winners). I was much surprised on reading the report in CAGE BIRDS to see both my exhibits stated to be absent. As a matter of fact, my birds were despatched from Euston by the 5 p.m. train on Tuesday, 15th, so what happened to them I do not yet know, but shall leave no stone unturned to find out who is to blame for this mismanagement. My birds arrived home in a most exhausted state at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 17th. I should like to know if any other exhibitor at this show had similar treatment? Last year at this same place one of my best Goldfinches was returned almost dead, with not a grain of seed in its cage.

P. H. HARRIS.

SIR,—I regret to trouble you further in the above matter, but (with your kind assistance) am anxious to get to the true facts of the case. I enclose a letter received from the secretaries. You will note they say "that my exhibits were both penned and unpenned." That they were staged I do not doubt, but what time were they staged? You will note they do not say that the birds were staged in time for judging, and that they were judged. Without any further evidence, I make bold to say that they were not judged. Had they been they would not have been marked "absent" by your reporter, and, further, I am certain they would not have been passed unnoticed by any judge—in fact, have never been previous to this. The Goldfinch has taken nine 1sts and eight specials in the keenest competition, and was quite recently placed 1st at Southend by Mr. House, and again 1st at West Herts by Mr. Robson. The Linnet was Mr. R. J. Howe's old champion, winner of ten 1sts and numerous other prizes. So you will see from above that I make no idle boast when I say these birds would not have been passed unnoticed had they been in their respective classes at the time of judging.

P. H. HARRIS.

(COPY.)

SIR,—Yours of 18th inst. to hand, contents of which we note. We may say that we are very much surprised at the purport of your letter, as the cage-bird classes were put into careful hands, the stewards of which perfectly understood their work, and who last night assured us that your birds were both penned and unpenned by them. How the report got into CAGE BIRDS that your exhibits were absent it is impossible to say. We are, of course, very sorry for what has happened, and hope you will accept this explanation. The show being a record one, we hoped to have nothing to mar its complete success.

MOODY AND SPARROW, Hon. Secs.

[Our representative informs us that he reported the birds absent because they were not present when judging took place, and were, moreover, marked absent in the judge's book. —EDITOR.]

IS IT A RARE-FEATHERED GOLDFINCH?

SIR,—It may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that a friend of mine has a rare-feathered Goldfinch. It is a beautiful bird, but nothing like the Goldfinch in markings. It is a cock, and sings well. It has a lovely head—not a speck of red feathering upon it, but pretty evenly marked with black and white. Its back is dark brown, breast light brown, belly white. It was caught a year ago with birdlime. I should like to know if any of the readers of CAGE BIRDS know of a similar instance of such a rare-feathered Goldfinch.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

BRAMBLE-CHAFFINCH HYBRID AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Regarding the "wrong classing" of Mr. Coffey's Hybrid at the Welsh National Show I would like to ask Mr. J. B. Evans the following question : If this bird is a Bramblefinch, cock or hen, rare feathered or not, why has it got the pure Chaffinch note, as it undoubtedly has?

A. P. HURST.

SIR,—Regarding the "wrong classing" of Mr. Coffey's Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid at the Welsh National Show by Mr. J. B. Evans, I see your reporter goes on to say : "We also noted that the decision was upheld by the other judge, and by well-known exhibitors present." This may all be quite true, but it is equally true that this bird has been awarded many prizes by competent judges as what it is represented to be, viz., a Hybrid, and it may interest both your reporter and fanciers generally to know that the "other judge" referred to above, Mr. J. Robson, himself awarded it 4th prize only a week before at the Horticultural Hall Show, and in a class which contained another Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, which stood 2nd prize. The bird can't be a Hybrid one week, and not the next.

JUSTICE.

THRUSHES AT GATESHEAD SHOW

SIR,—Having entered some birds at Gateshead Show I was very much surprised on arrival at the show on the Saturday to find my Fieldfare wrong classed. Class 69 reads : "Blackbird, Thrush or Starling"; class 70 : "Any other species of Softbill larger than a Lark." This is the class that I had entered my Fieldfare in, and which I consider is the proper class. It seems that the judge thinks otherwise. I think the headings of both classes are very misleading, both to exhibitors and judge. Another item I would like to comment on is the way that the large British and foreign are staged. It seems if the Canaries are properly staged there is nothing done to make the British or foreign sections look anything attractive. Some of the British were scarcely 6 inches off the floor. I think some more consideration should be shown, especially to the large British, as some of them are far more trouble to keep right and in show form than any of the Canaries. I would have liked to have seen "King of Kings," "General Buller," and "Duchess" placed in the same position as some of the Thrushes and Blackbirds were at Gateshead. Hoping secretaries may take a note of above complaint.

G. MCWILLIAM.

A CRESTED CANARY CLUB MATTER.

SIR,—Can you or any reader please tell me who holds the Roberts £25 Silver Challenge Cup on behalf of the above club?

INTERESTED.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS AT ST. HELEN'S SHOW.

SIR,—At St. Helens Show your reporter seems in error. He describes my wing-marked hen as a Clear, and in the Unflighted Yellows, where I was second and third, all he says is, second, good condition (this is the Dulwich winner, and, in my opinion, one of the best out), and of the third, "damaged tail." This bird's tail *is perfect*, and it is standing third to-day at West Bromwich in a class of 18. I don't think it hardly does the bird credit. The show seems to have been badly managed (I received no labels to tie on birds), and no doubt it was due to this that the reporter was in error. I notice he speaks of difficulty in locating the winners.

A. E. SILK.

ANOTHER BIRD GONE ASTRAY FROM A SHOW.

SIR,—Having entered two Norwich buff cocks at Carmarthen Show, which was held on Dec. 15th, one took 1st and special, the other he. On the arrival home of my case on the 16th, I found I had one bird and two cages; the he bird was missing, card, label, and all else complete. The secretary, Mr. Jack Francis, assures me that both birds were in their cages when packed for the return journey, so I can only assume it has gone the way of Mr. Tedstone's birds. I think it was in about the same district that he lost his. It will mean a great loss to me, as it was about the best stock bird I had, and as I am only a novice (this being my first year to exhibit Norwich), it is rather disheartening and makes one a little shakey about showing again. I only hope the person who has him (if ever caught) will get his just deserts.

A. W. HILL.

[The attention of the railway company should always be drawn to these cases of (presumably) theft in transit, and a claim be lodged with them for the full value of the missing bird or birds. On good proof of delivery into the railway's hands, a claim against the company ought to succeed. Enquiries ought certainly to be made, as these "missing" birds are getting far too common.—EDITOR.]

HYBRIDS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL SHOW.

SIR,—Messrs. Tyson and Mugford are perfectly right in saying that it is a "pure invention" for anyone to say the Committee of Management wrong-classed the hybrid at the above show. If Mr. Weston chooses to make definite statements by deduction, the onus of such must rest on him, and, candidly, I was somewhat surprised to see him endeavouring to saddle me with the responsibility by an effort to distort some friendly colloquy. Had I thought he was interrogating me to serve his own purpose I should have been more guarded. But even according to his own version, not a single word passed about Committee. At most he can only contend that he thought the word *we* referred to Committee, and on this assumption he made a definite statement. I should like to ask Mr. Weston if the editorial *we* of necessity refers to a committee, or even the staff? I do not think so. It is not my purpose to attempt to justify in the Fancy Press the language I used. It is quite sufficient to say that the judge wrong-classed the bird, and, as Mr. Weston admitted to me, the bird was not eligible to compete in the class it was shown in, it is obvious he cannot complain on the score of injustice, and if not, then why is he trying to make capital out of the incident, seeing the owner appears satisfied? Echo answers, why?

R. L. CRISP.

(Beyond saying that Mr. Weston had heard nothing of the "incident" until the matter was first broached to him by Mr. Crisp, we have nothing to add to our reply of last week. The matter is now closed.—EDITOR.)

HYBRIDS AT ORMSKIRK SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. Tiffen says that Mr. Houlton acted on instructions from the committee when he wrong classed the Hybrid at Ormskirk. I quite expected it was so; but even Mr. H. had no right (even with the committee's instructions), to wrong class a Greenie-Bullie in a class for "any variety mule," which, as Mr. H., or any other intelligent fancier knows, is identical with a class headed "any variety Hybrid." In CAGE BIRDS' report the class reads "any variety Canary Mule." If it had read like that in the schedule, I shouldn't have entered my bird. But it didn't; it simply read, "any variety Mule." In conversation with the Chairman during the show, I elicited the fact that, when drawing up the schedule, he and the Secretary were trying to explain to the members that Mules and Hybrids were one and the same, and that the Secretary wanted to head the class "Any Variety Canary Mule." But they would have none of it. Everyone knew, they said, that a Mule had for one of its parents a Canary. Did anyone ever hear of such stupidity? I am astonished at the fact that two intelligent fanciers like the Chairman and Secretary should be led and dictated to by a few fanciers who are years behind the times. Why don't fanciers read? They would then see that all crosses between any two varieties of birds are Hybrids and not Mules (vide Mr. Moulton's article in "Cage Birds Annual" for 1908; also the schedule of the Welsh National Show compiled by intelligent fanciers). Mr. Tiffen says that I sent word that if there were no other Hybrids, I should'n't exhibit. That is nothing but a fabrication. What I did say was, that I didn't like showing against myself; I liked a bit of competition. The reason I didn't enter any in the Hybrid class at the first-feather show was because I hadn't any to show. I am very pleased that Mr. Tiffen has clearly proved that no blame attached to Mr. Houlton; I never thought for a moment that Mr. H. had oden it on its own initiative.

T. JOHNSON.

"STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—Please allow me to say to all advertisers who put "Stamp for reply" that I strike them out as not worth dealing with. I will not buy or sell to such if I know.

THOS. FOSTER.

THE LATEST SPRING-NET TRAP.

SIR,—I should be glad if Mr. H. J. Hawes would kindly supply me with information on how to make the latest spring net trap (illustrated last week), as I should very much like to make my own traps, and hope to be successful with them.

A. BOLTON NOVICE.

LLANELLY SHOW AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR,—With reference to the letters in CAGE BIRDS lately, *re* Llanelly Show and a missing bird, I should like to throw a little ligh on the subject. I, as a constable, was on duty at the show and was present at the unpacking. I was on the spot when Mr. Tedstone's case was unpacked, and noticed one cage empty (without any bird at all in it). The show being carried out in a satisfactory manner by the committee, I wish them every success in the future.

T. G. RICE.

SIR,—I regret very much to see my name mentioned, as if there is anything I detest it is raking up an old matter after it has been once settled. So for the information of Mr. Tedstone, I beg to say that although regretting the severe loss of my valuable bird, the chairman, committee, and secretary did all in their power to find its whereabouts, and having failed to find same they treated me in an honourable way by forwarding me a cheque to compensate me for my loss, although not to the value of the bird. But under the conditions, with the honourable treatment of that worthy chairman, Mr. D. R. Jones, the secretary and committee, I was fully satisfied. I trust this will end the matter re myself. Of course I have not forgotten the dastardly act and still hope the cur or curs will be brought to justice and made suffer for all.

C. E. BROWN.

BIRDS ARRIVING TOO LATE FOR JUDGING.

SIR,—In reading your issue of CAGE BIRDS for Dec. 19th I noticed in your report of the Welsh National Show that Mr. R. J. Howe's exhibits in the British bird section were late in arriving for judging. By the report it seems that they would have been well amongst the money prizes. It seems that the railway company are to blame, as the birds were sent off early the day previous to the show. But where do Mr. Howe's expenses come in for entry money and carriage? If they had been judged they would, according to report, have cleared the expenses all right. I was wondering if the railway people just think that the fanciers send their birds out for exhibition and never mind anything about the expense. Mr. Howe I give my sympathy, and wish him better luck in the future. Was glad to hear that his birds arrived in plenty of time for judging at Broxburn Show last Saturday after a longer journey than to the Welsh National, and they were looking none the worse for it. I notice another railway affair with Mr. J. A. Simpson; they are fairly going it.

A CONSTANT READER.

(If Mr. Howe can prove unreasonable delay on the part of the railway company, he has a good claim against them for the return of all carriage paid, and also out-of-pocket expenses.—EDITOR.)

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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WEST BROMWICH.

This show was held on Dec. 16th, and proved a great success, the entries coming up well, totalling nearly 400, this number being an increase of about 140 over last year's. The quality was on a par with the entry. The show was held in the large room of the Dartmouth Hotel, whose holding capacity was taxed to the utmost. There was plenty of light, and the exhibits were well staged, making a grand display. All had the very best of attention from a good lot of genuine fanciers. As soon as each class was judged the cards were put up, there being "no waiting." Special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Colton and Dawn's Red-poll Bullfinch Hybrid, and the award seemed to meet with approbation. Mr. T. Duffield, the Hon. Sec., got through his duties well, in a quiet and unassuming manner, and was the embodiment of courtesy and tact. He was well backed up by a good working committee, of whom Mr. G. Key is the chairman. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Christian, magnificent colour, good shape, nice head, full neck, good quality, looks like the Leicester and Coventry winner; 2, vhc, Mortard, lovely colour, full of quality, grand close feather, vhc would have stood well in but for having only half a tail; 3, Silk, nice colour, good shape, head and back; 4, Schneider, nice feather, good wing carriage. BUFF (8): 1, Jones, grand size and shape, lovely quality, rich under colour, topped with nice frosting, good head, neck and back; 2, Mortara, magnificent quality feather, rich colour, lovely back, nice wings and tail; 3, Silk, very shapely, good wings and tail, nice head and neck, fine colour and quality; 4, Walton and Noakes, grand shape and quality of feather, nice wings and tail; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Emery and Hathaway; c, Weaver. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Hulse, wing ticked, short thick set body, grand quality, rich colour, neat wings and tail, nice head and neck, in the pink; 2, Walton and Noakes, marked left eye, nice level and deep colour, good feather and quality; 3, Christian, marked head, eye and wings, magnificent colour, and shape, good wings and tail; 4, Emery and Hathaway, marked head and wings, lovely colour, good wings and tail; vhc, Jones; hc, Hall, c, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Christian, Coventry winner, magnificent colour and brimful of colour, takes special for best Nor., in grand order; 2, Jones, ticked on cheek, good shape, nice wings and tail, good quality, full short neck and good back; 3, Hall, heavily marked, grand shape and feather, nice breast; 4, Wooton, head ticked, good shape, grand back, pale in colour; vhc, Emery and Hathaway; hc, Willoughby. UNFLI. (18): 1, hc, Walton and Noakes, magnificent shape, lovely colour and quality, good head and neck, level back, full chest, good one, yell.; 2, vhc, Yates, left wing marked buff, nice shapely body, good quality and colour, wings well braced and neat tail; 3, Silk, yell., grizzle on back, unfli. ticked, beautiful quality, close feather, nice shape, good head; 4, Schneider, buff, grizzled on chest, shapely, short thick neck, good wings and tail; c, Silver. HEN (18): 1, Bowyer, magnificent shape, and beautiful quality, grand head, neck and back, wings and tail well packed, beautifully mealed, real nice hen; 2, 4, Hales, yell., splendid shape, full of colour and quality, nice head, neck and back; 4, heavily marked, wonderful colour, good size and shape; 3, Weaver, cl. buff, grand colour, nicely frosted, good shape, neat head; vhc, Jones; hc, Silk; c, James and Son. CREST (5): 1, Smith, large well formed crest, comes well to beak end, nice droop and radiation, fine quality feather; 2, Groves, marked wings and breast, nice thick frontal crest; 3, 4, G. Edwards, 3, nice dipping crest of good quality; vhc, F. Jones. C.B. (3): 1, Bowyer, variegated, yell., rare substance for a yell., grand shaped skull, good entrance, fine length and density of head feather; 2, Edwards, nice shaped skull, good head feather; 3, Smith, lengthy head feather. YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Millinchamp, slim built, gets well up, nice flights and tail, good colour and quality; 2, Hawley; excellent colour and quality, good back, wings and tail; 3, Burke, straight as a dart, well up on leg, nice flights and tail; 4, Murgatroyd, straight, grand back, nice quality feather; vhc, Richardson; hc, Pugh; c, Green. BUFF (10): 1, Paddock, stands like a guardsman, splendid quality, well braced wings, neat tail; 2, 3, Pugh, slim built, close feather, good quality, nice wings and tail; 3, gem for stand and style, well packed flights, nice pipe tail; 4, vhc, Harris, straight as a pencil, nice wings, closely folded tail; hc, c, Piggott. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Keegan, marked neck and cheek, full of quality, tight as wax, stands to perfection, well up on its legs, lovely colour, full of swagger, takes spl for best Yorks; 2, 3, Harris, thigh ticked, slim built, grand quality, nice style, neat wings; 3, thigh ticked, good length, nice colour and quality, good stand; 4, Pugh, Cinn. mkd., straight and stylish, good quality feather; vhc, Walsh; hc, Howes; c, Burke. BUFF (5): 1, Burke, grand quality feather, stands well, full of style, good wings and tail; 2, Hawley, nice and straight, hot colour, good wings; 3, Hawkesford, marked wings and eyes, slim built, good stand, nice pipe tail; 4, Richardson, cinn. mkd., head and wings, good feather and colour; vhc, Jennings. UNFLI. (21): 1, Williams, long and finely drawn, good position, well up on leg, nice colour, good back, flights and tail, yell.; 2, Walsh, hot coloured buff, slim built, nice quality of feather, wings and tail well packed, good back; 3, Marlow, four pointed yell., slim built and as close in feather as a Java, stands well, neat tail; 4, hc, Millinoamp, yellow, marked wings and breast, grand feather and quality; vhc, Keegan; c, Murgatroyd. HEN (20): 1, Harris, buff, grizzled on cheek, gem for position, feather and mealing, wings and tail well packed, straight as a dart; 2, Raybould, yellow, excellent position, nice quality, neat wing carriage, nice pipe tail; 3, Williams, Cin., mkd. wings, eye and head, buff, well drawn, grand quality of feather, nice colour and meal; 4, Keegan, yellow, cinn., wings and cheek marked, stands beautifully, lovely feather; vhc, Millincamp; hc, Hawley; c, Walsh. CINN. (9): 1, Yates, yell., good colour, nice shape and feather; 2, Tyler, buff, grand quality, good feather and colour, grand skull, well shaped body; 3, Cowley, buff, good size and shape, nice quality feather; 4, vhc, Silver, buff, nice shape and colour; hc, Fallows; c, Symonds and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Symonds and Son, four-pointed buff Nor., nice shape and quality of feather, good colour, wings and tail, well balanced markings; 2, 3, Tyler, yellow and buff Borders, good shape and carriage; No. 4, wrong class, small yellow Nor. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Carter, cl., grand quality feather, good shape, nice back, head and wings, easy win; 2, Capewell, nice colour; 3, 4, Viles, variegated, good size and shape; 4, nice colour; vhc, Cooper. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Collier, marked head, neck and wings, beautiful shape, nice close feather; 2, Viles, marked cap and left wing, good shape, nice back; 3, Cooper, fine quality, cl.; 4, Russell; vhc, Smith; hc, Capewell. UNFLI. (11): 1, 3, Carter, marked head and wings, nice shape colour and quality; 3, cobby yell; 2, Collier, nice shaped buff, good wings and tail; 4, vhc, Cooper, good coloured marked yellow; hc, Russell; c, Smith. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Cooper, neck marked yellow, good size and shape, nice quality, nice breast and full neck; 2, 4, Collier, grand coloured cl., good shape, nice head; 4th, neck ticked yell., nice colour and quality; 3, Carter, wing ticked buff, nice shape and quality; hc, Smith; c, Russell. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Jennings; 2, Carter. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Viles, nice team, neat grizzle leading; 3, Carter; hc, Sturgess. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Collier, hot coloured, wing marked, stands well on leg and good stand; 2, Broadway, neck ticked, nice back and good stand; 3, Beck, cl., nice flights and tail. BUFF (6): 1, Collier, hot coloured cl., nice stylo; 2, Beck, neck ticked, nice back and tail, good stand; 3, Green; 4, vhc, Sturgess. UNFLI. (8). 1, 3, 4, Collier, neck ticked yellow, grand feather and quality, slim and straight; 2, clear, slim built, nice quality and stand; 2, Beck, yell., well up on leg; vhc, Joyner; hc, c, Sturgess. HEN (9): 1, 2, Collier, buff and yellow, nice length and style, well drawn; 3, Beck; 4, vhc, Sturgess; hc, Bayliss. YORKS. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Beck; 2, Jennings; 3, Sturgess; 4, Broadway. NOVICE P.H. (2): 1, 2, Jennings.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

MULES, LGT. (7): 1, Lees, four-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., nice colour and feather, good shape, in excellent form; 2, Lawrence, even wing-mkd. buff Goldfinch-Can., lovely colour on wings, nice, close feather, very shapely; 3, Colton and Dawn, varieg. buff Greenfinch-Can., good feather, nice size and shape; 4, vhc, hc, G. Edwards, four-pointed Goldie-Can., nice markings; c, Kemp. DARK (10): 1, Lawrence, Can. Bullfinch, good colour, nice cap, well up in size, fine shape; 2, Somerfield, Jonque Greenfinch-Can., grand colour, shape, size and feather; 3, hc, c, Edwards, yell. Siskin-Can., well mkd.; 4, Hingley, nice feathered Redpoll-Can, good shape and quality; vhc, Cayless. HYB. (9): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, Red-poll-Bullfinch, grand-coloured breast, splendid shape and feather, nice cap, well defined bib, takes spl for best bird, 2 Greenfinch-Bullfinch, magnificent featber, lovely shape and colour, in rare pomp; 3, hc, Edwards, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, large, good-coloured blaze, splendid feather; 4, Hingley, Siskin-Goldfinch, grand featber colour and markings; hc, Tonks; c, Lawrence. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Edwards, lovely coloured blaze, nice buttons and bars, grand feather; 2, Stephenson, good, square-cut blaze, well tanned chest, nice buttons and bars; 3, Somerfield, grandly tanned chest, good bars and buttons; 4, Hallam, nice tannings, bars and buttons, good cut blaze; vbc, Paulett; hc, Teal; c, Tonks. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Conibeer, splendid shape, nice colour breast, good cap and bars; 2, Macbin, bonny ben, grand feather and colour, good cap and bars, close feather, in fine form; 3, Lawrence, nice colour on breast; 4, no name, good shape, well defined cap, grand wing bars; vhc, Hunt; hc, c, Tyler. GREENFINCH (10): 1, hc, Tonks, yell. good shape and face, grand wings, close-fitting jacket; 2, Yorke, buff, magnificent feather, nice shape, grand form; 3, Millincamp, yell., grand bars, nice size and shape; 4, Bole, yell., good feather, shape and bars, nice colour; vhc, Weekes; c, Tyler. LINNET (11): 1, James and Son, rare size, splendid shape, grand feather, well pencilled; 2, Tonks, beautifully pencilled, nice colour, good whitcs; 3, Hutton, lovely feather, nice shape and whites; 4, Hunt, well pencilled, good colour on back and breast; vhc, Osborne; hc, Conibeer; c, Hingley. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, Chick, Hawfinch, wonder for size and shape, good feather and colour, well cut bib, 2 Corn Bunting, splendid colour, size and markings, nice feather; 3, Osborne, grand Bramble-finch, rare size and shape, good colour, well spangled; 4, hc, Hunt, Chaffinch, nice cap, good-coloured breast, very steady, in good feather; vhc, Hingley; c, Taylor SOFTBILL (7): 1, Chick, Redstart, in most lovely condition, splendid colour and frosting, steady as a rock; 2, Williams, well known Chough, in excellent form; 3, Hingley, Wryneck grand size, markings and feather; 4, Green, nicely-spotted and good-coloured Song Thrush; vhc, hc, c, Souls. FOR. (10): 1, Williams, grand pair of Wood Swallows, lovely soft shade of colour, beautifully feathered, charming exhibits, in grand trim; 2, Shaddock, Scarlet Tanager, one of the best for colour we have ever seen, grand feather and condition; 3, c, Stocker, Eclectus, good feather and colour; 4, Sneade, Macaw, in good feather; vhc, Curson; hc, Jones. SELL. 21/- (13): 1, Yates, good buff Cinn.; 2, Lees, nice buff Nor.; 3, Hall, good-coloured yell., Nor.; 4, Lawrence, good buff Cinn.; vhc, Poole; hc, Miss Sparrow; c, Capewell. SELL. 10/6 (17): 1, Halse, nice buff Nor.; 2, Hawley; 3, Weekes; 4, Dipple; vhc, Hawkesford; hc, Stephenson; c, Lawrance. MEMBERS' MULES (6): 1, Tonks, nice feathered and good coloured dark yell. Goldfinch-Can; 2, 4, Green, nice feathered, dark buff, good-coloured face, 4 nice feathered Greenie; 3, Sturgess, nice feathered Siskin-Can.; vhc, hc, Carter. BRIT. HARDBILL (11): 1, Capewell, Bullfinch, good-coloured breast, nice cap and bars, good shape, should have been in the open; 2, 3, Tonks, grand shaped, good-sized Mealy Redpoll, well-mkd. sides 3rd Goldfinch, good blaze and bars; 4, Norris, Yellow Bunting, good feather; vhc, Sturgess; hc, Bayliss; c, Carter. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Smith, Song Thrush, nicely spotted; 2, Norris, very fine Skylark; 3, Green. ROLLER, SINGING (9): 1, 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, 4, Green; vhc, Norris.

PEMBROKE.

Eleventh annual show held December 9th, when there were some nice cage birds exhibited. Goldfinches turned up well, and included some excellent birds. A feature of this section of the show was the exhibit of Mr. Roch's, he staging a fine pair of Ravens, one of which secured the spl for best Britisher. The secretary was Mr. N. L. Griffiths, to whom is due great credit for his able management. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

YORKS. (14): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Slee; 4, Roch; res, Gwyther; vhc, hc, Tucker. NOR. (5): 1, 4, Hughes; 3, Watkins; res, Hubbard; vhc, Lewis. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, Hughes; 2, 3, Tucker; res, Ormond. BRIT. GOLDIE (17): 1, Bate; 2, McCarthy; 3, Ray; 4, Jenkins; res, Bricker; vhc, hc, Whitehouse. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Lewis; 3, Ormond; 4, Brickle; res, Roberts; vhc, Brown. A.O.S. (9): 1, spl, Roch; 2, Gwyther; 3, Brown; 4, Ray; res, Roblin; vhc, Tucker. MULE, DARK (9): 1, 4, Slee; 2, John; 3, Andrew; res, Willinns; vhc, John; hc, Rowlands. SELL. (5): 2, Ormond; 3, Tucker; 4, res, (no names); vhc, Slee.

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KILSYTH.

Kilsyth and District Fanciers' Association held their annual open show, on December 19th, in the Drill Hall, Kilsyth. Office bearers: Pres., Mr. Alexander Hardie; Vice-Pres., Mr. James Paterson; treasurer, Mr. William Irvine; hon. secretary, Mr. Andrew D. Duncan; executive, Messrs. D. McLean, J. Barrie, A. Methven, T. McAulay, W. McGreachen, J. Nash, W. Inglis, A. London, W. Russell, R. Reid, W. Morton. The show was a record in point of entries, there being a total entry of 920, said to be the largest one-day show in Scotland. The hon. secretary, Mr. Duncan, is most genial and courteous, and was assisted by an executive of true fanciers. The judges got through their task in good time, and from 2 p.m. till the close of the show there was a constant stream of visitors. Borders were an excellent turn out, many noted winners of this season being staged. Norwich came a close second. British and Foreign were also a creditable lot. The Scottish Crest Club's silver challenge cup, value £15 15s., has now reached the semi-final stage. Cup for most points in show was won by Mr. Lackworth. The "Hardie" cup for most points in any one class was won by Secretary Duncan, who also carried off the cup for best Brit. or For. (Members'). The B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. W. Irvine for best young Border. "Hyde's" special was won by Mr. George Shillinglaw, with a crested cock. The Scottish British Bird and Mule Club medals were to-day withheld through lack of entries. Mr. Dewar, who judged, had rather a severe task to accomplish, but carried it through with success, and his awards seemed to meet with general approval.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (5): 1, Noble, Greenie, nice, veiny Crest, good back, grand body substance; 2, Moreland, varieg. dk. Crest, plenty of feather, very dense, good centre; 3, Shillinglaw, Crest, nice and leafy; vhc, Wilson; hc, McLay. CREST HEN (4): 1, Noble, grand body, neat crest, leafy feather, neatly laid on, plenty of substance; 2, vhc, hc, McLay, 2nd plenty of substance, neat crest, nice model; 3, Shillinglaw dark Crest, nice leafy feather and droop. C.B. CK (4): 1, spl, McLay, splendid body and head, good rise; 2, noble, varieg., plenty of quality, good substance and feather, nice skull; 3, Morcland, typical, grand size; vhc, Shillinglaw. C.B. HEN (6): 1, Noble, grand shape, neat skull, rare size and substance; 2, 3, McLay, 2nd nice body and head, neat entrance, 3rd nice size, grand length of feather; vhc, McIntosh; hc, Shillinglaw; c, Bell. NOR. CK. (6): 1, spl, McLay, silky feather; 2, Bishop, nice type, well filled in back, good wing carriage; 3, hc Martin, nice head, neck and carriage; vhc, Henderson; c, Cooper. NOR HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Bishop, 1st plenty of size and quality, splendid feather, 2nd nice size and substance, well filled in neck and back, good wing carriage, 3rd shade smaller, plenty of quality; vhc, spl, McLay; hc, c, Martin. BORD. CL, ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, McWatt, very stylish, nice length of body, perfect wing and carriage, feather close as wax, a model; 2, Paterson, cl. yell., even colour, grand quality; 3, Gentlemen, another cl. yell., grand size and quality, very jaunty; vhc, Scott; hc, Bennett; c, Russell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN. (7): 1, Irvine, cl., rich colour, splendid quality of feather, and compact; 2, McWatt, cl., of nice, even colour and quality, feathers like wax, neat, bold head, plenty of style; 3, Arnott, has good size and quality rare feathers, grand wing carriage, nice style; vhc, Paterson; hc, Bennet; c, McGreachen. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (12): 1, spl, Bennet, cl., neatly moulded, rare style and rich colour, a model; 2, Haddow, cl., fair size, and nice feather, staged in grand condition; 3, c, McGreachan, 3rd very typical, nicely filled in chest; vhc, Dunsmore, jun.; hc, McIntosh. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN (11): 1, Bennet, cl. buff, grand type and quality, nice, bold head, splendid carriage, very jaunty; 2, Dunsmore, jun., cl., neat, rounded body, nice front and back, good carriage, rich in colour; 3, Paterson, cl., fine size, and quality; vhc, Irvine; hc, Gentlemen; c, McGreachen. EVEN-MKD. (6): 1, Scott, eye and wing mkd., rare size and substance, nice quality of feather; 2, Haddow, eye and back and back markings, very typical, full of substance and quality, grand carriage, neat wings and tail, presscs on winner; 3, Arnott, similar markings, nice size, well filled in front and back, very silky feather, neat carriage; vhc, hc, c, McWatt. UN.-EVEN MKD. OR VARIEG. (9): 1, 2, McWatt, 1st perfect model for size and quality, fine carriage and plenty of style, 2nd very close on winner, barely so typical; 3, Irvine, very showy, nicely filled in chest; vhc, Scott, hc, Paterson; c, Arnott. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, spl, Murray, Green, fine size, and chest, neat wings, tail, and mould; 2, Bennet, another Green of equal merit, barely so fine in head; 3, Paterson, Green, nice length of wing and perfect carriage; vhc, McWatt, good bird; hc, Arnott; c, McAulay. SELL. CK., 7/6, HENS 5/- (11): 1, Bennet; 2, McAulay; 3, Hardie; vhc, Reid; hc, Irvine; c, Dunsmore jun. COM. CANARY (8): 1, 3, Millar; 2, Hardie; 4, Shillinglaw; hc, Lindsay; c, McDonald. SELL. 10/-: 1, Britton and Pattison; 2, Reid; 3, Martin; vhc, Colville and Son; hc, McGillivray Bros.; c, Aitken. BRIT. BULLIE (8): 1, Bishop, splendid size, nice dense cap, grand wing bars; 2, Anderson, grand type, barely so rich in colour as 1st, nice dense cap, rich back and wings, very steady; 3, McDonald, deep chest a shade pale in colour, nice size of cap, splendid wing bars; vhc, McGreachen; hc, Brown; c, Corbett. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, Henderson, grand size, rich, square blaze, neatly buttoned wings; 2, Raine, scarcely so large in blaze as winner, but presscs hard; 3, Taylor, neat blaze, richly tanned chest and distinctly buttoned wings; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, McWhinnie. GREENFINCH (4): 1, McWatt, grand size and colour, nice expanse of yellow on wings, lovely condition; 2, Henderson, nice head, very chubby, rare quantity of yellow on wings; 3, Geddes, rich colour, tight in feather, good head; vhc, Martin. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, A. and H. Parker, Linnet, nice size, very rich in colour, well laced; 2, Cooper, Redpoll, perfect colour and shape, nice bib and well marked breast; 3, Kirkwood, jun., very fine Twite, splendid shape, colour, and breast marks, in splendid lustre; vhc, Duncan; hc, c, McGillivray Bros. HARDBILL A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, Henderson, Hawfinch, nice colour, perfect bib, in lovely feather, 2nd Yellowhammer, rich colour and markings, in compact feather; 3, Arnott, Bramblefinch, very rich in colour, nicely marked, and staged; vhc, Bishop; hc, Duncan; c, Lawson. MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, vhc, Duncan, 1st Linnet-Bullie, first time shown, nice size, bold, and rich in colour; 2, Roberts, Linnet Mule, nice size, and very rich in colour; 3, McWatt, Goldie-Bullie, 1st, spl, Bonness, 1st spl, Denny, splendid colour throughout, and staged to perfection; hc, Bishop; c, Paterson. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Brisbane, Goldfinch, grand face, richly tanned body, splendid size and moons; 2, Parker, Goldfinch, equally rich in colour, good blaze, lustre, moons and bars; 3, Henderson, another Goldie, fine, typical Finch; vhc, Arnott; hc, Duncan. FOR. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Johnston, 1st Waxbills, shown in lovely condition, rich colour, 2nd Finches, perfect beauties; 3, Duncan, Parrakeet, in perfect feather; vhc, hc, c, Macphearson. HEN FINCH (for Hybrid breeding) (10): 1, Parker, Chaffinch, staged in perfect condition, nice colour; 2, Arnott, For. Bullie, grand size and shape, good cap, rich breast colour; 3, c, Duncan, Siskin, nice colour and perfect condition; vhc, Taylor, Hybrid, Parrakeet, in lovely feather and condition, rare exhibit; hc, McWatt. GIFT: 1, McGreachen; 2, Twine; 3, McAulay.

LUDLOW.

The first show of the Ludlow C.B.S. was held on Dec. 17th. The venue was the Assembly Room and the Society are fortunate in being able to secure such a good room, as it is admirably adapted for a cage bird show, being roomy, well lighted, and quite free from any draught. Quality was well represented, and we certainly think, with a modification in the wording of the rules, the Society another year may confidently look for a substantial increase in the entry. The exhibits were nicely staged in single tiers, and had the very best of attention from a capable and enthusiastic committee. Mr. P. Oakes made his initial bow as a secretary, and he got through his duties in first-class style, being most courteous and obliging to all. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards and appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. (10): 1, 2, Williams, buff, grand shape and substance, full of quality, grand level back, full short neck; 2, yellow, splendid quality feather, rare head, breast and neck, nice level colour; 3, Tedstone, lovely colour and feather, nice shaped body, well carried flights; vhc, hc, Jones; c, King, Campbell. TKD. ETC. (5): 1, spl, Tedstone, marked head, neck and wings, gem for under-colour, feather and shape, well carried flights, neat tail, well known, buff; 2, vhc, Williams, buff, marked eyes, check and wiugs, nice feather and colour, good chest; 3, hc, Jones, heavily mkd., nice colour and shape, good head and back. HEN (6): 1, spl, Tedstone, buff, nice shape and quality, neat head, good flights and tail; 2, vhc, Jones, buff, fine back, good head and neck, nice feather; 3, Campbell, yell., nice shape and quality, good chest; hc, Woof. CREST (6): 1, spl, King, wings and tail marked, nice round crest of good droop and radiation, fine frontal; 2, 3, G. Edwards, cl. body, dark crest, nice frontal and droop; vhc, hc, Oakes. C.B. (7): 1, spl, King, varieg. buff, splendid shaped skull, good entrance, feather of capital length and density, nice short beak, wins well; 2, 3, G. Edwards, cl., good shaped skull, nice entrance, well feathered; 3, pied tailed green, good length of head feather, nice entrance; vhc, bc, Oakes; c, Sheldon. YORKS. CL. (7): 1, spl, Jeffreys, yell., lovely colour and quality, nice stand and style, grand flights and tail; 2, Wells, buff, nice position, flights and tail, good quality feather; 3, Dykes, straight as a pencil, neat wings and tail, well up on leg; vhc, e, Campbell; hc, Williams. CL. ETC. (8): 1, spl, Dykes, thigh ticked yell., good length, nice colour and quality of feather, well up on leg, nice position, wings and tail; 2, 3, Wells, bot coloured thigh ticked buff, good position, nice quality, good flights; 3, marked wings and head, yell., nice feather and colour, good position, neat tail; vhc, Cook; hc, Jeffreys; c, Williams. HEN (10): 1, spl, Dykes, yell., straight as a pencil, grand quality, stands beautifully, good long flights, neat tail, smooth as a glass bottle, best Yorks. in show; 2, Williams, slim built buff, lovely quality, close fitting jacket, nice position, neat tail and wings; 3, Wells, slim yell., nice quality, good stand and style, well packed flights; vhc, Cook; hc, Brotherhood; c, Jeffreys. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, spl, King, Cinn. Crest, splendid droop, radiation and centre, and, for this variety, rare length of feather, one of the best we have seen; 2, vhc, Fisher, Silver Liz., nice colour, well spangled; 3, Jeffreys, yell. green Yorks., nice colour, length, and position; hc, Mr. Lees. LOCAL CLASSES NOR. (15): 1, vhc, Woof, nice nat. col., cl. yell., good shape and feather; 2, Miss Edwards, well shaped cl. buff; 3, Gittens, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, good size, shape and feather; hc, Bessell; c, Bodenham. YORKS. (4): 1, vhc, Hughes, buff, nice style and position; 2, Banks, yell., good length and feather; 3, Tomkins. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Miss Symonds, neat cl. body, dark crest; 2, Collings; 3, Bridges.

The Remaining Classes.

MULE OR HYBRID (7): 1, spl, J. Edwards, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, lovely feather, shape and markings, in grand form; 2, 3, vhc, hc, G. Edwards, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rare expanse of blaze, good size, shape and feather; 3, four pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., nice feather, well marked; c, Tedstone. BRIT. GOLDFINCH ETC. (7): 1, vhc, hc, G. Edwards, grand coloured blaze, nicely cut, beautiful bars and buttons, fine collar and tauning; 2, Jones, Bullfinch, well coloured breast, nice cap and wing bars; 3, Potter, Goldfinch, grandly tanned, square cut blaze, nice bars; c, Salter. LINNET ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, Russell, Siskin, lovely cap, well pencilled sides, grand feather and condition; 2, Twite, splendid colour, well marked, good size, in fine form; 3, Jones, Redpoll, good feather and colour, well marked; vhc, Symonds; hc, Bell. A.O.S. SMALL (9): 1, 3, spl, Williams, Grey Wagtail, grand feather, nice colour, good size, steady as a rock; 3, Nightingale, good size, colour and shape, bold head and eye; 2, Jeffreys; vhc, G. Edwards; hc, Bell; c, Symonds. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Brotherhood, Waxwing, in most lovely condition, grand coloured wing tips, very steady; 2, Williams, Cornish Chough, beautiful colour and sheen, grand legs and bill, good one; 3, Potter, Hawfinch, lovely colour and feather, nice bib; vhc, Kennard. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Williams, Green-billed Toucan, in splendid condition; 2, Curson, nice Blue Bonnet Parrakeet; No 6, wrong class, Can., No. 1, Silver Pheasant, not considered a cage bird. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, G. Edwards; 2, Jones; 3, no name. LOCAL CLASSES: GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Miss Hall, good blaze, nice tanning and buttons; 2, Banks, good bars and buttons; 3, Morgan, well buttoned and tanned; vhc, c, Bridges; vhc, Collier; hc, Symonds. MULES (4): 1, Davies, dark Jonque Goldfinch Can., good colour and feather; 2, Morgan; 3, Pritchard; vhc, Symonds. A.O.S. (5): 1, Bridges, nice Rock Parrakeet, splendid colour, grandly feathered; 2, Green, well marked and nice coloured Budgerigar; 3, Gittens, Bullfinch, good cap and bars, nice shape; vhc, no name; hc, Halford. Some nice local birds here.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Table show held December 1st, when Mr. G. Wheatley judged.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hulse; 2, c, Pole; 3, Gibbons; vhc, Hunt; hc, Neale. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Mothersole; 2, Gamble; 3, Lea; hc, Kilsby. AMATEUR CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Miles. Messrs. Mothersole and Hulse count most points in cup competition.—C. DRAPER, Sec.

Several SHOW REPORTS have failed to reach us at the time of going to press.

WIDNES.

A grand total of nearly 500 entries came forward at the Widnes and District C.S. members' show, held Dec. 18th and 19th. Four money prizes, and a 2/- special for each open class for a 1/6 entry fee did the trick to secure such a success. With such well known names as W. Ridge, Esq. (vice-president), Messrs. R. Barker (chairman), J. W. Ireland (vice-chairman), R. Jenkins (treasurer), and an excellent committee as Messrs. Mather, Jacks, Bloor, Abbott, Guy, Humpson, Fenney, A. Lea, Boot, Hayes, Hurtsfield, Hague, Davies, Houghton, Asherott, Wright, Young, Beech, Murray, Barnes, Rone, Lightfoot, Vose, R. Lea, Groome, Jones, and with the indefatigable Mr. Stephen Andrews as secretary, it is not surprising to find popular support and a successful show. The Congregational School looked very full with two and three heights of cages staged, and a larger room will be wanted in future if the entries keep increasing as they have done recently. The Border and Green Clubs' patronages were secured. The management was of the very best. Prize labels and all other matters were promptly fixed up. Catalogues were out early in the evening. Mr. Andrews has not been in good health for some months, but we were glad to see his willing son ably assisting him to carry out the work. The Norwich were very fine, both in the open and members' sections, and the Yorkshires were also grand. The Greens came up splendidly and many cracks once more did the trick, but just here and there we noticed a few showing signs of their hard show work recently. Borders were represented with here and there a few really pretty ones, but they did not come up quite so numerously as we have seen them. Only two British and Foreign classes open were provided, but these contained some very smart specimens. The novice Yorks. and Nor. classes contained some beauties. The members' classes all through were very strong, and quite a host of these birds have qualities good enough for any competition. Altogether, the show was one of the best seen in Widnes district for a long time. Messrs. A. Wellings and Chas. Houlton judged, and did well on the whole. Mr. Wellings took all open Canary classes. Mr. Houlton took the open British, the Foreign, and all members' classes

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Chew and Stokoe, very fine and clean through, rare style and carriage, well posted, good stand; 2, Bennett, tick neck, a beauty, nicely shown, well up, pretty contour; 3, Foden, winner of Sandiford's, cl., good style and carriage, grand all-round bird; 4, Watmuff, varieg., lovely quality and condition; vhc, Dooley; hc, c, Wagstaffe. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Whittaker, tick left wing, A1 quality; 3rd, grand cl., both very silky feather, beautifully drawn, best of position; 2, Watmuff, tick neck and wing, good style, well up, nice length, and positions well; 4, Chew and Stokoe, very fine quality and condition; vhc, Bennett; hc, Dooley; c, Foden. HENS (12): 1, vbc, Welsh, beautifully-shaped cl. buff, neat head, sides, wings and tail, well up and clean through in feather, and tight condition; 2, Collinson, also pretty cl. buff, very like 1st, well up in all points; 3, Knowles, slashing cinn., tick yell., finely drawn, smart position and carriage, full of nerve; 4, Potts, cl. yell., slim and stylish; hc, Foden; c, Chew and Stokoe. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Knowles, eye and wing marked yell., one of his most stylish typical Yorks.; 2, Dooley, eye and tick ticked yell., rather soft in condition at the moment; 3, 4, Foden, 3rd finely drawn, nice stand and carriage; 4th, shorter, but lovely quality and condition; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Bracegirdle. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, typical cobby variegd., grand colour, good head and body, clean feathered, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Bevan, fine pair of clears, former best shape, both in rare colour, feather and condition; 4, Marsh, good varieg., very chubby, grand condition; vhc, Sheldon, winner of Ramsden's special;; hc, Turner. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Turner, grand pair of most typical birds, a varieg. and a cl., both in capital bloom and condition; 2, Bevan, varieg., very like first, runs up close, well finished; 4, Marsh, good cl.; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Critchley; c, Whittaker. BUFF HENS: 1, Cleminson and Taylor, fine chubby cl., splendidly clothed, rare bloom and meal, A1 back, wings and tail; 2, Marsh, varieg., very thick-set, smart carriage, good feather; 3, hc, Barker, grand shapely cl., all substance, quality and condition; 4, Bevan, cl., smaller, smart feather, shape and condition; vhc, Critchley; c, Fenney. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 3, Bevan, cl. yell., and a cl. buff, former very fine head, back, chest, wings, and tail, both full of colour, quality and condition; 2, Sheldon, cl. buff, very thick-set, well feathered buff, full of quality; 4, Turner, A1 varieg. yell., all colour and quality, very shapely, good carriage; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Cleminson and Taylor. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (21): 1, 3, Gore, capital pair of Greens for colour and shape, in fine feather and condition; 2, Rowlands, one of his good ones, just a wee bit shorter, but grand colour and body shape, etc.; 4, Robinson, nice type, good feather; vhc, hc, Nimmo; c, Fielden. BUFF (18): 1, 4, Rowlands, 1st best colour and type, latter smaller, but nice even colour; 2, c, Nimmo, soft colour, fine type, capital, feather, etc.; 3, Wardale, long, grand shape, A1 colour all through; vhc, Atherton; hc, Fielden. YELL. HENS (18): 1, 3, Clayton, both long and slim, stylish type, nice level colour, good condition; 2, Benson, bit soft in condition to-day, fine colour, good type when in tight condition; 4, c, Rowlands, grand colour, good condition; vhc, Robinson; hc, Nimmo. BUFF HENS (15): 1, Rowlands, well feathered, soft tone of colour, good shape; 2, Fielden, slim, foul slightly at nape of neck, good body colour, etc.; 3, hc, Atherton, deep sound colour, nice feather; 4, vhc, Davies, graud colour all over; c, Clayton; most winners in Yorks. Greens were selfs. YELL. NOR. GREEN (15): 1, Houghton, foul head, sides, etc., good shape, full of colour, grand bird; 2, Walker, foul wing and tail, excellent deep colour, capital type; 3, Harrison, very like 2nd, equal in most points; 4, Lawson, foul throat, very cobby, grand colour, bit soft in condition; vhc, Isaac; hc, c, Deacon. BUFFS (14): 1, 4, Isaac, big cobby self leading, capital level soft colour and feather; 2, hc, Deacon, grand all-round bird for colour and type; 3, vhc, Walker, self, fine shape, rare head, good sound body colour, etc.; c, Harrison. YELL. HENS (13): 1, Deacon, old winner leading, in prime order; 2, Walker, short cobby self, A1 colour; 3, Harrison, large, foul, fine colour, shape and condition; 4, hc, c, Lawson, cobby self, A1 size, deep colour and condition; vhc, Houghton. BUFF (14): 1, bc, Harrison, foul tail, rare colour and shape, very fine; 2, Lawson, foul throat, very good colour, nice shape; 3, Deacon, grand self, A colour, size, shape and feather; 4, Jenkins, foul neck, throat, wing and tail, rare colour, etc.; vhc, c, Walker. BORD. YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, J. S. Wilson, cl., small type, fine back, good carriage, jaunty style; 2, Buckley, tick head, grand carriage, A1 condition; 3, Hopper Bros., longer type, fine quality and condition, etc; 4, vhc, Bayley, ticked head, grand type, A1 quality, very smart, and tight condition; hc, Poole; c, Gore. HEN (7): 1, 2, Bayley, smart gay pair, winners of many battles, looking well, 1st most compact and typical; 3, Poole, small, very good type, ticked head, bit soft in condition, which told against it to-day; 4, Hopper Bros., rather warm colour, lovely in type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bloor; c, Buckley. BUFF (7): 1, Poole, cl., fine quality, good type, nice carriage and condition; 2, Buckley, A1 type, good quality, fine gay carriage and condition; 3, c, Levason, tick wing, nice feather and condition; 4, Swarbrick, tick over left eye, good quality and type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bayley. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Bayley, smart trio, all posted in grand condition; 3, Hopper Bros., larger and longer, round shape, grand quality and condition; 4, Levason, one of the old sort of little jaunty compact birds; hc, Wilson; c, Gore. VARIEG. BUFF (7): 1, c, Wilson, yell., marked eyes, cheeks and wings, grand shape and quality, very neat and compact all through; 2, Hopper Bros., marked head, neck, etc., buff, good quality, nice shape and condition; 3, Bayley, smart stylish varieg., full of quality, etc.; 4, vhc, Swarbrick, buff, eyes, wings, etc., marked, grand carriage and condition; hc, Buckley. BORD., GREENS, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Hadwin, small and neat all over it; 2, 3, Middleton, fine type and colour, 3rd more Nor. type, fine condition. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, Ilesketh; 2, vhc, Procter; 3, Andrews; 4, Corbett; hc, Collinson; c, Bracegirdle. (12/6) (8): 1, Barker; 2, Hesketh; 3, vhc, Sweetman; 4, Barnes; hc, Procter; c, Corbett. LINNET (9): 1, Johnston, Tiffin and Moss, fine shape, colour and markings, nice size, well shown; 2, Clare, very shapely, nice colour, quality and condition; 3, Billington, grand markings; 4, Brick and Sons, short compact bird, good markings, nice condition; vhc, Marsh; bc, Leicester; c, Sweetman. A.O.S. HARDBILL (13): 1, 3, Beaty, nice Hawfinch, and a very smart Goldfinch, both in grand colours; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, very rich and glossy, well marked Yellow Bunting; 4, Johnston, pretty Bramble, capital colour and dark markings; vhc, Johnston, Tiffin and Moss, capital Bullfinch; hc, Billington, smart little Goldfinch; c, Fenney. FOR (10): Strong class of grand birds; 1, 4, Stocker, magnificent Tanager and Crimson-crowned Honeyeater, both in best possible plumage, especially the Tanager; 2, c, Beaty, famous Cerum Lory, and a nice medium-sized Alexandrine Parrakeet; 3, Hall, best pair of Budgerigars, seen staged to perfection for years, real pictures; vhc, Lea, magnificent pair of Cuthroats; hc, Hurtsfield, perfectly feathered Blue-fronted Amazon, in excellent condition. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Johnson, Tiffin and Moss' varieg., most stylish, fine colour, rare position, finished to perfection; 2, Longworth and Lawson, also varieg., in very smart order; 3, Broome, cl., fine and slim, very stylish, full of nerve, etc.; 4, Parkinson, cl., long slim bird; vhc, Harper; hc, Harley; c, Lee. BUFFS (14): 1, Kenyon, beautiful cl., all out a gem, equal to champion form; 2, Potts, cl., good shape, etc., but a bit soft in condition when we were taking notes; 3, Downing, also not quite so tight just now; 4, Parkinson, large and long, nice feather; vhc, Broome; hc, c, Johnson, Tiffin and Moss. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, Barnes, cl., A1 type and colour; 2, hc, Espley, varieg., dark tail, grand quality, colour and shape, in fine feather; 3 c, Longworth and Lawson, nice cl.; 4, Anderton, very heavy, rough-feathered bird; vhc, Bromhead. BUFF: 1, Barnes, regular slashing cl., A1; 2, c, Walters, very chubby, A1 bloom and condition; 3, 4, Espley, 3rd very nice exhibit, latter smaller and narrower, both good quality of feather; vhc, hc, Tasker, fine pair all over. MEMBERS' YORKS YELL.: 1, Lee, good cl., fine shape, etc., all over; 2, Wright, varieg., fine feather; 3, Rowe. BUFF 1, Boot, very shapely, A1 feather; 2, Lea, nice shape. HENS (6): 1, Davies, cl. yell., very clean and neat all through, fine stand, good carriage; 2, Rone, ticked head, long and slim; 3, vhc, Boot, varieg., nice contour; hc, Wright; c, Ashcroft. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Boot, ticked right cheek, very pretty yell., fine shape, stand and carriage; 2, Wright, very nice cl. buff; 3, vhc, Rone, cl. yell., shorter; hc, Ashcroft. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Bloor, mkd. left wing, A1 shape, carriage, and quality; 2, Abbott, varieg., grand cobby bird, fine colour and feather; 3, Barker, splendid shape; vhc, Murray, big raking bird, very frilly and browy; hc, R. Lea; 4, Fenney, very nice compact shape; c, Ashcroft. BUFF (10): 1, Abbott, very fine cl., all out; 2, hc, Barker, dark saddle, grand shape, etc.; 3, vhc, Guy, also very fine shape, feather, etc.; c, Davies. YELL. HENS (4): 1, Abbott, fine cl., grand head, wings and body, A1 condition; 2, Barker, cobby cinn., varieg., splendid feather and shape; 3, Houghton, cl., nice shape; vhc, Guy, good varieg. BUFF (9): 1, Barker, lovely cl.; 2, 3, c, Guy, good trio, first cl., very smart in quality, etc.; vhc, Ashcroft; hc, Fenney. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Abbott, another good one; 2, Barker, cobby bird, one of the right stamp; 3, Fenney, dark tail, fine substance; vhc, Ashcroft; hc, Guy; c, Boote NAT. COL. (3): 1, Barker; 2, Andrews; 3, Vose. NOR. GREEN YELL.: 1, Jenkins, foul throat, A1 substance, deep level colour; 2, Abbott, self, grand colour; 3, Davies, another good coloured one. BUFF (4): 1, Guy, capital colour, grand type; 2, Abbott, also nice colour; 3, Barker; vbc, Jenkins. YELL. HENS (4): 1, Davies, excellent self; 2, Abbott, capital colour, size and shape; 3, R. Lea, pretty colour and shape; vhc, Hayes. BUFF (4): 1, Barker, foul, rare type, sound colour; 2, Bloor, thick-set, self, fine colour, and condition; 3, R. Lea, foul; vhc, Abbott. YELL. BORD. (3): 1, Bloor, cl., small, good type; 2, 3, Andrews, 2nd mark neck and wings, best in class when all the feathers are up. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Andrews, A1 cl. and a varieg., small but very smart; 2, Murray, good cl. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, Jenkins, good size, well rounded, nice centre and droop well up in front over beak; 2, Guy, varieg. C.B., big good one, nice cushion head, broad, good frontal and entrance; 3, Andrews, lightly varieg.; vhc, Houghton. A.O.V. (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Hampson, Scotch Fancies both, 1st cl., 2nd nearly cl. SELLING (12/6) (7): 1, c, Hayes; 2, Davies; 3, hc, Andrews; vhc, R. Lea. MULE (6): 1, Barker, dk. yell. Goldie Can., grand colour, shape, and markings, glossy condition; 2, hc, Hampson, fine Redpoll-Can. and buff Goldie-Can., both in excellent trim; 3, Murray very good buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, Davies; c, A. Lea. LINNET (moulted) (4): 1, Hampson, takes special for best members' Linnet, fine shape, colour, markings and condition; 2, Davies; 3, vhc, Bloor. 1908 BRED (4): 1, Davies, fine head, deep brown, nice body shape; 2, Bloor, good markings, shape, and colour; 3, Mather, looked able to win when we were taking these notes, very steady when owner was present, beautifully marked; vhc, Hurstfield. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, 2, Hampson, Bramble and Chaffinch, both in glossy condition; 3, Barker, very nice shaped Bullfinch, good quality feather, neat condition; vhc, Davies. NOVICE MEMBERS' YORKS. (8): 1, Lightfoot, yell., A1 all over; 2, 3, vhc, A. Lea, good trio, leader fine buff, A1 quality; hc, c, Barnes. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Vose; 3, Beach; vhc, Lightfoot; hc, Baxter; c, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Baxter, clears, 1st grand shape, A1 quality; 2, c, Vose, ticked head; vhc, Hurstfield; hc, Jones. BRIT. (5): 1, 3, hc, Hurstfield, Bullfinch, Bramble, and Linnet; 2, A. Lea; vhc, Lightfoot; both Bullfinches.

TIDESWELL.

Held December 19th in the Bagshaw Hall, a capital place with plenty of light and free from draught. The entry was only moderate, but some rare birds were staged, and well cared for by the committee. Mr. J. E. Brocklehurst is a most courteous secretary, and had everything in splendid order. The winner of cup for most points in the show was Mr. G. F. Gray, who put down a splendid team of Yorkshires. Mr. A. G. Davis judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Greaves, short and thick, well-carried wings and tail, good head, rich colour; 2, Nutt, grand Norwich, loses a little in colour only; 3, Gill, variegated, hot colour, nice type; res, Guy, stylish bird, very compact; vhc, c, Smith and Sellars. BUFF: 1, withheld; 2, Simpson, rich colour, well mealed, takes perches nicely; 3, Greaves, rather longer in body; vhc, res, Smith and Sellars; hc, Gray. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, res, Gray, brace of typical Yorkics, finely drawn; 2, Mountain, rich colour and quality, falls trifle in length; vhc, hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Pease. BUFF: 1, 2, Gray, typical, neat head, good shoulders and back, nicely folded wings and tail; 3, c, Smith and Sellars, close up; vhc, Mountain; res, Gill; hc, Pease. A.O.V.: 1, Evans, very nice dark Crest; 2, Gill, thick-set, grand quality buff Nor. ben; 3, Mountain, dark Crest hen, neat Crest; res, c, Pease; vhc, Evans; bc, Mountain. BRIT.: 1, 2, Bloodworth, very fine Missel Thrush and Yellow Wagtail, well shown; 3, Hall, Thrush, in good feather; res, Gray; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Gilbert. SELL. (12/6): 1, hc, c, Gilbert; 2, Greaves; 3, Lomas; res, Gray; vbc, Nutt; hc, Longstone. NOR. (eight miles radius): 2, Longstone, buff, rare head, good colour; 3, res, Longstone, clear yell., neat; vhc, Gilbert. YORK. YELL.: 1, withheld; 2, 3, res, Lomas, long drawn, grand quality and very typical; vhc, Brocklehurst; hc, Gilbert. BUFF: All to Lomas, with a fine team of true Yorkics; c, Gilbert.

FERRYHILL.

The Ferryhill C.B.S. held their first show on December 19th in the Council Schools, Deanbank, a suitable building for the purpose, being well lighted, etc., the only drawback being its distance from the station. Entries came up well (315 in 24 open classes), the quality of the exhibits being also well to the fore. In Norwich capital teams were staged by Messrs. Cowling, Hill and Stewart, H. Wilson, and W. Dalgetty, Yorkshires secured a big entry, some grand birds being sent by F. Stevens, J. Wilcock, L. Dykes, and G. W Cuthbertson. The winning crest of Mr. Graham's is a gem, and the Crest-bred of Taylor and Smart's follows it very closely. British birds made a grand display, many noted winners having to take a back seat. The secretary, Mr. Richard Binks, had everything well in hand, and makes a capital official; he was ably assisted by a hard-working and courteous committee. Mr. Stanger placed the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Cowling, grand quality, level colour, good chest, bold head; 2, 3, Hill and Stewart, close up, little to choose between them, hot colour, good quality, nice shape; 3rd, rather too fat; hc, Elliot and Best; c, Hesp. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Hill and Stewart, rare size, good colour, nice chubby shape, fine head and neck; 2, 3, Gowland and Son, good pair, grand quality, well mealed, fine back and chest; vhc, Elliot and Best; hc, Hesp; c, Wilcock. TICKED, ETC. (11): 1, 2, spl, Cowling, leader yell., ticked both eyes, lovely quality, shines like satin, rare size, good type; 2nd, varieg. buff, good size and substance, thick-set, lovely chest; 3, Hesp, yell., grand quality, good colour; vbc, Crosling, some thought should have gone up; hc, Humphrey and Stobbs; c, Wilcock. HEN (13): 1, spl, Dalgetty, yell., A1 quality, nice colour, good head and chest; 2, c, Smaith and Greener, buff, rare cobby shape, good colour, nice type; 3, Wilson, yell., fine short flights and tail, rich quality, good back, cobby shape; vhc, Humphrey and Stobbs; hc, Gowland and Son; No. 12, Hill and Stewart, big bouncing yell., hot colour, grand shape, we heard the judge had doubts about its sex, or would have been high up. UNFLIG (18): 1, spl, Wilson, real good buff, short and thick-set, very shapely, A1 quality, colour and meal; 2, Cowling, yell., good one, some thought might have given way to next; 3, Wilcock, yell., in good condition, rich colour, good shape; ex. 3, Holden and Todd, grand size and colour, nice quality, shapely; vhc, Snell Bros.; hc, Toward; c, Gowland. YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Stevens, lengthy, A1 quality, level colour; 2, Wilcock, hot colour, good legs and position, grand quality; 3, Fletcher and Bell, good quality and length, nice colour and wings, rather heavy in tail; vhc, Myers; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Stevens, rich salmon colour, slim and stylish, good position and length, neat wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, good colour, grand quality, close-fittings wings, tight in feather; 3, Watmough, lengthy, good quality; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Crawhall. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, spl, Stevens, red-hot yell., ticked over beak, good length, excellent; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, bead ticked buff, lengthy, grand position, A1 quality, good wings and tail; 3rd, wing ticked yell., A1 quality, slim and stylish; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Kent; c, Dykes. HEN (15): 1, 2, spl, Dykes, buff, grand quality, neat head, good wings, back, and tail; 2nd, a yell unflig., well up on leg, tight in feather, grand quality and type; 3, Rhodes, buff, long and stylish, rich quality; vhc, Slater; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. (18): 1, spl, ex. 3, Cuthbertson, wing ticked buff leading, very lengthy, well up on leg, grand quality; 3rd, thigh ticked yell., lovely quality, slim and stylish, close-fitting wings, neat tail, some thought the best bird in class; 2, Stevens, yell., good quality, well-carried wings, lovely back; 3, Carter, excellent colour, close-fitting feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Rhodes; c, Wilcock. CREST (11): 1, spl, Graham, varieg., expansive crest, grand quality feather, neat centre, well radiated; 2, 3, Currah and Son, wing-marked D.C., good body, nice veiny crest of great size, neatest of centres, good radiation and droop; 3rd, similar, but crest not quite so dense or expansive, good one; vhc Bewick, another nice one, rare size crest, grand feather; bc, Smaith and Greener; c, Dobson and Sons, a good class. C.B. (11): 1, spl, Taylor and Smart, dark cap, grand width of skull, plenty of feather of lovely quality, well lashed; 2, Dobson and Son, varieg., fine quality, good cushion-shaped skull, wealth of feather; 3, Crawhall, green, good quality feather; vhc, Yeates; hc, Graham; c, Mole. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, H. Wilson, rich-coloured yell. cinn., A1 quality, good shape; 2, Reid, Lizard, good cap, nicely spangled; 3, Snell Bros., neat typical Border; vhc, Gowland and Son; hc, P. Wilcock; c, Parnaby. MULE (16): 1, spl, Brunskill, good well-marked dark Linnet-Canary; 2, Marwood, well-known four-point Goldie-Can., in grand form; 3, Hanson, bonny Goldie-Greenie, shade small for this cross perhaps; vhc, Graham; hc, Todd and Son; c, Currah. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Davidson and Boyd, nice size, grand bloom; 2, Stamp, gem, rich colour, grand breast markings, steady as a rock, some thought an easy win; 3, Dunn, another good one, grand quality, colour, and pencilling; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; hc, Stamp; c, Waters; unnoticed, Wildsmith and Hawkins, well-known bird, grand position and condition, some thought should have been 2nd. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Waters, Siskin, good colour and lacings, nice bib; 2, Bertram and Storey, Twite, good size, well marked; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand Redpoll, well polished; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Reeks; c, Stamp. CHAFFIE, ETC. (10): 1, spl, McVay, rare good Chaffinch, big and grand shape, rich colour, plenty white on wings, very steady; 2, Foster, rich-coloured Bramble, fine chest, good bold head, grandly marked back; 3, Bertram and Storey, Chaffinch, good size and colour, in nice trim; vhc, Axe; hc, Curtis; c, Fletcher and Bell. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (22): A good class; 1, spl, Foster, Bullfinch, new face, dense Black-cap, lovely breast colour, well-defined bars, rare size and shape; 2, Bertram and Storey, Goldie, nice size, rich colour, expansive blaze, nice tanning; 3, Nicholson and Son, Bullfinch, lovely cap, good breast colour; vhc, ex. 3, Axe, well-known Goldie, rare bloom, steady, rich-coloured blaze, grand size; vhc, c, Hanson and Lancaster; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. GREENFINCH (16): 1, spl, Axe, grand size, good type, rich colour, rare bloom; 2, McVay, grand type and quality of feather; 3, Milburn and Hughes, rich level colour; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; hc, Rohinson; c, Hanson. A.O.S. (9): 1, spl, P. Wilcock, Hawfinch, well-known winner, in grand trim; 2, Davidson and Boyd, magnificent Jay, well shown; 3, Foster, well-known Wheatear, rich colours, very steady, good size; vhc, Lawson; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Foster. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, spl, Gowland and Son; 2, Almond; 3, Currah and Son; vhc, Taylor and Smart; hc, Gibson; c, Watmough. (15/-) (16): 1, spl, Crosling; 2, P. Wilcock; 3, Sokell and Binks; vhc, Taylor and Smart; hc, Elliot; c, Mrs. Barker. (10/-) (21): 1, spl, Wilson; 2, P. Wilcock; 3, Sokell and Binka; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Crosling; c, Almond. GIFT (6): 1, Parnaby; 2, Sokell and Binks; 3, Barber. MEMBERS' NOR. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Sokell and Binks; 3, Lawson; bc, Barber; c, Bunner. YORKS. (7): 1, Lawson; 2, c, Sokell and Binks; 3, Duffey; vhc, Burrell; hc, Barker. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Sokell and Binks; 2, Duffey. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Lawson; 2, Burrell.

BAILDON.

Baildon C.B.F.A. held their third exhibition on December 19th in the Mechanics Institute. Mr. W. H. Shackleton (Bradford) officiated; his awards met with entire approval. A total of 166 exhibits from 49 exhibitors were put down in the 13 classes provided, being an average of nearly 13 per class. Messrs. Amblers secured the special for most points in open classes, and won Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird. Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured second place for points in open classes, and Messrs. Horsfield and Long tied for most points gained by a member in open classes, whilst the special for best bird shown by a member was secured by Mr. H. Long. Messrs. Bottomley, Huttou and Halliday were first, second and third in the order named for points prizes awarded to novice members. The room is a very good one for a show, and the birds were well staged and cared for by an efficient body of fanciers, with Mr. W. T. Dobson as secretary at their head, ably assisted by Messrs. G. Wrigley (assistant secretary), Mountain, Anderton, and Jagger (show stewards). Cards were up in good time, and everything was in order for the expected large muster of visitors.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, Amblers, grand type, slim, well drawn out, capital style, full of colour and quality; 2, Wilson, nice length, grand shape and position, extra good wings and tail; 3, Tidgwell, another grand one, nice shape and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Atkinson. BUFF (14): 1, 3, spl, Amblers, leader nice length, good long wings and tail, full of quality and style; 3rd, red hot colour, extra good position, grand well filled back, rich quality; 2, Atkinson, great length, capital shape, nice position, full of quality; vhc, Greaves; hc, Drake; c, Greaves and Crabtree. TKD. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Amblers, ticked breast, very long, straight as a rush, stands well, good quality; 2, Ogden Bros., unevenly mkd., nice length, grand type, extra fine shoulders and back; 3, W. Walsh, tick wing, lengthy, good shape and style, nice quality; vhc, Holmes and Mann; hc, W. Hodgson; c, Jas. Hodgson. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Greaves and Crabtree, lovely shape and style, plenty of leg, neat wings and tail, feathered to perfection, well staged; 2, Smith, uneven marked, very lengthy, good shape and position, nice quality; 3, Long, grand length, very shapely, rich quality; vbc, Wilson; bc, Fawcett; c, Alderson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Amblers, nice length, lovely type and stylish, extra good wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Jas. Greaves, extra well up in position, plenty of leg, nice type and quality; 3, Greaves and Crabtree, very lengthy, straight as a rush, stands well; vbc, Wilson; hc, Smith; c, Alderson. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Stewart, graud type, well up in position, full of colour and quality, nice back and wings; 2, Amblers, good length, all there for shape and style; 3, Ogden Bros., uneven marked, rich quality and colour, stands very erect; vbc, Atkinson; hc, Fawcett; c, W. Walsh. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Alderson, lengthy, straight as a rush, grand shape and quality; 2, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., very shapely and stylish, rich quality, well up on leg; 3, Amblers, nice shape, stands well up, full of quality; hc, Tyler; c, Townsend. BUFF (15): 1, Long, extra good shape, very stylish, full of colour and feather, smooth as glass; 2, c, Amblers, slim, neat shape, extra position, grand quality; 3, Broadley, nice shape and style, very good quality, lovely bead and neck; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Alderson. SELL. (15/-) (20): 1, 2, spl, Horsfield; 3, E. Broadley; vhc, Haithwaite; hc, Connor and Craven; c, Fawcett. BEN (12/6) (13): 1, Bottomley; 2, 3, spl, Fawcett; vbc, Connor and Craven; bc, Fowle; c, Long. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Hutton, foul mark, extra good in shape and position, very leggy, nicely feathered; 2, Brayshaw, very slim, lovely shape, marvellous position, feathered to perfection; 3, Thomas, foul mark, extra good type, straight as a rush, very clean feathered, nice colour and quality; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Farnish; c, Elsegood. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Fowle, nice length, true Yorkie type, stands on a pair of good legs, feather clean and bright as satin; 2, Bottomley, neat type, stylish, good quality; 3, Whittaker, fine shape and position, neat in feather; vhc, Halliday; hc, Elsegood; c, Farnish. HEN (19): 1, spl, Bottomley, slim, neat-shaped buff, well up in position, grand quality; 2, Whittaker, sweet hen, yell., grand shape, well drawn, nice style, good quality; 3, Ferguson, lengthy yell., fine shape, nice wings and tails, good quality, stylish; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Halliday; c Robinson.

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The Broxburn and Dist. C.B.S. held their second annual exhibition and competition in the Public Hall on Dec. 19. This Society is composed of some real good fanciers, who are making energetic efforts to popularise this annual exhibition, and whose labours, it is apparent, are not in vain. The president, Mr. Sharp, the vice president, Mr. Hutchison, and the treasurer, Mr. Workman, are true and staunch workers, and in Mr. Walter Neilson, the secretary, the club have chosen a general who has the interests of the Society at heart. The committeemen, Messrs. Wotherspoon, McLearn, Coulter, Murray, Tully, Gray, and T. H. and A. Aitken, working in unison with the foregoing office-bearers, all helped to make the show the success it undoubtedly was. The stewards were skilfully selected, and each did his duty. The hall is ideally lighted, and the exhibits were so staged that all visitors had no difficulty in examining each bird. Mr. H. Moreland (Falkirk) made the awards in the Norwich section, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso) those in the Border Fancy section, while Messrs. P. McQuiston (Ayr) and J. Muson (Peebles) jointly adjudicated in the Mules, British, and Foreign bird sections; their awards gave general satisfaction.

The Canary Sections.

CREST CK. (11): 1, hc, Paul, leader self green, well formed crest, good size, rare shaped body, plenty of substance; 2, Grant, variog. green, nice body; 3, Martin, variog. D.C., thick frontal, good at back; 4, Kirkwood; c, Dick. HEN (5): 1, hc, Sharp, variog. buff, fine heavy crest, well to beak end, good drop, beautiful quality; 2, Paterson, variog. green, very neat and pretty, nice weight and width of frontal crest; 3, Paul, good frontal crest, grand body, lovely quality feather; vhc, Grant. C.B. CK. (6): 1, 2, Paul, leader heavy variog. green, good size, lovely quality feather and heaps of it, nice shaped skull, 2nd light variog., excellent head, well clothed all over, very good body substance; 3, Paterson, lovely quality, lots of feather, massive frame, good wide head; 4, Clark; hc, Bowie, junr.; c, Sharp. HEN (8): 1, 4, Dick, former rare bodied green, very stout, wide cushioned skull, good entrance and lash, well clothed; 2, Robertson, variog., close up, grandly browed, extra good turned back; 3, Johnstone, self green, lovely quality, heaps of feather, massive frame, good wide head; hc, Bowie; c, Veitch. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Wilson, cl. yell, grand size, nice width of chest, lovely head, wiugs and tail nice rich colour; 2, Chalmers, another cl yell, grand one, wonderful size, very thick, nicely moulded, very rich colour, close up; 3, 4, Sharp, former cl yell, typical in shape and carriage, neat as a new pin, rare chest; hc, Paterson; c, Sloan. HEN (5): 1, Chalmers, cl yell., lovely size and shape, very warm in colour, silky coat, clean cut, carries itself in fine style, wins easy; 2, Ferguson, full of quality, chubby, and well cut, neat, fine bold head and chest; 3, Gowans, good chested bird, built on bold lines, well cut, needs tightening up a bit; vhc, Sharp; hc, Sloan. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bulglass, slashing big one, great depth of chest, neat and rounded, big bold head, takes to perches well, full of colour, nice quality; 2, Chalmers, very close up, clinker for type, short, chubby, clean cut, beaming with quality, fine carriage, cl. huff, presses hard; 3, hc, Sharp, cl. huff, grand substance, rare wide rounded chest, fine bold head, nice under colour and frosting, well worth its place; vhc, Allen; c, Bowie. HEN (4): 1, Chalmers, wonderful big cl. hen, great depth of chest, ho'd, well rounded head, excellent tight, silky feather, wins easy; 2, Scaife, clinking good cl., tight as wax, well cut up, lovely carriage, beautifully finished; 3, Sharp, chubby, fine shaped head, grand texture of feather, lovely quality, nice size, stands well across perches; 4, Browne. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, S.P.C. medal, Miller, slightly variog. yell, slasher for size, as round as an orange, tight in feather, grand quality, very hot colour, lovely staged; 2, Chalmers, short, chubby cl., well tucked up underneath, fine carriage neat wings and head, full of quality, staged in rattling form; 3, Ferguson, one we liked, not the biggest, clinker for type, well cut up, tight all over; vhc, Sharp; hc, Gowans; c, Stuart. HEN (8): 1, S.P.C. medal, Miller, really grand cl., very chubby and short in build, lovely wings and tail, bold head, best of quality, very hot colour and perfect carriage; 2, Forrest, wing marked, like wax in plumage, not a feather out of place, lovely colour and quality, perhaps shade longer in barrel than feather; 3, Gowans, romping big cl., well cut under, good colour, nice shape and excellent style; vhc, Smart; hc, Ferguson; c, Sharp. NOR. A.O.V. (7): 1, Chalmers, yell., saddle marked, great depth of chest, neat and rounded, big bold head, full of colour and quality, wins well; 2, Scaife, very thick set, neat and stylish, teeming with quality; 3, Davey, typical in shape and carriage, very nice head, rare chest, good quality; vhc, McLaren; hc, Forrest; c, Sharp. NONFED (15): 1, Chalmers, cl., rare good chest and head, fine colour, and no suspicion of feed, grand wings and tail, lovely quality, staged in A1 form; 2, Smart, good typical bird, has quality and size, fine carriage; 3, 4, Hutchison, nice all-round bird, lovely quality, well staged; hc, no name; c, Veitch. SELL. (16): 1, Sharp; 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Paul; hc, Johnstone; c, Hutchison. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Paterson, cl., sweet head, grand shape and style, lovely feather staged in A1 form; 2, H. Bennet, cl., pressing hard for first honours, lovely shape, better colour than 1st, very jaunty; 3, Smith, smart bird, looked too strong in chest, appeared to be slightly soft; 4, Voy; hc, c, Ramsay. HEN (9): 1, Bennet, good tight feather, neat head, well moulded front, lovely mover, wins; 2, Jack, fine drawn, grand set on head, good back and wings, paler than winner; 3, Paterson, feather A1, good head, nice front; vhc, Aitken; hc, Duncan; c, Paul. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Wotherspoon, runner-up for medal, cl., nice head and chest, best of wings, finished off with nice taper behind; 2, Bennet, well placed, shown well, good back and wings, rare tight feather; 3, Arnott, heavier built, grand quality feather, lovely mover; vhc, Paterson; hc, Miller; c, Leitch. HEN (8): 1 and B.F.C.C. medal, Bennet, cl., leading in fine form, nice head, back and wings, very jaunty style, well drawn, correct position and steady; 2, Smith, similar type; 3, Paterson, slimmer make, very neat, good feather, nice colour throughout; vhc, c, Service; hc, Cockburn. EVEN MKD. (9): 1, 3, Paterson, markings very well balanced, good type and quality, neat eyes, good back, staged in lovely form, 3rd shade heavy eyes, very well balanced wing marks, grand quality, good type; 2, Aitken, very neat in markings, type of the best, very close up; vhc, Paul; hc, Aitchison; c, Wotherspoon. A.O.V. YELL (10): 1, Wotherspoon, variog., nicely moulded, good type, well laid on wings, lovely colour and quality; 2, Arnott and Jamieson, round colour, and good type, almost a 4 pointed, lovely quality feather, grand Border type, presses hard; 3, no name, A1 finish, very stylish, well laid on wings; vhc, Barrie; hc, no name; c, Anderson. BUFF (6): 1, Paterson, again leading with a clin. marked, neat in head, back and tail, very stylish, well laid on wings, wins; 2, Hutchison, splendid type and carriage, very steady, and well staged; 3, Murray, very neat good quality feather, fine carriage; vhc, no name; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Gibson. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, Bug ass, A1 type and pencilling, good undercolour, sound colour and gloss; 2, Barrie, very fine style, pencilling of the best, good silky feather; 3, no name, good sound coloured bird; vhc, Paterson; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Dickson. SELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Bennet; 3, Young; vhc, Service; hc, Leitch; c, Neilson.

The Remaining Sections.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl, 2, Johnston, former almost even marked yell. Goldfinch Mule, grand colour and quality, staged in A1 form, 2nd well-known Greene Bullie in lovely bloom; 3, Jamieson, buff, wing marked, Goldie-Mule, in grand condition; vhc, Brnee, heavy variog. Linnet-Mule; hc, Davey. DARK (5): 1, spl, Bald, large sized buff Goldie-Mule, rich coloured, expansive blaze, wins easy; 2, Dick, yell. Linnet-Mule, grand size, lovely feather and condition; 3, Johnston, small yell. Goldie-Mule, nice colour and quality; vhc, Duncan; hc, Allan. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, Davidson, lovely nat. col. Siskin, grand colour and quality, shape and markings A1; 2, Erskine, Jonquo Redpoll Mule, grand shaped bird, very nice exhibit; 3, Paterson, best Siskin in class, but was minus tail feathers; vhc, Livingstone; hc, Sharp; c, Jamieson. MULE SELL. (9): 1, A. Sinclair; 2, Barclay; 3, Davidson; vhc, Henry; hc, Bruce; c, Sharp. BRIT. BULLFINCH CK. (6): 1, Thomson, gem, housemoulted, grand size, shape and colour, capital wings, in A1 condition; 2, 4, Livingston and Sharp, fieldmoulted, pair of superior birds, former best head and breast colour, grand chubby fronts, staged in A1 condition; 3, no name, house-moulted, nice true Brit. type, nice breast colour, A1 feather and bloom; hc, Bowie; c, Workman. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, spl for best British, Colbron, grand shaped bird, rich deep clean cut blaze, plenty of rich tanning on body, rare moons and bars, staged to perfection; 2, Jamieson, fine all-round Finch, grand body, feather and bloom; 3, Thomson, nice blaze, very steady, well staged; vhc, Miller; hc, Workman; McLaren, absent. BULLFINCH HEN (11): 1, vhc, hc, Livingston and Sharp, former a little gem., feathered like wax, grand front, cap and bars, in rare trim, staged in rattling good form; 2, Bald, clinking good one, fine colour and cap, extra good bars, nice shape; 3, Goodfellow, fieldmoulted, great breadth of cap, lovely bars, very rich ground colour, will be a good one when moulted; c, Aitken. LINNET (5): 1, Erskine, well-knowu winner, in grand form, wins to-day, fine size and colour, and lovely pencilling all over; 2, Colbron, lovely nut brown colour, correct for colour, grand head and shoulders, very sweet Linnet, nicely laced, good solid breast colour, steady as a rock; vhc, Colder; hc, Paul. GREENFINCH (15): 1, 3, Bald, former champion for colour, grand head and shoulders, very stylish, well staged, latter not so bold, perhaps, but equally good colour, and steady as a rock; 2, Goodfellow, Gateshead winner, grand noble head, rare type of body, fine size, level colour throughout, shown in superb trim; vhc, Elder; hc, spl, 1, 2, Livingston and Sharp, former yell., great 1, 2, Livingstone and Sharp, former yell., great size and lovely quality feather, nice grassy green shade in colour, latter monster size huff, rare Bullfinch type, two best non-fed Greenies we have seen this season; 3, Bald, another Jonque of rare good colour; vhc, Bruce; hc, Taylor; c, McLaren. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Craig, former gem of a Siskin grand size, very hot colour, good eye and side markings, well defined bib wins easy, latter large sized Twite, laced in lovely fashion, grand level colour, in excellent bloom; 3, vhc, Livingston and Sharp, 3rd large Mealy Redpoll, lovely silvery shade, fine breast markings, grand quality for a Mealy; hc, Erskine; c, Maleolm. BRIT. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, Livingston and Sharp, fine sized, beautifully marked Blue-headed Wagtail, very interesting exhibit, wins well; 2, Erskine, little gem of a Redstart, steady as a rock, fine markings and colour, not a feather out of place, staged to perfection; 3, Lawson, crested Tit, nice little exhibit, staged in lovely form; 4, Taylor, same species, but perch being too close on top of cage it had its crest damaged. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, J. Sharp, Bramblefinch, large size, fine breast colour, in rare form, nice spangling, pure bright colour nicely shown; 2, vhc, the former well-known Chaffinch, grand size, lovely breast colour, steady as a rock, staged to perfection; 3, Craig, fine shaped Bramble, good frontal, neatly spangled, well marked thighs, beautiful colour and polish, might have won had it not got a little wet; hc, Johnston; c, no name. BUNTING (7): 1, Bruce, grand Corn Bunting, rare size and colour, lovely markings, steady as a rock, well staged; 2, Lawson, Yellowhammer, fine colour, good head, cheek and neck marks, rare size and condition, distinct V mark on head; 3, Erskine, Meadow Bunting, nice size and markings; vhc, Rennie; hc, Taylor, had damaged tail; absent, Livingston and Sharp, two birds. LINNET (not house-moulted) (9): 1, Jamieson, grand size and colour, very steady; 2, Calder, steady, just to the small side; 3, no name, grand size; vhc, Johnston. HEN BRIT. A.O.S. (7): 1 Bald, now well-known Greenfinch in lovely bloom; 2, vhc, Livingston and Sharp, former grand size Hawfinch, lovely markings, very steady, latter Bramblefinch; 3, Russell, another good Bramblefinch, nicely marked, very steady; hc, Bowie; c, McLaren. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, Barrass, lovely Magpie, in A1 bloom, not a feather out of place, grand colour and markings, staged in the height of fashion; 2, Smith, Song Thrush, lovely colour and markings, steady as a rock, little soiled in plumage or might have won; 3, Leitch, grand Hawfinch, good size, colour and markings, minus some tail feathers, which told against him; vhc, Bowie. BRIT. SELL (15): 1, Paul; 2, McDonald; 3, Bald; vhc, hc, Livingston and Sharp; c, Sinclair. BULLFINCH (FOR.) (1): 1, Johnston, large size Siberian hen. GOLDFINCH (FOR.) (2): 1, Brownlie, large size house-moulted Goldie, grand big face, rich mooniugs, well buttoned; 2, McLaren, wild one, very unsteady, will make a good one when moulted.

ILFORD.

On December 19th was held in the Methodist Schools the annual show of the Ilford F. and F.S. We were pleased to notice a revival of interest in the cage bird section, the entries being larger and the quality of a higher standard. Mr. Cooper staged a fine team, and succeeded in securing both the Canary specials with a capital buff cinnamon and a yellow Norwich, and also the special for best British. The birds were nicely staged and well looked after by the committee, whilst Messrs. Webb and Drew made excellent secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Cooper. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Cooper; 3, vhc, c, Holliday. TKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Holliday. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Gunney; 3, vhc, Holliday. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Cooper. BRIT. (7): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Cooper; 2, 3, spl, Drew; c, Knott.

The Novices Notebook.

This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.

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After the treatment usto detailed, in a very few weeks, they will bo as steady—always excepting the few incorrigibles—as birds which have been caged several seasons. At this time they may be transferred to larger cages, but not yet to very large flights. A cago about twice the size of the first one will be ample, and then another change a few weeks later into a flight if they are wanted to occupy such a large cage. These several changes may appear rather useless and unnecessary, but they really serve a most useful purpose, for the reason that an apparently steady bird in a very small cage, will, if placed at once in a large flight, become just as frantically wild as one newly taken from his native haunts, and requiro quite as much steadying over again; whereas the gradual change to larger quarters keeps them practically steady and familiar under all conditions. It must thus be quite apparent that these so-called "prisons" of cages can be used to good account to prevent actual cruelty and damage to the inmates.

The Weaning Diet.

Next to getting the birds to take kindly to the circumscribed limits of a cage, the most difficult part of the business of caging lies in getting them on to a proper diet, which can easily be provided all the year round, and is at the same time wholesome and sustaining for the species of bird taken in hand.

In the hands of the novice there is very often a high rate of mortality during this stage, more especially in the case of insect-eating birds. In the early autumn, and again late in the spring, when the birds have begun to mate, the mortality is frequently tremendous; in the former case owing to a large proportion of the birds being very young and not able to withstand the drastic change from natural food to an artificial diet at a time when the moult is also beginning to put an extra strain upon them, and many of the adult birds being deep in moult; in the latter case, when the birds are mated, and either about commencing nesting, or having already commenced, they stubbornly refuse to submit to cage life, and depart for the hereafter by the speedy and certain road of voluntary starvation, plus dashing themselves to pieces by the way.

Of the few simple general rules which the novice in the art of meating-off will find of service to him, that of utilising what chief article of dict is in season at the moment, is one of the most valuable, especially when the birds are taken charge of direct from the catcher as soon as they are caught. Thus with Goldfinches. As soon as the crop of wild thistle seed is ripe they will be practically certain to be feeding almost exclusively upon this seed in all places where it is fairly common and the birds caught at this time should havo a liberal supply of thistle heads, broken in halves. The supply should be kept up, until the birds are eating with freedom tho other seeds provided.

Similarly, if they aro known to be feeding when caught on a crop of teazle, supply them with a good proportion of this seed mixture, and also, if they are obtainable, a few teazle heads. In short, for the first week or two pamper their appetites with any irresistibly tempting seed until the usual seed mixture is visited and turned over quite as a matter of course. When this occurs any undesirable seed may be slowly and gradually eliminated.

The same remarks, only substituting other favourite seeds for other species, will apply equally to all seed eating, or partly seed-eating birds.

Practically all the most tempting foods for the seed-eaters are just those which are most often tabooed. Hemp, for example, though far from being suitable for regular use for all seed-eaters, is, without doubt, one of the most generally acceptable to seed-eating birds, and is also greatly liked by many softbills.

If one has any scruples about using it freely for seeding off birds, it should be only necessary to point out that during this interval it is not only advisable, but frequently essential, to modify general rules, and stretch points to a considerable extent by feeding temporarily almost entirely upon seeds which at ordinary times would scarcely be tolerated except as the exceptional dainty. For practically all the Finch tribe it is a valuable ally to get obstinate sulkers on to a seed diet, after which it may be gradually withdrawn from all those to which it is not advisable to give it as a regular food.

But the Finch of Finches, as it might be called, on account of its popularity—the Goldfinch—will flourish all the better at all times if it has a liberal proportion of hemp in its staple diet.

Its value as a regular article of diet is a much disputed point in these days of modern bird-keeping, but whatever may be said about its being an undesirable item for some other species there cannot be the least doubt of its value for forming a regular portion of the Goldie's diet.

Yet, for all this encomium, it cannot be well advised for the novice to stretch points far in the direction of supplying hemp, either whole or crushed, to insectivorous birds. Many of these birds are very fond of it, but it is extremely doubtful whether its use can really prove of any benefit to a purely insect-eating bird which has been recently taken from its native wilds, and a correct diet; it is probably rendered more than usually susceptible to indisposition by the great change in its conditions. On the contrary, it would be far more likely to materially increase the difficulty of getting the bird on to a cage diet.

Some Notable Exceptions.

But let not these restrictions be misunderstood. In the case of some of those species which, for conveniences' sake, we call mixed feeders, and others which are generally, but erroneously, looked upon as purely insectivorous, hemp may be given much more liberally. The Larks, common species of Tits, and practically all the native Buntings, are examples.

The two first-named species are not nearly so exclusively insectivorous in a wild state as is often supposed. The Larks especially are probably mainly grain and vegetable feeders during a great part of the winter and early spring, and the same remark will apply equally to the commoner forms of Tits, which even during the autumn, when insect food is not exceptionally scarce, are confirmed robbers of the poultry yard, and the seed heads of the florist's sunflowers.

It is truly astonishing how dexterously a Tit will dig out the white floury portion of a grain of maize by repeatedly hammering with its beak. This is the only portion they care for, and the bulk of the grain they will reject, and return again and again to the yard for grains which they invariably carry off to some selected spot to deal with. Sunflower seed is similarly split open by this clever hammering. In a cage they deal with hemp and similarly hard seeds in the same manner, and are frequently helped over a trying interval before they get on to their proper diet by having a little seed thrown in from time to time.

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The Yorkshire Canary: Its Faults and Their Remedies.

By SAMUEL DEAN.

A paper read during the past season to the members and friends of the Manchester and Northern Counties Society.

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Concerning the Legs and Tail.

Next in our standard comes: "Legs, long, without being stilty; thighs well clothed." A good leggy bird is always attractive, and even when stilty, is one of the most useful a fancier can have, there being always plenty of birds (otherwise good) that are deficient in this desirable quality; a good leggy bird, too, is called for pretty often.

"Thighs well clothed." Bare feathered thighs are generally those of the birds of the stilty persuasion; these are caused by the showing of too much thigh, the bird stretching itself to the full extent of its legs.

"Tail, long, straight, and closely folded." A good pipe tail puts a finish on to a bird, seems to add somewhat to its length, and certainly adds to the slim appearance of the bird. A wide tail is an eyesore, and requires much patience in breeding out. Particular note must be taken in this connection to see whether the tail is wide at the root or simply "fished out" or frayed at the ends. If the latter is the case, the dipping of the ends in boiling water will soon rectify it. But when the tail is wide at the root it is the breed that is to blame, the "Lancashire" being again put down as the offending party.

Hinge tails and circle tails are queer customers to deal with. The hinge tail is sometimes the result of an accident, such as the falling of a box with a bird inside it; or perhaps a show cage gets knocked over. If either of these is the case, it really cannot be classed as a fault. But if the "hinge" is a natural defect, it requires that the bird shall have a very straight, stiff-tailed bird for a mate. The circle tail, too, must be provided for in the same way.

The Eternal "Length Question."

The next item is an important one, and one that has called for a lot of discussion during the last few months; to wit, size. The standard reads: "Length, 6¾in., with corresponding symmetrical proportions," for which are allowed 10 points. The length here is quite ample enough, one would think, and a fancier has a great task before him to breed one possessing all the true Yorkshire properties.

I, for one, always try to get them as long as possible, my aim being to produce them over standard length—7in. if I can do it—as these are very useful stock birds, and command as large a figure as show birds; and if it is good in all other essential ponts, I don't thnk any judge would throw such out as being over-length.

As far as the shows that I have attended are concerned, very little cause for complaint could be found, few birds having been shown over the standard limit of 6¾in. The chief cry has been from the south, where the fanciers appear to have just come to the stage that was reached in Yorkshire some eight or ten years ago., viz., the craze for length. What tickled the minds of the Yorkshiremen was the original statement contained in the opening letter, "anywhere between 7 and 8ins." Many people run away with the idea that all the breeders in my district use monsters of stock birds; but I can assure you that it is not so. Type and quality are the main considerations of the breeder. The fancier who goes in for size is usually a long way behind in the run for prizes.

The latter part of the reading of the standard—"with corresponding symmetrical proportions"—is embodied in my previous remarks, and here it may be wise to mention that in breeding Yorkshires we are trying to get into one certain place between three other breeds the tendency to deviate from that certain place, making such very interesting, and the only way is to get to know how your birds are bred, in order to assist in arriving at a definite conclusion as to how they should be paired.

A Yorkie's Correct Position.

"Position," for which 20 points are allowed, comes next in the standard, and reads: "Attitude erect, with fearless carriage; head, neck, back, and tail in a straight line." A Yorkie without position is of no use on the show bench today; in fact, in my opinion, position is one of the principal points of a Yorkshire, and, as is well known, this desirable quality is obtained by the introduction of "breed" (that is to say, Belgian blood), the smallest quantity of which gives that nervy action and stylishness to a Yorkshire bird, that are so much admired. And generally birds of this description have fearless carriage.

The use of too much breed, however, tends to make a bird of incorrect type, good type being required by the latter part of the standard, viz., "head, neck, back, and tail in a straight line."

The head and neck in this case are carried in a slightly forward position. Such birds are exceedingly useful in the breeding room, and great care should be taken of them; mates are very plentiful for this class of bird.

Characteristics Not Easily Obtained.

Another very essential feature, and one for which 20 points are allowed, is feather; close, short and tight compact body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail. This, in conjunction with size, is very hard to obtain. The generality of birds with any pretension to being called long ones are apt to be a trifle (some more than a trifle) long also in feather, loose about the thighs, frilly at the breast, and are slovenly in wing carriage.

The tight, compact-feathered bird is usually on the small size. The happy medium again is what we require—the quality and compactness of the small one on to the length of the others. Many fanciers ask one's opinion of a certain bird for breeding purposes; but pairs are what are required, a grand breed bird of either sex being simply wasted if not put up with a good mate. The faults of one are in this case counteracted in the other.

Feather of the proper quality is hard to fix in a strain, and the birds I have found most useful in this direction are the Greens and the Cinnamons. How many fanciers can be found who have tried crossing the two mentioned into their strain, and have not bred something to excel in quality? Some of the best feathered birds I have ever seen have been heavily variegated Cinnamons and Greens. Cross one of them with a clear Yorkshire, and should you be fortunate enough to breed a clear or a lightly-ticked bird, what marvellous marble-like feathers it has; it is one of the best birds to be had in breeding for quality.

Frilliness at the breast is difficult to breed out, that is, without going to the other extreme and getting the birds barrel-chested. Stick to the best, and pair up the finest you can get hold of. It is useless pairing up birds that do not give one complete satisfaction. Some fanciers will say, "I should pair these two, but if I do the others will be let down." My advice is, pair up the two best suited together. Remember, one good winner is worth a lot of bad ones, and by pairing up the best you have a greater chance another season of being able to put up more pairs likely to produce a winner or two.

Whilst dealing with the question of feather, I must say a few words upon neck twist; that is, birds which have a tendency to frill, but having the frill too high up to justify their being designated by that name; therefore, I call it a twist. It occurs just under the beak and the feathers stand out at each side of the neck, as though it had been washed and the soap not properly removed. This fault I have not seen very many times, but when it does occur one never knows where it is going to crop up again.

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While I was walking in a friend's garden once (they had just moved into the house) we found an old water-can. In it was a lot of hay. At one end was a nest with two Robin's eggs in it. At the other end was another nest with two more eggs in it of the same kind. This latter nest had been deserted.—Sent by J. F. R. Eales White (age 12), 47, Lancaster Park, Richmond, Surrey.

*Joe the Parrot.

Our neighbour has a Parrot whose name is Joe, and they hang him in an out-house. When they hang him outside he will open his cage-door and walk out. Then he will whistle a dancing tune and will say to any horse and cart, "hold back." When his master fetches the wheelbarrow he will say, "Gie up, way boxer," and when he sees the cat, "A Tom, mew—mew." When he is tired of being out, he will walk up to his door and peck with his bill, and call "Mrs." It is a nice Grey Parrot, and sometimes says to his master, "Can't bear washing days."—Sent by Tom Cock (age 12), Bearwood, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

**Saved by the Cat.

A fortnight ago father bought a good pair of Crest Canaries which cost him £10. A few days after, by some means, he must have left the cage-door open, for after he had fed them the Crest hen got out. Some time after our cat which is very old, rushed into the kitchen and dashed upon the table with the bird in his mouth and a strange cat after him like a mad thing. Our old cat, who is a great pet of father's, jumped clean on his shoulder with the bird. We all thought the bird dead, and before we could speak the strange cat escaped out of the window, and what was father's surprise upon taking the bird away to find it was in no way hurt beyond having lost a few feathers. It was frightened, but it soon recovered. We all believe our cat saved the bird's life.—Sent by Montague Rice Davey (age 11), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

IN THE COURTS.

Plover Catching in the Fens.

At Spalding recently a further prosecution was brought b the Society for the Prevention of Cruelt to Animals for alleged cruelty to decoy birds used for Plover catching. John Pack, Plover catcher, Spalding, was summoned for cruelty to two birds, the allegation being that they were injured by the string by which they were secured. After a hearing lasting several hours, the Bench convicted. The Chairman said the magistrates did not wish to stop an industry which was an important one, and a means of livelihood to many, but in this case they considered there was cruelty, and fined defendant 5s. and costs. In a previous prosecution at Bourne, the justices dismissed the case. The S.P.C.A. have given notice of appeal against the decision of the Bourne magistrates. The case is one affecting a considerable number of persons in the Fens engaged in catching wild birds.

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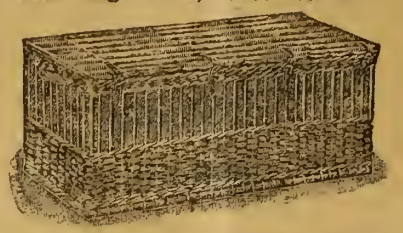
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CLUB REPORTS.

SALE OPEN O.S.

At our last meeting, held December 21st, there were about twenty members and friends gathered to hear Mr. S. W. Birebley's interesting paper on "The Various British Birds, and Springtime." It was a very happy occasion, and those who were not present missed a treat which does not often come our way. The only thing to regret was that we had not the gathering Mr. Birchley deserved; but perhaps most of the members were busy preparing for a Merry Christmas, which I hope everybody had. Mr. Birchley has promised to give us another lecture later on, and we feel sure he will have a larger audience.—JAS. IRLAM, Secretary.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting held December 5th, in the Normand Hall. The treasurer and secretary's report of the late show was adopted. It showed a balance to the right side. Office bearers for next year: The following were all re-elected, Messrs. D. Walker (president), J. Hutchison (treasurer), J. Davidson (vice-president), George Harris (assistant secretary); Auditors, Messrs. Andrew Wallace and White. Our annual supper followed, and was a great success. Violin selections were rendered by Mr. Peter Burt, assisted by Mr. H. Bisset with his phonograph. Songs were rendered by Messrs. R. Trails, D. Walker, G. Harris, J. Hutchison, A. Wallace, and Watson. Mr. J. Macgregor gave a nice little speech, and I think if his advice is taken, it will do good in this district amongst bird fanciers. A very enjoyable evening was spent taken altogether. With the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed.—J. LOGAN, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held December 19th, at the Fawcett-street Cafe, the chairman, Mr. John Farrar, presiding over a good attendance. The members were very enthusiastic, despite the fact that our late show, although a record in every other way, was financially a failure, owing to the poor gate and the very poor sale of tickets, due to the great depression existing in the town, but principally owing to a loss of nearly £10 from last year, which left us with very little in hand. Under the circumstances, the members proposed to levy themselves in order to clear off all liabilities, and the motion, proposed by Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. M. Walker, was carried unanimously. This shows true fanciership, and is much better than the old method of members paying their following year's subscriptions to pay off the debt of the previous year, which is simply "working the dead horse." A letter was read from our late president, Mr. J. T. G. Pemberton, in which he said that he fully realised the difficulties we would have in carrying out our late show, owing to the state of trade, and he had decided to give us a donation of two guineas, which he enclosed. The secretary was instructed to forward to Mr. Pemberton the best thanks of the members. Although our members have decided to levy themselves, we should be thankful for any assistance from outside sources.—REID AND MADDISON, Hon. Secretaries.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters December 14th. The following were elected members:—Miss Edwards, W. Quantrell, F. Knight, T. Hart, R. T. Parr, C. Botting, and J. P. Lloyd. Nominated candidates: Messrs. Withers Bros., F. Tibbs, R. A. Newley, and H. Stewart Grahame. The protest lodged by F. Vincent against W. Francis in connection with special prize No. 54 was allowed to be withdrawn. The case of a new member's being allowed to exhibit at the annual show *one* meeting after election, and protested against by A. Wheller at the previous meeting, having been referred to the council, the following recommendation was submitted: "That the council express regret that a large and well-attended meeting should have thought fit to waive a rule on the occasion named, and recommend that it be not taken as a precedent, nor allowed to occur again." This was carried unanimously. Twelve diplomas won at the recent annual show were presented by the chairman, also six silver cups that had been won outright, to the following:—"Trower," British Insectivorous, W. Francis; "Norwich Plain-head Challenge" (value six guineas), A. W. Curtis; "Lazarus," Crest, W. France; "Thorns," Crest-bred, H. W. Dickinson;" Anonymous," British Select-cuters, W. Francis; and "Wynn's" Point Cup, to Mrs. Page. A vote of thanks for services rendered at annual show was accorded Mrs. Wyse, Miss Rose Shephard, and Messrs. F. Wyse, A. W. Curtis, W. Shephard, J. Pooley, F. Turmber, A. Wheller, A. Hart, and J. Dewhurst; also to Mr. H. Dickinson, for defraying the cost of filling in the diplomas. A collection was made on behalf of Mr. G. Gardner for his "Old Folks Fund," which amounted to 10s. 7d. Mr. F. Wyse (who recently presented the association with the latest electric drying cage) presented the British section with a handsome solid silver cup, to be competed for at the next annual show. This cup was greatly admired. Mr. G. Menhennett promised a solid silver cup for competition in the novice Yorkshire section at the annual show. This drew from the chairman the remark that the novices should take heart and try and repeat the success that Mr. Menhennett had met with. Both donors were heartily thanked, and Mr. Curtis spoke of the good work Mr. Wyse had done for the association. A judging competition in Crests and Crested-breds then took place, with Mr. John Tyson as judge. The chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn), whose grief at the loss of his son and only child was difficult to restrain, returned thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy. He said that it was the bitterest blow he had ever sustained, but the sympathy displayed on all hands, and especially from friends he was totally unaware of (he was the recipient of over 150 letters), went a great way towards softening the blow. The sight at the graveside of the 42 wreaths, including the lovely one from the association, R. L. Crisp, A. W. Curtis, W. Shepherd, Mrs. Maher, CAGE BIRDS, etc., and the representatives from the Association, West London, and other societies had deeply touched him. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Tyson.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.R. & P.S.

Special meeting held at the Crown Hotel December 16th for the purpose of presenting the cup, etc., to the successful members at the recent annual show. Mr. H. P. Douglas (president) presided over a good company, and in a few choice remarks presented Mr. J. Cuthbertson (Darlington) with the cup for the best bird in the cage bird section. The recipient suitably responded. Several splendid selections were given on the gramophone kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. W. Mason. A few songs were given by Mr. F. E. Rudkin. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the promise of the president, Mr. Douglas, and a vice-president, Mr. Daglish, to present cups to the society for competition next year, making the society the proud possessors of four splendid cups, a promise which was heartily received. It was decided to hold the general meeting on January 6th. A hearty vote of thanks to the president and secretary ended a very enjoyable meeting.—A. BOWES, Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Annual general meeting, held in the City Cafe, on December 21st. The secretary read the balance-sheet for 1908, which showed a small [illegible] in favour of the society; the auditors h[illegible] reported the same to be correct, it was adopted. [illegible] discussion ensued regarding the date of open show for 1909. The opinion was expressed that a change of date was necessary, as there were no less than seven shows held on the same day (21st November), although we were first in the field, and advertised our date through the whole year. The 23rd October was fixed as the most suitable date, and hope was expressed that we would have better entries next year. The election of office bearers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. David Brown; vice-president, Mr. Alex. G. Forrest; treasurer, Mr. Alex. Borrie; secretary, Mr. Jas. Kerr. 6, St. Catherine's Road; auditors, Messrs Sharp and McDonald, and a large committee. Three new members were proposed and accepted. The Secretary reported all prize money paid and nearly all specials sent out; in fact, everything was squared up for the year. We thank exhibitors for their entries, and wish every fancier a successful season.—JAMES KERR, secretary.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual meeting held at the Hall of Science, Freeman-street, on December 15th, Mr H. E. Stubbs presiding. Six new members were elected, including Mr. Stones, a well-known exhibitor now residing in Grimsby. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. W. H. Moore, sen.; vice-chairman, Mr. H. E. Stubbs; honorary secretary, Mr. W. H. Moore, jun.; hon. treasurer and reporter, Mr. H. Harding; committee, Messrs. Oliver, Cotterill, Way, Robinson, T. Crowston, Beaumont, Pett, Metcalf, Cartwright, Good, Dowie and Stones; auditors, Messrs. Metcalf and Cotterill. Mr. H. E. Stubbs, our chairman for the past two years, expressed a desire to vacate the chair, but consented to support our senior member by accepting the position of vice-chairman. The proceedings were of a very pleasant character, and augured well for the future of the society. The balance-sheet for the past year shows a loss on our October open show of £8 19s.; but it is satisfactory to note that notwithstanding this adverse balance there will be £2 10s. to carry forward to the credit of the society. The annual half-day members' show will be held at the Hall of Science on January 2nd next, birds to be staged by 2.30 p.m., when there will be a good classification. Specials will be given for the best Norwich (champions and novices), and also for the best British bird shown, Mr. A. Sutcliffe presenting the former, and Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., the latter, and we hope others will come forward with specials for the occasion. Mr. W. Clews has very kindly promised to officiate as judge. Fanciers and friends will be admitted free, and are invited to attend.—H. HARDING, Treasurer.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

The annual Bohemian concert and presentation of special prizes won by members at the annual show took place at the Montpelier Hotel on December 15th, and proved to be one of the most successful ever held by the society. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the well-known manager of the Crystal Palace Show, was in the chair; Mr. Geo. Cobb, for many years president of the L.P.O., in the vice-chair. Close upon 100 members, their wives and friends, were present. Mr. H. E. Tringham, who superintended the arrangements, provided an excellent programme. The proceedings opened with a pianoforte duet by Miss Ings and Mr. A. Bolton, and the following contributed to the harmony:—Messrs. Percy Adamthwaite, W. Broadbent, A. K. Jew, Fred Putner, Will Putner, Allan Cunningham, A. Bolton, and J. Butler. The special prizes had all been nicely arranged on a table in front of the chairman, the handsome shield, cup and bowl in the centre. Mr. Ramsden had a jovial remark for each recipient of a prize. The principal winners were Messrs. J. W. Rennie, R. Brownlie, W. Morris, H. E. Tringham, E. S. Lugg, L. J. Richardson, F. Johnson, F. Cole, J. E. Reeves, J. Silverthorn, Goodwin, Botting, Whiteman, Putner, Matthes, F. J. Green, and Mrs. Litchfield. The chairman proposed "Success to the Dulwich and Peckham Society," coupling with the toast the name of the hon. sec., Mr. Hodson, which was received with musical honours. Mr. Hodson replied, giving a brief outline of the society's work during the year, the most pleasing feature of which was the fact that 40 new members had joined. Mr. E. S. Lugg proposed the toast of "The Fancy." Mr. Adamthwaite responding. Mr. J. Cole proposed "The Visitors," Mr. R. J. Pretty (of the London and Counties O.S.) responding. The chairman proposed "The Ladies," Mr. Richardson responding. Mr. H. E. Tringham proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Mr. J. W. Ramsden," and said how much all appreciated Mr. Ramsden's presence in the chair. He also spoke of the coming jubilee show at the Palace, and the great efforts Mr. Ramsden was putting forth to make this show the great event of his career as show manager. Mr. Ramsden, who was received with musical honours, replied. He would always be pleased, he said, to do what he could for the Dulwich and Peckham Society. At 11.30 the company sang "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King."—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Annual meeting held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on December 17th. Mr. Wright (Greenock), the esteemed president, occupied the chair. The balance-sheet, showing £4 7s. on the right side (which includes the cup fund), was adopted, it being considered satisfactory. It was decided to have the next exhibition on September 18th in the Grand National Hall, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, the half-yearly business meeting on June 14th, and the annual business meeting in November; and that we continue to issue printed catalogues at 2d. per copy; but as a loss arose on the issue of 1908, it was deemed expedient not to include the names and addresses of the members, putting the town after the name in the entry meeting the requirements. It was considered that much would be done to improve the association if the members generally took an active and practical interest in it. The following office-bearers were elected:—Honorary president, Mr. W. Hart (Paisley); president, Mr. Wright (Greenock); vice-president, Councillor James Hogg (Oakley); secretary and treasurer, Thomas Smith, 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow; auditors, Messrs. Bullions and Porteous; committee, Messrs. Aitkenhead, Bigg, Bell, Cobb, Bullions, Caldwell, Carmyllie, Crawford, Donnelly, Ferguson, Fernie, Fleming, Fulton, Gibb, Gray, Hall, Hannay, Hart, Hogg, Holden, Hutchison, Jardine, Johnstone, Lees, McCaig, McClure, McQuillan, McDougall, Martin, Maxwell, Miller, Muir, Niven, Park, Portious, Price, Rennie, Renwick, Smith, Stewart, Strathearn, Thoms Thornton, Urquhart, Ward, and Webster. The chairman kindly intimated that he would give a special prize for the best bird, opposite sex to the cup and medal winner, as he considered that exhibit should have tangible recognition. He was heartily thanked for his generosity. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary brought the meeting to a close.—THOS. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual Linnet contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, on Christmas Day, when 27 birds sang before a crowded house. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and T. Chadwick. 1st, Stead; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Hardcastle; 4th, Sissons. Also on Boxing Day, when Messrs. Summers and Cooper judged, and 21 birds were hung. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd shared between Hardcastle and Cooper. Also on December 27th, when 22 birds sang. 1st, Crowther; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

The 31st annual Christmas Linnet singing contest was held at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on Boxing Day, when there was a record entry, it being the largest contest ever held in York. Upwards of 60 birds came before the judge, Mr. J. W. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. The singing was excellent. Mr. W. Empson arranged a prize for every competitor, and the following were the principal winners, viz.:—1, Perry; 2, Bean; 3, Andrews; 4, Harrison; 5 Layfield; 6, Oldroyd; 7, Bickerdyke; 8, Moore; 9, Whitehead; 10, Chaplin; 11, Brown, and 42 minor prizes. A most successful meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the donors of prizes. Mr. J. Limbert was timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

The Phalaropes.

The Phalaropes, of which we have two members, somewhat resemble the Plovers, but are distinctly peculiar both in form and habit. They are very buoyant swimmers, and may sometimes be met with some distance from shore. Their feet have peculiar skin like lobes, fastened to each toe, but not connecting them. When they are swimming and making a backward stroke there is great resistance to the water, but with the forward stroke the lobes fold underneath, and thus cause the least possible resistance.

Artificial Colouration of Birds.

In "Science Progress" is an article by Mr. R. Lydekker, on a series of experiments as to the colouration of birds. Mr. C. W. Beebe, of the New York Zoological Society, has conducted the experiments, which are still in progress, and has shown that a most remarkable tendency exists for the plumage of birds to darken under the influence of a moist atmosphere. Three species were used for the experiments: the Wood Thrush, the White-throated Sparrow, and the Inca (or Scaly Dove). In every case the exposure to exceedingly damp atmosphere effected a very remarkable increase in the black portions of the birds' plumage. In the case of the Dove the change was so great that the plumage passed through several stages corresponding to birds which are classed as entirely distinct species. Mr. Beebe notes that in no instance did the colour of the plumage itself change; the changes occurred during the successive moults. These experiments raise the interesting question as to how far such phenomena as protective coloration should be attributed to natural selection, and how far to direct reaction to environment. Mr. Beebe has shown, in the case of the Tanager and Bobolink that it is possible, by preventing the birds from breeding and by modifying their food and environment, to keep them with their breeding livery unchanged for a whole year. The experiments started in spring, and in the following spring the birds moulted, passing directly from the previous year's breeding plumage to that of the current year. No one can quarrel with Mr. Beebe's highly interesting conclusion that he has proved that, in the case of these birds at any rate, the sequence of plumage is not in any way predestined by inheritance, but that it can be interrupted by certain external factors.

THE SHOWS.

RUGBY C.B.S.

At Rugby Town Hall on December 19th a 12-mile radius show was held. There was a gratifying entry, and some birds that had done well elsewhere had to stand down on this occasion. Mr. S. Bromwich placed the cards, and Mr. E. Westley made a courteous show secretary.

NOR., ANY AGE: 1, 2, Leng, big buff hen leading; 2nd, nice bird; 3, he, Brooks, grand exhibit, yell., nice quality, nat. col.; 4, vhc, Dickens, variog. yell.; r, Savage; c, Labranam. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, 4, Savage, leader ticked buff hen, good head and neck and true Buzzard type, much admired; 4th eye-marked yell., nice quality, rich colour; 2, r, Dickens, with very nice exhibits; 3, he, Leng, former eye-marked cock of rare quality, nice size; vhc, Brooks; c, Ward. NOVICE CAN.: 1, Mardling, Yorks.; 2, 4, Goddard, nice clean in front; 3, Jennings, Nor.; vhc, Lever. BRIT.: 1, Westley, Hawfinch, nice bib, good condition; 2, Bond, Bullfinch, fine specimen, rich in breast colour; 3, Brooks, Goldfinch; 4, Dickens, Siskin; r, Westley, Wheatear; vhc, c, Skipwith; hc, Jones. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Scaresbrook, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; 2, Westley, Goldfinch-Greenfinch; 3, Dickens, Goldie-Can., all very fine birds; 4, Skipwith; vhc, Scarlesbrook; r, Smith. FOR.: 1, Ward, Budgerigars; 2, Skipwith, Peach-faced Lovebird, both excellent exhibits. The winner in each class received a special prize from a Rugby tradesman, and there were also prizes for most points.

NARBERTH.

Held December 16th, at the Victoria Hall, a beautiful glass-covered building, quite an ideal place for the purpose. The main feature of the show was the wonderful team of Goldies, staged by Mr. T. W. Richards, all of them being in lovely condition and bang up in colour. The entries in most classes were low, no doubt owing to the number of shows taking place during the week in the county of Pembrokeshire. The birds which were shown, however, were up to the highest standard, and the executive will be well advised to increase the prize money in future; the entries will increase accordingly. Mr. Jas. Owen, the secretary looked after the arrangements of the show in a very able manner. Mr. J. B. Evans placed the cards, and gave satisfaction.

NOR. (3): 2, Jefferson, shapely yell., nice wing carriage, good size and colour; 3, Merriman, Buff, good size and quality, in grand condition; vhc, G. Thomas. YORKS. CL. ETC. (2): 2, Audrew, nice positioned one, good length, and carriage, well shown; vhc, Parfitt, good length and carriage. TKD. ETC. (2): Parfitt, very special quality, nice size; vhc, Andrews, finely drawn, very typical. DK. MULE (4): 1, G. Thomas, well known Buff-Goldie, Welsh National winner, grand face and body colour, well shown; 2, Richards, another graud Buff; absent, G. Thomas and Webb. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, fine class, every bird up in rare colour, good specimens, cardless: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, 2 he's, c, Richards, really grand team of birds, first fine square face, fine bars and buttons, showing thumb marks on cheek whites, the hall-mark of the true Britisher; 2, typical, nicely cut face, rare colour and style, fine bars and buttons; 3, 4, also very correct, hard to find faults with; hc, Davies, neat face. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Richards, Robin in wonderful bloom, fine breed and shield, rare size wins well; 2, Bramble, good spangle and bars, nice quality; 3, Hernshaw, Greenfinch, nice size and colour, in good feather; absent, Gay. C.B. (2): 2, Hooper; vhc, Williams. CAN. LOCAL: 1, c, Webb; 2, Hooper; 3, Williams; vhc, Miss Phillips.

MARAZION.

The third annual show of Marazion and Western Dist. B.F.A. was held in the St. Thomas Hall on Boxing Day. The hall was splendidly adapted for the purpose, and the birds were exceedingly well staged, the arrangements being in the hands of some experienced fanciers. The officials were:—Vice-president, Mr. H. Phillips; treasure, Mr. W. A. Phillips; secretaries, Messrs. O. Phillips and P. Phillips; committee, Messrs. S. Kidney, F. James, W. Baker, G. Rowe, J. White, R. Hulse, B. White, H. Bennetts, W. Philp, W. Hulse, G. Semmens, W. Radmore, C. Bryant, W. J. Rodda, H. Richards, and R. Phillips. The entries, which totalled 159, were in excess of any previous years. The Norwich came first, and were exceptionally good in type and quality. The Yorkshires were a capital lot, and made a good display, type and quality being very prominent. The three classes of pairs matched for breeding were very strong, and gave the judge some little difficulty in selecting the winners. The Goldfinches were two strong classes, and were teeming with quality, both the cage-moulted and non-cage-moulted. The show was opened by Mrs. T. W. Field, of Chymorvah, who was supported by the Revs. R. D. Purves (vicar) and W. Ball, and Hinchcliffe, Miss Dewsnap, and Mr. T. W. Field. The silver cup presented by Mr. and Lady Agnes Durham to the member winning most points was won for the second time by Mr. J. S. White, becoming now his property; and another cup, for the member winning most points in open, was awarded to Mr. J. W. H. Mitchell. This is to be won any three years, or two years in succession. The special for the best Yorkshire was won by Mr. P. Opie, and that for best Norwich by Mr. J. S. White. Mr. S. Tickell (Bodmin) judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 2, hc, J. S. White, former good type, quality, and wing carriage; 2nd, another good bird, close up; 3, Mitchell, very typical, good head, neck and body; vhc, Kemp, good type and quality. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 3, White, 1st really nice close-feathered one, good type; 3rd, another nice one; 2, Kemp, very typical wings and tail, well staged; vhc, P. Oatey; res, Mitchell; hc, Chirgwin. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, White, two good birds, teeming with quality; 3, Kemp, nice even colour and quality; res, Glanville, close up. NON-FLIG. (10): 1, spl, 2, White, both fine quality, good heads, neck and wings, very typical; 3, Curnow, good shape and feather, neat head and body; res, Mitchell; vhc, Roberts; hc, Kemp; c, Oatey. YORKS. CL. YELL (6): 1, spl, Mitchell, good position, well drawn, nice level colour; 2, H. Brooks, fine length and quality, well up on legs; 3, Oatey, rare length, position and carriage; res, Chirgwin; vhc, Fox. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Baker, finely drawn, straight as an arrow, tight as boxwood; 2, Chirgwin nice length, carriage, and position; 3, Catey, stands well, good wing and tail carriage; res, vhc, Fox. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, Chirgwin, both full of style and quality, well on legs; 3, Mitchell, neatly feathered, good head, neck, and wing carriage; res, Oatey; vhc, Fox. NON-FLIG. (8): 1, spl, res, Oatey, 1st good shape and quality, neat wings and tail, well put down; res, another good one; 2, Mitchell, upstanding bird, well braced wings and tail; vhc, hc, Mitchell. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, spl, Chirgwin, good Nor. type, clean, sound colour; 2, res, hc, Rowe and Hancock, 2nd Scotch Fancy comes into position quickly, good nerve and drive; 3, R. Fox; vhc, Oatey NOR. NAT. COL. (6): 1, spl, White, nice cobby body, good head and neck, very typical; 2, Rowe and Hancock, nice head, neck, and wing carriage; 3, vhc, King, close up; res, hc, Oatey. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, 2, Oatey, good pair, fine length, carriage and position; 3, Glanville, good type and finish, neat wings and tail; res, Mitchell; vhc, Brooks; hc, Batten. PAIR NOR. (matched for breeding) (10): 1, spl, 3, res, White, three very typical pairs, well shown; 2, Mitchell, good type and quality; vhc, P. Phillips; hc, Glanville; c, Oatey. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, Brooks, well-balanced pair, full of type and quality; 2, Baker, another typical pair, press winners hard; 3, res, Oatey, both pairs well matched both in type and quality; vhc, Batten; hc, Chirgwin; c, Oatey. MULE (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Hancock, fine trio, put down in good form; res, vhc, Mitchell. GOLDIE, CAGE-MOULTED (7): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, well defined and square cut blaze, good tanning and moonings; 2, Allen, another good one, neat face, nice body colour and wing bars; 3, Richards, close up; res, Philp; vhc, Fellow; hc, Philp. NON-CAGE-MOULTED (7): 1, spl, 3, Richards, leader rich deep blaze, good body colour and moonings; 3rd, neat head and markings; 2, Fellow, fine big square face, very steady; res, Rowe and Hancock; vhc, hc, Philp. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, 2, hc, Rowe and Hancock, former grand Bullfinch, fine size and type, good breast colour, well defined cap and wing bars, hard to beat; 2nd, Yellowhammer, good head, cheeks, and neck marks, good size and condition, well deserved its place; 3, Allen, Yellow Wagtail, good colour and condition; res, King; vhc, Philp. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, grand Hawfinch, good size and markings, shown in spotless condition; 2, Chirgwin, good Jay, very steady; 3, Harris, well spotted Song Thrush. PAIR (matched for muling) (8) 1, spl, res, Rowe and Hancock, two good pairs; 2, 3, Mitchell, close up; vhc, Oatey; hc, King; c, Phillips. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, spl, Edmonds, Green Amazon Parrot, fine size, lovely plumage, good condition; 2, Reynolds, Grey African Parrot; 3, Laity, Grey African Parrot. SELL 15/- (10): 1, 3, c, Mitchell; 2, White; res, Oatey; vhc, Phillips; hc, Fox. 10/- (12): 1, Mitchell; 2, vbc, Oatey; 3, Fox; res, Glanville; hc, Chirgwiu; c, Allen. CAN. (confined to Marazion, excluding fanciers): 1, spl, Miss Marks; 2, Semmens; 3, res, Harris; vhc, Bennetts.

PETERHEAD C.B.A.

The first show of this newly-formed Society was held in the Music Hall on December 18th and 19th, when close upon 200 birds were staged, which must be considered very satisfactory. The quality, too, was very good, some really fine specimens being on view. Mr. P. A. Jack, to whom the Society have entrusted the secretarial duties, makes a capital official, and is to be congratulated on his able management of affairs on this occasion. The Town Council cup for most points went to Mr. Alex Clark, the president's medal to Mr. J. Strachan, and the vice-president's to Mr. W. Dunn. Mr. J. A. Smith's medal for best bird bred during 1908 was won by Mr. A. Thomson. Mr. D. Milne (Montrose) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Dunn; 2, Fraser; 3, Morrice; vhc, Clark; hc, Buchan; c, Davidson. BUFF: 1, Morrice; 2, Winton; 3, M'Kay; vhc, Marr; hc, P. Thomson; c, Wilson. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1 and medal, Dunn; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Morrice; hc, Clark. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Strachan; 3, Clark; vhc, P. Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, And. Clark; 2, Strachan; 3, Wilson; vhc, A. Smith. BUFF: 1st medal, spl, Strachan; 2, Clark; 3, T. Clark; vhc, Cowie; hc, Davidson; c, Morrice. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Straeban; 2, Morrice; 3, vhc, T. Clark; hc, P. Thomson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hay; 2, Strachan; vhc, Clark; hc, Morrice. BEST-MATCHED PAIR: 1, Strachan; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, Morrice; vhc, T. Clark; c, Fraser. CL., ETC. YELL. CK., NAT. COL.: 1, Whyte; 2, Dunn; 3, Wilson; vhc, Cameron; hc, Hay; c, Cowie. BUFF: 1, Park; 2, Morrice; 3, Hay; vhc, Cowie; hc, Dyer; c Wilson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, c, Wilson; 2, hc, White; 3, A. Thomson; vhc, Morrice. BUFF: 1, Fraser; 2, Cameron; 3, Morrice; vhc, Hay; hc, Connon; c, Clark. GREEN OR FOUL: 1, Strachan; 2, Fraser; 3, Clark. CINN.: 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, 3, Clark. CREST. OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sim; c, Jack. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Cartan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Whyte; 2, Porter. BRIT.: 1, Whyte; 2, spl, Cowie; 3, Park; vhc, West. FOR.: 1, Johnston; 2, Gray; 3, Mrs. Grant; vhc, R. H. Smith; hc, Gibb; c, Mitchell. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., BRED 1908: 1, Wilson; 2, Winton; 3, M'Phail; vhc, Fraser; hc, Clark; c, Connon. BUFF: 1 and medal, A. Thomson; 2, vhc, Strachan; 3, Clark; hc, Winton; c, Laidlaw. YELL. HEN: 1, Connon; 2, P. Thomson; 3, A. Thomson; vhc, Morrice; hc, Dyer; c, Laidlaw BUFF: 1, A. Thomson; 2, 3, Clark; vhc, Fraser; hc, Morrice; c, T. Clark. NAT. COL.: CK.: 1, P. Thomson; 2, Hay; 3, Cowie; vhc, Fraser; hc, Clark; c, Park. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Clark; vhc, Cameron; hc, A. Smith; c, Wilson. SELL.: 1, Dyer; 2, 3, vhc, Whyte; hc, c, Fraser.

ALSTON.

The caged bird section of the local show contained some good specimens of Canaries. Many visitors showed great interest in this section. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. CAN. (7): 1, 4, vhc, Nicholson; 2, vhc, Armstrong; 3, Smith; vhc, Holden.

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FELINFOEL.

Held at County Schools, December 19th. The weather was of the worst description, a thick fog mantling everything, making the work of judging very difficult. The entries mustered up fine, and in some classes as many as 20 toed the mark. Canaries were a nice lot, and some well-known exhibitors put down some of their best. In the British birds the Goldies, Linnets, and the A.O.S. were very keen; again we recognised a few of the best, a great many of the best known winners putting in attendance. In Mr. W. P. Jones, the hon. secretary, we found the embodiment of kindness and courtesy, and the arrangements were kept well in hand. No. 1 in the Linnet class was disqualified for alleged staining. Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged, and gave satisfaction.

Critique.

NOR.: 1, 3, Kirby, first neat and cobby, possessing both size and quality, lovely bead properties, wins; 3, again extra good chested, short flights and tail; 2, W. P. Jones, very typical, rare stamp, neatly feathered, a gem; vhc, G. Thomas, good yell; W. Jones; hc, Clement; c, Bennett. YORKS. (21): 1, 2, A. E. Taylor, both typical and lengthy, nicely drawn, well clothed, good position, grand wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, neat position and carriage, good pipe tail, well shown; 4, T. Williams, smart and stylish, nicely braced wings; ex. 3, vhc, Griffiths Bros., very close up, fine position on perch, rare qualities; res, Price; hc, Bennett; c, Lewis. NOR. NON-FED (5): 1, 3, 4, W. P. Jones, trio of very shapely specimens plenty of size and colour, well shaped; 2, R. Jenkins, fine chubby type, neat wings and tail, finished off with silky jacket; res, Bowen YORKS. HEN (7): 1, Griffiths Bros., neat and stylish, beautifully drawn, smart carriage, wins well; 2, A. E. Taylor, very fine specimen, good length and position, neatly braced wings, good pipe tail; 3, R. Jenkins, very lengthy, erect position on perch, in good order; 4, B. Jones, neat exhibit; res, Bennett; vhc, Rees; hc, Hopkins. BORD. FCY. (11): 1, 2, 4, res, Hocking, first yell, evenly and correctly mkd., beautiful style, fine gay carriage, best of wings and tails; 2, well known yell. green, grand level self-colour, a picture for condition and type; 4, res, also real good ones, hard to separate; 3, Harry, splendid cl. buff, very typical model, nice wing carriage; vhc, hc, G. Thomas; hc, A. Thomas. MULES (10): 1, res, G. Thomas, well known Buff leading, showing well to-day, fine face and body colour; res, yell. also good one; 2, Bancroft, large sized Siskin Can., finely mkd. good level colour; 3, H. Jenkins, bright Goldie-Greenie, nice size and condition, splendid square face; 4, D. Thomas; vhc, King; hc, King and Evans; c, Evans. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, David Roy, fine bright, well-polished blaze, rare cut, plenty of expanse, neat profusion of tans; 2, Reynolds, also very high-class, good face and tans, put down very fit; 3, Thomas, grand Finch for face colour, rare quality of feather, nice chestnut body and black colour; 4, Francis, also a real topper for face, full square cut blaze of extensive proportions; res, Jones and Evans; vhc, Bennett; hc, B. Jones; c, Hopkins; ex. 3, Thomas and Jones, very useful, rare face, extra well tanned, very choice show specimen. LINNET (MOULTED) (20): 1, Nicholas, well known rare good colour, correct nutty brown, fine lacing, very level in front, shown in highest condition; 2, ex. 3, Bancroft, well known, wonderful for marking and size, the Swansea non-moulted winner; 3, Thomas and Jones, beautifully coloured and mkd., neat, well broken up marking, plenty of polish; 4, B. Jones, fine up-standing specimen, nicely laced; res, Ray; vhc, Sullivan; hc, Holbrow; c, Price. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Nicholas, lovely coloured yellow-hammer, fine size, well marked, often described; 2, Bancroft, good sized Greenie, rare colour, good quality feather, perfection for shape and finish; 3, Price, well mkd. Bramblefinch, good colour and polish; 4, H. Jenkins, Chaffinch, neatly staged; vhc, Morgan and Davies; res, W. Thomas; hc, Hopkins; c, Griffith Bros. LOCAL C.B., A.V.: 1, T. J. Evans, good Bullie, fine size and colour, nicely defined cap; 2, c, Aubrey, Yorks. full of style, nice position; 3, W. P. Jones, rare stamp of a Nor., lovely colour and good; 4, Morris; vhc, Jenkins, Bowen.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Annual show held December 3rd and 4th, in the Assembly Room, at the Boars' Head Hotel. In connection with this the Federation of Cage Bird Societies (Ashton-under-Lyne centre), held their last show of the season in which section, Stockport scored 40 points, bringing their total up to 143 points, thereby tieing for the cup with their neighbours "Hazel Grove." Entries in all numbered 282. All were comfortably staged on the three tier system which has been so much admired in Stockport for some time. Many grand birds were staged, some that have won at the best shows. In Lancashires the quality and size were all that could be desired; Lizards were a treat, there being such spangling combined with size and colour that many old hands said they were the best ever shown in Stockport. Norwich were good all round for size, colour, type and quality, and were staged to perfection. Yorkshires were grand, of good length and tight as wax. Crest and Crestbreds were good and the Cinnamons, though not numerous, could boast of having a couple of tip-toppers amongst them. In the A.O.V. Canary class was a good Belgian, and a good Border Fancy. In the Mule or Hybrid class was one of the best Greenie-Bullies ever seen. British birds were good. A solid silver egg stand, presented by Councillor E. Clarke, J.P., for best in show, was won by Mr. W. Hill with his Crest. Mr. J. E. Davies' yellow Norwich took special for best Norwich in show; Mr. T. E. Dickenson's fine Yorkshire taking special for best Yorkshire. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION: LANCS. YELL. COPPY CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Lee. BUFF COPPY AND P.H. CK. (3): 1, Brooks; 2, spl, 3, Garner. YELL. P.H. CK. (4): 1, Lee; 2, spl, 3, 4, Garner. COPPY HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, hc, Lee; 3, Garner; vhc, Brooks. P.H. HEN (4): 1, spl, 2, 4, Lee; 3, Garner. LIZ. GOLD CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, Hill; 3, 4, Massey; vhc, Garner. C.C. SILVER (4): 1, spl, 2, Massey; 3, 4, Hill. B.C. CK. (4): 1, spl, Hill; 2, Garner; 3, Massey; 4, Harrison. GOLD HEN (4): 1, spl, Hill; 2, Massey; 3, Harrison; 4, Garner. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Davies; 2, spl, 4, Shore; 3, Massey; vhc, Oldham; hc, Dickenson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 4, Davies; 2, Massey; 3, Harrison; vhc, hc, McKail. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 3, Shore; 2, Davies; vhc, Stafford; hc, Harrison. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Higham; 3, Davies; 4, Harrison; vhc, hc, Stafford. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Shore; 2, spl, 4, Davies; 3, Harrison; vhc, hc, Oldham. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Davies; 2, McKail; 4, hc, Shore; vhc, Higham; c, Harrison. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, hc, McKail; 2, vhc, Nelson; 3, c, Potts; 4, Higham. BUFF (7): 1, Dickenson; 2, c, Potts; 3, 4, Nelson; vhc, Higham; hc, Massey. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, spl, 3, McKail; 2, 4, Nelson; vhc, hc, Higham; c, Potts. BUFF (8): 1, Potts; 2, Massey; 3, spl, 4, Nelson; vhc, c, McKail; hc, Hill. YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, Potts; 2, spl, vhc, Nelson; 3, hc, Higham; 4, Dickenson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, Nelson; 2, Dickenson; 4, Higham; vhc, hc, Potts. CREST OR C.B. CK. (8): 1, Hill; 2, spl, 3, 4, vhc, c, Oldham; hc, Stafford. HEN (7): 1, Hill; 2, spl, 3, hc, Oldham; 4, Brooks; vhc, c, Garner. CINN. HEN OR YELL. CK. (2): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Hill. CINN. BUFF CK. (3): 1, spl, Hill; 2, Massey; 3, Shore. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Dickenson. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Hill; 3, Dickenson. BRIT GOLDIE. ETC. (3): 1, 2, Massey; 3, Dickenson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, 4, Dickenson; 2, 3, Hill SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Hill, No. 1 absent. AMATEUR SECTION: LIZ. (3): 1, Booth; 2, 3, spl, Forrester. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Booth; 4, vhc, hc, c, Forrester. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Forrester. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2 Forrester. NOVICE SECTION: LIZ. (6): 1, spl, 3 Potter; 2, Matthews; 4, vhc, hc, Smith. YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, c, Watson; 2, Greenhalgh; 3, vhc, Mason; 4, Warburton; hc, Reek. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Warburton; 2, Mason; 3, Greenhalgh; 4, Watson. UNFLIG (8): 1, spl, 3, c, Mason; 2, vhc, Watson; 4, Warburton; hc, Greenhalgh. HEN (8): 1, Warburton; 2, Watson; 3, Greenhalgh; 4, vhc, Mason; hc, c, Reek. NOR. CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, Matthews; 3, Potter; 4, Smith; vhc, Greenhalgh. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, 4, Potter; 2, Smith; 3, Mason; vhc, Watson; hc, Turner. HEN (9): 1, spl, Matthews; 2, Watson; 3, Greenhalgh; 4, c, Potter; vhc, Smith; hc, Mason. A.O.V. (4): 1, Matthews; 2, spl, 4, Watson, 3, Turner. MULE (4): 1, Watson; 2, spl, 3, Turner; 4, Potter. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, spl, 4, Watson; 2, Forrester; 3, vhc, c, Turner; hc, Greenhalgh. FOR. LARGE (1): 1, Nelson. SMALL: cancelled. FEDERATION CLASSES: LANCS.: 1, Stockport; 2, 4, Oldham; 3, Ashton. CREST (2): 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove. NOR. (5): Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, 4, Ashton; vhc, Oldham. YORKS. (3): 1, Ashton; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Stockport. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE (4): 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Oldham; 4, Ashton. BRIT. (2): 1, Hazel Grove; 2 Ashton. Mr. J. E. Davies won the championship cup with 28 points, Mr. G. H. Massey being runner-up with 25 points.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held December 19th, at the Holme Lane Hotel, when 61 birds were staged. Mr. Samuel Dean (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, hc, Clarke; 2, 4, Bedforth; 3, Atkinson; vhc, Gledhill. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 4, Bedforth; vhc, hc, Worsman; c, Gledhill. TICKED, ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Bedford; 4, vhc, Fawcett; hc, Gledhill; c, Clarke. BUFF (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, Shaw; 3, Bedforth; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Clarke; hc, Atkinson; c, Worsman. FOUL MKD. CK. (4): 1, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 3, 4, Worsman. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Fawcett; 2, Worsman; 3, 4, hc, Bedforth; vhc, Clarke; c, Atkinson. BUFF (11): 1, Clarke; 2, vhc, Shaw; 3, hc, Bedforth; 4, Gledhill; c, Tidswell. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN (6): 1, Clarke; 2, Fawcett; 3, Bedforth; 4, Tidswell; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Worsman.—J. SMITH, Secretary.

SOUTHAMPTON.

The Southampton F. and F.A. held its 20th annual show in the Carlton Drill Hall on December 2nd. The entries in the caged bird section came up well, and the quality was good. Mr. Geo. Hunt acted as secretary, and right well did he do his work. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: Messrs. W. G. Fellows (chairman), Finmore (hon. treasurer), Cox, Mintrim, Adlem, Langdon, Golden, Yeates, Duke, Colmer, Parks, and R. Lawrence. Mr. G. T. Webb judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

CREST: 1, spl, 2, Cox; 3, Fellows. C.B.: 1, spl, Fellows; 2, Hamblyn; 3, Cox. NOR.: 1, spl, Roberts; 2, Fellows; 3, Holloway. UNFLIG. (under six months): 1, spl, 3, Parks; 2, Roberts. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Holliday. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, Parks; 3, Boyce. MULE LIGHT: 1, Hamblyn. DARK: 1, Fellows; 2, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Hallett; 2, Roberts; 3, Fellows. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, 3, Legg; 2, Fellows. SMALL BRIT.: 1, spl, Fellows; 2, 3, Legg. LINNET: 1, spl, Hallett; 2, Flintoff; 3, Legg. FOR. SMALL: 1, Parmiter; 2, Hollis. SELL.: 1, spl, 3, Roberts; 2, Parks; ex. 3, Holloway.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A

The last show of the season for the running competition of 1908 was held on Dec. 28, at the Barley Mow. The entry was very good, 129 birds being staged for Mr. T. Bennett, of Lidget Green, to place the awards. Cowell, special for best bird in open section; Clark, special for best bird in novice section; Varley, special medal for bottest fed bird on Sandiford's colour food.

Class 1: 1, 3, Bottomley; 2, Bleazard; 4, Bywater; 2: 1, Bottomley; 2, Bleazard; 3, Cowell; 4, Thompson. 3: 1, Bottomley; 2, Casey; 3, 4, Hudson. 4: 1, 4, Cowell; 2, Thompson; 3, Hudson. 5: 1, 2, Casey; 3, Bleazard; 4, Thompson. 6: 1, 2, Firth; 2, Cowell; 4. Bleazard. 7: 1, Bottomley. 8: 10: Atkinson. 11: 1, Bottomley; 2, Casey; 3, Bywater; 4, Thompson. 12: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Bottomley; 4, Firth. 13: 1, 2, Casey; 3, 4, Firth. NOVICE SECTION: Class 14: 1, Pacey Bros.; 2, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Mitchell; 4, Hodgson. 15: 1, Clark; 2, Pacey Bros.; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, Gledhill. 16: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Battersby; 4, Pacey Bros. 17: 1, Mitchell; 2, Pacey Bros.; 3, Robinson and Sharp. 18: 1, Clark; 2, Gledhill; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, Battersby. 19: 1, Clark; 2, Battersby; 3, Pacey Bros.; 4, Robinson and Sharp. 21: 1, Pacey Bros. 22: 1, Clark; 2, Mitchell; 3, Battersby. 23: 1, Pacey Bros. 24: 1, Pacey Bros. 25: 1, 3, Gledhill; 2, Pacey Bros. 26: Robinson and Sharp.—J. E. HUDSON, Hon. Sec.

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BRIGHOUSE.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S. held their annual show in the Oddfellows' Hall on Dec. 18 and 19. Mr. J. Broadley judged the Canary Section, and Mr. Smith (Sheffield) the Foreign birds. Mr. M. Mitchell, the hon. sec., had the birds well staged, and was ably assisted by a hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. Naylor, Fielding, Shaw, Flake, Smith, and Clegethan.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger, 1st, well up on leg, long flights and tail, good head, typical; 3rd, unflg., full of quality and style; 2, Radley, grand position and feather, bit soft when we saw it; 4, Wood, nice blaze of colour, long and stylish; vhc, Wadesworth; hc, Spencer; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Shackleton, rich colour, feather and position; 2, Bailey and Swanger, full of quality, nice position, grand head, wings and tail; 3, Ross, well up on leg, full of quality, good wing carriage; 4, Wood, rich colour, feather and style; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Kaye. TKD. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Wood, wing ticked, stands well, long flights and tail, magnificent quality; 2, Bailey and Swanger, thigh tick, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Bray, lovely quality, clear on breast, grand carriage, good head, 4, Lodge, length and position, full of quality, neat tail; vhc, Bray; hc, Drake and Son; c, Radley. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger, cheek marked, and teeming with quality, full of nerve, grand position, good head; 2, Radley, typical, grand quality; 3, Bailey and Swanger, long flights and tail, good head, well up in quality; 4, Armstrong, well marked, blaze of colour, nice quality and position, a gem; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Helliwell; c, Ross. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Shackleton, rich colour and feather, grand type; 2, Ogden Bros., typical, grand wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Bailey and Swanger, neat and stylish, good wings and tail; 4, Helliwell, very typical, well up in quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Lodge; c, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1, Bray, good head, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Bailey and Swanger, excellent quality, grand type; 3, Shackleton, long flights and tail, fresh colour, lovely quality; 4, Radley; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Whittaker; c, Taylor. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL (13): 1, Ogden Bros., blaze of colour, nice position, long flights and tail; 2, Frankland, cap and wing marked, full of quality; 3, 4, vhc, Cooper, eye and wing marked, pale colour, nice exhibit; hc, Wood; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., eye and wing mkd, straight as a rush, magnificent quality, wius; 2, Dearden, cap, eye and wing mkd, long flights and tail, grand quality bird; 3, Shackleton, rich colour, full of quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Cooper, mkd. wing, neat head and position; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Wilcock; c, Priestley. CINN. TICK. YELL. HENS (13): 1, 2, Wilcock, 1 eye and wing mkd, slim, lovely quality, neat head; 2nd, cheek and wings marked, long flights and tail, very stylish; 3, Powers, cap, eye and wing mkd, grand position; 4, Fawcett; vhc, hc, Gleder; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Jowett, a gem, grand quality, wings and tail; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek and wings, well up in type and quality, nice position; 3, Taylor and Haigh, cap, eye and wing mkd, very cl. and typical, good wings; 4, Fawcett, eye, cheek and wings, very neat and stylish; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Drake and Son; c, Wilcock. SELL. (£1) (23): 1, 4, Mallinson and Son; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Gleder; vhc, no name; hc, Simmonett; c, F. and E. Ellis. (15/-) (19): 1, Taylor; 2, Fielding; 3, Jowett; 4, Ellis; vhc, Denby; hc, Walker; c, Wadesworth. (12/6) (20): 1, Jowett; 2, Radley; 3, Hammond; 4, Mallinson and Son; vhc, Kent; hc, Rigg; c, Hirst and Cawthra. BRIT. HARDBILL (21): 1, Beaty, Bramble; 2, Axe, Yellow Bunting; 3, Boyle, Bullfinch; 4, Mason, Hawfinch, all very nice birds, exceedingly well put down; vhc, Duncan, Junr.; hc, Mrs. M. Smith; c, Inman. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Walsh, Wagtail; 2, Mason; 3, c, Duncan, Junr.; 4, Inman, again all very good, in nice condition;; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Walsh. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 4, Walsh, Linnet Bullie; 2, Nicholson, Goldie Bullie; 3, Beaty, Goldie Can.; vhc, Duncan Junr.; hc, Thomas; c, Inman. LINNET ETC. (12): 1, Nicholson, Linnet, rich brown colour, nicely pencilled, well put down; 2, Walsh, Siskin, in the pink of condition; 3, hc, c, Duncan, Junr., 3rd, a grand exhibit; 4, Boyle; vhc, Mrs. M. Smith. PARROT, ETC. (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Cheetham lovely team; 1st, King Parrot; 2nd, Many-coloured Parrakeet; 3, 4, Hadley; c, Archer. A.O.S. FOR. SMALL. (17): 1, Mrs. M. Smith; 2, Hadley; 3, c, Cheetham; 4, Walsh; vhc, hc, Harrison. FRUIT-EATING ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, Harrison; 4, Walsh; vhc, Mrs. M. Smith; hc, Cheetham; c, Beaty. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (18): 1, Lodge; 2, vhc, Livesay; 3, Wright; 4, Lumb; hc, Beaumont; c, Clegg. BUFF (14): 1, White; 2, Gill; 3, Lumb; 4, c, Clegg; vhc, Dunn; hc, Lurton. TICK. YELL. (17): 1, Lurton; 2, Simmonett; 3, Radley; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Lane; hc, Hall; c, Vickerman. BUFF (20): 1, Livesay; 2, Simmonett; 3, Beaumont; 4, Lumb; vhc, Kaye; hc, Radley; c, Briggs. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Kilner; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Laycock; 4, White; vhc, Gill; hc, Love; c, Beanmont. BUFF (28): 1, c, Beaumont; 2, Lodge; 3, Kilner; 4, vhc, Laycock; hc, Burdekin. NOR. (12): 1, 4, vhc, Markwell; 2, Greenwood; 3, c, Hammond; hc, Fortnan. NOR. HEN (11): 1, 2, Hammond; 3, Naylor; 4, c, Fortnan; vhc, Kaye; hc, Jackson.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The last of a series of five shows held during the present year in connection with the gold medals and a valuable list of special prizes, which the members have competed for, was held in Park Chapel Schools on December 15th, when Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) judged. There was a capital entry, no less than 172 birds being staged in 18 classes. The competition has been a decidedly keen one throughout, and this led some of the members to put extra birds down in order to defend their positions. The four highest birds of each exhibitor count towards the specials, and the winners of most points at this show in the championship classes were:—Messrs Farrar, Laycock, Cruise, and White; in the novice section, Messrs. Northrop, Crowther, Dinsdale, Taylor Bros. Four extra novice classes were put down in the schedule for those who had never won a money prize, and the winners in this section were Messrs. Hudson, Nettleton, and Baldwin Bros. The quality of the exhibits was of a high order, and it was not an easy task which fell to the lot of the judge in making the awards. The winners of the special prizes for the year are as follows:—Champion section: 1st, Farrar; 2nd, White; 3rd, Stables; 4th, Hill; 5th, Gelder; 6th, Rushworth; 7th, Briggs; and 8th, Bleazard. Novice section: 1st, Northrop; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Laycock; 4th, Priestley; 5th, Dinsdale; 6th, Greenwood; 7th, Peacock; 8th, Warner; and 9th, Busfield. Extra novice section: 1st, Hudson; 2nd, Nettleton. All the prizes which have been won will be presented by Mr E. Suddards, wife of our respected president, at the annual tea and concert to be held on January 5th, at Park Chapel Schools. Mr. Samuel Dean (Great Horton) was called in as an extra judge, and both his and Mr. Bailey's awards gave every satisfaction.

CHAMPION SECTION: CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Cruise; 2, Laycock; 3, c, Farrar; 4, White; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Priestley. BUFF (10): 1, Cruise; 2, Priestley; 3, White; 4, Hill; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Blakey; c, Farrar. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Cruise 2, vhc, Gelder; 3, Laycock; 4, Priestley; hc, Rushworth; c, Stables. BUFF (8): 1, Priestley; 2, Stables; 3, Farrar; 4, White; vhc, Hill; hc, Blakey; c, Laycock. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, c, White; 3, vhc, Laycock; hc, Gelder. BUFF (17): 1, hc, Farrar; 2, Laycock; 3, Blakey; 4, Hill; vhc, White; c, Stables. NOVICE SECTION: CL. YELL. (8): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Peacock; 3, Northrop; 4, Crowther; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Warner; c, T. Hill. BUFF (9): 1, Greenwood; 2, Busfield; 3, Dinsdale; 4, Northrop; vhc, hc, Peacock; hc, Crowther. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Walker; 2, Crowther; 3, Lowes and Whitehead; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Northrop; hc, c, Greenwood. BUFF (7): 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, 3, vhc, Northrop; 4, Crowther; hc, Dinsdale; c, Stohart. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Dinsdale; 3, vhc, Crowther; 4, Lightowler; hc, Peacock; c, Northrop. HEN (18): 1, Northrop; 2, 3, Crowther; 4, hc, Dinsdale; vhc, Walker; c, Taylor Bros. EXTRA NOVICE CLASSES: YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Baldwin Bros.; 2, Nettleton; 3, 4, Hudson; vhc, Riles. BUFF (4): 1, Hudson; 2, Baldwin Bros.; 3, Wright; 4, Riles. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, Hudson; 2, Baldwin Bros.; 3, vhc, Nettleton; hc, Wilman and Barker; c, Wright. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Hudson; 2, 3, Nettleton; vhc, Baldwin Bros.; hc, Wright; c, Riles. SELL.: YORKS. (12/6) (4): 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Walker; 4, Farrar. HEN (10/6) (1): 1, Farrar.—H. HILL, secretary.

WETHERBY.

The Wetherby and District Society held their annual show on Dec. 17, in the Town Hall. Some very sweet little exhibits were staged in the caged bird section. Mr. T. H. Raine, the hon. sec., looked well after the wants of the birds, and had the show arrangements nicely carried out. Mr. T. B. Mason judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

BRIT. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Wilson. FOR. Cancelled. CAN. CK. (9): 1, 3, Mrs. Hewson; 2, Miss Mostyn; 4, Mason. HEN (8): 1, 2, Mrs. Hewson; 3, Scales; 4, Crosley, Jnr.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY & DIS. O.S.

Members' Show, held December 20th, at the Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. Matt Broadley judged, and gave every satisfaction. This being the last show to decide for cup and medals, great interest was taken in the event, and the competition was very keen. Mr. E. Marsh won the cup and medal for most points, and Mr. J. Butler, that for second most points. Mr. Herbert Hurst, our genial host, gave 2/6 for most points, which was won by Mr. Marsh, also 2/6 for best bird in the show, which was won by Mr. J. Bracewell, "Brownley." The cup is held 12 months by the winner, and must be won three times before becoming the property of exhibitor.

YELL. CK.: 1, spl, hc, Bracewell; 2, vhc, Butler; 3, 4, Marsh; c, Butler. BUFF: 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, hc, Marsh; 4, c, Butler; vhc, Raistrick. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Marsh; 2, Butler; 4, vhc, c, Bracewell; bc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, c, Bracewell; 2, 3, Marsh; 4, hc, Butler; vhc, Wilson.—J. BUTLER, Secretary.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show, held on Boxing Day, in the Victoria Band Room, Cleckheaton, when 118 birds were staged. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley, nr. Leeds), placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. The medal winners were A. Wright and Son, gold medal; J. Lewis, gold medal; Liley and Rothery, and S. Grayshon, silver medals, gold centres.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, spl, Liley and Rothery; 2, c, Wood; 3, vhc, Grayshon; 4, Fielding; hc, Jessop. BUFF (11): 1, Lewis; 2, Grayshon; 3, Fielding; 4, Sheard; vhc, Jessop; hc, Wharton; c, Wood. TICK., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, Wright and Son; 2, Grayshon; 3, Liley and Rothery; 4, Hadwin; vhc, Jessop; hc, Fielding; c, Wharton. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Bennett; 2, Jessop; 3, hc, Grayshon; 4, Liley and Rothery; c, Hadwin. CINN.-MKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, Grayshon; 3, Wharton; 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Hadwin. BUFF (6): 1, Liley and Rothery; 2, Wright and Son; 3, hc, Grayshon; 4, Fielding; vhc, Wood. YELL. YORKS. HEN (17): 1, Jessop; 2, Bennett; 3, c, Liley and Rothery; 4, Grayshon; vhc, Wood; hc, Fielding. BUFF (16): 1, hc, Wright and Son; 2, Jessop; 3, Wood; 4, Wharton; vhc, Lewis; c, Liley and Rothery. CINN. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Grayshon; 2, Fielding; 3, Jessop; 4, Lewis. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Grayshon; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Wharton; vhc, Jessop; hc, Liley and Rothery; c, Smith. A.G.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Wood. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Grayshon; 3, 4, vhc, Smith. SELL. (11): 1, Jessop; 2, Wharton; 3, Wood; 4, Liley and Rothery; vhc, Grayshon; hc, Smith; c, Thornton.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members' show, held on Boxing Day, at Headquarters, Mowbray Arms. This is the third of a series of shows for challenge cup, gold and silver medals, etc. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members, 120 birds being staged in 14 classes. The exhibits taking them on the whole, were of splendid quality, and it was a hard task to select the winners in some classes. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. A. Huddleston. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Shipley), judged, and gave great satisfaction to all.

CLASS I. (6): 1, Huddleston; 2, Western; 3, Lunn; 4, Suggitt; vhc, Pearson; hc, Dennison. II. (11): 1, c, Huddleston; 2, vhc, Holroyd Bros; 3, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, Brown; hc, Hersey. III. (8): 1, Suggitt; 2, Lunn; 3, vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, Hersey; hc, Western; c, Dennison. IV. (7): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Suggitt; 3, Lunn; 4, vhc, Smith, hc, Ackroyd Bros.; c, Baltye. V. (8): 1, 2, A. Grange; 3, Ackroyd Bros; 4, Brown; vhc, F. Grange; hc, c, H. Grange. VI. (7): I, 4, H. Grange; 2, hc, A. Grange; 3, Ackroyd Bros.; vhc, c, F. Grange. VII. (14): 1, 4, Suggitt; 2, Hersey; 3, c, Holroyd Bros.; vhc, Ackroyd Bros.; hc, Smith. VIII. (21): 1, 4, vhc, Suggitt; 2, c, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Western; hc, Huddleston. IX (8): 1, Dennison; 2, Smith; 3, Suggitt; 4, H. Grange; vhc, Nutter; hc, Smith; c, Huddleston. X. (11): 1, H. Grange; 2, F. Grange; 3, 4 Holroyd Bros.; vhc, Lunn; hc, A. Grange; c, Ackroyd Bros. XI. (8): 1, c, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Western; 3, Suggitt; 4, Ackroyd Bros.; vhc, Smith; hc, Lunn. XII. (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Suggitt; 3, H. Grange. XIII. (2): 1, 2, Normington. XIV.: 1, Normington.—F. WESTERN, Secretary.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, held on Boxing Day, when 80 birds were staged, some very good birds being staged. Mr. Samuel Dean awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION:—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Self; 4, Mann; vhc, hc, Young. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Waterworth; 3, Mann; 4, Lister; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Wilson; c, Young. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, c, Waterworth; 4, Self; vhc, Lister. CINN., MKD.: 1, Lister. YELL. HEN: 1, Self; 2, Armstrong; 3, Wilson; 4, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, 2, Waterworth; 3, 4, Mann; vhc, Wilson. CINN., MKD.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Wilson. NOVICE SECTION:—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Whitaker; 3, Gibson; vhc, Firth; hc, Gudgeon; c, Simonett. BUFF: 1, 2, Simonett; 3, Firth; 4, Whitaker; vhc, c, Oliver; hc, Morley. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Gibson; 2, Kitchen. YELL. HEN: 1, Gudgeon; 2, Whitaker; 3, hc, Oliver; 4, Gibson; vhc, Kellett. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, 3, Whitaker; 4, c, Oliver; vhc, Kellett; hc, Gibson. CINN., MKD.: 1, First. BRIT.: 1, 2, Lister. SELL.: 1, Kitchen; 2, Lister.—J. HOLROYD, secretary.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The deciding show for competition prizes was held at The Flying Dutchman Hotel, December 20th. Seventy-four birds were staged. Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster), judged, and gave general satisfaction. The winners of society's prizes are as follows:—Open Section: Mr. T. Fortnam, 1st with 109 points; Mr. F. Ludbrook and Mr. S. Lindley tie for 2nd and 3rd place, 82 points each; Novice Section: Mr. W. Hedewell 1st, with 92 points; Mr. J. Bateman 2nd, 89 points; Mr. J. Horsfield 3rd, 85 points; Mr. T. Brown, 4th, 83 points.

OPEN SECTION—TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Fortnam; 2, 3, 4, Ludbrook. BUFF: 1, Fortnam; 2, Holmes. PAIR CLASS (YORKS.): 1, Morement. HEN: 1, 2, Ludbrook. NOVICE SECTION—TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Slater; 2, vhc, hc, Brown; 3, Plowright; c, West. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Bateman; 2, Hellewell; 4, hc, Horsfield. vhc, Plowright. PAIR CLASS (YORKS.): 1, West; 2, Brown; 3, 4, Plowright; vhc, Packer; hc, Greenwood; c, Slater. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Horsfield; 2, Bateman; 4, Plowright; hc, c, Brown. NOR.: 1, 2, hc, c, Fortnam; 3, 4, vhc, Holmes.—F. RHODES, Sec.

SUFFOLK C.B.S.

The 16th annual show was held in the large club room of the "Globe Inn," Hyde Park Corner, Ipswich, on Boxing Day. Entries turned up well, about 20 more than last year's, some grand specimens being on view. A good company took advantage of the opportunity of seeing them, especially during the early part of the day. The quality of the exhibits in general was well up to the standard. Among the best birds were those of the following, who won extra special prizes:—For best Canary in show (given by members), Mr. W. Elliss; for best Norbred by exhibitor (given by an old member, Mr. A. N. Watson, of Australia), Mr. A. Bevan a novice; 2nd best (given by Mr. W. Schofield), Mr. S. Barham; for best in Classes 1 and 2 (given by Mr. E. Baker), Mr. W. Cook; best in Hen Classes (given by Mr. E. Gooderham), Mr. Clarke. Mr. W. Cook winning specials for best Mule and British. A very pleasing feature was the presentation to Mr. C. Simpson (judge) of a handsome electro-plated teapot, suitably engraved. He has ably judged the fixtures of the society since its formation, and has always given satisfaction. Through the generosity of contributors and donors, the committee were able to give a special prize to the 1st bird in each class. The management tenders its hearty thanks to all who contributed to the success of the show.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Schofield; 3 Cook; vhc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, hc, Cook; 2, 3, and hc, Schofield. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Cook; vhc, Clarke. HEAVILY MKD.: Schofield; 2, hc, Baker; 3, Clarke. HEN, YELL.: 1, hc, Clarke; 2, 3, Schofield; hc, Mouser. BUFF: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Cook; vhc, Clarke; hc, Mouser. NON-FED. YELL.: 1, Elliss; 2, vhc, hc, Barham; 3, Schofield. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Barham; 2, Schofield. NON-FLIGHTED: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Clarke; vhc, Cook; hc, Mouser. CINN. YELL.: 1, hc, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, Bevan. BUFF: 1, 2, Bevan; 3, vhc, Schofield; hc, Cook. UNFLIG. CINN.: 1, hc, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, Bevan. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Elliss. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, A. Bevan; vhc Harriss. BUFF: 1, vhc, A. Bevan; 2, 3, vhc, Baker. LIGHT CAN. MULE: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Clarke; vhc, Schofield. DARK: 1 J. A. Bevan; 2 vhc; Cook. 3 vhc, Schofield. GOLDFINCH. BRIT.: 1 2, 3, Cook; vhc, hc, J. A. Bevan; hc, Schofield. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 2, hc Cook; 3, vhc, Mouser; vhc, Harriss. LINNET, BRIT.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Mouser; hc, Clarke. A.O.S. 1, hc, Cook; 2 Schofield; 3, vhc, Mouser. SOFT BILL, Cancelled. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Harriss —W. BARRITT, hon. sec.

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TONQ AND DISTRICT O.B.S.

Last show of the season, held December 26th. There was a poor entry, only 46 birds being staged. No doubt this was due to other shows being held in the district. Mr. John Greeves placed the cards.

Class I. (6): 1, H. Clarke; 2, Gledhill; 3, vhc, Bedforth; 4, Tidswell; hc, Shaw. II. (4): 1, Bedforth; 2, Shaw; 3, Fawcett; 4, Dawson. III. (6): 1, 2, 4, Bedforth; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Dawson; hc, Tidsworth. IV. (5): 1, Gledhill; 2, Fawcett; 3, Bedforth; 4, Clarke; vhc, Shaw. V. (2): 1, H. Clarke; 2, Fawcett. VI. (7): 1, Fawcett; 2, 3, 4, Bedforth; vhc, Shaw; hc, Gledhill; c, Smith. VII.: (0): 1, 2, 3, Bedforth; 4, Shaw; vhc, Shaw; hc, Clarke; c, Tidswell. VIII. (7) 1, 3, Clarke; 4, hc, Gledhill; 2, C. Fawcett; vhc, Bedforth. Mr. H. H. Clarke has won 1st gold medal, value 25s., for most poiuts on year'a shows; Mr. F. Fawcett 2nd, 20s., for second most points; Mr. J. W. Bedforth, 3rd, gold centre, 12s. 6d., for third most points. Mr. A. Gledhill was a good 4th, only four points behind; he receives special value 5s. 6d., and other five members vary lu specials.—J. SMITH, secretary.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

The last of the quarterly shows was held on Boxing Day. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Cowgill; 2, Gibbons; 3, Pratt; 4, Helliwell; vhc, c, Bolton; hc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Cowgill; 2, vhc, Wood; 3, Gibbons; 4, Lister; vhc, Bolton. TKD., ETC., MKD., YELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, Gibbons; 3, Lister; 4, Pratt; vhc, Graham; hc, Helliwell; c, Cockroft. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Pratt; 3, c, Greaves and Crabtree; 4, Clark; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Telford. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN.: 1, Gibbons; 2, Beunett; 3, 4, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Bennett. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Pratt; 3, Greaves and Crabtree; 4, Murgatroyd; vhc, Wallbank; hc, Bennett; c, Wood. CINN., TKD.,-ETC., YELL.: 1, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Dewhirst; 3, Wood; 4, Graham. BUFF: 1, 4, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Graham; 3, Murgatroyd. CINN., TKD., ETC., HEN: 1, 4, Graham; 2, vhc, c, Greaves and Crabtree; 3, Dewhirst; hc, Bennett. NOR., YELL.: 1, Clark. BUFF: 1, Cowgill; 2, Benaett; 3, Clark. HEN: 1, Cowgill. PAIR: 1, Wellock. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, hc, Cowgill; 2, Inman; 3, 4, vhc, c, Clark. SELL., YORKS.: 1, Telford; 2, Cowgill; 3, Stirk; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Jowett; hc, Clark; c, Clegg. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Helliwell; 3, Wellock; 4, Cowgill; vhc, Jowett; hc, Graham. BRIT.: 1, c, Cowgill; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Inmaa. GREEN SELF OR FOUL: 1, 3, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Graham. UNFLIG: 1, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Bennett; 3, Bolton; 4, Jowett; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Wallbank; c, Wellock. The winuers of the competitions of the four shows during the year 1908 are as follows:—Champion Section: 1, J. Clark, 64 points; 2, H. Iaman, 53; 3, T. Wood, 54; 4, W. A Cowgill, 43; 5, W. Crabtree, 41; Novice Section: 1, H. Graham, 67 points; 2, W. Helliwell, 65; 3, A. Pratt 53; 4, Wood Dobson, 33; 5, G. A. Benaett, 28. —H. CLEGG, hon. secretary.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Members' show, held at 122, Ingram-street, on December 12th. It was a great success, with an entry of 611. The Norwich and Crest sections in particular came up very strong with large classes and birds of the very best quality, many winners at this season's open shows not even getting a commended card, and the novice cup and gold medal and the young bird cup were both won by Mr. George Stewart with a fine young Crested hen that will make history. The gold medal for best old bird in show was won by Mr. J. McLay with his Crested hen, and the medal for best British or Foreign bird went to Mr. Thomas Erskine with a Superb Tanager. The silver tea set for most points gained by Yorkshires at monthly shows, first feather show, and this show, was won by Mr. T. H. Penman with 65 points, and the runners-up were Messrs. D. Macdonald 62 points, and D. F. Webster 55 points. The British bird section provided a grand display of birds, all gems of their kind and staged in perfect condition, and the beautiful plumage and pert ways of many of the familiar little birds were a source of real enjoyment to many of the visitors, particularly the ladies who were here in force. The attendance was estimated at about 500, and with an entry of over 100 above last year's record, I think we can claim to have provided the best members' show in Scotland. Everything went like clockwork; the judges got through their work in a smart, capable fashion, like men able and confident in their work, and by 1.30 only some ten specials had to be judged. Mr. R. A. Brown is a popular and capable secretary.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK. (21): 1, McLay; 2, Henderson; 3, Easton; vhc, Tannock; hc, Erskine; c Griffiths. BUFF (26): 1, 3, Martin; 2, Thaw; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Graham; c, McLay. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (18): 1, Sloan; 2, Jarvie; 3, Henderson; vhc, Martin; hc, McLay; c, Crawford. BUFF (13): 1, Martin; 2, Graham; 3, Dowell; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Henderson; c, Erskine. YELL HEN (20): 1, McLay; 2, Jarvie; 3, Thaw; vhc, Martin; hc, Griffiths; c, Donaghy. BUFF (19): 1, Thaw; 2, c, Ferguson; 3, Gowans; vhc, Martin; hc, McLay. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., HEN (16): 1, 2, McLay; 3, Ferguson; vhc, Donaghy; hc, Sloan; c, McNicol. BUFF (13): 1, McLay; 2, Gamble; 3, Chalmers; vhc, vc, Sloan; hc, Crawford. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Sloan; 2, Taylor; 3, Chalmers; vhc, Smith. HEN (11): 1, Ferguson; 2, Crawford; 3, Donaghy; vhc, T. Ferguson; hc, Hunter; c, Martin. BORD. YELL. CK (5): 1, Whitelaw; 2, vhc, McDowall; 3, T. Ferguson; hc, Henderson. BUFF (3): 1, McDowall; 2, Henderson; 3, Brown. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (2): 1, Brown; 2, Whitelaw. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Henderson; 3, Brown; vhc, Taylor; hc, T. Ferguson. BUFF (5): 1, Brown; 2, Whitelaw; 3, vhc, McDowall; hc, Henderson. CREST CK. (4): 1, Griffiths; 2, Thomson; 3, McLay; vhc, Sanderson. HEN (5): 1, Stewart; 2, Griffiths; 3, Sanderson; vhc, McLay; hc McPhail. C.B. CK. (7): 1, McLay; 2, 3. c, Griffiths; vhc, Stewart; hc, Sanderson. HEN (5): 1, Griffiths; 2, Sanderson; 3, McLay; vhc, hc, McPhail. YELL: YORKS., CK. (10): 1, vhc, Penman; 2, 3, hc, McDonald; c, Hendry. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Penman; 2, Hendry; 3, vhc, Webster; c, Martin. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Penman; 2, 3, c, Webster; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Hendry. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Martin; 2, Webster; vhc, Penman; hc, McDonald; c, Jamieson. A.O V. CAN. (6): 1, Henderson; 2, Ferguson; 3, hc, Fyfe; vhc, McDonald; c, J. Fyfe. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, vhc, McNicol; 2, hc, Taylor; 3, Donaghy. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Sanderson; 2, 3, T. Ferguson; vhc, Jamieson. A.O.V., DARK (7): 1, 2, Burnett; 3, Menzies; vhc, c, Crawford; hc, Hunter. CLD BIRDS—NOR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Jarvic; 2, Sloan; 3, Erskine; vhc, Henderson; hc, Gowans; c, Ferguson. BUFF (13): 1, Erskine; 2, Sloan; 3, Young; vhc, Jarvie; hc, McLeod; c, Henderson. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Paterson; 2, Jarvic; 3, Cannock; vhc, Henderson; hc, McPhail; c, McEwan. BUFF (9): 1, Erskine; 2, McLeod; 3, Sloan; vhc, Crawford; hc, Henderson; c, Jas. Crawford. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Sloan; 2, Ferguson; 3, T. Graham; vhc, Gowans; hc, McLay; c, Henderson. BUFF (12): 1, McLay; 2, Jarvie; 3, Erskine; vhc, Brown; hc, Sloan; c, McLeod. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., HEN (11): 1, Brown; 2, Graham; 3, Crawford; vhc, Jas. Crawford; hc, Sloan; c, A. Smith. BUFF (10): 1, Gowans; 2, Sloan; 3, G. G. Henderson; vhc, Erskine; hc, M'Phail; c, Easton. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, 2, Sloan; 3, Thaw; vhc, Martin; hc, Tannock; c, Geddes. HEN (12): 1, Jarvie; 2, Martin; 3, vhc, Thaw; hc, A. Smith.; c, Sloan. YELL. BORD. CK. (4): 1, G. G. Henderson; 2, Whitelaw; 3, Webster; vhc, T. Ferguson. BUFF (2): 1, Whitelaw; 2, E. Taylor. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Erskine; 3, T. Ferguson; vhc, Ferguson. BUFF (2): 1, Whitelaw; 2, Webster. CREST, CK. (5): 1, McLay; 2, Jas. Crawford; 3, Thomson; vhc, M'Phail; hc, Sanderson. HEN (4): McLay; 2, Thomson; 3, Jas. Crawford; vhc, Stewart. C.B., CK. (7): 1, McLay; 2, hc, Tweedie; 3, Sanderson; vhc, M'Phail; c, Stewart. HEN (4): 1, Griffiths 2, Thomson; 3, Stewart; vhc, Jas. Crawford. YORKS., YELL. CK., ETC. (8): 1, Penman; 2, Hendry; 3, c, Martin; vhc, McDonald; hc, Jamieson. BUFF (7): 1, Bowman; 2, Webster; 3, Penman; vhc, hc, Jamieson; c, McDonald. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Bowman; vhc, c, Martin; hc, McDonald. BUFF (6): 1, McDonald; 2, Bowman; 3, c, Hendry; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Robertson. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, G. G. Henderson; 2, c, G. Fyfe; 3, T. Ferguson; vhc, A. Smith; hc, Bennett. SELL., 10s. (28): 1, 3, Jarvie; 2, Easton; vhc, M'Phail; hc, Thomson; c, McEwan. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Raine; 2, Sloan; 3, Brown; vhc, T. Ferguson; hc, M'Nicol. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Craig; 2, Raine; 3, vhc, Sloan. A.O.V., DARK (3): 1, Webster; 2, Sloan; 3, Scott. BRIT GOLDIE (12): 1, Sanderson; 2, Raine; 3, Jamieson; vhc, c, Gow; hc, G. G. Henderson. LINNET (9): 1, 3, c, Erskine; 2, G. Henderson; vhc, Watson; hc, Raine. FIELD MOULTED (7): 1, 2, c, Jamieson; 3, Taylor; vhc, Gow; hc, G. G. Henderson. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Jarvie; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, R. A. Brown. SISKIN, FED (5): 1, Craig; 2, Sloan; 3, Burnett; vhc, Martin; hc, Raine. NON-FED (5): 1, Burnett; 2, Gow; 3, Gibb; vhc, Sloan; hc, Erskine. LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, E. Taylor; 2, Webster; 3, G. G. Henderson; vhc, Menzies; hc, Craig; c, Erskine. TWITE OR MEALY POLL (7): 1, vhc, Craig; 2, D. Graham; 3, T. Ferguson; hc, M'Callum; c, Taylor. GREENFINCH, FED (6): 1, 3, Craig; 2, Martin; vhc, G. G. Henderson; hc, Webster. NON-FED (9): 1, E. Taylor; 2, Craig; 3, G. G. Henderson; vhc, Raine; hc, Gibb; c, Burnett. YELLOWHAMMER (5): 1, Raine; 2, 3, G. G. Henderson; vhc, Gow; hc, Erskine. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Donaghy; 2, Gibb; 3, G. G Henderson; vhc, Erskine. BRAMBLE (6): 1, Scott; 2, Erskine; 3, G. Henderson; vhc, Raine; hc, Craig; c, G. G. Henderson. BULLFINCH, HEN (4): 1, Craig; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, F. Taylor; vhc, Jarvie. A.O.S., HEN (for Hyb. breeding) (11): 1, Burnett; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, E Taylor; vhc, hc, Craig; c, Craig. A.O.S., BUNTING (3): 1, 3, T. Taylor; 2, Erskine. SMALL BRIT. SOFTBILL (3): 1, G. G. Henderson; 2, E. Taylor; 3, Martin. LARGE (2): 1, G. Henderson; 2, Craig. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, G. G. Henderson; 2, Burnett; 3, Menzies; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Webster. SMALL FOR. (4): 1, Erskine; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, Martin. LARGE (2): 1, G. Henderson; 2, Craig. FOR,

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TWITTERINGS.

Fanciers, send your entries for Llanelly along at once to the secretary, D. John, 8, Pottery Place.—(ADVT.)

The report in the Linnet class of Widnes Show states 4, Brick and Sons; this should read Birch and Sons.—J. BIRCH AND SONS (Skelmersdale).

I have received the original drawing of my bird, executed by Mr. Norman, and I may say that the drawing gives great satisfaction.—ARTHUR W. HART (Fulham).

West Bromwich Show report in the Bullfinch class reads Lawrence 3rd, whereas I won 3rd in that class and received prize money for same.—G. EDWARDS (Leominster).

Our show to be held on January 7th and 8th is the association's third, and we are anxious to make it a success, writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, hon. secretary of the Banbridge C.B. and P.A.

Many thanks for special received on Christmas morning (a Christmas present). I am sure every exhibitor will be glad to win one of your framed plates.—G. MORTON (Enfield Lock).

The result of my last week's advertising in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Nichols (Norwich), was that I had letters from all parts of the country, which kept me busy during the holidays.

Musselhurgh Show report credited Mr. Pearson with 1st in the variegated buff hen class. and in the Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite class, both of which I won, writes Mr. Alex. M. Gardiner (Newtongrange).

We have received an order for an advertisement offering a whippet dog in exchange for Yorkshire Canaries, but neither name nor address is given. Will the sender please communicate with us?

During the last month I have sent mealworms all over England and Scotland, writes Mr. J. Jones (Brighton). It is wonderful where your valuable paper gets to—into almost every little town and village.

Welsh National Show report states that Mr. Neal won first in class 13, whereas I won that honour with a Yellow Yorkshire cock. This same bird won 1st and special at Bristol in a class of 28 birds.—GEORGE THOMSON (Cardiff).

The entry in the gift class at our show, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, secretary of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S., is free, with the same prize money and special as other classes. Cages will be returned to owners, unless otherwise stated.

There is a printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, hon. secretary of the Banbridge C.B. and P.A. Class 35 should read: "Clear buff hen." Unfortunately I did not notice the error until some of the schedules had been sent out.

I received the sketch of my winning Yorkshire at Plymouth Show, and thank you for same, writes Mr. J. Burton (London, W.) I am sure great credit is due to Mr Norman, your artist, for making such a life-like portrait of my Cinnamon-marked.

We had a record entry of 646 at Pwllheli Show, writes Mr. John Rowlands, and the cage birds were snugly staged in gallery of Town Hall. All birds belonging to Mr. Davies (Llandilo) were delayed on the journey, and one was dead when they arrived, while all were too late for judging.

Our entries have been extended to January 5th, writes Mr. F. Looker, hon. secretary of the Hertford and Dis. F.A. Show to be held January 13th and 14th. Unfortunately our original entries' closing date fell on the Christmas holidays. The society hope fanciers will give them their support.

Entries for our show are coming in very slowly, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich Society. We trust fanciers will send on as early as possible as we cannot extend after January 4th. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Gardner to judge the members' classes.

We regret to hear from Mr. T. Smith (Glasgow), that Mr. McClure, the noted Scotch Fancy Canary breeder and exhibitor, of Glasgow, is confined to his bed with pneumonia. As we go to press it is reported that he has the turn for the better, and we sincerely hope he will have a speedy recovery.

The secretary of the recent Stamford Show, Mr. A. W. Ludlow, has received many congratulatory letters concerning the management of the fixture, from delighted exhibitors, copies of which we have seen. This should form a splendid recommendation for the society on the occasion of its show next year; this young society undoubtedly deserves success.

The Nottingham and Notts O.S. Committee have decided that the monthly meetings be held at the Mechanics' Hall, Nottingham, in future, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. secretary. Accordingly they will be held there on the first Wednesday in each month at 8 p.m., commencing on January 6th, 1909.

The Leicester Cage Bird Society starts the new year with new headquarters, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, the secretary. We shall be holding our annual members' show on Saturday, January 9th, in our new quarters, where we shall have a splendidly lighted and ventilated room at our disposal.

The proposed ornithological society has, we hear, been successfully formed at Uddingston. The society caters for fanciers in the district, and the towns of Uddingston, Hamilton, Bothwell, Blantyre, Camhuslang, Carmyle, Bellshill, Tollcross, and Baillieston are included. The first show will be held on January 30th when it is hoped it will prove a success.

I have received a dead Kingfisher to stuff from Mr. W. Miller (post mark on wrapper, "Oakham Ruts"), but he has forgotten to append his address, writes Mr. E. Williams (Liverpool). As he mentions my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I would be obliged if you will note this, so that Mr. Miller may let me know where to return the bird to when preserved.

Through the landlady of the "Bird In Hand" leaving, writes Mr. D. John, hon. secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., the society's headquarters until further notice will be at the Centre Hotel, Stepney Street, which has been kindly placed at our disposal by R. Williams, Esq. Our next meeting will be held there on January 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.

The Bradford (East) O.S. will hold their second annual tea and concert, in connection with the distribution of prizes, on Tuesday, January 5th, in the Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Tea on the tables at 6 p.m., concert to commence at 7.30. The services of a splendid lot of artistes have been secured, and a very enjoyable time, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Haley, is anticipated. Tickets for tea and concert: gentlemen 1s., ladies 9d., children (under 14) half price. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the society or from the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

Dr. Jean Danysz, whose name is identified with a well-known remedy against the depredations of rats and mice, has just made a discovery of interest to all lovers of cats. Every winter for some years past there has been a serious epidemic amongst cats in the Department of Eure in Normandy, which proved particularly deadly to kittens. Last February, a large number of cats succumbed to the disease after only a few days' illness. Dr. Danysz, in his laboratory in Paris, produced and cultivated the microbe of the mysterious disease. He has now produced a serum which renders "puss" entirely immune to the dreaded malady.

A Big Loss.

Crest fanciers will be sorry to hear that Mr. Armstrong has lost the mother of his young Crest "King of Kings" writes Mr. Thos. Robson (Newcastle). I called to see his stock a few days after Gateshead Show. The "King" was looking better, if anything, than he did at Gateshead, and has a marvellous frontal crest. Mr. Armstrong thinks nothing a trouble if it is of benefit to the stock. He boils all the drinking water before giving it to the birds, as he considers it much better for them. He is an all-round fancier, and although Crests are his favourite variety, he keeps a few British, and has a few really good Cinnamons. He is fortunate in having a garden where he produces his own fresh green food and also new laid eggs.

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is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Saturday, February 6th next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment. Any suggestions for new features, or for the improvement of present features will be welcomed, and receive every consideration.

Secretaries of All Societies
devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the only directory to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

All Judges of Cage Birds
who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our list of judges by sending us particulars on a post card, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

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White Partridges.

During a recent shoot at Melton Constable (Norfolk), a Mr. Gillott's party had the unique experience of killing four snow-white Partridges in a single drive. A single white Partridge at any time is an unusual "freak."

The Oriole in Ireland.

The lovely Golden Oriole is a summer visitor to Ireland, and it is on record that during the season of 1870 flocks of them were seen in Bantry Bay, many of them being captured.

Crossbills in the South.

Small flocks of Crossbills have been seen in the south. They are curious looking yet handsome birds. One would think it hardly possible for a bird with a crossed beak to feed in any way; and yet he will split open a fir cone or dissect a beech mast as quickly and easily as any other bird.

Two Short Weeks Ago!

The most remarkable instance of the mildness of the season that has so far reached us, says a Derby contemporary, comes from a correspondent at Melbourne. Mr. Thomas Salisbury, of that place, was engaged on Monday—the shortest day of the year—in cutting evergreens in the nursery of the late Mr. W. Clarke, when he came across a Thrush's nest containing a couple of eggs. Unfortunately, not being aware of the precious structure and its contents, a stroke from his axe disturbed the nest to such an extent that one of the eggs was smashed. This silent tribute to the mildness of the season from one of the most beautiful songsters of the feathered tribe is not without precedent, but the years in which it happens are almost as few and far between as those in which skating is possible on the River Derwent.

Our Christmas Competitions.

Intending competitors are reminded that Monday next, January 4th, is the last day for receiving coloured frontispieces, as per rules published in our last two issues. The result in both this and the "Conundrum" competition we hope to be in a position to announce in our next number.

Home Seamews, o What?

Douglas (Isle-of-Man) Show took place yesterday, writes Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop), who judged, and it is a terrible day here to-day. There is a violent storm on, high winds with sleet and snow. As I am penning these lines I can see from my hotel window tremendous breakers coming right over the promenade. Without this storm abates, I don't know how the poor old "Douglas" will struggle through it in the morning with poor me on board!

OBITUARY

Mr. JOHN SMITH (Airdrie).

It is with the profoundest regret, writes Mr. Thomas Smith (Glasgow), that I have to advise you of the passing away on December 23rd of Mr. John Smith, of Airdrie (formerly of Coathridge). Blessed with general good health, he was only laid aside ill one month. All who knew him were familar with his kindly smile, which came from a sincere heart. He did many kindnesses in a quiet way, and like many of the grand old Scottish type which is fast dying out he lived up to his convictions and religion. He took an active part in building up the Scotch Fancy Canary. A keen breeder, he was successful year in and year out in rearing quality and quantity. His stock found a ready market, and many a one joined the Fancy through his kindly advice and assistance. He was a practical supporter of exhibitions; in 1891 he told with pardonable pride that he had exhibited at the City of Glasgow Show for thirty years, and had only once left without being "capped." Everyone liked to have a few words with him, and many will cherish the memory of the pleasant Saturday afternoons spent in his aviary, and of his patience in running out 50 or 60 young birds into a single cage so that visitors could see each properly. He was a popular judge and his services were often requisitioned; he loved fair play and he exercised sound judgment. Long associated with the North British Railway Company, where he held an important charge, he retired a few years ago, and his colleagues honoured him on that occasion with a presentation. A noble man by nature he will be greatly missed. In his trouble he was patient, and during the last three days when parting with those who were privileged to converse with him, he calmly added, as he shook hands: "We will meet again, but not on this earth." On the day after Christmas, a large company followed his remains to New Monkland Cemetery. Readers, I am sure, will join in sympathising with his widow in the sad loss she has sustained.

It is with regret, writes Mr. James Irlam, secretary, Sale O.S., that I have to announce the death of the wife of Mr. Buskey one of our members, who, after a short illness of only a few days, died from pneumonia. She was an ardent lover of birds, and never so happy as when helping her husband to send out his birds to the shows. I had the pleasure of looking over their birds at Pendleton and Salford Show a few weeks ago. She was very pleased at having persuaded her husband to show there, and pleasantly remarked what a good day it was for her husband. I little thought that would be the last time I should ever speak to her. It came as a great and sad surprise to all of us when the news was brought to our meeting, and I am sure every member and friend deeply sympathises with Mr. Buskey and the family left behind to mourn the loss of a loving wife and fond mother.

Birds of Paradise in Sussex Woods.

One of the Birds of Paradise imported by Mr. W. Goodfellow into this country from New Guinea escaped from captivity, and for over two months supported itself as a wild bird in the woods where Kent and Sussex join. Early in September Mr. Goodfellow arrived at Groombridge with a fine collection of Birds of Paradise, and these were deposited in Mrs. Johnstone's aviaries. Among the more important species were three pairs of the magnificent Rifle Bird, the females of which then reached England for the first time. In transferring the stock from the travelling cages to the aviaries one of the hens—which are soberly clad in brown—managed to escape, and for some time kept to the tall trees at the back of the house. Attempts were made to take it in a trap cage, but without success, and the bird was naturally given up for lost. The bird was eventually recaptured at Langton, only a few miles distant, when it flew against the vicarage windows, attracted by the lights. It was promptly taken charge of and returned to Mrs. Johnstone's aviaries, and that lady described it as being in "fine plumage, but thin." It had been away over ten weeks. The bird was able to maintain itself so long as it could procure berries and insects, but when these food supplies failed it naturally went off in condition. It is worth remark that during the recent cold spell 17 degs. of frost were registered at Groombridge, and many of the nights were wet and cold. This shows that the bird must have been in excellent fettle when it reached England, or it could never have borne the exposure.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager
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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1909.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J. Winter, 11, Parkside-st., Edinburgh)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S.** (J. Templeman, 61, Moitland-st.). D.Dk., D.L. and P.P.
Jan. 1.—**Hoyland** (J. Warrender, 11, Gill-st). R.H. and W.V.
*Jan. 1 and 2.—**Millom and Dis. C.B.A.** (F. W. Bradley, 18, Lapstone-rd.) W.M.
Jan. 1.—**Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S.** (G. Atkinson, 5, Market-place). J.M.
Jan. 5—**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.** (Daniel John, 8, Pottery-place) J.R. & E.A.L.
Jan. 6.—**Western F.S. (Plymouth)** (A. H. Watson, 18, William Street, Devonport). T.P.
*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W Pawley, 13, Olivent-rd., Plumstead).
*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodenham, 9, Sunnyside), J.R.
*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue). H.T.C., S.R.C., J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Hs., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S , and W.V.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Block, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 22 and 23.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford. Normand Place, Kelty, N B.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.
Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton**—J. Stringer, 27, James St.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan 23, High Street.
Oct. 23 **City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No 552.)

IN THE COURTS.

Canaries in Their Pockets!

At Lancaster, on Dec. 24, George Stoker, and William Richardson, steel-workers, of Blackhill, were charged with having stolen five fowls from the fowlhouse of Robert Nixon, between December 18th and 19th, and also with having stolen seven Canaries worth 50s., from the aviary of John Revell, a North-Eastern signalman at Shotley Bridge Station, at the same time.

The police evidence showed that the premises had been forced open with a poker. The police went to the defendants' houses in West Row. P.C. Bryan found at Richardson's house a cooked fowl in the pantry. In the man's coat pockets were some feathers.—Mr. Revell stated that 50s. was only the nominal value of the Canaries.

Mr. Turnbull, on behalf of the defendants, admitted the offences. His clients, he said, had been out of work for several weeks, and had wives and large families dependent upon them. They were practically starving. On the night in question some friends gave them drink, and they went away and committed the thefts. The Canaries, however, flew out of their pockets and got away.—The magistrates took a lenient view of the matter, and fined the defendants 5s. in each case.

Cheshunt Show in the British bird class should read: 1 and special, Jay; 2nd, Mascall; 3rd, Mocock; res. and v.h.c., Titchmarsh (Bullie and Goldie respectively).—E. Titchmarsh (Enfield Wash).

I have only received 30 entries up to the present time, writes Mr. J. W. Gambrill, hon. secretary of the Folkestone and Dis. F.S. Show. Will fanciers please rally round us. The building is heated with hot water, and everything will be comfortable for the exhibits.

Just as we go to press we receive a wire from Mr. D. John, hon. secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. Show to the effect that entries are short, and that the date for the closing of same has been extended to first post Sunday morning, January 3. He hopes all fanciers, and especially old friends, will rally round to his support.

A Contented Sparrow.

A Sparrow, Blue Tit, and Long Tailed Tit found their way into a friend's aviary. The Tits were restless and constantly ferreting about, and at last found their way out through the wire; but the Sparrow appears quite indifferent. He has plenty to eat, and comfortable quarters, and looks as though he is content to spend the winter where he is, if he is allowed to do so. One can hardly think the brainy Sparrow is unable to do what a Tit can in the matter of extricating himself from a difficult position if necessary.

From Paris.

Two Canarics, if they have not saved the French Republic, have, according to the "Intransigeant," by their death perhaps saved the life of its President. The story is a rather pathetic one. Madame Fallieres had two beautiful Dutch Canaries, which she kept in a room at the Elysee in a pretty tri-coloured cage. The other morning she woke up to find both birds dead. The President was called, and, hurrying to the room, tried himself to revive the little creatures, but without success. A suspicious odour filled the room, and the architect, having examined it, found that gas was escaping from cracks in the heater. The discovery was timely; who knows what might have happened?



A Corner in the Show-room at Sligo.

In the centre are seen the Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor (Bradford), and the secretary, Mr. C. J. Mulligan.

A FEW OPINIONS ON OUR XMAS NUMBER.

What a lovely plate you presented us with this week, in the Christmas Number.—F. Vincent (London, S.E.)

I cannot but thank you for your grand Christmas Number. The beautiful coloured plate is a champion.—J. Rukin (Lytham).

The plate given with your Christmas Number was grand.—W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

Thank you for your charming calendar, which is up-to-date.—J. Logan, hon. secretary of the Dysart C.B.S.

Many thanks for the last plate you issued. I have the whole collection of your plates, of which most are framed. The last is grand.—J. Ashwood.

You are to be congratulated on your Christmas Number with plate and calendar. I think it surpasses all others.—J. A. Simpson (West Kilburn).

Your Christmas issue was a treat, full of interesting articles, etc., and plenty of them, while plate and calendar are beautiful.—H. E. Parrott (Weybridge).

Allow us to congratulate you on the excellent Christmas Number of Cage Birds. and the plate you gave with it, which is quite a work of art, and does your artist great credit.—Armitage Bros. (Nottingham).

I think the Calendar with Cage Birds Christmas Number is a champion. The recent plate of Yorkshires was also very good, and the picture last week.—Matthew Taft (Birstall, Yorks.)

Cage Birds Calendar and Coloured Plate are fine, the former being just what I wanted for my bird-room. I am only a novice, yet I had a very good season, only losing one young one out of seven nests.—W. Troughton (Blackpool).

Many thanks for the extra fine plate given with the Christmas number of Cage Birds. I have seen a good number of plates, but never have I seen anything approaching this one. Great credit is due to Mr. Rankin.—W. Lycett (Chesterton).

As a reader of Cage Birds for years I am always pleased to pay twopence for the rare treat of feasting my eyes on your life-like pictures. I am sure no true lover of birds would begrudge the money for such a grand plate and issue as your Christmas Number.—John Fawcitt (Maulden).

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid special number and plates, and the calendar which you have given us of late. What wonderful strides Cage Birds is making. The Fancy has a lot to thank you for in the exceptionally clever plates you have been providing us with.—R. H. Jones (Swansea).

I wish to thank you for your lovely plate and calendar in the Christmas number of Cage Birds. I intend hanging the calendar in my saloon, which I hope will gain you more readers.—P. G. Morgan (Llandoveric).

Your superb plate of Ring Ousels cannot but appeal to the Fancy, especially to those who keep the larger insectivorous species. It certainly surpasses anything previously given to the Fancy. Your calendar is very appropriate, and no doubt will be appreciated by all.—E. S. Lugg (Lewisham).

Thank you very much for the splendid Christmas number you have given us this week. I think it is a marvel, and no lover of cage-birds can be up to date without it. The articles are well worth reading, and great credit is due to the artist, Mr. Rankin, for giving us such a splendid plate of the Ring Ousels. All lovers of British birds should make an effort to secure one.—Alf. Rowles (Peterborough).

I have on many occasions been greatly surprised on opening Cage Birds to find such exquisite plates portraying in a very life-like manner the different varieties of our feathered friends, but I must admit, although I am a lover of the "bird of grace and beauty" in particular, that on no occasion previous to the receipt of your Christmas Number was I ever carried away, in thought, to the same extent from my surroundings as when I viewed the picture of the Ring Ousels. It just seemed as though I was on the hilltop of a beautiful moorland in the heart of Devonshire, feasting on the landscape round about me, and the tender sentiment which the portrayal of these birds and the country conveyed carried me back to the time of my holidays, when I recollect that in the charming light of dawning day I once stood on a small upland and looked out upon just such another scene as that shown in your picture; and in like manner the birds were there to break the stillness of the early morn with their sweet melody. I cannot find words to express the amount of appreciation I have for the magnificent work of art which Mr. Rankin has set before us through the medium of your popular weekly journal. The effect given by the background is great, and it "gets right there." I am sure your many readers will be with me in thanking you for the efforts you have made from time to time in catering for the Fancy; and there is no more striking example of this than by referring to the many interesting and instructive articles appearing in the Christmas Number. I would like to reciprocate the good will and wishes extended on the front page.—H. S. Negus (Cardiff).

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Ashton-under Lyne and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General meeting, election of officers for 1909, Federation business, etc.—A. Foden.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 5, Park Chapel Rooms. Annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes, tea on the tables at 6. Concert at 7.30; visitors, gents 1s., ladies 9d.; concert 6d.—J. Hill.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Bakers Room, 8. Arrangements for season 1909.—R. Wanless.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. — Jan. 2, Clarence Hotel. Members' show; birds to be staged by 10.30.—E. Carlisle.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 4, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. Auditors' report and election of committee.—J. Stringer.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Round House Inn, 8. Balance sheet for show; washing exhibition.—F. Mitchell.

Battersea Open C.B.A.—Annual General Meeting, Duchess of Devonshire, Jan. 6, 8.—F. Easterling.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Show accounts, etc.—Kirkland and Hadley.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Royal Oak Inn, 1.30. Members' Table Show, 9 classes. Judge, Mr. A. Brown; general meeting during judging.—W. Rutherford.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 2, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for 1909. Members who have not paid subscriptions for 1908, will they do so at once.—F. Rhodes.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Annual meeting, payment of prize money, election of officers, etc., 8.30.—J. Twindley.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of officers.—R. Lambert.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 6, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Annual balance sheet, etc. — G. Peters.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. Election of officers for 1909.—J. H de Maillet.

Crook Original C.B., R. and P.S.—Jan. 6, Crown Hotel, 7. General meeting; intending members invited.—A. Bowes.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Arranging for Members' specials, subscriptions due.—J. Holroyd.

Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Royal Hotel, 8.—N. Rayner.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Half Moon, 8. General meeting, election of officers and other business.—E. Brunskill.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers for 1909.—W. Hodson.

Dulwich O.S.—Jan. 7, Herne Tavern, Forest Hill Road, S.E., 8.15. Election of officials for 1909. Important club business. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse in chair.—Rogers and Mazzoni.

Eccleshill C.B.A. — Jan. 6, Fountain Inn, 8.—T. Elsegood.

Federation of Cage Bird Societies (Ashton-u-Lyne Centre).—Jan. 9, George and Dragon, Market Place, Ashton, 6.30. Alteration of classification; shall the cup be won outright? etc. Unaffiliated societies invited.—A. Ackroyd.

Hartlepool's C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Y.M.C.A., 8, Show accounts and other important business.—Williams and Easby.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 2, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show and other business.—J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Crown Inn, 7. Members' entries to be in to-night, also other accounts squared up.—A. J. Notley.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Jan. 7, White Horse Hotel, Ilford Broadway, 8. Presentation of cups, election of officers, election of new members and other important business.—A. Webb.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Jan. 2, Howard Arms, Glossop, 6, Glossop Bird Show.—John Rukin.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—H. Thos. Lucas.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 6, Cross Keys Hotel, 8. Arrange for last Members' Show.—W. P. Foster.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Election of officers and other important business.—A. Bottomley.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 6, New Headquarters, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Entries for members' annual show, on Jan. 9, and other show business.—J. A. Tyler.

Metropolitan C.B.A. — Jan. 14, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.30. Important business re Members' and coming Fair Shows.—R. Dear.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—D. Jeremy.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. Last show bird staged at 2.30. Judge Mr. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—R. H. Turner.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Jan. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 Election of officers, balance sheet, prize Jan. Show, and discussion on secretaryship.—E. H. Jones.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 2, Mowbray Arms, 7.45. Balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—F. Western.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Jan. 6, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Will members please note change of meeting-place?—G. E. Wilkinson.

National B.B. and M.C.—Jan. 7, at "Feathers" Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster. 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Jan. 7, annual general meeting, headquarters, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of office-bearers.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Bull Hotel, 8. Balance sheets and other very important business.—J. England.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Schedules for Jan. show.—J Davey.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Headquarters, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting, approval of balance sheet.—F. Steeple.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 7, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Annual general meeting; important business to be discussed.—J. C. Birch.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers, etc.—J. W. Lowes.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.

Sale Open O.S.—Jan. 11, usual place, 8. Balance sheet and election of officers, etc.—J. Irlam.

CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangement of shows and other business.—Lindsay and Bingham.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 5, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Monthly shows.—W. Stafford.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 14. Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—A. Hitchings.

St. Helens O.S.—Jan. 4, George Inn, 8.15. Report on recent show, and receiving complaints; all ticket money to be brought in.—A. Goodall.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—Jan. 7, Llandudno Junction, 6.30. General committee meeting.—A. T. Johnson.

Wandsworth and Dist. F.S.—Jan. 7, Headquarters, 8. To clear up all show matters, and arrange concert and distribution of prizes and spls.—W. Summers.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Kindly settle subscriptions, etc.—J. Duffield.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Adelphi Inn, 8, W. Ridge.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' Show. Judge Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods). First show for 1909 season.—E. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Federation rules. Exhibition of prize Roller Canaries, by Mr. F. J. Randall; fanciers invited.—H. Smith.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Gt. Horton Show, 4, Tenders for medals, rules, officers, etc., S. Dean.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Bad Understanding.

Old Man.—Were it not for the wheeziness I should be inclined to attribute the inability of your Yorkshire to stand upright on his perch to an overfat condition of body. Continue to feed on Canary seed only as a staple, and in addition give half a teaspoonful—not more—of summer rape twice a week, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a scrap of watercress twice a week when no frost is about, and substitute a little sweet juicy fruit at other times. Keep the cage clean and well strewn with gritty sand, and see the bird is not subjected to any draughts or extreme variations of temperature. Do not give cold baths in cold, chilly weather until it is better. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only, and follow this up by twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and afterwards every second day until bird is better. On the alternate days after the first week give twenty drops of chemical food for a week or two.

Cause and Effect.

W.E.B.—I should not like to say whether the ammonia you put in the bird's water was the cause of the feathers coming off without more particulars. Perhaps you put too much in at once. But, in any case, I see not the least necessity for dosing the bird with powerful drugs when you might attain your object by simpler and safer means. See reply to "Old Man," and feed and treat your bird as therein advised, with the exception that you should give the sponge cake twice a week only, and omit the cod liver oil. Instead of the medicines there advised give the following: The first three consecutive days six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a week, or until the sneezing has disappeared. On the alternate days you may give twelve drops of chemical food for a fortnight. Follow the same instructions given to "Old Man" respecting draughts, baths, and temperature. The former especially, as I am inclined to think that exposure to draught is the cause of the trouble.

To Distinguish Sex.

C.H.F.—An object-lesson from an experienced fancier would perhaps best enable you to distinguish the sex of Canaries before they commence singing, or, failing that, you might endeavour to make a lesson for yourself by comparing an undoubted cock side by side with an undoubted hen. The cock you will find more bold and pushful generally, his "tweet" more musical and defiant, his bearing altogether more dominant, and the outline of the lower breast to the under tail coverts more gradually curved, on account of the lower part of the abdomen being rather more prominent. This is in comparison with the softer appearance, harsher voice, and, at this time, sometimes spiteful bearing of the hen. If you catch them and blow up the feathers on the abdomen you will find the vent of the cock rather more prominent and pointed than that of the hen. You would find the difference fully described and illustrated in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., from this office.

The "Open Sesame."

P.T., Islington—Alack! Simple as the task might seem, I am utterly unable to give you any set form of rules under the pretext of telling you how "to make hen Canaries into good feeders." The fortunate one who solves this difficulty will confer a priceless benefit upon fanciers generally, and do good in his generation far above the ordinary run. As a matter of fact, a non-feeder, or a hen that feeds for the first few days only, is, in the vast majority of cases, incorrigible, and unless of sufficient value to make it worth while keeping foster parents to rear her young, is scarcely worth troubling with. In numbers of cases the non-feeding is simply the effect of improper or injudicious management of more or less long standing; maybe, improper feeding all through the winter and spring, or only from tho time the birds are put up for mating. In a smaller proportion of cases the cause is undue disturbance or interference with the nesting arrangements of shy birds. The following few general rules should reduce the trouble to a minimum next season. From this time onwards until next March, let the birds have plenty of room for exercise, and limit the staple diet to plain Canary seed only, which may be given in unlimited quantities. Once or twice a week give a small piece of bread sopped in milk, and about as often a pinch of rape seed, and twice a week a scrap of green-food when quite free from frost, or, as a substitute, a bit of sweet juicy fruit. If kept in a cold room, a little extra rape may be given, and a pinch of hemp added on two other days each week, or hemp one day, and a few crushed oats the next. Use egg-food sparingly, if at all. During the winter the bread and milk will form an efficient substitute. But use it sparingly next spring, and as soon as the hens have begun to incubate, discontinue it altogether, and revert again to the simple diet until the young are due to hatch. For more details, and also how to deal with hens that cease feeding after the first few days, watch our columns, wherein you will find lots of information at the proper time.

The Lowest Temperature.

"Mikado," Falmouth.—This is a question which depends solely upon the class of birds kept, the way they have been reared, and quite a number of other side issues, so that it is practically impossible to give a hard and fast rule to govern the temperature at which the birds should be kept. With highly-bred birds, which have been brought up in warm rooms, a temperature of fifty degrees would be about low enough to ensure their well-being; whilst, on the other hand, a hardy variety, which had been accustomed to nothing but the normal temperature, will endure anything between thirty and forty degrees without any signs of discomfort. Indeed, it is no uncommon thing for such birds to remain in open air aviaries and withstand many degrees below freezing point without harmful results. I have myself had good types of Norwich and Yorkshires which never turned a feather during spells of frost when the ice had to be thawed in the drinkers daily, and scores of other breeders could give similar records, and probably concerning every breed we have. All this, however, is merely stating facts, and perhaps you only wish to know the lowest temperature at which you should keep your birds if you use heat at all—you do not make your wishes very clear. If that is the case, and your birds have not previously been kept in a high temperature, all you need do is to prevent the heat dropping below forty degrees—say, keep it somewhere between forty and forty-five. But if they have been accustomed to a higher temperature you may find it necessary to keep them at about fifty, as mentioned already. Let the appearance of the birds be your guide. If they show signs of suffering from the cold at forty-five, raise the heat and keep it within a degree or two either side of fifty.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Muling Strain.

W. Griffin.—It would answer excellently if you paired a stout built buff pink-eyed Yorkshire type cock bird with the sib-bred hen, and a stout bodied yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, with the yellow pink-eyed Yorks. hen. Cocks bred from a clear strain are what you want, and not birds which come from heavily marked ancestors—or near ancestors, rather. If both lots throw young which prove good when tested, then you could mate the progeny from the two couples together to the best advantage in the future, using the biggest, best-headed birds, as far as ever you can, and keeping the jonque blood well to the front, also taking care to mate up each season a good percentage of cock birds which have pink eyes. The best outcross, for size, should be a well-built, good headed, fine feathered yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen, pairing her to your biggest buff pink-eyed cock—if you have a big buff the produce of double-yellows, that is the bird to choose. You ought to get the cock Yorkie fairly cheap, as type is not a particular object (don't sacrifice size, however), but a Lancs. hen, such as described, will cost you at least £2 to £3. Get her from a good, known strain, for birds from such have very little dark blood in their veins.

A Jay and a Magpie.

Betty.—As you have a fondness for large birds such as these, you will find these two species make excellent pets, and, as they can both be fed the same way, give you but the minimum of trouble on that score. A very simple and economical method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or gamo meal), with coarse grissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechnast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. A good stock cage for a Jay or Magpie, would not be less than four feet long (five would be vastly better), three feet high, and two feet wide. The Christmas day menu of my own pet Magpie may interest you. For breakfast he had a piece of boiled haddock, for dinner he finished off the "drumstick" of a Turkey and had a mouthful of plum pudding (with brandy sauce, of course), for tea he cleaned out a salmon tin, and had a slice of cake, and in between he stowed away a good quantity of his stock food (melox, mixed with the day-old insectivorous food left by my small soft-bills). He is as plump and saucy as a Michaelmas goose.

Skylark Off Song.

M. H.—Of course, there is always the dreadful possibility that your bird may not really be a cock bird at all, in which case no line of feeding will suffice to bring it into song. Your feeding at the present time is not particularly generous. The stock food you mention is very fine value for the price charged for it, but needs supplementing now and again with other things. You could occasionally make up the daily supply by adding a teaspoonful of the "German paste"; also by mixing in half a hard-boiled, new-laid egg, finely minced. A feed of mealworms now and again is also advisable. For further information on feeding, see reply to "A. Dean" this week. It would be of no use to put the bird into the Blackbird's cage, containing perches, for a Skylark is not a perching bird. You cannot beat a big cage of the "runner" type, taking care to keep it free from insect pests. The latest book on Britishers is the "British Bird Manual," published at the offices of this paper, price 2s. complete. You should find in that all the information you want.

Managing a Bullfinch.

Piper.—As a stock mixture for Bullfinches at present you could hardly better Canary and teazle three pints each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each. In a finger drawer (or separate dish), however, the following would need to be given, in addition, to provide the necessary variety:—A small dessert-spoonful of sunflower seed or saf-flower seed, every day, except when giving hemp, of which each bird may have a teaspoonful once a week, say, for a Sunday treat. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. Thus your bird can be provided with a "grateful and comforting" change in the menu daily. Hemp is a seed often unjustly abused; still, it is quite true it should not be given too freely to Bullfinches. For green foods give any of the following, according to season:—Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hard-heads, and many other wild seeding plants, these birds are also very fond of, likewise mealworms. Treated on the above lines, your pet should thrive splendidly and moult a good colour.

Mealworm Breeding.

H. W. A., Toronto.—The writer was quite right; I certainly have many, many times explained my own method of trying to breed mealworms. I must say, however, that it is a very tedious business, to get a box going satisfactorily taking a long time. Briefly, the process is as follows:—A large tin (a long one is better than a deep one) is filled three-parts full with alternate layers of coarse sacking (cut in pieces to fit—once folded is best) and bran. Holes are bored with a brad-awl (for ventilation) at the top, right round the tin—two rows, if possible. A pint, or quart, or more, of mealworms should be turned into it, regulating the quantity by the depth of your own pocket. If you can get a supply of beetles with the worms, it facilitates the proper stocking of the tin; but these are obtainable only during the hot weather. The receptacle must be kept in a warm spot (especially during cold weather), this being one of the secrets of success. Some people put bones, dead birds, meat, etc., in their mealworm boxes. I never do so myself, as the boxes become offensive then. A handful of very finely crushed dog biscuit can now and again be placed under the top layer of sacking (always manage to have a piece at top of the tin). The supply of bran should also be renewed from time to time. Disturb the mealworms as little as possible, however, for from at least nine to twelve months. Occasionally (and always do it in the winter), the contents at the top of the box, and all the pieces of sacking, must be transferred to a fresh tin, which should be prepared in the same way as tin No. 1. The "bottoms" of tin No. 1 should then be run through a fine sieve, and the rubbish thrown away.

Brevities.

Sesame Seed (C. K. E.).—I do not know sesame seed by any other name. I get my own from one of the largest advertisers of seeds and foods using our columns. It is very cheap, costing but a few pence per pound. I "got on the track" of it by observing how eagerly my Finches sought out a certain seed in a certain well-known packet Finch mixture; the name of this seed I found was sesame. I have used it for years now, and with satisfactory results.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

African Waxbill in Aviary Cage.

Waxbill.—Waxbills are shy breeders in captivity, but you should have good probability of success with a single pair in your large aviary cage. Zebra or Golden-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills are the readiest to nest in captivity. If your cage is not less than 5 feet long and 2 feet high, a pair of each might be tried with success; hang up, say, half a dozen nesting receptacles as far apart as possible, such as cocoanut husks (specially wired for Finches and Waxbills), Hartz travelling cage and small boxes. Well line the back of cage with twiggy branches, and insert one or two basket nests in these. Supply long hay and grass, the latter both fresh and half dried. Do not be inquisitive as to their nesting arrangements, but leave them to themselves as much as possible; at least half the top of cage should be covered in.

Greenfood for Aviary Birds.

W. Shone, Jun.—Cabbage and turnip leaves are quite wholesome to such species (including those you name) as will eat them, always providing they are sound. This applies to all greenfood, even grass in flower. Further, all outdoor greenfood (except such as grows in the aviary, and this you must leave to the birds to take or leave alone) is in a more or less unsound condition. During the winter season I depend entirely on the so-called "French" lettuce, which is on sale at most greengrocers'; it is tender and wholesome for all species, but is rather costly at the present time. With the root stood in a little water it will keep fresh for three days. Failing all other greenfood, ripe apple is a good substitute, and appreciated by most species. I cannot too strongly emphasise the fact, that greenfood at all seasons, should only be given in a thoroughly sound and sweet condition.

What Bird is It?

Curates.—I cannot say exactly what species you have. So far as your description goes, you have apparently a Red-faced (also called Red-headed) Lovebird. But if you will send me its approximate length in inches from tip of beak to end of tail, also give separately length of tail, and any other portions of colouring omitted from present description, I can give you a definite reply. All the items of diet you name are permissible, but half the bulk of the seed mixture should consist of canary and white millet seeds, the other kinds mixed forming the other half. A millet spray would be an agreeable and wholesome change given as often as you please. The temperature of an ordinary living-room will be ample, but all birds must be protected from draught. Its method of sleeping is quite natural.

Breeding Waxbills, etc.

K.D.C.—(1) I never say no as to such cases, but it is very improbable that Waxbills will breed in an ordinary Canary breeding cage. Under any conditions they are shy breeders in captivity; but though improbable, it is certainly not hopeless, or impossible. To make success more probable, give them as large a cage as you can conveniently manage. Long-tailed Grassfinches and Crimson Finches, I know have bred this year (1908) in cages, and I know of several instances in which Blue-breasted Waxbills, Cordon Bleus and Painted Finches have nested under such conditions, but young were not reared. In Germany many species of Foreign birds have been bred in cages. (2) I can only repeat that even in large aviaries Budgerigars are dangerous company for Finches; even where adult birds are not interfered with, many nestlings are maimed or killed as soon as they leave the nest. At the same time, I am bound to say that I so kept them for several years, but in the end their mischievous nature asserted itself, and losses were numerous till I separated them. Other aviculturists still mix them with other birds with varying success. To sum up, the risk is always there, and immunity for a time is merely a prelude to the inevitable disaster. The decision must lie with yourself.

Orange-cheeked Waxbills.

"Imprimatur."—Your bird really requires no other treatment than to be caged separately till it has renewed its plumage. You could make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and for about a month lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food; this would help matters, as would also crushing some cuttlefish to about the size of millet seed and mixing a little among its seed, and also scattering a little over sand tray. Waxbills often appear to act as if they had a mission, once one of their number becomes bald, to keep it so. The only remedy is separating. Keep the isolated bird in one of your rooms where the temperature is fairly even, and in due course its plumage will be quite renewed. Lightly anoint the bare parts with clean vaseline; this will also help, but do not make its plumage greasy.

Blue-fronted Amazon Gaping.

C. Boultbee.—An Amazon, once it has been got on to proper diet, should have its water left in the cage continuously, unless it overdrinks, which it does not when healthy. Spray or dash its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, using a camel hair brush for the purpose; the brush must be well cleansed, and a fresh portion of the solution used for each occasion. Continue this twice daily till the running ceases. It will be well to continue the Dinneford's magnesia with three days between each dose, so long as the voidings do not become watery. Also continue the Parrish's chemical food. Diet the bird as follows.—Seed mixture, canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, equal parts of each, well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Every other day give a little boiled maize, draining away all water, and putting over it about 15 drops of Parrish's chemical food before supplying to the bird. Note: It only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and greenfood may all be given, but do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If the bird is breathing heavily, try one or two doses of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts: dose, one part mixture to three parts water; offer in a spoon two or three times a day. The bird must be kept warm, and strictly out of draught.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 2½s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Crested Canary (G. M. P.).—All the organs of this bird, lungs, liver, bowels and kidneys, were in an unhealthy and inflamed condition, indicative of septicæmia, or blood poisoning.

Blackcap (A. Allen).—Inflammation of liver and lungs. General wasting away.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Two Parrakeets (J. Hume).—The whole correspondence from the man reads like pure bluff, and we should think you would be well advised to put the matter at once into the hands of the police in his district. We have stopped him advertising in our columns.

Members' Show Report (R. A. Brown).—It is usual for secretaries to write out the full report of a members' show. We have a great deal of work to attend to in this office, and cannot always find two or three spare hours to spend in writing out lengthy prize lists. Hence such matters must necessarily wait until pressure of other work permits of attention being paid to them. We regret any delay, of course.

Many Thanks to J. Revell, R. Hanford, G. P. Morgan, and others for photographs, cuttings, news items, etc.

A Suggestion (John Fawell).—We will give your suggestion careful consideration, but rather doubt its practicability.

A Show in Canada (J. W. Sharp).—We hope to publish your interesting letter in an early issue; thanks for sending some along.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

DENHOLME and Thornton C.B.S. held the last of their members' shows for season 1908 on December 19th, Mr. W. Ormonroyd officiating as judge on the 56 birds staged, and his awards being very well received. The winners of specials for the season's competitions were Messrs. F. Ingham, J. Clayton, H. Mitchell, and E. Ingham.

QUEENSBURY members are having a show and judging competition this Friday (New Year's Day), the birds being staged at 10 a.m. to enable the members and friends to pass a pleasant hour in company of fellow fanciers. No doubt the differences of opinion in placing the winners will keep all present in excellent spirits!

SHIPLEY O.S. had a good attendance at their pie supper and washing exhibition held on the 22nd ult. The host and hostess at their headquarters, the Prince of Wales Hotel, provided an excellent repast, which was greatly enjoyed by those assembled. After tables had been cleared, preparations for washing were put in hand, Mr. H. H. Towers in the chair opening with a few remarks, after which Mr. S. Dean washed two birds. Then the company had the pleasure of seeing one put through by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who was in attendance. Thus they were able to see two methods of handling and scrubbing. The last of the four birds brought was put through by one of their own members in first-class style.

A FEW questions were asked, to some of which were given the opinions of both Messrs. Dean and Cowgill, plenty of soap and plenty of water being advised by both parties, also getting the soap well in and then getting it well out. Afterwards one of the members, to lend a little variety to the entertainment, went home for a bird, and returned with one of the genus Grosbeak, noted for its biting propensities and for being a sticker when once it gets a hold. Chance, however, is a fine thing, and Mr. Dean put it through its paces without giving it the option of a bite. A vote of thanks to both gentlemen brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

BOXING DAY proved very enjoyable to the large majority of fanciers, members' shows being greatly in evidence. The Wibsey boys brought out considerably over 100 birds at their show, and they had Mr. J. Wilman to officiate as judge. Great Horton members staged between 70 and 80 birds, the novices as usual showing well. Bradford West had a nice day, and they had Mr. R. Sntcliffe, of Windhill, to place the cards. Mr. W. A. Cowgill travelled to Wakefield to place the prizes for the last of the season's competitions; the running throughout has been very close at this society's shows. Windhill, Tong, Dewsbury, East Bowling, and others also had good exhibitions.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Diss (C.B.U.).—January 12th, in Corn Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 17 open classes—Nor. 6, and 3 amateur; A.O V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, and 7 local and members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 5th, to GOODERHAM AND BURROWS, 6, Sunnyside, Diss.

Sutton Coldfield (C.B.U.).—January 13th, in the Crystal Palace, Sutton Coldfield.—Judge, Mr. W. C. Wells. 8 open classes— Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O V. Can. or Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 2nd, to W. PALEY, 105, Shortheath Road, Erdington, Birmingham.

Auchterarder.—January 23rd, in the Good Templar Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 25 open classes—Nor. 5, Crest 2, Bord. 5, Sell. 2, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 1, and 2 confined classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 16th, to JAS. DOW.. exhibitions, which aroused great interest amongst both members and friends.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 2—Hetton-le-Hole—Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.
" **2—Sutton Coldfield**—W. Paley, 105, Shortheath Road, Erdington.
" **2—Yarm**—Wilkinson & Danby, Yarm-on-Tees, Yorks.
" **4—Plumstead**—W. Pawley, 13, Olven Road.
" **4 Gloucester**—R. Powell, 70, Northgate St.
" **5—Diss** H. J. Gooderham & Sunnyside.
" **9—Provincial Roller (Inter.)**—W. Whittaker, Rose Street, Moses Gate, nr. Bolton.
" **9—Dundalk**—H. J Niblock.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 3—Llanelly—First post only. D. John, 8 Pottery-place.
" **4—Folkestone**—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road.
" **5—Hertford**—F. Locker, Dunroyd, Ware Road.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Ludlow. Ferryhill. West Bromwich.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATEST SPRING-NET TRAP.

SIR,—I myself would be equally as pleased as "Bolton Novico" if Mr. H. J. Hawes could give a few notes on the making of some of his appliances which he uses for bird-catching, more especially his new pattern spring-trap for Softbills. In conclusion, I feel sure that in thanking both Mr. Hawes for his most instructive and interesting lecture for the benefit of amateurs, and CAGE BIRDS for publishing same, I shall be expressing the opinion of all would-be amateur bird catchers. I wish both prosperity in the coming Now Year.

SPRING TRAP.

SIR,—In reply to "A. Bolton Novice," I should indeed be very pleased to give anyone as much as possible of the knowledge that I myself have acquired, but Bolton and Forest Gate being so very far apart, I'm afraid that in this case that privilege is denied me. The operation, viz., making trap, is rather complicated, but these spring net traps of the design illustrated are advertised from time to time in CAGE BIRDS, and perhaps "Bolton Novice" would be just as successful with one ready made. I am glad to hear of the kind interest taken in my lecture by your many readers.

H. J. HAWES.

SOME POINTS ABOUT SALES AND EXCHANGES.

SIR,—I was much interested in reading "Welshman's" letter two weeks ago in CAGE BIRDS, and consider his remarks upon the question of sending money for birds without a sufficient guarantee as to the honesty of the advertiser, should be read, marked, and inwardly digested by all would-be purchasers, especially those who have just entered the Fancy by associating themselves with some cage bird society. I should especially like to second Welshman's warning against those persons who use such high-sounding adjectives in describing the "virtues" of their birds. Having purchased in my time many birds through advertisements I have occasionally been "had," when inclined to be rather speculative (although naturally of a cautious temperament). For example, some time ago I was in want of a good Bullfinch, and saw an advertisement of Bullies, with one extra good one, fit for the Palace, rare size, and colour, etc., etc. I sent for this bird, and when it arrived I was simply disgusted, and wrote to the seller as follows: "Sir,—Bullfinch arrived safely. I have had many Bullfinches in my time, but this is the very worst I ever had in my birdroom. If it is any use to you, you can have it by paying carriage back. You can make what use you like of this testimonial." I need scarcely say that I had no reply to my letter. My advice, then, to the novice is: Be sure of your man before you part with your money, and if you have any doubt upon the question, make yourself safe by taking advantage of the deposit system.

J. C. WILMOT.

BIRD KEEPING UNDER DIFFICULTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SIR,—Thinking it might afford some little amusement as well as instruction, I thought I would make an effort to relate my little experience. During the Boer War, I was serving with the Grenadier Guards on April 27th, 1902. Along with half-a-dozen more of our regiment I was sent to relieve a party of Royal Fusiliers in a block-house not far from a place called Kromhoojhte, which, if I remember right, is on the Port Elizabeth line. One of these Fusiliers was the possessor of a pair of birds, and as soldiers always have sufficient to encumber them whilst moving from place to place, the birds had perforce to remain behind. The birds, therefore, needed a new owner, so I promised him I would attend to their little wants to the best of my ability, which, of course, I was delighted to do. They proved to be the most charming little pets I ever had the pleasure of possessing. I can scarcely remember exactly what the birds were like; but I will try from memory to give a rough description, and should there be any error, I shall esteem it a favour if some one would be kind enough to point it out to me. In size and shape they somewhat resemble our Blue Tit, being perhaps a trifle larger. The bills and legs were black, the bills being heavy, somewhat similar to that of our common House Sparrow. The general colour was dark brown and black, with a little grey on either the breasts or wings, but of this I am not certain; but the heads were jet black, and it was because of this we ourselves christened them "Blackheads." Their song (for they both sang well) was not unlike that of our Brown Linnet, but, of course, was much sweeter to us under the circumstances, as it was the only bird music we heard. Their food consisted of mixed seeds, for which we paid 1s. per packet of about a pint, comprised chiefly of Canary with a little white and red millet, and a few others of which I did not know the names. I will now give an account of the home they were kept in. When I took charge of them the structure in which they were confined could scarcely be called a cage. I say this with no disrespect to the man who made it, as one cannot get all one desires in time of warfare; so I suppose he had to make it as best he could under the circumstances. It was composed of several pieces of wood of varying sizes and thicknesses, pieces of tin, cardboard, wire, string, etc. How it had been put together and remained so was a point which puzzled not a few of us, for it was made in such an odd manner. For instance, he had got one piece of wood, say an inch thick, and then would come a piece of tin off a bullybeef can; then a piece of cardboard and another piece of wood, thinner and shorter altogether than the first piece; and so on, until it would take a very clever person to name the shape. Again, the upright bars were bent first at about ½-inch from the ends at right angles, then driven in top and bottom, cross bars being out of the question altogether. The nails used were at least two inches long, and, of course, had split the wood wherever they had been driven in. When the stock of wire had become exhausted, string had formed a rather straighter substitute. As soon as I saw this I was determined to try and better their lodgings, for I thought they were worthy of a little trouble and patience being bestowed upon them if they were worth keeping. So I set about it as soon as possible. First I found a bit of wood of something like size and thickness suitable for the bottom of the cage; then I collected a quantity of waste ends of barbed wire which had been used in the erection of fences, entanglements, etc. Then, with the aid of bnt a clumsy clasp knife and a pair of wire nippers, together with a little patience, I began the somewhat tedious task of making a better cage. Of course, the spikes were first removed; then the wire had to be straightened (to those who may think the latter a simple job, I would say, let them try it). I commenced the work on May 2nd, having it complete by May 7th. So I was occupied on six days; though, of conrse, I was never at it for more than a few hours on one day, as other things had to be attended to. The cage was, roughly speaking, 2ft. by 1ft., all wire except the bottom. Some may ask how were the holes bored, and the wood got to the required thickness for cross-bars? The knife had to play many parts, such as a spokeshave, a marker, a tin opener, etc.; so I had to shave the wood down a little at a time. The bradawl I made by bending a piece of wire and then twisting the longer end round the shorter one, to form a handle or grip, afterwards sharpening the end by rubbing it on a piece of hard rock. I may mention that all who saw the cage when it was finished pronounced it to be a regular marvel, and I myself was quite proud of the work which had turned out far better than I had anticipated; so it brought the old saying true: "One never knows what he can do until he tries." Of course, proper seed and water pots were never dreamed of, but the seed was scattered on the bottom of the cage, whilst the water was placed in a tin which had previously contained some eatables, perhaps shrimp or bloater paste; but, of course, this was well washed out after being scoured with sand and water. On several occasions I went out accompanied by a chum, for the purpose of bird catching, but I never seemed to be blessed with much luck in that direction, though we fared better with a different sort of game, that of catching a small animal similar to a squirrel, which we called mongoose, but, of course, as part of his diet consists of the feathered tribe, we have no taste for him.

BOBBY BARNES.

PROPOSED DINNER TO LECTURERS IN LONDON.

SIR,—Once again wonld I bring before the notice of the Secretaries of London Cage Bird Societies my proposal respecting the above, published in your issue dated November 13th, extracts from which are printed hereunder:—"I am wondering whether the various societies in London would care to join together in giving the many gentlemen who favour us with their services voluntarily, in either giving us papers or lectures, a dinner one evening? They put themselves to a deal of trouble and inconvenience, come any distance required, and give us a full evening's enjoyment of the knowledge which it has taken them years to gain, all for nothing, and I feel we cannot be too thankful to them, and the least we can do is to get them together one night, and publicly thank them To save encroaching on the funds of the societies, a very good plan would be to ask each member to contribute a small sum towards defraying the cost." After reading the above, I think all members of the Cage Bird Fancy will agree that the proposal is a worthy one, and the least we can do, taking into consideration the many benefits we derive from their services. I shall be delighted to get into correspondence with all who are willing to support the suggestion, and I ask that all secretaries shall interest themselves in the matter by placing the subject before their members at an early date. I feel sure the Fancy in general will be delighted to have an opportunity of publicly thanking them.

H. W. COOK.
Hon. Sec. Poplar and District C.B.S.
4A, St. Dunstan's Alley,
Great Tower Street, E.C.

A BACHELOR AMONGST HIS BIRDS.

SIR,—I am writing you a few notes on my birds, which I think may interest some of your many readers who, like myself, love birds, but (again like myself) are unable to keep a great number. I have six at present, just enough for me to attend to properly, under present conditions, as I am single, and not so lucky as some of my brother fanciers who have good wives to attend to their pets while they themselves are at work. I am thinking that under similar conditions my number of birds would be sixty instead of six. Anyway, as I have to do some of my own cooking and housework, I content myself with a few birds, just enough to be able to give careful attention to them. The first I will mention of them is a hen Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus minor*), hand reared out of a nest of six. It is a most interesting and clean bird in a cage of a Softbill. I feed it on a softbill food and mealworms. It is also very fond of a piece of apple or pear. I keep it in a wooden cage, which was new, or nearly new, when I first put it there. I can tell you that through pecking it the bird has altered the looks of it. One day when cleaning its cage out the bird settled on my finger, and I teased it with my thumb; it then gave me an exhibition of its pecking powers, and put a little force behind it, too. You can easily tell the cock for the hen in this species, as the cock has a red patch on the head which, in the hen, is absent. Another of my pets is a Goldfinch, one I claimed at the Crystal Palace Show in 1907; it is a caught bird, but very tame indeed, and we are the best of pals. I should have to be very hard up indeed before I broke our friendship. He loves to take a thistle head from a my fingers, and nothing ever seems to trouble him. My third bird, I will mention, is a Yellowhammer. I had two brought to me in a nest, and I set to work to hand-rear them, being successful with one; but what a time they are before they peck for themselves! I had them on July 21st; it was August 24th before they pecked soft food, and about September 3rd before the one I have got on seed. However, I do not regret the trouble he has been, for he has made a most tame and delightful cage bird, and will eat from my mouth. I feed him mainly on Canary seed and soft food, also a little mixed seed, with two or three oats and mealworms each day. He is very fond of a piece of long grass stem to tug at with his beak. My fourth bird is a hen Bullfinch, which I hand-reared from a bare nestling, and like other females I could mention, fancies she is boss. She comes at me open-mouthed, but will kiss me for an apple pip and be friends. I am afraid I am killing her with kindness, as she is very fat. She is fond of dock seeds and privet berries, also a piece of ripe apple and a mealworm. She enjoys cutting the poor thing up and eating it bit by bit. They are easy birds to hand rear, and are not long before they look after themselves. I had to take these Bullfinches when very young indeed, on account of work having to be done to the hedge they were in. I took them on June 22nd. On July the 6th they commenced to peck soft food; on July 11th they commenced to peck soaked seed, and on July 15th they could manage to feed themselves on hard seed. The Bullfinch makes a lovely pet. My fifth bird is a Linnet, loved by so many people on account of their sweet song. Mine is a wild caught bird, but I have got it tame, and it will eat chickweed from my hand. My sixth and last bird is a Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). I can fancy some of CAGE BIRDS readers doing a smile when they see this. I had it brought to me on September 7th, and hand-reared it for a day or so. It had partly white wings and tail. It has moulted, and is a hen; but its wings look rather pretty, and she is just as fierce as most of her brethren. I might mention that I had my attention drawn to a young cock Sparrow singing in an apple tree on October 16th: it sang very well indeed. It is the only one I have ever heard sing, and I would not have believed it was a Sparrow had I not seen it. I should be very pleased to see some letters in CAGE BIRDS from readers giving a few notes on their birds. I might say I have received most valuable information from CAGE BIRDS, and wish it every success.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

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A VISIT TO THE FENS IN SEARCH OF EGGS.

SIR,—In your issue of Dec. 19, I read a letter from Mr. T. H. Kinch, respecting a visit of a London naturalist to the Fen district. Evidently that naturalist found a birds' paradise, according to the birds found. Anyhaw there is one matter that I think Mr. Kinch was doubtful on, that is, do Hedge Accentors breed more than once a year? He thought not. I have found them build three times. I have a hox hedge 70 yards long, with a dozen nests at least at a time; and from close observation I find they build, lay and hatch the number of times as stated.

JOHN FAWCITT.

A CRESTED CANARY CLUB MATTER.

SIR,—"Interested's" heading clearly indicates the matter is not of public interest, and to relieve your already overtaxed space I beg to say he will obtain all the information he desires on making application to me direct.

JOHN TYSON.

(We appreciate Mr. Tyson's consideration, though as we have never allowed the question of "space" to prevent the bringing to light of matters concerning the Club which he himself has been good enough to send to us, so have we no desire to allow it to prevent "Interested" being given through our columns the information he desired as to who has possession of one of the Club's cups.—EDITOR.)

SHOW BIRDS & MISSING CLAWS.

SIR,—I beg to ask a small space in your valuable CAGE BIRDS for the following remarks to the Fancy on a matter which I think is a little misleading. I have a good outstanding specimen of a yellow Border Fancy cock, but minus one claw. This was thrown aside at Biggar Show this year by Mr. McMillan, the judge, as not being complete. Now when reading the report of St. Albans Show in your issue of December 19th, I saw Mr. C. A. House, in a class of 16, awarded a British Goldie, which was minus two claws, the highest honours. I should like to see a proper ruling, either one way or the other, come to on this question; also to read the opinions of a few fanciers. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

CLAWS.

WHAT BIRDS WERE THEY?

SIR,—Taking one of my customary "birdy" walks one day at the end of October or beginning of November this year (1908), I observed a pair of Buntings that rose up in front of me from the embankment which runs by a watercourse. Flying 50 or 60 yards in advanoe, they would drop on the ground, then search for food until I came within 10 yards or so; then repeat the process, generally first flying ahead to a little mound of soil, thence both going together. This occurred several times until they rose up and flew away to the left over some fields. I sought them again three days after, but was unable to find them. I had not seen such before. I have since been making what search I was able in our library, but fail to find anything like them. I should be glad to hear some account of them and what they are. As far as my memory serves me—I am sorry I did not make a note—they were of an even grey, of a slightly chocolate shade, wing covers, back, neck and head, white rump and under tail, belly lighter than the back; beak very dark, eyes marked with black, wing flights—primary—and tail black. It was about the size of a Siberian Goldfinch, very neat and compact, and stood well on its legs, the colour of which I did not note. I have looked many times since, but found no further trace of them. I am not sure they were Buntings.

G. STOCKS.

A LOSS IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—In your issue of the 19th ult., appears a letter from Mr. J. A. Simpson respecting the loss of one of his Yorks Canaries. I would ask, did he show the dead bird to any railway official? I will relate a little experience somewhat showing the ingenious way the railway try to "tire you out"; evidently time, postage, etc,, count as nothing to them so long as they do not pay, and from the various letters in CAGE BIRDS relating to loss of birds, the senders do not seem to recover the price of their birds. On the 25th March last I wroto to a certain dealer for two Goldfinches. Well, the birds arrived, and, poor countryman am I, in his estimation, I received two Linnets, one alive and one dead. I wrote to him and returned birds; I hope he appreciated the dead one. After threatening him with the majesty of the law, I suppose two genuine Goldies were sent off, but on the cage arriving at the station, on the 12th April, the birds had "vanished," and I received a post card from the sub-agent stating "Contents gone." I immediately made a claim, declining to receive cage or pay carriage, also writing to the dealer. Not hearing anything from the railway company, I wrote to another agent whom I was told to apply to, drawing his attention to my claim. After considerable delay, I received a post card dated 16th June, referring me to another agent. Well, I wrote to him, and after more delay I received a memo. from the station master, dated June 22nd, that the matter was "in consideration," and asking me to wait a week or so. Having Job's patience, I waited nearly two months. Not hearing anything, I wrote again then, and received another postcard from another "agent," dated 1st August, stating that the subject "should have attention." Another long delay, when I wrote again, and received a letter from the last agent, stating "the matter was still under inquiry, and that a definite reply would be sent as early as possible"; that was the 18th August. Job's patience not being quite exhausted, I waited until the 9th November. Then I entered a plaint in the County Court. On the 17th Nov., I received a notice that the claim had been paid into court, and also received a letter explaining the delay in settling the claim. What I want to point out to my birdy friends is to insist that the dealer holds the railway companies signature that the birds are sent as represented by him. Then the onus lays with the dealer and the railway company; that they can fight out. This being a genuine case of "drawing a high tooth," it may be useful to readers of CAGE BIRDS. If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again—until you do.

MAULDEN.

NEW SOCIETY FOR NEWARK AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that we are looking forward to having a good meeting of bird lovers on January 5th in the Ossington Coffee Palace at 7.45 p.m. It has already been proposed that a Cage Bird Society be formed at Newark, and according to the number of supporters and promised members we are hoping to have a good time. It is very pleasing to have the support from ladies and gentlemen of our town. I am sorry that there is not a judge here the same as our neighbours (Nottingham and Grantham, etc.) have; it is a great attraction when such a gentleman as our old friend, Mr. W. P. Barnes, undertakes to give a washing exhibition at a meeting like this. We shall be more than pleased to see such an exhibition given; it helps not only the novice but everyone, and makes a meeting what it ought to be. All interested in cage pets are invited to attend.

FRANK SMITH.

FORWARDING BIRDS ON FROM BROMSGROVE SHOW.

SIR,—I can sympathise with Mr. H. Cotton, as I also sent a bird to Bromsgrove Show, to be sent on to another show held on the following day, but instead of going to St. Albans he was delivered at my door when he should have been on show there. On enquiry at the Midland Railway I learn that the bird did not leave Bromsgrove until the morning he should have been at St. Albans. This is my first year at exhibiting, and it is these things which discourage beginners and help to make short entries.

H. LEWIS.

SIR,—In the last issue of CAGE BIRDS I had to make a complaint re my birds not being sent on from Bromsgrove Show to Ludlow. I find they were addressed to the secretary at Ludlow, but owing to someone at Bromsgrove putting a pasted label with "From Bromsgrove, to Pay" exactly over the word Ludlow, someone then reversed the label; hence the birds arrived at Overton-on-Dee instead of Ludlow—a chapter of accidents. I am glad to find it was not through any neglect of the officials at Bromsgrove Show. Ought the railway company to pay me my entries—4s. 6d.—or the porter who labelled the hamper shutting out the word Ludlow? I have sent the label to the stationmaster to try and find out who pasted the ticket on and who reversed the label, and to see if he can get my entry money.

H. COTTON.

(The Railway Company is, of course, responsible for the acts of its servants.—EDITOR.)

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SAD MISHAP IN A GRIMSBY BIRDROOM.

SIR,—I regret to have to report a sad mishap to the stock of birds, consisting of 40 Norwich Plainheads, belonging to our respected hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Moore, Junr., which occurred this (Monday) afternoon, Dec. 28th, resulting in the loss of 37 birds (three have since recovered) through, I believe, gas poisoning. The stock comprised some well-known winners, including a grand unflighted buff hen, winner at Grimsby, Leek, Hull, and elsewhere; also several other winners and some grand stock birds. It is very disheartening to so young a fancier, and I am sure all fanciers will join with me in sympathising with him over his sad loss.

H. HARDING.

Hon. Treasurer, Grimsby and Dist. O.S.

(We tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. Moore, jun., in the sad loss which has befallen him.—EDITOR.)

YORKSHIRE BOWL AT BRISTOL F.A. 1907 SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. T. H. Maggs' letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, Dec. 12th. In the first place we wish to deal with an extract from that letter, which is as follows:—That Messrs. Shearn and Owens's bird awarded first was bred by one of those gentlemen, sold by him to the other, and shown by that other in his own name singly at many shows, the last time being at Cardiff only one week before our own show. Now, sir, we wish to state emphatically that the above is a deliberate flagrant falsehood, and we believe written with the object of conveying another falsehood to the readers of CAGE Birds, namely, fraudulent practice on the part of Shearn and Owens. The facts of the case are as follows:—The bird in question has only on two occasions been exhibited singly; quite a difference between two and many. We will give £50 to any charitable institution the Editor chooses to name for every show that the bird in question was shown other than the two herein-before mentioned. As to Cardiff Show, which Mr. Maggs says was the last time shown singly, and tries to emphasize very forcibly by saying "only one week before our own show." For the benefit of your readers we quote one or two instances from the Cardiff catalogue, November 27th, 1907: Class 16, extra 2nd, Shearn and Owens; Class 17, third, Shearn and Owens; Class 29, first, Shearn and Owens. Now, sir, we think we have demonstrated very clearly to your readers that what appears in print from the pen of Mr. Maggs, is, to put it mildly, not to be relied upon. There are one or two other items in Mr. Maggs's letter which we should like to have dealt with: Firstly, Shearn and Owens's "passionate desire for strict accuracy"; secondly, Shearn and Owens's "sneer," and last, but not least, the agreement of the Bristol F.A. that Mr. Maggs should bring the facts before your readers, which we have considered and proved to be false, but fearing our letter would be too long, we will leave them for the present We wish to lay before readers the unfair treatment we received from Bristol F.A. concerning their show, held on December 4th and 5th, 1907, at which we exhibited, and in Class 35, called Bristol Bowl Class, took first honours. Well, we waited in anticipation for nearly six weeks, and not hearing from them we wrote Mr. Maggs on Jan. 14th, 1908, as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—We should be glad if you would forward the prize won by Messrs. Shearn and Owens in Class 35 at your show, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 4th and 5th, 1907, and oblige."

We waited another two weeks, and having no reply we, on Jan. 27th, wrote Mr. T. R. Ind (Sec. Cage Bird section) as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—We have written Mr. G. T. H. Maggs on January 14th, 1908, asking him to forward the prize won by Messrs. Shearn and Owens at your show on Wednesday and Thursday, December 4th and 5th, 1907, to which he has not the good manners to reply. We now ask you to forward that prize or state your reason for not doing so by return, and oblige."

To this letter Mr. Maggs wrote us, giving as excuse for the delay the following:—My attention having been called to a letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, December 28th, with a request that the matter be brought before his Executive Committee, and that he wanted evidence of our partnership. Now, sir, would it not be just as reasonable for him to have said that he was waiting evidence from a man in the moon, for that fellow knew just as much as ourselves, and that is nil. Fancy a secretary waiting nearly two months for something for which he would not ask until forced; marvellous is it not? We replied to this letter on February 7th, 1908, the following being an extract:—

"Sir,—If this was the first intimation you had received regarding this matter, seeing that from the date of your show, held Dec. 4th, 1907, to the date of the appearance of letter in CAGE BIRDS, 28th of same month, there had elapsed 24 days, we now ask why this matter has not been considered by your Executive Committee before Jan. 27th, 1908, which is a period of 55 days, or a matter of nearly two months. We do not consider this fair treatment."

We also informed them that we both were financially and otherwise interested in the bird, and referred them to several gentlemen as to our characters and sent them stamped addressed envelopes for the purpose, which they ignored, and returned the envelopes. We think that any man with an average amount of common-sense would know that evidence of character is one of the principal features in any case whatsoever. We now assume they require as evidence of partnership a legally drawn-up document; if this be so, they have no rule giving them the right to ask for any such thing. The only rule they have which touches upon this point is Rule 1, which governs this particular class and which reads as follows:—"That all members' challenge cups and other challenge trophies be for exhibits bred by exhibitor in the current year." Mr. Maggs admits that our bird was a current-year bird and that it was bred by one of us, and this is all the rule asked for. In his letter, Feb. 11th, 1908, he suggested that no honourable inquiry could prove that the rule governing the class had been complied with. Now, this rule that he speaks of must be an imaginary one of his own that no one has ever seen or heard of. Then he goes on to refer to "that letter written nearly ten months ago, to which they have never yet sent a reply." Considering the class of people we had to deal with, we think we have demonstrated an adequate reason for not doing so. We claim that we have given and offered more evidence than they have any right to ask for. We say again the fact the bird was shown jointly prior to the Bristol Show, and being shown jointly, as may be seen by consulting the reports in CAGE BIRDS of the various shows throughout this season, is sufficient evidence to convince any fair-minded man or body of men of the genuine partnership. We therefore claim a legal right to that prize money, and further, we demand the same to be paid to us and to be in possession of that particular bowl for eleven months, or as laid down in Rule 6 in their schedule of 1907.

SHEARN AND OWENS.

A CAGE BIRD UNION MATTER.

SIR,—I see in your issue of December 12th that Mr. Lythgoe says that he must have mislaid a letter (or received an anonymous letter) re a member of the C.B.U. showing at a non-Union show. He, quite possibly, has mislaid the said letter, but it was far from being anonymous, as the full name and address of the sender was written plain enough. Mr. Lythgoe seems very indifferent over my letter; he seems to let it "pass off." But let us treat all alike. Please remember Mr. Crawhall's case. Mr. Lythgoe does not seem even to ask now for names and addresses, as he did in his other letter. But here is the name and address of the member, as reported to Mr. Lythgoe by my friend, Mr. Jones; he exhibited at Carnarvon Show last Easter Monday. I shall be pleased to see in your next issue what Mr. Lythgoe has to say on the matter.

H.M.R.

("H.M.R." overlooks the fact that if we gave the names and addresses of fanciers who are merely reputed "candidates for suspension," we should lay ourselves open to legal action. We have neither time nor inclination to investigate such charges, nor, of course, is it within our province so to do—that is for the Cage Bird Union. To print particulars of suspensions, *after the same are made*, would be a different matter.—EDITOR.)

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR PENDLEBURY AND SWINTON.

SIR,—I was pleased to read the correspondence under the above heading in CAGE BIRDS. Since coming to the district, it has been my luck to come across a few Canary and British bird fanciers, and we have decided to try and form a society for the exhibition of Canaries and British birds. The district is a large one, including Pendlebury, Swinton, Farnworth, Hirlam of the Heights, Walkden, Warsley, etc. We have come to the conclusion that we should make a good big society. These districts are full of fanciers, only they want getting together. We have decided to call a meeting early in the New Year, at some well-known room in Pendlebury. If this should meet the eye of anyone interested, would they kindly tell their friends to watch the club notices in CAGE BIRDS? Also to get their friends to attend the meeting when called, as perhaps the meeting will be interesting to outsiders as well as fanciers. Any fancier or others wishing for information respecting same, or wishing to be notified, I would be pleased if they would call or write me or Mr. W. Lloyd, 4, Pitt Street, Pendlebury. We will be pleased to give all information respecting same; or if they would call at the bird shop in Pendlebury and leave their name and address in a book we have provided they will be attended to.

ALEX. DONNELLY.

46, Swinton Hall Road, Swinton.

THE WIREWORK OF OUTDOOR AVIARIES.

SIR,—A lover of birds, and one who takes a lot of interest in them, I always look to CAGE BIRDS to learn anything about them. I noticed the very good article by Mr. Brooks on "Outdoor Aviaries." His aviary is on the same lines as I have got mine, excepting the wirework. I have mine arranged to prevent the cats from putting their claws into the birds. The birds all seem to like to fly on and cling to the wire mesh, and no matter how small this is, the cats spring at the wire and often hurt the birds. Now, my idea is to make such a frame for the front of the aviary, or for windows that are made to open, as leaves it impossible for cats to hurt them. I make the uprights of my frame of 2in. slate battens; set these edgewise, and put wire on both edges; this you get a double wire front, and as there is a 2in. space between each wired part, it is impossible for the cats to spring up to hurt our birds. The birds, of course, fly on and cling to the inner wire.

G. W. SEAMAN.

NOVICES IN THE DULWICH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—The Dulwich Ornithological Society has lately suspended one of its members, a champion, for exhibiting in novice classes at the Clapham Society's Show. It seems rather surprising that only one member has been dealt with when, as a matter of fact, there were other champions of the Dulwich Ornithological Society exhibiting in the novice classes at the same show. I would like to ask the Dulwich Committee whether they knew of only one offender? I am afraid it was otherwise. It appears at present that the Dulwich Committee wished to expel this one member, and endeavoured to cover up the sins of the other guilty parties. Surely if the Dulwich Committee were really anxious for fair play, *all* the offending members should have been dealt with. The Dulwich Society's explanation would prove interesting. Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this in your valuable paper.

FAIR PLAY.

BRAMBLE-CHAFFINCH HYBRID "WRONG-CLASSED" AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. A. P. Hurst asks me "why" this bird has got the Chaffinch note? I really don't know "why," unless it is pure cussedness, with a view to tickle the imagination and incidentally the pockets of the susceptible. As to "how" it has got it, is a different matter; to anyone who has kept wild birds and hybrids it is most simply accounted for. Most, if not all of our Britishers, have a knack of "acquiring" the notes of any other species kept within hearing, and the Bramble seems particularly prone to imitation (vocally). My old friend, Mr. Phil Jenkins (Swansea), has a particularly fine hen just now (caught by himself), which has been kept in a room with Greenfinches and Linnets, and gives at will the pure note of both. In the years gone by, when Dr. Greene's discussion on this cross was hot, I, like a great many more, tried for this hybrid. But the only result achieved was the experience of invariably finding the Bramble, either cock or hen (and I tried both ways) adopting the Chaffinch note. I am firmly of opinion that this cross is, if not impossible, at least very improbable, for the reason that proper copulation seemed to me quite impossible, and I have times without number watched the many attempts to copulate end in failure. Result, of course, clear eggs, when I did get them. In dismissing the Chaffinch note theory as a proof, we come to the feather or colour, which in this particular bird amounts to weak coloured bars on wings and Chaffinch colour (slight) on rump. To my mind this is simply one of nature's vagaries, or "sport colouring." In proof of this I must again refer to Mr. Jenkins' hen, which has the same bars and rump colouring as Mr. Coffey's bird, but nevertheless it is a hen Bramble with the Greenie and Linnet note. Neither in bodily conformation, nor general colouring, nor measurement, can this so-called hybrid claim any relationship with the Chaffinch, and to one who has kept both species off and on for nearly 40 years, I have no hesitation in affirming the bird is a sport, or freak marked hen Bramblefinch. That it is shown as a hybrid in all good faith by its present owner I willingly concede, and I will charitably conclude someone has blundered. If we locate hybrids on such slender proof, then our shows will ere long be flooded with all sorts of weird freaks, and the poor judge who has the courage of his convictions will be in for a hot time. Apologising for this somewhat lengthy epistle,

JOS. BROWN EVANS.

P.S.—Since writing you this morning it has come to my knowledge that Mr. Robson's name is being used in connection with the wrong-classing of above exhibit. He had absolutely nothing to do with the matter whatever; I wrong-classed the bird solely on my own responsibility. In mentioning the matter to Mr. Robson afterwards, evidently a misunderstanding arose as to the bird, Mr. Robson thinking I meant quite a different one and I being under the impression that his remarks applied to Mr. Coffey's bird. Mr. Robson did not even see the bird during judging.

SIR,—As your reporter of the above show, and one who signs himself "Justice" in your last issue, have been good enough to accredit me with supporting the judge of the hybrid section at the above show, Mr. J. B. Evans, in wrong-classing Mr. Coffey's Chaffinch-Bramblefinch hybrid, will you be kind enough to grant me permission to say that neither your reporter nor Mr. J. B. Evans had my consent, nor any right to associate my name with the wrong-classing of Mr. Coffey's bird. Neither was I shown a Bramblefinch-Chaffinch or a Chaffinch-Bramblefinch hybrid at the Welsh National by Mr. Evans. That gentleman did bring a bird over for me to see; but that bird was brought from the Goldfinch-Canary hybrid class, and after giving it a close survey I pronounced it a "marked common Canary." Mr. Evans being of the same opinion wrong-classed the bird. But as regards Mr. Coffey's bird it was never presented to me by Mr. Evans, and I dissociate myself with having had anything to do with the wrong-classing of this bird. I did not even know it had been wrong-classed until the evening, just before leaving the show, when I went round the hybrid classes with Mr. Longden, who pointed it out to me; this was my first knowledge of Mr. Coffey's bird being wrong-classed. Your reporter and Mr. J. B. Evans have no right whatever to accredit me with having had anything to do with the wrong-classing of this said bird. I am at all times ready to stand by any decision in which I take part, but I decline to be dragged into a dispute in which I have taken no part whatever, and must therefore request them and "Justice" not to further associate my name with the wrong-classing of Mr. Coffey's bird in any shape or form. JOHN ROBSON.

PRIZE MONEY AT KILMARNOCK SHOW.

SIR,—I entered three birds for Kilmarnock Show, held on 4th and 5th Dec., winning first for Buff Border cock, only seven birds in class. Rule 7 reads: "Full prize-money will be paid where entries are more than seven." Judge of my surprise on getting my prize-money, to only receive 5s. for a first. Now, I say, when they withhold first prize, they should pay second prize money to first bird; that is the general rule in all shows in Scotland. As the second prize is 8s., I wrote to Secretary to see if he had not made a mistake; but in his reply he says they only pay half prize money when class is not full. I hold they should have put this in their rules; they had as much right to pay me nothing as they had to pay 5s., according to their way of thinking. I am very sorry now I showed at Kilmarnock, getting 1st, 4th and 5th with my three entries, and being 2s. 3d. out of pocket. This, I may say, is the first time I have got this treatment after 13 years of showing all over Scotland. No wonder we read so much in the paper just now about short entries; this, I hold, is the cause of it. Just think for one moment: 7 entries 14s., the 6d. taken off for 1st and 2nd cards makes it 15s.; pay out 5s. for first and 2s. for second, total 7s., and 8s. left to the society. Not bad for Kilmarnock; their shows ought to pay. If our Glasgow shows had done this the West of Scotland would not have needed to make the appeal to the Fancy that they are now doing. ANDREW MILLER.

DO OWLS LOVE MUSIC?

SIR,—Is it a fact that Owls in general are noticed to be particularly fond of music, or is the following experience exceptional? Mr. A. O. Cook, in a contemporary, writes:—Many years ago, when a small boy, I was presented with a young Brown Owl. Sammy's evening quarters were in a hutch in the yard, but every morning he travelled—clinging tightly to my hair, a perch which he preferred to my shoulder—to a large deodar cedar on the lawn before the house, where he spent the day, taking a keen interest in his surroundings and occasionally descending to the grass. The branches of the cedar spread almost to the drawing-room window, and no sooner did the piano sound beneath my sister's hands than Sammy would creep along his branch to the utmost limit of safety, and there sit, his head bent in the most obvious attention, uttering at intervals a low crooning note. I should be glad to know if other Owl-keepers have observed similar conduct in their pets. Sammy was a firm believer in the morning tub. Every dry summer day a wooden bowl of water, holding perhaps nearly a gallon, was placed below the tree; in this he continued to splash vigorously until every drop was scattered. Then his great anxiety was to dry the top of his head. Placing it on the grass almost between his feet, he fluttered and pushed himself about in every direction, a perfect figure of fun. AN OWL LOVER.

THE RECENT INVERNESS SHOW.

SIR,—The expression "What's in a name?" is familiar to us all, but apparently the force of this does not appeal to someone who signs himself "Alick Ross." Whoever this "Alick" may be I do not know, but, to use a Yankee expression, I guess he's the lucky youngster from Beauly who grabbed the 2nd prize in the Bullfinch scrimmage, and then "bullied" the secretary until he was obliged to reverse the judge's decision and give him a further prize which was awarded to another exhibitor. Talk about making "unjust demands" on secretaries—how's this for "cheek"? This "Alick" seems to be so full up with his own importance that he must inform the Fancy that he, the original and only "Alick," did not write that letter. But note he does not object to what I maintain; he agrees, in fact, that the birds were hurriedly judged, and, may I ask, if my suspicions as to his identity are correct, to his advantage. It is to me daring to have a similar name that he objects. I did not write with any intention of belittling either the secretary or the show, but simply to point out the absurdity of one judge doing such a show in the time; and I trust the executive will in future make such arrangements as will ensure satisfaction to all. I have the misfortune, or otherwise, of having still to sign myself A. Ross.

THE CLASSIFICATION FOR THE CREST & CREST-BRED CANARY.

SIR,—There is not a week passes when we open our paper CAGE BIRDS during the show season, but we find complaints from secretaries or show managers of quite nine out of ten of the shows about to be, that up to going to press their entries do not average so and so per class, and begging exhibitors to send entries on. Now I have been connected with a society for many years which has never yet had to beg for patronage. The secret of this is, the management when making up their schedules recognise if they are catering for a certain section they must offer a reasonable classification if they wish to GET ENTRIES. The poor, mean classification for the Crest and Crest-bred offered by nine out of ten of the present day show managers, or committees, is by no means conducive to a good entry in this section, which has something like 22 varieties bred for exhibition:—Buff Dark Crest, buff Light Crest, clear body Dark Crest buff, clear body Dark Crest yellow, yellow Light Crest, buff Crest-bred, yellow Crest-bred; repeat these again for hens, also halve them for young (or current year) birds; also other classe for grizzle caps and marks, etc., as asked for by the C.C.C. All breeders of this variety will tell you they are bred at a great expense for distinct classification. No wonder secretaries go begging for entries when every post you get a schedule, and on turning to the classification what do you find? In nine out of ten schedules, two classes, any variety of Crest, any variety of Crest-bred, prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. (or 3s.), and a special prize of 2s. 6d. for most points in the two classes. Now mark this, the carriage averages 1s. 3d. per bird, and cocks compete with hens, yellow with buff darks, lights and grizzles, young and old, all jumbled up, an almost impossible mixture. You may send, say, four birds out, with all the risks attendant thereon, worth anywhere from fifty to one hundred and fifty pounds, with just a possible chance of winning your own money back. Is it any wonder secretaries say, only so and so per class, Mr. Editor? Now, on the other hand, wherever there is a good classification offered you will find well-filled classes, an average approaching twenty per class. For proof of this take the catalogues of shows already held this season with anything like a classification, such as Newcastle, Cheltenham, or Nottingham. The last-named gave eighteen open Crest and Crest-bred classes, fourteen for old birds and four for young or current year birds; over 60 birds in the four young classes, Crested yellow, Crest-bred buff, Crested buff and Crest-bred yellow. They also gave fourteen open classes for the Plainhead Norwich section, sixteen open classes for the British bird and Mule section, also the classification asked for by the Lancashire Specialist Club (eight classes), Cinnamon Club, and the Foreign Bird Club. Is it any wonder Nottingham and Notts O.S. can always command such wonderful quality when they cater for every section they take up in this way? My advice to show committees is that if they want good entries and first-class exhibits, either give reasonable classification or cut that section out of your schedule altogether, otherwise you will make a loss. I will tell you for nothing that if other members of the Crested Canary Club are like me, you can save your schedules and postage if you can only offer two classes for our variety. I also am not satisfied (and I ask other members of the C.C.C., through CAGE BIRDS, if they are) with the classification offered by a number of the shows this season having our club support. The Crested Canary Club offers for competition amongst its members the largest value in cups, bowls and cash specials of any other specialist club, yet if I am not mistaken we are the only specialist club which does not demand full classification to secure our support. The club show this year has been held at Gateshead, and some of our members' birds would have to travel considerably over two hundred miles to compete for our club specials and points. The minimum to have our support (according to our book of rules) is two young birds, or current year bred, classes for the 21s. and mine cash specials. But what about the club show? Here we offer one ten guinea challenge bowl for the best current year Crest; for this important special we ought to have two classes, one for buff Crest and one for yellow Crest. It is an injustice to the birds to have to compete together. We also have one ten-guinea bowl for the best current year Crest-bred. Here again there ought to be two classes, one for yellows and one for buffs. How can anyone expect a yellow hen, perhaps a grand show specimen in her own class, to compete against a buff cock—she has enough to give away competing with yellow cocks. Perhaps some folks will say, don't show yellow hens. Just so, but do we want the Crest and Crest-bred section to go backwards or forwards? If the latter, don't shut out of competition one of the most important items in the breeder's room. Now here we have four classes, but our club, the C.C.C., offers 5s. special for the best buff clear body Dark Crest, also 5s. special for the best buff Crest-bred with dark or grizzle cap, 5s. special for the best yellow Crest, 5s. special for the best yellow Crest-bred; these are for old bird classes, and in addition we have those for the young bird classes, for the best young Crest or Crest-bred that has not won a 1st prize previously, also a 5s. special for best Crest, and 5s. special for best Crest-bred, also 2s. 6d. special for the 2nd best Crest and 2s. 6d. for 2nd best Crest-bred, not the property of the winner of the 21s. specials. I notice on going through the majority of these specials they are offered by the club to promote competition for different specimens, as asked for by members at our last annual meeting at the Crystal Palace. But of what use is this if the classification is not insisted upon where the club show is held, and all these valuable cups, bowls, and money prizes offered in competition? My astonishment was supreme, I can assure you, when I received the schedule for Gateshead and found they had taken the minimum of young bird classes, any variety of Crest and any variety of C.B.—great Jupiter! All our different specimens we have been breeding and getting together for the club show, have to be jumbled together, buffs and yellows, cocks and hens, clear body Dark Crest, variegated Crest, lights and grizzles, all in the Crest class, and a similar "mixture" in the C.B. class. Seven old classes and two young classes, nine in all, for our annual club show, and on the top of all this we are not of sufficient importance, the C.C.C. must show in conjunction with the N.C.C. club show. Some would say, the more the merrier. I don't, because I have, and perhaps a many more of our members have, too, been sending birds all over the country for points for the £25 Roberts Cup. And taking into consideration we can only earn points from one bird in each class, even a "commended" counts. But if we are showing in conjunction with another specialist club (who have no interest in this cup) their wins are robbing us of points, and these we pay for as follows: say 10 entries, 15s.; cab fare to station and back with show cases, 4s.; railway carriage, 11s.; total, 30s. We don't expect to "get our own back" from the prize money offered, but we do expect to win our own specialist club points. We are obliged to send our birds—because it is the only competition of the year for our challenge bowls—no matter what the distance may be, and I was prepared to bet any amount when the report of this show appeared in the papers it would say, "there were winners without cards." I say that as an important fixture like this there ought at the least to have been four classes for young birds, and fourteen classes for old birds, or champion classes, but even in the latter they had cut the competition down to seven classes, which does not make fair competition, and has a tendency to kill the different varieties which form the quality and the backbone of the Crested and Crest-bred Canary. On the other hand, if a larger classification was offered there would be a great many more birds sent on the show bench than ever come out under present conditions. Better classification would, I feel sure, bring a great many more entries, because exhibitors will not bother to send two birds, while six or eight become worth considering if they can be shown in their own classes. It would be ensuring success and less growling to the Editor on the eve of a show.

GEO. C. LEY.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

DUNOON.

The annual show of the Cowal O.S. was held on December 19th, in the Town Hall, Dunoon. There was a rather serious falling off in the number of exhibits in the caged bird section, and especially in the Scotch fancy classes. This was due largely, it was stated, to the fact that two local fanciers were quite unable to compete. Entries in some of the sections, however, were well up to the average, while the quality in most of the classes was excellent, many very fine birds being staged. The arrangements of the show were in the hands of Mr. J. MacFarlane, the hon. secretary, who had everything well forward. Mr. J. B. Campbell, the president, also worked hard and well. They were ably assisted by some capital stewards. Mr. W. Webster (Greenock) judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. CL. CK.: 1, spl, Millar; 2, Douglas; 3, spl, Phillips. HEN: 1, Douglas; 2, Miller; 3, Napier. PIED. ETC. CK.: 1, spl, Miller; 2, Napier; 3, Arthur; 4, Ingles. NOR. CL. CK: 1, spl, Ritchie; 2, spl, Leask; 3, Ferguson. HEN: 1, Tait; 2, Leask; 3, Moodie. MKD. CK.: 1, spl, Moodie; 2, Tait; 3, Ward. HEN: 1, Stirling; 2, Paterson; 3, Ritchie. CREST.: 1, spl, Ritchie; 2, Macfarlane; 3, Clark. BORD. FCY. CL. CK.: 1, spl, Murdoch; 2, Clark; 3, Buchanan; 4, Ingles. HEN: 1, Murdoch; 2, Buchanan; 3, Melville. PIED, ETC. CK.: 1, spl, Murdoch; 2, Buchanan; 3, spl, M'Farlane. HEN: 1, Buchanan; 2, Murdoch; 3, Clark. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 2, 3, spl, and cup, Douglas. HEN: 1, 2, Douglas; 3, Ritchie. SELL (10/-): 1, Ritchie; 2, Melville; 3, M'Farlane; 4, Clark. BRIT. WILD: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Douglas; 4, spl, Marshall.

BOLTON.

Bolton and District O.S. held their annual Members' Show in the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, on December 26th. Entries totalled nearly 100, and included many grand exhibits. The silver challenge cup for most points gained during year was won by Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins with 53 points. Messrs. P. Hart and Jno. Brooks were the runners up, with 42 points each. The special for best unflighted bird in show was won by Mr. James Smith. The Secretary, Mr. J. Stringer, was responsible for the capital arrangements, and his work was appreciated. Mr J. W. Clemmson (Preston) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Brooks; 2, Mitchell; vhc, hc, Tootel; c, Jim Smith. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, vhc, Brooks; 2, 3, Mitchell; hc, Jim Smith; c, Fish. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, c, Hatton; 2, Burgess; 3, Haslem; 4, vhc, hc, Fish. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, J. Smith; 4, Langworth; vhc, Simms; c, Gostling. YELL. HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Parkinson; 3, J Smith; 4, Gaskell; vhc, Simms. BUFF: 1, Gaskell; 2, Allen; 3, Gerrard; 4, Cooper; vhc, Grundy; hc, Morrison. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, J. Smith; 2, 3, Hopkins; 4, Gerrard; vhc, Allen. BUFF: 1, Gerrard; 2, Longworth; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Allen. NOR. NOVICE: 1, Nelson; 2, hc, Haslam; 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, c, Morrison. CRESTS: 1, 2, Hart; 3, Laidlaw. C.B.: 1, 3, Laidlaw; 2, Hart. BORD. HEN: 1, 2, R. Hollis. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Hart; 3, Taylor; 4, Gostling. LINNET: 1, Hatton; 2, Tontcl; 3, 4, Gostling. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Hatton; 2, Gaskell; 3, c, Gostling; 4, Cooper; vhc, Fish; hc, Simms. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Gostling. SELL (20/-): 1, Hopkins; 2, Hollis; 3, Mitchell. (12/6): 1, Mitchell; 2, Longworth; 3, Parkinson; 4, J. Smith. (7/6): 1, Parkinson; 2, Jim Smith; 3, Hatton; 4, Brierley

SHETTLESTON.

Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S. held their first annual show, in Hill Street Hall, Shettleston, on December 19th, and we think the members ought to be highly pleased with the result of their first venture. The hall has splendid light, and is well ventilated, and the entries (although numbering more than was expected, upwards of 200), just suited the space alloted for them. Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross), judged, and his awards were, in all cases well received. The secretary, Mr. W. Devlyn, was very attentive to his duties, and was most obliging and courteous. This being the first bird show in the district, it was well patronised by the public, and the ladies (who were many), were well looked after (in an official capacity), by the committee, namely, President, Mr. Berry; vice-president, Mr. Henderson; Messrs. Gow, Hendry, Aitken and Coltart. Mr. G. A. Henderson's Crest cock won the special for the best in the show, Mr. G. W. Gow's Buff Plainhead cock, being the runner-up.

YOUNG BIRDS: CRESTS (3): 1, 2, 3, Henderson, three grand birds, 1, cl. body, d.c. of good formation, grand centre. C.B. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Henderson, 1st, grand skull, splendidly browed, nice body; 2nd, good body and size, well shown. NOR. CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Gartshore, leader yell. grand round head, good quality and carriage, nice type; 2, Buff, sweet head, nice size, and quality feather; 3, Semple, good body and neck, well shown; 4, Lambert. HEN (3): 1, 2, Gartshore, 1, nice bright colour, good carriage; 2, grand head, nice wings and tail; 3, Semple. BORD. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Berry, 1, gem for quality, superb carriage, free mover; 2, good head and back; 3, nice size, good quality; 4, Aitken. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Berry, leader outstanding, stands well up, goes well; vhc, Aitken, sweet head and body. NOVICE NOR. (4): 1, spl, 3, Semple, leader, good quality and type; 2, nice head and feather; 2, Lambert, splendid head and carriage; 4, Aitken, good quality of feather. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Devlyn, all of good type and quality. MULES, ETC. (7): 1, Gartshore, nice sized Goldie, good colour and size, wins; 2, (no name), fine size and type, shows well; 3, Aitken; vhc, Coltart; hc, Gow. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Devlyn. OLD BIRDS: CRESTS (4): 1, 2, Henderson, 1, grand cock, wins special for best hird in show, good even crest, nice veiny feather; 2, plenty of body feather; 3, Christie. C.B. (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Henderson, leader, grand broad skull, plenty of feather of good texture; 3, Gow; c, Hendry. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, c, Gow, leader buff cock, noted winner, grand head, good carriage of wings and tail; 2, nice type, stands well up; 3, vhc, Berry, 3, taking exhibit, well staged; hc, Gartshore. HEN (8): 1, Gartshore, splendid head, good quality throughout; 2 (no name), grand buff, good hot colour and size; 3, Gow, another buff, splendid type, nice head and tail; vhc, Devlyn; hc, Berry; c, Gartshore. BORD. CK. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Stewart, first feathered like wax, goes well, in first-class condition; 2, another sweet one in fine condition; 3, Aitken, yell. good size and colour, nice round head; hc, Berry; c (no name). HEN (8): 1, Devlyn, yell. good head, perfect carriage, well moulded, wins here; 2, MacKay, buff, sweet exhibit, much admired; 3, vhc, Stewart; hc, Devlyn; c, Berry. COMMON (6): 1, spl, Robinson; 2, Christie; 3, Stewart; vhc, Berry. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, Aitken, grand Scotch Fancy cock, good shoulders, neck and tail; 2, 3, Stewart; vhc, Mackay; hc, Robinson; c, Christie. BRIT: GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, 3, Gow, leader noted winner, looking better than ever, grand blaze, nicely buttoned, well staged; 3, good one, a bit wild; 2, Hendry, a good Finch, grand rich colour; vhc, Aitken;; hc, Coltart; c, Lambert. BULLFINCH (2): 1, spl, Gow, good colour and size; 2, Aitken. GREENFINCH (14): 1, 2, Christie, former grand hot fed one, nice size, latter loses in size only; 3, 4, Gow, both of good size and quality; hc, Devlyn; c, Coltart. LINNET (12): 1, spl, 2, Gow, 1, fine size, superb colour, nicely pencilled; 3, Aitken, grand bird, nice solid front, some preferred; vhc, Stewart; hc, Coltart; c, Berry. SISKIN (5): 1, 2, Gow, leader, hot fed one, good bib and cap; 2, fine size and colour; 3, Coltart, another nice one; vhc, Aitken; hc, Devlyn. TWITE, ETC. (17): 1, Gow, Redpoll, wonderful colour, richest we have seen this year; 2, Berry, good coloured Twite, nice size; 3, Coltart, Redpoll, splendid size; vhc, Gow; hc, Christie; c, Aitken. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Gow, grand Bramblefinch, splendid colour; 2, Coltart, Yellowhammer, good colour and size; 3, Gow, nice Chaffinch; vhc, Robinson; hc, Gow; c, Devlyn. BULLFINCH HEN (6): 1, spl, Christie, lovely colour, very steady; 2, Mackie, good colour, well staged; 3, Gow, typical, very steady; vhc, Robinson. A.O.S. HEN (12): 1, spl, 2, Christie; 3, Mackie; vhc, Berry; hc, Aitken; c, Stewart. A.O.S.: 1, Stewart, excellent Song Thrush. FOR.: 1, 2, Coltart, both Blue Rice birds. GIFT: 1, Henderson; 2, Berry; 3, Gow; vhc, Devlyn; hc, Christie; c, Lambert.

PWLLHELI.

Held December 26th, in the Town Hall, one of the best halls in Wales, it being large and spacious, and having plenty of light all round. The entry was a very large one, and competition was very keen all through. Owing to the majority of the exhibits turning up late, it was after 11.30 before judging began. The hall was crowded with visitors. Mr. John Rowlands, the secretary, had a very busy time, and was most obliging under most trying circumstances. The stewards, Messrs. J. E. Pritchard, R. C. Forbes, E. F. Jones, and G. E. Dorkins, worked very hard, and gave every possible attention to exhibitors and exhibits. The show should prove a big success. The cup for the best Norwich and two extra cash specials for the best Canary in show went to Mr. W. Winnard's clear yellow, a real good Norwich; cup for best Yorkshire, Mr. J. C. Williams; cup for best Border, Mr. E. R. Roberts; cup for best Mule or Hybrid, Mr. R. Jackson; special, value 10/6, for best British in show, Mr. T. Hughes, with a superb Thrush; 2nd best, Mr. R. C. Forbes, with a good Hawfinch. Mr. A. G. Davis judged, and gave satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Winnard; 3, vhc, Sheldon; res., hc, J. C. Rowlands; c, Nolan. BUFF (14): 1, 3, res., Winnard; 2, E. J. Jones; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Rowlands; c, Griffiths; No. 239, Sheldon, very wet at time of judging. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, E. J. Jones; res., Rowlands; vhc, hc, F. Lloyd. YORKS. BUFF (18): 1, J. C. Williams; 2, E. J. Jones; 3, E. Williams; res., Forbes; vhc, Williams and Owens; c, Evans. YELL. (19): 1, J. C. Williams; 2, G. Jones; 3, C. Williams; vhc, hc, W. H. Williams; c, W. Jones. YORKS. A.O.V. (17): 1, A. Lewis; 2, Williams and Owens; 3, W. H. Williams; vhc, res., Forbes; hc, Jones; c, J. C. Williams. BORD. BUFF (7): 1, 3, etc., E. R. Roberts; 2, J. C. Rowlands. YELL. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, res., vhc, Roberts; c, Forbes. A.O.V.: 1, 2, etc., E. R. Roberts; 3, J. C. Rowlands. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (5): 1, J. Williams; 2, Williams and Owens; 3, R. M. Jones; res., W. Owen; 322, Dawkins, w. c. DARK (12): 1, R. Jackson; 2, J.Williams; 3, E. J. Jones; res.,Williams and Owens; hc, Winnard; c, D. Williams. HYB. A.O.V. (5): 1, E. Williams; 2, J. Williams; 3, Winnard. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, R. Jackson; 2, Mrs. Forbes; 3, H. S. Williams; res., E. Roberts; vhc, hc, J. Williams; c, H. J. Price. GREYPATE (32): 1, Owen Owens; 2, Pierce and Griffiths; 3, R. C. Forbes; res., W. Jones; vhc, J. Davies; hc, T. Davies; c, H. Jones. HARDBILL A.O.S. (16): 1, Forbes; 2, Winnard; 3, hc, c, W. Nolan; res., vhc, Pierce and Griffiths. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, res., T. Hughes; 3, G. Morris; vhc, Owen; hc, D. H. Williams. FOR. (9): 1, Master Wynne Griffith; 2, T. Davies; 3, D. J. Williams; res., W. A. Jones; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Griffith. CAN. (confined to residents never won 1st) (10): 1, vhc, A. Lewis; 2, N. Dorkins; 3, Forbes; res, Williams; hc, Thomas; c, Jones. SELL. (10/6) (11): 1, Williams; 2, res., Jones; 3, Nolan; vhc, Williams; hc, Lloyd; c, Forbes. BRIT. HARDBILL (open to district) (9): 1, E. Jones; 2, res., W. S. Lloyd; 3, W. Evans; vhc, Owen; hc, Williams. GIFT (7): 1, W. Owen; 2, res., W. Jones; 3, hc, R. Roberts; vhc, Howlands. NOVICE, GOLDFINCH (never won 1st 5 miles radius) (19): 1, R. C. Forbes; 2, c, R. Lloyd; 3, T. Roberts; res., H. Jones; vhc, E. Roberts; hc, H. Jones; Hyde's special, J. R. Rowlands.

DEWSBURY DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second members' show of the season was held at the Royal Hotel on December 26th, when 73 birds were staged. The points to date for the society's medals are as follows:—Pickering 32, Rayner 28, Pollard 28, Taylor 24, Mitchell 23, and Senior 23. Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Pollard; 2, Pickering; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 3, Rayner; 2, Senior. UNEVENLY MKD., YELL.: 1, Blackburn; 2, Hall; 3, Rayner. BUFF: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Pickering. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Hall. BUFF: 1, Pollard; 2, Senior; 3, Mitchell. UNEVENLY MKD., YELL.: 1, 3, Pickering; 2, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 3, Pickering; 2, Pollard. SELL. CK., 15s. 6d.: 1, Clennett; 2, Pollard; 3, Blackburn. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, 3, Rayner; 2, Clennett.—N. RAYNER, hon. sec.

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OVER WINSFORD (Cheshire).

The 10th annual Open Show of the Over, Winsford, and Dist. F.S. took place in the Assembly Room of the Black Bear Hotel, Over, on December 26th. A handsome silver cup, value £3 3s., and nine or ten silver medals (gold centre) were offered to members residing within a five-mile radius, and these brought out all the local exhibitors in great force. The Cage Bird Section had ten classes allotted to them, and these produced over 100 entries, which was excellent for Boxing Day. Fifty-four birds in four British classes was simply grand, and they were a fine lot right through. Some very good Norwich and Yorkshires were shown, and Lancashire mounted nine various birds from clear to self-darks. Some top light in the otherwise excellent show-room would greatly improve it. A splendid set of officials and committee work this show, with Mr. F. Wigley as hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Baker as hon. secretary, both very capable men. Enthusiastic fanciers and exhibitors were there from a distance, and quite a party of Crewe and District fanciers greeted us. Competition was very keen and close and the chief honours were well distributed. Mr. Charles Houlton judged, and his awards seemed well received.

The Critique.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Davies, grand Finch, broad, deep-coloured, clean-cut blaze, plentiful tan on body, good, even moons and bars, in glossy feather and condition; 2, J. and G. Parry, fine bird, very level feather, bright colours all over, good moons and bars; 3, Tams and Son, grand size, rich colours all through; res., Bennett, fine, deep colour; vhc, Astles; hc, Rogerson; c, Taylor. BULLFINCH (16) grand class: 1, Wigley, very fine cobby bird, rare colour, broad cap, very pretty blue back, perches were a little too thick; 2, Davies, splendid cap, deep, level-coloured breast, lovely condition; 3, Lawton, practically equal to 2nd in all points, and hard to separate; res, Brereton, also fine all-round bird; vhc, E. Weedall; hc, Gillett; c, J. W. Weedall. LINNET (18) a grand lot: 1, Tams and Son, really fine conditioned bird to-day, nice shape, colour and markings, tight, glossy condition, in full vigour, singing for all he was worth; 2, H. Grime, grandly marked, in splendid condition; 3, hc, J. and E. Perry, fine, long bird, grand head, good colour; res, vhc, E. Weedall, pair of beauties, former very good length, shape, colour markings and condition; c, Wilkinson, smart for shape markings and condition. Another set of winners still left. Some of Mr. Jones's birds, of Wrexham, were absent. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, H. Siddall, very large, good-chested Bramble, grand condition; 2, res., E. Weedall, fine hen Hawfinch, real good Greater Tit, both well shown, in tight feather, lovely condition; 3, Ollier and Blackburn, grand colour and size, Yellow Bunting, wing flights stopped it getting top place; vhc, Hopley, Twite, good markings; hc, Baker and Mellor, rather shy Reed Bunting; c, Brereton, smart Yellow Bunting. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, J. and E. Perry, A1 clear buff, and a tkd. bead yell., both of grand stand, position and quality; res, E. Weedall, tick head, very fine, long and slim; No. 333, absent. HENS (7): No. 1st; 2, Tomkinson, very stylish, finely drawn yell., lovely carriage and stand, good all through; 3, res., hc, c, J. and E. Perry, capital lot of hens, all in fine feather; 3rd, buff of grand merit; vhc, E. Weedall, smart ticked wing buff, neat head, wings and tail, well up, nicely cleaned off all through; No. 340 absent. UNFLI. (13) a fine lot of youngsters: 1, Brereton, cl. yell., long and slim, neat head, wings and tail, tightly clothed through, well up on leg, fine position, wins medal, members' best bird; 2, hc, c, J. and E. Perry, big, long buff leading, flue, solid feather, neat carriage, A1 condition; 3, J. W. Lawton, tick forehead yell., lovely position and carriage, tight in condition; res., vhc, E. Weedall, yell. and buff, very full of breed, yell., smarter of the two. NOR. CK. (7): No 1st; 2, res., T. Crimes, tick wing, yell., and tick headed buff, both in clinking condition, yell. to-day looking champion; 3, Heaton, saddle-marked, grand, cobby bird, in fine colour, bloom and condition, runs close up for leadership; vhc, J. W. Weedall, very smart, cl. yell., all condition; hc, Spilsbury, yell., fine head; c, Cooper. HENS (9): 1, 3, Cooper, yell. and buff, both variegs., splendid type, quality, colour and condition, fine pair; 2, Tams and Son, grand cl., A1 head, good body, pretty bloom and feather; res., J. W. Weedall, smaller, smart cl. yell., A1 condition; vhc, H. Grime; c, Spilsbury. HYB. (9): 1, Tams and Son, small cl. Goldie-Can., good feather and condition; 2, H. Grime, fine, big buff Siskin-Can., grand markings and condition; 3, no name, uneven buff Goldie-Can., grand feather, colour and condition, medium size; res., no name, yell. Goldie-Can., good size and shape; vhc, Latham; hc, E. Weedall; c, Henderson. The special for best member's Linnet, J. and E. Perry; for best members' in show, W. Brereton; 2, J. and E. Perry; and for best Members' British, J. and E. Perry.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held on Boxing Day, at the OddFellows' Hall, Charlotte Street, when there was a good attendance of members and friends. There was a very good show of Canaries and British birds, numbering 174, in 26 classes, and these gave the judges no little trouble in separating, as two sets of winners could be found in most of the classes. The judges were Mr. Robert Barwick (champion Canaries), Mr. W. T. Pepper (novice Canaries), and Mr. George Harland (British birds), who all gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. T. Pepper won special for best bird in show.

CHAMPION SECTION:—CRESTS (4): 1, 2, 3, Calam; vhc, Pepper. C.B. (5): 1, 3, hc, Calam; 2, vhc, Pepper. NOR., YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Pepper; 2, Calam; 3, Perkins. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Pepper; 3, Perkins; vhc, Calam HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 2, Pepper; 3, hc, Calam; vhc, Perkins. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Pepper; 3 Perkins; vhc, hc, Calam. CINN., CK. (5): 1, Calam; 2, 3, vhc, Pepper; hc, Perkins. HEN: 1, Perkins; 2, Calam. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Prentice; 3, vhc, hc, Perkins. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Prentice; 2, 3, vhc, Perkins. HEN, YELL. (3): 1, 3, Perkins; 2, Prentice. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Perkins; 4, wrong class, Prentice. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Calam; 2, Pepper; 3, Perkins. NOVICE SECTION:—NOR., YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Oliff; vhc, Prentice; hc, Potter; c, Burton. BUFF (8): 1, 3, vhc, Oliff; 2, Calvard; c, Potter. HEN., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Oliff; vhc, Burton; hc, Riley; c, Calvard. BUFF (8): 1, Potter; 2, vhc, Oliff; 3, Burton; hc, Calvard; c, Riley; No. 5, wrong class, Riley. YORKS., YELL. (16): 1 hc, Potter; 2, Precious; 3, Frith; c, Sowden. BUFF (14): 1, Precious; 2, Potter; 3, vhc, Girling; hc, Burton; c, Kling. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Stamford; 2, Precious; 3, Potter; vhc, Kling; hc, Precious; c, Briggs. BUFF (10): 1, Kling; 2, Frith; 3, c, Potter; vhc, Precious; hc, Briggs. A.O.V., CAN.: 1, Riley; 2, Ware. MULE: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Perkins; hc, Sowden. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Perkins. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC (12): 1, 3, Riley; 2, Potter; vhc, Calam; hc, c, Perkins BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Potter; 2, Perkins; vhc, c, Frith; hc, Oliver. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Potter; 3, Sowden. F. P. POTTER, hon. secretary.

HALTON (Lancaster).

First open show held on Dec. 19th. The Cage Bird section was staged away from the poultry, etc., in the "Infant School," and a lot of very nice specimens were staged; but we think that the Committee were badly advised when they made the entrance fee 1s. 6d. for prizes of 8s., 4s., 2s., and possibly next year they may see their way to reduce this fee. The officials were a real good lot, and worked very hard. The show closed at 6 p.m. to enable all the exhibits to get home same night. We understand the gate was satisfactory. Mr. W. J. Ferguson judged.

YORKS. CL. (11): 1, spl, 2, Amblers, cl. yell. leading, grand length, good colour, wins well, followed by a real good buff; 3, 4, Snowden, cl., yell., Pendleton winner, very nice; vhc, Watson; hc, c, Fisher. VARIEG. (10): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Amblers, grand lot, nice tick buff leading, good one; 2nd, varieg. yell., close up; 3, Watson, varieg. buff, real good one, excellent stock cock; 4, Ireland, nice one; hc, Mulliner; c, Fisher. UNFLIG. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, Amblers, tip-topper, grand length, stands well, wins easily; 2, Snowden, another good Yorks., nice quality; 3, Cafferty, varieg. yell., good one, splendid quality, Lancaster winner; 4, Fisher; vhc, hc, c, Saul. NOR. CL. (11): 1, spl, best in show, 2, spl, Cleminson and Taylor, really grand buff, if his flights were correct would be bad to beat in any company; 2, fine bouncing yell., extra good quality feather; 3, Ireland, very typical varieg. buff, excellent feather, close up; 4, Snowden, nice dubby bird, well shown, the Harrogate winner; vhc, hc, Brown and Smith; c, Saul. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, Cleminson and Taylor, tip-top yell., looks like a hen, if so, will be heard of frequently; 2, Brown and Smith, well known tick buff hen, a clinker, hard lines to meet winner; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, another real good Nor., very nice quality; 4, Snowden, fine bird, good in feather; vhc, Wilkinson, nice hot-coloured yell. variegs.; hc, Ireland. BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Mulliner, nice young Starling, well shown; 2, vhc, Wilkinson, excellent Goldie, nice size, very steady, and a very good Bullie hen; 3, Durston, excellent Blackbird, in good condition, grand eye and beak; 4, Grimes, neat Song Thrush; hc, Hinde; c, Shaw.

BELFAST.

The first annual show of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club of Ireland was held in the Clarence place Hall, May-street, Belfast, on December 18th and 19th. Over three hundred exhibits were staged, and amongst them were some which have done a great deal of winning this season. The quality throughout was most excellent. There was a large attendance, and the show bade fair to be a great financial success. The mangement ws in most capable hands. The president is Mr. John Cummings, and the vice-president, Mr. J. Thompson. The committee consists of well-known fanciers, who one and all had the interests of the birds at heart; it is comprised of the following: Messrs. W. Connell, W. Tate, W. Teasy, J. Carson, W. Gray, C. J. Mulligan, J. Osborne, J. Barclay, S. Bamford, W. R. Ross, J. Wilson, J. Lavery, J. J. Cloke, and Major Trotter, R.A.M.C. Mr Jas. Stewart, the hon. secretary, was at the helm. He is evidently the right man in the right place. Every provision possible for the comfort and well-being of both exhibits and exhibitors was made, and under his guidance everything went off with a happy swing. The judges were Messrs. Geo. Harland and J. Rocks.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (3): 1, 3, Fisher; 2, Tate. C.B. CK. (3): 1, ,Tate; 2, Fisher; 3, Leacock. HEN (3): 1, Fisher; 2, Leacock; 3, Fisher. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, Stewart; vhc, Barclay; hc, Owens and Magee. BUFF (11): 1, Stewart; 2, Barclay; 3, 4, Thompson; vhc, Loughridge; hc, Osborne; c, Teascy. TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Gray; 2, Connell; 3, M'Connell; 4, Thompson; vhc, Barclay; hc, Teasey; c, Stewart. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Thompson; 2, Mulligan; 3, Carson; 4, Barclay; hc, M'Connell. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Tate; 3, Teasey; 4, Gilmour; vhc, Stewart; hc, Barclay; c, M'Cann. BUFF (9): 1, Barclay; 2, 3, Teasey; 4, Stewart; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Connell; c, Osborne. CL. YELL. HEN (12): 1, vhc, hc, c, Connell; 2, Gray; 3, Stewart; 4, Barclay. BUFF (13): 1, Carson; 2, 3, 4, Connell; hc, Barclay; c, Mulligan. TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, hc, Carson; 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Barclay; c, Mulligan. BUFF (9): 1, Teasey; 2, Barclay; 3, Thompson; 4, Mulligan; vhc, Loughridge; hc, Gray; c, Stewart. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Stewart; 3, vhc, Thompson. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Barclay; 2, Carson; 3, Thompson; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Connell; c, M'Connell. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (20/-) (4): 1, Fisher; 2, Leacock; 3, Walker; 4, Carson. NOR. (15/-) (9): 1, Gray; 2, hc, Teasey; 3, Tate; 4, Barclay; vhc, Carson; c, Thompson. SONG BIRD (10/-) (10): 1, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, 4, Stewart; vhc, c, Teascy; hc, Gray. BELG. (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Neill; 3, 4, c, Ronaldson. SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Ronaldson; 2, M'Cann; 4, Neill; vhc, M'Connell. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Ronaldson; 2, Neill; 4, Trimble; vhc, hc, M'Connell. YELL. CK., PIED, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Neill; 3, M'Connell. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Neill. YELL. HEN CL., ETC. (4): 1, 3, Ronaldson; 2, Neill; 4, M'Connell. BUFF (4): 1, Neill; 2, 3, Lavery; 4, Trimble. BUFF PIED, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Ronaldson; 2, hc, Neill; 3, Lavery; vhc, Trimble. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, O'Reilly; 2, Coyne; 3, Sheridan and Fry; 4, South; vhc, Devins; hc, Huggard; c, Cloke. BUFF (3): 1, Devins; 2, O'Reilly; 3, Huggard. TKD., ETC., CK. (7): 1, Coyne; 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, Cloke; 4, M'Quade; vhc, Devins; hc, Huggard; c, South. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, South; 4, M'Quade; vhc, Devins. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Coyne; 2, Devins; 3, Sheridan and Fry; vhc, South. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Devins; 2, Cloke; 3, M'Quade; 4, vhc, Duigeman; hc, South; c, O'Reilly. CL. CK. NOVICE (12): 1, Birse; 2, 3, Mulligan; 4, Fleming; vhc, Dr. Lavery; hc, c, M'Knight. TKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Birse; 2, 4, Fleming; 3, Mulligan; vhc, Dr. Lavery; hc, Keating; c, Pennington. CL. HEN (10): 1, 4, Fleming; 2, Mulligan; 3, Dr. Lavery; vhc, M'Knight; hc, Birse; c, M'Carroll. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 4, Fleming; 2, Mulligan; 3, Keating; vhc, Birse; hc, M'Carroll; c, Farrell. MULE CAN. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Birse; 2, 4, hc, Tate; 3, M'Cann; vhc, Wright. DARK (5): 1, Carson; 2, Tate; 3, vhc, Wright. BRIT. GOLDIE (7): 1, Barclay; 2, 3, Lavery; 4, Tate; vhc, Ross; hc, Mrs clay; c, Gallagher. GREY LINNET (9): 1, O'Neill; c, Gallagher. GREY LINNET (9): 1, Ross; 2, Mrs. O'Neill; 3, Birse; 4, M'Barney, vhc Wilson; c, Scott. A.O.S. SMALL (11): 1, 2, Birse; 3, Tate; 4, Owens and Magee; vhc, Conolly; hc, Hastie; c, Downing. FOR.: cancelled.

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SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Table show, held December 10th, at headquarters. The awards were placed by Mr. A. G. Jarvis (Manchester), who displayed his usual tact, and gave every satisfaction.

LIZ. (6): 1, 2, Salway, two good birds, 1st cl., cup silver, well spangled, neat cap; 2nd cup gold, good colour and feather, close up, 3, 4, vhc, Hackinson, 3rd cl., cup gold, 4th cup silver, nice, very cobby, good stock bird; hc, Spinsbury. BUFF. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Spinsbury, 1st cl. thin nice, very neat; 2nd cl. yell. nice, thin in neck, well filled out, however; 3rd four green ck., rare quality, drops tail; 4th cl., yell. nice. MULES (5): 1, Chamberlain, buff dark Goldfinch and Can., beautiful feather; 2, Fairhurst, buff dark Linnet and Can., nice shape; 3, Salway, Goldfinch and Can., good bird; 4, vhc, Lester, both nice birds. BRIT. (5): 1, Washbourn, Bramblechin, in condition, fine bird, on the small side; 2, Addinson, Linnet, very nice bird, well staged; 3, Lester, Redpoll, very good bird; 4, Fairhurst, Linnet; vhc, Garbutt, Twite, very nice, a little wild.—J. C. SPINSBURY, secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

On December 12th, at the Bull's Head Hotel (headquarters), the members held their 2nd annual show. There was a grand display of some very good birds, the exhibits totalling close on 150. Competition, too, was very keen, many good birds being cardless. There was a fine attendance of visitors, and all were pleased to see so good a show by so young a society. Mr. Albert Hirst (Accrington) officiated as judge, and gave entire satisfaction. The specials were won by Mr. C. Pickles, medal for best British bird (kindly given by Mr. S. H. Jeffrys), and 1st special for most points gained in show; Messrs. Taylor and Haigh came 2nd, A. Redcliffe being 2nd (in section 2); Mr. F. Sunderland won Sunderland's gold-centre medal for hottest-coloured bird in show. There were thirteen classes in all. Messrs. Vincent, Wild, Walter Morton, and W. Walker also gave specials.

CL., ETC., YELL., CK., YORK.: 1, 4, c, Priestley; 2, Crossley Bros.; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, Taylor and Haigh hc, A. E. Morton. BUFF: 1, 2, and c, Taylor and Haigh; 3, Priestley; 4, hc, Robertshaw; vhc, A. E. Morton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Taylor and Haigh; 2, 4, Priestley; vhc, A. E. Morton; hc, c, Crossley Bros. BUFF: 1, 4, Crossley Bros.; 2, A. E. Morton; 3, c, Priestley; hc, Murgatroyd. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., YORKS.: 1, 3, Pickles; 2, Tasker; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Sunderland; c, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, hc, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, c, Pickles; 4, Greenwood; vhc, Tasker. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Pickles; 2, vhc, Bradley; 3, Radcliffe; 4, Wild; hc, c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Sunderland; 2, hc, Tasker; 3, Pickles; 4, Radcliffe; vhc, Fawcett; c, Wild. HEAVILY VARIEG., CK.: 1, A. E. Morton; 2, vhc, Crossley Bros.; 3, Taylor and Haigh; 4, Priestley. HENS: 1, 4, Taylor and Haigh; 2, hc, Crossley Bros.; 3, Priestley; vhc, A. E. Morton. NOR.: 1, 2, hc, Robertshaw; 3, vhc, Sunderland; 4, Greenwood; c, Murgatroyd. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 3, 4, Murgatroyd; 2, Robertshaw; vhc, Greenwood. BRIT. HARD.: 1, 3, vhc, Pickles; 2, 4, Radcliffe; hc, c, Vipoud.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

Members' show held December 12th in the Collee Tavern. The president is Mr. A. Mason; vice-presidents, Dr. W. H. Coates and Dr. Saunders; committee, Messrs. F. Jocklin, W. Twine, H. Marshall, J. Jacklin, J. Gilbert, E. Pass, E. Severn, A. Brown, A. Mason, C. Twine, H. Twine, J. Pepper, W. Hutchinson, J. Richardson, W. Bailey, W. Brown, J. Whyatt. The secretary, Mr. H. Marshall, had the arrangements admirably in hand. The judge was Mr. W. Vardy, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction. The show was a good one all round, over 100 birds being staged.

NON-FED YELL. NOR.: 1, W. Twine, fine size, good quality and type; 2, Smith, smaller but nice quality; 3, Taylor; vhc, Mason. BUFF: 1, Pepper, grand cobby bird, good quality; 2, 3, W. Twine, both very nice clears of the best quality, close up; vhc, hc, Thompson. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Pepper, large cl., grand type, best of quality and colour, wins well; 2, T. Twine, another nice cl.; 3, vhc, Richardson, very cobby. BUFF: 1, Pepper, good type and quality, best of colour; 2, Marshall, extra fine type; 3, Richardson; vbc, Taylor; hc, Smith. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Severn, both very nice cobby birds, best of quality; 2, Richardson, another really nice one; 3, Naylor; vhc, Smith; hc, Duna. BUFF: 1, 2, Severn, both good size, quality and colour, 1st best in head; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Dodd. MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Pepper, leader nice cobby variegd., best quality and colour; 2nd, another nice one, rather weak in head; 3, Smith, also good. HEN YELL.: 1, Severn, very fine clear; 2, Pepper, eye marked, good quality and colour; 3, H. Twine, another good one, smaller than winners; vhc, hc, Marshall, two nice hens. BUFF: 1, Severn, excellent cl., large type, best of heads; 2, H. Twine, very typical, full of quality; 3, Bailey, nice hen. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Pepper, beavily mkd. yell., good head, nice type; 2, H. Twine, excellent yell., green, very short and cobby; 3, vhc, Thompson. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, Mason, nice veiny crest, grand size; 2, 3, Jacklin, fine neat crest. BUFF: 1, Whyatt, large crest, best quality; 2, C. Twine, very nice crest; 3, vhc, Richardson; hc, Taylor. LIGHT OR GREY: 1, Hutchinson, good grey, nice size; 2, Mason, excellent light crest; 3, T. Twine; vhc, hc, c, Twine. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, spl for best bird in show, Mason, large dark crest, very best quality; 2, Richardson, another extra good dark crest, very close up; 3, Whyatt, nice dark crest, not the weight of crest of leaders; vhc, C. Twine; hc, c, Marshall, extra strong class for quality. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, 2, Whyatt, both greens, large and good heads with feather of the best; 3, Marshall, another nice one, not so good in head feather perhaps; vhc, Richardson; hc, Jacklin; c, Brown. YELL. C.B.: 1, W. Twine, large good head, and feather of best quality; 2, 3, T. Twine, beaten in substance only. BUFF: 1, 2, Whyatt, large, good in head feather; 3, Richardson, close up; vhc, T. Twine; hc, Marshall; c, Taylor. YELL. C.B. HEN: 1, 2, Marshall, both very nice hens. BUFF: 1, Hutchinson, extra good in head feather, wins; 2, Whyatt, nice hen, fine head; 3, W. Twine. CREST HEN: 1, Whyatt, large dark crest, good quality; 2, T. Twine, lovely yell. dark crest, nice quality; 3, Mason; vbc, Smith. STOCK PAIRS (for Crest breeding): 1, Mason, good yell. green C.B. ck. and buff D.C. hen, good pair; 2, Marshall. FOR NOR. BREEDING: 1, 2, Pepper, two grand pairs, leader extra good buff tick cock and a nice yell. hen. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, Bailey, fine Goldfinch and Can. Mule; 3, Richardson; vhc, Thompson. BRIT.: 1, Hutchinson, grand Yellowhammer; 2, Bailey, very fine Greenfinch, both well staged. SELL. (30/-): 1, W. Twine; 2, Jacklin; 3, Marshall; vhc, Mason; hc, Severn; c, Jacklin. (20/-): 1, 2, Jacklin; 3, W. Twine; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, C. Twine. (15/-): 1, 2, Jacklin; 3, W. Twine; vhc, Marshall. (12/6): 1, Severn; 2, Mason; 3, Pepper; vhc, W. Twine; hc, Jacklin; c, Marshall.

DOUGLAS, I.O.M.

The 20th annual fixture was held in the Derby Castle, on St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day). Our section was splendidly staged in the spacious balcony which has a grand top light. A very nice entry was secured, there being about thirty more than last year. Quality was well to the front, some very typical birds being on view. The six Norwich classes contained some very fine specimens, the winning clear Buff, an unlighted bird securing the members' cup for best exhibit in show. Yorkies had nine classes to themselves, and a nice display they made. The feature in the British bird classes were the two classes of Linnets; they were magnificent, and the competition too was exceptionally keen in these classes. The number of visitors which passed through the gates was enormous. The management was excellent; cards went up as soon as each class was judged. Mr. W. G. Cubbon, as secretary, would indeed be hard to improve upon; he has the working of the show at his finger tips, and right well did he stick to his onerous duties. The committee are a hard-working set, with any quantity of enthusiasm in them. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood (Newport), judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CRESTS (7): 1, res, hc, Skillicorn, winner good round crest, nicely filled in centre; 2, spl, 3, Witherspoon, leader, nice droop and veiny feather; vhc, Mrs. Craige; 909 absent. C.B. (7): 1, 3, Witherspoon, leader nice width of skull; 2, r, hc, Skillicorn, narrower in skull, but a grand one; vhc, Mrs. Craige; 916 absent. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Hogg, nice type and quality, good head, well filled neck; 3, grand colour and quality, une type; 2, hc, Caley, very nice type; res, c, Corkill; vhc, Witherspoon. BUFF (8): 1, spl, hc, Hogg, very fine unflig. grand type, lovely quality, nicely mealed, clean cut bead, well cleaned out behind, rare condition, wins members cup for best exhibit in show; 2, Crellin, good cobby bird, nice head, short thick neck; 3, vhc, Robt. Caley, good quality; res, c, Caley; c, Roe. TKD. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 3, R. Caley, leader wing ticked, very nice type and quality, good condition; 3, lovely quality and type; 2, C. Caley, ticked neck, good build; res, Crellin. BUFF (3): 1, Crellin, good type and feather, short, well filled neck; 2, R. Caley, nice type; 3, Cowell, good quality and condition. HEN YELL. (9): 1, C. Caley, very fine cl. short compact bird, good quality and condition; 2, Hogg, ticked on head, nice type and feather; 3, C. Cowley, short thickset bird, close up; res, Crellin; hc, Gale; vhc, R. Caley. BUFF (5): 1, spl, R. Caley, cl. rare stamp, stout body, good head and feather, fine one; 2, Crellin, nice type and quality, not so full in front perhaps; 3, C Caley, good quality; res, (no name); vhc, Hogg. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Hogg, nice length and position, good shape and quality; 2, res, Teare, well drawn, close up; 3, R. Caley, nice length and style; vhc, Crellin; hc, Marshall; c, Barron. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Teare, leader fine type, lovely quality, very stylish, in rare bloom, good one; 2, nice length and feather, not so clean in front perhaps as winner, good one; 3, spl, Wade, well drawn, good quality; res, R. Caley; vhc, Kelly; hc, Cowell; c, Marshall. GREEN TKD. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, spl, 2, R. Caley, leader wing ticked, rare length, colour, and quality, nice position; 2, good shape and length; 3, res, Teare, ticked bead, nice length and stand, close up; vhc, Kelly; hc, Faragher; c, Cannell; absent Marshall. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, R. Caley, marked neck and wings, well drawn, good quality and stand; 2, Wade, nice lengthy variegd.; 3, Teare, wing ticked, close up; res, Cowell; hc, Barron; c, Cannell. HEN YELL. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Teare, leader, rare length and style, grand quality feather, nice condition; 2, nice shape, well drawn; 3, spl, Cowin, very nice hen, close up; res, R Caley; hc, c, Wade. BUFF (10): 1, Teare, well drawn, cl. good quality, very stylish; 2, spl, R. Caley, grand length and quality; 3, (no name), nice, sweet hen; res, Cannell; vhc, Wade; c, Kelly. YORKS. GREEN, SELF. ETC. (2): 1, Teare, nice type, length and colour; wrong class, Cowell, variegd. yell, should have been in class 132. YORKS., TICKED, ETC., CINN. (9): 1, spl, Cowin, wing ticked, grand length and style, nice quality and condition, takes spl for second best members' bird; 2, res, Tearc, nice length, finely moulded; 3, Cowell, stylish variegd., good length; vhc, Barron; hc, Crellin; c, Mrs. Nivison; wrong class, Brooks. HEN (7): 1, 3, res, Teare, nice lengthy variegd. yell, good feather and position; 3rd, neat varieg. buff, lovely quality, close up; 2, Crellin, varieg. buff, grand quality, length and shape; vhc, Cowin; hc, c, Wade. NOR. CINN. (4): 1, Mrs. Craige, finely-shaped yell., nice quality and condition; 2, spl, res, Gill, nicely-shaped buff, grand sheen; 3, Hogg, very decent yell. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Mrs. Nivison, loader sweetly shaped yell. Bord., nice feather: 3rd, buff Bord., neat shape, good bloom; 2, Witherspoon, buff Lane Coppy; res, Crellin. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Kelly, good size, very cobby, expansive blaze of a nice shade, rich tanning, very steady, good order; 2, res, Gale, nice face, good bars and buttons; 3, Crellin, good flush, nice size; vhc, hc, Gill; c, Marshall. GOLDFINCH-CAN. MULE, DARK (2): 1, spl, 2, Gill, leader rare size, nice face, quality and condition. LINNET (house-moulted) (11): 1, spl, 2, 3, Kelly, leader good size and shape, grand body colour and whites, profusely ticked, very steady, in fine bloom; 2nd, finely marked, rich colour, nice bloom; 3rd, hardly so deep in colour perhaps, but a lovely exhibit nevertheless; res, Gill, close run; vhc, c, Gale; hc, Mizen. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, spl, Gale, fine size, rich colour, grandly pencilled, very steady, carries lovely bloom, should make a topper with another moult; 2, res, vhc, Kelly, nice size and depth of colour, very shapely, good condition; 3, Kelly, jun., another very fine bird; hc, Corlett; c, T. Corlett. LINNET-CAN. MULE, DARK (7): 1, 2, res, Gill, leader rare size, buff, well marked, nice condition; 2nd, yell., lovely feather; 3, vhc, Corkell, very nice buff, in good order; hc, Nivison; c, Mrs. Nivison. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, spl, 2, res, Gill, leader very fine Goldie-Bullie hen, grand size and shape, in nice bloom, shows parentage distinctly; 2nd, four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., nice quality and condition; 3, vhc, another four-pointed buff Goldie-Can. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (8): 1, spl, 2, Kelly, well-marked yell. Bunting, good size and condition, steady; 2nd, very steady Bramble, in good order; 3, Gill, Greenfinch, very shapely, nice colour and condition; res, vhc, Gale; hc, Mrs. Craige. A.O.S. (4): 1, Hargreaves, nice Grey Parrot, in good order; 2nd, (no name), Chough, in nice condition, pale in legs and bill, youngster, will improve; 3, Hussey, good Ring-necked Parrakeet; res, Corkill. SELL. (20/-): 1, Teare; 2, Caley; 3, spl, Crellin; res, Hogg.

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BUCKIE.

Annual exhibition, held Dec. 23, in the Fishermans Hall, a splendid place for such a function, it being extremely well lighted and kept at a nice even temperature throughout the day. Entries in the caged bird section were somewhat poor, no doubt owing to another show being held in the neighbourhood on the same day. The exhibits presented a smart appearance, being nicely arranged round the hall, and quite a number of birds of the highest quality were on view. The cup for best in hall was captured by Mr. J. Strachan (Aberdeen), with a variegd. buff Plainhead. The medal for best British bird was won by Mr. J. Merson, with an excellent Goldfinch. Mr. Whyte's Toucan came in for a great deal of attention, its comical mode of feeding causing not a few smiles. The President, Mr. D. Reid, along with a large and hard-working committee, are to be congratulated on their successful efforts. Mr. Geo. Stewart, the hon. sec., is a very capable official and had everything up to the mark. Mr. A. Mennie (Elgin), placed the awards in a most satisfactory manner.

BORD.: 1, 2, Cross, leader cl. yell., very shapely, good head and wings (Forres winner), 2nd neat buff, fine carriage; 3, McLeod Bros., another good yell.; 4, George; 5, McLeod. NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. CK.: 1, Scott, rare size, type and quality, shining like silk; 2, Garden, splendid colour, well staged; 3, Garden, good type all over; 4, Gifford; 5, George. HEN: 1, Garden, good size, colour and type, wins; 2, George, nice one, needs tubbing; 3, Petrie, neat cobby lady, good wing and tail carriage; 4, Garden. BUFF CL. ETC. CK.: 1, Scott, topper, wonderful quality feather; 2, Petrie, another of the same stamp; 3, 5, Garden, nice substance, in good order, worth its place; 4, Gunner; 6, Glass. HEN: 1, Gunner, large and typical, nice quality, wants competition. DARK ETC. CREST: 1, Young, nice sized Crest, wants grooming; 2, Cross, same remark applies here also, a fine exhibit. C.B.: 1, Scott, good skull and type; 2, Grant, fine head, plenty of feather, good entrance, nice bird; 3, Murray, nearly green, well shaped skull, excellent feather; 4, Young. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Merson, light buff, good type and size; 2, Glass, nice quality. HEN: 1, Glass, large typical yell., lightly marked head and neck, wins easily; 2, Henderson, heavily variegd. buff, neat wings; 3, Glass, nice size, lightly marked buff; 4, Mackenzie; 5, Henderson; 6, Gifford. NOR. CK. COL. FED: 1, Strachan, large, shapely and heavily marked, nice wings and tail, red hot buff, cup winner; 2, Scott, regular eye taker, grand size, wonderful colour and quality of feather; 3, Chalmers, good size and type. HEN: 1, Strachan, cl., buff, good stamp, nicely mealed; 2, Chalmers, very neat yell. CINN. ETC.: 1, Grant green, good size, shows crest blood, reigns alone. HARTZ ROLLER: 1, Merson, we are at a loss to know if this class is for song or plumage. A.O.V.: 1, Merson, very fine cl. Yorks. PAIRS: 1, Grant, excellent dark crest and variegd. C.B., win easily; 2, Strachan, yell. and green Plainheads; 3, Petrie, cl. yell. and buff, smaller, but very good ones; 4, George. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Merson, nicely fed yell. Siskin, neat cap and bib; 2, Chalmers, large Lesser Redpoll, in good condition, nice colour; 3, Law and Brown, rare colour, lacing and bib, Forres winner. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Chalmers, 1st, large, highly-coloured, splendid cap and bars, wins easily; 2, Law and Brown, just a trifle smaller, but good colour; 4, Gifford; 5, Merson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Merson, good size, very fine blaze, neat moons and wings well tanned. LINNET ETC.: 1, Mackenzie, Linnet, medium size, good colour and lacing; 2, 3, Merson, 2nd Linnet, fine size and colour, in grand condition; 3, Twite, large, good colour and markings. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, George, Chaffinch, good size and colour; 2, Merson, Bramblefinch, fine size and colour, spangling. LARGE SOFTBILL: 1, Merson, Starling, beauty, very evenly marked, in splendid bloom. FOR.: 1, 5, Whyte, Sulphur-breasted Toucan, very steady, rich colour, well shown, easy win; 2, White, Orange Bishop, good condition; 3, Hector, Indian green Parrot, in splendid order; 4, Merson. SELL. (10/-): 1, Merson; 2, George. GIFT: 1, Gifford; 2, Chalmers. MULE: 1, Chalmers, dark Jonque, Goldfinch Mule, in splendid trim.

EASTFIELD SIDE (utton-in-Ashfield).

The first open show of this society was held at the Mason's Arms on Dec. 26th, and was a well-managed venture on the part of young fanciers. The president is Mr. J. T. Tudsbury, and the vice-president, Mr. J. Allsop, and a good working committee was found in Messrs. G. Hall, S. Wooley, J. Smedley, R. Nuttall, J. L. Wright, S. Hawksley, J. G. Wright, H. Hull, and A. H. Wright. Mr. J. Cardin, as secretary, had everything in good form, and the cards were got up smartly, everything being ready for visitors by the advertised time for opening. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury, well deserved thanks for looking after the comforts of visitors. Mr. Geo. Marshall placed the cards, and we heard no grumbling. It being Boxing Day, the fanciers round gathered in force, many well known exhibitors being present. In addition to specials in open classes, some very encouraging specials were given by the local tradesmen to members in their own particular classes. Mr H. Slack captured the silver medal for best Norwich, Messrs. Nuttall Bros. that for best Crest, Mr. S. Hawksley the special for most points; 2nd most points, J. Smedley; H. Slack, 3rd most points; Nuttall Bros. 4th most points; Wright Bros. 5th most points.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Vardy, two bouncing clears; 2, Smith, typical saddle marked bird; vhc, hc, Clarke. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Vardy, two more beauties from the Huthwaite Aviaries, 1st a real gem; 3, Butler, bird of great quality; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Clarke. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Beardall and Walker, with cl. golden lady; 2, Vardy. BUFF (6): 1, Beardall and Walker, cl., nice type and quality; 2, Vardy, cl., close up; 3, Turner, another cl., all close, hardly anything to choose between them; vhc, Butler; hc, Vardy. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, vhc, Butler, very promising bird 2, Smith, well in the running; 3, Hunt, another good one; vhc, Butler; hc, Clarke. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Vardy, two promising birds, which ought to be heard of with change of clothes; 3, Beardall and Walker, fine heavily marked buff, grand stock bird; vhc, Truman; hc, Butler. CREST: For some reason did not fill. C.B. (4): 1, Richards, magnificent bird; 2, Barker, showing blood in marked degree; 3, Richards, another good one; vhc, Shore. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, Truman, 1st good ready bird; 2, 3, Wilson, nice quality; vhc, Truman; hc, Hymas. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Hymas, good length and style; 3, Athey, close up; vhc, Truman; hc, Wilson. BRIT. (4): 1, Bagley, English Ring Dove, in grand form; 2, Wilson, good coloured Bullie; 3, Fenton, nice Chaffinch; vhc, Wilson, Greenie. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Vardy, the old 4-point Goldie Can.; 2, Barwise, dark Goldie Can., good colour and quality; 3, Taylor, another Goldie Can. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Turner, even-mkd Nor; 2, Wiggington, nice green Border fancy; 3, Hunt, sl. buff, Border Fancy. FOR (2): 1, Barwise, Red-headed Cardinal. Mangled winner, improving daily; 2, Truman, well known Green Grass Parrakeet. MEMBERS' YELL. NOR. CK. (7): 1, Slack; 2, Wright Bros.; 3, hc, Smedley; vhc, Cardin. BUFF (10): 1, Slack; 2, Wooley; 3, Hall Bros., vhc, Smedley; hc, Wright Bros. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Slack; 2, Smedley; 3, Hawksley. BUFF (7): 1, Smedley; 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Wright Bros; vhc Slack; hc, Hawksley. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Hawksley; 2, 3, Wooley; vhc, hc, Smedley. BUFF (5): 1, Smedley; 2, Slack; 3, Hall Bros. vhc, hc, NOR. STOCK PAIRS (6): 1, Wright Bros.; 2, Slack; 3, Smedley; vhc, Wright Bros., hc, Hawksley. NOR. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 3, Hawksley; 2, Wright Bros. CREST: 1, 2, Hyde's special, Nuttall Bros.; 3, vhc, Osborne. C.B.: 1, Osborne; 2, vhc, Nuttall Bros.; 3, Slack. CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, 3, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Osborne. A.O.V.: 1, Smedley. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hawksley; hc, Nuttall Bros. (10/-) SELL.: 1, Osborne; 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Hawksley; vhc, Slack; hc, Wright Bros.

LLANDOVERY.

Held at King's Head, on December 23rd, in connection with the Christmas Market Show. The standard of the exhibits in the cage bird section was nigh in all the six classes, and many of the birds were fit for any open show. There were also many cardless birds that need not be ashamed to compete anywhere. Specials for the three best birds in show were awarded to 1st Norwich Plainhead, G. P. Morgan; 2, Goldfinch, R. W. Clarke; 3, Bullfinch, Mrs. Anthony. Mr. R. W. Price made a most capable secretary. Messrs. Hopkins (Llandilo), and Morton (Llanwrtyd), placed the awards.

CAN.: 1, spl, Morgan, fine, cobby, well staged Nor; 2, Williams, grand Yorks.; 3, Davies, good natural colour Nor. MULES: 1, Pugh, nice long Goldfinch-Can. leads well; 2, Davies, good one, but not quite up to 1st; 3, Thomas, fine Linnet-Can.; vhc, Evans. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Clarke, lovely bird, stands out well; 2, Pugh, fine one, and runs 1st very close; 3, Walters, nice, neat fellow, of good feather; vhc, Jones. GREYPATES: 1, Jackson, good youngster, staged well, some doubt was felt as to its being a 1908 bird; 2, Roberts, nice and steady; 3, Rowe, another steady one; vhc, Thomas. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, spl, Mrs. Anthony, grand Bullie, rare size, good all round; 2, Morgan, another very fine Bullie; 3, Thomas, yet another Bullie, but not up to others; vhc, Jones. FOR.: 1, Morgan, lovely pair Cuttbroats, in fine feather; 2, Davies, Amazon Parrot; 3, Griffiths, grey Parrot; vhc, Morgan; all exceedingly well staged.

YORK C.B.S.

Members' show held December 14th, at headquarters, All Saints Schoolroom, North Street. Six classes were provided, and six prizes awarded in each class. This brought out some of the very best birds in the district and competition all through was of the keenest character. The show was visited by a large number of fanciers and friends. The committee, of which Mr. Thos. Wright is chairman, is to be congratulated on the way they have catered for all lovers of cage birds during the past year. The secretary is Mr. A. Waud, who carried out the arrangements in his usual style. Mr. J. Calam (Hull) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Wright, grand cl. yell., easy winner; 2, Pickering, another good one, nice quality, short wings and tail; 3, Hunter, another good one, just a shade small, well placed; vhc, c, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 3, Pickering, 1, saddle marked, real bouncer; 3, very typical, ablaze with colour; 2, Boyle, good quality, nice colour, well carried wings; vhc, Wright; hc, Hunter; c, Richardson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Campling, trio of real Yorks., nice heads, good flights, nice piped tails; vhc, Simison; hc, c, Davison. BUFF: 1, 2, Campling, leader capital colour and quality, stands like a guardsman; 2, extra good in quality; 3, vhc, Simison, 3, grand length, full of quality, well placed; hc, Davison; c, Boyle. BRIT. HARDBILL, grand lot, several sets of winners could have been picked out here: 1, 2, 3, Boyle, 1, Bullfinch, capital cap, back, and bars, good breast wins easily; 2, Linnet, noted winner, often described; 3, Siskin, good size and colour; vhc, Nicholson, real topping Linnet, winner of several firsts; hc, Stsons; c, Wilson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nicholson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, real good specimen, shows both parents distinctly; 2, Sissons, Siskin-Canary, good size, grand quality and colour; 3, Goodall, Linnet Can., big, fine bouncing bird, well laced.—A. RICHARDSON.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

Members' show held December 19th, at the Bulls' Head Inn, when 56 birds were staged. Mr. W. Ormondroyd judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Holroyd; 2, Clayton; 3, Mitchel; 4, Hopper. BUFF: 1, 2, Mitchel; 3, Clayton; 4, Ingham. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Ingham; 4, Mitchel. CL. ETC. YELL HEN: 1, 4 Ingham; 2, Ingham; 3, Holroyd. BUFF: 1, Clayton; 2, Mitchel; 3, Bates; 4, Ingham. UNEVEN ETC.: 1, 2, 3, F. Ingham; 4, Ingham.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

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GREAT YARMOUTH.

Perseverance Bird Breeding Society held their first exhibition in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, on Boxing Day. The hall is well adapted for show purposes. The society issued a good schedule for 21 classes, with 21 specials and two silver medals for a washing competition. The Norwich classes contained some grand specimens, the Crest and Cinnamon classes being very choice, also the British and Mules. The show was opened by the president, D. McCowan, Esq., who made a few kind remarks. Great credit was due to the hon. secretary, J. Marshall, he said, and to Mr. Mobbs and the committee under them for the way they had worked to make this grand show a success. A vote of thanks to the president for coming to open the show was passed. Mr. J. Howard (Norwich) judged, and he placed the cards in a very satisfactory manner.

CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Marshall; 2, vhc, Claxton; 3, Whittleton hc, Hoy; c, Barton. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, hc, Claxton; 3, Whittleton; vhc, Rudd; c, Read. TICKED YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, Claxton; 2, Marshall; s, Barton; hc, Crowe; c, Whittleton. BUFF: 1, spl, Whittleton; s2, 3, Claxton; vhc, Marshall; c, Doughty. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 3, hc, Claxton; 2, Rudd; vhc, Barton; c, Whittleton. BUFF: 1, spl, s, hc, Claxton; 2, Hoy; vhc, Marshall; c, Barton. CREST: 1, spl, 2, Brown; 3, Barton; vhc, Read. C.B.: 1, spl, Jarvis; 2, Read; 3, vhc, Brown; hc, Barton. YELL. CINN.: 1, spl, Brown; 2, 3, Whittleton; vhc, hc, Marshall. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Marshall; s, Whittleton; vhc, hc, Doughty. CINN.: 1, spl, Marshall; 2, Whittleton. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Whittleton; 2, Barton; 3, Marshall; vhc, Read hc, Doughty. SELL. (15/-): 1, spl, Hoy; 2, Marshall; 3, Whittleton; vhc, Barton; hc, c, Claxton. (10/-): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Claxton; hc, Marshall; c, Read. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, c, Claxton; 2, Howard; 3, Carter; vhc, Marshall; c, Barton. FINCH A.O.S.: 1, spl, Barton; 2, 3, Claxton. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, hc, Howard; 2, 3, Claxton; vhc, Mobbs; c, Gamble. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, spl, Howard; 2, 3, Claxton A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Littlewood; 2,3, vhc, Claxton. WASHING COMPETITION (for two silver medals): 1, Barton; 2, Marshall.

KEITH.

The Keith and District C.B.S., a newly-formed society, held their first open show in the Longmore Hall, on December 19th. Unfortunately entries did not come forward in great numbers, but many birds of merit were present. Mr. G. Mackie's Crest won the cup for best, and the special for best natural colour birds. British birds were backward in numbers. Great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. D. D. Milne, for the first-class manner in which he handled the arrangements, all the exhibits being despatched on the Saturday night. All prize money was paid too, by first post Monday. After balancing up, the society find they are a few pounds on the right side, and hope by raising the prize-money next season, to draw the entries in greater numbers. The date clashed with Peterhead, which undoubtedly kept entries back from the Aberdeen direction, and it was notable that not one entry came from the many Forres and district fanciers. The judges were Messrs. Alex Steele (Aberdeen), for Norwich, and F. A. Watt (Banff.), for British and Foreign. Their decisions were generally satisfactory.

COL.-FED CL. ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Scott, head and wing marked, grand size and quality; 2, Dunn, smaller than winner, but fine quality and well turned out; 3, Stanford, cl. very deep chested bird, grand colour; 4, Sandison, very hot colour. BUFF: 1, spl, Thompson, foul tail, green, topping all round exhibit; 2, Sandison, cl. high colour, good body, rare quality; 3, spl, Patterson, ticked, good size and shape; 4, Dunn, cl. very little behind; 5, Garden, nice cl.; 6, Greig. HEN YELL.: 1, spl, Thompson, variegated, nice quality; 2, Sandison, wing marked, out and out a gem. BUFF: 1, spl, Thompson, cl., good all round hen; 2, Sandison, cl. another good one; 3, Scott, variegated, fine quality and substance; 4, Reid, variegated, nice colour and quality; 5, Mackie. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, spl, Sandison, cl. yell. gem for colour and quality, staged to a nicety, one of the right stamp; 2, Mackie, cl. buff, good substance; 3, Thompson, variegated, yell. fine size, lovely quality; 4, Greig, cl. yell; 5, Lumsden; 6, Greig. UNFLIG. HEN (11), grand class: 1, spl, Sandison, cl. buff, fine size and quality, nicely put down; 2, G. Mackie, variegated, yell. again good one, fine shape and carriage; 3, Patterson, cl. buff, nice one, not far behind; 4, Stanford, tkd. buff; 5, Dunn; 6, Greig. PAIR: 1, spl, Mackie, buff cock and yell. hen, well matched; 2, Petrie, yell. cock, and buff hen. NAT. COL. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Patterson, cl. teeming with quality, fine shape; 2, Mackie, another cl. slightly long, but nice colour and quality; 3, Garden, cl. grand size; 4, Steven, variegated; 5, Hird; 6, Riddell. BUFF (9): 1, Thompson, variegated, grand size and shape, fine quality; 2, Mackie, variegated, very neat, well put down; 3, Melvin, cl. good body and wings; 4, Hird, nice size; 5, Scott; 6, Garden. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Duff, variegated, very fine quality, nicely staged; 2, Patterson, variegated, grand type, neat finish; 3, Thompson cl. grand size and shape; 4, Riddell, cl. hen, good substance; 5, Petrie; 6, Dunn. BUFF: 1, spl, Duff, variegated, grand shapely hen, fine substance and quality; 2, Mackie, nice size, neat hen; 3, Melvin, excellent cl.; 4, Clark, tkd. good exhibit. CREST: 1, two spls, and cup for best in show, Mackie, stashing big bodied buff ck., dark crest, fine leafy texture, heavily feathered; 2, Laing, buff hen, expansive dark crest; 3, Grant, grizzle crest, plenty of body feather; 4, Hendry, dark crest. C.B.: 1, Mackie, variegated, buff, fine width of skull, nicely rounded, plenty body feather, good one all round; 2, Scott, heavy variegated, buff, fine Nor. type, and good body feather; 3, Laing, heavy variegated.; 4, Grant, variegated.; 5, Laing; 6, Grant. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Laing, tkd. yell. Yorks. fine length and position; 2, Patterson, buff Cinn.; 3, Patterson, buff Cinn.; 4, Mrs. Marr, buff variegated. Nor. SELL. (10/-): 1, Lobban, buff variegated; 2, Petrie; 3, Dunn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Lumsden, good sized Linnet-Can., good colour, nicely staged; 2, Riddell, lightly variegated, Linnet-Can., damaged tail and flights. HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, Milne Bros., fine Cheveral Siberian Goldie and British Bullie hen, very likely pair, well staged. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Thompson, gem of a colour-fed Siskin, fine colour and lacing, jet cap; 2, Milne Bros., extra large Lesser Redpoll, enormous bib, very steady, grand colour, finely staged; 3, McAdam, Twite, good size and colour, plenty of work on breast, nice one; 4, Thompson, Siskin, fine size and colour; 5, Milne Brothers, Twite, hot-fed one, nicely marked; 6, McLean, Siskin, nice size and colour. BULLFINCH CK. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, Milne Bros., leader true Little Britisher, very steady, good cap and bars, fine crimson breast; 5, very high coloured one, with grand cap, slightly rough on thighs owing to unsteadiness; 2, Dunbar, topping good Bullie, rare size and colour, fine cap a few feathers missing from wing bar or might have gone 1st; 4, Lewis, house-moulted one, lovely cap, and condition; 5, McAdam, nice size and colour; 6, Smith. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Stanford, neat little Goldie, fine face, neatly put down; 2, McLean, large. A.O.S. HEN: 1, spl, Milne Bros., fine Siskin hen, tremendous size and colour, very nicely laced, hard to beat; 2, McAdam, Crossbill, large bird, very steady; 3, Thompson, Yellowhammer, good size and colour, very steady. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Milne Bros., grand quartette, headed by gem of a Treecreeper, finger tame, very pure in breast, fine length of beak; 2, Meadow Bunting, lovely exhibit, very steady, staged to perfection; 3, Chaffinch, in rare bloom, nice blue head, grand whites; 4, Bramblefinch, old face, looking fit; 5, McAdam, Yellowhammer, good colour. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, spl, piece of plate for best British, Milne Bros., well known Magpie leading, in rare order, needs no comment; 2, Hawfinch, monster for size, grand colour, in fine bloom, should moult a champion; 3, Thompson, Missel Thrush, finely spotted, good size, very shy. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, spl, 4, 5, 6, Whyte, headed by a grand Toucan, often described; 2, Red Shouldered Caterpillar Catcher, in fine trim, shines like satin; 3, Yellow Weaver in good colour; 4, Crimson Bishop, in gorgeous plumage; 5, Yellow Budgerigars; 6, Magpie Mannikins.

SWANSEA.

Boxing Day annual radius show took place in the Assembly Rooms of the Mackworth Arcade. Fine weather favoured the fixture, and the show was well attended. The place was well suited for the purpose, and the exhibits were nicely arranged. Canaries were very strong, particularly the Norwich and Borders. British birds were also good, the Goldfinch and Redpoll classes containing some very nice specimens. Mr. Alf. Hitchings (secretary) had the show in hand, and he made a good job of it. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Jenkins, Hocking, Ford, and others, who acted as stewards. Messrs. D. Longden, P. Jenkins, and R. W. Jones were the judges, the first doing the Norwich and Yorks., the second the Border Fancies, and the last Mules, British, etc. The awards gave the highest satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Gabe, slashing cl. yell., rare type and size, in splendid feather; 2, Kirbly, well known, good quality, fine neat cobby bodied one; 3, Stock, very neat, correct stamp. BUFF (2): 1, Stock, well known, in good form, neat wings, short tail; 2, Mabbett, very neatly staged. TKD., ETC.: 1, Kirbly, couple of well-known winners, rare size, good quality. BUFF (4): 2, Hitchings, grand tick, good body and head, well staged; 3, Stock; 4, Heal. HEN (4): 1, Kirbly, very neat, fine size, rare type; 2, Palmer, extra good, very short sided, close up; 3, Thomas, we liked, best of type, in rare form; 4, Gooding. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Kirby, couple of the very best, fine shapely ones, grand short thick bodies; 2, Mabbett, very neat and compact; 2, 3, Vanstone, excellent quality, rare size and type; 4, Heal. NON-FED.: 1, 2, George, in good form; 3, Heal. YORKS. (9): In the Yorks. section some good ones were seen, the prizes in most cases going to A. E. Taylor, a few going to W. R. Taylor, all well-known winners. BORD. FCY. YELL. (6): 1, Hammacott and Card, well-known cl., in good form, neat carriage, well shown; 2, Mugford, very sweet Border, put down very fit; 3, Williams, also correct model, good wings; 4, Donnell and Saunders. HEN (5): 1, Hammacott and Card, very spl one, good tightly fitting wings, in rare fettle; 2, 3, Donnell and Saunders, couple of toppers, feathered like bottles; 4, Hocking. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Hammacott and Card, real beauty, fine type, pretty carriage, good wings and tail; 2, 4, Richards, nicely rounded head, well filled at neck and shoulders; 4th, very typical; 3, Cronin, neat model. HEN (5): 1, Mugford, very natty style and carriage, well clothed; 2, Richards, also smart, well braced wings; 3, D. Williams; 4, Cronin. UNEVEN MKD. CK. (4): 1, Mugford, real nice one, put down very fit; 2, Hammacott and Card, very typical, full of go; 3, Hocking. GREEN BUFF (7): 1, Richards, very level coloured one, rare type and quality; 2, Jenkins, very smart specimen, good sound colour, correct model; 3, Donnell and Saunders, very neat, well put down; 4, Hocking. EVEN MKD.: 1, 2, 4, Hocking, very nice team, all in the pink; 3, Donnell and Saunders, in very nice fettle. YELL. GREEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Hocking, a fine team, leader very good grassy colour, all put down very fit; 3, Mugford, very neat model of a Border, tightly feathered. SELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hitchings. MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, H. Jenkins, Goldie-Greenie, good size, well defined face; 2, 4, P. Jenkins, couple of Linnet Greenies, fine size, in lovely feather; 3, Hocking, nice light Mule, buff mkd. eye and wing. DK. GOLDIE MULE (4): 1, W. J. Jenkins, very nice coloured, good face and body colour; 2, Palmer, very silky feather, good expanse of colour; 3, 4, P. Jenkins, two buffs, nice size and quality. A.O.V. MULE (12): 1, W. J. Jenkins, Siskin, rare feather, lovely coloured one; 2, D. Williams. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Good, nice-coloured face, warm tans, typical Britisher, in good feather; 2, Measer, grand expanse of face; 3, Gay, rare tans and back colour; 4, Williams, good colour on face, bars and back; vhc, H. Davies; c, Jeffries. BULLFINCH CK. (5): 1, Davies, neat cap and bars, good frontal, best of type; 2, Reed, very deep colour in front; 3, P. Jenkins, very large bird, fine Nor. type, good colour; 4, Richards. BULLIE HEN: 1, P. Jenkins, fine typical one, rare level colour; 2, Heal. LINNET: 1, J. E. Jeffries, fine size and colour, neatly laced; 2, Balsh, good colour, well laced. LINNET, 1908 (5): 1, Ford and Son, very steady, fine size and colour, well pencilled on breast and thighs; 2, Williams, another nice sized one, well laced throughout; 3, Gay, should make a useful one when moulted; 4, R. Jenkins. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Messer, nice sized Twite, good colour, well laced; 2, Ford and Son, another decent Twite, sound colour; 3, Jenkins, Siskin, rather pale, good size; 4, Donnell and Saunders; vhc, H. Davies. REDPOLL (9): 1, Saunders, very nice coloured one, neatly laced, good distinct bib; 2, Richards, very close up, good size and colour; 3, Williams, also very decent bird, well mkd. YELLOWHAMMER (3): 1, 2, P. Jenkins, two well-known birds, finely marked, rare size and colour; 3, Ford and Son, real good bird, youngster apparently. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, P. Jenkins, good spangle and breast colour; 2, Messer, close up. CHAFFINCH (3): 1, 3, Jenkins, couple of well coloured birds, nicely shown; 2, Heal. GREENFINCH: 1, Morgan, yell., good size, fair colour; 2, Jenkins; 3, P. Jenkins. BLACKBIRD, ETC, 1, Reed, well-known Song Thrush, in rare feather. HEN BRIT.: 1, Gooding; 2, Ford; 3, Jenkins. BRIT. SELL.: 1, Jenkins; 2, King. GIFT: Hocking

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CARDIGAN.

The 29th annual show was held on December 9th, when the exhibits in the caged bird section were of excellent quality. They were staged in the Guildhall and were greatly admired. The Town Clerk, Mr. D. Morgan Jones, carried out the secretarial duties with great credit to himself. Mr. F. J. Mills (Mountain Ash) judged.

NOR.: 1, 3, Portman; 2, Davies; vhc, Williams. YORK.: 1, res, vhc, Portman; 2, 3, Davies; res, Williams. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Wilson; 2, Griffiths. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, Wilson; 2, Portman; 3, Grey. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, Griffiths; 4, Jenkins; hc, Portman. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, J. Davies; 2, Thomas; 3, Miles; res, Jeremiah; vhc, Volk; hc, Maggie Evans. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, res, J. Davies; vhc, Griffiths, Thomas, Portman; hc, Blake and Jenkins.

MOUNTSORREL.

This show was held in Drill Hall, Mountsorrel, on December 26th. Entries in the caged bird section were rather poor, but the quality was good. Mr. J. Pannell, the hon. sec., makes a capital organiser, and had the arrangements well in hand. Mr. Clem. Watson judged.

NOR.: 1st withheld; 2, Ball and Son, cl. yell., good size and shape, in nice form; 3, Freer, another yell., very good stamp; vhc, Ball and Son, buff; hc, Seal; c, Orme. YORKS.: 1, Jeffery, cl. buff, good length and shape, grand quality feather; 2, Jeffery, another nice bull, not quite so long as winner perhaps. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Seal, Hawfinch, good specimen, shown in tip-top condition; 2 (no name), Goldfinch, good size, nice blaze, also in good form; 3, Freer, good large Greenfinch, will be better when handled more; hc, Clarke; c, Sharpe. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, spl, 2, Miss Baker, 1st lovely pair of Lorikeets, 2nd Parrakeet, both in fine trim; 3, 4, Seal, good hybrids.

ANNAN.

The Annan and Dist. F.A. held their annual show on December 19th. Entries were well up in numbers compared with last year's, and the quality throughout was well represented. The committee are mostly thorough fanciers of rare variety, and they had the cage birds very comfortably staged in a snug room by themselves. In Mr. A. Irving the society possess an able and painstaking secretary, who had everything in first-class working order. Judging was started at a convenient hour, and was finished by one o'clock. Borders were a grand turn-out, especially the Greens. The British bird classes contained some of Scotland's principal winning birds, and Mr. P. McQuiston, the well-known exhibitor, had a goodly share of prizes. Mr. H. Bennet judged.

BORD., FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Wilson, leader grandly feathered, nicely rounded, free and jaunty carriage; 2, McKenzie, A1 colour, nice carriage, lovely typo and feather; 3, 4, Blackie, pair of beauties, former finely drawn body, neat head and wings; 4th, A1 colour and type, just spoilt his chance with washing when being judged; 5, 7, Hastings; 6, Smillie. HEN (8): 1, Smillie, very sweetly moulded, neat head, back and wings, fine carriage; 2, McKenzie, level warm colour, grand head and body; 3, 4, Robinson, pair of neat exhibits, former sweetly rounded, graceful carriage; 5, Robertson; 6, Richardsou; 7, Ballantyne. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, to the fore with his Gateshead medal winner, in real tip-top form, splendid carriage, finely tapered body, close feather; 2, Robinson, another grand one, finely mealed in feather, upright; 3, Blackie, similar in make, warm, level colour, not much behind; 4, Richardson, also good type, wee bit rough on thighs; 5, Hastings; 6, Haddon; 7, Colley and Rutherford. HEN (8): 1, Smillie, head tick, fine style, neatly rounded body, well finished flights and tail; 2, Robinson, finely modelled cl., free and jaunty carriage, close feather; 3, Richardson, cl., also good style, finely mealed feather; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, neat and stylish; 5, Blackie; 6, Kirkhope; 7, Walker. EVEN MARK. (5): 1, Meckley, well balanced eye marks, good typical body, rich yell. feather; 2, Haddow, an old champion buff, looking well; 3, Bell, yell., well balanced markings, good type; 4, Rea; 5, Scott. UNEVEN, ETC. (11): 1, Wilson, A1 yell., almost even, lovely quality feather, type of the best, wins; 2, Smillie, yell uneven, excellent type, close feather; 3, McKenzie, yell. variegated, neat body, A1 wings and tail; 4, Haddow; 3-pointed yell., very neat build; 5, Wright; 6, Smith; 7, Rea. GREEN OR CINN. (17): 1, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, to the fore again with their old warrior, very fit, often described; 3rd good buff cinn., correct type, neat pencillings and grand colour; 2, Richardson, very finely drawn body, grassy green, sound colour; 4, Wilson, also finely pencilled grassy one, good type and substance; 5, Nixon; 6, 7, Docherty. BORD., SELL. 10s. (10): 1, McKenzie; 2, Haddow; 3, Wilson; 4, Robinson; 5, 6, Hastings; 7, Millington. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Lawson, bold and well rounded head and body, well up in colour; 2, Wilson, hot colour, neat head. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Wilson, 1st gem of a buff tick., short hullie type, full round head and body, broad chest, well rounded off, feather like wax; 3rd similar type and colour; 2, 5, Lawson, former neat yell., good type and feather; 4, Miss K. Currie, fine feathered nat. yell., massive shapely body, grand head. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 6, Lawson, 1st bouncing yell., well rounded body, good head; 2, Wilson, marvel for colour and quality of feather; 3, 4, Chaplow, yell and a buff of good type; 5, McFarlane; 7, Brown. SCOT. FCY.: (4): 1, 2, Wilson, cl. yell. A1 top and back, fine mover; 2nd very massive buff pied, A1 top and drive, well rounded body; 3, 4, Sloan, yell pied, nice reach, good nerve. YORKS. (8): 1, 5, 7, Dalziel, winner fine lengthy yell., hot colour, very erect style; 2, 6, Patterson, typical buff, even, A1 style, graceful pose; 3, 4, Ferguson, good type, well laid on wings, hot col. CAN., A.O.V (4): 1, Robinson, D.C., good lengthy feather; 2, Murray, Crest; 3, Hunter, good spangled Liz.; 4, Johnstone Laue. SELL., A.O.V., 10s. (14): 1, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, McQuiston; 4, Johnstone; 6, 6, 7, Alexander. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Hilt, splendid eye tick cl. body, Goldie Mule, well up in size, close feather; 2, 3, McQuiston, Bullie Goldie and even Goldie. DARK (7): 1, McQuiston, grand jonque Goldie, fine large blaze, hot in body colour, fine size; 2, Alexander, Siskin, very neat, lovely spangled body; 3, Bell, Linnet, nice size and colour; 4, Donaldson, good sized buff Goldie, A1 blaze and wings; 5, Wilson; 6, Johnstone; 7, Chaplow. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, McMinn Bros., well-known winner, lovely bold head, full round blaze, heat of body and cheeks; 2, Murray, A1 style, neatly drawn body, deep level blaze, very steady; 3, 5, Holmes, very large blaze, very large buttons; 4, Robinson, also grand blaze and cheeks; 6, McQuiston; 7, Bell. BULLFINCH (12): 1, McQuiston, one of the finest travelling, lovely sheen of feather, clearly cut cap and flights, A1 deep crimson body; 2, 6, Dunsmuir, massive cap, full chest, well rounded body, not much behind; 3, Dolonghan, clearly defined colours; 4, Johnstone and Kennedy, very neat, rich colouring; 5, Thompson; 7, Gass. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, McQuiston; 2, Simpson. BRIT., A.O.V. (13): 1, spl, McQuiston, grand hearded Tit, in lovely bloom; 2, 5, 6, McWilliam, former well marked, field fare; 3, Simpson, Hawfinch; 4, McMinn Bros., rich feathered Yellowhammer; 7, Linton. FOR. (3): 1, 2, McWilliam; 3, Holmes. GIFT (5): 1, Johnstone; 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Wilson.

TRURO.

The 20th annual show of the Truro and County F.A. was held in the Market Hall, on Boxing Day, December 26th, and proved a great success, the entries coming up well. The birds were well staged, making a grand display. The Secretary, Mr. Tippett, is most genial and courteous, and was assisted by a good committee of true fanciers. The judge, Mr. Toy, got through in good time, and his awards met with general approval.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, vhc, Clemence, good head and neck, nice shape and colour, fine feather, 2, vhc, Coad, grand colour; 3, Rickard, very shapely, nice head and neck, fine colour; res., Trevena, good head, neck and back, nice colour and frostings; hc, Strout; c, Collins. BUFF (13): 1, Reddie, good size and shape, nice wings and tail; 2, Sherman, very shapely, lovely colour, head and neck; 3, vhc, Coad, nice size and colour; res, Trevena, grand shape and quality, good wings and tail; hc, Partridge. YELL. TICK. (7): 1, Rickard, lovely quality feather, neat head and neck; 2, Coad, variegated, good shape and colour; 3, Lawry, marked eye, neck and wing, grand colour and shape; res., White, grizzle head, good feather and shape; vhc, Trevena, tick thigh, grand colour; hc, Partridge; c, Kemp. BUFF (12): 1, spl, res., Rickard, tick eye and wing, good quality and shape, wings well braced, res. tick eye, non-fig., nice, shapely body, good quality; 2, White, we missed; 3, Coad, variegated, fine shape, nice wings and tail; vhc, Kemp, lovely colour; hc, Clemence; c, Partridge. HEN (11): 1, spl, res., Clemence, buff, grand shape, good wings and tail, res. yell., good colour and shape; 2, White, tick eye, nicely frosted, shapely, neat head; 3, c, Coad, marked back, fine shape and feather; vhc, Trevena, yell., beautiful shape and quality; hc, Smith. CREST (6): 1, spl, 3, Rabey Bros., cl. body, D.C., large, well-formed Crest, comes well to beak end, nice droop and radiation, 3rd variegated, good shape and quality; 2, Davies, variegated, nice Crest, good quality; res., Allen and Bellman, shade smaller than winner, but good Crest, well-formed; vhc, hc, Bennett. C.B. (3): 1, Allen and Bellman, cl., good skull, nice entrance, fine length of head feather; 3, Davies, good quality; vhc, Lee and Lawry, green, fine skull and head feather. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, res., Burton, fine team, first yell., grand skull, well-shaped body, good colour and feather, 2nd another yell., Nonfig., equal to 1st, 3rd buff, good size, shape and feather; vhc, Thomas; hc, Partridge. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Thomas, cl. leading, good length, nice flights and tail, 2nd cl., excellent colour and quality, fine tail, etc., Cinn.-mkd., good; 3, Hosken and Son, cl., well up on legs, lovely quality; res., Webb, very slim, good shape. BUFF (11): 1, 3, hc, Thomas, gem for quality, well braced wings, neat tail, good colour, 3rd grand back, nice stand and style; 2, Ellis, slim built, close feather, lovely quality, nice wings; res., Wills, straight as a line, nicely folded tail; vhc, Fox, full of quality; c, Veal. UNFLIG. (14): 1, spl, Thomas, yell., long, finely drawn, good position, nice colour, grand tail; 2, Veal, tick neck, fine quality, nice style, well packed wings, nice tail; 3, Ellis, yell., good length, nice quality and colour; res., vhc, Wills, lovely quality, straight and stylish; hc, Symons; c, Hosken and Son. HEN (12): 1, hc, Thomas, marked eye and wing, buff wings and tail, well packed, nice feather; 2, Boak, good length, excellent quality, fine stand; 3, c, Wills, neat wings and tail, good colour; res., Symons, nice quality, feather and colour; vhc, Boundy. SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, spl, 2, res., hc, Roberts, fine team of yellows, 1st good reach, carries tail well under perch, grand feather and condition; 3, vhc, Richards, buffs, good heads and shoulders, tails well under. PAIRS (£2) (9): 1, spl, Coad; 2, hc, Thomas; 3, Lee and Lawry; vhc, Wills; res., Roberts; c, Fox. LIGHT MULES (6): 1, 2, 3, res., Collins, noted team, looking well, light Linnet leading, 2nd six-point Goldie, 3rd four-point buff. DARK (6): 1, spl, 3, res., vhc, hc, Collins, Greenie-Bullie, well-known winner, 3rd sweet Siskin Mule, well marked, good colour, res., Greenie-Can., fine size and colour; 2, Pascoe, Goldie-Bullie, grand markings, nice blaze. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, White, lovely coloured blaze, nice buttons and bars, well tanned chest; 2, Polkinhorn, good, bright, square-cut blaze, nice buttons and bars, 3, res., Miss Giles, richly tanned chest, lovely buttons on wings; ex. 3, Snell, excellent blaze, neat bars, well tanned; ex. 3, Webb, good bars and buttons; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Rowe. BULLFINCH (17): 1, Rowe, very shapely, lovely breast, good cap and bars; 2, Warren, nice colour and cap, well cut; 3, Symons, fine feather, cap and bars; ex. 3, res., Jordan, good shape, well defined cap; hc, White; c, Pascoe. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Collins, Bramble, well spangled, good size, shape and colour; 2, 3, Jordon, Linnet, well-pencilled, very shapely, 3rd Chaffinch, nice cap, good breast; res., Rozers, we missed; c, Rogers. A.O.S. SMALL (4): 1, spl, 3, Thomson, sweet Blackcap, looking well, 3rd Tit, in good condition; vhc, c, Woolcock, Yellowhammer. LARGE (7): 1, 3, vhc, Thomson, Cornish Chough, good beak and legs, well shown, 3rd, Missel Thrush, fine size, well spotted, vhc, Ring Ouzel; 2, Anstera, Thrush, grand colour, well spotted; res., Mitchell, Blackbird, nice eye and beak; vhc, Collins. SELL (£1): 1, Thomas; 2, Partridge; 3, Coad. (10/-): 1, Davies; 2, Sherman; 3, Coad.

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Chapter XXIV.—My Wagtails.

In Politics some men are Radical or Tory under all stress of party matters; so there are aviculturists who hold their own settled views and glory in them, and are not troubled by any chance words of critioism; but for my part I pride myself upon an open mind, and try to follow the philosophical, sane method of sifting out the wheat from the chaff of men's advice. The result is I wobble; indeed, the result of all philosophical methods would appear to be the same. When, therefore, I one day read a plaintive lament that little was now written about our English birds—I wobbled—and though so far I had kept nothing but foreigners, I determined incontinent to begin the study of our native species.

In vain my family warned me. Foreign birds were bad enough. What did I want with getting common English ones that you could see in the garden every day? That was just it. I could see them in the garden, but I wanted a closer view. I wanted to know how they lived and brought up families, and whether I could help them.

Remonstrance was in vain, as the popular proverb said. I always was self-willed. As my old nurse once said to me: "There, sir, you never would listen to reason; it was only your father's cane—the one, you mind, with the horn handle, sir—that made you change your mind." As my father's cane was no longer a danger, I went my own sweet wilful way. I determined to begin with something very "ornary," as Bret Harte used to say. I selected the Water Wagtail, and the pied variety.

The Wagtail always looks to me as well groomed as I have seen any London dandy. He is almost the only bird I know that really walks with one leg before the other. I think Larks are the only other birds I have ever noticed doing this; but, of course, I am open to correction.

I began with a cock; but mindful of the fact that it is good neither for men nor birds to be alone, I set about to procure him a mate. Marriage is the proper state for birds as well as men. As a dear old woman once said to me: "It's such a mortifying o' the flesh as none can beat." After some little trouble I lighted on a hen. By English catchers I found that the hens are little sought after in any species; in fact, they are regarded as so much useless lumber, unless specially ordered. I remember years ago being out about five o'clock one morning on Ealing Common watching a bird-catcher netting Linnets, and I was horrified to find that he screwed all the hen Linnets' necks. I asked him why he did so. He replied, "So as they shan't go and warn t'others." Whether this is a fact of nature I know not; but I felt saddened for the rest of the day, and would gladly have paid the modest copper he asked, if I could have raised it, to save those poor little lives, but, alas! I was only a schoolboy, and pennies were scarce.

The hen Wagtail is fairly good to tell, when you know, as she is much more "sooty" in her colours than the cock, and has not the beautiful silver lacing on the wings which he possesses. She is also a bit thicker in the body than he is. Another very certain way of knowing a hen is to put two together in an aviary and watch them for a few moments.

If one displays the sort of nervousness which Sydney Smith felt when he dined with a bishop, and which caused him to crumble his bread—you have a true pair; if the two are cocks, you will soon have a very pretty little fight on hand.

My cock had hitherto been rather standoffish, as we say up here, but with the advent of a lady his disposition seemed to change. I often found myself laughing in a friendly way as I watched the old gentleman. Where was all his boasted coyness and aloofness? Gone at a glance from a hen bird's eye. It is comforting to find that men are not in all respects more foolish than the beasts.

When the hen first arrived she was very tame, but how could she be otherwise when she was like the Convent horse of which the Prior quaintly said that he could not but be tractable in respect that he draweth much of our winter firewood—*and eateth no corn*. I do not know how long that horse went on living, but I do know that my hen had lived about as long as she was likely to do on such diet. A man could, I suppose, at a pinch, live on bits of old shoe leather, but it is hardly a wholesome diet, or one conducive to lengthen one's days. On the same principle, a bird may exist on pea meal, but like Jacob, few and evil will be the days of his pilgrimage, and he will not attain to the age of his fathers. I at once prescribed a diet of maggots—*quantum sufficit*, as the doctors say on their medicine bottles.



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This is rather a tall order, by the way, as the Wagtail's appetite is "thet hearty!" Still, when I find a half-starved bird I do not like to stint him, but, for a time at any rate, let him eat his fill, just as they allow little boys apprenticed to pastry cooks to stuff down as many jam tarts as they like at first. In that case there soon comes plethora, and they positively hate the sight of a tart. With the Wagtail, I fear, the appetite for maggots "grows," as Shakespeare hath it, "with that it feeds on."

Though so very nice in their own persons, and not liking to come in contact with anything impure, they do enjoy the evident benefit that comes sometimes from it, just as a young lady will thoroughly enjoy a bit of high partridge. I once tried hard to breed maggots at home, just to encourage "Home Industries." It didn't answer a bit. In the same way, when a boy, I used to keep white mice. I simply adored them. The rest of the family alluded to my adored ones as "stinking little brutes." I went so far as to sprinkle them with eau de Cologne. Even that did not satisfy. They could stand one odour, they told me, but both together were out of all reason.

Alas! it was the same with "home-fed" maggots of a later date. The sanitary inspector threatened to indict me as a nuisance, and so reluctantly put me to the expense of buying instead of rearing.

It is very pretty to see how the little hen flies to meet me each morning as I go in with a handful of maggots. The moment I throw them down she is there, quick as a flash, and away, while the cock sits on a neighbouring bough and uses language only suited to a three bottle buck of the old school; but their "fratchings" are of no greater moment than gnat bites on a summer's evening.

If there is one word to describe the Wagtail, it is daintiness. I never look at them without thinking of what the poet Samuel Rogers said of Lady Parker—she is so elegant that when she goes to Heaven she will find no difference, but that her ankles are thinner than the angels' and her head better dressed! And of what another friend in South Africa recently wrote to me about a "lady ob colour," who had donned the garments of civilization, including black silk stockings with open work sides; these she lined with *red calico*, and, as my friend remarked, "she didn" forget to hold her skirts up, neither." Well, the little Wagtail always reminds me of a lady running very swiftly over a muddy crossing, and holding her skirts well up.

My Wagtails spend most of their time on the ground, though they do perch, and generally roost on a branch at night; but most of all do they love water, as their name implies, and mine are never so happy as when they are running about their little lake and jumping up time after time to snap a gnat that has incautiously entered their enclosure. The "little lake" is an old scullery sink I bought for a couple of shillings of our village mason. I put a cork in the hole, and so you have a ready-made lake about an inch deep, and you can turn off to water as often as you like. It needs doing pretty often for these soft bills are rather dirty in their habits, being so much in and near water.

I quite hope another year, if all goes well, to be able to record the successful nesting of the Water Wagtail. The chance of doing something exacting is that I never have strength of mind to resist.

A friend came to see me the other day—he said me, but he really came to see the birds, and when he beheld the Wagtails he exclaimed scornfully, "What the hangmen are you keeping common Wagtails for? I call it a beastly shame." "Well," I said, "we can't keep all rarities, and besides," I added, rather spitefully, "I am afraid perhaps you couldn't keep even Wagtails. It's none so easy as it looks."

It is a perilous thing to depreciate the worth of common things. When we find ourselves among the lords and ladies, we cannot be expected to retain all our former veneration for the squire and the parish priest! If only I do succeed in breeding them another year I shall be like Virgil's delightful old garden lover, of whom he says, "He equalled in his contented mind the wealth of kings."

And now I think I had better draw to a close, for I once saw an author described as one who keeps awake in the small hours in order to procure sleep for other people, and was it not the late Montague Williams who gave it as his opinion that the longer a policeman had been in the force the less you could believe him? *Mutatis mutandis*; some of you will be saying the same of me unless I pull up.

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*Just in Time.

Last year as my father and I went out in the country catching Bullfinches, we placed the trap-cage in a blackberry bush, and went for a little walk through the fields, as there returned, to our surprise there was a black cat hanging to the cage, thinking to have a feed; but we were just in time to save the poor Bullie from death.—Sent by Charlie Bridges (age 11), 15, Dovedale Street, Failsworth, near Manchester.

**The Ring Ousel's Friend.

We used to have a Ring Ousel, which was a great prize-winning bird. Every morning he would come out of his cage, and go into the bath that was waiting for him on the floor. After he had had his bath, he would go and perch on a round rail of an old chair, in front of the fire, and dry himself. We also have a cat that is eleven years of age, and she would never touch a bird in the house. The cat and bird would play a long time together. We have the cat yet, but the bird was claimed at Bradford Show by a Mr. Cowgill.—Sent by Ida Wilkinson (age 11), 4, Ivy Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.

*A Happy Find.

As I was walking up a lane recently, near by our cottage, a funny little bird hopped out of the hedge. I followed it as well as I could, till it got opposite to where I live. It then hopped into the orchard over the other side of the road, and was lost to view. The man to whom the orchard belongs said he caught it, but as he didn't delight in birds said I could have it. I took it home and put it in a cage. I hang it out of doors. We did not know what it was. To my disappointment, when I came from school one day the cage was down and the bird was gone.—Sent by A. Sutton (age 13), 2, Pleasant Cottage, High Street, Gt. Wakering, Essex.

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Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

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In a bird-room mice are a serious danger. They become numerous in summer, and once they get a footing they gambol through all the cages, and wet the seed, which renders it poisonous, which in its turn plays sad havoc among the stock. A breeder may be all unconscious that mice are among the feathers until he sees the carcases of a number of his birds. Then he stops every hole, and prevents them from getting on to the shelves.

They often get into the room by means of the chimney, and in that case it is difficult to trace the runs. A repairer's services should be requisitioned to make the apartment mice-proof. In the end, if the stock is in any way valuable, it will pay the owner to incur this outlay. Picture what has been a reality, and may occur at any moment where mice are plentiful—the half of the stock lying dead. Everything possible ought to be done to maintain the birds in good health, and certainly no effort and no expense should be spared to keep the mice down.

Importance of Cleanliness.

Wholesome seed is of the very first importance. The utmost care should be exercised in the purchase of it. Avoid seed in which mice droppings are to be found. Get your seed from a merchant who keeps it perfectly clear of vermin. A merchant who takes an interest in seed is only too pleased to have pointed out to him any defect in the seed which a customer has purchased off him; interests are mutual, and should be maintained. Wholesome seed means health and vigour in your birds and the yield is financial gain.

Cages should be kept clean and tidy. An exhibition Scotch Fancy Canary or a Belgian Canary ought always to have a well-groomed appearance; the feathers should be clean and every feather should be in its place. Birds that acquire cleanly habits are more easily kept than careless, untidy individuals.

Size in birds is much sought after in these days. The large Scotch Fancy Canary commands a better figure than the small, neat bird. Some birds change very much in the moult, and, therefore, all should be carefully looked after.

Diet in September should be the same as in other months, with the addition of a supply of linseed, which is a help to the birds while in the moult. They are all the better, too, for having a little egg mixture

Concerning the Cages.

Spare cages should be thoroughly washed in water and well saturated with a disinfectant, to remove all unpleasant smells, and destroy harbouring insects. Loose wires and other defects should be repaired, and the woodwork repainted or revarnished. These could be utilised for the stock, while the others undergo the same process, and as soon as all have been overtaken those that are not required should be safely stored away in a dry place where they will not get damaged.

Nests which are likely to do another year should also be cleansed and stored away. Egg and other dishes should also be cleaned and carefully laid by. Order should be studiously attended to in the bird-room, as an untidy aviary is far from attractive.

Show cages should be freely used for fully a month before the exhibits have to appear on the show bench. Then these cages should be thoroughly overhauled and redone up. It is a great advantage to have them in proper condition, as it materially assists in giving the bird a good appearance, and helps to convey the impression that the occupant is worth looking at. A tidy show cage is not to be despised.

See that the perches are of the proper thickness to suit the exhibit, *i.e.*, to enable it to grip the perch without discomfort.

The carrying-box should be light, and well put together, it being of great importance that the birds should not be exposed to any danger passing from a warm hall into the cold air. Many a bird has met with trouble in transit from the show—trouble it never has got rid of.

From One Cage to Another.

The greatest care should be exercised in running a bird from one cage to another. Both cross bars should be exactly level. If the one is higher and the other lower, there is a danger of a broken limb. The Scotch Fancy Canary is a bird of travel, and when properly handled it will pass from the one cage to the other quietly and without flurry.

The feathers are apt to get broken or knocked out if the bird is allowed to fly fiercely and strike against the wires. Broken or damaged feathers should be removed, so that fresh feathers may come in their places.

A long and perfect tail in a Scotch Fancy Canary is of great importance on the show bench. As already pointed out, much depends upon complete feathers. Long feathers do not cast with the throw-off of short feathers, and as the former are usually spoiled in the nest or by plucking, it is necessary to take out those that are defective.

It is a common practice to remove all the tail feathers and the long feathers from the wings. It is cruel, however, to do this, and it seems to be felt by the victim. In my opinion, as few feathers should be plucked as it is possible, consistent with maintaining a goodly appearance. The second feathers are longer than the nest feathers, and if the bird is in good condition the removing of a couple of feathers from the other side of the tail should be ample. They should be plucked seven weeks before the first show, to admit of the new feathers growing, and being in proper position ere it faces the inevitable handling.

Feet and legs should be thoroughly clean before the bird goes to a show, and where corns exist they should be pared, this being absolutely necessary in order to give the bird a fair chance. Position with Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries is everything, and is a matter which is too often regarded as of small importance; such matters are really of great moment.

Stuck in the Moult.

Young birds out of condition, but more frequently old birds that are decaying, "stick" in the moult, and mope. They should be placed in the darkest corner of the room, out of draught, and the owner should apply the remedies which are recommended weekly in the advice columns of CAGE BIRDS. Everything possible should be done to pull the stock through the moult in seasonable weather.

Exhibitions are held between the middle of September and New Year's Day. Executives of shows, as a rule, send schedules to fanciers whose names appear in previous catalogue. Beginners can, by reference to the advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, obtain the names and addresses of secretaries, and by dropping a postcard can always get the prize lists.

Visit the Exhibitions.

The places at which to catch "inspiration" for the Fancy are the exhibitions. There the best specimens of birds are on view, and a full conception of the stamp of bird required can be obtained.

Many of the leading fanciers owe their start to a visit to an enterprising bird show. A lot can be learned by watching the judges officiating, and personally comparing exhibit with exhibit.

Visitors are too often content to examine the winners; but sometimes the best bird is overlooked, and can only be discovered by plodding right through the exhibits.

A further advantage in attending shows is the opportunity it affords of having a conversation with experienced fanciers. They are generally ready to impart information, and to render assistance to beginners. An excellent plan is to fasten on to a careful examiner, who goes over all the exhibits, and follow his remarks. A fancier of that type is usually an able critic, and worth listening to.

The birds should by now be almost through the moult, and they should be put on good Spanish Canary seed, with a pinch of German rape, daily. The latter may be given raw or boiled. If it is boiled it should be supplied once or twice a week. On the alternate days a piece of boiled carrot may be given, as it will help the feathers.

The Show Season.

With Scotch Fancy Canaries the shows are in full swing by October in Scotland, and by the beginning of this month the fondly-cherished dreams of breeders have been realised, or shattered, as the case may be. The man who succeeds requires no encouragement, but the unsuccessful breeder needs to be reminded that though he has been unfortunate this season, he may be well to the front in the coming years.

He should set about strengthening the weak points in the stock by securing birds that are likely to match his own, and produce young birds with winning qualities.

Young men should give the Fancy a fair trial, and before deserting the breeding and rearing of Scotch Fancy Canaries should weigh the subject carefully, and not act hastily. By persevering for a few years they may derive both pleasure and profit out of the Fancy.

Keep in touch with the shows, is my advice to all fanciers, for there it is that a knowledge of what is wanted is acquired, and assists all round to produce birds of a higher standard.

(To be continued.)

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY: ITS FAULTS AND THEIR REMEDIES.

By SAMUEL DEAN.

(Continued from page 583.)

The Last Standard Requirement.

Last, but not by any means the least, we have ten points allowed for "condition, health, cleanliness, and sound feather." Every fancier here will know that however good a bird may be, if it is not shown to the best advantage it will not receive the coveted prizes. What is the use of spending, maybe, years in producing an exhibition specimen if we do not take the time and trouble to stage it, so as to show it off to the best advantage?

A Yorkshire that is the slightest off condition had better be left at home. How can one expect a bird of grace and position, such as it is, to show itself to advantage if it is not in the very best of health? Cleanliness is for the town fancier a difficult matter. Suppose, for instance, he washes his birds on the Monday for a Friday show. On Tuesday perhaps there is a fog; rings begin to appear round the neck, and the short feathers over the beak get as black as ink. What has he to do? He can't wash them again, or they won't last the run of the shows. He has no other alternative but to show them and hope for better and clearer weather the following week.

Sound feather is another necessary item, the chief fault being broken flights, mostly to be found on young birds (unflighted). The way to avoid this is to begin to train your birds as early as possible.

I like to get them to run into the show cages by the time they attain the age of from four to six weeks, and once they learn what is required of them at this early age they never seem to forget it, and can be put into fly cages until moulted, without any fear of their becoming as wild and unmanageable as those whose early training is neglected. One thing where many fanciers make a great mistake in the training of their birds for exhibition is the hanging of show cages on stock cages, and allowing the birds to run in and out at will. Birds so treated are apt to hang down and try to get out of the show cage, instead of getting on to the top perch and sticking there.

All that is required in this respect is to hang on the show cage for the first few weeks after the birds are taken away from their parents, just to teach them the way in and out, gently coaxing them to do so by inserting a stick, taking care to avoid exciting them in any way, but gaining their confidence, so as to get that fearless carriage so much to be desired in a Yorkshire.

How to Obtain Bloom.

Bloom or sheen on a bird is the outcome of condition, with perhaps a little assistance in the matter of feeding and also in washing. Seeds containing a little oil, viz., linseed, gold of pleasure, etc., are good conditioning foods; whilst in washing, a soap with a slight quantity of glycerine in its composition will put a certain amount of gloss on the plumage, whereas if a plain soap is used (especially if strong in soda) a lustreless appearance is the result. A bird then requires from four or five to perhaps eight days in which to regain in its feathers the amount of oil necessary for the production of sheen. A bird so washed should have a larger amount of oily seeds in its allowance, to assist it to attain quickly the desired condition.

Faulty Wings and Tail Carriage.

"Close carriage of wings and tail." Badly packed wings are an eyesore, and for a blessing are few and far between. The fault is most prevalent in old birds and in birds that do not like their baths; but sometimes a strain will have a tendency in this direction, and when such is the case birds with specially neat wings should be introduced.

For the benefit of those who do not know this fault, I may state that it is usually the cover feathers that hang slightly over the flight feathers, thus spoiling the appearance of the wings. I have seen this fault in almost every breed with which I have come in contact, but I cannot give any cause for its appearance. I put it down to shortness of condition during the moult; consequently, the bird does not bathe and preen itself as it should do. A bird that takes a pride in its appearance always comes out sprucer than those which are languid and lifeless.

"Colour: Pure body colour, beak, legs and feet clear (clear birds only)." Evenness of colour is, of course, a necessity. "Beak, legs and feet clear," this and the former counting to the extent of five points. Usually a clear bird has these qualifications. A ticked or unevenly marked bird generally has a spot on the beak or slightly dark legs, according to the amount of green blood running in its veins.

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The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(Continued from page 481).

THE FIRE-RED FINCH—*S. minuta.*—This dainty Finch is one of the gems of the genus; it is a trim and tightly-feathered bird, full of vivacity, almost continually uttering his merry little lay. Judging from the pair which came into my possession in July, 1907, the male of which unfortunately mysteriously disappeared after being in the best of condition for some months; the female still lives in my outdoor aviary. They are ideal cage-birds, become tame fairly readily, and are neither dull nor listless under such conditions. As to their fitness for the outdoor aviary, well—there are few birds that surpass them, as mine disported themselves amid the greenery and branches of my garden aviary.

Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is brown, lightly washed with greyish-olive; lower back and rump, deep chestnut, lesser wing-coverts, brown; median and greater coverts, blackish brown, edged with greyish-olive, lighter at the ends; primary coverts and flights, blackish brown, edged with ashy, the primaries have whitish margins with a small spot of white at the base; upper tail coverts, ashy-olive, with pale chestnut edges; tail feathers, blackish-brown, margined with pale brown and having paler tips, the centre feathers are washed with ashy-grey; crown of the head, brown, with a ruddy tinge on the forehead; lores, dusky; ear-coverts, pale brown, with light shaft streaks; cheeks, entire under surface of body, and under tail-coverts, bright chestnut; thighs, chestnut brown; there is a small patch or spot of white at the base of the cheeks; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish. Total length 4in., tail 1½in.

Adult female: Upper surface, dusky brown, slightly tinged with olive; rump, upper tail-coverts, and lesser wing-coverts, dusky brown; median and greater coverts, and secondaries, dark brown edged with buffish ochre; primaries, dark brown edged with olive; tail feathers, dark brown with light tips and edged with olive; crown of the head, dusky brown; lores, sides of face, ear-coverts, cheeks and under surface of body, brownish ochre, the throat and upper neck are paler and washed with ashy-grey; abdomen whitish buff; sides, flanks, thighs and under tail-coverts, buffish ochre. Total length 3¾in. full, tail 1½in. full.

The above descriptions are from living specimens in my possession.

"The size of the white wing-spot varies greatly, and is very conspicuous in some specimens and is hardly visible in others. There is apparently a seasonal plumage, when the bill is brown instead of black, the plumage browner, and the brown edges to the wing-coverts, quills, and tail-feathers broader and more conspicuous. The young male at first resembles the adult female, but is more decidedly olive above, and has traces of cinnamon colour on the rump and on the under surface. There is a considerable difference in the depth of the chestnut colour in a series of males, and the pale colouration of the young male tends to prove that the richness of tint increases with age, the younger birds inclining to cinnamon rather than chestnut." (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XII.)

These are points which the aviculturist will be able to confirm or otherwise, as further supplies come to hand, as the last consignment only contained one female.

Their range is from Panama through Colombia and Venezuela to Guiana; Trinidad; Tobago; Para.

S. hypoxantha.—Adult male: Upper surface, pale slate-grey; lower back and rump, light ruddy-cinnamon, tinged with ochreous; lesser coverts, ochreous-brown; greater and median coverts, dark brown edged with ochreous, with whitish ends to outer webs; primaries.

THE MARSH FINCH—*S. palustris.*—Adult male: The head and back are clear bluish grey; the under surface to middle of breast is pure white, which is also the colour of the sides of the neck and ear-coverts; remainder of under surface, rump and upper tail-coverts, ruddy-chestnut; wings and tail, blackish brown edged with whitish; inner secondaries black, tipped and broadly edged with white; base of primaries, white; beak, legs, and feet, black. Total length 4½in., tail 1¾in.

The adult female resembles the male as to wings and tail, but lacks the lustre of the male. She is greenish-olive above, lightly streaked with earthy-brown; below, light buff with a yellowish tinge. Habitat: Argentina.

THE REDDISH FINCH.—*S. nigroaurantia.*—This small and pretty species is one of the most pleasing if not the most handsome of the *Spermophilæ*. It is a sweet singer, but the song is not very sustained. It is amiable and ought to be in every collection of small birds. Unfortunately all this genus, with one or two exceptions, are rare, probably because they are not often asked for, their attractive qualities not being entirely on the surface.

Adult male: Its principal colour is cinnamon, with a sandy tinge; top of head, black; wing-feathers blackish, edged with ashy, ruddy-grey and whitish; the bases of the primaries are white, forming a fairly large white patch; upper tail-coverts black, tipped with brown; tail feathers black, margined and tipped with pale brown; beak, blackish; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length 3⅞in., tail 1½in.

Adult female: Olive-brown above; wing and tail feathers brown, edged with olive; below paler olive-brown, with centre of body yellowish-white, merging into ochreous on the under tail coverts. Habitat: Brazil.

S. nigrorufa.—Adult male: Top of head and back to rump, black, with the feathers of the mantle, back, and scapulars, obscurely tipped with ruddy-buff; rump, ruddy-cinnamon; wing and tail feathers black edged with whitish-brown; the bases of the middle primaries are white, and the middle secondaries have their edges somewhat hoary; loral streak, white; eye region, black; sides of neck, ear-coverts, cheeks and throat, buffish cinnamon, lightest on the sides of the neck; the under surface is principally buffish-cinnamon, darker and brighter on the breast, sides and flanks; beak, blackish; legs and feet, dark-brown. Total length 3⅞in., tail 1½in.

Adult female. Above, brown, mottled with darker brown on the back, and slightly tawny on the rump; wings blackish-brown, edged with lighter brown; base of middle primaries, white; margins of middle secondaries, whitish; upper tail coverts and tail, brown, edged with lighter brown; top of head, brown, minutely mottled with dusky; under surface, yellowish buff, paler in the sides and flanks. Habitat: Bolivia and Brazil.

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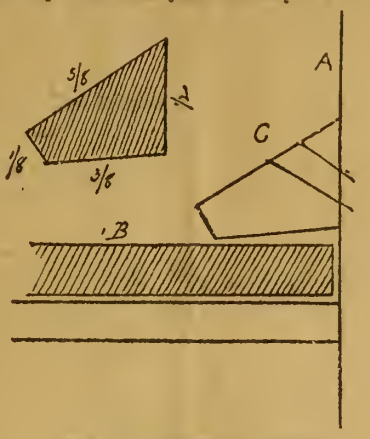
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No. 270.

A DEVICE FOR SAND TRAYS.

Sent by H. H. Bulcock, "Riversdale," Clitheroe.

It is a good plan to prevent seed and sand getting below the sand drawers when cleaning out cages. The sand and seed husks get underneath the drawer, making it difficult to withdraw, often causing one to frighten the birds by the sudden jerk necessary. Make (or



A Device for Sand Trays.

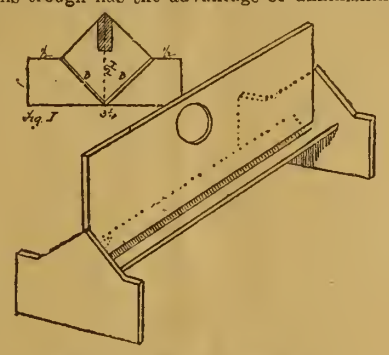
get made) suitable lengths of wood, as Fig. 1, to sizes given. Nail these on to back and sides of cages, "A," just above the drawer "B," so that the drawer will just clear them. Paint the same shade as interior of cage, and they are then not noticeable. Beneath the drawer will then keep quite clean, and the tray works perfectly.

No. 271.

A SEED TROUGH FOR AVIARIES.

Sent by B. Jepson, St. John's Vicarage, Lewisham High Road S.E.

I enclose a sketch of a trough for aviaries to hold some such seed as canary, which is eaten by many kinds of birds, and of which, therefore, a good supply is generally required. This trough has the advantage of diminishing



Seed Trough for Aviaries.

the fighting in an aviary, and can be taken to pieces. Fig. 1 shows the end piece, of ¼in. wood, 1¾in. by 3in. long. At ¾in. from one side make cuts ¼in. long at both ends. From the centre of same edge make cuts 1in. long, and at right angles, so as to get the shape of the first figure. "A" is a slot, ¾in. by ¼in., to hold the big centre piece in Fig. 2; "B," "B" are slots, 1in. by ¼in., to hold pieces to form trough. Fig. 2 shows the trough complete. It can be of any length—6in. is convenient. The height of the big piece is 4in., and it acts as a handle if a hole is bored in the middle for the finger, and it prevents fighting, as it divides the trough. It should not reach to the bottom of the trough, but should allow the seed to spread. If it is joined by two screws at each end, the trough may be easily taken to pieces. The parts forming the trough should be 6 by 1 by ¼in.

Nesting of Starlings in the North.

The Starlings were not always as plentiful as now, and were not so frequently seen in parts of Scotland. The following note on the subject affords interesting reading: "In the early part of 1850 a pair of Starlings took up their abode near the Manse of Crimond, and eventually built in the thatch of a low house close by; and at the request of the Rev. Mr. Boyd they were left unmolested, and succeeded in rearing two broods that season; next summer several pairs came, and protection being given them, a still larger number appeared the year following." This is the published account of the first settlement of these birds in Aberdeenshire.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Noisiest of the Throng.

The most noisy of the whole throng coming in to roost are the Starlings. In the later summer months this woodland swarms with these birds, in all stages of growth, and the noise they make as they blunder and scramble among the trees is almost deafening; so much so, that it is impossible to detect the more musical notes or calls of the Whitethroats, Blackcaps, and other Warblers. Many of these birds are, no doubt, still in the district, and have been heavily reinforced by their snaky-headed friends from over the seas, so that now the number is almost incredible. Every field and patch of grass land has its flock of busy birds hunting for food, From where I sit I can see a number of them among the grass. I have counted up to fifty, and there are quite as many more, and yet the whole bunch of them look to be a mere sprinkling. These birds have a method of collecting in certain trees before flying away to roost; they struggle in a few at a time, frequenting the topmost branches, where they sit and preen themselves, occasionally taking a short flight round, as though to estimate their forces, and suddenly extending their flight, they make straight away to the woods. Here they join themselves to the earlier arrivals, and then, if one has the time and inclination, it is possible to see as fine an exhibition of collective flight as the bird world affords. What interests one most is the sudden wheeling and turning of the whole throng, moving as one bird, settling and rising again, as one would raise or lower one's hand; the quickness of brain and action to execute such movements is truly wonderful.

Destructive if Useful.

There has been more controversy around the doings of the House Sparrow than around those of any other bird, but even its greatest and staunchest friends cannot but admit that it is destructive as well as useful.

The Wren's Nest.

Our poets have ever appreciated the doings of wild birds. Note the following lines on the Wren's nest:—

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To view the structure of this little work—
A bird's nest. Mark it well, within, without;
No tool had he that wrought; no knife to cut,
No nail to fix, no bodkin to insert,
No glue to join; his little beak was all.
And yet, how neatly finished! What nice hand,
And every implement and means of art,
And twenty years' apprenticeship to boot,
Could make me such another?"

Scarcity of Large Birds.

At the present time small and common birds are abundant, but the large predatory birds are exceedingly rare. Eagles have gone, excepting for a stray bird or two from Scotland during the autumn, and so have the Buzzards. The little Merlin occasionally comes down from the north, but the Peregrine Falcon is extinct, as a resident, excepting in a few very isolated districts. The egg collector has robbed him so systematically that at last he has had to give in, and leave the tall cliffs of the south to the Jackdaws and Pigeons. The large Hawks have flitted out of our daily life, and Owls are becoming rare. All these birds are said to exist in certain districts, but what we lament is the sight of them in our daily worlds. Bird protection appears to be only for the protection of the common and least interesting.

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EXCHANGE pair high-class Borders for good Siberian Goldfinch; approval; Goldfinch first.—L. Cockburn, Matterab., Innerleithen.

EXCHANGE prize Norwich cock, for Dutch Frill cock, or pair Lizards or Border fancies; offers entertained.—79, King-street, Ramsgate.

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GRAND Lancashire-Norwich cock, 7/6; buff Norwich hen, 3/6; approval willingly; exchange others.—Barrett, Schoolmaster, Borneo-st., Walsall.

GRAND, large, stout Norwich cock, splendid stock bird, sell 10/-; exchange for fancy alarm clock.—F. Simonds, 85, High-st. N., Dunstable.

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EXCHANGE three 1908 Rollers, one cock, two hens, for two cock Goldfinches; Fluches first.—Cuddup, 16, Keillers Field, Pool, Carn Brae, Cornwall.

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EXCHANGE three large Cinnamon hens for clear Norwich hens, or exchange a large Yorkshire marked cock, for a Lancashire hen; all 1908 birds, off good strain; or what offers?—W. Egles, 6, Oxford-road, Islington, N.

SPLENDID dark cock Linnet Mule, colour fed, ready for immediate exhibition, 20/-; also grand clear buff Yorkshire cock, 1st Crewe, 10/6; or exchange for good large buffighted yellow Norwich hens; offers; no rubbish offered or wanted.—John Hill, High-st., Swinfleet, S.O., Yorkshire.

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EXHIBITION Homer hen, rung 1908, 10/6; wanted accordian, British birds.—Barton, Cross, Dove Holes, Buxton.

SILVER hunter watch; exchange cock Goldfinches, or anything useful; sell 15/-.—France, Bethesda-st., Merthyr Tydvil.

IRISH Terrier, pure bred, three months old; sell or exchange Canaries or Goldfinches.—Lord Nelson, Globe-rd., Stepney.

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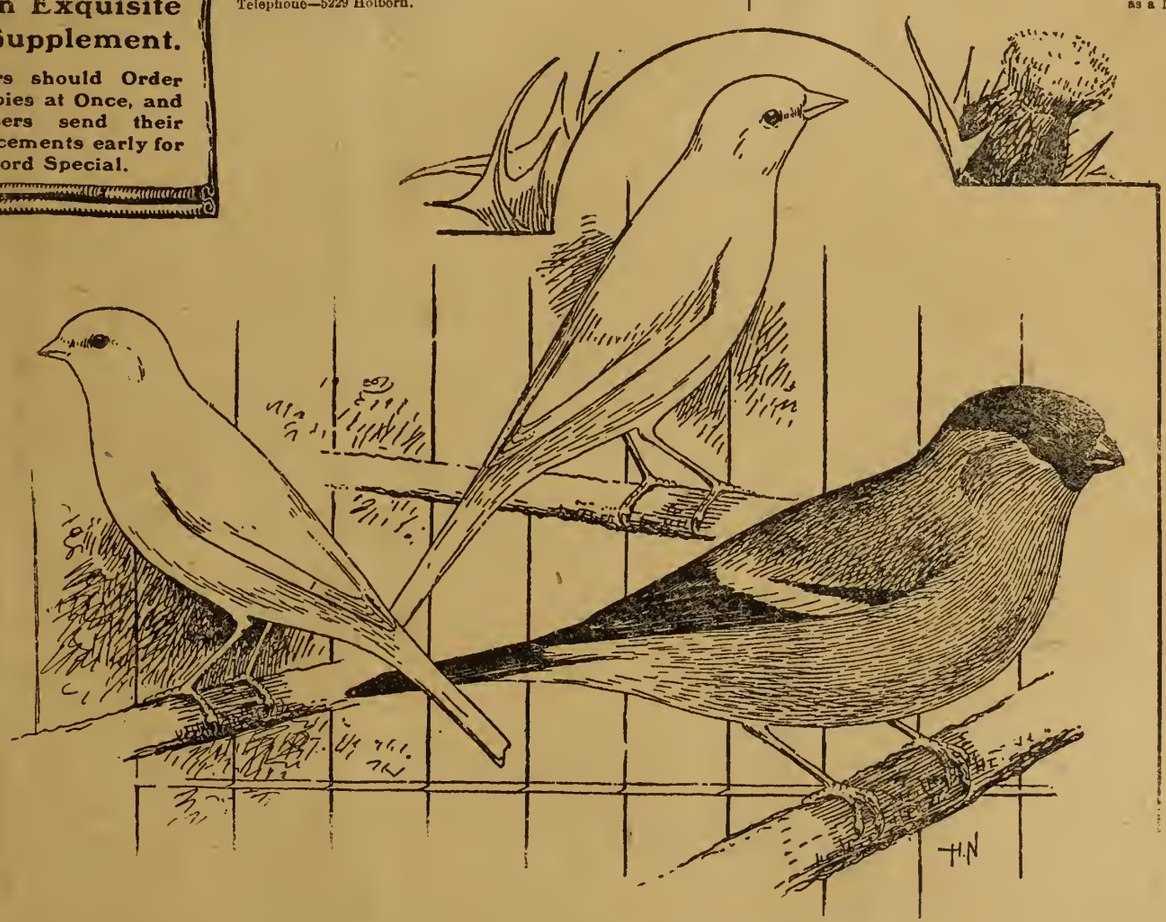
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Norwich.

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WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, in exchange for five-string banjo or fiddle, lace hen, or Parrot cage; no rubbish wanted.—F. Turner, South Ascot.

WANTED, a really good Roller, exchange splendid cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred Mules, sell 10/6.—Bayliss, 14, Exeter-rd., Ashton Gate, Bristol.

WANTED very large, good type, and feather, yellow Norwich cock; cash or exchange valuable Yorkshire Canaries.—Crathorne, Bridlington, Yorkshire.

NOTICE, will give 5/6 pair for good Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; wanted Goldfinches and Bullfinches, good price given.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED 6 pairs high-class Yorkshires, last year's colour-fed; give Edison gem phonograph and 10 records, playing condition, or sell £3 3s.—Twigg, 34, Cuthbert-road, Walthamstow.

LARGE unlighted yellow Norwich hen, give exchange stock box of mealworms as bred, thousands all sizes; particulars, A. Tompkins, Mackworth Green, Finedon, Northamptonshire.

WANTED to exchange, two dozen phonograph records for two dozen different kind, no hands, or sell 5/- dozen; exchange entertained for Rollers.—Boston, 15, Grand-parade, Harringay.

WANTED, good-coloured, large cock Goldfinches; also Norwich; exchange gent's large portmanteau, splendid condition, good leather, cost 30/-.—F. Simonds, 85, High-st., North, Dunstable.

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green, buys your surplus live stock, or exchange Pigeons, Fowls, British birds, Parrots, Canaries.—Postal address:—Maynard, Bethnal Green; name address 34 years.

WANTED 3 large 1908 Buff Yorkshire hens, and 1 pair of yellow's; exchange 40 Edison Bell and Columbian records, as new, and 36in. brass horn and floor stand; birds first.—Snow, 88, Park-road, West Ham, E.

WANTED, any quantity of surplus stocks of Canaries, any varieties, must be clean and healthy; also any varieties of Mules and Hybrids, for cash; or exchange.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED, gramophone or zonophone, with tone arm and 10-inch records, blankets, etc; will exchange high-class Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 12/- per pair.—J. Leach, Phonograph Stores, Marketplace, Keighley.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Chaffinch, two Buff Norwich hens, short and chubby; cock Linnet and hen Canary, proved mulers; also a Parrot cage, in good condition; exchange Crest or anything.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WANTED gramophone and records; exchange fine oil paintings, Foot's Turkish bath cabinet, architect's ivory rule, shot loading dumb-bell, bar-bells, or physical exercisers, cabinet-maker's chest and planes.—Dallas, Union-st., Inverness.

WANTED, large, British, house-moulted cock Goldfinch (muler) and good Roller cock Canary; on approval; exchange large, three-decked aviary, Border Canaries and good buff Yorkshire cock, young birds.—E. Tillen, Gale House, Cockermouth.

NATURAL HISTORY.

206 BRITISH birds' skins, 6d. each; choice, 1/-, 2/6; list, 1d. stamp.—29, Charles-st., Berkeley quare, London.

MAMMALS, birds, fishes preserved; good work, low prices.—Knights, Taxidermist, 87, Churchill-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE, three hen Bullfinches, for songster; offers.—Humphrey, 34, Stanhope-rd., Strood.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; or exchange Roller cock.—R. Dodgson, 78, Victoria rd. Padiham.

EXCHANGE ease new carvers, for Canaries. Goldfinches, Siskins.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

HAWFINCH 7/6; exchange chaw Siskin; approval.—Grahame, 19, Elam-st., Camberwell, Loudon.

EXCHANGE splendid Goldfinch Mule, full song, for good breeding cage.—Morley, Balsham-rd., Lenton, Cambs.

TWO pairs Bullfinches, 5/-; two hen Goldies, 2/6; cock Linnet, 1/-; two Larks, 2/-; exchange offers.—Criddeford, Honiton.

HYBRID breeders, hen Bullfinch, bred and reared Goldfinch Hybrids last season, 10/- deposit.—Dodd, 18, Jennings-st., Swindon.

EXCHANGE large singing cock Linnet Mule for large muling cock Goldfinch; no rubbish.—Stackhouse, Crag Bank, Carnforth.

COCK Redpoll and hand-reared hen Linnet; exchange for hen Canary, 1908 bird, cold-room bred.—Norris, Repton Cottage, Romford.

EXCHANGE, Siskin Canary or Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks, for good carly buff Orpington pullets.—Passifull, Papillon-rd., Colchester.

HOUSE-MOULTED yellow cock Siskin, good bird; exchange for good cock Goldfinch.—Lithgow, 5, Drumother Mansions, Parkhead, Glasgow.

WANTED exchange cock Goldfinch, full song, white legs, sure to Mule, sell 15/-; two more, 10/- each.—Bratin, Aston, Birmingham; approval.

PAIR "Albino Linnets, house-moulted; exchange for winning Goldfinch or Linnet, or offer; mutual approval.—T. Hinton Hooper-st., Cambridge.

NOTICE, black Bullfinch cock, 1908, hand-reared fit for Palace, 15/-; also large hen, 4/6 hand-reared.—Coachman, Vicarage, Finedon, Wellingboro'.

WANTED to exchange, cock Goldfinches, cock Linnets, for anything useful; or sell; stamp reply.—Harrison, Pump-st., Nottingham. Established 49 years.

COCKS, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, pair Yellowhammers, four hand-reared Greenfinches, all aviary moulted; exchange common Canaries.—Pickard, 7, Hatfield-st., Wakefield.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Greenie and hen Bullie, laid in aviary, 6/6; exchange Muling cock Goldfinch, or yellow Norwich hens.—Salter, 34, Offord-road, Barnsbury, N.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, full song, will make a mark on the bench, 10/-; exchange Siberian Goldfinch; approval.—R. P. Williams, High-st., Penrhyn, Deudraeth, N.W.

THREE grand Corn Buntings, 2/6 each; cock Bullie, grand size, 4/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch song, real good bird, 7/6; bargain; exchange for common hen Canaries.—Parkinson, Newsagent, Cobden-st., Loug Eaton.

EXCHANGE a variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, 1908 bird, can win, for a good stout yellow Norwich cock, or sell 12/-; or offers.—S Keightley, 86, Cotmanhay-rd., Ilkeston.

EXCHANGE; will give six cock Greenfinches, caged three months, for one cock Yellow Bunting and one Reed Bunting, cock.—James Thomson, Ava Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed.

EXTRA large Siberian Goldfinch and Linnet, both cage-moulted, genuine Mulers, 25/- two; or exchange exhibition British hardbill or hybrid.—Apply, 21, Hardy-road, Wimbledon, S.W.

GOLDFINCHES, all cocks, sure Mulers, in full song; no rubbish; what offers, Yorkshires or Rollers.—Michael Conway, senr., 3, Main-street, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, Ireland.

EXCHANGE two Goldfinch-Canary Mule hens, house-moulted cock Yellowhammer, 5/-; will add cash for large house-moulted Goldfinch; approval.—Lewis Holly House, Anchton, Ormskirk.

CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH pair, both twice house-moulted, caged together 8 months, 67/-; two cock Thrushes, 3/6; hall lamp, 5/6; or exchange.—Marshall, 56, Cricwell-road, Beeston, Notts.

HAND-REARED yellow Wagtail (perfect), show and stock cages 25/- the lot; also pair of prize Border fancies, 12/6; or exchange for Norwich or British Hardbills.—W. R. Myers, 23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

HAND-REARED Magpie, 4/-; cock greenfinch hen Canary mulers and breeding cage 5/-; few hen Canaries, 1/6; cocks, 5/-; pairs, 6/-; all in cold outdoor aviary; offers anything useful.—Harrison, 39, West-st., Bridlington.

TWO cage-moulted cock Linnets, sure Mule breeders; one large cock Bullfinch, good colour and condition ready for exhibition, 3/6 each; exchange lot for two large, clear Norwich hens.—J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, with large cage; bred Mules last season, 14/-; two colour-fed Norwich cocks and cage, accept 15/-; first postal orders gets them; exchange offers invited.—D. Sanders, 13, Pelly-street, Cwmavon, Glamorganshire.

WANTED, British birds, Canaries, Hawfinches; offers following winners, pair Magpies, pair Yellow Dragoons, Black Pigmy Pouters, black Long-faced Tumblers, 7/6 pair; Scotch Terrier bitch, full pedigree, 10/-; approval.—Spring, Pigmy Aviaries, Wycombe, Bucks.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged.

FEW Good Norwich, pairs or separate, or exchange.—Culshaw, Relieving Officer, Darwen.

FOUR grand Rollers, in full rolling song; sell or exchange.—Pearson, 55, New-st., Quarry Bank.

12 PAIRS of good Canaries in exchange for good phonograph.—Robinson, Naturalist, Liversedge.

EXCHANGE well-bred Yorkshire cock, for a good Border hen, or sell 6/-.—John Rogers, Alonwen, Flints.

FOR sale or exchange 5 Norwich hens, 15/-; one cock, 8/6.—Harbord, 68, St. Paul's-st., Islington, London.

EXCHANGE buff Yorks, cock for buff hen (Yorks.) or sell, 5/-.—H. Hutchinson, Newsagent, Spencelane, Leeds.

BORDER Fancies for sale, from 8/6 pair; all colours; wanted pair field glasses.—45, Tonge Moor-rd., Bolton.

THREE hen Canaries, cock and hen Goldfinches, house-moulted hen Mule, lot 15/-.—Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

TWO pairs high-class Norwich, good size and type, 15/ pair; exchange.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincs.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room, pairs, 7/6; exchange cycle covers, 28 by 1½; offers six pairs.—Breeze, March.

SELL or exchange 24 phonograph records for Canaries or song birds, any kind.—Brown, 14a, Hurleburn-road, Leeds.

136 sixpenny magazines, clean, offers; cash or Roller Canaries, singing.—Yearsley, 118, Revidge-road, Blackburn.

SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, 8/6 and 10/6 each; exchange fowl, or offers.—Holloway, 30, Hill's, Lye, Stourbridge.

GREEN Yorkshire cock, 1908, sell 10/6; or exchange Roller, or Yorkshire hens.—Meek, Willow House, Snettisham.

TYPICAL Borders, exchange dark tweed, or brown boots, or sell Borders, 7/6 each.—Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

B and E Flat Clarionets, 8 and 10 keyed; exchange Canaries; what offers?—Starck, 62, Thurlestone-rd., Norwood.

FIVE healthy young Yellow hens, Norwich bred, 12/6 lot; exchange two cocks; offers.—Tringham, 72, Green-st., Hereford.

THREE hens, two Roller, one common, sell 5/6; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch; offers.—Lawrie, Roslin Mid-Lothian.

WANTED, yellow Budgerigar hen; exchange Roller, Border, or Yorkshire cock, singing.—Minikin, Bronte-st., Keighley.

EXCHANGE two colour-fed 1908 Norwich cocks for large, typical 1908 clear yellow hen.—W. Housden, Dodinga, Birchington.

WINNING British, also Canaries, from outdoor aviary, sell, exchange new goods.—Jeffrey, Scourbridge-rd., Bromsgrove.

ONE yellow Norwich cock and two buff hens for sale, 11/-; or exchange offers.—C. Olney, 62, Gordon-rd. Wellingborough.

FOLK dark crested cocks, bred from winners, 7/6 each, or would exchange for hens.—Skillicorn, Upholsterer, Douglas, Man.

LARGE pair Norwich (not fed), cold room, 12/6; exchange common Germans; stamp.—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd. Liscard, Cheshire.

HEALTHY Norwich hens, 1/9 each; two pairs clap-nets, complete, 12/-.—A. Evans, Ash Tree, Rogerston, Newport, Mon.

FOUR exhibition Yorkshire cocks, two good hens, value £5; exchange good Crests to value.—Cory, Park-st., East Cowes, I.W.

ONE large dark crested hen, 5/-; one buff hen, 2/6; or useful exchange.—Toovey, Pack-Horse Cottage Hayfield, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE large pair Norwich Canaries, for four Seifert Roller hens, no rubbish.—Harrison, 62, Ashby-in-rd., Leek, Staffs.

PAIR of Borders, Paterson's strain, 14/-; exchange for green Cardinal cock, approval; deposit.—Dairyman, 588, Duke-street, Glasgow.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 1908 (fed), 5/6 and 7/6; or exchange anything useful.—Bartlett, Victoria-terrace, Ottery St. Mary.

BEAUTIFUL Hartz Mountain Roller, in full song, cost 12/6, from Rudd last year, for cock Goldfinches or Linnets.—W. Outram, Heanor.

WANTED, offers for two excellent singing Canaries value 10/6 each; also cages, etc.; mutual approval.—11, Newton-rd., Oxford.

SELL or exchange two good buff Yorkshire cocks, for two yellow hens, must be standard length.—Turner, 165 Knowlwood, Walsden.

LARGE variegated dark Crest, hen, Rev. Joyce's strain; exchange, offers in Plainheads; or sell 10/-.—W. Outram, Heanor, Derbyshire.

WANTED, Pullets, good layers, exchange Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; or offers.—197, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire or Crested, for yellow Norwich cock; few good Yorkshire hens for sale.—J. Richmond, Paisley Bridge.

TWO 1908 cock Canaries in song, 5/6 each; exchange either for cock Hawfinch or big Norwich hen.—Lidgett, Milner-street, Newark.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 10/-; cock Greente-Mule; exchange violin or mandoline; both 2nd prize winners.—J. Flanighan, Kirkcudbright.

LARGE buff-crested cock (1908), 10/6, worth double; exchange Rollers, Mules, Fowls, anything.—3, Hatfield-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

EXCHANGE dark Norwich cock, 1908, can win, for typical Norwich yellow hen, or sell 15/-.—Farler, Nutshell, Spring garden, Weymouth.

NOTICE—what offers in Canaries, or foreign birds for suit length, good tweed, value 25/-; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH Canaries, buffs, 1908 cocks, 6/6, 10/-; 1907 hen, 3/6; double breeder, 3/6; useful exchange.—White, 37, St. Paul's-rd., Shipley, Yorks.

NEARLY green-crested Norwich cock sell or exchange lightly marked crested cock, or hen, 1908; approval.—I. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

SIX Yorkshire cock Canaries, £1 4s., or exchange two pair boys' suits, drapery.—Ashley Turton, Summside Cottages, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, pairs hens, for sale, reasonable exchange; exhibition Siberian or British offers; approval.—Fergusen, College-st., Whitehaven.

TYPICAL Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, 1908 70/-; offers; pedigree, sable Pomeranian bitch preferred.—Ben Radley, Gib-lane, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

THREE Border Fancy hens, 7/6; two German hens, 3/-; Redpoll cock, 1/-; pair Muffed Tumblers, 3/-; or exchange.—Munuing, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham.

GOOD yellow Norwich cock, winner, 12/6; exchange variegated yellow hen or good type, quality, head; hen first; approval; deposit.—Mattock, Myland, Colchester.

YORKSHIRES, high class cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 6/6, 7/6 each; or exchange Norwich.—Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

WANTED Parrot, must be good talker; exchange yellow Norwich cock, variegated hen; variegated cock and buff hen, or sell 35/.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

YELLOW Coppy hen 10/, clear crested hen 10/, cock Linnet, with hen Canary, 6/, Canary reared cock Goldfinch, with Norwich hen, 8/, pair Crests 10/6, offers.—Giddings, Kilsbury-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.

FIVE splendid 1908 Yorkshire hens, two cocks from Palace winner; Greenfinch, Norwich hen, Mule, six breeding cages, appliances, best cash offer.—16, Hereford Gardens, Lee.

WHAT offers for a cock and three Yorkshire hens and a broken Crest cock; or exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires.—Robert Mays, 58, Bolchow-st., Guisborough, Yorkshire.

BEAUTIFUL, valuable pair hand-painted china pinques, painted by "Owen," 21/-; exchange Canaries, Siberian Goldfinches, or poultry.—Gribbin, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

CYPHUS incubator, 60 egg, copper tank, and black and tan toy dog, 6 months old, £2; or exchange Yorkshires or Crests; no rubbish, birds first.—Turner, Ashtugdon, Rochford, Essex.

EXCHANGE two buff cock Norwich, good stock birds, for yellow variegated cock, and variegated buff hen, '08, must be good; approval first.—Rowlands, Rhosgadfan, Carnarvon.

TWO grand young Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each; and a four-compartment breeding cage, 7/6; or exchange the lot for a pair of good field glasses.—11, E Witty, 13, Highgate, Beverley.

MUST spare few splendid Yorkshire Canaries, 17/6 pair, or exchange blankets, sheets, counterpanes, eiderdowns, anything useful for house.—J. Cruthorne, Bridlington, Yorkshire.

FOR Sale or exchange, giving up the fancy, two Yorkshire cocks and five hen Canaries; three Linnets, and breeding cages; particulars sent.—116, Penys rd., New Cross, London, S.E.

MUST sell before breeding season, four 1908 cock Canaries, bred in outdoor aviary, 3/6 each, 12/- lot; Jonque cock Gohlie Mule 1st Boxing Day, 8/-.—Wild, Providence-rd., Jacksdale, Notts.

NORWICH cock, yellow, two years old, good feeder, 10/-; dark cock Greenfinch Mule, 10/-; 1907 Greenfinch, father of above, 5/-, both good specimens.—Pellit, Foxhunt Waldron, Sussex.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cock Canary, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, a beauty, 4/6; also cock Greenfinch, proved muler, 4/6, or 15/- lot; or exchange to value; offers first.—Clowes, 28, Nunn-st., Leek, Staffordshire.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, winners, and bred from winners, for boys' suits, boots, and lady's boots; no better blood obtainable; no rubbish offered or wanted.—G o. Tweedie, 63, Crosby-street, Maryport, Cumberland.

A GRAND Seifert Roller, in full song, 10/6, and a Cinnamon-Goldie Mule, 5/-; exchange for a large typical Norwich hen or exhibition Siberian Goldfinch.—Jas. Gibbons, 74, Napier-rd., Blakenhall, Wolverhampton.

GIVING UP, Norwich, pairs, 12/6 upwards; also large, strong Parrot cage, 12/6; would consider Foreign birds in exchange; approval, deposit; also see "Foreign" adverts.—Creasey, 48, Albert-grove, Long-sight Manchester.

ROLLER cock, splendid songster, with many changes, singing day and night, one of the best; also cock Linnet, Canary reared, always been with Canaries; sell or exchange Canarier or Goldfinches.—Ink en, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WILL exchange a long leggy clear yellow Yorkshire cock, with an unflighted buff hen to match, good quality, 4th Ashton-u-Lyne Nov. 28; for a yellow or buff Norwich cock clear or ticked 1907 bird for stock, must have plenty of substance, good head and quality, Norwich first.—Wm. Foxall, Ney-st., Waterloo, Ashton-u-Lyne.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

COCKATIELS, pair, which bred three nests last year, 12/6; or exchange pair Zebra Finches and White Javas.—N. Leese, 13, Ayshford-st., Longton, Staffs.

MAGNIFICENT African grey Parrot and cage, spells name, very distinct talker, and winner £6; or exchange lady's high-class bike; offers.—Young, Palmer-st., Frome.

SCARLET Tanager cock, 2nd Dunfermline, perfect feather and condition; sell, 20/-; or exchange cock, red-headed Gouldian, or offers.—McPherson, Clackmannan-rd., Alloa.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE 112 CAGE BIRDS; anything useful.—Cordery, Isabella-place, Putney.

EDISON Gem C Speaker, 11 records; exchange Norwich.—Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

COLLIE bred puppies for sale, or exchange.—Enterprise Cash Stores, Edmonton Green.

EXCHANGE Irish terrier dog, for good Border hen.—Albert, 146, Saltwell-rd., Gateshead.

WHITE Angora Buck, four months; offers cage birds.—Coachman, 22, Pembridge-mews, W.

EXCHANGE anything for green hen Canary.—Willson, 149, Skidmore-st., Stepney, London.

EXCHANGE guitar zither, perfect order, for two pairs Green Budgerigars.—Rogers, Painter, Wem.

ZITHER-HARP, exchange good Crested Canaries, or sell 30/-.—Leaside, Lancaster Park, Harrogate.

GOOD Chinchella Persian, only £2; also kitten, 10/- or offers.—R English, "Uplands," Alton, Hants.

EXCHANGE good opera glass for Canaries.—Morgan Rees, 1, Alexandra-place, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

WHAT offers in British or Canaries, for 183 cage birds.—Allan, 16, Inglefield-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

BLACK spaniel dog, five months, 10/6; or exchange pair Norwich.—Burgess, 29, St. George's-rd., Reading.

PAIR Dragoon Pigeons, 2nd Glastonbury, 21/-, for pair Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries.—Higgins, Wells, Somerset.

PEDIGREE Whippet bitch, fawn; particulars sent; exchange Canaries, anything.—A. Welch, Parkhurst-rd., Hertford.

WILL exchange six hen fowls for six pure Seifert hens; cold-room bred; warranted.—Brooks, Decorator, Wordsley.

GUITAR, cost £5; exchange good air gun, cock Canaries; offers.—Ruddell, 12, Clarence-rd., Ponder's End, N.

FOR sale, or exchange, Bull Terrier bitch, Norwich hens preferred.—James Mellor, 258, Church-st., Ashton-u-Lyne.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, 2 new clocks strikes hours and half hours.—McFadyen, 168, Farnie Loan-rd., Rutherglen.

EXCHANGE Roger fretwork machine for pair of Norwich Canaries.—Banks, 49, Longridge-st., Longsight, Manchester.

WHIPPET and greyhound, also retriever and smart bitch; exchange Canaries, pigeons.—C. Youngman, Scarborough.

SELL or exchange Seabright Bantam Cockerel, winner, 7/6; cage birds, or offers.—Jackman, —, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

CLAP nets, 10 yards flie, 5 ft. 6, good condition, all complete 10/-; gent's silver watch, 12/-; exchange Canaries.—Parkinson, Sheepcote-st., Birmingham.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms mod rate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms mo erate

ALB BENTLEY, 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; over 20 years' experience as breeder and exhibitor; terms moderate.

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S. W. BIRCHLEY, Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

W. G. BULL, , Victoria Road, Rotfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 116, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, The Street, Manchester.

J. DIXON, 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge o all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

R. LAMBIE, 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist in Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience.

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W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey Hybrids and British Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, Britis and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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LARKHALL SHOW,
JAN. 16th, 1909

13 classes for Home and Foreign Cage Birds. Judge A. Chalmers. Schedules ready **James McEwan Sec., 59, McNeil Street, Larkhall, N.B.**

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THE JUBILEE SHOW.—Fiftieth Annual Great National Cage Bird Show. Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, and Trade Exhibition of Appliances, Cages, Foods, Seeds, &c.

FEBRUARY 5th, 6th, 8th & 9th, 1909.

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148 Classes. Nearly 300 Specials. Eighteen Specialist Judges. Extra prize money in each class.—Entries positively close Jan. 23rd. No Extension. Schedules of:

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DISS

The **FIFTH GREAT SHOW** of Canaries, Mules British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Corn Hall on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th 1909.

17 open classes. Send Entries at once.
Judge: J. Robson, Esq 8 hedules ready.

Hon. Secs.: H. J. GOODERHAM, 9, Sunny-side Diss, & W. BURROWS, St. Nicholas St., Diss.

GLOUCESTER
Fanciers Society's
29th ANNUAL SHOW,
Jan. 13 & 14, 1909.

Held under C.B.U. Rules. No Amalgamation. Entry fee, 1/6.

Prizes, 1st **10/-**; 2nd **5/-**; 3rd **2/6.**

Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.

Classes: 97, Norwich Plainhead, Clear, Tick., or Unevenly Marked Yellow; 98, Norwich Plainhead, Buff ditto; 99, Nor. Plainhead, Unflig., Clear Tick., or Unevenly Mkd.; 100, Nor. Plainhead, hen; 101, Yorks., Clear Tick, or Uneven. Mkd. Yell.; 102, Yorks., buff, ditto; 103, Yorks., Unflig.; 104, Yorks., hen; 105, Crest or Crestbred; 106, A.O.V. Can.; 107, Mule or Hybrid, A.V.; 108, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 109, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 110, A.O.V. Hardbilled; 111, A.V. Softbilled, smaller than and including Skylark; 112, A.V. Softbilled, larger than Skylark; 113, Foreign Bird, A.V.; 114, Cage Bird, A.V., price not to exceed 12/6.

Entries miserably short; accept SATURDAY'S POST. Enter from this.

R. POWELL, Hon. Sec.,
70, Northgate Street, Gloucester.

PRESCOT

C.B.S. 22nd Exhibition of Can. and Brit. Birds will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Derby Street, Prescot, on the 15th & 16th Jan., 1909 Limit £5. Entries close Monday, 11th Jan. Apply for Schedules to **JOHN PLATT,** Hon. Sec., 137, **Kemble St., Prescot**

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD & District O.S.

Will hold their Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Cage Birds on **Sat., Jan. 16th,** at the Railway Inn, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Judge, W. Vardy, Huthwaite. Secs. J. Smith, 30, Sherwood Rd., S.-in-A.

THE GREENIE CITY.

BATHGATE
C.B.S. JANUARY 16th, 1909.

54 classes. **Prize Money 10/, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-** Entry Money, 1/6. Over 90 specials including cups. All open. Under the patronage of the S.B.B.M.C. and also the G. & W.C. Popular Judges. Entries extended to **Jan. 11th.** Schedules now ready, apply the Secretary—

R. BALD, North Bridge Street

MARSKE AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' CLUB

2nd Annual Show will be held on Jan. 16, 1909, at the Institute, Marske-by-the-Sea.

Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Gilt Class, 6/-, 3/-, 1/3: Entrance Fee, 1/-.

Class 21, Clear Yell. Yorks.; 22, do. Buff do.; 23, Yorks. Ticked or Var.; 24, Nor. any colour; 25, A.V. Can.; 26, do. Brit. no larger than Lark; 27, Brown or Grey Linnet; 28, Selling Class, 10/-; 29, Mule or Hybrid; 30, Gift Class.

Please enter from above. Mr. A. Wake, Middlesbro', Judge. Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Entries close Jan. 11, 1909. Prize money paid within 8 days of show.—T. Kirby, Hon. Sec., 18, Church Street, Marske-by-the-Sea, Yorks.

DUDLEY (Worc.)

Affiliated to C.B.U. Grand Open show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds and Roller singing Contest. Under patronage of B.R.C. Club and Foreign Bird Club, on **JANUARY 20 & 21, 1909**

Judges, J. Robson, Esq., & W. Whittaker, Esq.

Entries Close, January 13th, 1909.

Schedules **J. G. Leech, 67, King St, Dudley.**

SPALDING,
January 21st.

open Poultry, Rabbit Cat, Cavy, and Cage Bird Show (Cage birds £5 limit, certain Classes). Up-to-date classification. 28 classes Poultry, 31 Pigeons, 20 Rabbits, 7 Cats and Cavies, 18 Cage Birds. Judges: Ambrose, Barker, House and Wellband. Numerous Specials, including "Wellband" Cup. Prize Money guaranteed and promptly paid. Entries close 14th. Send for Schedule quickly to

ELVISS & MOUNCEY, Secs.

THE SHOW OF THE HILLS.

TREDEGAR.
Fourth Anoual, **Jan. 21st 1909.** 25 open classes, prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6** Fee **1/6.**

Fanciers don't forget to give us a bumping entry. Entries close **Jan. 14th. J. GRIFFITHS, 3, Glyn Ter., Tredegar.**

HALESOWEN, WORCS.
7th Annual Open Show. C.B.U. Rules. **Jan. 21 & 22.** A chance for the Novices. 14 open classes. Judge: Harrison, Belper. Prize money last day on appl. to Sec. Office. Entries Close, Jan. 17. Schedules from **CHAPMAN,** Townsend, Halesowen.

HALIFAX O.S.
Under Y.U. Rules.

19th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules British and Foreign Birds. Under the Patronage of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., and Y.C.B.B.M.C. Mechanics Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax, **Jan. 22 & 23.** Judges—W. Cruise, Esq. Bradford. W. Vardy, Esq., Huthwaite. E. E. Smith, Esq., Sheffield. **Entries close Tuesday January 19th.** Schedules now ready, J. F. Thackray Sec. 82, St. Augustines Terrace, Halifax.

AUCHTERARDER
SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS
23rd, JANUARY, 1909.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. A Grand Classification and Specials Galore. Fanciers should not miss this treat **Entries Close January 16th.** Schedules now ready—to be had from **James Dow, Junior, Auchterarder.**

CHESTERFIELD OPEN SHOW
Of Cage Birds and Pigeons

(Under C.B.U. Rules), will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1909. Cage Birds 27 Classes. Judge J. C. Barnes, Esq., Prize Money guaranteed. 10/0, 5/0 and 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6. Members, 1/0. Entries close January 19. Schedules from J. J. DOOLEY, 39, Alexandra Road, Chesterfield.

LANCASTER 2nd Ann. O.S. of

Pairs. **JAN, 23rd.** Market Hall Coffee Rooms. Prizes 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. V.H.C., H.C., & C. Entry Fee 2/- each Pair. Nor., 2 Yorks, 3 Bord. 4 A.O.V., 5 Limit 30/-, 6 Brit, Hard, 7 Brit. Soft. Enter from above early. Specials for points in every class. Judges: Dr. Hird, 1 & 4, A. Ambler, Esq. 2 & 5, W. J. Ferguson, Esq., 3, 6 & 7. Entries close. **Jan. 19,** to Hon. Sec. **H J. Brown, 14, Newsham Rd., Bowerham, Lancaster.**

MAESTEG

& Dis. C.B.S. (Confined to Glamorganshire). Fanciers please help our first show; to be held on **JAN. 27, 1909** under C.B.U.R. Popular classes, prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 with a money special in nearly every class. Judge: T. L. Castree Esq. Entries close **JAN. 20.** Schedules from **W. JENKINS, 43 John St., Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.**

KNARESBOROUGH & Dis. Open Show

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds on JANUARY 28TH, 1909. Popular Judges, numerous specials. Schedules apply: —

J. W. HALL, Forest Lane, Knaresborough.

NANTWICH FEB. 5th & 6th

48th Annual Cage Bird Show. Judge J. N. Harrison, Esq. Splendid Classification. Prize money guaranteed in 7 days as usual. **F. Powell,** Sec 33, Welsh Row.

THIRSK,
February 19th. Poultry and Rabbits, £5 limit, Pigeons and Cage Birds, open. Entries close **February 12th.** Spratts Patent, Ltd., will pen and feed the Poultry, &c.

J. BELL, Ingramgate, THIRSK.

GORSEINON.
Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Society

1st ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

(under Cage Birds Union Rules) **February 25th, 1909.** Excellent classification and Special Prizes. Judges: Poultry and Pigeons, Silvester, Esq., Sheffield; Cage Birds, S. Gamage, Swansea; and R. W. Jones, Gorseinon. Schedules and Particulars.

GORDON CLARKE, Gorseinon, Glam.

Entries close February 20th, 1909.

POSTERS FOR SHOWS

Artistic three colour show posters, designed by Mr. H. Norman, size 20 by 15 ins. NOW READY.

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Stolen. £5 Reward.

For anyone who gives information leading to the recovery of my 5 birds, with cages and basket which were stolen in transit from Long Eaton Show, Nov. 30. The birds are nearly clear, Gold finch and Canary Mule, Goldfinch Redpoll Hybrid, Evenly Marked Yellow Norwich, two Evenly Marked Buff Norwich.

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TWITTERINGS.

I have been having splendid results from my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green).

The 1909 annual show of the Hucknall Torkard and Dis. C.B.S. has, we hear, been fixed for October 29th and 30th.

Please note, writes Mr. W. G. Elsmore, that I have removed from Yeovil to 3, Cyprus Terrace, Billett Street Taunton.

I am removing at the end of this week, writes Mr. Albert Hirst, and my new business is 17, Ramsbottom Street, Accrington.

CAGE BIRDS special prize received, which is delightful, and made me a very nice Christmas present.—W. H. TOOTTLE (Plymouth).

We hear that Mr. Ford's Greypate Goldfinch. 1st at Cardiff, Welsh National, etc., has been purchased by Mr. P. H. Harris (London, W.C.)

Last year, writes Mr. J. J. Dooley, secretary of the Chesterfield Show, we paid all prize money out on the day of show. Fanciers will please note.

I must say your last double number was splendid, and I am framing the picture I received with it, as it is so life-like.—A. BROWN (Wood Green).

Kindly note that class 16 in our schedule should read: Self or foul buff bred 1908, writes Mr. S. Hadwin, secretary of the Green Canary Association.

Feltham Fanciers' Association will, we hear, hold a members' show of cage birds on January 27th, in the Public Hall, Feltham, with Mr. C. A. House as judge.

Narberth Show report, in the Dark Mule class, states: "Webb absent." My bird, as a matter of fact, was present, and won 3rd prize.—GEORGE T. WEBB (Narberth).

Narberth Show report in the Goldfinch class states: hc, Davies; this should read: hc, Williams, as I won this in a class of about 20 stormers.—JACK WILLIAMS (Narberth).

I omitted to mention that at the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. Linnet Competition, Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, officiated as judge, writes Mr. Sam. M. Clayton, the hon. sec.

I would just like to add my appreciation of the beautifully artistic coloured plate of the Ring Ousels. It is magnificent, and formed a charming Christmas present.—G. STOCKS (Doncaster).

Please *do* stop my advertisement of Parrot Finches. From the first insertion I have had so much work answering replies that I haven't had time to get bilious this Christmas.—C. Row, jun. (Long Melford).

The third prize bird in the Crestbred cock class at the recent Aberdeen Show shortly after judging unfortunately burst a bloodvessel, dying soon after. The bird was the property of Mr. Ben. Knights (Aberdeen).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS ever since its start, writes Mr. C. H. Toy (Truro), and I can assure you it has made headway faster than any other Fancy paper I have taken (and I have the lot). The show reports are very full.

The Blackburn Linnet Singing Association will hold their annual show at headquarters, "Old Red Lion," Snig Brook, writes Mr Geo. Rostron, secretary, when we hope to see a good attendance of members and friends. Birds will be staged at 2.30.

Mr. Wm. Duke, secretary of the South Shields, North Shields and Dis. C.B.S., writes extending an invitation to friends and fanciers to attend the table show of the society, to be held on January 13th, at Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, at 7 o'clock.

Through a printer's error in our schedule, writes Mr. J. Griffiths, secretary of the Tredegar F. and F.S., the entrance fee for the Cage Bird section at our open show on January 21st, is shown at 2s. 6d. instead of 1s. 6d. Will fanciers please note this?

The secretaries of Spalding Show (Jsnuary 21st), Messrs. Elviss and Mouncy, write stating that the cage-bird exhibits will be given every possible attention, and that all prize money will be paid out within a week. They hope to be favoured with a good entry.

Your reporter at Widnes Show, write Messrs. Hopper Bros. (Millbeck), remarks that the yellow Border hen shown by us was rather warm in colour. As this might perhaps give the impression that it was colour fed, we wish to state that neither this nor any birds in our possession has ever tasted artificial colour in any form whatever. We wish your valuable paper a prosperous New Year.

A few weeks ago, writes Mr. A. F. Jinks (Birmingham), I received a dog from Mr. E. Chapman, of Coventry, in exchange for a Rosella which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, but he omitted to state his full address. I should be glad if he would forward same to me.

Entries are very short at Diss Show on January 12th, writes Messrs. Gooderham and Burrows (hon. secretaries, and we have extended the date of entries closing until Saturday, January 9th. We trust fanciers will please help us to make our fixture a success.

I have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Bolton and Dis. O.S. through going into business, writes Mr. J. Stringer (Bolton). Mr. H. Parkinson has consented to fill the vacancy, and all communications should be addressed to him at 69, Oxford Grove, Bolton.

Mr. A. E. Garton has resigned the secretaryship of the Hyson Green C.B.S. (Nottingham) through pressure of business, writes Mr. Wm. Cottingham, and I have been elected to fill the vacancy. All matters relating to the society should be addressed to me at 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.

We note from the report of the annual meeting given in another column that the Leeds C.B.S. has decided to resign its membership of the Cage Bird Union. The points of disagreement seem to have been Rule 17, the attitude towards the Yorkshire Union, and the broad one of "failing to carry out the duties for which it was formed."

The printer of the catalogue of the Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show, in class 10, unflighted buff Norwich cock, puts two birds, No. 16 and credits No. 19 with winning 3rd prize. I may state that I was No 16 in the class, and was awarded 3rd prize (31 in class), and special for the best 3rd in the unflighted class. I got the cards alright.—R. D. PARLETT (Sheffield)

At the recent Dublin C.B.A. show, Mr. C. A. O'Reilly, the well-known Dublin exhibitor, had on show a yellow Yorkshire cock—one he bred himself—for which he has refused a price which, we understand, constitutes a record so far as Ireland is concerned. The bird won at this show not only the Yorkshire challenge cup, but the Drummond challenge cup for best bird in show, this for the second time in succession.

OBITUARY

It is with regret, writes Mr. A. Flint, that I have to announce the death of Mrs. Bagshaw, the landlady of the "Star Inn," the club-house of our Tideswell C.B.I.S. Since the formation of our society, sixteen years ago, we have held all our meeting and first-feather shows at the "Star," and have always been kindly treated by Mrs. Bagshaw, and I am sure her loss will be greatly felt amongst our members. She had made many friends in the fancy. Since the time of her husband's death some 35 years ago, she carried on the business in a most able manner, and earned the respect of everyone. Readers, I am sure, will join in sympathy with the family in their sad bereavement.

On New Year's night upwards of 100 of the aged poor in North West London (Kentish Town) were provided with a substantial hot dinner and a musical entertainment afterwards, by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gardner, assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen. At the close hearty cheers were given for the many kind friends in the Cage Bird Fancy who had assisted the dinner fund by their donations. It was a happy gathering.

I can speak as to the necessity of prominent exhibitors and judges seeing that their names and addresses appear in "Cage Birds Annual," writes Mr. George Harland (Hull), as a fancier wrote me only last week stating he had written previously, but to a wrong address (needless to say, the letter did not reach me). He had then, by the aid of the "Annual," found my correct address. I wish CAGE BIRDS a very prosperous New Year.

A humorous set of verses, entitled the "Scottish National" Song, has been written by Mr. R. Farmer, the proceeds of their sale being handed over to the widow of the late Mr. A. R. Langlands (Montrose). Many well-known fanciers find themselves "immortalised" in these verses, which afford excellent reading. A penny stamp and a stamped-addressed envelope will secure a set from Mr. J. Brown, 29, Ran-Keillor Street, Edinburgh

We regret to hear a rumour that the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club is in danger of being abandoned owing to the lukewarm measure of support extended to it. There must surely be a sphere of usefulness for a body such as this, and we hope Northern fanciers will wake up, and deal with the situation promptly, ere the club sinks beyond resuscitation. Its future rests in the hands of the breeders of the "chubby" ones in the northern counties.

I beg to thank you and your able artist, Mr. Norman, writes Mr. E. J. Banks, Cardiff, for the excellent production on the front page of my two unflighted buffs in last week's CAGE BIRDS. These two birds are brothers, the larger of the two, on the left-hand side of your plate, being undefeated until he reached Bristol where he stood 3rd for the bowl in a class of 50. His brother also scored over him in the unflighted class at Cardiff, since which, owing to my having opened a large and, so far, a successful business, I have been unable to support any of the Welsh fixtures. I trust that secretaries of shows in Wales and the West of England will accept the explanation of my inattention to their repeated calls for entries. Owing to the limited time now at my disposal I am reluctantly compelled to part with the majority of my stock, including my winners.

TO READERS ALL.

"Cage Birds" 1909 Annual

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Saturday, February 6th next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment. Any suggestions for new features, or for the improvement of present features will be welcomed, and receive every consideration.

Secretaries of All Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the **only directory** to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

All Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our **list of judges** by sending us particulars on a post card, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

To the Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as his specialities, which is an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

To All Breeders and Exhibitors and Advertisers Generally.

For Breeders' Cards and other displayed Advertisements, business bringers from All over the World, see the low terms quoted on the back page this week.

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Write us for any particulars you may require.

THE MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL,"

154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

I am extremely sorry to inform you, writes Mr. John Rukin that Mrs. Dewsnap, wife of the well-known Lizard Canary exhibitor, had the misfortune to break her wrist whilst seeing her pets off safely for the Horticultural Hall Show. She slipped on the greasy pavement, with her hand doubled under her. The doctor informs her it will probably mean three months at the least before she can use it again. As she undoubtedly is "bird mon" in the Princess Street aviary, her loss for that length of time will be keenly felt. I am sure all bird lovers will join me in wishing her very speedy recovery.

Echoes from the Scottish National

That Secretary Winter and his committee of splendid workers got through their task with a promptitude and completeness deserving of the greatest praise; that everything was ready early for the judges; that their task was a difficult one; that everything was ready in good time for the admission of the public and anxious exhibitors; that the crowds were great, record gates being the result; that the Scotch Fancies came in for much admiration from those who like to cling to the national bird; that many kind enquiries were made as to the condition of that well-known Scotch fancier, Mr. Wm. McClure, of Glasgow who for several weeks has been laid aside dangerously ill with pneumonia; that his many friends will be glad to know he is now on the fair way to recovery; that the president of the City of Glasgow Association, Mr. Jardine, was there on Friday, and took away with him a clear yellow hen said to be a "good 'un"; that Mr. J. W. Anderson (Maryhill) purchased a cock at a fair price; that Mr. Allerdice had an eye on a yellow green hen, but could not come to terms with the owner; that money was scarce.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

The Norwich Plainhead Club has once more made me a member, writes Mr. Tom Sandiford (Preston)

The show of the Gloucester Fanciers' Society, on January 13th and 14th (judge, Mr. T. H. Payne) should not be overlooked by exhibitors of cage birds, as entries are very short, and there are good prizes to be picked up. The full classification is advertised in our Show columns this week, and fanciers should enter from this at once, as the date of the show is very near now. Every possible attention will, writes the secretary, Mr. Powell, be given to the exhibits.

Blushing Bobby.

A most amusing moment at the dinner of the L. and P.O.S. last Wednesday evening. One of the songs was entitled, either by accident or design, "Bobby Dear." It so fell out that that popular London enthusiast, Mr. Robert (Bob) Pretty was present, attired for the occasion in a resplendent striped waistcoat, looking somewhat like an out-of-work millionaire. One of the lines in "Bobby Dear" tells Bobby how well his waistcoat fits him. When this line was reached in the song, a roar of uncontrollable laughter burst all round the room and "R.J.P." was chaffed unmercifully, the lady singer subsequently addressing the whole of her remarks to her blushing "Bobby Dear."

Specials at the Scottish National.

We hear from Mr. James Winter, the secretary, that the winners of the principal special prizes at the recent Scottish National Show, were as follows:—Dewar Challenge Shield for best bird in the show, Mr. Robt. Armstrong (Tyne Dock), with his young crested cock "King of Kings"; Lord Provost Gibson, cup for most points in Norwich section, Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth); Foreign Bird Challenge Trophy for most points, Miss Peddie Waddell (Edinburgh); Patterson Cup for best young Scotch Fancy, Mr. W. Thornton (Blackhall); Bennet Cup for best young Border Fancy, Mr. T. Todd (Edinburgh); Brown Cup for most points in British section, Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingborough); Sandiford Cup, Mr. S. Cook (Manchester); Ramsden's Specials, Messrs. J. McAnally, L. J. Arrighi, and S. Buglass; Scottish Plainhead Club Gold Medal for best young cock, Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock); for best young hen, Mr. S. Buglass (Edinburgh); Border Fancy Club Medals, Messrs. D. O'Connell (Swansea) and J. Connochie (Inverness); most points in crest section, Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead); in Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh); in Belgians, Mr J. Fairley (Coatbridge); in Border Fancies, Mr. Hy. Bennet (Kelso); in Cinnamons, Yorkshires, and Greens, Mr. E. Godley (Rishton); and in Mules and Hybrids, Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

Echoes from Paisley Show.

That the quality was quite up to the average; that Secretary Baird had his hands full; that he is never happier than when he has plenty to do; that a yellow pied Scotch Fancy hen laid an egg in its cage on the Saturday morning; that this is a unique occurrence; that the writer does not remember hearing of an instance of this kind before; that the friends of Mr. McClure (their name is legion) were much relieved to learn that he was on the way to recovery; that his portly figure, his genial smile and his birds were much missed; that in the Scotch Fancy section two "incidents" cropped up; that the judges were not entirely satisfied with the conditions of one exhibit; that the matter was referred to another well-known fancier, who gave his decision, and not in favour of the judges; that the judges felt very strongly on the point; that it was a question whether there had not been tampering with both colour and feather; that a well-known fancier was prepared to enter his protest, but was too late in giving notice of same; that another exhibit belonging to the same owner and entered as a hen, gave indication that it was a cock, by whistling one of its best tunes, much to the amusement of the judges and onlookers; that this particular bird was exhibited as a hen at Blackwood Show, and lifted a prize and specials; that the show was well patronised both by breeders and the general public, many ladies being amongst the crowd.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

The Forthcoming "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show.

The schedule of classes and prizes at the "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show, on February 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th next, has now been issued and copies may be had on application to the show manager, Mr J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue Brixton, London, S.W. Every effort has been made to make this notable event worthy of the occasion, extra classes and extra prize money being provided for the same entry fee as before. The prize money, in cash is on a most generous scale, 15s. first, 10s. second, 5s. third, 2s. fourth, and 2s. fifth, on an entrance fee of 2s. per cage. In addition in all classes with 25 entries or over, there will be a further cash prize of 2s. (given by CAGE BIRDS) for best v.h.c. bird, and 2s. for best h.c. bird (given by the L. and P.O.S.). Gold, silver, and bronze medals to full value may be had instead of cash, at the winner's option. There are 146 classes (Norwich 8, Crest 7, Yorks. 12, Greens 8, Cinnamons 4, Lanes 4, Lizards 4, Borders 8, Scotch 4, Belgians 4, Any Variety 1, London Fancy 1, A.O.V. Canary 1, Classes for Novices 18, Price Limit Classes 7, Any (Variety 3, Hybrids 11, British birds 25, Foreign 11, Stock Class 1, cages 3), with specialist judges. Intending exhibitors should note that entries positively close on January 23rd, and that there will be no extension. Next week we hope to review all the arrangements at length.

The Scottish National Show.

The most successful Exhibition yet held in Edinburgh By the Scottish National C.B.S. A magnificent display of birds, and a magnificent attendance of fanciers.

The show of the Scottish National C.B.S., held on December 31st and January 1st, proved to be the most successful exhibition to date in this progressive society's career. The seventh of its kind, it succeeded in bringing together a magnificent display of over 1,900 birds, which comprised the cream of the Fancy from Scotland, England, and Wales. The Norwich Plainheads were a really grand lot, some splendid birds heading their different classes, many of which were so keenly contested that three sets of winners could have been found therein. The Crests and Crest-breds contained many very high-class specimens, the Tyneside contingent being strongly in evidence. In this section was found the challenge shield winner in Mr. Armstrong's noted champion, "King of Kings," which was staged to perfection, and came in for universal admiration. The bird is undoubtedly a real triumph of the breeder's art.

The Near Relatives.

In the Scotch Fancy Section, there was a fine army of some of the season's champions, though entries might have been better, but the quality was all that could be desired. The total for the section was 146, and as at this show some of the best blood in Scotland is staged, possibly some breeders preferred to keep their birds at home rather than court defeat. The judges' awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The Scotch and Belgian Sections attracted a lot of attention from visitors and breeders alike. A handsome cup, presented by Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) for best young bird bred by a member, was won by Mr. W. Thornton's cl. yell. ck., a spanker for style, and winner of three specials. The runner up and winner of the Toronto C.B.S. bronze medal, was a foul yell. ck. of grand size and style, belonging to Mr. McLennan (Peirshill). There were three classes for Belgians, with an entry of 29, and a few of the season's champions appeared therein. Mr. J. Fairley had some of his best blood forward, in one class taking all honours but one, and he is at the top for most points in Belgian classes throughout the season. He takes the F.K.B.C.A. prizes viz., the Greame Memorial Trophy, gold medal, brouze medal and "Reddilhough" challenge cup.

The Wee Gems.

The Border Fancy Section was one of the most attractive features of the show, and it was difficult to get a fair look at some of the champions staged, owing to the crowds of fanciers and visitors standing around and sizing them up as regard their relative show points. The best birds from a wide range of districts were there, and we were pleased to note a successful fancier all the way from Swansea, Mr. D. O'Connell, who secured a fairly good share of awards in this hot competition, winning also B.F.C.S. Novice Medal with a very typical Buff uneven cock. As regards the other plums provided for exhibitors to pick, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) the well-known specialist put up a record, his team securing no less than 9 firsts out of the 13 classes he was competing in. However, Messrs. Duncan and Logan did not let him have it all his own way, as this firm secured 5 firsts, and were a good second four times to him. To come to the point, it was simply a matter of which firm here had the freshest and best polished birds, for these points told in the final stages. Mr Bennet's team had the advantage of comprising seven fresh exhibits.

The Green Borders made an extra big turn out, and no doubt this was owing to the management securing the services of that well known Green specialist, Mr. T. Arnot, who must have been delighted at having such a grand lot placed before him. The judges of Border classes were Messrs. J. Wilson (Workington), who took all Clear, Marked and Foul Yellow classes: A. Gilchrist (Coldstream), the corresponding Buff classes, and T. Arnot (Hawick) all Green classes and Limit class. Their awards were popular and received very little adverse critieism. Mr. T. Todd secured the "Bennet" cup (confined) with a very neat Clear Yellow hen.

Olla Podrida.

Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Greens, Lizards, were very nice classes, for, although the entries were on the small side, the competition was exceedingly keen. Judging by the number of admirers of the Yorkshires, they promise to take a strong hold in Scotland ere long. The Mules and Hybrids were a highly interesting lot, with some wonderful birds in the Light classes, and in the Dark classes some toppers for colour and size, and all of them were grandly staged. The British and Foreign classes, however, might rightly be termed the outstanding feature of the show. The Britishers turned up in wonderful numbers, and among them shone all the "stars" of the season. The Hardbills were exceptionally good, though the Softbills were close up in point of quality, while perfection of condition and staging ran right through the classes, on which the exhibitors are to be heartily congratulated.

The Foreign section did not come up to expectations. Miss Peddie Waddell, attentive and enthusiastic as ever, once again gave those birds every possible attention, and with that thoroughness which is the hall-mark of the born fancier. Miss Waddell is genuinely fond of birds, and her only regret was that her duties were so light.

The Arrangements and the Arrangers.

The staging was admirably arranged on the most up-to-date and efficient lines. Mr. Kinlayside had the fitting-up left in his hands, as usual. He has always some new idea, and his latest was much appreciated. This great show is usually visited during judging by many scores of exhibitors, all eager to learn the results. To save the committee and the hard-worked secretary a great deal of trouble, Mr. Kinlayside had fixed up a board on which, after each class had been judged, the result could be posted. It was voted a really grand idea.

Coming to the officials generally, it would be very, very difficult to find a better lot than those at the head of affairs at the Scottish National Show—good fanciers and zealous workers to a man. The president, Mr. A. C. Dandie, is widely known and respected, while Messrs. L. J. Arrighi, R. Craig, and J. F. Dewar form a popular trio of vice-presidents, and these four gentlemen spare no pains to make their society's show a deserving success. The hon. president is William Grant, Esq., ex-Master of Merchant Company, and the hon vice-presidents, Bailie Stevenson, and Messrs. W. Aitchison, J. Brown, A. G. Cameron, F. A. Watt, and G. M. Brotherston. The committee comprises Messrs. T. Todd, R. Martin, W. Holton, S. Buglass, J. D. Melrose, W. F. Arrighi, A. W. Watson, P. West, A. Gorrie, D. Kinlayside, A. Foster, J. Smeaton, W. R. Dunn, W. Fianie, W. Carson, J. W. Bulet, W. M. Miller, R. Mackay, J. Drysdale, J. Hutchison, T. Grant, D. Morris, J. Buglass, and A. Rodger. The best testimonial as to the efficiency of their work lies in the wonderful and ever-increasing success which attends the show. Of a truth, it is not possible to conceive of birds being fed and tended with greater consideration. How great a part of the general success is due to the efforts of the secretary, Mr. James Winter, is testified to by his popularity amongst his colleagues and fanciers generally, while the smooth way in which the exhibition worked, and the entire absence of any friction, or even so much as a hitch, points clearly to the worthiness of the "man at the helm." One of the hardest of workers, unobtrusive, genial, and always helpful, Mr. Winter has made heaps of new friends since he took over the secretarial work, and it is to be hoped the society may long command his services.

Responsible Parties.

The judges for the various sections were: Norwich, Messrs. J. Trengove and J. Melvin, and the latter also took the Limit classes, and the former the classes confined to the Scottish Plainhead Club. Crests were adjudicated upon by Mr. J. Young; Scotch Fancies by Messrs. A. Paterson, J. Watson, R. Wright, and J. Pringle; and the Belgians by Messrs. Paterson and Wright. The Borders were handled by Messrs. J. Wilson, A. Gilchrist, and T. Arnot; Cinnamons, Yorks, and Lizards by Mr. A. Hirst; the Green section by Messrs. Hirst and Trengove; Mules by Mr. A. Cochrane; and the British by Messrs. Cochrane, H. J. Fulljames, and F. A. Watt, Mr. Fulljames also taking the Foreign. With the excellent stewards and perfect management their tasks were lightened as far as it is possible to do, and they got through in good time, while the prize cards were promptly displayed. On the whole, it can be truthfully recorded that their awards were well received.

Odds and Ends.

The auction sale of the winners in the Limit Classes was, as usual, a great success. Some of the birds fetched double their catalogue price, and most of them exceeded it.

We hope to hear of a good balance in hand after all liabilities have been cleared up. The sales were numerous, but we heard of no startling prices being realised. We understand that a pair of Scotch Fancies were sold by Mr. Pringle (Galashiels) for £25.

Rotund, jolly-faced Mr. Gilchrist smiled broadly when he heard of the huge entry of "wee" Borders. He and his co-judges had a by no means easy task among the Cream of the Border Fancies; to pick out the winner in a class of 35 Clears requires some doing.

Little Willie Aitchison (as popular as he is bulky) was among 'em again with his non-fed Norwich, and was "all smiles" when he gleaned that his grand yellow cock had again secured a first. Is it correct that the judge at another show gave the special for best Norwich to a bird standing second to it?

After his struggle to get to the show (15 hours on the journey), Mr. Watt, of Banff (looking rather fagged), had a big job with his classes; the competition was exceptionally keen. The field-mounted Linnets bothered him a bit (as they do most judges), but he eventually got through, and seemed to place the awards throughout to the general satisfaction.

A feature of the show was the big board just outside the enclosure, whereon, as soon as a judge handed in his "slip," a steward posted up the winning numbers. This was voted a great convenience by the anxiously-waiting exhibitors. Looking at the board and hearing the babel of eager voices, one could almost fancy one was on Newmarket Heath or Epsom Downs; it only needed a "bookie," and an offer of the "odds," to make the thing quite real.

Big as is the Corn Exchange, there was hardly room in it for the huge holiday crowd which assembled on the second day, and although one could see the visitors were chiefly upon pleasure bent, they were none the less critical, and cared nothing for cards or catalogues but just gave their opinions with the usual northern emphasis. A judge (among such a crowd) has to be pretty pleased with his awards to get through the day comfortably, for his decisions are very thoroughly "dissected."

The judging for the Dewar Challenge Shield was highly interesting. The best bird in each section was brought out, making nine competitants. This little but choice collection, was treated as an A.O.V. class, and each judge was asked to hand in a "slip," placing the first eight, the exhibit gaining most points being declared the shield winner. This bird proved to be Mr. R. Armstrong's grand young variegated Crest (with 56 points), the runner-up being Mr Thornton's yellow Scotch Fancy, while Dr. Galloway's beautiful clear Siskin-Canary was third, with 50 points (one less than the Scotch Fancy). We heard that one of the judges failed to include the latter gem in the ticket, an oversight, we should think, rather than any question of merit.

The Norwich Canary Section.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, Midgley, good one, grandly rounded, full front, rare head and neck, free from ruffle, warm tone of colour, staged in rare bloom; 2, Malloch, another warm coloured one, nice head, good front and wing carriage, well staged; 3, Seed, sweet all round bird, good size, neatly staged; 4, Bevan, well finished, nice tone of colour, neat front and wing carriage; 5, Wilson, nicely staged, fine bird throughout; 6, Adams; 7, Cameron; 8, Edwards; 9, Snowden. BUFF (26): 1, 3, Seed, leader grand shape, lovely fronted bird, full and beautifully moulded, well cut below, carrying lovely pair of wings, pipe tail, head as round as a marble, staged to perfection, 3rd nice size, good quality feather, grand exhibit; 2, 6, Snowden, 2nd good fronted bird, full, nicely drawn, grand size, good tone of colour; 4, Dobinson, could not find when taking notes; 5, Wilcock, nice size, good shape and colour; 7, Watson; 8, Beswick and Caskie; 9, Buglass. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Cook, good one, fine shape, rare substance, fine head and front, well polished, neatly cut, shows to perfection, well staged; 2, Seed, nice fronted bird well moulded, extra good feather and finish; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, neatly got up, fine all round exhibit; 4, Howe, very good bird, grand shape, fine full front, neatly drawn, staged in extra nice bloom; 5, Chalmers, taking style of Nor., grand mould; 6, Adams; 7, Davis; 8, Grey; 9, Humphries. BUFF (18): 1, Davis, grand headed bird, rare neck, good front, full, well drawn, neat wing carriage, fine bloom; 2, Leeming Bros., neat front and taper; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, grand body, plenty of substance, neat wing carriage; 4, Chalmers, good one, in extra fine bloom, having all the qualities of a high-class Nor., real good one, extra well put down; 5, Adams, grandly feathered, rare size and colour, good head and carriage; 6, Burah; 7, 9, Cameron; 8, Chrystan. CL. BIC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Cook, good one, grand head and front, A1 style, lovely feather, splendid shower, staged to perfection; 2, Bishop, rare fronted bird, grand colour and style, good head and neck; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, were worth the place, another hot one, topper all over, lovely head and front, well staged, extra nice one; 4, Wilcock, well rounded, fine front, good wing carriage, A1 bloom and size, neat exhibit; 5, Sloan, plenty of size, good head and back, nicely drawn; 6, Cameron; 7, Adams; 8, Chalmers; 9, Tweeddale. BUFF (15): 1, Aitchison, good one, cleanly got up, fine head and neck, rare front and colour, lovely bloom, splendidly staged, wins in a good class; 2, Bishop, good front and style, neat wing carriage; 3, 4, Grey, 3rd romper for size, neat head and front, grand wing carriage, 4th grand colour and bloom, both well put down, a nice pair; 5, Holmes, lovely type, good front and head, neatly staged, well worth its place; 6, Lees; 7, Frazer; 8, Cleminson and Taylor; 9, Cameron. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Adams, wins, good one, grand shape, round as possible, A1 wing carriage and style, well put down; 2, Smith, fine size and colour, neat front; 3, McAnally, shade slimmer got up if anything, but grand colour, finish and feather; 4, Cameron, grandly staged, nice finish and quality of feather; 5, Calderwood, neat all round bird; 6, Buglass. BUFF (9): 1, 6, Cameron, leader looking very fit, for quality of feather hard to beat, grand wing carriage, neat size and shape, staged to perfection; 2, Millar, neat one, good front and head, grand carriage; 3, Calderwood, neatly got up, stylish in appearance; 4, 7, Dewar, 4th rare shape, nice front and head, will make a good one; 5, Hopkins, fine fronted bird, very neatly drawn, nice head and neck. UNFLI. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, Whicock, grand colour, nice front and wing carriage, put down in rare bloom; 2, Cook, real good one, rare shape, grandly cut, very stylish, also in the best of order, nice colour and finish; 3, Dobinson, nice one, grand head, rare front and style, well drawn; 4, Winter, variegated, nice shape, well up in size, extra good bloom, well put down; 5, Dent, neat one, good front, well finished off, in best of order, well worth its place; 6, Beswick and Gaskell; 7, Holmes; 8, Humphries; 9, Williams. BUFF (31): 1, Seed, good one all over, fine size and quality of feather, extra good in head and front, tip-top carriage, well staged, in fine bloom; 2, Cook, grandly finished, lovely feather, good front and head, well placed; 3, Mark, lovely shape, grand style, plenty of substance, extra good one, full of quality, rare colour and finish; 4, Davies, plenty of size, nice head and front; 5, Dobinson, good front, in grand bloom; 6, Smith; 7, Lees; 8, 9, Tweeddale; a grand class throughout. UNFLI. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Grey, romper for size, great substance, grand body, nice head and front, neatly tapered and staged in A1 order; 2, Humphries, variegated, grand shape, nice front and taper, lovely order; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, good one, rare shape, lovely head, beautifully tapered, shows to perfection; 4, Bishop, again well up in size and body, very neat in head; 5, Watson, real good one, for shape and finish a real gem, well put down; 6, Procter; 7, Holmes; 8, Holmes; 9, Watt. BUFF (21): 1, 3, Grey, variegated, buff leading, looking very fit, grand size, rare head and front, extra good all round, real high-class Nor., exceedingly well staged, 3rd also good, plenty of size, good quality feather, grand pair this; 2, Parlett, large cl., grand shape, nice full front, well finished off, staged in extra fine order, gem of the first water; 4, Dent, good variegated, plenty of substance, good shape, fine front and head, A1 wing carriage; 5, Midgley, nice type, grand feather, full fronted, neatly drawn; 6, Caldwell; 7, Williams; 8, Cook; 9, Dobinson. NON-FED CK. (15): 1, Aitchison, real good yell., nice stylish bird, full fronted, rare head, splendid wing carriage, well drawn, in extra good order, nicely staged; 2, Adams, good variegated, buff, fine size, plenty of substance, nice shape all round, staged in lovely order; 3, Hopkins, neat variegated, yell., fine size, good quality throughout, very stylish; 4, Winter, good large variegated, yell., grand shape, fine head, rare style; 5, Chalmers, good cl. buff, grand shape, lovely head, good style, well placed; 6, 8, Herbert; 7, Sloan; 9, Wilcock. HEN (6): 1, Aitchison, again leading with real good one, slashing cl. buff, grand shape, lovely front and head, tip-top wing carriage, neatly drawn, staged to perfection; 2, Grey, good all round yell., fine head and wing carriage; 3, 7, George, neat buff, fine size, good quality feather; 4, Herbert, good eye marked yell., fine front and quality of feather; 5, Thomson, neat buff, plenty of substance, good shape; 6, Purdie. BREEDING PAIRS (17): 1, 7, Dr. Herd, leaders really good pair, nice size, grandly balanced, hot fed buff ck., grand front and shape, good head, to a nice, neatly made yell. hen; 2, Seed, variegated buff ck. to a variegated yell. hen, good substance and quality of feather; 3, Frazer, nice variegated buff ck. and grand yell. hen, well matched; 4, Wilcock, romping buff ck., grand size and quality, to a yell. hen; 5, Grey, nat. buff hen, real good one all round, to a yell. ck., grand quality, very likely pair; 6, Roberts; 8, Chalmers; 9, Proctor. SELL. CK. (30/-) (24): 1, McAnally; 2, 9, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, Axe; 4, Hopkins; 5, Herbert; 6, Winter; 7, Buist; 8, Martin. HEN (30/-) (21): 1, Winter; 2, 3, Godley; 4, 8, Axe; 5, Scaife; 6, Philip; 7, Wyllie; 9, Leeming Bros. CK. (15/-) (35): 1, 4, Dunn; 2, Struth; 3, Winter; 5, Howe; 6, Riley. HEN (15/-) (21): 1, 4, Godley; 2, Martin; 3, Holmes; 5, Cleminson and Taylor; 6, Midgley.

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NOR. UNFLI. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, —— nicely fed, good shape and size, grand head, extra well staged, in fine bloom; 2, Adams, fine substance, good quality throughout; 3, Holmes, well fed one, grandly drawn, good style, likely bird; 4, Chalmers, neat, grand [illegible]; 5, 6, Winter, good colour and finish, neat head and wing carriage; 7, McAnally; 8, Thomson; 9, Purdieson. BUFF (17): 1, Todd, nice shape, good bloom, good head, neat front, well drawn and finished; 2, 8, Holmes, 2nd close up, grand feather, neatly tapered; 3, Thomson, neat size, grand canary feather, extra good finish; 4, Adams, plenty of substance, in A1 order; 5, Miller, neat bird, good bloom; 6, Watson; 7, Winter; 9, Warren. UNFLI. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Buglass, wins easily a good one, grandly rounded, fed to perfection, well staged; 2, 5, Holmes, good head and wing carriage, A1 feather, well put down; 3, Watson, nice type and quality; 4, Calderwood, good quality feather; 5, Holmes, well forward in quality, grandly tapered, rare style, in fine order; 6, Malcolm; 7, Mason; 8, 9, Cameron. BUFF (16): 1, Wilson, sweet one, grand size, lovely colour, good head and neck, rare front, well drawn, staged to perfection; 2, Winter, nice, good one, fine quality feather, well up in size and type; 3, 4, Cameron, 3rd real good one, rare shape, extra good in fitness, nice run the winner head, 4th also a good one; 5, Todd, nice one but for quality of feather; 6, Holmes; 7, Sharp; 8, Malcolm; 9, Smith. UNFLI. VARIEG. YELL. (10): 1, Calderwood, hot one, grand size and shape, lovely head and front, A1 wing carriage, nice colour, rare quality throughout; 2, Watson, good one, nice head and front, well put down; 3, Malcolmson, neat shape, fine full front, nicely drawn; 4, Mason, well fitted bird, neat in style; 5, Hodgetson, good carriage, well up in front, rare quality feather, well placed; 6, Gowans; 7, Winter; 8, Holmes; 9, Adams. BUFF (17): 1, Watson, nice shape, good substance throughout, rare head, fine and clear well drawn, neat wing carriage, well staged; 2, 6, Dewar, 2nd grand bloom, fine head and wing carriage, extra good in type; 3, Dunn, well up in size, neatly rounded, neat head and neck, staged in fine bloom; 4, Gardner, good quality feather, neat in head; 5, 8, Winter, nice style, good quality feather; 7, Calderwood; 9, Thomson.

Crest and Green Canary Sections.

CREST CK. (10): 1, 5, Taylor, 1st "King of the North," grand lengthy feather, coming well forward, rare on side, laid on to perfection, good quality, well staged, 5th "King Edward," densely feathered, nicely centred, rare back and side, plenty of headgear; 2, Noble, dense feathered one, plenty of it, grand quality, neatly centred; 3, Armstrong, well groomed, nice centre and shape; 4, Carrall, neatly got up, well centred, good back, well forward in front; 6, Paul; 7, 8, King; 9, Duguart. HEN (8): 1, 3, Almond, leader well laid on, nice size, grand quality, good centre and side, well down in front, good feather for a lady, 3rd nice lengthy feather, fine exhibit; 2, Green, good all round top piece, fine quality feather, neat in shape, well groomed; 4, Paul, good frontal, fine length of feather; 5, King, neatly got up, well centred, well put down; 6, Hume. C.B. CK. (10): 1, 3, King, leader good one, grand substance, fine lash, carried well forward, good entrance, plenty of skull, 3rd well up in lash, good head piece; 2, 7, Taylor, 2nd real good one, enormous entrance, wide top skull, grandly carried down, hot one, must have pressed; 4, Tyson, neat size of headgear, good finish and quality; 5, Godley, neat one, fine width of skull, good lashing; 6, Brotherton; 8, Holton. HEN (7): 1, Tyson, good one, grand size, rare head and skull, good drooping lash, fine full headed bird, well staged; 2, Carrall, close up, lengthy and good entrance, fine top skull, grand head; 3, 5, Taylor, 3rd taking one, excellent length of lash, well carried forward, good top skull and back lashing, plenty of substance, 4th good exhibit; 4, King, good quality, well groomed, well put down; 6, Dewar; 7, Wishart. YOUNG CREST (18): 1, challenge shield, spl. 3, Armstrong, leader "King of Kings," Gateshead Bowl winner, looking as fresh as ever, grand top piece, great length of feather, evenly balanced side, grandly centred. 3rd also well up in feather; 2, Carrall, real high-class one, fine quality feather, rare centre and frontal, good dense feather well laid on, free from roughness, a clinker, well placed; 4, Dobson and Son, another hot one, fine leafy feather of grand length, dense side, well down in frontal, well worth its place; 5, 7, King, 5th very nice one, good length, finely put down; 6, Findlay; 8, Sharp. YOUNG C.B. (15): 1, Paul, grandly browed bird, lengthy feather, good entrance and front, finely put down; 2, Sharp, excellent wide skull, good quality feather; 3, King, slashing green, taking one, fine entrance, good head, very neat in lashing, good one, well worth its place; 4, Eason, excellent cl., plenty of size; 5, Armstrong, good laced bird, plenty of feather, grand frontal, plenty of substance, well staged; 6, Green; 7, Holton; 8, Noble. CREST CK. LIMIT (£3 3/-) (13): 1, Edwards, nice one, fine head piece, well covered in front, nicely finished all round; 2, Crawhall, close up, grandly centred, very well finished crest, good 2nd; 3, Morehead, nice top end; 4, Roberts, fine lengthy feather; 5, Dewar, all there, nicely groomed; 6, Adamson; 7, Goulden; 8, Jenkins. C.B. (£2 2/-) (10): 1, Douglas; 2, 3, Crawhall; 4, Dewar; 5, Taylor; 6, Adamson; 7, Mason; 8, Moreland. CREST OR C.B. (21) (23): 1, Henderson; 2, Boyd; 3, Crawhall; 4, Dewar; 5, Taylor; 6, Cochrane; 7, Almond; 8, Douglas. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (15): 1, 4, Fielding, leader real good one, lengthy bird, grandly drawn, fine deep green, well spangled on back, small and cl., good ground colour, 4th grand colour, neat shape, full of style; 2, 8, 9, Clayton, 2nd good exhibit, fine length, very stylish, well up on leg, solid and sound in colour, nice flanks, good back, rare wings, well staged; 3, 6, Nimmo, taking bird, very sound in body colour, not so well laced on back perhaps, but good throughout; 5, Rowlands, nicely laced, good stamp, fine order; 7, Atherton. BUFF (15): 1, Nimmo, taking one, fine colour, good cl., distinct markings, solid throughout, grand shape, well finished bird; 2, Rowlands, close up, grand style, beautifully drawn, plenty of length, nice flank markings, pure and clear in back, well placed; 3, Benson, hot one for lacing, nicely drawn, fine type; 4, Fielden, solid in colour, stylish, well put down; 5, 7, Hughes, good all round, deep coloured one, well pencilled, again staged to perfection; 8, Helliwell; 9, Atherton. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, 3, Rowlands, leader slightly broken, good deep colour throughout, grand markings on back, fine flanks, tip-top length and size, A1 order, 3rd good one, all there for shape, nice exhibit all over; 2, 5, Atherton, 2nd very taking, deep colour, in fact an extra good green mark, fine deep lacings grand flanks, stylish bird, plenty of size, well up on leg, 5th good lacing; 4, 8, Clayton, 4th nicely defined markings, plenty of work, good in shape and colour; 6, Hughes; 7, Fielden. BUFF (8): 1, Nimmo, hot one, plenty of work throughout, fine depth of colour, stylish, lengthy, well drawn, in A1 order; 2, 3, Rowlands, two good ones, little to choose between them, as good as wings in tone and flanks, finely staged, sweet pair; 4, Fielden, close up, very clearly marked, good stamp, rare shape and style; 5, 7, Benson, sweet exhibit for shape, grand quality feather, well laced; 6, Helliwell. NOR. SELF-GREEN YELL. (10): 1, 7, 8, 9, Deacon, leader real gem, grand shape, lovely front and head, solid colour throughout, grandly laced, staged in A1 bloom, wins; 2, Walker, good in colour and markings, grandly laced on back, solid in colour throughout; 3, 4, Isaac, two taking birds, grand depth of colour, very nice size and shape; 5, 6, Lawson, taking bird, nice full front, deep colour. BUFF (15): 1, 3, 5, Walker, leader very typical in shape, fine front, grand head, A1 style, grand

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back, lovely wings, deep solid colour, real good one, 5th good to our, well laced, a nice bird, 2, Isaac, grand markings throughout, solid, very clear and distinct, 4, 7, 8, 9, Deacon, good 4th, nice tone of colour, good tone underneath, well finished off, all round a nice bird; 6, Davies. FOUL YELL. (17): 1, Davies, gem for shape, fine full chest, lovely head, deep tone of colour, well put down; 2, Isaac, nearly green, good one, solid and well marked, in good form, grand shape; 3, Harrison, neat shape, fine quality feather, grand front and head, nicely laced on back, full of work, good one, well placed; 4, Walker, nice tone of colour, fine size and shape, plenty of work; 5, 8, 9, Deacon, good sound tone of colour throughout; 6, Lawson; 7, Jenkins. BUFF (17): 1, Harrison, bouncer all over, plenty of size, rare shape and quality, free markings, very cl., fine tone throughout, in lovely bloom, cl. win; 2, Isaac, nice shape, well up in condition, lacks front and finish of winner, good lacing and tone of colour; 3 5, 6, 8, Deacon, leader best in colour, sound, very well laced, nice tone, free from darkness, scarcely the substance of winner, 5th good one, nice solid ground colour, well placed; 4, 7, Lawson, finely laced, good tone of colour; a grand class.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian Sections.

CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Thornton, cup winner to-day, grand length, nicely laid on wings, cup winner at Edinburgh and Dundee open; 2, J. King, jun., extra size, fine depth through, graceful droop, lovely shoulder and pose, presses very hard on winner; 3, spl, Allan, grand stamp, fine pose and substance, barely so good in droop as winner; 4, Monro, nice thickness through, fine size, droop and shoulder; 5, McLennan, good drive and shape; vhc, Dobson; hc, Crosbie; c, Proudfoot. BUFF (9): 1, King, junr., good drive and thickness through, great substance, nice top, well set back; 2, McLennan, fine thickness, good bird all through; 3, Dalgleish nice clean cut bird, fine size; 4, Dobson, grand size and top, good bird; 5, Dalgleish, fine depth through nice size; vhc, Hope; hc, Smith; c, May. FOUL OR GREEN YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dalgleish, grand droop, fine top and size, excellent pose, wins; 2, spl, McLennan, noted winner, and runner-up for cup, first at Kirkcaldy, and second at Galashiels, looking in the pink of condition; 3, Auchterlonie, nice size and depth through, grand square top, presses on second; 4, Cook, foul, grand style and droop, very neat; 5, Finnie, plenty of size; vhc, Muirhead; hc, Heudry. BUFF (4) 1, Pringle, splendid size and depth, grand pose, plenty of nerve, good bird; 2, McMillan, green, nice pose and droop, very neat; 3, Hardie, another gem, good style; 4, Hendry; good bird. PIED YELL CK. (9): 1, McLennan, nice size and substance, plenty of style and droop, second time out, first at Stirling; 2, Thornton, good bird, shade plain perhaps; 3, spl, Hendry, plenty of size and style, nice depth through; 4, Dalgleish, some preferred for third, looking well; 5, Hutchison, nice size and substance, neat wing and pose, extra value for place; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Little; c, Dobson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Smart, nice size, good top and drive, fine length of wing, neat model; 2, 4, McMillan, second with a little more weight would have made a good first; 4, fine size and substance; 3, Petrie, shade light in substance perhaps, but good top and droop; 5, Hope, fine size and droop, nice thickness through; vhc, Auchterlonie; hc, Allan; c, Cunningham. CL. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Thornton, Paisley winner, fine droop and depth through; 2, McLennan, second time out, half-sister to cup bird, fine model, shade small perhaps to winner; 3, Allan, nice size, cup winner at Glasgow, was looking better then; 4, spl, Smith, nice thickness and drive; 5, Keill; vhc, Auchterlonie; hc, Pringle; c, Smart. BUFF (10): 1, 2, McLennan, 1, well placed, grand bird; second, good body and drive, fine long side; 3, Dalgleish, splendid stamp, nice size, well placed; 4, Allan, long side and wing, fine stamp; 5, Proudfoot, nice style; vhc, Munro; hc, Petrie; c, Smith. FOUL or GREEN YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thornton, well-known winner, looking perfection to-day; 2, Pringle, another well-known winner, in the pink of condition; 3, spl, Sinclair, nice style, good bird; 4, Drysdale, green, full of merits, staged in good condition; 5, Smith, all right for size and substance; vhc, Petrie; hc, McNiven; c, Keill. BUFF (5): 1, Dalgleish, good size and depth through, nice wings and droop, wins here; 2, Muirhead, nice style, well staged; 3, McDougall, foul, grand top and substance, fine droop; 4, Brown, green Buff, of nice size and substance; 5, McGregor, fine size, neat exhibit. PIED YELL (9): 1, spl, 2, Rodger, fine size and droop, well laced wings, tail nicely under, 2, another good one; 3, Smart, very nice model, well put down; 4, McLennan, grand style and substance; 5, Chalmers, smart, neat bird; vhc, Allan; hc, McDougall; c, Hardie. BUFF (14): 1, 5, McLennan, 1, good substance and style, determined droop, plenty of go, fine top; 5, nice substance; 2, Dalgleish, grand depth through, nice top, and finish, fine length of side, good second; 3, Allan, splendid size and droop, appeared a shade stiff to-day; 4, Carson, nice size and substance for a Buff; vhc, Watson; hc, Auchterlonie; c, D. and J. Burgess. LIMIT CK. (20/-) (27): 1, King, junr.; 2, Duncan. 3, 6, Thaw; 4, Hope; 5, Keill; hc, Purvis; c, Whitelaw. HEN (20/-) (21): 1, Hutchison; 2, Matbieson; 3, Keill; 4, hc, Crosbie; c, McIrose. BELG. CK. (8): 1, 3, spl, Fairley, fine foul Buff; 3, Buff, fine typical Belgian, and well placed, both good birds; 2, Carson, shows plenty of type, good size and top, nice position; 4, Stavart, yell. ck. plenty of size for yellow, very typical; 5, Brown, colour-fed, nice thickness and droop; vhc, D. and J. Burgess. HEN (9): 1, spl, Dalgleish, nice body and size, good droop, fine type, well put down; 2, McMillan, fine droop, and size for Buff, in excellent condition; 3, spl, 4, Fairley, 3, Buff, nice type; 4, also a Buff, some liked it better than third; 5, Yule, nice size; vhc, Munro. YOUNG BELG. (12): 1, Carson, second in class 49, and first in young class; 2, Hope, yell. of fine type, in grand condition; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Fairley, fine lot of yellows and Buffs, and all staged in the pink of condition.

The Border Fancy Section.

CL. YELL CK. (21): 1, 4, Bennet, former well known winner, only once beaten, and that by a stable companion, sweetly rounded head, short wings, neat tail, finely moulded on sides; 4, similar type, also good in head, front and tail, well laid wings, level warm colour; 2, Duncan and Logan, well modelled head, neck and body, finely drawn towards neck, just failing slightly in feather finish; 3, Smart, another finely drawn one, grand quality feather; 5, Watt and Storrie, well chiselled out front and head, neat, stylish action; 6, Allan; 7, Richardson; 8, Patterson HEN (25): 1, spl, 3, Bennet, pair of gems for type, grand dresses, smooth as glass, former full round shape, neat head, very short in flights, sweetly drawn; 3, free and graceful pose; 2, O'Connell, splendid type, neat carriage, almost as good as winner; 4, and "Bennet" cup, Todd, another sweetly moulded lady, neat round head, deep level tone of colour, in grand bloom; 5, Harper, similar type, free bold carriage; 6, Young; 7, Easter; 8, Windram. BUFF CK. (29): 1, 5, Bennet, another pair of fresh faces, former excellent type and feather, very level colour; 5, most sweetly drawn in front and neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Duncan and Logan, very steady, graceful carriage, neat head, back and flights; 3, O'Connell, neat sprightly exhibit, fine tone of buff; 4, Bruce, also sweetly moulded, stylish body, neatly drawn; 6, Easter; 7, Tait; 8, Laidlaw. HEN (23): 1, 3, Bennet, leading again, neat and jaunty carriage, sweet round head, well filled in back, beautifully mealed in feather; 3, well-known winner, extra close feather, fine type and size; 2, Duncan and Logan, finely drawn body, stylish carriage; 4, O'Connell, also sweetly built, in nice bloom; 5, Smart, good feather and style; 6, Walker; 7, Hamilton; 8, Richardson. EVEN MKD. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, very fine type and finished in feather, markings well balanced, eyes neatly drawn; 2, Connochie, also good typical Border, good marks; 3, Patterson, well known Cinn., even, looking very fit, markings well balanced; 4, Harper, lovely type and feather, wing marks A1; 5, Ballantyne, eyes and wings heavily marked, good type and feather; 6, Aitken; 7, Robertson, claimed, we heard, at catalogue price; 8, Miller. BUFF (16): 1, Bennet, extra good type, very exact in markings, eyes well drawn, nice feather, wins on type; 2, Patterson, his well-known sweet lady, very neat markings and feather of the closest; 3, Aitchison, splendid eye marks, good type; 4, Watson, grand type, neatly balanced markings, hardly so well up in bloom perhaps; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson, well defined eyes, good type and carriage; 6, Crichton; 7, Pearson; 8, McCredie. UNEVEN MARK. ETC. YELL. (18): 1, Duncan and Logan, to the front with the Gateshead winner, five pointed, lovely shape, and quality feather, wins well; 2, Patterson, cheek, eyes and wing marked, beauty for type, neatly drawn body; 3, Pennington, eyes and wing neat and typical body and tail; 4, Caldwell, also of neat carriage, a bit unsteady; 5, Brown, typical varieg. neat and graceful; 6, Young; 7, Simpson; 8, Brownlie. YELL HEN (14): 1, Bennet, well-known winner, also won here last show, three pointed, sweetly moulded and fine feather; 2, Cubby, Cinn. varieg. neatly turned body, head, and wings, finely rounded chest; 3, Watt and Storrie, cheek, wings and eyes marked, good type of body, finely placed wings; 4, McAdam, wings and eye ticked, well filled in back and wings, neat head; 5, Thomson, exquisite type, well rounded all over; 6, McCredie; 7, Wotherspoon; 8, Somerville. BUFF CK. (17): 1, and Novice B F.C.C. medal, O'Connell, beauty for type and finish, rather heavily marked, very free and jaunty; 2, Duncan and Logan, Cinnamon, five pointed, lovely quality feather, neat head, wings and tail, wee bit too high in condition; 3, Brown, neat head, well laid on wings and tail; 4, Smart, grizzle varieg. grandly moulded body and feather; 5, Nelson; three pointed of good quality; 6, Simpson; 7, Patterson; 8, McWatt. HEN (13): 1, Duncan and Logan, A1 style, neat markings, feather of very close substance; 2, Bennet, well known three pointed, feather like wax and of splendid type; 3, McCredie, five pointed Cinn., grand close feather, very typical; 4, Hutchison, well modelled body; 5, Patterson, Cinn. five pointed, feather extra close and of splendid hue; 6, Airlie; 7, Watt and Storrie; 8, Watson. TICK. ETC. YELL. (13): 1, spl, 5, Bennet, leading with the 2nd Glasgow one, more steadied now, splendid type, stylish carriage, well up in colour; 5, neat head tick, finely drawn body; 2, Duncan and Logan, Gateshead winner, ticked head, looking very bright and fresh, finely drawn body, jaunty carriage, close up; 3, Walker, neck marked, very stylish, well set up on legs; 4, Patterson, well-known head tick, grand quality and type; 6, Lumsden; 7, Tait; 8, Aitken. BUFF (19): 1, 4, Duncan and Logan, eye tick, and head, real Border type, bold and easy carriage, finely turned front; 2, Bruce, another Coldstream warrior, fighting for the lead, head tick very neat head and rounded body, presses winner; 3, Tait, well-known neck tick, in lovely bloom, best of type; 5, Wilson Bros., wing and eye tick, good level tone of feather, well shaped body, hardly so jaunty as others perhaps; 6, Hislop; 7, Watson; 8, McCredie. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. CK. (30): 1, McMillan, one of the most typical greens out this season, well known winner, often described, sound grassy colouring; 2, Middleton, A1 body colour, deep pencillings; 3, Hocking, colour, very sound, well pencilled in front; 4, Buglass, very typical, sound grassy colour; 5, Hamilton, very sound coloured cinn., deeply pencilled feather, rich silky texture; 6, Patterson; 7, Murray; 8, Richardson. HEN (21): 1, McAdam, very neat type, A1 body pencillings; 2, Hocking, Cinn. fine, rich feather, level colour, well defined markings; 3, Thomson, deep, grassy green, strongly marked pencillings; 4, Buglass, neatly modelled, deep, rich feather of solid grassy colouring; 5, McMillan, also good in ground colourings, nice pencilling; 6, Johnstone; 7th, Patterson; 8, Brown. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Thomson, City Glasgow winner, an extra good specimen for type and lacings, clear and defined all over; 2, Patterson grand type, level colour; 3, Amos, similar type, rich sound top colour; 4th Murray very neat body and tail, sound colour throughout; 5, Bennet, very sound green tints; 6, Richardson; 7, Hamilton; 8, Forrest. HEN (23): 1, Bennet, excellent type, grand tone of feather, grandly pencilled thighs; 2, Dickson good in body colour; 3, Forrest, well set up carriage, neat pencillings; 4, Richardson, very typical, sound colour, pencillings well defined; 5, Dandie, neatly pencilled cinn. rich glossy feather, good type; 6, Buglass; 7, Hocking; 8, Jameson. LIMIT (29): 1, Bennet; 2, 5, Tait; 3, Harper; 4, Patterson; 6, Walker; 7, Cubby; 8, Watson.

Cinnamon, Yorkshire and Lizard Sections.

CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Godley, truly a grand team, winner very typical Nor. body, full and round, grand head, rich, silky feather; 2, longer body, deep rich tone of feather; 3, very neat, Nor. type, hot colour; 4, 5, Phillips, Yorks. type, full of colour, splendid sheen BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Godley, leading with a giant, true Nor. type, good head and front, splendid colour and quality feather; 2, similar type and colour; 3, neatly built in body, fine glossy feather; 4, very similar, nice one; 5, Buist, A1 upstanding bird, rich in colour, clear feather; 6, Thompson; 7, 8, Phillips. YORKS. CL YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, leading with a gem, free and upstanding position, sweetly made head, neat slope of shoulders, close feather; 2, well made all over, bold upstanding, level sound colour; 3, Burton, all there for style, slim and erect carriage, sweetly drawn front, hot level colour; 4, Wilcock, similar in build and general contour; 5, spl, Shackleton, sweetly drawn body, well filled in back and wings; 6, Radley; 7, 8, Neilson; J, Snowden. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Shackelton, extra stylish specimen, erect and easy carriage, well drawn body, neatly sloped in shoulders, very cleanly drawn in front; 2, 5, Bailey and Swanger, extra deep in colour, very level, well defined and easy carriage, feathered like wax; 3, Burton, another hot one in colour, fine bold carriage, wings very neatly set on; 4, Whitaker, all there for general symmetry and quality of feather; 6, Snowden. TICK. ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, again leading with a grand hot led one, lovely bloom, well drawn body; 2, well-led tick, also well tapered body, fine lengthy waist; 3, 7, Shackleton, former head tick, bold and upright carriage; 4, Priestly, wing grizzle, finely filled back and well drawn front, best of wing carriage; 5, Burton, great lengthy body, grand back and tail carriage; 6, Wilcock; 8, Paterson. BUFF CK (10): 1, Shackleton, neatly drawn body, finely laid on wings and tail, very close in feather; 2, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, former extra full upstanding, neatly drawn front, grandly mealed feather; 3, similar type, very rich, deep colour; 4, Radley, head tick, close as a Java in feather, free and bold style; 5, Priestly, Cinn, wing mark, fairly good in length, well filled back; 6, Patterson; 7, Whitaker; 8, Burton. CL. ETC. HEN YELL. (11): 1, spl, Shackelton, sweetly moulded, free and graceful pose, in grand feather, rich and silky; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger, good position, fine reachy body; 3, spl, 7, Wilcock, Cinn. uneven, perfect feather, graceful carriage, neat head well defined neck and slope of shoulders; 5, 8, Burton, neat and typical in body, good quality feather; 6, Radley; 9, Priestly. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, winner well formed head and front, and back, finely placed wings and tail; 2, similar type, lovely close feather, well finished; 3, Radley, neatly drawn body of grand length, well proportioned, close feather; 4, spl, Wilcock, extra hot in colour, full size and length of body, well finished feather; 5, 8, Burton, very neatly drawn body, grand wing carriage, close pipe tail.

LIZ. GOLD CAP. CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Rukin, grand trio, leader perfect gem, C.C., dense size, grandly cut, perfect lacing, grand tail and flights, A1 colour, 2nd good one, 3rd gem for lacing, grand all over, lovely colour, all well staged; 4, 5, Barnes, nice one, good cap; 6, broken in cap, but a good one for shape and markings; 6, Ross; 7, Fisher. SILVER (8): 1, 2, 5, Rukin, again to the fore with a pair of beauties, grand caps, lovely lacing and quality of feather, staged to perfection; 3, 4, Barnes; 2 good ones, all there for spangle and shape; 6, Fisher; 7, Dandie; 8, Ross. LIMIT (15/-) (7): 1, Godley, nice cinn; 2, Proctor, Yorks. Ck.; 3, Dandie, Liz., good one; 4, Proctor; 5, Alston; 6, Dandie; 7, Ross.

The Mules and British Sections.

MULES, CL., ETC., 3 OR 5-POINTED CAN. MULE (6): 1, 2, Dr. Galloway, leader well known cl. yell, Siskin, and cl. buff Greenfinch Mules, good ones, fine size and quality of feather, staged to perfection, grand pair; 3, Arrighi, romping buff Goldie Mule, rare size, splendid colour, well worth its place; 4, McGillivray Bros., ticked buff Goldie, on small side, looks like a hen, in fine order, well staged; 4, Jackson and Bond, light Siskin Mule, deep in the moult; 6, Bell and Dewar. VARIEG. GOLDIE-CAN MULE (11): 1, Duncan and Logan in tip-top form, grand size, deep tone of colour throughout, nicely marked, grandly staged, good exhibit; 2, Dr. Galloway, slimly got up buff, nice bird, grand quality feather; 3, Jamieson, good large varieg. buff, nicely marked, in fine bloom, well staged, will improve; 4, 6, Dewar, neat varieg. yell., good colour and markings; 5, Arrighi, good varieg. buff, nice size, A1 quality feather, many thought might easily have gone to 2nd place; 7, Currah; 8, Bell. VARIEG. CAN. MULE. A.O.V. (4): 1, Dr Galloway lightly marked, Twite Mule, grand size, lovely quality feather, about the best Mule in show, topper and no mistake; 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, well-known Linnet, 2nd good one, fine size and quality of feather, grandly put down, good 2nd. 3rd varieg Siskin, good Mule, fine order, good colour and quality; 4, Overstone, nice varieg. Greenie Mule, well up in colour and size. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE, DARK (14): 1, McQuiston, topping Jonque, dense colour throughout, rare blaze, fine bars, plenty of size, grandly fed and staged Mule; 2, 5, Arrighi, good, large-blazed buff, plenty of size, grand quality feather, 5th very nice Jonque, good size, nice flush face; 3, Serine, very warm Jonque, well up in size and quality of feather; 4, Bald, buff, grand face, rare wing flights, deep colour throughout; 6, Bankin; 7, Coffey. LINNET AND CAN MULE, DARK (15): 1, Jones, good one, finely made tight as wax and teeming with colour, grandly marked, and full of condition, rare tone throughout, well put down, wins; 2, Leigh, well up in markings, nice polish; 3, Dick, good size, well forward in colour, good head and back; 4, Arrighi, buff, plenty of size, good all-round exhibit, in fine trim; 5 Coffey, yell., plenty of colour, beautifully marked, in fine order; 6, Brunskill; 7 Overstone; 8, Simpson. GREENFINCH AND CAN. MULE, DARK (14): 1, Serine, topper, one of the best Mules out, rare size, lovely colour, deep yell, throughout, grand back, pencilled to perfection, grand front and wing carriage, staged a treat, clear win; 2 Drysdale, plenty of size, good colour, well put down; 3, Jackson and Bond, romping Buff, hot-fed, good head and front, well marked, beauty and no mistake, well placed; 4, Somerfield, nice, neatly made yell, fine size and shape; 5, Parlett, good, large shapely buff, all there for feather and colour, beaten in finish; 6, Carson; 7, Longden; 8, Jones. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (except Can.-Bullie). (14): 1, Frazer, well-known buff Siskin, looking as fit as ever, grand size and colour, A1 order, takes some removing in the best of company, gem of the Siskin cross, fine markings; 2, Watson, yell., nice size, well marked; 3, Davidson, real good one, natural coloured yell., fine size, grand shape and markings; 4, Serine hot-fed yell., nice colour and markings. All Siskin Mules. 5, Erskine, hot-fed, nice Redpoll, well up in size; 6 Simons; 7, Leigh A.O.V. RYB. (including Can.-Bullie) (13): 1, Arrighi, Goldie-Bullie, well up in size and colour, in very good order, some thought lucky to beat either of the next two; 2 and 3, Ward, leader gem of a Linnet-Bullie, for size, colour and markings, real topper, will take some stopping, 3rd really beautiful Redpoll-Bullie, fine size, good quality feather, well marked; 4, Overstone, nice Bullie, well marked, in good trim, nice size and colour; 5, Jones, hot-fed, Can-Bullie, well marked; 6 Jackson and Bond; 7, Longden; 8, Arrighi. MULE OR RYB. SELL. (10/6) (21): 1, Whiteford; 2, McQuiston; 3, Colville and Son; 4, Kinnett and Brown; 5, Frazer; 6, McLaren and Roy; 7, Kew. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (20): 1, Coffey, good one, correct size and shape, fine colours throughout, rare broad cap, good breast, well carried down and cut, A1 wing bars, feathered like a piece of wax, staged to perfection real good one; 2, McQuiston, grand breast colours, good all-round Finch; 3, Thomson, in lovely order, good, solid colour throughout, well finished, neat cap and bib, staged a treat, worth its place; 4, Brown, dense breast colour, nice full cap, neat bars and finish in rattling good trim; 5, Bishop, another excellent Finch, lovely order, deep crimson breast, rare dense cap, shining like a piece of satin, good shape and quality; 6, Hunter; 7 Woods; 8, Kerr. GOLDFINCH (32): 1, Hurst, good-coloured Finch, grand size, nice flush face, fine bars, flights and buttons, inclined to be a shade dark throughout, but in marvellous bloom, and well staged; 2, Somerfield, real good one, fine square-cut blaze, grand checks, good, dense, solid face, lovely buttons and flights, in A1 bloom; 3, Leckie, fine size and shape, well up in colours, but inclined to be smoky looking; 4, 9, McMurdo, 4th better blaze and colour all over than 3rd, scarcely so full in front, perhaps; 5, Murray, neat one, very pure in cheeks, grand shape and size, in A1 order, well staged; 6, Gow; 7, Colhron; 8, Duncan. LINNET (20): 1, Parlett, good one, grand colour and size, rare flights, lovely breast markings, staged to perfection; 2, Prosser, dense coloured bird, fine quality feather, rare front markings, grand head and shape; 3, Lamb, neat one, good pencilling, fine colour throughout, nice flights, A1 bloom; 4, McMurdo, beautiful shape and style, loses a trifle in markings, fine colour and quality of feather; 5, Morris, nicely marked, longer and thinner in appearance, well-finished off, steady, showy; 6, Brown; 7, Colbron; 8, Arrighi; 9, Duncan; No. 17, Boyle, good one, must have been overlooked, fine markings, size and shape. NOT HOUSE-MOULTED (32): 1, Jamieson, real topper, perfect gem, like a Norwich in shape of body, grand colour, markings, steady, in rare bloom; 2, Frazer, some thought a shade lucky, good flights, nice size and quality of feather; 3, Fox, plenty of size, good pencilling in front, nice flights, steady, in fine bloom; 4, Craig, smaller, but very neatly marked, well staged, tight in feather, well up in colour; 5, Barclay, large one, grand shape and markings, put down in A1 order, very nicely staged, fine bird all-round, worth its place; 6, Ross; 7, Mackay; 8, Leckie; 9 Moffat. BRAMBLEFINCH (25): 1, Sharp, easy winner, grand size, lovely colour, good, dense breast, rare back lacing, fine head, A1 shape and style, staged to perfection; 2, Longden, very cleanly got up, good lacing, grand bars; 3, Henderson shade smaller and slimmer, grandly marked all over, very pure and rich in colour, good one, well placed; 4, Hawkes, fine size, nice breast, well cut on white, nice bars and shape; 5, Forster, grand tone of colour and size; 6, Gow; 7, Jenkins; 8, Anderson Bros.; 9, Erskine. CHAFFINCH (21): 1, 9, Hurst, leader fine size, grand colour, dense head, good breast, in very nice condition; 2, 4, Howe, good-capped bird, grand colour and size, very steady, real taking bird, well put down, 4th again all there for size and colour, well placed; 3, Broad, best-winged bird in class, grand white, a shade unsteady; 5, Reid, plenty of size, rare quality of feather; 6 Longden; 7, Coffey; 8, Hakes. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Bald, outstanding Jonque in class, real topper, grand size, lovely colour, fed to perfection, deep, grassy colour throughout, a gem and no mistake; 2 Goodfellow, stoutly made buff, well fed, plenty of depth, fails in carriage and shape to winner; 3, McQuiston, hot-fed one, grand quality feather, real beauty, staged a treat; 4, no name, lovely colour and order, extra good feather; 5, Coffey, nice size and shape, nicely finished bird; 7, Dewar; 8, Axe; 9, Miller and Eadie. NON-FED GREENFINCH (19): 1, Bald, grand size and colour, rare flights, staged to perfection; 2, 7, Howe, also plenty of size but a shade thin in neck, nice colour, in A1 bloom; 3, Hurst, best-made bird in class, grand shape, very free and stylish, grand, deep colour throughout, real beauty; 4, Bancroft, nice one, grand tone of colour; 5, Taylor, nice shape, grand size, well staged, will improve yet; 6, Pickles; 9, Carson. SISKIN (15): 1, McDougal, needed little finding, the clearest win in show, real gem of the first water, grand cap, colour and lacing fine size and quality of feather; 2, Howe, good size and shape, well laced, nice cap and front; 3, McLaren and Roy, grand cap and colour, well up in size and polish; 4, Arrighi, bot-fed one, nice tone of colour, lacing, good cap; 5, Bishop, nice bib, well up in size and colour, grand order, neatly staged; 6, McDonald; 7, Brown; 8, Waters; 9 Craig. NON-FED SISKIN (23): 1, Pendrigh, nice one, plenty of size, well laced, good cap and flanks, steady, in A1 bloom; 2, Bishop, likely bird lovely markings, grand flights, colour and finish; 3, Reddie, sweet exhibit, fine shape and colour, A1 style, neat front; 4, Dickie and Smith, plenty of colour, well laced, good shape and size; 5, Hunter, taking bird, finely marked, in A1 bloom and order, well put down; 6, Michelson; 7, Henderson; 8, 9, Brown. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (15): 1, McQuiston, noted Twite, gem for colour, size and lacing, wins comfortably, exceedingly well staged; 2, Dickie and Smith, another good Twite, all there for breast markings and colour; 3, 7, McGillivray Bros, nice Mealy Redpoll, well up in colour, very nicely marked, good one, and no mistake; 4, Craig, a Twite; 5, Erskine, also a Twite, nice birds, but beaten in colour and marking; 6 Bancroft; 8, Calder; 9, Arrighi. LESSER REDPOLL (25): 1, 7, Malcolmson good-sized 'Poll, in fine feather, some thought should have given way to next; 2, Pickles, real good one, grand bib, fine colour, nicely marked, well up in size, A1 bloom; 3 Patterson, good bib, finely marked, well up in size, in A1 bloom; 4 Pendrigh, lovely tone of colour, red head, steady, grandly laced, well up in size, good bird, well placed; 5, Allan, nice size, good feather, well marked, shown to perfection; 6, Moffat; 8, McGowan. YELLOW BUNTING (17): 1, Arrighi, grandly coloured fine shape, nice markings, clear on head, fine breast, A1 back, flights and tail, steady, well staged; 2, Johnson, neat fronted bird, a shade pale in colour; 3, Ward, good front and shape, fine bloom, good exhibit; 4, Axe, very clear on head, had broken v-marking, grand tone of breast colour; 5, Martin, some thought as good as any in class, fine markings lovely colour and shape; 6, Pendrigh; 8, Stirling; 9 Laidlaw. BUNTINGS, A.O.S. (17): 1, Longden, good all-round Corn Bunting fine size, well up in markings, in grand bloom, shade unsteady at times; 2, Henderson, very fine black-headed Bunting, in lovely bloom; 3, 4 Arrighi, Cirl and Meadow Buntings, both in good form, well staged; 5 Calder, nice Black-headed Bunting, good cap and front, steady in fine bloom worth its place; 6, McQuiston, real good Corn Bunting well known winner; 7, Barry Bros; 8, Miller. BRIT. SMALL. SOFTBILL (15): 1, Howe, good Blue-headed Wagtail, in very fine order, grand size and colour, A1 bloom; 2 8, Pendrigh good Yellow Wagtail, nice colour, grand size and quality of feather; 3, Taylor, splendid Crested Tit, good size, in full colours, splendidly staged; 4 Cumming, Willow Warbler good order, fine size and colour, again delightfully staged; 5, Nicholson, nice Nuthatch, well up in size and colours, nicely put down, very steady; 6, Pendrigh; 7, Lawson. LARK OR PIPIT (10): 1, 2, 5, Paton; two Skylarks, leader well up in size very steady and showy, plenty of lacing on front, grand size and quality of feather, 2nd lovely markings, well up in size, does not show him-self to advantage yet, 5th nice one, good feather; 3, Howe, nice Pipit, fine size and markings, a shade soft looking to-day; 4, McVay, good, all-round Lark, in fine colour and shape, well put down; 6, Laidlaw; 7, McVay; 8, Cumming. SOFTBILL, LARGE (14): 1, 7, 9, Brown, leader Fieldfare nice tone of colour, steady, well up in size, grandly staged; 2, Milne Bros., beat Magpie we ever saw, a "whopper," and no mistake lovely, dense black sheen, very pure, extensive white staged in faultless order, some thought might have won, and we

one would have grumbled; 3, Howe, nice, shapely Blackbird, good bill and eye cere, steady well staged; 4, Crockatt well known winning Waxwing, lovely size, grand tips and crest, well put down, 5, Millar, neat Starling, well up in size, neatly spangled underneath, lovely bloom; 6, Davidson and Boyd; 8, Barrass; 9, Brown A.O.S. (10): 1, Gilmour, good Hawfinch, fine, full-headed bird, grandly-cut bib, shade light in body colour, good size, in fine feather; 2, Wilcock grand colour and bloom, fine shape and size, 3, Simpson, old warrior, showing signs of wear now, good colour and head; 4, Hakes, nice-looking bird, good head and bib, a shade soft when we were taking notes; 5, Henderson, neat shape and size in good order, well staged; 6, Pendrigh; 7, Miss Waddell; 8 Lawson; 9, Dundie. HEN, SEEDEATER (25).—1, McQuilston, well-known winning hen Corn Bunting, fine size and colour, nicely staged looking very fit yet; 2, Bald, romping Greenfinch hen, plenty of size, nice colour, good flights and tail; 3, Thomas, fine hen Bramblefinch, good size and colour, well marked, in A1 order; 4, Bancroft, Yellowhammer, grand size rare colour and markings, in A1 order, nicely staged; 5, grand Chaffinch, good order and size, well marked; 6, Coffey; 7, Clark; 8, Hiny; a strong class. SOFTBILL (11): 1, Howe, nicely-coloured Thrush, inclined to run in markings, but well staged, very steady; 2, Pendrigh, close-feathered Bearded Tit, well up in size and colour; 3, Milton, Starling, grand spangle and sheen, well placed; 4, Gardiner, grey Wagtail, nice size and order, soft looking to-day; 5, Pendrigh, Redstart, good size, nice colour, in very good order; 6, Bruce; 7, Dewar; 8, Craig. HEN BULLFINCH (Russian debarred) (24): 1, Dale, splendid-coloured Finch, fine head, warm breast, very soft when we were taking notes; 2, Leckie grand shape and size, good cap and finish, well staged; 3, Turner, smaller a shade, but good cap and wing bars, tight as wax, in rare bloom; 4, 7, Livingston and Sharp, fine-coloured Finch, good cap, lovely wing bars showing; 5, Dickson, plenty of size, good in colour, in A1 style and shape; 6, Christie; 8, Storrar; 9, Dewar. PIED, ALBINO ETC., BRIT. (9): 1, Brown, black Bullfinch, with white bars on wings, in very nice order and condition; 2, Hakes, good White Blackbird, badly broken on tail and wing flights, a nice Albino; 3, Ruddiman, cinn. Greenfinch, nice size and colour, was very unsteady at times; 4, Johnston, White Sparrow, fine size, good quality feather, well put down; 5, Henderson, neat pied Linnet, a shade wild but beautifully spangled; 6, Bruce; 7, Johnstone; 8, Alderman. BIRDS FOR SALE (13): 1, Martin, pair of nice Nor.; 2, Thomson grand Green; 3, Cochrane, neat Bearded Tit; 4 Thomson, pair of Nor.; 5, Cruickshanks, buff Scotch fancy; 6, Welsh; 7, Thomsen; 8, Proctor GIFT (12): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, hen Hawfinch; 2 Winter, nice yell. Nor.; 3 Mackay, neat Bramblefinch; 4, Clemenson and Taylor, pair of Green Budgerigars; 5, Aitchison, good yell. Nor.; 6, Brown; 7, Mackay; 8, Welsb.

Foreign Bird Section.

FOR. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Telfer, bird of extraordinary size, very square cut blaze of deep rich colour, tanning polished like silk; 2, c, Pendrigh, grand size, spreading blaze, very rich colour, excellent wings, real good one; 3, Dewar, another grand bird, very shapely, good size, very rich blaze; 4, McQuilston, fine, bold bird, extraordinarily large blaze, splendid well buttoned wings; 5, vhc, Arrighi, 5, another beauty, grand size, very fine blaze and tanning; hc, Dandie FOR. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Small, most perfect, almost dazzling in richness of crimson, very silvery back, good bars, shown in A1 condition; 2, 3, Arrighi, leader very fine hen, good deep colour, grand cap, in tip top condition; 3, fine bold showy bird, real Bullie shape, with thick neck and shoulders; 4, Fulton, simply packed with colour and quality, perfect cap, very shapely; 5, c, Turner, 5, another beauty, equally as big, good rich colour, excellent condition; vhc, McLennan; hc, Moxon. COCKATOOS, ETC. (11): 1, Arrighi, very fine specimen of the Senegal Parrot, shown in very fine condition, colouring very rich, forming excellent contrasts; 2, 3, 5, Miss Waddell, three lovely exhibits, pair of Bourkes Parrakeets leading, very rich in colour, distinctly laced, in excellent condition; 3, beautiful pair of Moustache Parrakeets, with very clear cut black moustache, lavender colour heads, very soft and delicate, quite a silken sheen; 5, lovely pair of Pennant's Parrakeets, good pair of big ones; 4, Alston, pair of Many Coloured, both good birds, but the cock exceptionally brilliant, both in grand condition; vhc, Miss Waddell; hc, Nisbet; c, Jeffries. LARGE SEED EATERS (11): 1, 4, Howe, 1, now well known Green Cardinal, most beautifully marked bird, rich colour (we heard some of it was pepper); 4, grand pair of yellow Budgerigars, very shapely, good size, very rich yellow; 2, Arrighi, very fine big pair of Yellow Budgerigars, extra tight in feather, good colour; we rather fancied the same owner's 3rd, Red-Crested Cardinal, one of the richest coloured specimens ever staged, and his condition was simply superb; 5, Miss Waddell, beautiful little Guiana Lovebirds, good colour, nice condition; vhc, hc Arrighi; c, Colville and Son. SMALL (15): 1, Pickles, well known Nonpareil, which we have seen standing first several times this season, looking as tight and rich in colour as ever; 2, vhc, Arrighi, Black-headed Siskin, nice size and shape, good black head, very dense; 3, Alston, lovely pair of Waxbills, in grand feather and colour; 4, Lawrie and Welsh, very fine Paradise Whydah, with perfect tail, and excellent breast colour; 5, Miss Morgan, pair of large Black-headed Cordilons, in grand condition but hardly up in colour; hc, Miss Waddell. INSECTIV: 1, Taylor, beautiful little Violet Tanager, first at Gateshead has a lovely orange breast and forehead, which makes a complete contrast to the violet back, scarce special for best Foreigner; 2, 3, Miss Waddell, 2, very fine Shama leading, good size and shape; 3 good Black Throated Thrush big bold bird good deep colour, hardly so Thrushlike as some foreign birds bearing the name; 4, Taylor fine big Superb Tanager, shapely, as good in colour as one could wish; 5, Arrighi, very good exhibit; vhc, Miss Waddell.

Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held in Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, on December 29th. A letter was read proposing to alter date of annual general meeting, but after due consideration it was decided to let the date stand, as several country members found it convenient to come through on this date (January 26th) A committee was formed to purchase challenge bowl, these being Messrs. R. B. Gibb, R. Mitchell, and the secretary. It was further decided that we purchase gold medals, as per sample from Fattorini and Sons (Bradford). This being all the business, Mr. W Fortune, who came through from Edinburgh, gave a very instructive lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, which proved by far the "tit-bit" of the season. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Fortune.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

ABERDEEN.

Aberdeen C.B.S. held their 53rd annual show on December 25th and 26th, in the Music Hall, which provided most suitable accommodation for the vast number of exhibits The society had the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club, the Scottish Yorkshire Club, and the Scottish Crest Club. The entries were all that could be desired, some 550 birds being staged. The cream of the Norwich Fancy was on view at this fixture, some rare hot ones of the right type and quality being staged to perfection. Mr. Geo. Mitchell gained the S.P.C. medal for cocks, and Mr. Wm. Clubb the medal for best hen. The cup for best young hen bred by a member was won by Mr. Wm. Rae with a very sweet exhibit. The Sandilford medal for hottest fed yellow Norwich went to Mr. J. Adams, and that for the hottest fed buff went to Mr. Grewar The Border Fancies did not come quite up to expectations, only 18 birds being forward in the four classes provided. Crests and Crest-breds were few, but some grand exhibits of the first water were staged. The British and Foreign birds were a remarkably fine lot, as were also the Mules and Hybrids. Dr. Galloway's two clear Mules were much admired, the winning clear yellow Siskin Canary being in perfect bloom, and followed by a clear Greenfinch-Canary. We noticed No. 3, a said-to-be Siskin-Canary, was marked wrong class, the judge, we heard, being satisfied it was only a Canary. Of the management we cannot speak too highly. The president, Mr. J. Hector, has the Fancy at heart, and does all in his power for the benefit of the society. It is also nice to see such fanciers as Dr. Galloway lending a helping hand when the pressure comes on in sending exhibits away. The secretary, Mr. John Bryson, kept everything in good order, and worked with a will, being ably assisted by the treasurer, Mr. J. Silver, and a hard-working committee, consisting of well-known Aberdeen fanciers Norwich, etc., were judged by Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), Crests and Selling classes by Mr. John Donald, British, Mules, and Foreign by Mr. Geo. Finnie (Aberdeen), and their awards seemed to give satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Sandison, rare shape and quality, hot colour, grand wing carriage, well put down; 2, Garden, another hot-fed one, grand quality feather, well up in size, full of bloom; 3, Will, fine large bird with plenty of go, staged to perfection; 4, Lawrie, very sweet; 5, Chalmers; 6, Clubb. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Grewar, spl, best Nor. in show, a gem all over, rare shape, clinking head and neck, nicely-rounded body, well cut away behind, lovely carried wings and tail, a good youngster; 2, Thomson, well up in substance and shape, rattling good colour; 3, Garden, big bouncing bird of the right type and quality; 4, Chalmers, grand colour and quality; 5, Bryson; 6, Dunn. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (14): 1, Paterson, heavily marked, best of colour, good shape and feather; 2, Scott, best of type, fine silky feather, plenty of go; 3, Clubb, another of the right type, rare colour and quality; 4, Adams, cap and one wing mark, not at all a bad one; 5, Aitchison; 6, Ellis. BUFF (10): 1, Mitchell, plenty of substance, rare good colour; 2, Adams, very nice one, not quite so large as winner perhaps, but sweet quality and best of type must have pressed; 3, Strachan, teeming in colour and quality; 4, Yeats; 5, Clubb, make a grand stock bird; 6, Mackie. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Bowman, good size and shape, in excellent condition; 2, Clubb, well made, thick-set bird, of the Bullfinch type, A1 colour and quality; 3, Adams, good type and colour; 4, Chalmers; 5, Harris; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (13): 1, Grewar, grand all-round Nor., difficult to find a fault with; 2, 4, Clubb, both of good colour, rare quality feather; 3, Thomson, another very sweet exhibit, looking a little soft to-day; 5, Chalmers; 6, Paterson VARIEG. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Paterson, cap and wing marked, remarkably fine type, full of quality, good colour; 2, Garden, ticked on eye and wings, short and cobby, feather like boxwood, in faultless condition; 3, Adams, nest, stylish, rare quality feather; 4, Thomson; 5, Grewar; 6, Will. BUFF (13): 1, Bowman, large heavy marked hen, grand substance and shape; 2, Hector, another grand hen, nice and chubby, good bend, wide back, clean cut away behind; 3, Ewen and Anderson, good type and colour, nicely staged; 4, Milne; 5, Dunn; 6, Rae. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Aitchison, best of type and quality, wins; 2, Paterson, good type and colour; 3, Ritchie, well up in size and condition; 4, Mitchell; 5, Garden; 6, Stephen. BUFF (18): 1, Chalmers, cl. typical, good all-round Nor. properties, in nice trim; 2, Hay, marked eyes and wing, taking exhibit, in lovely bloom; 3, Thomson, similar in type; 4, Adams; 5, Porter; 6, Aitchison. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Mitchell, bird teeming with quality; 2, Ellis, cap and one wing mark, another rare quality bird; 3, Hector, true Nor. type; 4, Paterson; 5, Porter; 6, Tough. BUFF (12): 1, Campbell, big bouncing bird, grand quality, closely followed by 2, Murray, marked both wings and cap; 3, Aitchison, cl, best of type, A1 quality; 4, Mackie; 5, Milne; 6, Lawrie. GREEN, ETC. (14): 1, Ewen and Anderson, yell., best of colour and quality; 2, Hector, another good-coloured one, in lovely bloom; 3, Strachan, very stylish, feather like wax; 4, Duguid; 5, Jamieson; 6, Bowman. 10/- LIMIT (15): 1, Wilson; 2, Ritchie; 3, Stewart and Milne; 4, Smith; 5, Taylor; 6, Thomson. NOVICE CK. (8): 1, 4, Gibb, rare colour; 2, Kerr, buff of good type, teeming in quality; 3, McNab, also of good quality, nicely marked; 5, Davidson; 6, Green HEN (10): 1, Gibb, nice cl. buff hen, A1 colour and quality; 2, Carr, fed, even colour, close feathered; 3, Hay, grand shape, beautiful feather, well fed; 4, Strachan; 5, Davidson; 6, McNab. YELL. CREST (3): 1, 2, Wallace, 1st lovely crest, perfect centre, dense feather, grand skull, good body substance; 2nd, similar in shape crest; 3, Mackie, good centre and substance. DARK CREST (4): 1, Wallace, fine hen, good size, rare quality of feather, closely followed by 2nd, Hector, another beauty, lovely crest, perfect centre, dense feather, well groomed; 3, 4, Mackie, both good frontal, rare size and bloom. CL, ETC. (5): 1, cup, Mackie, charmer, abundance of feather, grand skull, good centre; 2, 5, Smith, 2nd also a grizzle, plenty of substance, rare head, well filled in centre; 3, Knight, good bird; 4, Galloway. C.B. CK (6): 1, Wallace, topper, a gem for size, with nicely domed skull of good width, clothed with wealth of long dense feather, well lashed; 2, Hector, another grand exhibit, fine skull, head feather of nice length, dense, well groomed; 3, Knight, this bird shortly after judging burst a blood-vessel, and died a few hours after; 4, 5, Mackie. C.B. HEN (5): 1, Knight, good bird all over; 2, Mackie, grand head, well lashed, plenty feather; 3, Smith, another nice one; 4, 5, Hector. CINN. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Ewen and Anderson, sound colour, good size and shape, well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Rae, two good ones, A1 type, red-hot colour. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Ewen and Anderson, 1st lovely shape, full of colour and quality, rare skull, plenty of size, full neck, good one; 2, 5, Rae, 2nd nice skull, fine full neck, teeming in colour and quality; 4, Garden; 6, Sargent. HEN, A.C. (7): 1, Irvine, well up in size and colour, wins; 2, 3, Ewen and Anderson, both of good shape and colour; 4, Rae; 5, Carr; 6, Sargeant. BORD FCY. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Craig, nice shape, finely drawn birds, A1 carriage, neat front, good taper and wing carriage, not much to choose between; 3, Webster, good shape, best of quality; 4, Silver, another of the right shape, good feather, very showy; 5, Dunn; 6, Johnston BUFF (4): 1, 3, Craig, both nice clears, 1st excels in type, good tone of colour, neat head and neck, well filled on back; 2, Webster, lovely wing and tail; 4, Easson. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Craig, marked eyes and wings, very sweet, fine showy Border, put down in A1 style; 2, Easson, cap and wings, grand carriage, beautiful feather, good one; 3, Johnston. BUFF (5): 1, Rae, gem, best of shape, feather like wax, in grand form; 2, Craig, neat head, well filled in back, jaunty carriage, fine texture of feather; 3, Silver, another good Border; 4, 5, Dunn. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Webster, cl. nice feather, good shape, well drawn, a gem for length; 2, Martin, also a cl, slim got up, straight as a pencil, grand mover; 3, 6, MacDougall, 3, grand length, very stylish; 4, Paterson; 5, 7, McDonald. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Paterson, both grand position, feather like wax, good wings and tail; 2, 5, MacDougall; 2, perfect Yorkie, very straight, nicely drawn, smart, stylish carriage; 3, Henry, well finished, good length, and rare quality; 6, 7, Bowman. MATCHED NOR. PAIRS (4): 1, Clubb, well balanced for breeding, wins; 2, 4, Garden; 3, Sandison. A.O V. (7): 1, Balfour, Lizard, A1 cut cap, tip-top colour, good hack spangling, grand shape and quality of feather, an easy win; 2, Sandison, even mark, lovely marked eyes and wings, good type and quality; 3, Ritchie, similar marked; 4, Hector; 5, 6, Tedingham.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

CL. ETC. CAN MULE (6): 1, 2, Galloway, two toppers, and no mistake, 1, cl. yell. Siskin-Can. in perfect feather and condition; 2, Greenie-Can. in same condition, much admired; 3, 4, Ewen and Anderson; No. 3, McLeod was passed as a Canary. DARK MULE (11): 1, Clubb, nice Linnet Mule, rare colour, good size; 2, Watson, Goldie-Can., grand colour, in lovely feather, well staged; 3, Stewart and Milne, Greenie-Mule; 4, Park; 5, Smith; 6, Rae. HYB: (6): 1, McGbee, nice Greenie-Bullie, a little out of condition; 2, Galloway, some preferred, Siskin-Greenfinch cross, well up for size and colour, beautifully turned out; 3, 6, Garden, both Goldie-Greenfinches; 4, 5, McLeod. PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Hector, Can. and Greenie hen, some thought might have given way to next, good ones; 2, Bryson, Siberian Goldfinch, fine size and markings, and a sweet Bullie hen in best of feather; 3, Stewart and Milne. FOR. GOLDIE (3): 1, Strachan, good face, rich colour and markings; 2, Jackson, fine big one, grand Finch all over; 3, Gavin. LINNET (15): 1, 2, Brisbane, two beauties, well fed, beautifully pencilled, nice flights; 3, McLeod, good size and pencilling; 4, Ward; 5, 6, Anderson. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Ward, winner, gem of a Siskin, well fed, nice cap, beautifully laced down the sides; 2, large, well coloured Twite, in the pink of condition; 3, Watson, another good Siskin; 4, 6, Rae; 5, Milne Bros. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Watson, two grand Finches, both good size, deep square cut blazes, rich colour throughout; 2, Hector, not quite so large perhaps, but excels in other points; 4, Saddler; 5, Wilson; 6, Whyte. BULLFINCH (13): 1, 6, Jackson, 1, well up in size, grand cap, and wing bars, in perfect plumage; 2, Colville and Son, real typical Bullfinch in shape and general appearance; 3, Milne Bros, best of colour, good one; 4, 5, Watson. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (6): 1, 2, Milne Bros, 1, nice Magpie, well staged; 2, Hawfinch, a good one; 3, Campbell, lovely Starling; 4, Ward; 5, Gavin; 6, absent. SMALL (13): 1, 5, Milne, 1, beauty of a Treecreeper, quite at home; 2, 4, Nicholson, 2, a gem of a wagtail, well staged; 4, Nuthatch; 3, 6, Ewen and Anderson, 3, beautiful Stonechat, nicely staged. PARROT (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Forrest; 3, Morrison; 4, 5, Gavin. FOR. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Gavin, 1, Glossy Chinese Thrush, in perfect feather and condition; 2nd, a Tanager; 3, Welham, a pretty pair yellow Budgerigars.

FORFAR.

The 38th annual show of Forfar C.B.A. was held in the Reid Halls, on January 1st and 2nd. The cage birds were staged in a small ball on the second floor, an ideal place for such a show, being well lighted, nicely heated, and free from draughts. The entries were better than last year, although the snow-storm was the means of making many fanciers keep their pets at home, but on the whole the exhibition was a great success. To the energetic and fancier-like spirit of the committee and the untiring efforts of the secretaries, Messrs. W. Grewer and J. M. Findlay, a successful result is mainly due The former, who has charge of the cage bird section is very obliging, and goes about his work in a systematic manner. The staging was all that could be desired, the back being nicely draped with a dark cloth, which had a fine effect. The judges were: For Norwich, Mr. G. Duffus; Border Fancies, Mr. G. Hislop; British and Foreign, Mr. G. Marlin, and their awards gave general satisfaction. The following constituted the management: President, Mr. Ernest Grant, vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Coutts, junr., J. M. Fenton, J. Bowman and J. Cables. Committee: Messrs. D. Duncan, G. Bruce, J. Cables, D. Kennedy, G. Saddler, P. Taylor, J. Duncan, D. Cables, W. Smith, G. Cable, and A. Lowe.

Mr. Duffus's Classes.

NOR. CL. OR TICK. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Cable, rare colour, nice shape, and good silky feather; 2, Steven, capital colour, and quality, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Hampton, well made bird, nice even colour throughout; 4, 5, 6, Grewer, very showy; 7, Kerr. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl, c, Cable, nice head, deep chest, and broad back, capital carriage, plenty of colour; 2, Ritchie, very hot, big bouncing bird of nice tight feather, a good second; 3, spl, 4, Grewer, not quite so stout, good substance and shape, staged in fine form; 5, Johnston; 6, Kerr; 7, Taylor. YELL HEN (8): 1, 4, Grewer, 1, nice head, with splendid wing carriage, staged to perfection; 2, good shape, in its right place; 2, Ritchie, fine, bold bird, capital head, rare body, ticked on eye, plenty of colour, beautiful feather; 3, Bowman, nice shape and style, good depth of colour; 5, Howie; 6, Taylor; 7, Bowman. BUFF HEN (6): 1, spl, Jaffery, lovely quality, grand size, rare head and front, shown to perfection; 2, Grewer, another clinker, must have run the first hard, very little between them for type; 3, Johnston, well up in size and shape, nice feather, scarcely so thick; 4, Cable, good bodied bird, fine carriage and feather; 5, Taylor; 6, Howie. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Hampton, a topper, rare head and body, lovely carriage, well cleaned out, and teeming with quality; 2, Ritchie, shapely body, grand style, shade narrower in chest; 3, Howie, grand shape, good head and tail; 4, Kydd, good all round exhibit, well shown; 5, Kennedy; 6, Brown; 7, Taylor. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Grewer, 1, a beauty, good substance, full of quality, in fine trim; 3, good stamp, fine feather and size; 2, Mitchell, good feather and size, well made, with good wing and tail carriage; 4, Kerr, nice shape and quality throughout; 5, Howie; 6, Jaffery. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Grewer, very chubby, put down in rare bloom, gem for quality, lovely colour; 2, Turnbull, nice shape and quality; 3, Skinner, nice shape, grand carriage, very stylish; 4, Howie, good size, nice full chest, bouncing style; 5, Bennett; 6, Bowman; 7, Kerr. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Grewer, a beauty, great substance, not too large, but full of quality, in grand form; 2, Howie, has size and substance, grand shape and lovely feather, just fails in wing carriage; 3, and spl, Cable, good stamp, fine feather and size; 4, 7, Bowman, grand size and shape; 5, Steven; 6, Mitchell. NON FED CK. (9): 1, spl, Bowman, green, rare bird, shown in the pink of condition, a credit to the exhibitor; 2, Ritchie, another grand bird, good thickness, fine head, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, spl, Mitchell, well made bird in fine feather, beautifully shown; 4, Howie, a rattling good one, must have run the winners hard; 5, 6, Grewer; 7, Hampton. HEN (5): 1, 5, Grewer, 1, nice showy bird, put down in the best style; 2, Kerr, green, grand shape, very full in front, nicely tapered, good all over; 3, 4, Mitchell, 3, yell. good body, fine style, fails slightly in cut to winners. SELL CK. (9): 1, Piric; 2, Ritchie; 3, Grewer; 4, Jaffrey; 5, Christison; 6, Kerr; 7, Skinner. HEN (6): 1, Jaffrey; 2, Ritchie; 3, Pirie; 4, Bennett; 5, Bowman; 6, Malcalmson.

Mr. Hislop's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CL. ETC. CK. (9): 1, Gilchrist, yell., grand bloom, as tight as wax, splendid front and grand wing carriage; 2, 3, Craig; 2, tkd. on head, grandly tapered very nice quality throughout, a close run for second; 3, good style, well put down; 4, Wilson Bros, good body, very nice; 5, Hampton; 6, Mannock; 7, Hamilton. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Craig, 1, rare position, tip-top wing carriage, shown in the pink of condition; 3, rare shape; 2, Gilchrist, well rounded, fine head, grand style and feather; 4, Esson, well made and fine feathered bird; 5, Campbell. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Anderson, nicely rounded head, rare shape, leads in a good class; 2, Gilchrist, well rounded and stylish, a close second; 3, Christison, good body, beautiful position, nice neck; 4, Lyall, well made all over; 5, 7, Craig; 6, Auld. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 4, Craig, lovely feather and type, grand wings, nice body; 4, A1 head and wings, well rounded body; 2, Gilchrist, nicely cut body, well laid on wings, a close second; 3, Anderson, good type and feather; 5, Shields; 6, Christison; 7, Hamilton. VARIEG. YELL CK. (6): 1, 4, Esson, wing marked neat type and feather; 2, Mannoch, good type, nice front, heavier marked; 3, Walker, fine type; 5, Welsb; 6, Sanderson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, 3, Craig, good head, well filled-up body, typical, and neat, two lovely exhibits; 2, Shields, fine body, not much behind leader; 4, Auld, lovely colour, neat, grand head; 5, Sanderson; 6, Crabb. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Wilson Bros., 1, fine type, nice wing and tail, smart exhibit; 2, Gilchrist, very stylish, best of shape; 3, 5, Craig, neat head and wings, deeper markings; 4, Lyall, very jaunty, shows Cinnamon blood; 6, Walker; 7, Crabb. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Mannoch, rare type, well cut front, feathers like wax; 2, Hamilton, good body, neat head and wings; 3, spl, Craig, typical and neat; 4, spl, Irvine, neat, grand head; 5, Irvine; 6, Anderson; 7, Esson. SELL CK. (14): 1, Shields, cheap at the price; 2, Craig; 3, Hamilton; 4, Wilson Bros.; 5, Walker; 6, Stirling; 7, Christison. SELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Wilson Bros., well made one, cheap; 2, Christison; 3, Craig; 4, Esson; 5, Stirling; 6, Robertson; 7, Kennedy.

Mr. Martin's Classes.

DARK CAN. MULE (11): 1, Johnston, wonderfully fine rich coloured dark Greenie, rare shape and size; 2, Watson, rare depth of colour, splendid size and shape; 3, Duncan, Siskin, fine shape and position, beautifully pencilled; 4, 7, Winton, rare quality of feather, shapely; 5, Parker; 6, Nicoll. LIGHT OR HYBRID (3): 1, spl, Mobb, good size, brimful of colour, showing rare depth of contrast between breast and back, wonderful bird; 2, 3,, Irvine, two lovely exhibits, shown in the pink of condition, both in rare trim. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Nicol, good blaze, wonderful depth of colour, rare wings and buttons, beautifully tanned; 2, Irvine, rare blaze, very square cut and clean, buttoned to perfection; 3, 5, Parker, richly tanned, splendid shape and feather, trifle smaller than winners; 4, spl, Daggrell, another beauty, well shown; 6, Malcolmson; 7, Fleming BULLFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, Nicol, shapely bird, rich deep colour, wonderful polish on cap and wings; 2, Irvine, rare colour and shape, nice cap; 3, Watson, very rich deep colour, good Bullie neck, rare quality; 4, Colville and Sons, good breast colour, nice cap, wonderful polish; 5, Lawson; 6, Steven. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Dryden, two rare exhibits, very large, beautifully proportioned, fine colour, pencilled to perfection; 3, Farquhar, shapely bird, wealth of pencilling, rich nutty brown colour; 4, Parker, splendid shape, in rare condition; 5, Laird; 6, Duncan; 7, Malcolmson. SISKIN (11): 1, spl, Muir, a little gem, rare cap, bib, and wings, very steady; 2, 4, Livingstone and Sharp, two good showy birds, grand caps and bibs, sound body colour, good wings; 3, Grant, a really good bird, well shown; 5, Muir; 6, Andrew; 7, Robertson Bros. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, rare bird in lovely feather, and splendidly shown; 2, Dryden, rare feathered bird, grand shape and carriage, a topper; 3, spl, 5, Watson, bold bird, beautiful wings; 4, Webster, fine big bird of wonderful colour, with nice wings and good shape; 6, Johnston; 7, Fyfe. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, Lawson, Yellowhammer, a bird with grand depth of colour, beautifully spangled, lovely head markings; 2, Clark, Hawfinch, fine bird, good colour, nice bib, size and shape; 3, Douglas, Jay, well-known winner; 4, Lawson, Crested Tit, pretty exhibit; 5, Duncan; 6, Kinghorn; 7, Grant FOR.: 1, spl, Grant, Tanager, lovely feather and colour, a very interesting exhibit; 2, Nicol, yellow Budgerigars, very clear, lovely shape, and size; 3, Allardice, Parrot, in fine condition; 4, 5, 7, Grant, taking exhibits.

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DUBLIN.

The executive of the Dublin P., C.B. and P.A., are to be heartily congratulated upon the splendid show which they succeeded in getting together at the Rotunda on December 31st and January 1st. The entry was in excess of last year, whilst better quality we have never seen in the Irish Metropolis. Norwich have made great strides in Ireland, and birds of splendid type and quality predominated. Crests are neither so numerous, nor of such high merit as they used to be. Fifteen to twenty years ago Crests were with the Scots the feature of Dublin fixtures, and in those days the Irish birds could, and did, hold their own with those of English breeders. The veteran Camp was then in the heyday of his fame, and we quite enjoyed our chat with this good old fancier, who we were pleased to find still keeps a few of his old favourites, although he is now more interested in rural life, and pets of another kind. Yorkshires are now the great favourites amongst Irish breeders. Some 200 were staged, and from them came the winner of the Drummond Challenge Cup for the best bird in the show, a lovely clear yellow. This bird should make up into a grand yearling. We congratulate his owner, Mr. C. A. O'Reilly upon producing such a worthy representative of this variety. The "straight 'una," also provided the runner-up for this much-coveted trophy, in Mr. Fleming's Cinnamon-marked buff hen, a most charming little lass. British birds were an exceptionally fine lot, the Goldfinches and Linnets especially, and the task of sorting the latter was not one to be envied. Mr. Birse secured special for best British, with a very fine Missel Thrush, which was staged in the pink of condition.

The committee responsible for the fixture were: Messrs. M. L. Hearn (president), T. S. Carey, W. Camp, E. J. Reddy, J. Blood, — Smyth (vice presidents), W. Webster, R. C. Bolton, T. Farrell, W. D. Latimer, T. F. O'Reilly, F. R. Buckley, T. Speedy, J. C. Maclean, J. T. Dixon, E. R. Phillips, C. W. Smyth, A. Brady, W. C. Sholedice, F. R., Fry, J. J. Cloke, G. A. Thompson, J. Dowling, and Thomas Speedy (treasurer). Mr. J. Gibson is the secretary, and a really capable one, and a better worker it would be hard to find. All the arrangements were of the best, and everything moved like clockwork. The weather was not of the best, but this did not prevent a good attendance, the gate, we are pleased to say, exceeding that of last year. It was an excellent and most interesting show, and the success achieved was hard worked for, and well deserved. The flight during the day was very bad, and the task of judging most difficult; as a consequence, it was nearly seven o'clock before Mr. Robson completed his awards.

The Canary Classes.

SCOTS, CL. (4): 1, vhc, Birch, grand-shouldered buff, full of nerve, brings tail well down, and moves freely; res, Lavery, long-sided, stylish yellow; hc, T. O'Reilly. HEN (4): 1, res, Lavery, two shapely, good-sized buffs, of capital action; vhc, Birch; hc, T. O'Reilly. A.O.COL. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Birch, yellow-green with pied tail, long-sided, good topped bird, with nice action; res, hc, c, T. O'Reilly, very quiet, nervy pied yellow-green. HEN (5): 1, Birch, well-shaped, active buff-pied; res, vhc, Lavery, buff-green, plenty of substance and nice style; hc, c, T. O'Reilly. CREST (9): 1, M'Cabe, well spread green, neat centre, shield-shaped; 2, 3, Farrell, two nicely-centred, heavily-marked birds, nice centres and droop; res, hc, c, Camp, very wide front, grand length and droop, well finished back, we liked much; vhc, Birse. NOR CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, cup, Thompson, grand, deep chest, capital back, plenty of colour, and nice quality of feather; 2, Stewart, big, bouncing bird, with plenty of colour; 3, Sleator, capital shape and feather, not so rich in colour; 4, M'Loughton, nice colour and quality not so stout; res, T. F. O'Reilly; wrong class, Gandy, T. F. O'Reilly (2). BUFF (9): 1, Stewart, nice chubby-shaped, neatly feathered bird, of good colour; 2, 3, Thompson, ticked over eye, and a clear, two birds of nice colour and feather, former best type; 4, Mulligan, grand shape and style, ticked on head; res, M'Cabe; vhc, hc, c, T. F. O'Reilly; absent, Owens and Magee. VARIEG. (7): 1, Mulligan, very stout, shapely buff, of nice colour; 2, 4, Stewart, another capital buff, nice body and feather, and a neck ticked yellow; 3, Sleator, very choice, close-feathered buff; res, vhc, M'Loughlen; absent, Farrell. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Stewart, lovely shape, sound level colour, and beautiful quality of feather; 2, 3, Thompson, very neat pair, capital shape and quality, nice colour, res, clear, 3rd grizzle-capped; 4, M'Loughlen, nice quality of colour, not so stout; res, Farrell. BUFF (9): 1, Thompson, fine, bouncing ticked-headed hen, looked as though she was dropping into moult; 2, 3, Mulligan, two very neat, typical clears, of nice quality and level colour; 4, M'Loughlen, grand quality, not so stout; vhc, he, c, T. F. O'Reilly,; wrong class, Stewart; absent, Hanna. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, Stewart, two grand yellows, capital shape, colour and feather; 3, M'Loughlen, very nice, shapely, four-pointed buff; 4, T. F. O'Reilly. YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, spl, and Drummond cup for best bird in show, C. A. O'Reilly, very slim, grand-shaped bird, full of nerve and style, rare colour, and beautiful quality of feather, very neat wings and tail; 2, Coyne, grand shape and length, capital feather and style; 3, Hawkins; lovely shape and quality, good back and wings; 4, c, Sheridan and Fry, capital shape and length, hardly so tight in front; res, Devins; vhc, Huggard; he, South; wrong class, T. F. O'Reilly; absent Dudgeon, Cloke. HEN (14): 1, T. F. O'Reilly, nice, stylish, good quality hen, claimed at catalogue price, £2; 2, 3, res, Sheridan and Fry, very nice, stylish trio, capital shape, and good feather; 4, Devins, very smart little hen, of good shape and style, but showed a tick; vhc, M'Quade; he, South; c, Huggard; wrong class, T. F. O'Reilly, Devins. BUFF (12): 1, 2, C. A. O'Reilly, two grand-shaped, stylish birds, beautiful quality, full of nerve, handle well; 3, spl, Devins, very neat and shapely, nice style, hardly so long; 4, T. F. O'Reilly, good, stylish bird, but soiled; res, Huggard; vhc, c, Hawkins; he, Thompson. HEN (15): 1, spl, Coyne, pale in colour, but grand shape and style, very nice feather, handles well; 2, 3, Sheridan and Fry, good, stylish, nice-feathered hens, built on a larger scale; 4, Huggard, long and stylish, nice shape; res, c, Devins; vhc, T. F. O'Reilly; he, Mulligan; absent, Huggard. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, he, Hawkins, long, slim, stylish yellow, of grand quality, rare cap, eye, and wing; res, vhc, T. F. O'Reilly. BF. (10): 1, Coyne, very long, stylish yellow, capital feather and shape, variegated; 2, Hawkins, variegated buff, stands well, nice feather; 3, C. A. O'Reilly, very smart variegated yellow, lovely quality and colour, grand shape and style; 4, c, T. F. O'Reilly; res, vhc, Cloke. A.O. COL (11): 1, Coyne, long, slim, stylish, thigh-ticked yellow; 2, Devins, neat and shapely neck ticked buff; 3, Sheridan and Fry, neck-ticked yellow, good shape and carriage; 4, res, vhc, T. F. O'Reilly, long, slim, wing-ticked very stylish and stylish and nice feather; he, c, Huggard. HEN (16): 1, M'Quade, very smart and stylish, thick marked yellow, good wings and tail, nice feather, 2, Devins, yellow-ticked on rump, very smart, stylish, close feathered bird; 3, Hawkins, ticked-headed yellow, capital feather, shape and style; 4, Cloke, grand shaped yellow, of nice carriage, headed tubbing; res, C. A. O'Reilly; vhc, Huggard; he, T. F. O'Reilly; c, Sheridan and Fry; wrong class, South; absent, Duigenan (2). NON-FED (11): 1, M'Quade, long, slim, stylish, close-feathered yellow; 2, he, Hawkins, very smart, well feathered buff; 3, Devins, another stylish, slim yellow; 4, res, Farrell; vhc, Sheridan and Fry; c, T. F. O'Reilly. HEN (8): Devins, neat, natty yellow; 2, M'Quade, nice feathered buff; 3, c, T. F. O'Reilly, very slim, stylish yellow, of nice feather; 4, res, Mulligan; vhc, Cloke; he, Hawkins. A.O.V. (8): 1, c, Birse, clear buff, Crest-bred, stout, well-feathered head; 2, he, T. F. O'Reilly, neat little buff Border; res, vhc, Hanna. NOVICE YORKS. YELL (14): 1, T. Farrell, grand shape and style, capital feather and colour; 2, Forest, nice, long, slim, stylish bird, of good quality; 3, Mulligan, neat head, capital wings and tail, full of style and quality; 4, Fleming, plenty of style and nice shape; res, Birse; vhc, Lavery; he, Gillion; c, M'Donnell. BUFF (13): 1, M'Donnell, long, stylish bird, capital feather; 2, res, Butterfield, not so much colour, but rare feather and style, grand shape; 3, c,, Mulligan, capital feather and carriage, plenty of style; 4, Birse, not so much length, but nice feather and style; vhc, Gillion; he, Forrest; c, Lynch. HEN (11): 1, Fleming, lovely little hen, rare shape and colour, beautiful style and feather; 2, Mulligan, another really smart hen, full of style and quality; 3, c, Birse, good style and feather; 4, res, Forest, nice shape and feather, plenty of style; vhc, Dowling; hc, 1. Farrell. BUFF (12): 1, Mulligan, very stylish, capital wings and tail, good feather; 2, Brise, very smart in style, grand feather, nice shape; 3, Dowling, a charming hen, long and slim in body, well up on leg, and as tight as wax; 4, T. Farrell, a good hen, but patchy in colour; res, he, Carroll; vhc, Fleming; c, 1. Farrell. A.O. COL (16): 1, Fry, variegated buff, good style, shape, and feather; 2, Mulligan, neat and stylish yellow, ticked on head; 3, T. Farrell, very showy, nice quality variegated yellow; 4, Carolan, varieg. cinn.-marked buff, of nice shape and feather; res, Fleming; vhc, Lynch; he, Lavery; c, Dowling. HEN (14): 1, spl, Fleming, cinn.-mkd., buff, charming little lady, grand close feathers on a slim, stylish body; 2, Birse, neck ticked yellow, nice shape, full of style; 3, vhc, M'Donnell, showy, nice feathered, neck ticked buff; 4, Dowling, another good stamp of hen, head ticked; res, T. Farrell; he, Carroll; c, Forest.

The Remaining Classes.

MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, Mulcahy, very nice-shaped, good-coloured, six-pointed yellow; 2, T. F. O'Reilly, well feathered, shapely, stylish variegated buff; res, Birse; vhc, Dowling; he, Scully; c, M'Gage. DARK (13): 1, 2, he, spl, Lavery, Gold-Bullfinch and Green-Bullfinch, two grand birds, beautifully feathered, very rich colour, Brise, Jonque-Goldie, of rare colour and quality; 4, Sleator, large, shapely, well marked Siskin-Canary; res, Hanna; c, Thompson. BRIT. GOLDIE (23): 1, spl, M'Cabe, fine big Finch, capital blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, 4, res, spl, Lavery, a clinking trio of very rich-coloured, well-marked, high quality Finches; 3, Sainsbury, not one of the largest, but a gem for colour, markings, and feather; vhc, Birse; he, Mrs. Mitchell; c, Trunk; absent, Devins. Bullie (17): 1, spl, Mulligan, capital shape, clean-cut, glossy cap, nice back and bars; 2, Phillips, grand shape and size, beautifully feathered, hardly so rich; 3, Carolan, a gem, very rich, deep-coloured breast, grand cap, splendid shape, and lovely feather; 4, Dawson, nice shape and plenty of colour; res, hc, Killen; vhc, Hanna; c, Mrs. Mitchell; absent, Owens and Magee (2). LINNET (13): 1, spl, Mrs. O'Neill, very rich colour, grandly marked, lovely shape and feather; 2, Mulligan, another little beauty, and not much to choose; 3, Mulcahy, again a gem, hardly so large, perhaps; 4, Mrs. Carroll, grand shape and colour; res, Ross; vhc, Cloke; hc, Birse; c, Carolan. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Philips, very rich-coloured, well marked close feathered Twite; 2, Birse, nice-coloured, well-marked Siskin; 3, Dawson, very pretty Siskin, nice shape and feather; res, Mrs. Carroll; vhc, Byrne; hc, Hanna; c, Devins. LARK (11): 1, res, spl, Mulcahy, grand shape and feather, beautiful colour and rare markings; 2, 3, Carolan, two fine large birds, of capital shape and feather, well marked; vhc, Cloke; hc, c, Cole. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, spl, best British, Birse, very fine Missel Thrush, grand shape, colour and markings; 2, res, c, Mulcahy, two handsome Song Thrushes, rare colour and grand feather; 3, Philips; very lustrous, well-spangled Starling; vhc, hc, Dowling. A.O.S. (4): 1, Philips, fine large, well-marked Hawfinch; res, vhc, Hanna, nice Greenfinch and Yellow Bunting, capital feather and colour; hc, Birse. PARROT, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Smith, very handsome Alexandrine Parrakeet, grand colour, feather, and marking; 2, English, very nice-coloured, well-feathered grey; res, hc, Cloke; vhc, Dunbar; Ormiston. SEEDEATERS (8): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, hc, c, Cloke, very nice team, the leaders being a nice-coloured, red-shouldered Whydah, and a pair of St. Helena Waxbills. GIFT (9): 1, spl, Birch; 2, Birse; 3, res, vhc hc, c, Coonley.

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GUISBOROUGH.

Notwithstanding so many shows being held on New Year's Day, and the other holiday attractions, the Committee of the Guisborough and Dist. Priory C.B.S. are to be congratulated on having a record entry, and such a grand collection of birds. Just 100 exhibitors responded to the schedules sent out offering 33 classes with 4 prizes in each, together with about 20 specials for a low entrance fee of 1/-. This, with a knowledge that the birds would only be away for a day, was no doubt a great temptation to those who value their stock in the cold months of the year. We learn that all the birds were packed and sent away by the last train the evening of the show day. Mr. Jacob Mackley (Norwich) judged, and his awards were well received. All the prize cards were affixed to the cages by 2 p.m., when the President (Mrs. Chaloner) opened the exhibition, supported by her husband, Col. Chaloner, and her daughter. In her opening speech the President congratulated the members upon getting together such a fine collection of birds, and was pleased to see so many British birds carefully provided with roomy cages. The vice-president also spoke encouragingly to the unsuccessful exhibitors and hoped the cup the Colonel had given would be competed for in a friendly spirit. The cup was offered for the best Canary in show, and it fell to Mr. Walter Radley's Variegated Buff C.B. Cock. Both bird and cup were shown round the hall amidst much applause. This association consists of good young fanciers well up to the management of an exhibition. The chairman is Mr. J. G. Cook; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Jones; committee, Messrs. Hood, Starling, Hall, Meaburn, Graham, Blackburn, Jobling, Mayes, Jackson, Parker, Winter and White, whose attention to the exhibits was all that was required. The secretarial duties were in the able hands of Messrs. Atkinson and Wilson, while Mr. A. W. Knaggs, looked after the finances. Of the birds themselves we can speak very highly. The Yorkshires contained some very smart birds, which were well shown. The Norwich were a nice level lot, as also were the Crests and crest-breds. Borders and Mules. The British and Foreign Birds made a grand collection. The competition in the Linnets, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches gave Mr. Mackley no little work. A splendid glossy Starling, a superb Tanager, and a Golden-fronted Fruit-sucker exhibited by Messrs. Nicholson and Son, of Stockton, came in for a big share of admiration.

The Canary Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Foden, good upstanding bird, nice head and wing carriage, wins well; 2, Stevens, good quality, nice finish, well put down; 3, Ware, very sweet bird, stands well; 4, Rand, not so finely drawn in head perhaps, nice one; vhc, he, Meaburn; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF: 1, 4, Meaburn, 1st, good, upstanding, well drawn, nice wing carriage, shown in fine condition; 4th, erect, and gets quickly into position; 2, Cuthbertson, another good one, nice head, beautiful feather; 3, Stevens, lovely exhibit, stands well; vhc, Cook; he, Ware; c, Crooks. VARIEG.: 1, Cuthbertson, nice, upstanding, good shape, fine head and wings; 2, Stevens, another good one, fine head, nice wings and tail; 3, Taylor, nice shape, a trifle loose on breast; 4, Stevens, very straight tail, grand wing carriage, well shown; vhc, Carter; he, Jenkinson; c, Metcalfe. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Brooks, lovely bouncing bird, good head and chest, wings and tail in a line, in excellent condition; 2, 3, Hill and Stewart, two good ones, well coloured, nice length, well put down; 4, Cleminson, nice head and shape, a trifle loose in feather; vhc, Coventry; he, Bentley; c, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Brooks, very fine specimen, good head, neck and chest, beautiful wing carriage, fine feather, grand under colour, well shown; 2, Wake and Carr, good head and neck, nice shape; 3, Ware, good shape and wings, well staged; 4, Turner, bold head, chubby bird; vhc, Hill and Stewart; he, Greenfield; c, Parlett. VARIEG.: 1, Brooks, marked one wing, good size, grand shape and quality, feathers fitting to a nicety, plenty of undercolour, wins easily; 2, Turner, nice shape, good head and wing carriage; 3, Hill and Stewart, typical, well staged; 4, Wake and Carr, another nice bird; vhc, Hill and Stewart. HEN: 1, Brooks, grand cl. buff, nice length, good type head, neck, and body, full of colour, fine feather, easy win; 2, Hill and Stewart, good shape and colour, nice head; 3, Jones, lovely shape, nice head; 4, Wake and Carr, just a trifle loose in feather, but a good one; vhc, Ware; he, Jackson. NOR. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hill and Stewart, nice length, fine head, good shape, wins well; 2, Coventry, another very similar; 3, Turner, not tight in feather; 4, Cleminson, another nice exhibit; vhc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Snell Bros., good type, grand head and shape, shown well; 2, 3, 4, Greenfield, all nice birds; 5, Cleminson, rather loose on feather, but good shape. CREST: 1, Radley, buff, mkd., nicely rounded crest, good shape; 2, Yeates, thick in crest, good body; 3, Taylor and Smart, beautiful thick laying crest, good one; 4, Brooks, large varieg., well laying crest, centre just a little too open, grand stock bird; vhc, Yeates; he, Hands; c, Blackburn. C.B.: 1, spl, best bird in show, Radley, massive varieg. buff, immense head, overhanging brows, an easy win; 2, 3, Taylor and Smart, nice bodied birds, good heads; 4, Hall, fine body and head, fails just a trifle in feather; vhc, Hands; he, Yeates; c, Blackburn. BORD.: 1, 3, Ellwood, both very typical fine silky feather; 2, Jenkinson, very smart, nice plumage; 4, Snell Bros., lovely feather and shape, well shown; vhc, Jenkinson; he, Snell Bros.; c, Ellwood. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Bentley; 2 very fine Clun, grand colour and shape, well shown; 3, Hodgson, yell. Belg., typical and full of quality; 4, Stevens; vhc, Wake and Carr.

The Other Classes.

MULE: 1, Granger Bros., Goldfinch Bullfinch, fine size and colour, nice quality, well shown; 2, Brooks, buff Goldfinch and Can., marked on back, in the pink of condition; 3, Wake and Carr, Bullfinch and Linnet, well up in colour, beautiful plumage; 4, Wilson, Bullfinch and Goldfinch, rather on small side, but very nice and well shown; vhc, Bowron and Kimmings. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, Wells, good yell. Goldfinch, plenty of colour, nice feather, wins well; 2, Todd and Son, nice Greenfinch, full of quality, very steady; 3, Jones, yell. Goldfinch, grand size and quality; 4, Milburn and Hughes, Linnet and Can., excellent quality; vhc, Cream; hc, c, Wells. (10/-) SELL.: 1, Turner, Nor.; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Jackson; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vhc, Bentley, yell.; he, Rand; c, Bentley. (15/-): 1, Wake and Carr, yell. Nor.; 2, Barker; 3, Bentley; 4, Jackson; vhc, Foden; he, Yeates; c, Bentley. (30/-) PAIRS: 1, Meaburn, good Yorkshires, well shown; 2, Bentley, Nor.; 3, Wake and Carr; 4, Hands; vhc, Cook; he, Gibson; c, Jones. LINNET (23): All good birds, 1, Cook, beautiful nutty brown, very steady, shown in grand condition; 2, Stamp, well up; 3, Bowron and Kimmings, very steady, full of quality, well shown; 4, Milburn and Hughes, nice quality feather, shown nicely, very steady, not much to choose between the winners; vhc, Milburn and Hughes; he, Calam; c, Stamp. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand blaze, nice colour, very steady, well staged; 2, Hanson and Lancaster, another good one, blaze very little inferior, very steady exhibit; 3, Nicholson and Son, nice quality, rich blaze, very quiet on perches; 4, Belcher, nice colour, a little shy; vhc, Nicholson and Son; he, Easton; c, Wood. BULLFINCH (18): Very good lot; 1, Foster, grand size, rich colour, nice plumage; 2, Cook, not quite so large, nor so deep in colour on breast, perhaps, but a good one; 3, Lowe, bit wild at times, good colour and size; 4, vhc, Belcher, nice colour, well staged; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Wood. GREENFINCH: 1, Milburn and Hughes, real gem, full of colour, nice quality, very steady; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, fine bird, not so deep in colour perhaps as winner; 3, Robinson, very good colour, tight in feather; 4, Taylor, very steady, nice size, good plumage; vhc, Barker; he, Stamp; c, Todd. SISKIN ETC.: 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, good cap, nice colour, very steady; 2, Cook, Redpoll, pretty bird; 3, Nicholson and Son; 4, Mallory, Twite, nice condition; vhc, Atkinson; he, Mallory; c, Cook. BRAMBLEFINCH ETC.: 1, Cook, grand Bramblefinch, beautifully staged, rare colour, very steady; 2, 3, Livingstone and Sharp, Chaffinch, and Brambleffinch, both good, latter very steady; 4, Parlett; vhc, Foster; he, Cook; c, Stamp. A.O.S.: 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good Bawfinch, in splendid condition; 2, Wilson; 3, Cook; 4, Todd and Son; vhc, Dawson, all Yellowhammers, close up to one another, well staged. SOFTBILL LARGE: 1, Freeman, beautiful Thrush, lovely plumage, well staged; 2, Carter; 3, Lawson, smart Redwing, put down in fine form; 4, Jackson, grand Starling, in nice condition; vhc, Freeman, Redwing. SMALL: 1, 3, Cook, latter grand Nuthatch; 2, Wilson, nice Blackcap, well shown; 4, vhc, Nicholson, Blackcap and Wryneck, both in good feather, nicely staged. FOR. LARGE: 1, 3, Nicholson, 1st, grand glossy Starling, not a feather out of place, in lovely plumage; 2, fine Blue and Yellow Macaw, in excellent condition; 3, Bowmaker, Green Parraquet. SMALL: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Nicholson, 1st, Sunerb Tanager, in grand plumage; 2, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, staged well; 4th, Diamond Sparrow, a gem, all over; 3, Atkinson, Siberian Goldfinch, grand feather, very steady. GIFT: 1, Cook; 2, Jackson; 3, Jones; 4, Knaggs; vhc, Wilson.

REMEMBER!

Birthday Number Next Week!!

GUISELEY, YEADON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held December 19th, at the Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon. Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Nearly eighty birds were staged.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Frankland; 2, Bunting; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Myers; 2, 3, Frankland; he, Thornton; c, Wheatley. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Frankland; vhc, Wheatley; he, Hardaker; c, Bearpark. BUFF: 1, vhc, Frankland; 2, Myers; 3, Hardaker. UNEVEN MKD. CK.: 1, Frankland; 2, Bearpark; 3, vhc, Wheatley; he, Thornton; c, Hardaker. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN.: 1, 3, Myers; 2, hc, Frankland; vhc, Thornton; c, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Wheatley; 2, Frankland; 3, Myers; vhc, Bearpark; he, Thornton; c, Thompson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, hc, Myers; 2, Wheatley; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Thompson; c, Frankland. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Myers; 2, Frankland; 3, vhc, Bearpark; he, Hardaker. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Thornton; 3, Myers; vhc, Wheatley; he, c, Frankland. HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, Frankland; 3, Myers; vhc, Bearpark. STOCK: 1, Myers; 2, Thompson; 3, Hardaker. CK. SELL.: 1, Bearpark; 2, Bunting. HEN: 1, 2, Bunting. Five special prizes were given to be competed for by members at the two shows July 4th and December 19th; four of the highest birds to count for special prizes. Points were gained as follows: 1, 2 (a tie), Messrs. Frankland and Myers, 1st 23 and 21 points at the respective shows, making a total of 44; 2nd 20 and 24 points respectively, also making a total of 44; 3, Wheatley, 14 and 18 points, making a total of 32; 4, Bearpark, with 18 and 13—total, 31; and 5, Hardaker, with 11 and 10—total 30.—W. S. THOMPSON, hon. sec.

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*Jan. 7 and 8.—**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.** (W. Pawley, 11, Ulverston, Plumstead.)

*Jan. 12. **Diss and Dist.** (H. Goodchildman 9, Sunnyside), J.C.

*Feb. 5, 6, 7.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Saunders, 11, Josephine Avenue). H.T.C. S.B.C. J.F.D. J.B., F.H., J.F.H., R.C.T., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

*Feb. 25.—**Gorseinon (Glam).**—Gordon Clarke, High St., Gorseinon

Oct. 15 and 16. **Bolton** J. Stringer, 27, James St.

Oct. 16. **Darling on C. & C.B.F.A.**—(H. S. Black, 2, Dr ok Street.

Oct. 22 and 23.—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Hunter St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 23.—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

Oct. 23.—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherines Road.

*Oct. 29 and 30.—**Auckhall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marsden, 1, Thomas St.

Oct. 30. **Dysart C.B.S.** J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Nov. 10 and 11.—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.

Nov. 13 and 14.—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

(For Key to Judges' Initials see No. 352.)

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE L. AND P.O.S.

The social side of "the Fancy" might with advantage be cultivated to a much greater extent than it is at present. Such an enjoyable and convivial function as the annual dinner of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society proved this year is evidence of the truth of that reflection. Far too seldom do we unbend from the severer phases of our hobby. Held at that well-known London hostelry, "The Horseshoe," in Tottenham Court Road, on Wednesday evening last, January 6th, a representative and merry muster of members and their friends responded to the invitation of the dinner sub-committee, Messrs. Dobson Mortlock, and Tringham, and did full justice to the most excellent repast provided, and listened with the finest appreciation to the well-considered programme of musical and humorous contributions of a number of talented artistes. We think it necessary at the outset to tender our sincere congratulations to the responsible sub-committee for the splendid manner in which the affair went through to a successful conclusion. Proceedings went with a bang from start to finish, and we can only express the hope that this resuscitation of a most pleasing social fixture will be maintained in the future.

MENU.—SOUPS: Consomme Printaniere, Thick Mock Turtle. FISH: Fillet of Sole Bercy, Devilled Whitebait. ENTREE: Chicken Cutlets and Peas. JOINTS: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Boiled Leg of Mutton, Vegetables. POULTRY: Roast Turkey and Sausage, Chips. SWEETS: Pears a la Conde, Blancmange, Wine Jellies, Ice Pudding. Cheese. Celery. Dessert.

Amongst those fanciers present we noticed Mr. G. Crabb (in the chair), J. P. Anderson, T. Heath, J. Ramsden, Geo. Ramsden, F. S. Matthes, H. K. Picard, F. W. Thorpe, W. Piddis, O. Hands, R. J. Pretty, H. J. Pearce, E. S. Lugg, W. A. Gilbert, C. W. Baker, J. Keeling, C. Patser, Arthur R. Bolton, Walter G. Lee, H. J. Hawes, A. Williams, Geo. Ogle, W. Hodson, J. Hazell, H. Horton, C. Mortlock, P. G. Mortlock, H. R. Mortlock, T. R. Trower, C. R. Oake, J. Dobson, J. Oldaker. H. Litchfield, J. Robson, and H. E. Tringham. Amongst the ladies present were Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. C. W. Baker, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Mortlock, Mrs. Lechbridge, Miss Oldaker, Miss N. Cooper, Mrs. Litchfield and Mrs. Tringham.

Opening the speechifying which was commendably brief and pithy, Mr. Geo. Crabb, the chairman, proposed, after a few well-selected words, the toast of "The King." His Majesty's health was drunk with applause to musical honours. Permission to smoke was then greeted with loud applause and some little laughter, most of the guests having slyly anticipated that permission.

Mr. Ramsden, proposing the toast of "The London and P.O.S.," coupling with it the name of Mr. G. Crabb, said their society was in a most flourishing condition. It was blessed with ample funds to carry out its ideas, and they were just about to hold at the Crystal Palace the biggest show of cage birds that had ever been held in the world for which all records had been beaten in every respect except the entry, and for a record in that they confidently appealed to exhibitors. Mr. Crabb, in his reply, also referred to the Jubilee Show, and trusted that all present would put their best foot forward to its support. The L. and P.O.S. meetings during the past year had been of unusual interest. In the forthcoming year they would make every effort to improve that interest. The L. and P.O.S. was the oldest society in London, but it showed no sign of dotage as yet. They extended a helping hand to younger societies. There had been a great increase in the number of London fanciers of late, and the L. and P.O.S. had felt the benefit of new blood. In the past year the L. and P.O.S. had distributed and returned all the members' subscriptions to themselves, plus 1s. a head, in the way of cups, medals expenses of lectures, etc. Cups, valve £20, were to be competed for freely by every member. The services of the hon. solicitor, Mr. Tweed were eulogised. In connection with their Jubilee Show, a free entry would be given in the stock class to every member entering in the ordinary classes. Mr. Crabb concluded by wishing the members success during the coming year. Mr. Ramsden, supplementing Mr. Crabb, said that extra cash prizes would be given in every class at the Jubilee Show by the L. and P.O.S. Mr. Carl had announced his intention of presenting a cash prize to the best v.h.c. in every well-filled class. Mr Ramsden following suit with a cash special for the best h.c. ditto. There would thus be the possibility of seven and the certainty of five cash prizes, to say nothing of a long array of valuable trophies, medals, and specials.

Mr. T. Heath, that veteran London enthusiast, bashfully curtailed his toast of the ladies, pleading with shameful mendacity his ignorance of the subject. Mr. Picard responded for the fair ones in a drily humorous vein that caused considerable laughter. Pretending to change his sex for the occasion, he expressed as a lady his, or should he say "her" constant willingness to help the mere male in the riding of his hobby. The men he (she) was conscious, were but poor things but for that assistance. Mr. Mortlock, in felicitous terms proposed the toast of "The Visitors," dwelling on the large number they had present that evening, and extending to them in the name of the L. and P.O.S. a cordial and hearty welcome to hospitality and membership. He also paid a graceful compliment to the lady visitors. Mr. Anderson responded. As a one-bird man his acquaintance with "feathers" was limited, but he found the hobby entirely fascinating and delightful. Nothing could be more admirable than the enthusiasm shown by the average bird "fancier." He thought they (the visitors) had all spent a most pleasant evening, and a profitable one, and he heartily thanked the chairman and members for the kindly welcome given them.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the sub-committee, for which Mr. Dobson replied, paying Mr. Tringham a special compliment for his labours, and the usual vote of thanks to Mr. Crabb as chairman, who was promptly "jolly good fellowed" with unanimous uproar.

We must not close our account without mentioning the names of the excellent entertainers. We were charmed with the singing of Miss Edith Coates, a powerful, but sweet and pure mezzo soprano, who rendered several items with great verve and intelligence. The tenor songs of Mr. T. Edgar found great favour. His voice finding its best effects in such popular songs as "Songs of Araby" and "Pair of Sparkling Eyes." Mr. Norman Greene's rich and thrilling baritone did ample justice to "Thora" and other ballads of similar genre.

Mr. C. E. Mortlock, another baritone, proved most popular, and deservedly so, while Mr. Will Putner's humorous ditties "Hang out the Front Door Key" and "Put me a Girl inside," vastly pleased the frivolous section of the audience, as usual in the majority. Mr. T. James, notwithstanding he was suffering from a severe cold, afforded much enjoyment with a whistling song. The pianoforte accompaniments were most efficiently discharged by Mr. Jose de Winter.

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CLUB NOTICES (continued).

Stoke Newington F.A.—Members please note: No meeting on Jan. 12, date of annual general meeting will be sent by post.—G. Dowden.

Sale Open O.S.—Jan. 11, Technical Schools, 8. Balance sheet and election of officers; C.B.U. and other business.—J. Irlam.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S. — Jan. 12, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of officers; intending members are asked to attend.—J. Smith.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Balance sheet and election of officers.—F. Howes.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.—Jan. 9, Talbot Hotel, 7. Report on the year; election of officers; admission by card only.—J. Gill.

Walkley and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 14, new quarters, Westmoreland Mission Room, 8. 1908 balance sheet. R. Coupland.

Windsor and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 14, Star and Garter Hotel, Windsor, 8.15. To consider members' show and arrange list of prizes.—P. S. Robinson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Cross Key Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 11, All Saints' School, 8. To elect officers for ensuing year.—A. Waud.

XMAS COMPETITION RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Central Conservative Club, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, and other important business.—J. W. Pollpost.

Admiral Duncan O.S., Nottingham.—Jan. 9, Admiral Duncan, 8. Balance sheet, and election of Officers.—W. Beatty.

Accrington and Hirst C.B.F.A.—Jan. 9, Portland Hotel, 7. Annual meeting, election of officers; arrangements for supper on Jan. 16.—J. Ames.

Atherstone and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers.—W. Richinson.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—Jan. 9, Good Templar Hall, 7. Fixing date of annual general meeting, selecting judge for club show, and distribution of schedules.—C. C. Irvine.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 9, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 8. Election of officers for 1909; balance sheet.—H. Clegg.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—Jan. 9, Bull Head, 8. Election of officers.—L. Hardwaite.

Barnsley O.S.—Jan. 9, Headquarters. Members' show; birds to be staged by 2 o'clock.—E. Craven.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 12, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of officers; arrangements for open show, etc.—H. Hill.

Bolton and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 13, Committee meeting, Headquarters, to discuss social evening, etc.—H. Parkinson.

Blayton and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Consideration of annual balance sheet, election of officers, judges, etc., for next show.—G. Harver.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Important business, balance sheet, etc.—F. E. Holden.

(We only received this notice on the 4th inst.; possibly Jan. 12 is meant.—Editor.)

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Annual general meeting postponed to Jan. 11, at 8.30, at headquarters; selection of secretary and officers for 1909, and revision of rules, etc.—S. H. Baker.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 8, Crown and Anchor, 7. Nomination of officers.—Parker and Atkinson.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 12, Burton Hotel, 7.30. Adjourned general meeting.—J. C. Heaton.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, 7. Members' prize money, etc.—J. Brown.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — Jan. 13, George Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, and election of officers.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Jan. 9, Barley Mow, 7.30. Election of officers for 1909; classification for year's shows, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 10, Great Horton Co-op. Cafe. Annual tea and concert, and distribution of prizes. Tea on the tables at 5.30; will members please send number of tickets required and oblige.—H. Schofield.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—Jan. 13, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Important club business; members' subscriptions due.—J. Forrester.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 9, Butchers' Arms, 8. Balance sheet and special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hull C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Oddfellows' Hall, Room No. 12, 8. Committee meeting, syllabus for 1909.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S. — Jan. 8, St. George's Schools, 8. Mr. E. Marlor (Denton) will give a Washing Exhibition; all fanciers heartily invited. —F. Barraclough.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 11, White Hart Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, to receive balance sheet; and election of officers.—S. Lodge.

Kent County C.B.A.—Jan. 13, at Folkestone Show. Time, etc., will be posted in the show hall.—G. Sanderson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 9, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Members' show, last medal competition. Judge, R. Halliday.—A. Bottomley.

Leeds Reiler C.C.—Jan. 9, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Election of officers.—T. Carter.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Headquarters, 7.30. Balance sheet and payment of members' prize money.—R. Hall.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester, 8.15. Table show, Nor. Yell. (except Unflig.), open and novice classes, A.V. (Nor. excepted); pairs matched for breeding. Judge Mr. E. Noakes. Fanciers invited. Members' Annual Show, Jan. 9.—J. A. Tyler.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 9, Liberal Club, High Street, 7.30. Revising of rules; proposed table show and judging competition.—G. Brown.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Entries taken for show to be held Jan. 16.—J. Davey.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 11, Headquarters, 8. Nomination of officers, members' show; all unsold tickets for late show to be brought in. W. Jackson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Jan. 16, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. Annual general meeting; balance sheet, and election of officers.—R. G. Challenger.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 16, Show Room Coal Exchange, Manchester, 6.30. Closed rings, and other suggestions, for the coming B.R.C.C. meeting at the Palace show; fanciers invited.—W. Whittaker.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Headquarters. 8. Smoking concert and distribution of prizes and specials.—J. C. Spilsbury.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 16, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Election of officers.—Reid and Maddison.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Very important, election of officers for present year; other business relating to Pair Show, Young Bird and Autumn Shows.—W. Lilley.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 12, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for 1908; nomination of officers, etc. H. Dobson.

Sandy Lane and District C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Headquarters, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Yearly meeting.—B. Buckle.

Shields C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Greggs' Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7. Table show of Nor., Yorks., Linnet, Goldfinch, A.O.S. Brit., Seedeaters; important C.B.U. business.—W. Duke.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Bull's Head Hotel. Birds to be staged by 3 p.m. Buff and Yellow Cocks; Members' Show.—A. E. Morton.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Accommodation.

No Name.—In the first space 5ft. long by 22in. wide I would not advise you to keep more than three hens breeding for feeders as it stands, and this is assuming you will remove the young they may be given to rear when well able to do for themselves. If you were to divide it up into four or five equal spaces you could keep as many hens and two cocks at the most would be all you would really require to put them to nest. To succeed in your object of utilising the hens as feeders you would find this latter plan much better than allowing the birds to fly together. Each hen would probably settle down more quietly and be more free from disturbance, and, consequently, more reliable when in a separate space by itself. The same remarks apply equally to your second question. In this space also you might run three hens as it stands—its greater length gives the birds more liberty to get away from each other—but here again if divided into three separate spaces it would give as many hens far greater privacy, and still leave each one with a nice roomy cage to breed in.

Effects of Removal.

Thomas.—Beyond saying that the birds do nothing but call to each other and stand on the perches flapping their wings since you brought them down from a cold room into the kitchen, you give no particulars of symptoms of any illness at all. I am therefore inclined to think the effect of the change of quarters has simply been to bring the birds into premature breeding condition. As you do not seem to have altered your diet, which was suitable enough for a cold room, but is too stimulating for a warm kitchen, this also adds colour to the above theory. Try following treatment for a fortnight, and if any signs of illness appear then, write again and state the symptoms. See the birds are in no draughts, and do not keep them too near the fire, which would cause them to miss the heat greatly when the fire is put out at night. As a staple diet give plain Canary seed only, and twice a week give each a pinch of summer rape. Once a week give half a teaspoonful of egg food to each, or its equivalent in crushed sponge cake or bread and milk, and on each of the other days give a scrap of green food or fruit, or even a bit of carrot, boiled or raw. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence one day each week, or three times in the fortnight. It is not unlikely that the recent snap of winter will have brought them to their senses before this reply appears. If they have not resumed their ordinary song hang both cages on the same wall, when the birds will not be able to see each other if the cages are box pattern, as they should be.

In a Bad Way.

W. F. (Renfrew).—I have not the least doubt but that your previous management and feeding, which are far from being correct, are the cause of the trouble. The birds will do much better in the room you have now put them in. Treat as follows for a fortnight or so, and then let me hear result. Begin by destroying all seeds and foods that have been injured by damp, and give in future nothing but what is perfectly sweet and sound. As a staple diet give good sound Canary seed only in unlimited quantities. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird twice a week; on two other days a similar quantity of scalded rape—use only the small reddish coloured summer rape—and every second day half a teaspoonful per bird of crushed sponge cake with two drops of Chemical Food and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it. Give all these extras alternately, so that a different one is given each day. Do not give any green food or fruit, except it be a morsel of banana occasionally, nor any seeds or foods other than those named above. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water give ten drops of whisky, and five each of glycerine and tincture of rhubarb for the first two days. Afterwards drop this and give instead twenty drops of whisky, five of dandelion juice, and every second day as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence in the same quantity of water, and twelve drops of Chemical Food on the alternate days. Continue until the droppings are normal; then drop the first mixture, and give four drops of tincture of steel instead for a few days. The Chemical Food may be continued for two or three weeks. When the diarrhoea has ceased thoroughly clean up the floor and put down a fresh supply of clean untainted sand.

To Join the Ranks.

"Andrew."—The way to become a member of the Crested Canary Club is to get some member to propose your name for membership at one of the club meetings. Then if the motion is accepted to the majority, all you will have to do is to pay your entrance fee and the annual subscription to become a recognised member. If you do not know any member of the club, the secretary will doubtless be pleased to propose you, or would tell you of any likely member in your vicinity. The addresses of all secretaries will be found in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL.

Moulting and a Tonic.

E. H. (Windsor).—Your bird has undoubtedly been exposed to a chill, or some great variations in temperature to cause the renewed moulting you speak of. Feed him on the ordinary diet frequently advised here, keep him in an equable, but not necessarily overheated, temperature, quite free from draughts, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and in the drinking water twelve drops of Chemical Food every second day—on the same days as you give the sponge cake—and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. The Chemical Food given as mentioned above, or in those quantities, daily for two or three days is a very good and useful tonic; or for birds that are slack and in low condition three-drop doses of tincture of steel in the water for a day or two are very good as adjuncts to feeding-up; a few grains of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in the water; or two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel, are also excellent when the appetite is poor. But do not give tonics to healthy birds; reserve them for time of necessity, and always observe one cardinal rule when about to use tonics—viz., never give a tonic medicine on a foul stomach or loaded intestine.

Five in One.

W. Shone.—1. Your outdoor aviary will at its full capacity, accommodate 24 birds the size of a Norwich. For breeding purposes it would be sufficient to add one cock and two hen Canaries, in addition to those you now have. But you must be prepared for disappointments which are very apt to crop up when attempting to breed in these small places with mixed collections of birds. 2. Am afraid I do not know any variety of prize-bred Canary with all the qualifications you require, which would succeed in your out-door aviary all the year round. Many good strains of prize-bred Yorkshires are bred in cold rooms, and kept without heat all the year round, but being valuable birds, I doubt whether the breeders of these strains would risk keeping them out-doors all the year round. Norwich when similarly bred are perhaps a trifle hardier. 3. You would attain your object here by mating a self green Yorkshire with a variegated; or with a broken green bred from heavily variegated parents. In either case you would have a good proportion of broken greens as well as selfs, and variegated. You cannot get all self greens, and attractively variegated—by which I suppose you mean not too heavily variegated—without having a good proportion of intermediate varieties. A broken green and a ticked would probably give you the greatest proportion of nicely variegated birds, but self greens would probably be very few in number. So much depends upon how the parent birds are bred that being a novice you had best state your wants to a breeder and trust to his selection for a suitable pair. 4. Much as I might wish to help a novice, I regret I cannot comply with this request. To do so would not be fair to others. 5. From November to the end of February is about the best time to buy fresh stock. There is generally more choice, and the prices are a trifle lower than from March onwards. But if the birds have not been previously kept out-doors you must not turn them out before the end of April or sometime in May.

Film on Eye, etc.

"Querist."—The bird with a white film over his eye is suffering from cataract, which is a practically incurable form of blindness in cage birds. You may try the following ointment for a few weeks, and let me know result; but, candidly, I do not hold out any hope of its curing the trouble. Get a chemist to mix you three grains of red oxide of mercury in half an ounce of spermaceti ointment. Twice or three times a week catch the bird and put a tiny piece about the size of a pin's head in each eye, holding the bird a few moments whilst it melts, and assisting it to work its way all round the eyelid. The ointment is poisonous, so be careful with it. I cannot really understand what is wrong with the Norwich cock which you think has a bad cold, but which makes more noise during the day, especially when you go near the cage. Are you quite sure it is not squeaking at you from tameness, perhaps expecting a tit-bit? Treat it as follows for a fortnight, and if not better then write again and describe its symptoms. For staple food give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, twice a week, a few grains of hemp, and every second day a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Two or three times a week give a scrap of green food, or a bit of banana—the latter instead of, and in preference to, apple. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after that give twelve drops of Chemical Food every second day during the fortnight, and on the alternate days two drops of tincture of gentian and five of dandelion juice. See the cage is free from red mites and draughts, and keep it strewn with clean gritty sand. Treat the two hens the same as the Norwich cock (I am quite sorry, by the bye, for the poor dear who has lost all her teeth. Terrible!! yet not so bad if you supply her with new ones regularly in the shape of gritty sand). The only difference you need make in the treatment of these hens is to add two drops of tincture of steel to the mixture of gentian and dandelion juice, and give a fourth part only instead of a third part of rape in the staple diet.

Film on Eye the Second.

Puzzled One.—Your former queries were unavoidably delayed on account of Christmas postal dislocations. The second item in your letter I recognise as an addition to your former queries, and so answer it here. All the other questions are dealt with in the other reply. As this singing hen is active and healthy, I should advise you to let well alone. Assuming she has not moulted imperceptibly, she may probably drop into moult as soon as the weather gets nice and mild, but even if she does not, and she continues healthy, as now, do not attempt to force on a moult. Certainly I would mate up such a hen at the proper time. There is no reason whatever why she should not breed quite successfully, especially if put up with a vigorous young cock.

A Misfortune.

"Lucky."—Probably you think the luck of a negative kind, and no wonder, as it is certainly unfortunate the cock which was such a reliable ally should become blind. I cannot really tell what measure of success you would meet with by using a cock Canary-Bullie Mule for putting your feeding hen to nest. The initial stage might succeed, but as the birds are in such high condition and notoriously mischievous it seems doubtful about the utility of the experiment in the later stage. Lots of hen Mules make very good foster parents, but in all cases it is to a great extent a question of individuality, and one can only answer definitely for any given bird after the experiment has been actually tried. When you are likely to have the lives of valuable Mules at stake it is best to take no unnecessary risk, and so I would rather advise you to secure another young cock Canary to put the feeder to nest, than depend upon the Mule for doing so. 2. Yes, the blind bird will certainly get accustomed to its condition and if kept in the same cage, or one of similar pattern, will learn to get about quite cleverly, and may sing again after a time. You might try the ointment advised to another querist for blindness this week, and let me know result in a few weeks hence.

Wheezing and Sneezing.

A. L.—I cannot tell you how to rid a bird of these common complaints, or rather, symptoms, unless that which causes them is first removed. Perhaps this is the reason the remedies you have already applied were not successful; that you did not in the first place take steps to remove the causes, which, in practically all cases, are either draughts, extreme and repeated fluctuations of temperature, damp, or chills. See that the bird is now protected from all these causes; keep it in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated; feed on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed, and twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp. Every second day for a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry mixed in it. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a week. Give this mixture on the days when you are not giving the sponge cake. If consistently carried out, especially as regards the preventive measure, a week's treatment should suffice, though you may continue it longer if it appears necessary.

To be or not to be?

A. F., Novice.—Having regard to all the circumstances of your case, I think you would be very ill-advised to burn gas in your bird-room regularly with the idea of warming it a little. As long as the birds continue to keep healthy and show no signs of suffering from cold, let well alone. You might give them a little extra hemp in their dietary; also small quantities of rolled oats, coarse oatmeal, or split groats, and a little more rape than you would give birds in a warm room, regulating this supply according to the severity of passing weather. If you burn the gas as you suggest you will, of course, be compelled to open the window daily to let out the fumes, or provide some other method of free ventilation; and then, as you say, there is considerable risk of creating draught and making matters worse, besides the risk of accidentally asphyxiating the whole stock some time or other. If you really desire to use heat at all a portable hot-water stove, as recommended to another querist this week, would be much better; but seeing that the birds are cold-bred, and have never been used to heat, it is scarcely wise to begin to apply it without any real need.

Males only Affected.

Veto.—It is certainly a little curious that with one exception only your male birds should have been affected as you say. Perhaps the hens are of the militant suffragette type and impervious to any ordinary influence. Your treatment is decidedly bad, and is doubtless the chief cause of your trouble. You should not give stimulant or indeed medicaments or any kind either in food or water to birds in an average condition. First of all see that all your seeds and other items of food are quite sweet and clean, free from damp, mustiness, or mouse filth. Also that the room itself is free from dampness. Again, be very careful not to give green food saturated with mud or nipped by frost. This, in itself, might have caused your trouble. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and every second day for a fortnight give each a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of Chemical Food and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week you may give a small piece of banana, but withhold green food or other fruit entirely until birds are quite well. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of dandelion juice for one day only. After that give twenty drops of whisky and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day until the looseness is stopped; and on alternate days give two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian in the drinking water, continuing the latter for a week at least. Keep cage floor as clean as possible, and well strewn with clean sand, and keep the birds free from any draughts.

A Troublesome Cough.

"Double Buff Sib."—You ought to have said what the mixture you have been using is composed of, or cut out the reply and enclosed it, as I have given more than one remedy in these columns. See remarks to "A. L.", in this issue about taking initial steps to remove the cause of the illness. Perhaps this may help to explain your own failure. Begin again and consistently follow this treatment for a month, and if not better then write again enclosing this reply, and say how she is. Keep the cage in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily over-heated, but see that it is equable night and day; free from all draught; and keep it clean, nicely strewn with fresh sand, and free from any suspicion of red mites. For staple food give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry, and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week you may give a bit of banana, but no other fruit or green food, and a mealworm occasionally would do good. Give no other food at all but these. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for the first three days, and for the remainder of that week, and the next week give twenty drops of whisky, five of syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day. During the third week give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel; and in the fourth week discontinue the steel, and give only the Chemical Food on alternate days.

Mopish Norwich.

Novice.—If it were a young bird I should rather doubt the sex of a Norwich cock, presumably, which had not yet commenced to sing. See that it is not exposed to draught at any time, and that its cage is quite free from red mites. Continue to give Canary seed only as a staple, but decrease the amount of rape by at least one-half. Give, say, twice a week half a teaspoonful, not more, and on two other days a few grains only of niger seed; yet again on two other days a give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a small pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give all these extras alternately, so a different one is given each day. Keep cage clean and nicely strewn with gritty sand, fresh each time. Two or three times a week give a scrap of green food (but see it is free from frost), or a bit of sweet juicy fruit. Give no other seeds or food, but what are mentioned here. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week.

No Song.

Sykes.—Perhaps your Norwich is leaving its youth too far behind to trouble about recommencing his song before the breath of spring is in his nostrils. This is a common thing with some birds after the first season. Keep it in a fairly comfortable and equable temperature, free from draughts. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of rape, twice a week a few grains of hemp, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry mixed in it, and a slight sprinkling of gold of pleasure seed strewn over it. Give all these extras alternately so that a fresh one is given each day. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after that give ten drops each of glycerin and syrup of squills, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge in the water, every second day for a week. Shake until lozenge is dissolved. On the alternate days give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give four drops of tincture of steel every third day.

Mating a Crestbred.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Ajax.—To mate with your clear yellow Crest-bred cock you should procure a lightly-variegated Crest hen. The better the hen is, both in appearance and breeding, the better chance you have of getting good young ones. The cost of Crests would be from 20s. to £10 each. From the description you give of your Crest-bred, especially as it is a yellow, you would have to give for a heavily-feathered hen, suitable to mate with it with a prospect of breeding good birds, from 40s. to 60s.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The Pretty Blue Tit.

Blue Tit.—1, Blue Tits require a good quality soft-food mixture, such as is given to other small insectivorous birds—the Nightingale, for instance. They certainly won't thrive on seed. I have seen my own birds eating a little Canary-seed, and "playing about" with sunflower seeds, but only the Great Tit (a much more sturdy bird) cares for any considerable amount of seed. Live foods in season (mealworms, gentles, small beetles and grubs, flies, and the like) must also be provided if they are to thrive for even a fair length of time. They are delicate birds so far as thriving in captivity is concerned. 2, The hen is a much duller edition of the cock bird, greyer all over, faded looking by comparison. Seen together, cock and hen may be identified readily. 3, I shouldn't like to keep Blue Tits with such tiny birds as Waxbills. Though not so murderous as the Great Tit, which is always liable to "break out" and brain its companions, yet the Blue Tit, too, will on occasion savagely attack a weaker bird, especially in a confined space.

Lark and Linnet.

New Reader.—Always pleased to welcome new readers. I have often dealt with keeping Larks and Linnets in this column, and in the "British Bird Manual" (price 2s., post free from this office) you will get a heap of information about these and other birds. For your Linnet, go to a good seed shop and get the following mixture, by measure: Canary and teazle, one pint each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. Give this as a stock food, and vary it with a good pinch of maw and hemp now and again, given in a finger-drawer or separate dish; also a little pocket Finch mixture, and wild seed mixture, and a few cracked or shelled sunflower seeds. Give plenty of seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops in season, but strip off old, stringy leaves (these do internal damage, there can be no question), giving the young and juicy ones only. If you can get any sprays smothered with green-fly (blight), let him have a feast of the latter. You can, of course, also give hard-heads, plantain, thistles, and the like. For the Lark, a good and simple stock food, which will keep for a very long time when stored in a dry place and sealed in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix for you, is:—Game (or pheasant) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food) about a teaspoonful of Canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape.

Colour-feeding.

Boy Fancier.—It is largely a matter of opinion whether British birds should be colour-fed or not. Many people colour-feed Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, and Siskins, and some, no doubt, do the same with Linnets, Redpolls, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, and Goldfinches—which covers your list. A really good non-fed bird of any species can hold its own on the show-bench; I believe that to-day no judge would allow colour (pepper produced) to be the main factor influencing his awards. 2. The winning Goldfinches, Linnets, Yellowhammers, and Chaffinches are almost invariably hour-moulted specimens, but Bullfinches, Siskins, Greenfinches, and Redpolls frequently win prizes when in field plumage. I should certainly hold that all the above species improve, broadly speaking, with a house-moult. 3. The best colour-food is a first-class tasteless (or "sweet") pepper, sometimes termed "red feed." There is much chaff and little wheat among peppers, however, and you should ask some practical, experienced fancier to guide you (if you need it) in selecting that which you will use. The easiest way to give it is to get the birds on to cracked seed (easily provided if you have a good seed-mill), and mix the pepper amongst this. It should not be given too strongly.

Fresh-caught Goldfinches.

W.R.—Probably your losses are due to the fact that you give the birds hard seed only when bought. Take no notice of the seller's story that they are "well caged and on seed." Would he be likely to tell you otherwise? I think mixed seed very wasteful for these birds; most of them show a preference for one kind, perhaps two, and the others get knocked about the cage floor as a result of their searching for the favoured seed or seeds. For fresh-caught Goldfinches (if kept together, when they should be in a long, low cage), I should put in a pot each of cracked hemp (not crushed), teazle, and niger seeds, and a pot of mixed maw, linseed, and canary; some advocate coarse oatmeal as well. In addition, I would offer ample sunflower and summer rape, which had been soaked in cold water until it burst, or had just commenced to sprout, dabbing it as dry as possible with a cloth before offering it. Or a good substitute is a supply of the stock seed mixture which has been soaked for at least 24 hours in cold water, and well rinsed and dabbed dry. Then there are the wild seeding weeds and grasses, thistles, hardheads, plantains and the like, not forgetting flowering groundsel tops (not the coarse leaves). With the help of these latter foods (of which the Goldfinch fancier should always have a little store), the change on to the ordinary dry seeds can be made gradually, and without harm accruing. Should they seem to go a little "soft," the drinking water should at once have some sulphate of soda dissolved in it (as much as will just lie on a shilling to every two tablespoonfuls). A gentle dose of saline, if given in time, is in my experience, the best medicine; in fact, I never found anything else of much use.

Management of Woodlark.

Birdie.—A Woodlark is most certainly worth its outlay (they are very cheap, fresh caught) as a pet, the song being very sweet and charming. The only drawback I have found is that some are shy, and take time before singing out boldly in the house. A good stock cage can be made out of the usual type of Skylark cage (bow-fronted), one perch being placed in same (the bird likes a turf; and must also have a dust bath). The cage I myself like best is one of the pattern known as the "Lark runner" (only longer, and wider from front to back) with doors at each end, and a canvas ("false") roof. A large turf fits in at one end, a perch over the other (the "dust bath" end), and the food and water vessels hang on the front. In this you will have no trouble with their feet, given reasonable cleanliness. Try this stock food: powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. (See also reply to "New Reader.") Woodlarks ought certainly to have a regular supply of live food—many droop for want of it. Many real good insectivorous stock foods are advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week. A little seed (especially Canary) should be given now and again; while crushed groats and coarse oatmeal are relished.

Brevities.

Keeping Mealworms (H. Silsor).—I dealt with the keeping of mealworms last week in the reply given "H. W. A., Toronto," which evidently you have overlooked.

Song of Chaffinch (R. White).—Certainly, the Chaffinch has a song of its own—a very distinctive song indeed which I should have thought would have been familiar to every bird-lover, and especially to one living in the country. During the Spring his loud "Toll-oll-oll chick-weed-o," or "Toll-oll-oll kiss-me-dear," according to the finishing "turn" can hardly fail to be noticed during a walk along country lanes.

Nightingale in Bad Feather (Nightingale).—I can quite believe your 'Gale is in bad feather, and getting worse, seeing that you feed him on "raw and cooked meat, ants' eggs, and mealworms four per day." Where on earth did you get this menu? It might suit an Owl or a Hawk admirably. But the Nightingale requires very different treatment. It is only two weeks ago that I gave a long answer dealing with the management of 'Gales and other small insectivorous birds. Could you not refer to this, and re-model your menu? You must certainly do the latter if you want your bird to keep in perfect plumage.

Weed and a Thrush (J. Thompson).—(1) The weed, I should say, would be wild mustard (or wild "bird rape"), a favourite food of Linnets, which often flock wherever quantities of it are to be found. (2) The food mentioned is very good, considering its low price, but wants supplementing frequently with other things—crushed dog biscuit or game meal without grit, moistened with hot water, and finely minced hard-boiled egg, and a little scraped raw lean beef or mutton, to mention a few. Do this, and give two mild doses of saline medicine, when probably the bird will go on all right.

A Curious Matter (E. A. Hinde).—If there is some real obstruction of the crop, I expect the bird will be dead ere you read these lines. If alive, then two drops of warm olive oil direct into the beak might afford relief, especially if you afterwards gently and judiciously "massage" the lump with your fingers (in an upward direction). Probably the best advice I could give you however, would be to recommend you to show the bird to a veterinary surgeon; or to a medical man if you happen to be acquainted with one who is interested in birds. You are sure, I presume, that it is not a swelling due to the presence of air under the skin?

Moisture for Mealworms (H. Pelrey).—My own mealworms get no moisture except what is natural to the bran and middlings given them to feed upon. Old bung rags from beer casks are said to be good things to put into the boxes, but as I have never yet been in that happy state of affluence which makes a barrel possible, I really can't speak as to this. My mealworms thrive, however, as teetotallers.

Linnet Casting Feathers (G. C. Sarbero).—Probably the recent very changeable weather is responsible (see other replies). Or maybe you have been keeping the Linnet in a room wherein the temperature has fluctuated very considerably. You can only trust to good feeding (plenty of "dainties") and an equable temperature to pull him through. Give the citrate of iron tonic recommended another querist.

Linnet Not Singing (G. Eades).—Illnesses such as you describe, coming on top of a bad moult, take a lot of pulling through, and no doubt your bird has not yet regained his old-time vigour, and so lacks that high vitality conducive to song. Your feeding is fairly good, but you might give the hemp a little more freely, and supplement it with a half-teaspoonful of maw and niger seeds, mixed in equal parts. Send to a good seedsman for the following wild seed mixture, and give a small teaspoonful on the days you are not giving the hemp, maw and niger:—Gold of pleasure, lettuce, and sesame, four ounces of each; cornflower, thistle and dandelion, two ounces of each. Also try the citrate of iron tonic recommended another querist this week.

Goldfinch Ailing (No Nom-de-plume given).—Your bird should be dosed with dandelion juice (taraxacum), from the chemist, until its bowels are seen to be acting freely. Daily dose, half-a-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, given in a glass or pot vessel. Give it a change of diet; never mind about the "stock mixture" until it recovers. Try the following (order it from a good seedsman):—Thistle (English) dandelion, niger and sesame, four ounces of each; lettuce, cornflower, and maw, two ounces of each. This "wild seed mixture" will pull him together, if anything can succeed. Keep him in a moderately warm, dry room.

Loss of Tail and Wing Feathers (E. E. Scott).—It was unfortunate, of course, but you can do nothing beyond wait for the feathers to grow again. Tail and wing feathers come out very easily indeed, and birds want carefully handling. That the Goldie should go off song was an only to be expected consequence. Give him daily a teaspoonful of the "wild seed mixture" advised "No Nom-de-plume."

Goldfinch Ailing (J. B. N. Novice).—Do not give warm milk to drink; it will do no good, but only constipate the bird. Treat exactly as advised "No Nom-de-plume" this week. It's stock mixture should contain ripe teazle and canary, in addition to the other seeds you name.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot?

S. O. Bufast.—There is little doubt but what you have a Swainson's Lorikeet, also known as the Blue Mountain Lorikeet. It is a native of Australia, an active and brightly clad bird. Diet: Milk sop, ripe fruit in variety, green food, and water for drinking and bathing. Prepare the milk sop so: Put sufficient milk, sugar, and crushed biscuit for the daily supply into a small pannikin; boil, and when cool supply to the birds. It should be sloppy, and of course must be made fresh each day, as sour sop would soon cause diarrhœa and death. A tin of canary seed may also be kept in the cage, for the bird to help itself to as it pleases, but do not neglect to supply the milk sop and fruit. It is a hardy species, and in a roomy aviary may be kept out of doors all the year round; but, of course, when confined in a cage it should not be placed outdoors after frosts appear, neither during the chill mornings and evenings of early spring and late autumn.

Young Cockateels Dying.

A. L. J.—Your supposition is quite correct; the young died from the extreme change of temperature consequent upon the weather and the fire being allowed to go out. Cockateels are hardy birds, and I have known young to be reared in an outside aviary in awful weather. But your conditions are very different, almost tropical, in fact, and the combination of your fire going out and the severe weather of December 28th would produce a condition of things that no fledglings could withstand. It is a marvel the old birds have not suffered also. You can take it as an indisputable fact that birds which can be left out of doors all the year round, when kept indoors within the limits of a cage, must not be subjected to extremes of temperature, but need a little protection during exceptionally severe weather. Some of my birds in the bird-room often get a chill during such weather as we have just experienced, while those out of doors all nothing. Your diet is satisfactory, providing you are supplying grit and cuttlefish.

An Ailing Amazon.

Kitty.—For the next week put a little aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water, say, 4 drops to the ounce of water; take the water away overnight, and the first thing in the morning give it 4 drops of tincture of opium in a teaspoonful of chilled water; well stir it up before offering to the bird. Being thirsty, it will probably drink the whole. This can be given daily for a week, and in case of any recurrence of the trouble repeat the treatment as above. The bird must be kept warm, and the voidings should be removed at once and preferably burned. Let the bird have a daily supply of boiled maize till the trouble ceases, and for a month at least it had (the boiled maize) better be continued. After drawing the water from the boiled maize, soak into it half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food. The cage must be kept strictly clean, and I should advise scalding out the sand tray with boiling water for a few weeks. In case of a sudden attack, give a dose of opium at once, and hold a piece of warm flannel against its abdomen. If the bird will not permit this, keep it in a warm situation in a room in which a fire is burning all day, and keep a cover half-way round the cage, thus securing it against all draughts. I think it has got over the worst, and with care will soon pick up and be in condition again.

What Parrot?

B. D., Sheffield.—You have either a Ring-neck or Alexandrine Parrakeet, presumably a female, or else a young bird, as you make no mention of a ring round the neck. Both are natives of India, and the following diet and treatment will suffice for either species. Diet: Seed mixture, canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, equal parts of each; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, greenfood, at intervals and regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish, and water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. For the next month give it one dose weekly of Diuneford's magnesia, one teaspoonful in its drinking water; the quantity of water should be about one ounce. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also talk to it and make a fuss of it, and it will ultimately, at any rate, speak a word or two, and also mimic such noises and calls as it hears. Its value is but small. Young untrained birds can usually be obtained for 10s. to 15s. each, sometimes less, according to the number on the market.

Grey and Green Singing Finches.

E. Scott.—Both these species have good merit as songsters. I fear I can give no sexual distinctions in either case that will enable you by plumage alone to readily distinguish the sex; again, it is doubtful whether such distinctions as are known are constant, and they can only be of use when there is a quantity of birds to compare. By far the simplest way would be to pick the largest and brightest bird, not merely as to brilliancy of colour, but also as to the lustrousness of plumage; this would apply in either case. Such distinctions as exist I will briefly indicate. In the Green Singing Finch, the yellows of the females are not quite so pure, nor so large in area as those of the male, neither is her plumage as lustrous, and her moustachial streaks are not so pure a black as the male. The tips of her tail feathers are said to be pale, but this latter I have not found to be constant. The Grey Singing Finch—that is, the male bird—when he is singing has a small patch of white on his throat; this the hen does not possess. The Grey Singing Finch is by far the better and sweeter songster, but it must be borne in mind that the respective song power of individuals of both species varies considerably.

Grey Parrot Dull and Sleepy.

E. P.—It is the effect of unwholesome diet that is responsible for the bird's condition. Give it a dose of Diuneford's magnesia weekly for a month at least, one teaspoonful in an ounce of water, and nothing else to drink for that day till the whole of this has been consumed. Continue to give it boiled maize (note this only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean); half fill the food tin with the seed mixture given at foot, and put the boiled maize on top of this, and you will find it will ultimately take to the seed mixture. You can also offer it ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, little boiled potato (unseasoned), raw and boiled carrot, but the potato and carrot should not have anything put over them, such as gravy, etc., before being given to the bird. Also keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. All the above items are wholesome, and may be given with safety, and should provide an ample and varied dietary. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Seed mixture: 2 parts each canary and oats, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep free from dust and damp.

Building a Garden Aviary.

Tipperary.—As to the general arrangement of the proposed aviary, I can suggest but little alteration, as it is evidently well thought out. The chief point I don't care for is the door at end, as the aviary is not large, and you would be driving the birds before you all the way up aviary. I should suggest the door to be in the front, close against P in sketch. I should also suggest that the 2½ft. of roof of flight nearest to the glass shelter be boarded and felted; the other 2½ft. of open wire work would be ample in an aviary of these dimensions. I am speaking of the roof only; leave the whole 5ft. of front open wire work. I cannot advise you to keep Finches with Budgerigars, so it is useless my answering your questions as numbered. Simply get two pairs of Green Budgerigars, one pair Cockatoels, and one pair Roselias; you can put in one pair each of Grey Java Sparrows and Red-crested Cardinals, as these are generally able to hold their own in any company. Procure four Budgerigars from different sources, then your young birds of the respective pairs will be unrelated, and can be safely left to interbreed. The birds I have named will be sufficient to stock your aviary. Well furnish it with twiggy branches, and at least double the number of husks and nest boxes that you have pairs of birds. If this does not meet your need, repeat query in different form.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (W.J.J.H.).—The death of this bird, and probably of the other four, was caused by an infectious feverishness of the lungs and liver. Thoroughly disinfect all the cages, and the place where they are kept, before using again.

Two Canaries (Gilbert Owen).—Both birds were affected, and came by their death in exactly the same manner as those referred to above. The same precautions against further infection should be adopted.

Canary (J. Bowman).—Liver disease and anæmia. Some fresh green food, such as watercress, or some mild preparation of iron in the drinking water, might have kept her in better health. Please remit 4d., surcharge for registration made by P.O., because your letter packet contains loose coin.

GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

Bannockburn Society (W. Ritchie).—There is no charge for notices of this nature.

An Incubator (Deerfoot).—The address you want is Messrs. Fox, Incubator Works, St. Helens, Lancs.

Our Thanks to G. Milne, A. Parvin, F. J. Matthew, G. West, and others for forwarding cuttings, photographs, etc.

Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (A. W. Law).—Your letter was insufficiently stamped (half-penny only); no doubt an oversight.

A Matter of Subscription (Monte C.).—A member of a society is liable for his subscription up to the time of his resignation. Your second question answers itself.

Coloured Plates (G. Stocks).—We quite appreciate your point, but it is as impossible as it would be inartistic to portray all kinds of birds on plates of one size. Still, though we cannot promise that the size, plate for plate, shall be the same, in arranging a series, we always bear the matter of "pairs" in mind.

CAGE BIRD UNION.

Agenda for Annual Meeting.

I beg to give notice that the annual meeting of delegates of the Union will be held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 6th at 5.30 p.m., to receive the report and balance-sheet and to elect a president and secretary for the ensuing year. Copy of balance-sheet, etc., will be forwarded to delegates later. The following suggestions for alterations in the rules have been submitted, and will be discussed and voted upon at the meeting, viz.:—

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.—Proposed addition to Rule 17: "That all exhibitors not affiliated either directly or indirectly to the C.B.U. be not allowed to exhibit at Union shows."

PAIGNTON C.B.S.—Addition to the rule governing fixing of show dates: "That a district committee be not empowered to alter a show fixture of recurring date."

COVENTRY O.S.—1. "That affiliated Cage Bird Societies (those confined to cage birds only) have first choice of show dates." 2. "That show dates for mixed societies be not granted earlier than four months previous to the show." 3. "That affiliation or license be granted to mixed societies only on the condition that the mixed nature of the shows be advertised." 4. "That no cages be staged higher than six feet from the floor." 5. "That 25 per cent. of the income of the C.B.U. be reserved to form a fund from which grants may be made to exhibitors losing their birds by theft or negligence to or from shows."

MEMBERS OF COUNCILS' Notices of Motion.—

MR. HADWIN.—Rider to suggestion by the Coventry Society, that members of the Union pay a sum of 1s. annually, such to be added to the 25 per cent. of the Union funds, to form an insurance fund, only such members as have contributed to benefit.

MR. RAMSDEN.—That the words "for decision" be substituted for the words commencing "and such reference, etc.," at end of Rule 19.

MR. POPE.—Suggested alteration of the Western Counties District; societies in this district are 220 miles apart.

MR. HADWIN.—To add to end of Rule 17 the words "though given at an open show."

MR. HADWIN.—That affiliated members of the C.B.U. be allowed to exhibit at Yorkshire Union shows.

Nominations for offices of president and secretary should reach me not later than Wednesday, the 28th inst. Please note that I do not intend to stand for re-election as secretary, if nominated.

I also beg to remind societies that in accordance with the rule passed at the last delegates' meeting, an instalment of 5s. of the annual subscription should be paid by February 1st, and that the date proposed for the open show of a society should be submitted by that date, so that, in pursuance of the same rule, meetings of the various district committees can be called to fix up the show dates for the next season to avoid clashing; only such societies as have paid the instalment of 5s. are permitted to send a delegate to the meetings at which the show dates are considered.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

The Christmas Linnet singing contest took place at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 20 birds faced the judge, Mr. Perry, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The singing was very good for the time of year. Mr. J. Smith arranged a prize for every competitor, the principal prize-winners being as follows: 1, 7, Lambert; 2, Kirby; 3, Cole; 4, Granger; 5, Massheder; 6, Amateur; 8, Metcalfe. A vote of thanks to the donors of prizes concluded the proceedings. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Cooper.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at the "Bricklayers' Arms," Palmer Lane, Hungate, York, on January 2nd, when 28 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. W. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Some excellent singing was heard. Result; 1, Harrison; 2, Andrews; 3, J. Whitehead; 4, Whiteley; 5, Key; 6, F. Whitehead; 7, Chaplin. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, when 18 birds competed. The following were the principal prize-winners:—1st, Gurden; 2nd, Kirby; 3rd, Lambert; 4th, Marshedon; 5th, Littlewood. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE, N.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, the usual weekly contests and handicaps took place. Linnet fanciers came up in good form, and some fine scores were recorded. Chaffinches, however, took the lead so far as scores were concerned, and one or two new birds were introduced which are likely to top all previous records. A white Goldfinch will be on show at this house during next week (caught by Tony Moore).—W. MORRISON, Timekeeper.

NEWTOWN (Leeds.)

Prince Albert Inn. Usual week-end contest held January 3rd, when 16 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard. Result:—1st, Sellers; 2nd, Hayes; 3rd, Farrar. Judges, Messrs. R. Jackson and A. Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers.—W. DEAN, Sec.

LEEDS.

There will be some very keen contests this year, evidently. The first contest of the season for three special prizes for 1909 was held January 2nd. The 1st prize is a gold medal, 2nd gold-centred, and 3rd a silver medal. Contests are open to all England. Twenty birds sang before a crowded house on this occasion, and some very good singing was heard at the "King's Head," Shannon Street. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and C. Cooper. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons. Also on January 3rd, when 25 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, Stead; 4, Crowther; and were judged to perfection by Messrs. J. Melia and T. Chadwick.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR HEBDEN BRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting was held on Dec. 23 at the Nutclough Tavern, Hebden Bridge, when it was decided to form a society, to be called the "Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S." Membership is open to the United Kingdom. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14th, at 7.0, when all fanciers will be heartily welcome.

W. PARRAT, Sec. pro. tem.

A CAGE BIRD UNION MATTER.

SIR,—Referring to the letter in your last issue under this heading, if "H. M. R," or his friend, Mr. Jones, will send me the name and address of the member who is stated to have infringed the rules of the Union, I will see same is sent to the proper Committee to be dealt with. I think I have stated before that I have not made it my business to look for such cases, but, whenever they have been reported I have had them attended to; at the same time I cannot vouch for it that this case may not have been overlooked.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

FIELD-MOULTED LINNETS AT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—I was very much surprised on opening my case of birds from the Scottish National Show to find that the judge had wrong classed my Field-Moulted Linnet, Class 99, No. 3. I should be greatly obliged to Mr. Watt, the judge, if he would kindly let me know, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, his reasons for so doing. This bird has never been beaten in a Field-Moulted class but once this season (at Swindon, where it stood second), and I have shown it against House Moulted birds—1st at Paignton, under Mr. Robson, 2nd at Carmarthen, under Mr. Longden (17 in class), 3rd at Perth under Mr. Castner, 2nd at Felinfoel, under Mr. Longden (class of 20). So I should be glad if Mr. Watt would let me know in your next issue on what grounds he marked it "wrong class."

W. J BANCROFT.

THE USE OF RINGS ON CANARIES.

SIR,—A few years ago I took up Canaries as a hobby, and started with Norwich and Yorkshires. Owing to the exceptional advantages that a novice now enjoys as compared with 20 years ago, I was very fortunate with them. Years ago the art of Canary breeding, except to those with many years' experience, was as a sealed book, and one went on blindly. Old fanciers did not look kindly upon the beginner, and consequently Canary breeding was not done on such a large scale as at the present time. Thanks to the Fancy Press, one is able to acquire in the way of knowledge in the first season what would have taken at that time years to learn. I started, as I said, with Norwich and Yorkshires, the best stock I could afford, and was full of enthusiasm, and my joy knew no bounds when I thought I had bred something worth showing; but, like the Canny Scot, I wanted to be sure of my ground, and began to feel my way before I did anything desperate. I visited a few shows, just to see how things were managed, and the way exhibits were shown to the best advantage. I got into conversation with birdie men who, I must say, were most courteous and kind in giving advice and valuable tips. In my ignorance I thought exhibitors bred all they showed, but, to my surprise, I found that they did not, but quite openly confessed to buying this or that bird for the show. This set me thinking, and I must say almost tempted me, as it has no doubt others, to throw up the sponge; for what chance should I have in showing against those who could afford to buy the best and sweep the board with bought exhibits? So I gave up all thoughts of showing, and gave up my present varieties, turning my attention to Rollers. I think the British Roller Canary Club have set the Canary world a grand example, as in the Young Bird Classes the birds must have been bred by the exhibitor before they can be shown, and also wear a closed ring issued by the club, and checked, so that it is impossible to enter a bird unless it wears the ring with a number and the year it was issued to members. It must, I feel sure, have occurred to others, and set them wondering why this system has not been adopted by other clubs in their Young Bird Classes. As now, the amateur who is not overburdened with wealth, has no chance of winning if he competes with an exhibitor with a long purse, as he is in a position to go and buy the manufactured article ready for show, washed and trained. They are openly boasted of, and this must disgust the true fancier who breeds and shows for the love of the Fancy, and cares little for gain, working all the year to gain honours on the show bench. This, I am certain, accounts in a measure for the falling off of exhibits at local shows, which are getting, in some cases, smaller every year, as amateurs get disheartened. And why? Because professionalism (the only word I can find to suit) has killed all their hopes. I can see no reason why everybody should not join a club that is formed for their particular Fancy, and that makes the subscription low enough to bring it within the reach of all; and instead of hundreds, I venture to prophesy that thousands would be enrolled as members, and all because we should have to breed our own winners, ring them with club rings, and not buy them as we can now. How often do we read not only of Canaries but of Mules and Hybrids (certain winners) for sale! Long purses come in again and sweep the board. It is practically the same as buying honours and not working for them. The last-named (Mules and Hybrids) could also be rung as other varieties. Another reason in favour of closed rings is: often a novice (and they are the backbone of the Fancy) goes to a show. He looks round for a few good stock birds, and sees some he likes, but at the same time, perhaps, he cannot just then spare the money for them. A few weeks afterwards he enquires of the owner if the bird is still for sale? Perhaps he receives a reply to the effect that birds are still unsold. Now, the point is, can he be sure that he will get these particular birds? He has only the sellers' word that they are the same as he wants, and as one bird is so much like another, he may or may not get them. Whereas, if the closed ring were used he would be certain to get what he wanted in the first place, and perhaps, if successful in breeding during the next year, show exhibits bred by himself. Fraud and undue advantage, as under the present system, where you can buy winners, would then be a thing of the past.

FAIR PLAY.

THE W.C.B.C. AND TREDEGAR SHOW.

SIR,—I have received this morning a letter from the Secretary of the W.C.B.C. that the only specials to be competed for at our show, held at Tredegar on Jan. 21st., are the Cups, therefore I shall be greatly obliged if members of the Welsh Cage Bird Club will kindly note that only the Cups belonging to the club will be competed for, and not cups and medals as stated in schedule, under Welsh C.B.C's classification and show rules.

E. J. BEVAN, Per pro. the Sec.

PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—I very much dislike dealing with unpaid prize money questions through the Fancy Press, but in this case private communication with the secretaries of the Dulwish Ornithological Society seems of no avail, so perhaps they will announce through your columns when they propose paying the overdue prize money in the Open Classes. The above show was held on Nov. 24th and 25th last, and the schedule says: "Prize money will be paid in full" (Rule 20), and the Cage Bird Union Show Rules, enclosed with the schedule, state prize money is to be paid within 28 days (Rule 17). Having heard certain rumours that an official of the society stated at a meeting, in reply to a question, that all "open" prize money had been paid, I thought it well to drop the secretaries a card, reminding them that my wife had won two prizes, and requesting a remittance, at the same time giving particulars of the numbers and awards. This I did, on the 28th ultimo, but the secretaries have not, up to now, deemed a request of this sort worthy of recognition, hence this letter. The letter signed by the hon. secretaries, in introducing the schedule, states: "They (the committee) offer four money prizes per class. . . . the committee, leaving nothing to chance, etc. . . . and your confidence will not be misplaced." From rumours that have reached me through members of that society it would seem that the word *not* should have been omitted from the last sentence above quoted, as they seem to have left the financial part very much to chance.

S. A. SANDY.

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THE NEW SOCIETY FOR BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, to notify the bird fanciers around Bannockburn that the new society is open for 20 miles around as regards membership. We shall be very pleased to here of anyone wishing to join. Particulars may be had from Mr. William Ritchie, Sec., Watson Place. A meeting will be held on January 16th, at 6.30 p.m., in the Station Bar, Bannockburn.

W. RITCHIE, Sec.

SHOW BIRDS & MISSING CLAWS.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, a letter on the above subject, as I think myself it is quite time something was done in the matter. I don't think any bird, no matter how good, has any right on a show bench with missing claws. I wonder what a judge would say if anyone took a hunter or a hound into a show ring with half a foot on one of its legs? I think it would promptly and rightly be sent out of the ring as not fit for competition.

W. ANDREWS.

SIR,—It would be interesting to know if a bird without a toe-nail is eligible to win at every show she is sent to in Ireland? Or will we have to have our birds minus a toe-nail before they can win?

JAS. DEVIN.

A HINT TO FANCIERS IN DARWEN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Having taken CAGE BIRDS for the last two years, I am now thinking of taking up the Fancy. The reasons for my not having started keeping birds before are that we have no show in the town for Canaries, but there is one for fanciers of dogs, poultry, rabbits, and pigeons, so it is very disheartening. I attended a show we had here on New Year's Day, and had a talk to the secretary, asking him if we could not have some classes for cage birds in next year's schedule, as there were a lot of fanciers in the town who breed for singing only, and if we had a show it would induce them to breed better quality. He said it would cost too much money, as the room they have is in an old barracks, and not suitable for cage birds. There is a show held in Blackburn, the next town to ours, but that is four miles away, so I cannot see why we should not have a show of our own. I am only an amateur, but think I will succeed in breeding some birds this next March or April, for I have picked up a lot of information from "C.B." I have a back room upstairs just suitable, and a double and single breeder, with five other box and two hanging cages, so I think I am ready for a start. The walls are whitewashed, which, I think, makes it all the better. I now wish to know what breed would be the best to start with, Norwich or Yorkshire? I have a liking for the Yorkshire, so am thinking of sending for a 10s. 6d. pair. Hoping some of your readers will be willing to enlighten me,

A DARWEN AMATEUR.

VISIT TO THE FENS IN SEARCH OF EGGS.

SIR,—To resume my remarks under this heading, which appeared in a previous issue of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. My friend saw some Kingfishers about here, but after looking for some time and following them for some distance both up and down stream, he failed to locate their nests, or even see them go anywhere with food for young ones. So he thinks that their nests must have been destroyed. If this were so, it is a very great pity. I knew of a nest taken a year or two ago, with young in it, as well as old ones; but this act was kept very quiet. Not a Goldfinch's nest was to be found, but I have heard of several about this neighbourhood. They don't seem so plentiful this year as last; in fact, they seem to get scarcer every year here. Neither did my friend find a Bullfinch's nest. I have personally not heard of one anywhere about here. Plenty of Wren's nests were found both with eggs and young, but no Gold Crests. These latter birds are very rare about here. Reed Buntings' nests are quite common, and several were found with the Coal, Oxeye, and Blue Tits' nests. Several nests of Larks with young were found, and also one nest of the Wood Lark, with young in it ready to fly. Although the Chaffinches are fairly numerous about here, only one nest was found, and that containing young ones; but several young Chaffinches were seen which had evidently just left their nests. Plenty of Yellowhammers' nests with young and eggs in them were seen. Two nests of the Woodpecker were also found, but, judging by the mess outside the trees, they contained young. But these were out of reach, and could not be got at, although the old birds were "snap-shotted" when going backwards and forwards to the nests. My friend was very anxious to get a pair of these eggs for his collection, but could not do so. No Brown Linnets' eggs could be got, and only one nest with young ones in it was found; but there are plenty nearer the town, although he could not find any during his stay in this district. In fact, anyone could do with a full week's holiday about these fens to explore all the birds, and would be well repaid for the trouble. In another place I have given an account of several nests of the Little Owl which were found. He was very anxious to get a photograph of the Long-tailed Tit's nest, but one could not be found; several had been found about here, but on one's being taken to the nests it was only to find that they had been "pulled," and the eggs taken some time previously. Very few nests escape the boys near the town. One has to go some miles out before he can get these nests. Taking the holiday on the whole, my London friend had a very enjoyable and interesting time. Another year he intends bringing some friends down with him for a ramble in this district.

T. H. KINCH.

THE RECENT INVERNESS SHOW.

SIR,—Persons who are not ashamed of their names never enter into correspondence with those who are. I am not at all sure if a Fairy Princess were induced to wave her wand over the writer in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, that he might not become transformed into something repulsive in the reptile line.

ALICK ROSS.

This Correspondence must now close.—Editor.

LOSSES IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—I beg to relate an experience I had (similar to "Maulden's"), showing how the railway company tried to tire me out in a claim for a bird cage lost in transit. I may say that the cage, which measured, roughly, 4½ft. by 3ft., was at the beginning of May, 1908, duly consigned and signed for, to a gentleman at Birmingham; but same never reached its destination. We waited for nearly a fortnight before putting in a claim, and then, on doing so, received a formal reply: "Subject shall receive immediate attention." Nearly a fortnight elapsed, but no further reply. I wrote again, and a similar answer came. In fact, from May until August there was continual correspondence, until pressure was put to bear on them, when they paid up. It is rather hard on men whose time is fully occupied to be humbugged in this way. I sympathise with your correspondent, Mr. J. A. Simpson, and can endorse all he says, and I trust he may receive a more speedy settlement than I did.

A. LLOYD.

FORWARDING BIRDS ON FROM BROMSGROVE SHOW.

SIR,—I regret Mrs. Cotton wrote to CAGE BIRDS before receiving explanation from our Cagobird Steward, *re* her birds returning home instead of going to Ludlow Show. But I am glad she exonerates the officials of the show from any neglect in last week's letter. This was our eighth show, and we have never received a complaint from a cagebird exhibitor before. This section is in sole charge of a thoroughly capable steward, who looks after same with great interest and efficiency. I am pleased Mrs. Cotton has the sympathy of Mr. H Lewis. His "bird," a Mandarin Drake (whose quack one does not expect to hear in CAGE BIRDS), was packed by myself, labelled to St. Albans' Show, and upon receiving an enquiry from Mr. Lewis, I acquainted him with these facts. In this case the label got reversed, as Mr. Lewis visited the show, and personally attached label properly. The officials of the Midland Railway Company dealt with the return exhibits in an expeditious manner, and I have many congratulatory letters *re* early return of stock home and safe delivery. Of course, it was impossible to get all off by the fast night mails; but the hall was cleared by nine o'clock next morning. As Mr. Lewis is a young beginner, I should advise him not to enter at shows on consecutive dates, and very far apart, as experience shows that with the best of management one cannot do impossibilities. Apologising for taking up your valuable space,

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LLANELLY SHOW AND A MISSING BIRD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jones' letter of the 19th December, if he will refer again to my letter, I think he will be able to see that I point out clearly where he departs from the truth, but seeing that it seems necessary to point this out again, I suppose I must do so. You, Mr. Jones, stated in your previous letter that a certain man unpacked my birds. I hold a letter written by that gentleman in which he states otherwise. Then you say that a wire was sent at once, which was not correct. Your wire was handed in at Llanelly Post Office at 11.58; the birds were delivered some hours before that time; also judging had commenced some two hours before the handing in of that wire. Now, Sir, that should be sufficient to prove that your letter was not a truthful one. In your last letter you try to mislead the readers of this paper by stating that the wire handed in at 11.58 did not arrive at Brecon until about 4.30. Not a bad bit of business, Mr. Jones, but have another look and you will find that I stated that it arrived at 12.23, and the reply to my wire arrived about 4.30. Seeing that you do not answer the main questions I asked you in my letter, also that you are now trying to drop out and bring others into the front ranks to fight your battles, I will leave it to the Fancy to judge for themselves. It appears that you received a lesson over the first show, and took the precaution to have a police officer at the show. Now, Sir, I hope that rather than my letter doing your show harm, that it will also teach you a lesson to appoint some responsible person or persons to receive the exhibits and not to sign for one until it has been examined, and not only your society but all others. If my letter is the means of this being adopted, then I might feel that I have been of some use to the Fancy generally. We all have to live and learn.

D. H. TEDSTONE.

THE YORKSHIRE FOYLE AT THE BRISTOL F.A. 1907) SHOW.

SIR,—Messrs. Shearn and Owens' letter in your last issue consists mainly of half-truths (there is no need to repeat the proverb) and misquotations. For instance, they pretend to quote my letter of Jan. 28th, written the day after our committee met, but after the first few words supply words of their own. They follow this by a sneer at a secretary waiting nearly two months for "something, etc." Let me remind them that the doubt of their qualification appeared in CAGE BIRDS on Dec. 28th, that the next meeting of our executive was held Jan. 27th, and that I wrote them on Jan. 28th. That is one month, not two. As for the interval between the show and Dec. 28th, that is a personal matter. Not being a landed proprietor, but compelled to earn my living, I had to make the best of an unfortunate position at my work, caused by circumstances entirely beyond my control, and worked until nearly midnight every night. But in the delay so caused Messrs. Shearn and Owens suffered no more than some others, while I still have the impression I suffered most. After all, the gist of their complaint is that I did not act on my own responsibility, instead of waiting for my committee to meet, while I still maintain it was essentially a case for consideration and instruction of committee. Messrs. Shearn and Owens admit that the bird in question has on two occasions been exhibited singly, and then show a righteous indignation upon the difference between "two" and "many." This is quibbling, and evading the real point, which is that if a bird is shown at only one show by someone other than the breeder, that is evidence that the breeder has sold the bird. When that exhibitor joins hands with the breeder shortly before a show which offers a Breeders' Cup, the committee of that show surely have a right to ask for evidence of the partnership, and no enquiry into personal character can prove a partnership. When a doubt is thrown publicly upon their qualification, considering that a win counts a point towards absolute possession, the committee owe it to past and future winners of the Cup to ask for such evidence. As a further illustration of the unreliability of Messrs. Shearn and Owens's "quotation," may I say that the letter written to me on Jan. 14th, 1908, does not commence, "We should be glad, etc.," as they state, but "I should be glad, etc.," and it is signed by one of the "partners" in his own name. The same applies to the letter of 27th Jan. addressed to Mr. Ind, and which does not read, "We have written, etc.," but "I wrote, etc." That letter also is written throughout in the first person singular, and signed by the same individual name. This was considered to lend colour to the rumours doubting the eligibility to compete, and that Messrs. Shearn and Owens were conscious that it would do so is shown by their so carefully "quoting" these letters in the plural. Then, as to their ten months silence, the reason was the class of people they had to deal with. As far as I know, we are still the same class of people, and having kept silent so long it is difficult to understand why they open the matter in this way now, unless it be in search of opportunities to throw mud. Into a contest of this description I must decline to follow them. I freely admit that I cannot compete with them. If they have a legitimate grievance, let them take the proper course, which was open to them ten months ago, that is, to lay their complaint before the Cage Bird Union. I challenge them to do so, and when they adopt this course it will be time enough for me to take further notice of them.

G. T. H. MAGOS,
Hon. Sec. Bristol F.A.

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—With your permission, I should like to ask what has become this year of the officials of the Liverpool and District Amalgamated Show, and why they did not carry out the show which, according to precedent, should have been held on Jan. 1st, 1909? I know delegates were elected from the different societies interested to run the show. I believe the Garston B.B.A. have the honour of holding the show in their district this year, and I think, along with a great many other fanciers, that it is very unsportsmanlike on their part not to carry out the show in their turn, as did Liverpol B.B.A., Wallasey and District C.B.S., and Birkenhead C.F.A., who all held shows "in their turn." I hope the Garston Society is not dead. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for inserting this in your valuable paper, so that the blame may lie on the right shoulders, and not on workers at the past shows. Perhaps some official will answer?

AMALGAMATED.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

ON Tuesday evening, December 29th, the members of the Bingley O.S. spent an enjoyable evening at headquarters, about fifty sitting down to a substantial pie supper, after which the prizes for the year's members' shows were presented. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony. This society has made good progress during the last season, and hopes to still further advance, many more new members being expected at the next few meetings.

QUEENSBURY Society finished the list of members' shows for the past season on New Year's Day, and had 56 birds staged, which were judged by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, of Halifax. A judging competition was also held, and caused a good deal of merriment. Messrs. H. Smith and E. Swaine were level for first place.

BRADFORD East O.S. held a diagram judging competition on the 29th, when eight diagrams that had been drawn by their assistant secretary, Mr. F. Gelder, were adjudicated upon by twelve entrants who had to place them in their proper positions, and pass remarks on the faults in the drawings. Mr. R. Halliday had previously had them submitted to him, and had placed his decision in a sealed envelope. Mr. E. Dinsdale was declared the winner, closely followed by Mr. W. Greenwood; the latter won the same competition last year. A water-colour painting of a Yorkshire Canary was presented to the winner by Mr. F. Gelder.

DURING the present month the Yorkshire Union Societies will have a very great quantity of business to transact. Many of them arrange to have their annual general meetings during January, and in addition to this the syllabus for the season's shows and lectures, etc., is put in order. Then the nominations for the officers of the Yorkshire Union, viz., vice-chairman, hon. secretary, two trustees, and two auditors have to be in the hands of the Union secretary not later than February 1st (see rule 3 in Y.U. book). Also any proposed alteration or addition to rules must be sent in writing by societies to the Union secretary by the same date.

HERE are a few items that need thoroughly thrashing out at meetings. First and foremost in importance is the subject often discussed, i.e., curtailing the length of the show season. Secondly, we have the question of the payment of delegates' expenses to those societies in the outside districts. Thirdly, the substitution of an annual general meeting for the present annual ballot. Fourthly, that each exhibitor provides his own water tins, a uniform standard to be adopted. Fifthly, that the Council of the Union provide a minimum classification for all shows held under its rules. Sixthly, the rules dealing with defaulting members in regard to societies' subscriptions.

ITEM number one is rather troublesome. What is required is a scheme that will not hurt anybody; and such a one is hard to find. The feasible ones are, two shows to be held on the same date, but the classes so arranged that no similar class is provided at both shows. The re-introduction of first feather shows, all societies to hold shows in rotation as before, the last six (more or less) shows for next season to have first feather shows instead. That the shows be bracketed in couples (in same order as they stand for next season), then arrange which of the two shall hold a show. Societies holding a show one year to give way the next.

REGARDING delegates' expenses, the idea is that each society in the Union shall pay a certain amount per delegate per meeting, the same to be used for defraying the expenses of those delegates, or rather, the delegates of those societies outside the radius served by the Bradford City tramways. Sixpence per member per meeting is thought to be sufficient.

THE substitution of an annual meeting to replace the annual ballot is the result of the meagre return of ballot papers. Last year only 25 per cent. of the members considered it their duty to register their votes. And here I can commend the modus operandi of the Shipley Society, who called a special meeting to discuss the various items contained on the ballot paper, and all present at it were therefore enabled to use their votes to advantage. Many did not vote because they did not thoroughly understand the meanings of the various rules, etc., and if societies will follow Shipley's lead this year, the number of votes registered should increase considerably.

NEXT we have to study water-tins. These at present are supplied by the Union to each show, and are sent from one show to the next by the various secretaries. The cleanliness of these tins does not suit a lot of exhibitors. If each exhibitor supplied his own, the keeping of them clean is a very small job, whereas should all the 700 or 800 require a wash, it is a strong two hours' work for somebody. The adoption of a standard tin, and making exhibitors stick to it would overcome this difficulty.

IN regard to the minimum classification this was a sore point last year, and members will do well to keep their eyes thoroughly open on this subject. The question of defaulting members is a serious one, and a great source of trouble to secretaries at the time of making up their books at the end of the financial year. But a great part of the remedy lies in the hands of the secretaries themselves, and that is, not to let the members run so long before crossing their names off the books. Many other minor items also require careful consideration.

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An old lady, soon after the Battle of Waterloo, determined to show her admiration of the Duke of Wellington by the gift of a Parrot, which she took with her into the Duke's presence. His grace declined the gift with polite thanks. The old lady begged him to hear the bird speak once. She then took the baize off the cage and said, "Polly, this is the Duke of Wellington." "See the conquering hero comes!" cried the Parrot, flapping his wings. This was too much for the Duke, who heard the pet sing the National Anthem, and accepted the gift. He afterwards kept the bird in his own room, and it won quite a reputation among its new friends.—Sent by Marie Smith (age 12), 90, Richmond Villas Penkhull, Stoke-on Trent.

"A Sparrow in Distress.

In the ivy round our house, many little Sparrows build their nests. The owner of one of these was one day flying off, when it got entangled in the ivy by a piece of cotton which was tied round its leg. It had evidently been tied round by some person, who wished to know the bird again if he caught it. We released it and it flew off in search of food for its young ones.—Sent by Dorothy Lawrence (age 10), Mill Lane, Robin's Bridge Road, Coggeshall, Essex.

The Kind Butcher's Best.

Once a lady went into a butcher's shop where a Lark was kept. She noticed that the bird was very restive, and said it was cruelty to keep it in a cage. The butcher, wanting to show the lady her mistake, went and brought out a box of mealworms and laid some on a shelf. He then opened the door of the cage and at once the bird flew on to the shelf and gobbled up the mealworms, and then flew back into its cage, much preferring it to outdoor life. The lady was thoroughly astonished, and went away quite satisfied that it was not cruelty to keep birds in a cage.—Sent by Samuel McKnight (age 14), 41, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tredegar (W. C. B. U.).—January 21st, in the Market and Town Halls.—Judge, Mr. T. H. Melhuish.—25 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Bord 2, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sing. Cont. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1.6. Entries close January 14th to J. GRIFFITHS, 3, Glyn Terrace.

Green Canary Association.—January 16th, in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham Street, Renshaw Street, Liverpool.—Judges, Messrs. J. Greaves and C. Houlton.—68 open classes; cup, etc., classes: Yorks. Greens 4, and Nor. Greens 4; Yorks. Greens 12, Nor. Greens 12, Yorks. 8, Nor. 6, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 2, Sell 3, Mule 1, Brit. 8, Gift 1. Prizes from entry fees and many valuable specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close January 12th, to S. HADWIN, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

Bathgate (S.B.B. and M.C.).—January 16th, in the Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. A. Sloan, G. Hyslop, J. Brown, and S. Ward.—54 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 9, Cinn. 1, Bord. 7, Yorks. 2, Mule 5, Brit. 18, Sell. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and spls. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close January 8th to ROBT. BALD, North Bridge Street.

MILLOM.

Annual show held in the Central Hall, Jan 1st and 2nd. The secretary, Mr F. W. Bradley, had the arrangements well in hand, and is to be congratulated on his successful management. He was ably assisted by the following committee: Messrs. W. Park (chairman), J. Davis, Crellin, Coulson, Percy Davis, Chapple, Evans, W. J. Park, J. B. Davis, J. Davis, jun., Stone, J. Thomas, Wood, Hewitson, and Withington. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Stewart, lovely position and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, well up on leg, nice position; 3, hc, Bradley and Coulson, fine type, long lights and tail; vhc, Saul; c, Proctor. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st, full of quality, typical, good wings and tail, parity of length; 2nd, typical, not so long as winner perhaps; 3, Park, stylish, rich colour; vhc, c, Bradley and Coulson; hc, Proctor. MAD. ETC. BUFF (12): 1, c, Stewart, cheek licked, gem, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, watmuff, eye and wing mkd, full of quality; 3, Park, wing tkd, good wings and tail; vhc, Saul; hc, Kenyon. YELL HEN (8): 1, c, Stewart, well up on leg, full of quality; 2, Wood, typical, grand bird; 3, hc, Bradley and Coulson, nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, Park. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st gem, lovely quality, rich colour, grand position; 2nd, slim, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Brown, neat head, typical; vhc, Kenyon; hc, Bradley and Coulson; c, Watmuff. SELL (20/-) (11): 1, hc, c, Bradley and Coulson; 2, vhc, Stewart; 3, Brown. NOR. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Davies, rich colour, good head and chest, grand quality; 2nd, nice wings and tail, typical; 3, Marsh, good head and neck; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Shaw. TKD. ETC. (6): 1, Seed, variegated, lovely quality, rich colour; 2, vhc, hc, Shaw, good head and chest, short, grand wings and tail; 3, Marsh, also good. HEN (9): 1, hc, Seed, uneven mkd, yell. feather like wax, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, yell, rich colour, lovely quality; 3, Davies, Buff, boxy feathers, rich colour; vhc, Winders; c, Marsh. SELL (20/-) (5): 1, 2, Davies; 3, Atkinson; vhc, Marsh; hc, Proctor. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Poole, typical, magnificent quality; 2, Wilson, good head nice wings and tail; 3, Davies; vhc, Hudson. BUFF (5): 1, Davies, lovely quality, nice type, well put down; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd, very good type and quality; 3, neat and stylish, grand wings; vhc, Millington; hc, Price. TKD. ETC. BUFF (7): 1, Thompson, fine head, nice wings and tail; 2, Hopper Bros., fine wings and feather; 3, Reid Bros., neat head, carrys wings exceedingly well; vhc, Poole; hc, Wilson; c, Hudson. HEN YELL. (10): 1, Wilson, full of quality; 2, Thompson, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Park, uneven mkd, grand bird, had some tail feathers short; vhc, Hoppers Bros; hc, c, Davies. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Hopper Bros, two little gems; 3, Davies, very neat all over; vhc, Doughty and Rennicks; hc, Deacon; c, Price. MULES AND HYB. (7): 1, 3, Dixon, Linnet-Can. yell. large and full of quality; 3, Linnet-Can; 2, vhc, Davies, Greenie-Can., in grand form; hc, c, J. Davies. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Crompton, grand blaze and buttons; 2, Wilson, good blaze, bars and buttons, well staged; 3, Mrs. Rundle; vhc, Deacon; hc, Bains; c, Jenkinson. LINNET (11): 1, Bradley and Coulson, nice pencilled, rich colour, in lovely condition, very steady; 2, Mrs. Jenkinson, nicely pencilled, grand colour very steady; 3, Bradley and Coulson; vhc, Reed Bros.; hc, Park; c, Constable. HARDBILL (13): 1, Crompton, Bullie, rich colour, good cap; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, Yellowhammer, grandly marked, rich colour; 3, Bain, Bullie, lovely quality, rich colour, beautifully staged, some thought might have stood higher; vhc, Wilson; hc, Davis; c, Seward. FOR. (4): 1, Snodden and Thompson; 2, Coward; 3, Gendle; vhc, Todd, all well staged. NOVICE NOR. (6): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Hewitson; vhc, Park; hc, Winders. YORKS (5): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Parks; vhc, Henry. BORD. (5): 1, 2, 3, Parks; vhc, Millington; hc, Doughty and Rennicks. MEMBERS' NOR. (5): 1, 2, hc, Davies; 3, Hewitson; vhc, Davies. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Bradley and Coulson; 3, c, Park; hc, Wood. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Davies.

DERWENT VALLEY.

The second annual open show of this society was held in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, on Dec. 26th. The exhibition was held under C.B.U. rules, and on the whole was a success, in so far as both numbers and quality were concerned. Mr. J. Brown, the able and efficient hon. secretary, had the arrangements in splendid order, and was ably seconded in his efforts by a truly fancier-like committee, consisting of Messrs. G. Barkass (chairman), W. Marsh (vice-chairman), W. Tomlinson (treasurer), R. Marsh, W. Curry, G. Curry, T. Betton, W. Routledge, W. Richardson, and A. Brown. There was a good list of specials. The show was visited by a number of fanciers and the general public. Mr. J. Stanger judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Fletcher; 2, Dixon; vhc, Marsh and Telford; hc, Barkass; c, Smith and Greener. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Anderson; 2, Barkass; 3, Marsh and Telford; vhc, MacKay; hc Fletcher; c, Vallans. YORKS. UNFLIG. (5): 1 Richardson; 2, Reed; 3, Blyth; vhc, Grieves; hc, Armstrong. CRESTS (7): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, hc, Routledge; vhc, Graham; c, Smith and Greener. C.B. (7): 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Dickenson Bros.; 3, hc, Routledge. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. OR BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Scott; 2, 3, hc, Lindsay; c, Marsh and Telford. TED., ETC. (5): 1, Scott; 2, Hall; 3, hc, Brown; vhc, Peart. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, Maddison; 2, 3, Graham. DARK (9): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Brunskill; vhc, Richardson; c, Barkass. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, Bertram and Storey; 3, Gardener; vhc, Betton; hc, Moore; c, Waters. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Forster; 2, Curry; 3, Henderson; vhc, Hall; hc, Purvis; c, Blyth. LINNET (12): 1, Davidson and Boyd; 2, McKay; vhc, Marsh and Telford; hc, Davidson and Boyd; c, Smith and Greener. HEN FINCH A.S. (8): 1, Marsh and Telford; 2, Slack; 3, Griffiths; vhc, c, Curry; hc, Fletcher. BRIT. FINCH, ETC., A.O.S. (7): 1, Forster; 2, Moore; 3, Betton; vhc, Curry; hc, March; c, Brunskill. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bertram and Storey; 2, Walters; 3, Jameson; vhc, Betton; hc, Barkass; c, Betton. SELL. (15/-) (12): 1, Dixon; 2, Marsh and Telford; 3, Scott; vhc, Slack; hc, Henderson; c, Dickenson Bros. (10/-) (12): 1, Barkass; 2, Dixon; 3, McKay; vhc, March; hc, Scott; c, Hands. FOR. (10): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Barkass vhc, c, Mrs. Elliott; hc, Brunskill. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (11): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Barkass; vhc, hc, Fletcher. YORKS. (9): 1, hc, March; 2, 3, Brown; vhc, Brown; c, Griffiths. BRIT. A.S. (9): 1, Curry; 2, Betton; 3, March; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Griffiths. CAN. NAT. COL. (9): 1, 3, March; 2, Farish; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Brown; c, Marsh and Telford.

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LLANELLY.

The 4th annual show was held on January 6th, at the Market Hall, a very spacious and well lighted hall and adapted for the purposes of a cage bird show. The exhibition as a spectacle was very fine, and the promoters deserve a full mead of praise for the splendid manner in which everything was arranged. The entries did not come quite up to expectation but the quality of the exhibits in most cases was far above the average, many classes giving the judges a very difficult task. In the Norwich classes some very good exhibits were put down, and in Yorkshires and Borders some of the best were to be seen. Mules and British Birds were very fine, as was to be expected, and Llanelly kept up its reputation for keen competition in these classes. The Goldies and Linnets were a show in themselves. In Mr. Daniel John the society have discovered a man of tact and ability, and one who knows the routine of show work to the letter. He is also courteous and obliging; may Llanelly long retain his valuable services as well as those of his assistant secretary, J. Simon, who is well known in the Fancy and very popular in the Principality. Messrs. T. Gregory, J. Cole, and D. Williams make very capable show managers, and they seemed to be here, there, and everywhere in the pursuance of their duties. The committee are a large number, too many to name, numbering upwards of 34 (surely a good backbone for any society). The Llanelly society is a body of mostly working men, and they show great pride at their annual fixture. Messrs. J. Robson and Ed. Lovell placed the cards.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Harber, fine size, good quality and colour, neat cobby body; 2, Portman, very typical and neat, short sided, good wings and tail; 3, George, good Bullie type, neat head and neck; 4, Holder, lovely quality and finish; vhc, Hawthorn. BUFF (6): 1, A. Hill, slasher for size, nice type, well clothed, good head and body properties; 2, Sheldon, good size and stamp, splendid wing carriage; 3, Pudner Bros., very compact, correct angle on perch, lovely silky plumage; 4, Sampson, good size and type; vhc, Stock. HEN, CL. (6): 1, Portman, very sweet, lovely type and style, good wings and tail, little gem; 2, A. Hill, also very smart, fine size and type, well clothed; 3, A. Hitchings, very nicely feathered, very cobby, rare stamp; 4, Sheldon, also good; vhc, Hawthorn; hc, Bessell. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, S. George, rare shapely specimen, good quality feather, neat body, good wing carriage; 2, Sheldon, nice one for polish and general Nor. qualities, in lovely feather; 3, W. Stock, very typical, fine large bird, good quality; 4, Portman, correct stamp, well shown; vhc, Auckland. HEN: 1, ——, very neat and trim, beauty for type and style, good head, wings, and tail; 2, ——, well shown exhibit, neat position on perch, very shapely; 3, ——, close feathered bird, neatest of wing and tail carriage; 4, ——, we liked. (Our reporter inadvertently omitted the names in this class; same will be given next week.—ED.). UNFLI. 1, Sheldon, well known, rare shaped, fine size and quality, grand head and body properties; 2, Hitchings, very high-class specimen, good Bullie type, shown in capital trim; 3, Jones, a very fine big youngster, rare head and body, good short-sided one. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Stephenson, grand nat. col., fine size and quality, rare Nor. properties; 2, Sheldon, very neatly got up, fine stamp, rare size and quality; 3, Jenkins, good type and style, neat headed one; 4, George, nice body and head, good wings and tail; vhc, Jones; hc, Castrec. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Sheldon, good one, fine quality feather, very shapely; 2, George, choice specimen, finely clothed, rare condition; 3, George, extra special one for type, good wings and tail; 4, Jones, much admired. CRESTS AND C.B. (3): 1, T. J. King, Crest, fine big-bodied one, fine droop and radiation; 2, 3, Edwards, C.B. and Crest, very good pair; 3rd, nicely clothed, and shown in good trim. LOCAL NOR. (12): 1, D. R. Jones, fine big one, rare colour and quality; 2, W. Jones, also good, correct Bullfinch type; 3, 4, G. Evans, very close; vhc, Davies; hc, Frost; c, Rice. MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, 3, D. R. Jones, very promising one, short and cobby; 2, G. Thomas, rare size and quality, well shown; 4, c, Davies; vhc, Auckland; hc, Gregory. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, T. Williams, gem, slim and stylish, straight as a gun-barrel, beautifully feathered; 2, E. H. Williams, very close up, neatly carried wings and tail, good position on perch; 3, vhc, T. Morris, fine upstanding specimen, beautifully drawn, best of quality; 4, Date, rare stamp, well shown; hc, Negus; c, T. Williams. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Morris, slashing good one, finely moulded, good wings and tail, best of position; 2, Jones, very fine specimen, good length and carriage, rare position; 3, Williams, neat specimen, well filled in, good wings and tail; 4, no name, we liked, grand position. HEN (8): 1, T. Williams, well known, looking very fit, fine position and carriage, lovely quality and finish; 2, Morris, very erect carriage, good wings and tail; 3, Jeffries, nicely drawn, well braced wings, very close to leaders; 4, Harry, much admired, very lengthy; vhc, Taylor, E. H. Williams, John. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, T. Morris, real topper for position and type, full of style, neat wing and tail carriage; 2, Negus, rare length and position, very typical, in good trim; 3, Morris, also very good quality, very smart and shapely; 4, T. Williams, good position, fine length; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Williams; c, no name. HEN (4): 1, A. Taylor, sweetly pretty, fine length and position, good leg, well carried wings and tail; 2, T. Morris, smart stylish one, very correct position, good length; 3, Jeffries, rare stamp, very pretty movement, good length and position; 4, no name, also a top quality bird. UNFLI. (8): 1, Negus, smartness and quality combined, rare length and extra good position, neatly-carried pipe tail, wins; 2, Date, very fine young Yorkie of ample length, nicely clothed, good wing and tail; 3, Jones, lovely sided specimen, good type and position, close up; 4, Taylor, very classy youngster; vhc, Lawton; hc, c, Davies. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Taylor, rare good length, straight as possible, neatly drawn, well staged; 2, Morris, also neatly shown, fine position, good wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, erect and stylish, with best of clothing; 4, Williams, very smart, good wings; vhc, Castrce; hc, Gregory. HEN (6): 1, Hopkins, splendid lengthy one, correct type, good long sided, best of wings and tail; 2, Gregory, very racy, well put down, good pipe tail; 3, Jenkins, neat, full of type, good position; 4, Williams, very close to leaders; vhc, Portman; hc, Jeffries. LOCAL YORKS. (10): 1, Bennett; 2, Williams; 3, Aubrey; 4, T. Williams; vhc, Price; hc, Saunders; c, Gregory. MEMBERS' A.V. (9): 1, E. Williams; 2, T. Williams; 3, Lewis; 4, Gregory; vhc, H. Willings; hc, T. F. Willings; c, John. SCOT. FCY.: 1, J. H. Jones, well known, in great form to-day, good top and reach, splendid depression of head; 2, J. H. Jones, nice Scots, plenty of substance, in very good working order. BORD YELL. CK. (4): 1, D. O'Connell, neat and stylish, rare head, well filled in back, good wing carriage; 2, Hammacott and Card, we liked, rare model, fine wings and tail, put down like a new pin; 3, Williams, runs good race, beautifully moulded, moves very prettily; vhc, Sampson, correct size and model, well shown. HEN (6): 1, D. O'Connell, well known, perfection for type, style, and general carriage, teeming with Border properties; 2, Sampson, very smart, full of style, well finished, neatly braced wings; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, also smart, neat and natty movement, lovely quality feather; 4, vhc, Hammacott and Card, good quality, neat wings; hc, D. O'Connell. BUFF CK. (7): 1, D. O'Connell, well known bird, in the pink to-day correct build, moves perfectly, rare carriage of wings and tail; 2, R. H. Jones, very pretty Border, neat head and body, best of wings and tail, close up; 3, Taylor, good quality, neat carriage, shown very fit; 4, J. Richards, we liked; vhc, Hammacott and Card; hc, Miss Barrow; c, Harry. HEN: 1, Hammacott and Card, beauty, lovely shapely specimen, good wings and tail, in rare form, hard to find a fault with; 2, D. O'Connell, smart movement, good quality of feather, rare wing and tail carriage; 3, A. L. Taylor, one of the right stamp, neat, and well shown; 4, J. Richards; vhc, Williams; hc, Mugford; c, Harry. EVENLY MKD.: 1, J. Hocking, rare type and quality, nice wings and tail, shown in perfect form, wins; 2, J. Hocking, good mover, correct type and carriage, rare quality; 3, name missed, splendid specimen for type and general quality, neat wings and tail, well put down. UNEVENLY MKD. (8): 1, Hammacott and Card, real topper for type, style, and movement, rare wing and tail carriage, well staged; 2, Mugford, very pretty specimen, correct model, fine gay carriage, good wings and tail; 3, D. O'Connell, rare specimen for quality and finish, neat mover; 4, R. H. Taylor, we liked, in fine fettle; vhc, Mugford; hc, Jones; c, Williams. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, J. Richards, grand colour and quality, fine type and carriage, good wings and tail; 2, Hammacott and Card, very nicely shown green, grand self colour, good type and lovely movement; 3, D. O'Connell, cinn., real topper, nice colour, type, and finish; 4, vhc, hc, c, J. Hocking. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, Sheldon; 2, Hammacott and Card; 3, Edwards; 4, Hawthorn; vhc, O'Connell; hc, John. (15/-): 1, Beard; 2, Evans; 3, Bessell; 4, John. (10/-): 1, Beard; 2, Sheldon; 3, Prosser; 4, Sanders.

Mules, British and Foreign.

MULE, CL., ETC. (6): 1, R. W. Jones, noted Greenie-Bullie, massive bodied one, good sound colour, in fine order; 2, 3, G. Edwards, ticked Goldie Mule and a Goldie Bullie, both fine specimens, spick and span; 4, Miss Thomas, nicely shown Hybrid; vhc, A. Hitchings; hc, W. Portman. DK. GOLDIE MULE (9): 1, F. Serine, rare size and colour, wonderful face and body, good bars, and well polished; 2, R. W. Jones, very smart, rare colour, good face and bars, put down very fit; 3, Longden, rare expanse of face, splendid body colour; 4, Lewis and Dymond, best of colour and quality; vhc, Gower Thomas; hc, W. Pugh; c, Ford and Son. A.O.V. MULE (12): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well known yell. Goldie, looking very fit to-day; 2, F. Serine, slashing big Greenie Can., fine colour, in lovely feather; 3, R. W. Jones, clinking Linnet Mule, rare size, colour, and polish, presses; 4, Longden; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Miss Thomas; c, T. Lawton. GOLDFINCH: 1, P. H. Harris, topping face, rare expanse, of correct cut, fine whites, and best of breast tans, well known; 2, T. W. Richards, nice colour on face, plenty of it, typical Britisher, shown with nice taste; 3, F. Jones, we liked, massive bodied bird, surmounted with a blaze of rare colour and expanse, beautifully contrasted colours; 4, E. Stephenson, well shown specimen, neat cut of face, fine tanned body; vhc, hc, T. W. Richards; c, E. Howard. GREYPATE (6): One of the best classes in show, rare quality ones being crowded out of tickets; 1, Griffiths and Evans, well known, lovely depth of blaze colour, rare expanse and cut, polished to perfection, wins; 2, Jeffries, rare neat face, beautifully cut at sides and corners, possesses superabundance of necessary body tan, good bars and buttons; 3, P. H. Harris, very smartly shown, rare face, good body, very bright bars, presses leaders; 4, Griffiths and Evans, true Britisher, fine polish on face; vhc, G. Edwards; hc, A. Morgan; c, Coffy. BULLFINCH CK. (9): 1, 4, Lewis and Dymond, leader very cobby specimen, good frontal colour, cleanly cut cap, well defined bars, nicely polished throughout; 4th, very typical, good colour; 2, F. Jones, bouncing big one, rare colour in front, good cap and bars; 3, Coffy, very similar, correct size, nice breast colour, very close to leaders; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, S. H. Mays; c, Ford and Son. HEN (5): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known hen, tight as wax, good level colour; 2, W. Lewis, very neat, splendid cap and bars, in good feather; 3, D. Rogers, also very choice. LINNET (8): 1, S. J. Nicholas, well known, in rare trim to-day, showing his profuse distinct breast and thigh marks to perfection; 2, D. A. S. Longden, greatly improved bird, finely laced, good solid colour, plenty of size; 3, Prosser, rare coloured Linnet, beautiful shape, staged in splendid condition; 4, J. E. Jeffries, tip-topper, and just come into form; vhc, Coffey; hc, D. Ray; c, Tams and Son. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, vhc, W. J. Bancroft, well known, in very good trim, beautiful colour and quality, well broken up on breast and thighs; 2, Thomas and Johns, fine upstanding one, well laced, profuse brown; 3, Jones and Evans, very nice stamp, will want stopping with a moult; vhc, Ford and Son; c, W. Lewis. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Lewis and Dymond, real good one, fine size, good level colour, showing lovely sheen on feather; 2, Coffey, slasher for size, good sound colour, wonderful body properties; 3, Bancroft, well-known winner, plenty of size, well finished, good polish; 4, Price, sweet quality feather; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Lee; c, Anthony. CHAFFINCH ETC. (10): 1, D. J. Prosser, nicely polished Bramble, good hood and colour, wealth of spangle, wonderfully marked at thighs; 2, 3, D. Longden, old champion, good size and colour, looking a wee bit show worn to-day; 3, Chaffie, good colour and polish, neat exhibit; 4, S. Price; vhc, E. Howard; hc, W. Bowen; c, D. Rogers. YELLOWHAMMER (3): 1, Nicholas, well known, in good colour, well marked head, neatly ticked, wins; 2, Ford and Son, good youngster, fine on head, will make useful specimen; 3, John Dance, good clean yellow colour, good feather. REDPOLL ETC. (7): 1, W. J. Bancroft, Twite, rare colour and size, marked on breast and thighs in good fashion, wins; 2, B. Prosser, Siskin, good cap and bars, nicely coloured front; 3, S. J. Nicholas, well shown Redpoll, good level colour, neat bib; 4, Saunders; vhc, D. J. Prosser; hc, W. T. Messer; c, R. H. Jones. BEN HARD. (8): 1, W. J. Bancroft, fine Yellowhammer, rich coloured one, and good size and markings; 2, Coffey, nicely shown, Bawfinch, good size and colour, neat bib; 3, W. H. Thomas, Bramble, good quality and size; 4, D. Prosser; vhc, E. Thorne; hc, W. H. Thomas; c, Bancroft. THRUSH ETC. (7): 1, S. H. Mays, fine big dense coloured Blackie, good shape of body, fine cere and bill; 2, Price, well mooned Thrush, plenty of size, in rare condition; 3, A. D. Hughes, noted Redwing, well marked, good ground colour; 4, Ford, Blackbird; vhc, Teague; hc, R. Werle; c, J. Beed. A.O.S. HARDBILL SMALL (4): 1, Longden, wins spl. cup, best exhibit, good Corn Bunting, well marked, plenty of size, very steady for this species; 2, Hughes, Hawfinch, good bib and hood, nice quality of feather; 3, B. Prosser, another large Hawfinch, good colour; 4, G. Thomas. SOFTBILL (3): 1, S. H. Mays, splendid Wheatear, fine size, beautifully marked, very best we have seen; 2, T. L. Castree, smart Whinchat, in rare health and feather; 3, Price, good yell. Wagtail, hit soiled in front. ALBINO ETC. (4): 1, G. Edwards, very good Pied Bullie; 2, S. Hakes, white Blackbird, shown very fit; 3, Jones and Evans, very rare coloured Goldfinch, showing peculiar blue black all over, except at vent; this same bird we hear won in the local Goldie class last year as a normal coloured one, and has changed colour with its last moult. LOCAL GOLDIE (20): 1, Gower Thomas, rare face and tans, good all-round markings, wins well; 2, W. H. Reynolds, also square cut face, good body colour; 3, Thomas and Johns, typical Britisher, rare cut of face, good colour; 4, D. J. Thomas; vhc, W. Lewis; hc, D. Davies; c, D. Clement. BULLFINCH: 1, T. C. Sullivan, good size, front, cap and bars; 2, vhc, Jones and Evans, a very fine couple, good size and colour; 3, M. Wilson, close up, fine cap; 4, W. R. Hopkins. LINNET: 1, 2, Sullivan, two good ones, fine size and marking; 3, H. T. Williams; 4, Griffiths; vhc, J. Power; hc, W. Jones; c, T. Jenkins. MEMBERS' A.V. BRIT. (9): 1, W. Lewis, Goldie, fine size and rich coloured face; 2, W. Lewis, another good Goldie; 3, Williams, smart Bramble; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Jenkins; hc, D. Williams; c, Gregory. SELL. (16) (10/-): 1, F. Serines; 2, P. White; 3, D. R. Jones; 4, B. Prosser; vhc, W. Lewis; hc, R. Thomas. FOR. LARGE (11): 1, 2, Millsom, Blue Mountain, in rare feather, shines likes satin; 2, Pr. Toucan, in splendid feather; 3, Davies and Co., White Crested Jay Thrush, very interesting exhibit; 4, E. Thorne; vhc, P. Williams; hc, W. John; c, T. L. Castree. SMALL (10): 1, 3, Millsom, former Black-headed Green Sagar Bird, rare condition, in perfect health; 3rd, Blue Tanager, of lovely size and colour, well staged; 2, Mrs. Thomas, good pair of Red-faced Gouldians, fine size, well contrasted colours; 4, c, W. R. Hopkins; vhc, E. Thorne

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Members' show, held December 26th, Mr. A. Sykes (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, hc, Halliday; 2, W. Tyler; 3, Tidgwell; 4, Fawcett; vhc, c, Greaves. BUFF: 1, Tidgwell; 2, 4, c, Halliday; 3, Fawcett; vhc, hc, W. Tyler. YELL. TICK: 1, hc, Tidgwell; 2, W. Tyler; 3, vhc, Alderson; 4, Fawcett; c, Greaves. BUFF: 1, c, Halliday; 2, Fawcett; 3, 4, hc, Alderson; vhc, Greaves. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Haithwaite; 2, Alderson; vhc, Halliday; hc, Tidgwell; c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Fawcett; 2, W. Tyler; 3, Greaves; 4, vhc, Halliday; hc, c, Jennings. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fawcett. BRIT.: 1, 4, hc, W. Tyler; 2, vhc, F. Tyler; 3, Fawcett. SELL., CK., 10s. 6d.: 1, 2, Fawcett; 3, Tidgwell; 4, vhc, Halliday; hc, Alderson. HEN, 10s. 6d.: 1, 4, Alderson; 2, Fawcett; 3, Haithwaite; vhc, Tidgwell. Winner of Sandford's Medal, J. Tidgwell; spl. for Best Bird in Show, J. Halliday; for Most Points for President's Cup, J. Tidgwell, 19 points; for Ambler Cup, W. Fawcett, 17 points.—L. HAITHWAITE, secretary.

DALBEATTIE (N.B.)

The twenty-third annual exhibition and competition of Dalbeattie O.S. was held in the Town Hall, Dalbeattie, on January 1st. The quality of the exhibits was of a very high order. The entries numbered about 600, just about the same as last year, although the quality was better than on the last occasion. Cage Birds were a very pleasing collection, the class of British Goldfinches being an exceptionally good one, and the best that has ever been seen at Dalbeattie. The prize winner has scarcely ever been beaten in its class this season. It also carried off the special for the best Goldie in the show. Norwich were good and Borders very fair. The show was confined to the counties of Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Wigton. Mr. G. C. Robertson made a capable secretary, Mr. J. Hannay judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (4): 1, Edgar, a well known winner, shown in splendid condition; 2, 3, Thomson, falls a little in quality, but nice. HEN (5): 1, 3, Edgar, a well drawn bird, capital colour and condition; 3, very similar; 2, bc, R. and T. Thomson, a couple of nice ones, the former just losing on condition; vhc, Heron. BORD FY. CK. (12): 1, Rae and Son, a magnificent bird all over, nice jaunty carriage, rare feather, in splendid condition; 2, R. and T. Thomson, another good bird, carries itself well; 3, Barrie, also a neat exhibit, close up; vhc, Healey; hc, Clues, Wilson, a good class for quality. HEN (5): 1, Barrie, a lovely feathered exhibit, beautiful colour and condition; 2, Thomson, very pretty; 3, Walsh; vhc, Wilson; hc, Robertson; c, Rae and Son. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 2, Devoy, bold and well rounded head and body, well up in colour; 2, bot colour, and neat head; 3, Johnstone and Son, grand clear; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Thomson; c, Rowe. HEN (4): 1, vhc, McNellie, 1st a gem for type, full round head and body, well feathered; 2, McMinn Bros, good type and colour, feather like wax; 3, Devey, a neat headed hen. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, David Devoy, lovely large crest, former excels in quality; 3, Harper, extra good crest, close up; vhc, c, J. and H. Robeson. CAN. A.O.V. (5): 1, Thomson, A1 shape, colour and condition; 2, Robeson, another good bird; 3, Welsh; vhc, Blacklock; hc, Johnstone and Son. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, 2, Rowe; 3, Tweedie. DARK MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, McNellie; 2, Rowe; 3, Heron. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, McMinn Bros., well-known winner, lovely bold head, full round blaze, grand body, and cheeks, a frequent winner; 2, McNairn, lovely style, neatly drawn body, nice blaze; 3, Heron, large blaze and buttons; vhc, Coutts; hc, McNellie; c, G. McNellie. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Heron, grand feather and condition; 2, 3, McMinn Bros, two well shown exhibits, former has it for quality; vhc, McKinnel and Sons. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Welsh, 1st, lovely sheen of feather, clean cutting and flights; 3rd, clearly defined colours, well rounded body; 2, McNaught, full chest, massive cap, round body, good flights; vhc, McMinn Bros; hc, Clues; c, Moran. LINNET (5): 1, McNellie, very steady, good colour and feather; 2, Steele, not much behind; 3, McKinnel, only moderate; vhc, Harper; hc, Thomson. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, Rowe; 2, Murray; 3, hc, Clarke; vhc, c, McMinn Bros. FOR SMALL: 1, vhc, Murray; 2, 3, hc, McKinnel and Sons; c, Hannah. SELL (10/-): 1, Thomson; 2, Devoy; 3, Kerkpatrick; vhc, Hastings; hc, McMinn Bros.; c, Nish. SELL (5/-) (4): 1, Murray; 2, Thomson; 3, McNellie; vhc, Burace.

KINGS HEATH.

Doubtless owing to the fact that the entries closed last week, during the severe Arctic weather which prevailed, the classes at this fixture were not very heavily supported; still, if the exhibits were not numerous, there were a few very nice quality birds amongst them. The show was held in the Parish Room on January 6th and 7th, and was most excellently managed by the following committee:—Messrs. W. S. Clift, J. Butler, E. Sharp, J. G. Bond, J. H. Forsyth, W. Pepperell, C. Dyson, F. Hadley, J. Aird, J. Bush, G. Pugh, J., E. and G. F. Richards, with Mr. A. Paddock, the local Yorkshire enthusiast, as treasurer, and Messrs. H. Y. Cooper and H. E. Patterson as hon. secretaries, and with such enthusiastic fanciers in charge there is no need to say that everything passed off well. The attendance was good on the opening day, and we hope to hear of a financial success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. BUFF (5): 1, Broadhurst, capital shape, lovely even colour, fine silky feather; 2, Hughes, rare quality of feather, nice rich even colour, not quite so much of him; 3, Lees, rattling good bird, but a bit fat; vhc, Williams; hc, Hall. MKD. (5): 1, Lees, very handsome saddle-marked yellow, rare type and quality, beautiful colour; 2, bc, Christian, cap and wing marked yellow, very hot in colour, grand close, silky feather; 3, Broadhurst, variegated yellow, nice colour and shape and feather; vhc, Williams. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Silver, lovely silky buff, magnificent colour and shape, ticked on head, vent and, tail, very handsome; 2, vhc, Hall, ticked headed buff, grand shape, very close, and fine in feather, nice colour, not so clever with his wings; 3, hc, Yates, nice even coloured yellow, capital quality; c, Williams. HEN (7): 1, Broadhurst, grand shaped yellow, good head, deep chest, nice quality of feather; 2, 3, Dipple, also yellows of nice type, sound in colour and well shown; vhc, Silver; hc, Bessell; c, Raybould; absent, Collier. YORKS. MKD. (3): 1, Wills, head and wing mkd. yellow, very straight and stylish, lovely feather; 2, Pugh, head, wing and tail cinnamon marked yellow, a bird of rare quality and style, good shape; 3, Hawkesford, cheek and wing marked buff, nice shape, style and quality, a trifle soiled; vhc, Sutton; hc, Paddock. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Pugh, nice slim, straight, stylish buff, beautiful quality of feather, handles well; 2, Hawkes, very typical, close-feathered green of nice colour, grand style; 3, Williams, stylish, nice quality yell.: vhc, Kidner; hc, Foden; c, Paddock. HEN (8): 1, spl best hen in show, vhc, Paddock, beautiful quality buff, lovely head, back and wings, rare shape, nice carriage; 2, Williams, very slim straight buff, stands remarkably well, grandly feathered; 3, Foden, very long, slim yellow, capital colour, hardly so erect; bc, Kidner; c, Raybould. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Harris, grand shape, size, and colour of blaze, rare body colour, in good fettle; 2, Osbourne, very tight and sleek in feather, beautiful colour, nice shape and style; 3, Towers, fine, bold Finch of good colour and marking, just a trifle slack in feather; vhc, hc, c, Mills and Boswell; absent, Traviner, Mrs. Cotton. SELL. (30s.) (6): 1, 3, Dipple; 2, Hall; vhc, Broadhurst; bc, Silver; c, Bessell. SELL. (12s.) (6): 1, Paddock; 2, Yates; 3, Silver; vhc, Sutton; bc, Dipple; c, Hawkes.

OTLEY AND DIST. O.S.

Annual show, held on December 26th, in the Drill Hall. The number of entries totalled 79. The winner of the Crossley Cup was Mr. J. Crossley, who was also the winner of Ramsden's special for best hird fed on his colour feed. Mr. W. H. Galling won special for most points. Mr. W. Benrpark (Menston) judged, and his awards were well received.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (10): spl, 1, 3, Galling; 2, Laughey; 4, vhc, Dawson; hc, Iveson; c, Crossley. BUFF (12): spl, 1, 3, vhc, Galling; 2, Crossley; 4, hc, Thornton; c, Iveson. UNEVENLY MKD. (8): 1, 2, and spl, Crossley; 3, vhc, Iveson; hc, Galling; c, Robinson. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, spl, Crossley; 4, Laughey; vhc, Iveson; hc, Galling; c, Dawson. CINN. MKD. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Thornton. CINN. MKD. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Crossby; 3, Iveson. SELF CINN., ETC., GREEN, ETC., MKD. CK.: 1, Galling; 2, Iveson; 3, 4, vhc, c, spl, Gilroy. HEN (6): 1, vhc, spl, Gilroy; 2, Thornton; 3, Galling; 4, Iveson; c, Robinson. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, vhc, c, spl, Bond; 2, Laughey; 4, Clark; hc, Galling. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Spence; 4, Dawson.—C. THORNTON, secretary.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 9—Dundalk—H. J Niblock.
" 11—Provincial Roller (inter.)—W. Whittaker, Rose Street, Moses Gate, nr. Bolton.
" 11—Marske—J. Kirby, 18, Church Street, Marske-by-the-Sea.
" 11—Prescot—J. Platt, 137, Kemble St
" 12—Green Canary Assoc. (Liverpool)—S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.
" 13—Dudley—J. G. Leech, 67, King Street.
" 14—Tredegar—J. Griffiths, 3, Glyn Terrace.
" 14—Spalding—Elvins and Mouncy, Station House
" 16—Auchterarder—Jas. Dow, jun.
" 17—Halesowen—Chapman & Rudge, Townsend, Halesowen.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 9 (last post)—Sutton Coldfield—A. G. Jones, 110, High St., Erdington.
" 9—Gloucester—R. Powell, 70, Northgate St.
" 11—Bathgate—R. Bald, North Bridge St.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

(Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.)

Dalbeth, Derwent Valley, Dunfermline.

DUNFERMLINE.

Annual show held on Jan. 1st, and 2nd, when it proved a great success. Notwithstanding the many great Scotch fixtures, this old established and well conducted show always receives its share of patronage. Scotch Fancies opened the programme, and entries were well forward, some real tip-toppers being staged. Most of the classes were well represented and contained some good specimens. We were pleased to see a decided improvement in the Norwich section, as the committee catered for them well, and deserved every encouragement. The judging here was in the hands of two experts, Messrs. Black and Low. Very little was left to grumble about. Norwich, Plainheads, and Crests are always a feature at this show; in fact a more liberal classification could not be desired. Mr. Moreland, one of our oldest and most respected judges, after careful selection, gave every satisfaction in the Borders, which brought together a grand entry; in fact, every year this show caters more liberally for the "midget." Next year they are going to be at the front and give a full classification, and also a specialist judge. Throughout they were really a splendid lot, some gems being staged. Mules and Britain are always good. Here to-day were found some of the gems of the Fancy. The classes throughout were representative, and were headed by meritorious exhibits. This section was judged by Mr. P. Pettigrew, and his awards were well received. The Cage Bird section was well looked after, and the exhibits were comfortably staged at the end of a grand hall, free from draughts. The management was in the capable hands of Mr. Templeman, an ideal secretary, who was ably assisted by Mr. Bowman, who did everything possible for the welfare of both exhibits and exhibitors. Every exhibitor present had the privelege on the closing day of lifting his birds. The staff in the Cage Bird section are a good lot, and know how to look after the birds. The show was well patronized, and we hope to hear it was a good one financially.

The Canary Section.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CL. ETC. CK.: (6): 1, 3 spls, Gordon, good one all round, grand top end, fine length of side, good depth throughout, rare feather and order; 2, Ingus, fine mover, grand length, showy exhibit; 3, Watson and Campbell, nice substance, plenty of length; 4, Laing, grand shape; he, Clark. HEN (7): 1, Curtis, fine depth across, good shoulders, gets to work well, flue bib, 2, Gordon, fine side, plenty of top end, rare bloom; 3, Merrilees, grand size, rare depth across, fine side; 4, Cook, stylish; vhc, Walls; he, Phillips; c, Cook. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Black, good one, fine depth, very showy, nice drive, rare mover, well staged; 2, Gordon, nice substance, good length and depth across, well placed; 3, Wright, very stylish, free action, and drive, good 3rd; 4, Curtis, fine, good shape and style, neat one; vhc, Merrilees; he, Hogg; c, Cant. HEN (10): 1, Wright, good one, grand shape, all there for depth and action, well put down; 2, Stewart, grand thickness, good drive and action; 3, Merrilees, smart style, nice substance; 4, Leslie, fine size, good order; vhc, Wilson and Campbell; he, Clark; c, Cowan. YELL. CK. PIED OR GREEN. (4): 1, Black, wins, good one, grand frame, A1 style, good top, end and reach, grandly shown; 2, Laing, good depth, fine across, A1 style; 3, Muir, very shapely, nice substance; 4, Walls, stylish, full of quality. HEN (9): 1, Black, again to the fore, good one, fine quality throughout, A1 style and substance, good top end and reach; 2, c, Hogg, neat shape, fine shoulders; 3, Cook, stylish, well got up, fine style; 4, Wright, good shape, very free; vhc, Bullions; he, Laing. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Fotheringham, hot one, very stylish, rare length, grand shoulders, fine droop, well up in substance, good across; 2, Black, plenty of substance across, good in drive and side; 3, Merrilees, very stylish, fine top end and reach, good length of side; 4, Leslie, close up on 3rd, very stylish; vhc, Curtis; he, Walls; c, Blair. HEN (7): 1, Wright, perfect model, grand shape, every point shown to perfection; 2, Gibson, good one, close up on winner; 3, Stewart, nice shape, stylish; 4, Cant, taking bird, flue size and shape; vhc, Cowan; he, Leslie; c, Bullions. SELL. CK. (15/-) (13): 1, Wilson and Campbell; 2, Walls; 3, Stewart; 4, Muir; vhc, Gibson; he, Inglis; c, Curtis. HEN (15/-) (8): 1, Stewart; 2, Walls; 3, Gibson; 4, Cant; vhc, Peters; he, Laing; c, Muir. NOR. CK., CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, Burnett, good one, fine size, grand head and front, A1 wing carriage, staged in rare bloom; 2, Train, good quality feather, fine, full in chest and neck, good all round head; 3, Ritchie, smart one, good carriage, in fine order; 4, Barclay, taking exhibit, good shape and feather, fine material; vhc, Lone. HEN (5): 1, spl, Philip, good strongly made bull, grand size, nice shape, rare head, gem for feather; 2, Train, very sweet yell., well up in size, good front and head, fairly stylish in carriage; 3, Mitchell, heavily variegated buff, good quality feather, grand shape; 4, Burnett, neat one, good shape and feather; vhc, Barclay. CREST (6): 1, spl, Howie, wins, real good one, fine length of feather, good droop at front and side, well centred, in fine bloom; 2, Shillinglaw, plenty of feather, grandly centred; 3, Arnott, nice shaped head, well down in front; 4, Watt, nice looking bird, had been washing when we took notes; vhc, Augus; he, Watt. HEN (6): 1, 4, he, Watt, leader wins, good one all over, fine head piece, nice centre, grand size, well down in front, 4th very shapely, good centred bird, slightly broken in back; 2, Cram, very nice green, good top piece, well groomed, full in centre, fine length of feather; 3, Ritchie, nice variegated, good one. C.B. CK. (10): 1, Arnott, slashing green, fine broad skull, wide entrance, well lashed in front, plenty of substance; 2, 4, he, Watt, 2nd nice entrance, good back skull, 4th good cushion headed one, plenty of top skull; 3, Low, nice variegated, good lashing and entrance; vhc, Shillinglaw; c, Beaton. HEN (6): 1, Buchanan, plenty of head gear, grand front lashing, rare width of skull and entrance, in fine order; 2, Low, close up, good entrance and back, well brushed forward; 3, Shillinglaw, taking one, plenty of feather, well up in entrance, shorter in appearance; 4, Beaton, plenty of head gear; vhc, he, Watt. CL., ETC., CREST (5): 1, Shillinglaw, very neat one, fine length of feather, well centred, grand side and back; 2, vhc, Watt, good frontal, well groomed, nice centre and length; 3, Buchanan, neatly got up; 4, Beaton, good one for feather, nice length. CREST, SELL. (21) (13): 1, Finnick; 2, Beaton; 3, c, Watt; 4, Veitch; vhc, Finnick; he, Angus. C.B. (15/-) (13): 1, Arnott; 2, Buchanan; 3, Shillinglaw; 4, c, Watt; vhc, Finnick; he, Pringle. NOR., SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, Clark; 2, Lone; 3, Dickson; 4, Barclay; vhc, Burnett; he, Mitchell; c, Scott. COMMON CAN. (23): 1, Manclark; 2, Morris; 3, Rennie; 4, vhc, Arnott; he, G. Arnott; c, McLaren. A difficult lot of many mixtures to judge. BORD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Arnott, nice one, rare weight, grand colour, clean as a new pin, grand head and wings, well cut, in lovely bloom; 2, Kilpatrick, nice feather and finish, good one, 3, Lumbie, fine type, head and body, grand wing carriage; 4, Baird, lovely position, fine feather and taper, very stylish; vhc, Bennett; he, Cargill; c, Prunsie. HEN (17): 1, vhc, Arnott, leader nice cinn., good type, well defined in markings, nice ground colour, in rare bloom; 2, Campbell, fine variegated, upright in position; 3, Spence, topping yell. cl., grand feather, perfect wings and tail, some thought should have won; 4, Lambie, nice feathered eye tick, rare position and bloom, stylish; he, Stirling; c, Walker. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Baird, grand feathered bird, good head and wing carriage, well cut below, fine position, tip-top bloom; 2, Shearer, variegated, nice stamp and position; 3, Lambie, nice good all round pencilled green; 4, Bennett, gem for feather, grand shape, lovely hends and wing carriage; vhc, Arnott; he, Dunn; c, Spence. HEN (14): 1, Bennett, neat one, well rounded, fine head and wing carriage, wins on its marvellous condition; 2, Baird, real gem for type, grandly made, A1 wings and tail, beauty for style; 3, Duff, neat neck mark, well drawn, in good trim; 4, Arnott, good variegated, in rare feather, neat head, grand back, in fine bloom; vhc, Barrie; he, Bennett; c, Lambie. BORD., SELL. (10/-) (16): 1, Baird; 2, Bennett; 3, Walker; 4, Lambie; vhc, Kilpatrick; he, Shearer; c, Shields.

The Remaining Sect ons.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Jamieson, good variegated, Goldie, well up in size, fine bloom, and a nice Siskin-Redpoll Hyb., in good order, flue feather and colour; 3, Bruce, well-known Linnet Mule, plenty of size; 4, Martin, nice Siskin-Greenie, good size, well up in colour, well staged; vhc, Rankine; he, Denholm; c, Downie. DARK (15): 1, 2, Martin, nicely tod Jonque Goldie, blaze of colour, 2nd shading buff Greenie, well up in colour, nicely marked, in rare bloom; 3, Leggiton, nice yell. Siskin, well up in size, beautifully marked; 4, Angus, buff Goldie, well forward in blaze, A1 size and quality of feather; vhc, Simpson and Penman; he, Aitken; c, Morris. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (17): 1, Fisher, grand face, large expansive blaze, good deep pure colour, nice cheeks, back and buttons, grand shape, well staged; 2, Cuthbertson, dense colour, rare cheeks and tannings, fine blaze, good size and shape; 3, McLaren, nice shape, good solid colours throughout; 4, Ewan, good all round bird, neat cheeks, fine face and back, in grand bloom; vhc, Watson; he, Bremner Bros.; c, Miller and Eadie. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, Rolland, nice all round bird, fine size, good dense colours, neat cap and bib, fine pure clear bars, staged in lovely order; 2, Bald, shade larger, good in cap and bars; 3, Watson, good one and no mistake, dense breast colour, rare cap, coal black, lovely sheen; 4, Arnott, very nice hen, well up in body colour; vhc (no name); he, Fisher; c, Scott. LINNET (19): 1, 3, Brisbane, leader good colour, fine size and markings, nice flights, 3rd grm, rare shape, grand front, lovely pencilling on breast and back, staged to perfection, two good ones, well put down; 2, Leighton, another demon for colour, grand shape, good head and wings, teeming with quality; 4, McGormn, again nice tone, grand size, well placed; vhc, Parker; he, Allan; c, Sinclair. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Marlin, plenty of size and colour, good head and bars, A1 quality of feather; 2, 4, Aitken, neat tone of colour, grand flights and wings, 4th good all round, in rare trim; 3, Bald, good Finch, grand size, lovely tone of colour, A1 shape and finish; vhc, Cragill; he, McDougal; c, Miller and Eadie. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Brisbane, good well fed Twite, nice size, splendidly marked, in A1 bloom; 2, Howie, neat nat. Siskin, well up in colour, good cap, fine wings and tacing; 3, Malcolm, nice Mealy Redpoll, good markings and size, in rare order; 4, c, Marlin, nice Twite; vhc, Watson; he, Wilson. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, 3, McDiarmid, leader nice Pied Wagtail, well marked, in fine order, 3rd nice Grey Wagtail, well up in colour and size; 2, Shields, good all round Yellowhammer, fine head and V markings, fine colour and shape; 4, Miller and Eadie, neat Bearded Tit, good face, steady; vhc, Arnott; he, Stirling; c, Bowman. LARGE (6): 1, Gilmour, neat Missel, well up in size and markings, neatly staged; 2, Miller and Eadie, Lesser-spotted Woodpecker, in nice good order; 3, Bowman, well coloured Hawfinch, nice markings; 4, Bruce, good Corn Bunting, very steady, well staged in perfect condition; vhc, Roy; he, Mrs. Gordon. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (9): 1, Howie, good colours, fine flush face, well cut cheeks, grand back and buttons, cleanly got up, in rare bloom; 2, Rankine, nice clean cut bird, in A1 bloom, good tannings; 3, Arnott, grand blaze, full and expansive, nice tannings and buttons; 4, Simpson, likely Finch, neat shape, well forward in colour, rare buttons and back; vhc, Wright; he, Parke; c, Bremner Bros. A.O.S. (10): 1, McDiarmid, large, good conditioned Macaw; 2, 4, McPherson, lovely Scarlet Tanager and a pair of Black-headed Gouldians; 3, Keir, fine large good feathered Amazon; vhc, c, Johnstone; he, Anderson. TURTLE DOVE (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Philip, leader outstanding, grand colour and shape, in rare trim, 2nd close up, 4th falls in colour and feather; 3, he, Swan, 3rd good one all over; c, Drummond. GIFT (11): 1, McDougal; 2, Malcolm; 3, Harrower; 4, Watt; vhc, Lambie; he, Kilpatrick; c, Buchanan.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held on Boxing Day, at St. Luke's Schoolroom, Skinner Lane. The entries were low, especially in the Yorkshire section. The Norwich section was better, and what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. British were a nice lot. Mr H. J. Mennard won the Leeds Cup and the President's Cup with 43 and 65 points respectively, and Mr. Woof (the 1908 holder) was runner-up with 42 and 56 points. Mr. Fred King (Leeds) judged and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Farrer; 2, Hallett. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Farrer. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Farrer. BUFF: 1, Farrer. TKD., ETC.: 1, Farrer. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Johnson; 4, Woof. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Hallett; 2, he, Chambers; 3, Mennard; vhc, Woof. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN.: 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Triffitt; 4, W. Wilson; vhc, he, Woof; c, Medley. CL. BUFF: 1, vhc, Mennard; 2, Woof; 3, 4, Triffitt; he, W. Wilson; c, Johnson. TKD., ETC.: 1, Mennard; 2, Woof; 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, Hallett; he, W. Wilson. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, 4, Woof; 3, Johnson; vhc, he, Triffitt; c, Hallett. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Medley; 2, 3, L. Smith. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, 4, Owen. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Owen. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Owen; 2, Medley. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Owen. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, he, Fowler; 2, Norton; c, Burman. BUFF: 1, 4, Fowler; 2, Norton; 3, Burman. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Benge; 2 Medley. PAIRS: 1, Mennard; 2, Johnson; 3, Woof; 4, Triffitt; vhc, Fowler; he, Hallett. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, L. Smith.—J. CHAMBERS, chairman.

DONCASTER.

The annual show of Doncaster Ornithological Society was held in the Drill Hall on Dec. 26th, and proved a decided success. The entries were large (247 in 22 classes), and the quality excellent, consequently competition was very keen. There was a nice list of specials. Messrs. W. Mundell (Canaries and Mules) and F. Marwood (Brit. and For.) were the judges, and their awards were generally well received. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. Boscoby and Hague, had everything in capital order, and received the able assistance, in their work, of an enthusiastic committee. Points specials were won by Messrs. E. Radley (3), J. Howard, W. Hutson, W. Oakley, and J. Smith. All the birds were in the hands of the railway companies for the return journey by 7.45 on the evening of the show.

Mr Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, A. Radley, fine position and feather, good head and wings, little open in tail; 2, Smith, rich colour, nice feather and position; 3, Hardaker and Sample, cinn. mkd., full of quality, grand position; 4, E. Radley, wing tkd., rich colour, good position; 5, Taylor; vhc, Lister; he, Brotherton; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (7): 1, E. Radley, full of quality, rare position and feather, took spl for best Yorks.; 2, Watts, rich colour, fine position and feather; 3, Taylor, wing tkd., full of quality, well on the leg, good wings and tail; 4, A. Radley, typical, full of quality, little on the small side; 5, Wainwright; vhc, Brotherton; he, Hardaker and Sample. HEN (17): 1, 2, E. Radley, 1st yell., full of nerve and quality, grand wings and tail, 2nd buff, rich colour, well on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Smith, buff, nice type and quality; 4, Watts; 5, Welsh; vhc, Beard; he, Welsh; c, Hardaker and Sample. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, E. Radley, buff, grizzled on neck, grand position and feather; 2, Foden, yell., blaze of colour, good wings and tail; 3, Beard, buff, grand position, wings and tail; 4, Shackleton, very breedy, rich colour; 5, Shaw Bros.; vhc, Watts; he, Smith; c, Cuthbertson. NOVICE (19): 1, vhc, Hutson, full of quality, typical; 2, 3, Oakley, 2nd all type and quality, 3rd well on leg, long flights and tail; 4, A. Radley; 5, Hall; he, Camplin; c, Tonkinson. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Axe, 1st rich colour, chubby, full of quality, 3rd unflig., blaze of colour, typical; 2, Hesp, good head and chest, rich colour, chubby; 4, Howard and Son, blaze of colour, full of quality; 5, Nutt; vhc, Turner; he, Moakes. BUFF (8): 1, Cuthbertson, boxy feather, good head and chest; 2, Moakes, full of quality; 3, 4, Axe, 3rd rich colour silky feather, chubby, 4th variegated, teeming with quality, nice type; 5, Howard and Son; vhc, Whittaker; he, Bailey. HEN (8): 1, Parlett, buff, full of quality, good head and chest, short compact wings; 2, Cuthbertson, variegated yell., grand quality, good head and chest, chubby; 3, Boyle, buff, boxy feather, good wings and tail; 4, Axe, uneven yell., rich colour, grand wings; 5, Turner; vhc, Spencer; he, Howard and Son; c, Axe. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Axe, yell., blaze of colour, lovely feather, short wings and tail; 2, Hesp, buff, good head and neck, boxy feather; 3, Whittaker, yell., pale colour but full of quality; 4, Axe; 5, Turner; vhc, Howard and Son; he, Bailey; c, Nutt. NOVICE (5): 1, Duckitt; 2, Turner; 3, Cadman; 4, 5, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (17): 1, Wainwright, Goldie-Can., even marked, a gem, in the pink of condition; 2, Axe, Crest, good centre, plenty of droop; 3, 5, Mrs. Houghton, 3rd Redpoll-Bullie; 4, Marwood, Goldie-Can., the old champion, looking a bit down; vhc, Moore; he, Parlett; c, Nicholson. SELL. (£2) (6): 1, Moakes; 2, Radley; 3, Axe; 4, Howard and Son; 5, Axe; vhc, Spencer. (20/-) (10): 1, Radley; 2, Axe; 3, Lister; 4, vhc, Howard and Son; 5, Spencer; vhc, Stocks; c, Brotherton. (12/6) (17): 1, A. Radley; 2, Howard and Son; 3, E. Radley; 4, Spencer; 5, Oakley; vhc, Turner; he, Lister; c, Axe.

Mr. Marwood's Classes.

GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Crompton, a gem, wonderful blaze and buttons; 2, 4, Green and Son, 2nd good blaze, bars and buttons; 3, Hill, good face, bars and buttons, not quite so large as winners; 5, Axe, fine Finch; vhc, Bradley; he, Nicholson and Son; c, Parlett. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Harrison, rich colour, grand cap, in the pink of condition; 2, Milne, close up to winner; 3, Dunsmuir, good cap, rich colour; 4, c, Axe; 5, Woods; vhc, Boyle; he, Dunsmuir. LINNET (13): 1, Nicholson, rich nut brown, nicely pencilled; 2, 5, he, Parlett, 2nd rich colour, nicely marked, in the pink of condition; 3, Boyle, well marked, good colour, steady; 4, vhc, Stamp, two fine exhibits; c, Mullins. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Axe, massive, lovely colour, in fine feather; 2, Mrs. Houghton, good head, nice colour; 3, Milburn and Hughes; 4, Nicholson and Son; 5, Bloodworth. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (19): 1, vhc, Axe, 1st fine Yellowhammer; 2, Parlett, a Twite; 3, Saxton, Bramblefinch; 4, Beeohy and Hunt, Chaffinch; he, Harrison Bros.; c, Jepson. SOFTBILLS, LARGE (10): 1, c, Axe, Blackbird; 2, 3, Mrs. Freeman, 2nd a fine Redwing, 3rd Thrush; 4, Darlow; 5, Green and Son; vhc, Bloodworth; he, Harrison Bros. SOFTBILL, LARGE (9): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, 1st Wryneck, 3rd Blackcap; 2, vhc, Medley, 2nd lovely Redstart; 4, 5, Milne; he, Green and Son; c, Bloodworth. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Nicholson and Son; 5, he, Harrison Bros.

NORTHAMPTON HAND-IN-HAND

The 23rd annual show of this society was held on Dec. 28th and 29th, when Councillor W. H. Berlin (Hon. Vice-Consul for Spain) opened the exhibition. The members of the society took advantage of the occasion for making their president a gift of a splendid bird and cage as a slight recognition of the cordial and generous manner in which he always treats them. The presentation was made on behalf of the society by Councillor W. Tomes, who, in a suitable speech, discoursed upon the advantages to be gained by the leisure hours of the working classes being spent in the breeding, rearing, and exhibiting of cage birds. The entry was a good one, the secretarial duties being efficiently carried out by Mr. A. Law, who was backed in his efforts by a splendid working committee made up of the following members:—Messrs. A. Burrows (chairman), J. Martin (vice-chairman), G. Brown, senr. (treasurer), W. E. Allen, A. G. Brown, W. Munday, and J. Nason. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Irons; 2, 4, Ette; 3, Towers; vhc, Bretinfield; he, Nason. BUFF (6): 1, Burrows; 2, Martin; 3, Towers; 4, Ette; vhc, Smith; he, Bretinfield. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Irons; 2, Towers; 3, Ette; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; he, Bretinfield. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Brown Bros.; 3, Irons; 4, Dickens; vhc, Martin, Ette; he, Bretinfield; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Irons; 2, Burrows; 3, he, Ette; 4 Towers; vhc, Bretinfield. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Ette; 2, he, Burrows; 3, Irons; 4, Towers; c, Bretinfield. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Irons; 2, Bretinfield; 3, 4, Ette; vhc, Hobbs. BUFF (7): 1, Towers; 2, 3, 4, Ette; vhc, Nason; he, Barron. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Irons; 2, vhc, Ette; 4, Dickens; he, c, Bretinfield. BUFF (9): 1, he, Irons; 2, Bretinfield; 3, vhc, Ette; 4, Towers; c, Smith. NAT. COL. (10): 1, 4, Irons; 2, Towers; 3, Martin; vhc, Brown, he, Sketchley, c, Forman. CRESTS (7): 1, 2, 3, Mules; 4, Forman; vhc, Nason. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Mules; 3, Forman; 4, Allen; vhc, Forman, he, Burrows. CINN. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Brown Bros.; he, Nason. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, he, c, Brown Bros.; 4, Nason. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Ette; 2, 3, Brown Bros., 4, Jeyes; vhc, Nason; he, Allen; c, Barron. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Nason; 2, Sketchley; 3, Brown Bros.; 4, Law. SELL. (20/-) (9): 1, Bretinfield, 2, Smith; 3, Nason; 4, Munday; vhc, Brown Bros.; he, Allen; c, Hobbs. (10/-) (14): 1, Barron; 2, Brown Bros.; 3, Bretinfield; 4, Smith; vhc, Mills; he, Law; c, Sketchley. (7/6) (13): 1, Ette; 2, Munday; 3, Smith; 4, Town; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; he, Bretinfield; c, Barron. NOVICES CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, J. Irons, 2, Munday; 3, Allen; 4, Rush. BUFF (5): 1, Rush; 2, Jeyes; 3, Stockwin; 4, vhc, Munday. HEN (8): 1, 2, Rush; 3, Munday; 4, J. Irons; vhc, Jeyes; he, Brooks; c, Stockwin. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, J. Irons; 2, Stockwin; 3, Brooks; 4, Jeyes. BUFF (8): 1, Rush; 2, J. Irons; 3, Stockwin; 4, vhc, Jeyes; he, Munday; c, Brooks. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (10): 1, 4, he, Sketchley; 2, Tabor; 3, Barrows; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Law. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (6): 1, 4, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, 3, Nason; vhc, Brown Bros.; he, Tabor. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Munday; 4, Burrows; vhc, Brown Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, 3, 4, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Hobbs; vhc, Tabor; he, Sketchley.

PELTON FELL AND DIST. C.B.S.

The annual members' show of this Society was held at the Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, on December 26th. The awards were placed by Mr. Thos. Dixon, and gave every satisfaction. There was a fine attendance of visitors, and all were pleased to see such a grand show. The entries numbered 122, and some very nice specimens were staged. The officials were a real good lot and worked hard. Mr. L. Hall as hon. secretary, had everything in splendid order, and the cards were soon placed on the cages.

NOR YELL: 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Forster. BUFF: 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Hodgson. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, Forster. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Boyd. BUFF: 1, Snell; 2, Herdman; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Forster; he, Boyd. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Stanger; 3, Snell; vhc, Herdman; he, Forster. CREST: 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Parnaby. C.B.: 1, spl, Stanger; 2, Bewick; 3, Herdman; vhc, Hodgson. CREST OR C.B. HEN: 1, Bewick; 2, Hodgson. CREST. (1908): 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Bewick. C.B.: 1, spl, Bewick; 2, Hodgson. CREST OR CB. HEN: 1, spl, Bewick. YORKS.: 1, Stanger; 2, Elliott; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Herring. YORKS UNFLIG.: 1, Herring. CINN. YELL.: 1, spl, Forster; 2, Hall; 3, Herdman; vhc, R. Bewick. BUFF: 1, spl, Bewick; 2, Stanger. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, Elliott; 2, Snell. BUFF: 1, spl, Snell; 2, Elliott; 3, Forster; vhc, Herring. HEN: 1, spl, Snell; 2, Elliott; 3, Forster; vhc, Elliott; he, Herring; c, Herdman. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Snell; 2, Elliott; 3, Stanger. BUFF: 1, spl, Elliott; 2, Snell; 3, Herring. HEN: 1, spl, Snell; 2, Herdman; 3, Elliott; vhc, Boyd; he, Elliott. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Parnaby; 2, Bewick; 3, Stanger. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Bewick. NOVICES CLASS: 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Forster; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Herring. SELL. (10/-): 1, spl, Forster; 2, Elliott; 3, Herdman; vhc, Stanger; he, Elliott; c, Snell. LINNET (HOUSE-MOULTED): 1, Davidson; 2, Boyd; 3, Bewick; vhc, Herring; he, Snell; c, Elliott. LINNET: 1, spl, Davidson; 2, Stanger; 3, McDowell; vhc, Boyd; he, Elliott; c, Snell. BULL. or GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Boyd; 2, Herring; 3, Davidson; vhc, Bewick. BRIT. FINCH: 1, spl, Boyd; 2, Herring. A.V. FOR.: 1, spl, McDowell; 2, Davidson. MULE: 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Boyd; 3, Elliott. PAIRS FOR CREST BREEDING: 1, spl, Bewick; 2, Herdman; 3, Stanger. PAIRS FOR NOR. BREEDING: 1, spl, Herdman; 2, Hodgson; 3, Parnaby; vhc, Stanger; he, Forster; c, Snell. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, spl, Bewick; 2, Snell; 3, Stanger; vhc, Parnaby; he, Elliott.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEE-SIDE C.B.S.

Members' show held at Grangetown, King's Head Hotel, on December 26th, and was a big success. There were 14 classes, and the entries totalled upwards of a hundred. There was a very good attendance, and the exhibits were very much in advance of last year's. Mr. Kilpatrick placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, vhc, Barnes; he, Metcalf; 4, c, Embledon. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Rev. Wilton; 2, 3, Metcalf; 4, he, Barnes. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Wake and Carr. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Wake and Carr; 2, 4, he, Rev. Wilton; c, Hanson and Lancaster. CINN.: 1, Wake and Carr. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Rev. Wilton. A.O.V.: 1, 4, vhc, he, Gibson; 2, 3, Rev. Wilton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Milburn and Hughes; 3, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, he, Butterfield; vhc, c, Gibson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Wake and Carr; 4, c, Milburn and Hughes; vhc, he, Rev. Wilton. LINNET: 1, Wake and Carr; 2, 3, vhc, Milburn and Hughes; 4, he, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Mallory. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Rev. Wilton; 2, 4, Mallory; vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; he, Milburn and Hughes. GREENFINCH: 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Rev. Wilton; 3, Barnes; 4, Milburn and Hughes. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Milburn and Hughes; 3, Rev. Wilton. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Milburn and Hughes.—ARTHUR WAKE, Hon. Sec.

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HEXHAM.

Hexham F. and F.S. held their annual show in the Corn Exchange on January 1st. It proved a great success. Cage Birds had three classes provided for them, and obtained twenty-nine entries. Mr. Fraggle Proud judged, and gave general satisfaction.

A.V. CAN. (16): 1, Armstrong, yell. green crest, nice formation, in beautiful condition, wins easily; 2, Hudspith, yell. Nor., nice, good chest, well lifting wing; 3, hc, Milburn, grand yell. cinn., but rather small; vhc, Green; c, Crozier. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, 2, 3, Maddison. 1st Linnet-Bullie; 2nd, some took to be a Twite-Can.; 3rd, lightly variegated Goldfinch-Can; three lovely exhibits; vhc, Richardson, Goodeve-Greenie; hc, Pickens, Goldie-Bullie; c, Green; c, Cresswell. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Porteous, four of his well-known team, 1st Ring Parrot, in beautiful bloom; 2nd, Glossy Starling; 3rd, Red-headed Gouldian, very prim, greatly admired by the visitors; 4th, Pintailed Nonpareil.

NORTHALLERTON.

Annual exhibition, held in the Town Hall, January 1st. After a lapse of six years, twelve classes for cage birds were provided, out of which five had to be cancelled. The Hard Bill class, too, was somewhat poorly supported. In the Yorkshire classes some grand birds were on view. The Goldfinches were a really good lot, and the competition very keen. Linnets were not numerous, but they were good. All the birds were staged in the side rooms, perhaps not one of the best places, as at times there was some amount of crushing. The cage birds were again under the capable superintendence of Mr. T. Marwood, who was ably assisted by Messrs. Bradley, Peacock, and Taylor. Mr. T. Hill placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. The cards were up promptly.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, spl, spl best in show, Cuthbertson, leader a grand clear, very finely drawn, straight as a rush; 2nd hardly so shapely; 3, Stevens, long, raking bird of nice stamp; vhc, Watson and Sample; hc, Barfe; c, Watson. BUFFS: 1, 2, Cuthbertson, again two birds of grand quality; 3, Stevens, very stylish and in good condition; chc, Barfe; hc, Nicholson; c, Peacock. DARK MULE: 1, Cuthbertson, a big bouncing Linnet-Canary mule in grand order; 2, Taylor, buff Goldie-Canary, nice colour and condition; 3, Crossling, another good dark Linnet-Canary mule, a bit soft at judging, or might have stood second; vhc, Jackson, Siskin-Canary, rare size and colour; hc, Taylor; c, Watson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine face, moons, bars, and buttons, staged in spotless condition; 2, Dunnington, another nice Goldie, bred in the house of its owner; 3, Hutchinson, a marvel for face, size, colour, and condition, but had knocked half its wing feathers out, or probably would have stood higher; vhc, c, Hutchinson; c, Wetherill. LINNET: 1, 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, both good, but the leader rather better laced; 3, Todd and Son, a nice one, looking a trifle soft; vhc, hc, c, Marwood. HARDBILLS: 1, 3, Foster, Hawfinch and Bunting; 2, we could not find. SELL., 10s.: 1, Wilson, Yorkshire; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Crossling; vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; hc, c, Ferguson.

ELGIN.

The 23rd annual show was held in the Corn Market Hall on New Year's Day. The entries were slightly in excess of those of last year, though the quality suffered somewhat, owing, no doubt, to so many important fixtures being held on the same day. The hall, which is lighted from the top, was as bright as could be desired, and the temperature maintained was a comfortable one. The British, taken all over, were a good lot, and contained birds of exceptional merit. The Canaries were not lacking in quality. Mr. McCaskie, the secretary, had everything in good order, and his efforts were largely responsible for the success the show turned out to be. Mr. John Strachan (Aberdeen) judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK., UNFED (7): 1, Paterson, about right size, nice colour, quality, and type; 2, Mennie, similar, slightly slimmer perhaps; 3, Macdonald, large and typical; 4, Garden, No. 2, Macpherson, bull, wrong class; No. 1, Hutchison, another buff, wrong class. BUFF (10): 1, Mennie, real Nor. for type, very chubby, good head; 2, Petrie, nice size and shape, well mealed; 3, Campclose up; 4, Garden; 5, Macdonald; 6, Garden; 7, Henderson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wattie, good colour and quality; 2, George, large, beaten only in wing carriage; 3, Hutcheson, good quality and colour, correct type; 4, Coonie; 5, Garden; 6, Campbell. BUFF (6): 1, Maclean, very smart, some preferred for second place; 2, Mennie, large, graud type, good head; 3, Melvin, good one, but hugs perch at times; 4, Dunbar; 5, Garden. VARIEG YELL. CK. (3): 1, Dull, nice type and colour; 2, Gould, lovely colour; 3, Macpherson, another nice one. BUFF (7): 1, Wattie, medium-sized one, good type; 2, Melvin, close up, fine size; 3, Murray, another good one; 4, Garden; 5, Miller; 6, Henderson. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 4, Duff, former nice type and quality; 2, Mennie, prettily wing marked, typical; 3, Patterson, some preferred, lovely colour, gets well over perch; 5, Gould. BUFF (9): 1, Fraser, chubby, good size, wins well; 2, Smith, good one; 3, 6, Mennie, good size and type; 4, Garden; 5, Wattie; 7, Campbell. CREST (2): 1, Macdonald, nice D.C., well radiated Crest, centre slightly open, feather of good texture; 2, Fraser, nice light crest. C.B. (8): 1, 3, Shand, former nice-sized skull, narrow entrance, latter some preferred, large grand head; 2, 4, 5, Macdonald, first not far behind, good type; 6, Grant; 7, Cross. CINN. (3): 1, 3, Gibson, former yell., nice size; 3rd, looks like nest mate of 1st, foul feather in tail; 2, Simpson, neat plumage. BORD. (5): 1, Rae, well-drawn Bord., typical, feather like wax, wins; 2, Ross Bros., another well drawn one; 3, 4, 5, Cross, former good type and colour. PAIR NOR., BRED 1908 (4): 1, 2, Petrie, former pair clears, good all-round pair; 2nd, close up, good type, nice size; 3, Macdonald, very similar. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., COL.-FED (4): 1, Anderson, slasher for size and colour, good type; 2, Macdonald, smaller, but has good colour; 3, Maclean, nice bird. BUFF (7): 1, Garden, bouncer for size; 2, Anderson, another large one, very stout and well mealed; 3, Hutcheson, smaller but grand colour; 4, Rae; 5, Macdonald; 6, Wattie; 7, Chalmers. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Maclean, very neat, close feathered hen; 2, Campbell, large, lovely colour; 3, Chalmers. BUFF (6): 1, Rae, real Nor. for type; 2, Paterson, neat and typical; 3, Wattie, similar bird; 4, 5, Garden; 6, Maclean. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Anderson, red hot colour, real Nor. type, well put down, wins; 2, Rae, another good one, deep chest; 3, Maclean, very chubby, worth its place; 4, Garden. BUFF (5): 1, Rae, fine sized, warm colour, nicely mealed; 2, Paterson, close up, beaten in bloom only; 3, Maclean, all there for type, very neat; 4, Douglas; 5, Macdonald. CINN. (2): 1, Anderson, stormer for size and colour, easy winner, well shown; 2, Rae, beaten in colour only. A.O.V. CAN (5): 1, Garden; 2, Cooney; 3, Grant. GOLDFINCH, BRFT. (4): 1, Campbell, well up in size and body colour; 2, Stamford, bright colour all over, beautiful square buzz, excels in tannings and buttons; 3, Lilico, not in close when we were taking notes; 4, Whyte. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Chalmers, good-sized one, well cut cap, good in breast colour, nice buck and whites; 2, 4, Milne Bros., fine shape and condition; 3, Law and Brown, very similar to 1st; 5, Johnston; 6, Ross Bros.; 7, Menzies. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Ross Bros., former Siskin, well up in size, good cap and facing; 2, Chalmers, another good one, beaten in breast colour only; 3, Hutcheson, nice type; 5, Anderson; 6, Main and Cair; 7, Campbell. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Ross Bros, fine Linnet, medium size, good colour, nicely pencilled; 2, Milne Bros., just a little behind in colour to winner. MULE (6): 1, 2, 3, Mennie, former Linnet-Bullie, very steady, apparently a hen; 2nd, Light Goldie lead, well up in size, shapely; 3rd, similar; 4, G. Chalmers; 5, Douglas; 6, A. Chalmers. A.O.S., LARGE (1): 1, Ross Bros., Fieldfare, well-known winner, looking well to-day. SMALL (2): 1, Ross Bros., Yellowhammer, grand V-shape marked head, hot fed, very steady, well shown; 2, George. FAIR (for Hyb. breeding) (2): 1, George, Goldfinch and Siskin, likely pair, very steady, in rare trim, closely followed by 2nd, Ross Bros., Greenfinch and Bullfinch, both very steady, full of colour, must have pressed winners. PARROT (1): 1, Simpson, Rock, in nice plumage. SMALL FOR. (1): 1, Kollan, Budgerigars, fair size and colour, very steady. CAN. SELL. (10/-) (6): 1, Gibson; 2, Cross; 3, Douglas; 4, 6, Gunner; 5, Mennie.

SOUTH MANCHESTER O.B.S.

The first annual members' show was held on December 26th at the Boilermakers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Higher Openshaw. The show was opened by Mr. Bladon (in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Gunn). The room is an ideal one, being well lighted and free from draughts, and was comfortably filled during the whole of the afternoon. Yorkshires and Norwich were a magnificent lot. The Lizards and British were not very numerous, but some fine birds were staged. The management was splendid. President, Mr. F. Washbourne; vice president, Mr. J. Dickinson; treasurer, Mr. J. Hallam; secretary, Mr. J. C. Spilsbury (who is deserving of great praise on his successful management); committee, Messrs J. Stirrup, J. F. Chamberlain, B. Salway, J. Garbutt, and B. Bowden. Mr. Bladon, of Manchester, judged and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Stirrup gained special for best in the show with a beautiful Yorkshire. The special for second best was won by Mr. H. Harding with a buff Norwich hen. Specials were also won by Messrs Myers, Washbourne, Spilsbury, Salway, Lester, Fairhurst, Robinson, Chamberlain, Dickinson, Hallam, Thornley, Walton, Garhutt and Crossley.

LANCS.—CL. BUFF PLAINHEAD CK. (1): 1, Hallam, fins bird, well shown. LIZARD GOLD CK. (4): 1, Salway, good colour, nicely spangled, good cap; 2, 3, 4, Dickinson, 2nd, nice; 3rd, broken cap. SILVER CK. (1): 1, Salway, very nice silver, good cap. GOLD HEN (2): 1, 2, Dickinson. SILVER HEN (2): 1, 2, Dickinson, clear cap, nice spangle. YORK. CL YELL. (2): 1, 2, Washbourne, 1st nice type, stylish, good condition, well shown. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Stirrup, nice type, clean, and well shown; 2, Washbourne, typical, clean; 3, Thornley; 4, Higgs; vhc, Lester. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK (3): 1, 2, Lester, good type; 3, Stirrup. BUFF CK. (2): 1, spl. best in show, and 2, Stirrup, grand quality. YELL HEN (6): 1, Stirrup, good type; 2, vhc, Stirrup; 3, hc, Washbourne; 4, Lester. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 4, Stirrup, 1st teems with quality; 2, hc, Lester, quality again; 3, Salway; vhc, Washbourne. NAT. COL (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Hallam, all grand quality; 4, Walton; vhc, Washbourne; c, Stirrup. CREST CK. (1): 1, Walton, grand head. HEN (1): 1, T. Walton. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Chamberlain, good type BUFF CK. (3): 1, spl. for 2nd best in show, Harding, bonny shape; 2, Myers; 3, Higgs. MKD., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, W Robinson, fine quality. BUFF CK (2): 1, Myers, a fine bird; 2, Lester. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Robinson, typical; 2, Thornly. GREEN YORKS. CK. (1): 1, Salway, very typical, good quality. FOUL GREEN BUFF CK. (1): 1, Stirrup, good quality; BORD. GREEN (1): 1, Spilsbury, good colour, splendid quality. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Spilsbury, 1st hen. NAT. COL. NOR. (3): 1, Hallam, type and quality; 2, Minns; 3, Day. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Dickinson. STOCK (5): 1, Stirrup, Yorks.; 2, Robinson, Nor.; 3, Hallam, Yorks.; 4, Washbourne, Yorks.; vhc, Myers. MULE OR HYB. DARK (3): 1, Chamberlain, Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Salway, same cross; 3, Fairhurst, Linnet-Canary. SELL (20/-) (3): 1, Myers; 2, Washbourne. UNFLIG. YORK. (7): 1, Stirrup, nice quality, well shown; 2, Stirrup, type and quality; 3, Salway; 4, vhc, Thornly; hc, Higgs; c, Washbourne. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Hallam, rare shape and feather; 2, Higgs. NOR. (12): 1, Myers, grand feather; 2, Walsh; 3, hc, Robinson; 4, Myers; vhc Chamberlain; c, Lester. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Thornly, full of quality; 2, Fairhurst, LINNET (4): 1, Lester, a fine coloured bird; 2, Robinson; 3, Lester. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Fairhurst, grand tanning and well marked; 3, 4, Lester; vhc, Hallam. HARDBILL (2): 1, Fairhurst, Redpoll; 2, Washbourne, Greenfinch. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Washbourne, pied Wagtail. FOR.: 1, Lester, Goldfinch, grand bird, splendid condition. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Crossley, German Canarics. COTTAGERS CLASS (4): 1, Garbutt, Yorkshire; 2, Haughton, Greenfinch Mule; 3, Knowles.

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GREAT HORTON.

Great Horton O.S. held their annual Open Show on January 1st and 2nd, in the Congregational schools, High-street, under Yorkshire Union rules, and the patronages of the Y.C.C. and Bradford and County B.S. and M.C. Mr. H. W. Battye officiated as judge, his awards meeting with general satisfaction. Messrs. Ogden Bros. put down a fine team, which secured the special for most points in show, being closely followed by Messrs. Ambler. The winners of sectional specials were Messrs. Ambler, Wadsworth, Ogden Bros., Peel, Bentley and Self in the Yorkshires; Messrs. Duncan, Jun., and Beaty, were chief scorers in the British, etc. In the Novice section, Mr. W. Sowden secured the medal for best bird shown by a Novice, and Messrs. Laycock, Tinkler, Markwell and Hammond were awarded specials in this section. Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary, had all arrangements well in hand, and was well supported by Mr. J. Mann, president; Messrs. Barraclough, H. Jennings, and Self, vice-presidents; Myers, Waterworth, Whittaker, Morley, and Hainsworth, also rendering valuable assistance as stewards. The entry did not come up quite as well as was expected, the total only reaching 323 in the 27 classes provided, this being an average of 12 per class. British, etc., came up rather badly, the exceptionally cold weather in the earlier part of the week, probably being the cause of this. CAGE BIRDS prizes were won by Messrs. Inman and Wood.

The Champion Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Ambler, grand type, well-drawn out, lovely colour and quality, stands well up, very clean made; 2, Bailey and Swanger, nice length, very good shape, leggy, lovely quality and style; 3, Cruise, very neat and typical, long drawn bird, good quality and style; 4, Wadsworth, grand quality and colour, plenty of style, nice shape; vhc, Townsend; hc, Wilcock; c, Jennings. BUFF (12): 1, c, Ambler, grand length, extra good shape and position, full of quality and colour; 2, Ogden Bros., extra well up in position, lovely type and quality; 3, vhc, Wadsworth, grand shape, rich in quality, very stylish; 4, Shackleton, good shape, well up on leg, grand shoulders, lovely quality; hc, Robertshaw. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Cruise, splendid shape, very long-sided bird, grand flights and tail, beautiful feather, a gem; 2, Walsh, grand type, plenty of leg, stands well, red-hot colour, rich in quality; 3, Robertshaw, good length, very neat wing carriage, fine back, nice quality; 4, Wood, lovely type and position, rich colour and quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Cowgill. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Ambler, grand shape and style, feather like wax, neat wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, good shape, plenty of leg, neat feather, very nervy; 3, Robertshaw, grand quality and colour, nice shape and position, lovely wing carriage; 4, Shaw Bros., very typical, good shoulders, rich quality, extra good in colour; vhc, Wilcock; hc, H. Clegg; c, Waterworth. UNEVEN. ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., great length, grand shape, well up on leg, rich colour and quality; 2, Bailey and Swanger, another good long one, fine shape, very leggy, well drawn out, grand back, good quality; 3, Wadsworth, hot colour, nice length, all there for type and feather; 4, Walsh, very lengthy, well-cut away, neat style; vhc, Stebbings; hc, Priestley; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (14): 1, 4, spl, Armstrong, leader superb quality, full of colour, plenty of style, very good in type, nice exhibit, 4th, neat type, style and position, grand quality; 2, hc, Smith, very shapely, well drawn out, straight as a rush, nice quality, very good in wings and tail; 3, Shackleton, grand shape, rich quality and colour; vhc, Bray; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Ambler, yell., wonderful shape, straight cut, plenty of leg, lovely quality; 2, Peel, buff, lovely type, full of quality, stands well, shows for all it is worth; 3, Cruise, yell., nice type, very straight, rich quality, well up on leg; 4, Moorhouse, buff, plenty of length, grand shape and superb quality; vhc, Bray; hc, Haigh; c, Bailey and Swanger. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., ticked cheek, good length, extra fine position, rich colour and quality, 4th lovely quality and colour, neat shape, very stylish; 2, Peel, grand typical lady, very leggy, fine quality, looking well; 3, Shackleton, plenty of length, fine back, wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Farrar; hc, Jennings; c, Elliss. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Peel, marvellous shape, neat and narrow shoulders, well up in position, lovely quality; 2, Wadsworth, nice shape and style, grand quality and colour; 3, Shackleton, lengthy, very shapely, good head, rich colour and quality; 4, hc, Walsh, tick wing, nice length, well drawn out, grand position, good quality; vhc, Cruise; c, Jowett. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (13): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., buff, grand shape, straight as a rush, plenty of style, nice colour, and quality, 4th yell., very typical, and stylish, good back, nice quality; 2, 3, Wilcock, 2nd yell., red-hot colour, shapely, stands well, full of quality, 3rd buff, nice shape, lovely quality of feather; vhc, Wadsworth; hc, Chittenden; c, Shackleton. HEN (15): 1, 2, spl, Jowett, leader yell. neat type, extra well on leg, straight as a gun barrel, nice quality, very stylish; 2, Buff, superb quality, grand shape and position, well staged; 3, Chittenden, ticked yell. grand length, very good shape, stands well, nice quality; 4, Towers, Buff, very shapely, well up in position, lovely back, rich quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros; c, Drake and Son. SELL. YELL. (15/-) (17): 1, spl, Gibson; 2, Walker; 3, Simonett; 4, Bentley; vhc, Jowett; hc, Lodge; c, Lister. BUFF (12/6) (15): 1, spl, Bentley; 2, Towle; 3, Moorhouse; 4, Ellis; vhc, Cruise; hc, Drake and Son; c, Haigh. HEN (12/6) (9): 1, Greenwood; 2, 4, Self; 3, Jennings; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Farrar; c, Jowett. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Nicholson, Linnet, grand size and substance, rich colour, lovely pencilling, very steady; 2, Inman, Twite, beautifully pencilled, grand size, very rich colourings; 3, 4, hc, spl, Duncan, junr.; 3, Siskin, nice size and colour, very steady; 4, Linnet, wonderful colour and markings, neat feather; vhc, Beaty. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (12): 1, 2, spl, Beaty, Hawfinch, leading, good size, grand bib, very nice colours, excellent condition; 2, Bramble, rich spangling, good in colour, nice feather; 3, Inman, Goldie, fine size, rich tanning, lovely blaze, very steady, looking well; 4, Mason, Hawfinch, nice colour, good coloured bib, well feathered; vhc, c, Duncan; hc, Jowett. BRIT. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 4, Duncan, junr, leader Wryneck, in grand condition, lovely markings and colour; 4, Fieldfare, fine bird, beautiful colour, clear markings, put down in faultless style; 2, 3, Mason, Wheatear and Grey Wagtail respectively, Wheatear grand specimen, splendid plumage, well defined colourings; Wagtail in fine form, put down in first-class style; vhc, Mackwell; hc, Inman. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, Nicholson, Goldie-Bullie, not a big one, but superb in colour, grand blaze and bars, in good order; 2, Duncan junr., Goldie-Greenie, nice size, and wing bars, very steady; 3, Beaty, Goldfinch-Can, six-pointed, grand size, good level markings, lovely blaze and colour; 4, Chittenden Can. Linnet, big bird, plenty of colour, good pencilling; vhc, Almond; hc, Inman.

The Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Crabtree, lengthy, well drawn out, plenty of leg, stylish, grand, long wings and tail; 2, Wilson, well positioned, good shape, full of colour and quality; 3, Lumb, slim, typical, nice quality, best of wing carriage; 4, Whittaker, neat, narrow-shouldered, grand shape, lovely quality; vhc, Lane; hc, Laycock; c, Livesey. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Tinkler, very shapely, and nervy, neat quality very clean front; 2, Walker, excellent position good shape, full of colour and quality; 3, Lumb, fine type, stands well, all there for quality; 4, Towle, good shape, extra neat head and neck, grand quality; vhc, Gill; hc, White; c, Clegg. TKD YELL. (13): 1, spl, Hall, nice shape, good position, grand wing carriage, nice colour and quality; 2, Haigh, good length, leggy, nicely drawn out, good back; 3, White, grand type, straight as a rush, nice feather; 4, Whittaker, neat shape and style, good shoulders and back fine quality; vhc, Firth; hc, Laycock; c, Lane. BUFF (15): 1, 3, spl, Sowden, leader ticked head, all there for shape and position good wings and tail, nice quality; 3, good type and style, rich quality, getting "washed out"; 2, Kay, grand shape, straight as a rush, well up in style good quality, well staged; 4, Simonett, brimful of quality, correct type, stands well up, nice colour; vhc, Lumb; hc, Wilson; c, Livesey. UNEVEN. ETC. (13): 1, spl, Laycock, yell, slim, clean made, plenty of leg, grand type and quality; 2, Clegg, Buff, slim, capital position good wings and tail, full of quality; 3, Tinkler, Cinn. mkd. yellow, stands well, grand type and quality; 4, c, Kay, Buff, very clean made, grand feather and style; vhc, Telford; hc, Radley. YELL. HEN. (12): 1, Hall, shapely, good head and neck, rich quality, very stylish; 2, hc, and spl, Beaumont, good type, nice back, full of quality; 3, Tinkler, well drawn out, plenty of leg, correct position, well up in quality; 4, Laycock, very long and slim, nice condition and style; vhc, White; c, Gill. BUFF (23): 1, spl, Laycock, typical, very stylish, plenty of quality, good hen; 2, Crabtree, grand shape, stands very erect, rich colour, feathered like wax; 3, White, good type, very leggy, well up in position, nice quality; 4, Gill, very typical, and plenty of nerve; vhc, Dunn; hc, c, Lumb; c, Radley. NOR. CK. (11): 1, spl, Jeffreys, buff cobby, plenty of substance, nice colour and quality; 2, Sykes, yell. good colour, shapely, rich quality; 3 Hammond, Buff, good size and shape, plenty of substance, nice quality and colour; 4, hc, Markwell, yell good size, nice shape and quality; vhc, Haigh; c, Fortnam. HEN (5): 1, Markwell, big bouncing bird, cobby shape, nice colour and quality; 2, Fortnam, well, very typical, grand colour and quality; 3, 4, Hammond, 3, Buff, good size and substance, nice colour and quality; 4, yell, big bird, neat shape fine quality; vhc, Greenwood.

BELGRAVE AND DISTRICT F.A.

Members' show held December 26th at the New Inn, Belgrave. Mr. J. Needham judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CAN. CK.: 1, Hurst, variegated, yell, splendid carriage; 2, Coddington, variegated, Buff, neat and cobby; 3, Smith, good yell; 4, Hallard, Cinn.; vhc, Beyless; hc, Smith; c, Costello. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, Hurst, grand non-fed yellow, short and cobby, splendid colour; 2, Mallard, yellow cinn., good colour and quality; 3, Hurst, yell. Norwich; 4, Mallard, buff cinn.; vhc, Smith. CAN. HEN: 1, Smith, ticked yellow, splendid hen; 2, Hurst, buff, 3, Mallard yell. cinn.; vhc, Hurst; hc, Costello; c, Hurst. BRIT.: 1, Smith, grand Bullfinch, also takes second spl, for best bird in show; 2, Hurst, Brambleliuch; 3, Riley, Bullfinch; 4, Harrison.

WELLINGBOROUGH & DIST. C.B.S.

Members' show, held on Boxing Day. There was a good muster of exhibitors, about 100 birds being staged; some good birds were amongst them. Mr. A. Reech (Bedford) judged, giving every satisfaction.

NOR., YELL: 1, Belcher, good, all-round bird, closely followed by 2nd and 3rd, Martin, tick neck yell., fine. BUFF: 1, Martin, fine bird, excels in quality; 2, W. H. Howe, good bird; 3, Belcher, good exhibit. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Martin, grand bird well made, wins well; 2, Belcher nice bird, beaten to-day; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, W. H. Howe, good slashing cl., nice type, well staged; 2, Smith, grand bird, close up; 3, Charlesworth, good exhibit. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Martin, two lovely birds teeming with quality, closely followed by 3rd, W. H. Howe, good, well made, lady of the right stamp. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin, two fine big hens of excellent quality; 3, Smith, nice hen. NOR., NON-FED: 1, 2, W. Howe, buff leading, grand bird, followed by yell, bit soft to-day or might have won; 3, W. H. Howe. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Howe, grand Greenie mule, big bird teeming with bloom and quality, well staged, wins; 2, 3, Martin, two nice Yorkics, lovely buff leading, closely followed by yell, nice birds. PAIR NOR.: 1, 2, Martin, good birds, ought to breed some winners; 3, Belcher, close up. FINCH: Good class; 1, 2, Howe, fine big Bullie leading, lovely colour, cup, and bars, closely followed by extra good coloured Chaffie, well staged; 3, Belcher, very good Hawfinch. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Howe, nicely staged Linnet leading, followed by Linnet and Redpoll. SOFTBILL: 1, Howe. FOR.: Clean sweep here, 1, 2, 3, F. Howe, pair of green Cardinals leading, followed by yell, Budgerigar, and a pair of St. Helena Waxbills. SELL.: 7s. 6d.: 1, W. H. Howe; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Martin. GIFT: 1, Martin; 2, Belcher; 3 Charlesworth. LOCAL. NOR.: 1, Bambridge. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wallis, good Bullfinch leading, followed by Goldfinch; 3, Cook, fine Song Thrush; 4, Phipps, nice Thrush.—W. HOWE, hon. secretary.

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PAISLEY.

The fifty-fifth annual exhibition of the Paisley O.A. was held in the New Drill Hall, which is admirably adapted for a show of this kind. The executive is composed of practical men, and Mr. Robin, the popular president, had kindly, cheery words for the supporters present. Mr. J. Laidler is an admirable general secretary. Mr. A. M. Baird, the secretary of the cage-bird section, is very hard-working and energetic, and he got through his work in a thoroughly businesslike manner. He did everything possible to make the show a success, and deserves every credit. The remainder of the executive is comprised of: Vice-president, Mr. G. W. Love; treasurer, Mr. J. Pottie; committee, Messrs. R. Arrol, R. M'Indoe, C. Robertson, J. M'Donald, T. Gillespie, James Paton, Geo. Binckie, John Paton, N. O'Donnell, A. Baird, James Annan, and L. Thomson; collector, Mr. J. Wright. The entries were down a little from the preceding show, the total on this occasion being 682. The Scotch Fancy Canaries (226) made an excellent display all through, though the quality, perhaps, cannot be said to be an advance on former years. Mr. McClure's team was missed; and there were no exhibits from the East. Several very good specimens took part in the contest for the cup, which was won by Mr. Montgomery with a buff hen of exceptional substance and quality. The Belgians (16) were of the first-cross type, some good breeding birds being amongst them. The Norwich Canaries (157) were of excellent merit. It was by no means easy to win here, so high was the quality. Yorkshires totalled 31, and are taking on at Scottish shows. The display was very commendable, and the Yorkshire is certainly worthy of cultivation there in the North. The Border Fancy Canaries (106) were a grand collection, typical throughout, and in lovely feather. They made a show in themselves, and the general public were well pleased with this section. It is getting new converts yearly.

The Norwich Pininhead Cup was won by Mr. McFarlane with a rare clear Buff Cock, put down in that well known fancier's usual style. The Yorkshires and Borders were good, and the Mules Hybrids excellent. Mr. Paterson, of Ayr, came with some really clinking Yorkies and won the Club Bowl. Messrs. Duncan and Logan, and also Messrs. Jackson and Bond had their well known teams of Hybrids there. A new face in an almost clear Greenfinch Mule, shown by the former firm was a great attraction.

The exhibition was splendidly patronised by fanciers and the general public. There was an unusual demand for stock, but most of the exhibits were catalogued at prohibitive prices. The Scotch Fancy and Norwich Canaries, it seemed to us, were never more eagerly sought after. The judges were: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), J. Park (Govan), A. Livingstone (Paisley), D. Brown (Edinburgh), J. Arnott (Alloa), and T. Thomson (Glasgow); Norwich, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Borders and Yorks., Mr. W. McMillan (Dumfries); Hybrids, Brit., and For., Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr). They were very careful, and are to be complimented upon their selections, for, generally speaking, the placings were all that could be desired.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian Classes.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Urquhart, erect, well set, good top and drive, nice frame, smooth in feather, fair size; 2, Stewart, good size, grand substance, erect, fine reach, solid top, long body, and wing; 3 Maxwell, erect, fair size, nice top and drive, good body and wing; 4, Kenne, a neat smart, compact exhibit, well set on legs; 5, McDonald, nice type, in fine bloom, good action; 6, Muir; 7, Hannay; 8, Douglas. HEN (10): 1, Main, erect, fine top and reach, clean front, long body and wing; 2, Urquhart, neat, compact, well built and smart, fine quality, smooth in feather; 3, Moore, similar in style, fine action, good position; 4, Maxwell, erect, good top and droop, nice body and wing, quick in movement; 5, Kennedy, good type, smart and active; 6, Baird, sweet type and very smart; 7, Moore; 8, Taylor. YELL. FLED CK. (10): 1, Blue, well-known winner, exceptionally decided droop, long neck and neat head, very erect; 2, Urquhart, fine size, erect, nice drive, good body and very active; 3, Black, very erect, solid top, rare reach, nice front, good body and action; 4, Ward, erect, head well forward, good top and body; 5, Smith, good size and style, deserved its position; 6, Park; 7, Briggs; 8, Muir. HEN (10): 1, Higgins erect, fine drive, solid back, nice front, good long body and wing, well set on legs; 2, Black, hard up, good reach and top, nice length of body and wing; 3, Fleming, erect, neat head, well forward, displaying good top and front, long in body and tail; 4, Burnside, nice all round quality, rare properties; 5, O'Donnell, smart and quite a model, fine qualities; 6, Menzies, rare merit for the position; 7, Baird; 8, Carlan. YELL. FOUL CK (4): 1, Strathearn, erect, good drive, neat head, long neck, fine body and action; 2, Price, well up, head in right direction, nice top and body; 3, Fulton, fine properties and very compact; 4, Sergeant, very typical rare stock qualities. HEN (9): 1, Ward, erect, nice droop, solid top, good frame and fine action; 2, Bennett, erect, nice drive, good top, body and wing, very active in working; 3, Mulrhead, good style, fair size and quick; 4, Maxwell, neat, typical, deserved its position; 5, Carlan, well up, nice top and drive, good body; 6, Davies, very fine quality, close in feather; 7, Hoare; 8, Hannay. YELL. GREEN CK. (6): 1, Forsyth, fair size, erect, determined drive, nice top, sweet body, and active; 2 Strathearn, well known winner, often taken notice of; 3, Simpson, well up, head forward, good top and nice frame; 4, Maxwell, well known winner looking well; 5, Ward; 6, Hunter. HEN (4): 1, Urquhart, erect, fine drive, good top, solid frame, wins; 2, Muir, well up, fine drive, quick, and always ready; 3, Urquhart, neat, smart, and very typical; 4, Baird, very nice quality. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Donnelly, large, good frame, splendid substance; 2, Fleming, fine type, erect, nice reach, good top, long body and wing, smooth in feather; 3, Menzies, well up, fair reach, rare body and action; 4, Montgomery, neat, good drive, solid top, nice front, fine body; 5, Urquhart, nice all round type; 6, Chalmers, smart, sweet, and ready; 7, Hill; 8, Kennedy. HEN (13): 1, cup, and spl, Montgomery, erect, grand size and reach, prominent top, nice front, long body and wing, full of merit; 2, Fleming, erect, nice top, good droop, solid body, takes a fine position on the perch; 3, Hunter, well up, good reach, solid top, rare body, quick in working; 4, O'Donnell, erect, head well forward, fine frame and shoulder, good action; 5, Smith, nice size and model, wins its position; 6, Ward; 7, Kennedy; 8, Strathearn. BUFF PIEBALD CK. (12): 1, Black, medium size, erect, head in proper direction, solid back, nice body, very ready; 2, Chalmers, larger, but scarcely equal in type, good quality; 3, Price, well built, neat and compact, quick but steady; 4, Fulton, neat and solid all through, good quality; 5, Hainey, good quality; 6, Fleming, grand frame, good reach, nice top and body; 7, Douglas; 8, McDonald. HEN (11): 1, Montgomery, grand frame, heavy top, rare body and wing, good front, well set on legs; 2, Stewart, another grand frame, well up, fine reach, solid top, long body and wing; 3, Fleming, erect, good drive, solid top, nice body and wing; 4, Main, a [illegible] qualities, made a splendid flight; 5, Smith, erect, well set up, good body and action; 6, Forsyth, a smart, neat, typical Scotch Fancy; 7, Kennedy, rare size and substance; 8, Strathearn. BUFF FOUL CK. (7): 1, Kennedy, large, erect, decided drive, nice top, body and wing; 2, Rennie, smart and typical, all round exhibit; 3, Hainey, neat, well built, smooth in feather; 4, Ward, very smart, good quality; 5, Muirhead; 6, Stewart; 7, Porteous. HEN (13): 1, Urquhart, erect, good reach and top, nice body and wing; 2, Fulton, erect, solid top, nice droop, good body and wing; 3, Muirhead, well up, nice drive, solid top, good body; 4, Burnside, well up, nice drive, good body; 5, Muirhead, neat and typical, very quick; 6, Porteous, very neat, rare model; 7, Strathearn; 8, Fernie. BUFF GREEN CK. (11): 1, Higgins, grand size, erect, good drive, solid top, long body, ready in working; 2, Maxwell, well-known winner, a good model and full of merit; 3, Muir, grand size, erect, decided reach, solid top, good body and wing; 4, Kennedy, well set up, good reach, fine solid top, rare body and wing; 5, Smith, good all-round model; 6 Neil; 7, Paterson; 8 Strathearn. HEN (11): 1, Strathearn, grand model, erect, solid top, clean front, good body and wing, nice droop; 2, Higgins, similar in style, pressed hard on winner; 3, Menzies, erect, nice reach, solid back, good body; 4, Porteous, perfect model, rare quality; 5, Stewart, grand size and full of quality; 6, Neil; 7, Kennedy; 8, Porteous. PAIRS (8): 1, Carlan, large buff cock and yellow hen, well mated, very fine pair; 2, Ward, yellow plehnld cock and buff green hen, both excellent in quality; 3, O'Donnell, buff cock and yellow piebald hen, a good pair; 4, Livingston, yellow piebald cock and buff hen; 5, Ferguson; 6, Baird; 7 Douglas; 8 Powell. BELGIAN CK. (9): 1, Maxwell, large yellow, fine frame, cross type, grand stock bird; 2, Douglas, yellow, small cross, close in feather; 3, Fairley, buff, compact and well built; 4, Graham, smart, trig buff, well built; 5, Douglas; 6, Fairley; 7, 8, Sharp. HEN (6): 1, O'Donnell, small, typical cross type hen; 2, Strathearn, cross type, smooth in feather, nice style; 3, Sharp, neat buff, tight in feather; 4, Fairley, very neat and compact; 5, Fairley; 6 Carlan. SELL CK. (2s.) (20): 1, Higgins, grand size, well up, good body and wing; 2, Price, erect, nice top and drive, good body and wing; 3, Moore, good type and quality; 4, Sergeant; 5, Burnside; 6, Wright; 7, Simpson; 8, McDonald. HEN (16): 1 Kennedy, erect, fine reach, fair top; 2 Reid, good all-round hen worth her price; 3, Donnelly; 4, Simpson; 5, Donnelly; 6, Murdoch; 7 Simpson; 8 Fairey. CK (10s. 6d.) (18): 1, Orr, neat, well built; 2, Sergeant, erect, neat; 3, Allardice, nice model; 4, Forsyth; 5, Allardice; 6, Forsyth. HEN (16): 1, Reid, neat and very typical; 2, Neil, neat and smart; 3, Porteous; 4, Forsyth; 5, Reid; 6, Hamilton; 7, Kennedy.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

CREST CK. (12): 1, Noble, large green, grand crest, dense head gear, fine back crest and side, good frontal, centre well defined; 2, Duncan, grand top piece, fine frontal crest, beautiful feather throughout; 3, Stewart, buff variegated, nicely centred crest, spleudid length of feather, nice side and back, grand body and shape; 4, Joel, clear, dense frontal, and good all-round; 5, Young, buff variegated, grand quality; 6, Kirkwood; 7, London; 8, Henderson. HEN (15): 1, Stewart, green, fine length of feather, rare front, good centre, well radiated; 2, Noble, in lovely order, great density of feather, splendid length, good on sides and back; 3, Adamson, a sweet exhibit, rare frontal, good centre and sides; 4, Thornton, fine head-gear, nice frontal crest, plenty of feather; 5, Watson, grand quality, rare body; 6, Joel; 7, Cowan; 8, Clark. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Noble, a gem, grand head piece, dense, fine entrance, rare body; 2, Stewart, good substance, fine entrance, good lashing; 3, Adamson, buff variegated, good body, grand entrance and lashing; 4, Burnett, another beauty, good quality; 5, Griffiths; 6, Hardie; 7, Clark; 8, Thomson. HEN (10): 1, Young, buff variegated, grand body, well lashed, with good wide entrance; 2, Griffiths, large green, rare substance, fine head-gear, well lashed, grand body; 3, Kirkwood, buff variegated, neat head, fine entrance and lashing; 4, Noble, green, rare size and quality, good head-gear, entrance, and lashing; 5, Stewart; 6, Thornton; 7, Adamson; 8, Anderson.

NORWICH YELL. CK. (8): 1, Erskine, very good colour and size, deep-chested bird; 2, McFarlane clear yellow, longer, nice wings, good quality and colour; 3, Sloan, shapely bird, good head and chest; 4, Jeans, clear yellow, grand quality of feather; 5, Martin; vhc, Connelly; hc, Dowell; c, Hardie. HEN (21): 1, Malcolmson, cl. yell., good size, colour and quality, neat head, nice carriage; 2, spl, 5, McFarlane, yellow ticked, of good type, rare quality, well over perches, has size and colour; 3, Martin, neat head and good carriage, grand colour; 4, Watson, nice shape and feather; vhc, Young; hc, Jeffrey; c, Sloan. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, McFarlane, a pair of gems, grand in type, lovely feather, neat wings and tails, good carriage, colour and quality; 3, spl, Jeffrey, ticked buff, close on the winners' heels; 4, Watson, fine type, and size, in rattling good bloom; 5, McNeill; vhc, Henderson; hc, Dowell; c, McGrandle. HEN (13): 1, Young, clear buff, real stormer, good type and quality, well over perches, nice size and colour, and staged in rattling form; 2, 5, McFarlane, the former a clear with fine head, chest, colour and carriage; 3, Calderwood, good cap mkd. buff of lovely shape, and quality; 4, Jeffrey, neat feather, nice chest; vhc, Paterson; hc, Potts; c, Fraser. VARIEG. OR GREEN (14): 1, vhc, McFarlane, former heavily variegated, fine head and chest, grand colour and quality; 2, J. M. Paterson, variegated, of grand size and colour, not quite so large as 1st, grand wing carriage; 3, Henderson, good sized variegated, lovely quality of feather; 4, spl, Barr, good head and wing carriage, nice quality; 5, McAulay; hc, A. Paterson; c, Calderwood. HEN (14): 1, 5, McFarlane, former a wing marked of capital shape and grand quality, true Norwich type; 2, Calderwood, neck and wing marked buff, grand colour and quality, lovely type; 3, A. Paterson, yellow wing marked, nice size and type, good in head and quality; 4, Dowell, variegated buff, sweet head and good quality; vhc, McAulay; hc, Braidwood; c, Erskine. NON-FED CK. (13): 1, A. Watson, variegated buff, grand head, wings, quality and type, nice size, with good neck and chest, wins well; 2, Martin, clear buff, magnificent quality and type, nice colour, and carriage; 3, Chalmers, clear yellow, big bouncing bird of rare quality, grand shape; 4, vhc, McFarlane, cl. yellow, another grand Norwich; 5, Sloan; hc, Calderwood; c, Laidlaw. HEN (7): 1, Martin, cl. yellow, rattling size, fine neck, head and chest, quality and carriage; 2, 4, McFarlane, former clear buff, the latter a cl. yellow, leader grand size, colour, shape, and feather; 3, Munro, wing marked yellow, rich colour, good shape; 5, W. Paterson; vhc, Hope. SELL. (15/-) (17): 1, McAulay; 2, spl, no name; 3, 5, McFarlane; 4, Carmers; vhc, Wilson; hc, Livingstone; c, McRobbie. YORKS. CK. (17): 1, 2, J. B. Paterson, the former fine length, colour, carriage of wings and tail, on clever legs; 2, well known yellow, good type, feather and position, staged in rattling trim; 3, Bowman, clear buff, in fine feather; 4, Gibb, nice style and length; 5, McDougall, clear yellow, grand position; vhc, McRobbie; hc, McLellan; c, Dalziel. HEN (14): 1, spl, 3, J. B. Paterson, leader backed buff of fine length and shape, grand head, wings and tail, a fine mover, staged in tip top form; 3, an evenly marked yellow of lovely quality and length; 2, McRobbie, clear yellow, of beautiful quality; 4, spl, Webster, nice clear yellow, good style; 5, McDougall; vhc, Gibb; hc, Baird; c, Martin. BORD. CK. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (15): 1, spl, Moore, cl. yell., a clinker for quality, rare head and body, and the best of wing carriage; 2, Duncan and Logan, very fine position, grand taper, well carried wings, in fine bloom; 3, Lappin, nicely tapered bird, very pretty; 4, sp, Calderwood, good shape and fine fronted bird; vhc, Findlay; hc, Webster; c, Gilchrist. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Thomson, wins well to-day, grand feather, corfect size, beautifully drawn, fine wing carriage, neat head; 2, Gilchrist, grand carriage, fine position, neat front, teeming with quality; 3, sp, Watson, grand feather, front, and head; 4, Shearer, shapely, fine-fronted bird; 5, Buchanan; vhc, Haddow; hc, Allardice; c, Hutcheson. HEN YELL. (14): 1, Calderwood, a gem, lovely position, grand front and taper, rare wing carriage, head, and quality; 2, Walker, nice bodied yellow, well drawn, good in wing carriage; 3, Gilchrist, grand carriage, correct size; 4, Craig, good shape, fine front, nicely staged; 5, Thomson; vhc, Smillie; hc, Auld; c, Mossie. BUFF (17): 1, spl, 4, Smillie, the City winning buff hen, grand feather and size, beautifully drawn, fine wing carriage, neat head, staged to perfection; 4, the well known buff capped hen 2, Webster, a gem for feather, clean cut, nice wing carriage, good size; 3, Gilchrist, clear buff, well moulded and full of quality; 5, Walker, nice feather, good front, lovely bead; vhc, McWatt; hc, Henderson; c, Mossie. MKD. ETC. (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, evenly marked yellow, grand type and well balanced markings, good wings; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, 2-pointed yellow, finely balanced markings, grand feather, nice frontal, and lovely head; 3, hc, Haddow, yellow varieg., grand fronted bird, beautifully drawn, fine wing carriage and style; 4, Smillie, 2-pointed yellow, gem for colour and quality of feather; 5, Gilchrist; vhc, Findlay; c, Buchanan. HEN (13): 1, Findlay evenly marked buff, grand shape, a regular Border in model; 2, Shearer, variegated, a gem for feather, clean cut, nice wings and carriage, good size; 3, Whitelaw, almost evenly marked, of lovely feather, grand front, lovely head, grand mover; 4, Walker; 5, Gilchrist; vhc, Hutcheson; hc, spl, Allardice; c, Arnot and Jamieson. GREEN OR CINN. (13) 1, spl, 2, 3, Arnot and Jamieson, a team of good ones from a well known firm; 4, Thomson, yellow green, nice colour and finely laced, staged in A1 bloom; 5, spl, Buchanan; vhc, Gentleman; hc, R Thomson; c, Reid. SELL. (10/6) (16): 1, Smillie; 2, No name here; 3, Henderson; 4, Thomson; 5 Mossie; vhc, Scobie; hc, Haddow; c, Findlay

The Mules, British and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE (8): 1, spl, 3, Duncan and Logan, the former an almost clear Greenfinch, new face, we believe a neat companion of the clear Mule belonging to Dr. Galloway, a rare exhibite, and staged in faultless condition; 3rd, an almost clear Linnet Mule of lovely quality and good size; 2, spl, 4, Jackson and Bond, 2nd the well known old clear buff Goldie Mule, never looked better; 3rd, a 2-pointed yellow Goldie Mule, large in size, gem for colour and quality; 5, Johnstone, yellow variegated; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, McFarlane; c, McNicol. DARK (15): 1, 3, Duncan and Logan, the leader the well known Can.-Bullie, and the latter the yellow Goldie Mule, often described; 2, Jackson and Bond rattling good Canary-Bullie, buffish in colour, perhaps, but grand in size; 4, Thomson, Jr., large dark buff Goldie Mule, with a splendid face; 5 hc, Martin; vhc, Lawrie. HYB. (13): 1, Johnstone large Greenie-Bullie, grand in size and sheen, shows the parentage well; 2, Jackson and Bond, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, grand size and very steady shows the cross truly, staged in rattling form; 3, c, McLeod, a lovely little Siskin-Goldie, splendid wing bars and buttons; 4, Dunn, Goldie-Bullie, fine head and expansive blaze, exceedingly good colour; 5, Whiteford, a Goldie-Greenie of large size, lovely blaze, and steady; vhc, Thomason, Jr.; hc, McMillan. GOLDFINCH-BRIT. (22): 1, Jamieson, smart and shapely Finch, nice size, good chest and rich tanning, very expansive, clean and deep; 2, Sanderson, big, finely shaped bird, square cut blaze splendid body colour; 3, Robertson, grand little Finch, beautifully clean cut blaze, fine body, and well marked; 4 Ward, a similar Finch lovely quality and condition, rich coloured face; 5, No name in catalogue; vhc, Raine; hc Stevenson; c, McAlpine. GOLDFINCH FOR. (13) 1, Malcolmson, gem, fine size and shape, lovely colour, very large blaze; 2, spl, c, Buchanan, clinking good Goldie, grand shape, big squarely cut face, in grand trim; 3, Ward, large size, lovely colour, very square-faced; 4, Cowan; 5, Hutchieson; vhc, Porteous; hc, Bryson. BULLFINCH (8). 1, Coffey, in wonderful bloom, very nice rich breast colour, chubby shape, grand cap; 2, Melvir another good house moulted Bullie, thick-set, well-rounded bird, fine cap, back and bars; 3, Roddie, forward in condition, lovely cap and bars, and steady; 4, Lawrie; 5, Boyd, Jr.; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Gow; c, Fairley. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Craig, fine size and shape, lovely bloom, grand wings and tail, fed a hot even colour; 2, Ward, grand size and shape, very sleek in coat, bold and steady; 3, McWatt, sound, hot even colour, grand shape and style, very steady; 4, Livingstone; 5, Christie. BUNTING (10): 1, Craig, Ortolan Bunting, large size, and coming into lovely colour, somewhat rare exhibit, well staged; 2, Smellie, Reed Bunting, one of the best we have seen out this season, lovely jet black head and throat markings, staged in A1 form; 3, Miller, large well marked Corn bunting, very steady; 4, Henderson, Yellowhammer, grand colour and markings; 5, Taylor; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Shankly; c, Morrison. LINNET (21): 1, Erskine, wonderfully rich in colour, sound as a bell all over, splendid size and shape, full of pencilling, bold head and good whites, a charming bird; 2, Coffey, remarkable for quality and polish, very distinct markings all over, shapely and stylish, not quite so warm in ground colour as winner; 3, Henderson, nice markings and colour, very sound all through, well staged; 4, Ward, grand bloom, and breast markings, and very steady; 5, Wason; vhc, Henry; hc, Aitkenhead; c, Roxburgh. SISKIN (5): 1, Roddie, grand shape, tight as wax, good even colour, well laced, bold cap, and splendid wings; 2, Craig, bright colour, finely marked, very shapely and neat; 3, Connelly, a good shaped Siskin, nice head and wings; 4, Hope; 5, No name. REDPOLL OR TWITE (15): 1, Ward, Twite, grand size, colour and lacings, steady; 2, 5, sp, Craig, a large Mealy Redpoll, rich colour throughout, good bib, chubby and shapely, grand wing markings and back; 3, Robertson, another Twite in A1 condition; 4, Martin, Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Connolly; hc, Wilson; c, Buchanan. REDPOLL (not house-moulted) (19): 1, Baird, fine little fellow, nice rich colour and lacing, very steady; 2, Martin, larger but not in quite such good bloom; 3, Craig, nice Redpoll, but trifle wild, wants steadying, when it will make a good one; 4, Martin; 5, Christie; vhc, Clark; hc, Porteous; c, Gentleman. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, Henderson, Blue-headed Wagtail, staged in A1 bloom; 2, Erskine, an equally good Redstart, very steady, in lovely colour; 3, Raine, Bramblefinch, grand size, colour and markings, very steady; 4, 5, Morrison, a lovely Nuthatch, staged in A1 bloom, and a Bramblefinch respectively; vhc, Mathieson. BRIT. A.O.S. LARGE (8): 1, Lewis, Chough, grand size and lovely colour, shown in A1 bloom and very steady; 2, Ward, Hawfinch, grand colour, good size, excellent shape, big dense bib; 3, Smith, Songthrush, lovely colour, size and shape, well mooned; 4, Shankland, Hawfinch, nice size, very fine condition, and well marked; 5, Linton, a Fieldfare; vhc, Elliott; hc, Morrison; c, Irvine. FOR. (4): 1, Wilson, Swainson Lorikeet; 2, Erskine, superb Tanager; 3, Anderson, Blue-fronted Amazon; 4, McNair.

KENDAL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

This show was held on January 1st, in St. George's Lower Hall. The committee made all reasonably necessary arrangements, but were so well patronised that the hall proved far too small for spectators, a result gratifying to the members, and suggestive of the provision of a larger hall for the next show. The committee paid every attention to the exhibits. The secretary, Mr. Vart, had all arrangements in excellent order, and was well supported by his committee. Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders were good. British were well split up, and Mules included a grand Canary-Bullie. The Foreign Class was excellent, 19 specimens being staged. The Gift Class was a credit to the members, and must have augmented the society's funds. Mr. Wellings judged.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, W. Vart, 1st rare type, good head and colour, 3rd good carriage and type; 2, hc Dixon, splendid carriage, fine front and wings. BUFF (8): 1, c, Dixon, fine head, position A1; 2, hc, Vart, 2nd nice colour, and carriage; 3, Heywood, nice shape, very level in colour; vhc, Dickinson. HEN: 1, 3, Vart, 1st thick-set body, grand quality and colour, 3rd beautiful type and colour; 2, hc, Dixon, level and deep colour, good shape and quality; vhc, Brown; c, Heywood. UNFLI. (9): 1, 3, Dixon, 1st fine shape, nice colour and quality full chest; 2, vhc, c, Vart, 2nd grand head and neck, good chest; hc, Hayes. NON-FED. (8): 1, Dickinson, variegated, solid in colour, nice carriage; 2, Dixon, good head, clean-cut, nice wings; 3, Parrish, fine type. NOVICE, CK. (14): 1, Heywood, splendid type head and quality; 2, 3, Bland, two neat specimens, nice colour; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Cheeseman; c, Crossley. HEN (13): 1, Wilkinson, splendid colour and feather, fine head, well mealed; 2, Bruce, fine type and colour, good wings and tail; 3, Heywood, rare front and colour; vhc, c, Bland; hc, Crossley. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Sergt. M. Parrish, grand type, clean-cut, well drawn, nice wings and sides; 3, vhc, Higginson, 3rd good quality and head; hc, Allen; c, Elwood. HEN (5): 1, 2, Parrish, very tight in feather, good legs and position; 3, Higginson; vhc, hc, Allen. BORD. FCY. YELL. (11): 1, Vart, clean-cut, wing-marked, shown in the pink of condition, claimed at catalogue price; 2, hc, Dixon, 2nd tight as wax, nice head and carriage; 3, Frearson, fine type, clean-cut, good position; vhc, Thompson; c, Higginson. BUFF (8): 1 Thompson, real gem, tight as wax, splendid carriage; 2, spl, M. Parrish, lovely type and quality, little to choose; 3, vhc, Dixon, rare feather and quality, grand shape; hc, Alexander; c, Vart. HEN (17): 1, Vart, small type, fine quality, good carriage; 2, spl, M. Parrish, grand carriage, A1 condition; 3, hc, Dixon, nice feather, good head, and wing carriage; vhc, c Thompson. CINN. YELL (7): 1, 2, 3, Walker, full of colour and quality; vhc, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Walker; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Richardson. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Walker; vhc, Dickinson. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, vhc, Wilkinson, 1st fine face, well tanned, steady; 2, Vart, splendid moons, well tanned; 3, Heywood, good blaze and moons; hc, Jackson and Bond; c, Hutton. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Bell, deep colour, good cap; 2, spl, M. Parrish, hen, real gem; 3 vhc, Vart, 3rd grand feather, good cap; hc, Robinson; c, Thompson. LINNET (13): 1, Walker, fine pencilling, good colour, stoutly built; 2, Briggs, good markings and colour; 3, Thompson, nice colour; vhc, Vart; hc, Fell; c, Robinson. A.O.S BRIT. (11): 1, Vart, Yellowhammer, very steady; 2, Jackson and Bond, Greenfinch, splendid feather and colour; 3, Sumpter, Greenfinch, bit larger; vhc, Robinson; hc, Dixon; c, S. Dixon. CAN. MULE (6): 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, Canary-Bullie, and two Goldfinch-Canary Mules, all shown in the pink of condition; vhc, Dixon; hc, S. M. Parrish; c, Cowherd. HYB. (2): 1, Jackson and Bond, Linnet-Bullie; 2, Walling ditto. FOR. (19): 1 hc, c, Wilkinson, 1st pair of Lorries fine in colour, and well staged; 2, Vart, Diamond Finch, well-marked, good face; 3, Brigs, Zebra Finches; vhc, Croft. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Walker; 2, Dixon; 3, Brown; vhc, Thompson; hc, Dickinson; c, S. M. Parrish. (20/-) (4): 1, Walker; 2, Dixon; 3, Vart; vhc, Crossley. GIFT (13): 1, S. M. Parrish; 2, Heywood; 3, Vart; vhc, Dixon; hc, Higginson; c, Fell.

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HOYLAND.

The Hoyland and Dist O.S. held their 8th annual show on New Year's Day. The Town Hall is a capital venue for such an exhibition, having a good light, fair space, is void of draughts, and nicely ventilated. Entries did not turn up quite so well as was anticipated, but lack of numbers was atoned for by the presence of some grand specimens. Yorkshires were really good. Norwich contained a few specimens far above the average. British were very meritorious. The members' classes contained some rare quality, good enough, many of them, to compete favourably amongst the "upper circles." The members' cup was captured by Mr. W. Hutson, who also gained Hyde's special, a capital unlighted yellow Yorkshire doing the trick in both instances. Ramsden's goblet went to Mr. T. Whittingham for the hottest fed. W. A. Durnford, Esq., J.P., C.C., performed the opening ceremony. The staging was of a very neat order. Every specimen could be easily seen, and the management throughout was excellent. President, Mr. T. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. T. Whittingham; treasurer, Mr. J. T. Crosswaite—a trio of excellent officials. Mr. J Warrender, the secretary, works like a Trojan, has heart and soul in the welfare of the society, is courteous to the highest degree, and ever ready to give a helping hand. The committee is composed of genuine fanciers in Messrs. Williams, Waters, Evans, Humfray, Robinson, Kenny, Oakley, Taylor, Hutson, Watkin, Steele, Short, Adderley, Thompson, Guest, Johnson, Simmonds, Mann, and Lalster, all of whom worked judiciously, and are to be highly complimented. Messrs. W. Vardy and R. Halliday judged, and their awards were well received.

Mr. Halliday's Classes.

YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, spl, c, Wilson, marked neck, slim and upstanding, capital feather and length, A1 back and flights, well on leg; 2, Spencer, lengthy cl., rare colour, fine back and wing carriage, straight as a rush; 3, Parkes, good position, nice length, neat carriage of wings, hardly so close in feather; vhc, Hutson; hc, Lodge. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Taylor, cl., feather like glass, straight as a pencil, lengthy and leggy, rich colour and frosting, very stylish; 2, Mitchell, marked wings and head, stands well, good length, nice back, flights, and tail; 3, Parkes, cl. unfl., full of colour and quality, well up in position; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wood; c, Walsh. YELL. HEN (11): 1, hc, spl, Wilson, cl., neat and narrow, tight as a Java, good length, fine back, wings, and tail, gem; 2, Taylor, cl., smooth as wax, silky feather stands well, not one of the longest but one of the smartest, very nervy; 3, Lodge, slim upstanding cl., good length and feather, stands on clever legs, not far away; c, Race. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Walsh, cl., wedge-shaped, lovely quality and colour, richly frosted, capital type and length; 2, Taylor, marked wing and head, shooty, and of rare feather, lengthy, and well on leg; 3, Lodge, cinnamon marked wing and head, tight as a drum, good in feather and colour, shade shorter yet very neat; vhc, Booth; hc, Mitchell; c, Barnes. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Walsh, marked wing, wonderful length, feathered to perfection, rare colour and position, should make a name, a beauty; 2, 3, spl, Beard, former marked neck, good colour and quality, nice length and stand, capital back and flights; 3rd, cinnamon varieg., warm colour, straight up, A1 feather, full of style; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Spencer; c, Williams. BUFF (10): 1, 2, spl, Walsh, stylish specimens, winner wedge-shaped, good colour and quality, A1 back and flights; 2nd, longer, but crosses flights at times, rare colour and feather; 3, Rapson, lengthy cl., rich quality, nice colour and stand; vhc, Wood; hc, Parkes; c, Beard

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Waters, marked wing, well up in colour, nice quality, good shape, well cut away; 2, Axe, marked wing and head, better in colour, more substance, rare head, neck and chest; 3, Pearson and Knowles, hot cl., cobby and of rich quality, grand carriage, nice under; vhc, Hinchcliffe; hc, Taylor and Morris; c, Turner. BUFF (12): 1, 2, spl, Waters, both clears, very shapely, good size and quality, little separates them; 3, Axe, cl., warm colour, grand substance of body, beaten somewhat in head and neck properties, yet fine one; vhc, hc, Howe; c, Taylor and Morris. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Taylor and Morris, cl., very massive, good quality, nice shape and carriage, fine one for stock purposes; 2, vhc, spl, Mennard, cl., lovely shape, good size and feather, nice colour and carriage, must have pressed hard; 3, Robinson, cl., built on smaller lines, full of quality and colour, good type; hc, Ducker and Twigg. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Waters, cl., nice type and substance, capital colour and mealiug, rare wing carriage; 2, Turner, cl., larger, silky texture of feather, A1 colour, grand head, neck and chest; 3, Taylor and Morris, cl., round as a ball, rich colour, very shapely, not over large but sweet; vhc, Smith; hc, Ducker and Twigg; c, Parkes. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Waters, fine shaped cl., well up in colour, nice size, clean sweep, very promising; 2, Axe, red-hot cl., capital type, good carriage, A1 feather; 3, Parkes, well-feathered cl., good shape and colour; vhc, Mennard; hc, Bailey. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, spl, Waters, cobby cl., possessing lovely colour and quality, nice substance and carriage; 2, Turner, cl., rich colour and mealing, nice head, neck, and chest; 3, Taylor and Morris, marked wing and eyes, fine size and colour, A1 quality; 3, Taylor and Morris; hc, Bailey. SELL. (15/- (12): 1, spl, Axe; 2, Oakley; 3, Howe; vhc, Thompson; hc, Taylor and Morriss; c, Moakes. LINNET (7): 1, 2, spl, Parlett, former magnificent shape and size, rattling colour, clear and distinct in pencilling; 2nd, not quite the size, but capital in all other points; 3, Stagg, good size and shape, nice colour, neat markings; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Charles. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Milne, rattling Bullie, wonderful shape, size, cap and breast colour, staged delightfully; 2, 3, spl, Axe, Bullie and Yellowhammer respectively, former not so large as winner, yet grand otherwise, latter grand colour and shape, good size, A1 head points; vhc, Parlett; hc, Smith; c, Johnson Bros. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 3, hc, spl, Milne, with a fine team, a Blackcap of great merit leading; 2rd, Whitethroat, in the pink of condition; 2, Mackwell, grand shaped Wagtail, capital colour; vhc, Parlett; hc, c, Howe.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, Simmons; 3, Oakley; hc, Mann Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Simmons; 2, Oakley; 3, Taylor; vhc, Thompson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Whittingham; hc, Oakley; c, Simmons. BUFF (5): 1, Whittingham; 2, hc, Hutson; 3, c, Mann Bros.; vhc, Simmons. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Hutson; 2, Oakley; 3, Whittingham; hc, Taylor; c, Thompson. BUFF (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Whittingham; 3, Oakley; vhc, Simmons; hc, Hutson. NOR. BUFF (5): 1, 2, hc, Waters; 3, vhc, Robinson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, hc, Robinson; 2, 3, Waters. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Waters; 2, Robinson; vhc, hc, Thompson. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, Waters; 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, Crosswaite. BUFF (4): 1, Robinson, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Crosswaite. LINNET (5): 1, 2, hc, Watkin and Vaines; 3, vhc, Robinson. HARDBILLS (4): 1, Mann Bros.; 2, Lalster; 3, Waters.

FALKLAND.

The above society held their annual show on January 2nd, in the Drill Hall. The cage birds were staged in a side room, which is a suitable one for the purpose, but is only lighted from the sides, consequently the birds were not seen to the best advantage. The entries this year showed a slight increase over last year's total, but with 35 classes provided for them, they were a little disappointing, the average being a little over four per class. Mr. D. Craig judged, and his awards were fairly well received. The secretary, Mr. George Steedman, did excellently along with Mr. James Peggis, the treasurer, and these two make very capable officials. The show was fairly well patronised by the general public, and we hope it will turn out satisfactorily from the financial standpoint.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Honeyman, grand top, nicely rounded shoulders, good length; 2, Angus, fine ready style, free action. HEN: 1, Honeyman, very stylish, decided drive, grand depth through chest. BUFF CK.: 1, Reekie, massive bird, grand substance, takes fine position; 2, Honeyman, grand drive and top, well-filled shoulders, nice style. HEN: 1, spl, Beattie, nice reachy style, grand free action, good rib and tail. YELL. FED CK.: 1, Reekie, nice substance, finely-rounded body, good drive and action; 2, Honeyman, good size, grand drive, gets its head well down. BUF CK.: 1, spl, Beattie, good head, erect, decided droop, good top, grand depth throughout; 2, spl, Allan, close up, grand style, nice drive, fine rib and tail; 3, spl, Angus, similar style, nicely-rounded shoulders, fine action; 4, Angus, nice quality. HEN: 1, Beattie, splendid reach and substance, massive top, great depth; 2, 5, Allan, former grand reach, good top, well-filled-in shoulders, takes nice position; 3, Spence, well-balanced one, nice free action; 4, Angus, very stylish. GREEN OR FOUL CK.: 1, Beattie, finely-rounded shoulders, decided drive, good substance; 2, Reekie, fine free head and neck, quick in action, grand position. HEN: 1, Reekie, buff, grand substance, massive top, well-filled-in shoulders, nicely finished. SELL.: 1, Allan; 2, Spence. NOR. CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, Howie, clear yell., grand head, good colour and quality, nice size and shape; 2, Adams, buff, grand colour and quality, good substance, finely mealed; 3, spl, Howie, grand clear, rare shape and colour; 4, Fenwick; 5, Muddon. HEN: 1, Adams, grand type, nice level colour, finely-rounded chest, in rare bloom; 2, Wylie, grand foul buff, good head and chest, nice colour and quality; 3, Howie, clinking yell., short and chubby; 4, spl, Lumsden, clear yell., nice condition; 5, Fenwick; 6, Spence. A.O.C. CK.: 1, two spls, Adams, mkd. on head and wings, rare shape, teeming with quality; 2, Howie, similar markings, grand shape and colour; 3, Foster, heavily variegated, good head, chest, and quality; 4, Lawrie and Welsh, good size and shape. HEN: 1, Howie, grand head and chest, good colour and quality; 2, Adams, yell., fine shape and substance, A1 quality; 3, Wylie, buff, rare size and shape, lovely bloom; 4, Howie, nice quality, good type. NON-FED: 1, Adams, clear buff, lovely shape and quality, nicely mealed, in grand bloom; 2, Adams, buff variegated, teeming with quality, good wings and tail; 3, Lumsden, yell., good size and shape nice feather; 4, 5, Lawrie; 6, Law. CREST CK.: 1, spl, Lumsden, crest of good formation, lovely quality of feather, nice droop. C.B. CK.: 1, spl, Cochrane, rare skull, grand lashing and entrance, fine substance; 2, Douglas, variegated buff, plenty of feather, well lashed; 3, Cochrane, green, nice head, good lashing and substance; 4, Douglas. HEN: 1, 2, Cochrane, 1st clear buff, grand head, finely browed, plenty of substance; 2nd, heavily variegated buff of grand build, nicely lashed. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Lumsden, former clear yell., nice shape and colour, good wing carriage; 2nd, clear buff, nice head and neck, free and jaunty carriage; 3, Peters, foul on head, sweet head, nice quality; 4, Anderson, good clear buff; 5, Davidson. HEN: 1, Peters, good yell., clear, nice colour and quality, good wings and tail; 2, Anderson, buff, good front, well-filled-in back, neat pipe tail; 3, 4, Adams, nice quality and condition, grandly-carried wings. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Peters, variegated buff, grand round head, well-filled-in back; 2, Adams, mkd. both wings and eyes, sweet head, nice colour and quality. HEN: 1, spl, Lumsden, nearly even, nice head and front, free and jaunty style, grand feather, well staged. SELL. NOR. OR BORD.: 1, Adams; 2, Peters; 3, Fenwick; 4, 6, Davidson; 5, Spence. SELL. (10/-): 1, Lumsden; 2, Fenwick; 3, Foster; 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 5, Peters. LINNET: 1, Dick, nice colour, markings, and polish; 2, Wallace, darker colour, nice markings, very steady. BULLFINCH: 1, Thomson, grandly defined cap, good breast colour; 2, Kerr, nice cap and wing bars, close up; 3, Law, nice breast colour of the best; 4, Anderson; 5, M'Donald; 6, Oswald. GOLDFINCH: 1, Law, nice square blaze, well-defined buttons; 2, Thomson, well buttoned wings, grand front, nicely tanned, in fine bloom; 3, Anderson, plenty of size, rich blaze, grandly tanned, very steady; 4, M'Donald, size and condition; 5, Mackie. GREENFINCH: 1, Anderson, grand size and colour, lovely sheen, well staged; 2, Law, trifle smaller, A1 feather and condition, very steady; 3, Mitchell; 4, Mackie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Law, 1st nice coloured Siskin, grand cap and lacing; 2nd, lovely coloured Twite; 3, Ness, non-fed Siskin, grandly laced; 4, Oswald; 5, 6, Dick. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Mitchell, Yellowhammer, good colour, well-defined markings, in rare bloom; 2, Angus, grand-coloured Starling. FOR.: 1, spl, Lawrie and Welsh, Paradise Whydah, in lovely condition; 2, Wallace, Budgerigars, in grand feather; 3, Fenwick, Siberian Goldie, fine big blaze, good moons and buttons. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Kerr, six-pointed buff Goldie; 2, Dowie, dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, rare size and colour; 3, Fenwick, dark Siskin Mule, nicely staged. SELL.: 1, Mitchell. A.S. CAGE BIRD CK. (Members'): 1, spl, Lawrie, Grey Parrot, in perfect condition; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, buff Norwich, good quality and condition; 3, Lumsden, nice shaped yell. Norwich; 4, spl, Peters, good Border Fancy. HEN: 1, Lawrie, buff Norwich, good size and substance; 2, 3, Lawrie and Welsh, 1st variegated buff Norwich, in good condition; 2nd, yell. Norwich, good head and chest; 4, Peters, neat Border.

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My Canaries and How I Treat Them.

By DAVID EASTON.

I have been a lover of birds all my life. About four years ago, outside my house in Glasgow, stood a corrugated iron shed. I lined it with wood, and then papered it with strong dark paper all round, to keep out the draughts, covering the roof in with white to give more light.

As time went on I pasted up a number of bird pictures, cut from CAGE BIRDS, with a few coloured plates. Some of the birdie men say I have a real picture gallery.

The Bird-room Described.

My bird-room is 9ft. long by 8ft. wide by 7ft. high, with good light, and a window looking south-west, the top part opening inwards, which gives good ventilation. I have fixed wire outside to prevent any bird that by accident gets out of its cage from escaping.

I have two shelves all round. On the top shelf my cages are made out of orange boxes neatly put together with cleaned strips of wood, and have stained mahogany fronts. They are 3ft. 6ins. long, 17ins. high, and 14ins. wide, with the division in the centre. They have wire fronts with two doors in each division, one being a larger one, so as to give plenty of room to work about the nests. The smaller door is where the egg-food can be put in, or it can be used for a hang-on bath or seed drawers. The drinking glasses hang outside, and there is a wireholder for cuttlefish, sweet apple, or other tit-bits.

So when two boxes are put together with sliding doors at each end, it makes a very good flight for young birds, and helps to make them strong and healthy. The under-shelves I use for single cages when the birds are separated after the breeding season.

The Birds I Keep.

The bird I love most is the Scotch Fancy Canary. I also have Norwich Canaries and a Linnet and Canary for Muling. I put the Scotch Fancy Canaries together by about the 20th April if the weather is favourable. I feed them on Canary seed with a little hemp seed all the year. When the breeding time comes round I give twice a week hard-boiled egg with four tea biscuits rubbed well together, with fresh dandelion leaves every other day, cleaning out the cages every week. I also "whitewash" them frequently with buttermilk and whiting with some quassia all in solution.

The birds have now paired we will suppose, and in a few days the hen lays her first egg. This I remove, putting in a china one in its place, and so on each morning. On the evening of the third day I take out the china ones, clean out the nest, put in the original ones, and dust them well with Keating's powder. I remove the cock to his own end and put in a wire slide, so that he can see all that is going on. I still give him egg and biscuit, which keeps him in good form, while the hen during incubation gets plain Canary seed and water, and nothing more.

On the fifth day I examine the eggs in a good light, and if any are clear I remove them and put in an equal number of china eggs. I again dust the eggs and nest with Keating's powder, and so have no trouble with the red mite pest so often talked about.

Feeding the Young Ones.

On the evening of the thirteenth day I put in a very little egg and biscuit, and the next morning, the fourteenth, I hear a faint "cheep, cheep." On the third day after the hatching I draw the wire slide and the cock almost immediately goes up to the nest and looks round, and in a very short time he is feeding the hen, and he and she are on good terms with each other.

Next day I give a leaf or two of dandelion. After the young ones have been fed once, I remove all that is left, and give fresh leaves every morning at noon, but clear away everything at night. The egg I decrease as the birds get older. I have no trouble with the Canaries as feeders. The pair I have in mind are first and second crosses. When the young are fourteen days old I add one teaspoonful of scalded German rape cooled with cold water. I then mix it with the egg and biscuit. The young begin to take the freely, and in about a week I put them in one end where the cock not only finishes them off through the wires, but at the same time attends to the wants of his mate.

The old nests and platform have been taken out and thoroughly cleaned, and new nests having been put in, the cages are ready for the next round.

The young are now going for themselves. I still continue the egg and biscuit with increased scalded rape, but I add plain Canary seed to their diet. The only green food they get is the well-known Shepherd's Purse, and at the time of writing I have got some in stock. Young and old birds alike enjoy a bit of it. If any bird goes soft, which it often does when put on seed, I remove the bird and put it on milk sop for a few days, when it is soon restored to its usual health and returned to the others. When they are about ten weeks old I add a few corns of hemp seed to the Canary, and they are kept on that all the time.

Teaching the Young to Drink.

I teach them to drink in this way: I fill a dish with water and soak a two-feet length of white worsted. Then put the dish on the top of the cage and allow it to project over the top. Then I draw down the worsted to within about six inches above the water glass. When the birds see the drop they soon begin to drink and the trouble for the time being is over. My wild birds are taught in the same way to drink from the glass outside the cage.

The room is well lighted with a good paraffin lamp with reflector, and there is no other heat. I turn on the full light as the darkness comes on. They can all see to feed till 9 p.m. The cocks sing splendidly and seem as lively as in the daylight. I again light up at 7 a.m. I think that from fourteen to sixteen hours is too long for them to go without food; it certainly cannot be good for them.

When the Birds Have Colds.

The Scotch Fancy Canary is very often affected with colds, such as wheezing and asthma. If the cold is a light one, a few doses of glycerine, Ipecacuanha, oxymel of squills, mixed in equal parts as prescribed in CAGE BIRDS, often puts them all right. If the cold, however, is severe, I remove the birds to warmer quarters and keep them in a box cage. I then put in half a teaspoonful of "Congreves Balsam Elixir" in two tablespoonfuls of water; I feed on Canary seed with a little German rape seed. About twice a week I also give egg and biscuit, with a few drops of chemical food added. I have found this treatment to bring birds round alright.

But if the bird is run down, I know of nothing better for building them up than an infusion of Marsh Mallow. I have used it for chest troubles myself. The herb is a real system builder. The preparation is as follows:—3d. packet of leaves and flowers of marsh mallow. Put the herb into a common teapot that will hold as much water as will fill a 5-gill bottle; pour boiling water over it, and let it stand for eight hours, and keep it hot in the same way as you would infuse tea. Then pour it into a large bottle and let it stand until cooled down. Add one glass of whisky to make it keep, and fill the bird's glass half full with the herb, adding pure water; then watch for the result.

To Make Hens Strong.

All my hens are kept during the winter in a large flight cage, which makes them strong and in good order for the breeding season. I cover the bottoms with sawdust and also supply a mixture of shell gravel near the seed drawer for them to pick at as they need it.

I have a neat little wardrobe with shelves to hold all my seeds, which are kept in tins and labelled. I can put my hand on any one of the tins without removing the one next it. I have a certain mixture which I call "Pick-me-up." It contains rape, maw, inga, linseed, and Gold of Pleasure, with several wild seeds; and I have found it to be very beneficial if a bird happens to be out of its usual. I give one teaspoonful of it in a separate dish.

Some British Birds I Have Kept.

By J. W. FISHER.

What memories the headline brings to my mind, and what a difference there is between the fancier of to-day and the fancier of twenty or thirty years ago! Then one had to creep his way and find out by experience every thing in connection with the hobby, in whatever branch of the Cage Bird Fancy he might be, and pay for it too. There were very few fanciers ready and willing to give you any idea how they fed or managed their birds, and no paper in which you could read reports and comments on shows or their exhibits.

The fancier of to-day gets special articles on any and every kind of cage bird, written, in most cases, by the men who have been the pioneers of the Fancy. When, too, modern fanciers have splendid editions of CAGE BIRDS, with their lovely coloured plates, and their scores of useful information, I think they may consider that they live in a good time, and it will only be their own fault if they don't have a good time.

In my humble attempt to relate my experiences, I purpose to treat mostly of the Soft-Bills, or what are generally called such, or insectivorous birds, because with them I have had most to do, and not because I do not admire the Seed-eaters or Finches.

I may here mention, by the way, that I have at the present time a young cock Bullie, a last-year bird, and a hen that has been twice moulted in the house (once by myself), and she can pipe quite as well as the cock, and although I have had hens before many a time, I have never known them to pipe.

Concerning Blackbirds and Thrushes.

The Blackbird is a very old favourite with most people, and a grand one when in good condition. In a cage in which it can suitably show off its points it will win to-day, in a mixed class, or in an "any species" class.

Like all the Thrush tribe, they require a lot of care and attention, and a good roomy cage is needed to keep them in, if they are to be maintained in full feather. Nothing to my mind looks worse than broken wings and tail feathers. I like their song, as I think it more mellow than that of the Song Thrush.

About four years ago I had a nest of young Thrushes brought to me by a gentleman from his own garden. It contained four birds, and had contained five, one having been thrown out and found dead on the ground under the bush in which the nest was built.

I reared the four, and they all turned out to be cocks, which I thought was something unusual. I sold three of them for £1 apiece, and have the other one still. He opened out some time ago in full song. I wonder if any of my readers have ever noticed the difference in the songs of the Thrushes? Although you can always tell it is the Thrush, no two will be found to sing alike. My people used to be amused when I had the four at it, and if I were in another room, I could tell them which bird it was that was singing; and I was never mistaken.

Another Favourite Softbill.

Another favourite Soft-Bill of mine is the Starling. How many people seeing a Starling in a cage for the first time have said: "What have you got there; a Starling? Why, I can get dozens of them, but have never thought them worth keeping!" But take him up to the light, and if you are fortunate enough to be where the sun shines and you can show him with a few of Old Sol's rays playing on him as he turns his graceful form about, what do you hear then? "Why, I had no idea they were so beautiful."

And they are as mischievous as Magpies. I have one now. I have a sliding door on the front of his cage, and I have to hang a weight on it to keep it shut, for if it is left off a minute down he comes and peck, peck, goes his long slender bill under the door. Once his bill is there, he only has to open his mouth, when up goes the door a little and under comes his head levering up the door. Then he looks round, as much as to say, "I have done it again."

He never attempts to get out as long as I am in the room, but if I go out, if only for half a minute, out he comes on a voyage of discovery, and if there is anything standing about that he ought not to be in with that long bill of his, you can lay any odds you like that he has found it.

Starlings want a lot of attention if their cages are to be kept clean, as they will wash themselves in anything that is wet—from water to paint—and will do it about every half hour of the day or night. If you take a light into the room at night, about the first thing they will do is to have a bath, if they can get at anything wet, so that you have to clean them out every day.

Starlings as Talkers.

But the Starling is worth all the trouble needed, even if it is kept merely as a pet, especially if you can get one that can talk. I have never had such a one myself, but I have known of several. One was bought by Mr. John Frostick from an old tailor of our acquaintance, who had taught it to say several things very nicely.

But the best one I ever did hear belonged to another gentleman I knew. His shop was just opposite the main entrances of a theatre, and the bird could shout out "Pit, early door, this way, this way," besides many other things of a similar kind.

In a suitable cage a good Starling is still a bird to be considered in these days of keen competition, but of that more anon.

The Comical and Mischievous Magpie.

Another mimic I have kept is the Magpie. This requires a large cage, and takes a lot of keeping clean; but to the lover of pets he amply repays any trouble by his comical ways. I had one once which I kept in a cage made from a bacon or ham box with a front put into it. I used to keep it in a scullery or back kitchen, and the cage answered the two-fold purpose of being a home for the Magpie, and (standing against the door of the boiler fire-place) a screen to keep the soot, etc., from blowing down.

When the fire was not in use I made a point of being the first up in the mornings. I used to open the door of its cage and place a bowl of water on the slopstone for Mr. Mag to have his morning tub. Then I let him go outside, when he used to travel up and down the back yards and gardens of the neighbouring houses, I suppose for any tit-bits of food that he could find.

Master Jack's Capers.

He could open his cage door, and many a time has he done so at night time when my wife, having put the youngsters to bed, has been having a quiet half hour to herself. Perhaps I have been out of the way, and if Mr. Jack could find any water to have a wash in, that would be the first thing he would do. The next thing would be to come into the room where my wife was sitting and perch himself on the fender in front of the fire to shake the water out of his plumage, much to the detriment of the steel fender and fire-irons, and the annoyance of my better half.

But to make him go back into his cage was quite another matter, and many a tussle they have had, she being armed with a towel and flipping him round the room. But it usually ended in his being left in peaceful possession, as he was always the victor, being able to get round behind her and peck at her heels. As soon as he heard me putting my key in the lock of the front door, however, off he would trot and quietly get back into his cage, as if nothing had occurred to mar the peace of a happy home.

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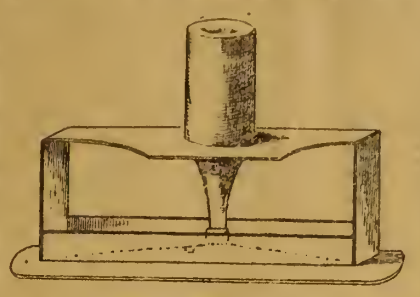
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No. 272.
A NOVEL SELF-SUPPORTING SEED HOPPER.

Sent by F. Slingsby, 23, Torrington Street, Hull.

I enclose a sketch of a home-made self-feeder seed-hopper for an outdoor aviary, one which



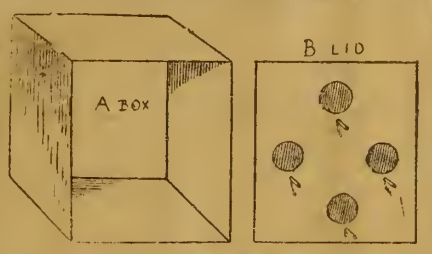
Self-Filling Seed Trough.

costs practically nothing. Obtain a large, clear glass beer bottle (or any bottle made of clear glass), and fix it through the hole in the wood so that the mouth of the bottle has about ¼in. clearance from the bottom of the feeding trough (see sketch). Slope the bottom of the feeding trough so that the seed will run towards the ends (as per dotted lines). I made one recently and find it very successful for an outdoor aviary.—F. SLINGSBY.

No. 273.
A NOVEL NEST BOX.

Sent by E. Cornwell, 38, Princes Street, North Shields.

I have found that cheap and very satisfactory nesting places can be made for foreign birds, especially Budgerigars and Java Sparrows, as seen in sketches. The advantages they



A Novel Nest Box.

have over other nests and husks are several. They are cheap, sanitary, will not harbour insects, and can be renewed inside every year, at a normal cost of a copper, if required. First get a rough box from the grocer, say 18in. by 12in. by 8in. deep, as per sketch A. Now get about equal parts of waste paper, fine sawdust, and hay, enough to fill the box. To this add a large cup-full of lime. Now take a pennyworth of glue, and boil it down in about a quart of water. First soak the paper to a pulp, then stir all together to a stiff mess. Fill the box, pressing it well down, screw on the lid, and stand aside to dry, say about 24 hours. Now bore four 1½ or 2-inch holes in the lid, and through the contents of box to a depth of about 6in., as per sketch B. Drive a small peg below each hole for the bird to alight upon. Hang up your box, or nail it, inside your aviary, and your birds will do the remainder.—E. CORNWELL.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A meeting of the council was held on Saturday, January 2nd, in connection with Great Horton Show, Mr. John Greaves in the chair. The following business was transacted:—That the secretary ask for tenders for the supply of medals required for this season. The result of committee's work in respect to railway grievances was read, and was left over to next meeting, pending further investigations. Re disputed claim of bird at Brighouse Show, the secretary was instructed to inform the parties concerned of the council's decision. Re defaulting members of societies, the respective secretaries are to inform such of council's decision, and if not complied with to appear at next meeting on January 30th. That the Yorkshire Union and the various specialist clubs arrange to hold an amalgamated social and prize distribution on the same lines as last year.—SAMUEL DEAN, secretary.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Birds in Severe Weather.

The weather during the past week has been unusually severe. The frost was intense, and with it came a heavy fall of snow, completely covering the ground all over the country. Wild birds must have been hours without food, and consequently have suffered keenly. The snow fell the whole of one day, and although we repeatedly swept it away to get a clear space for their benefit it was just as quickly covered again. How birds manage to exist at all under such conditions is a mystery; hundreds must die, for the want of food during such severe weather must carry some off. Late hatched birds or weaklings must go, and only the very strong and robust can exist. When the storm had passed and nothing but a white mantle remained, all that could be seen were just the stalks of a few dried weeds of the taller kinds above the snow. On these were perched two or three Linnets. But little could be left after the months that have passed since the seed was ripe. The wind and rain must have scattered most of it, and the feathered creatures consumed the remainder. During such weather Finches must suffer more than the larger soft-bills. The food of the seed-eaters, too, is completely covered, but the Blackbirds and Thrushes have still the hedgerows left to forage in, and although the crop of berries has been considerably reduced, there are still a good many berries left. Had the weather continued severe, no doubt this food would have been still further reduced. Little sustenance of other kinds would have been obtainable above the snow. While we were travelling from London to the north, hardly a bird was to be seen—just a few rooks here and there on the hillside or down by the edges of the frozen streams; but the big flocks of Peewits, Linnets, Sparrows and other birds had completely disappeared.

Tame Penguins.

An explorer in the cold antaretic regions, found the Penguins so tame that they could be picked up by hand.

Retiring to Roost.

The Thrushes and Blackbirds in the holly and evergreens are noisy at roosting time; the latter birds continuing to "chink, chink" very late in the evening. The Robins flit across the lawn even later still. But out in the open, upon the bare hillside, we can hear the restless cry of the Lapwings when all other birds have retired, and the footpath across the fields is barely discernible.

Movements of Birds.

The coming of the frost and snow causes a considerable movement among wild birds. Many of the inland waters and streams get frozen over, so that waterfowl have to seek elsewhere for the food and shelter so necessary to them. The lovely plumaged Kingfisher is frozen out, and flying down stream he makes for the mouth of the river where among the dead reed stems or perched upon the decayed branch of some old willow, he gives a touch of life and colour to an otherwise dreary landscape.

Golden Plovers in Winter.

A few Golden Plovers have been noticed among the Peewits—a sure sign of bad weather further north, for the golden bird seldom ventures south unless absolutely driven to do so. They are even more wary than the Peewits, and when once on the wing fly faster. Should the frost continue and the hills and downs get frostbound, they will all flock to the marshes bordering the rivers, where the influence of the tide keeps the grass land soft and yielding. A host of birds of all species may be met with here, when hardly one is to be seen upon higher ground.

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MISCELLANEOUS—continued

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EXCHANGE Irish Terrier bitch, four months, for singing cock Mules, value 10/-.—Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

SCOTTISH Terrier bitch, six months; exchange Canaries, cock Goldfinches, or sell 15/-.—Hayter, 45, Bernard-avenue, Ealing.

BANTAMS, two trios of Pekins; sale, or exchange good Norwich Canaries; approval each way.—Snell, —, Fisherton, Salisbury.

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PAIR Dragoons, winners two 1sts, two specials, several other prizes, £3 3s.; exchange Canaries.—A. Eve, East-st., Colchester.

EXCHANGE pair field-glasses for 1908 Norwich cock or three hens; birds first; sell 6/6.—Ward, 42, Hungerford-avenue, Crewe.

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